

Larry Friel '49

Larry was born at 37 Humbert Street in Princeton in 1931. This block bred varsity athletes for PHS, including five Friel brothers and their 'brother' Anthony "Mooch" Cirullo, a 2010 PHS Hall of Fame Inductee. Larry earned 11 varsity letters in football, basketball and baseball. In football, he played both offense and defense (half back and line backer); was first team varsity running back, freshman through senior years; first team All County, his junior and senior years; and All State his senior year. He was voted the best athlete by his classmates in 1949 and was recognized as one of the best all around athletes in Central New Jersey. He passed up baseball his senior year to play for Plainsboro in the Twin M League.



Larry Friel, Princeton High

His play attracted the attention of the Saint Louis Cardinals who gave him a tryout and offered him a minor league contract, which he refused to attend college. After being recruited to play football at some major universities, he chose Ohio State, graduating winter quarter with honors in 1953. Larry worked for the Galbreath Company, his Ohio sponsor, full time in summers, and for the State of Ohio, part time, during the school year while playing OSU Football '49 and '50. After graduation he served as a Lieutenant during the last year of the Korean War. He was the youngest company commander in the Third Armored Spearhead Division, Combat Command "B."

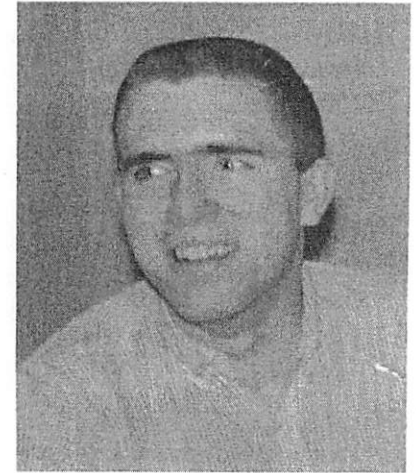
After his discharge Larry returned to the east coast and the Galbreath Company. While working as an assistant construction superintendent he attended graduate night school at Temple University. Moving back to Ohio in 1957 as the Galbreath Company's Development Manager, he ran major projects in the U.S. until 1965 when he and his family moved to Hong Kong to develop the first and largest middle income

housing project—99 20-story buildings for 60,000 people—in a joint venture with Mobil. In addition to the projects in Hong Kong, Larry managed projects in Singapore, Saudi Arabia, Iran, the U.K., China and in the United States with foreign investors. Larry's own Hong Kong companies – Friel and Associates International Ltd. and Friel Holdings, Inc. were retained by the British Colonial Hong Kong Government for housing projects in Hong Kong.

When Larry retired from Galbreath he was a senior partner, President of John W. Galbreath International, and Executive Vice President of Galbreath Ruffin NYC. He remains active in business with his Plainsboro partnerships, Peakview Corporation, and The Columbus Junction Company. Larry and his wife Nancy currently reside on their farm in Central Ohio (crops and thoroughbreds).

Tom Bogia '62

Tom Bogia attended Princeton High School from 1958-1962, receiving three varsity letters in track and being elected co-captain in his senior year. As a senior, he was runner-up at 220 yards at the state championships and finished fourth at 100 yards. At the Central Jersey championships, Tom won both the 100 and 220, setting new Central Jersey and school records in each event, 9.8 seconds in the 100 and 21.4 seconds in the 220. That year he was also Mercer County indoor and outdoor sprint champion. His time in the 220 stood as the Mercer County record until track events converted to metric. Tom was awarded a Gold Key for his service to PHS.

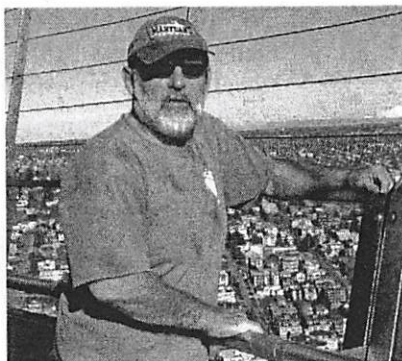


Following high school Tom attended Lehigh University where he continued his track career. In his junior year he set Lehigh records in both sprints (9.7 seconds in the 100 and 21.3 seconds in the 220). He was co-captain of the Lehigh track team in his senior year. Tom graduated from Lehigh in 1966 with a degree in Electrical Engineering.

After graduation Tom worked for the US Navy as a civilian engineer at the Naval Air Propulsion Center in Trenton, NJ. Employed there for 37 years his career included managing the IT department and directing the Base Closure team with responsibility for all aspects of the closure of the facility. He retired when the base closed and now works part-time as a USTA tennis official, a volunteer golf official, and serves on the Board of the Bucks County Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

Tom is married to the former Bettilyn Dansberry (PHS '63), has two daughters and six grandchildren, and lives in Newtown, PA. He enjoys playing tennis and golf, but was never able to master running longer distances than the sprints he used to do.

Luciano Rossi '71

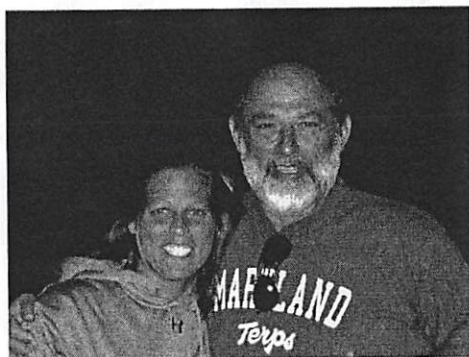


Luciano Rossi, affectionately known as "Lou John", attended PHS from 1967-1971, receiving varsity letters in four sports: wrestling, four years; football, three years; baseball, two years; and lacrosse, one year. He was the first wrestler from PHS to win districts heavy weight wrestling championship, and was named All Mercer County heavyweight champion wrestler ('69 -'70) and All Mercer County offensive back in

football ('70). In addition, he received honorable mention All State Football as a defensive back in 1970.

As a junior, he was voted Homecoming King, received the distinguished Gold Key Award and was selected NJ Boys State representative. He was also Student Council representative from 1969 to 1971.

Lou John attended Cornell University and played football freshman year. After being constantly battered and bruised and being knocked out several times in practice and in games, he literally saw the light and decided to end his competitive athletic career in one piece.



After college, he volunteered coaching PAWS youth wrestling program when his son, Luciano, was involved and assisted with Little League baseball in Princeton when his daughter, Nina, and son, Luciano, participated. He always made time to be with his children as they grew in sports and in life, and feels blessed that he could because it has brought him great joy.

Nina Rossi '06

Nina Rossi attended PHS from 2002-2006 and received a varsity letter in swimming all four years. As a junior, she was the recipient of the Gold Key Award.

During her four years at PHS, her accomplishments were very impressive. She was Colonial Valley Conference MVP all four years, received the distinctive honor of being named *Star Ledger* Swimmer of the year in 2006 and *The Trenton Times* and *The Trentonian* Swimmer of the Year in 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006. As a senior, she broke the 1981 NJ State record in the 100 Fly and holds PHS school records in the 200 Free, 200 IM, 100 Free, 100 Fly and the 200 MR.

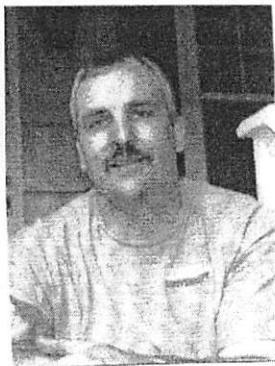


Some memorable moments for Nina during her high school career include going to the State finals with her team in 2004 and 2005 and personally being undefeated during the dual meet season. A highlight of her sophomore year was in the last event of CVC's 400 Free Relay, when the PHS Swim Team came from behind to win the race.

Ms. Rossi attended the University of Maryland where her accomplishments there were equally impressive. She swam on the UMD Division 1 team all four years. With three other teammates, she holds the record at UMD in the 800 FR Relay. In her sophomore year (2008), she was awarded All ACC Academic Scholar and that same year, as a University of Maryland Terrapin, attended the Olympic Trials for the 200 Fly.

Presently, Nina teaches second grade at Turning Point Academy in Maryland but is still very involved with swimming in our community. In the summers, as she has done for the past nine years, she coaches PASDA (Princeton Area Swimming and Diving Association) and teaches swimming at the Princeton Community Park Pool.

Keith Wadsworth '78



Born and raised in Princeton, Keith was a committed athlete participating in football, wrestling and lacrosse. Graduating in 1978, he received the Gold Key award in 1977 and in 1978 he was honored to be chosen the best All-Around Athlete with nine Varsity letters.

Senior year, he captained the football team for which he was a three year starter playing both offense as fullback and defense as linebacker. He made *The Trentonian* and *Trenton Times* 1st team All County both positions.

Keith is proud to have been a part of the 1978 undefeated "Murray's Mat Machine" wrestling team coached by Tom Murray. He went to the district finals and NJSIAA regional qualifying meet. In 1977 he was a Mercer County finalist at 170 lbs. and in 1978 was County Tournament Champion, heading into the District 17 NJSIAA tournament with a 14-0 record, qualifying for the state regional tourney.

Keith's lacrosse career started his sophomore year playing defense. His junior and senior years he helped lead the team to the state playoffs under the coaching guidance of Billy Cirullo. He was recognized his senior year as an All-State player.

Upon graduation, he continued his football career at the University of South Carolina as a linebacker, sharing the field with Heisman Trophy winner George Rogers.

After graduating from Carolina with a degree in Criminal Justice, Keith returned to Princeton, concentrating on running a business and raising a family. He got his foot back in the door at PHS by helping coach wrestling with his former teammate, Matt Wilkinson for five years.

In 1990, Keith jumped at the opportunity to breathe life into the PHS football program which had reached an all-time low. As Head Coach, he took the team to the Colonial Valley Championship four years in a row, 1990-1993. In 1992, the team played the State Final Championship game at home. His peers honored his accomplishments with the Delaware Valley Chapter of the National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame voting him Coach of the Year in 1992.

In 1995, Keith was encouraged by his former wrestling coach, Tom Murray to become assistant coach of the Princeton University Sprint team (formerly known as the 150's). His career at Princeton University spanned six years, three as head coach. During that time he also enjoyed coaching his sons' various Little League teams.

For Keith, coaching is a way of life.

Gladys Rice '82



During her four years at Princeton High School, Gladys Rice led the girls' field hockey, basketball, and track teams through winning seasons. Today, she is considered one of Mercer County's greatest female athletes of that time, 1979- 1982.

Gladys played field hockey and basketball in middle school, and built on this early exposure and training. When she hit the high school as a freshman, she was rewarded with spots on the varsity squads of both sports. This was a very rare feat for a female athlete at PHS.

Track soon became her dominant and favorite sport, and her extensive list of achievements includes being named first team All-CVC as well as first team All-County, all four years. She performed impressively in the State Sectionals and Group II State Meet, even as a freshman, and finished third in the Group II State Championship in 1982. She also won three Mercer County titles in 1982 in the Long Jump, 100 -, and 200-meter dashes. The year before, in 1981, she captured the County's Long Jump championship.

Gladys's most notable achievements occurred in track and field in her senior year when she broke the PHS season-point record held by Kate Kansas, by 65.5 points. Her girl's track and field record of 169.5 points still stands.

Gladys's other accomplishments include, participating in the Meet of Champions and State Sectionals and being selected for the North Jersey Field Hockey team twice. She also received the Knights of Columbus Perfect 10 Award and was a recipient of Princeton High School's Gold Key Award for academics and citizenship.

Carlos Figueroa '96



Carlos Figueroa established himself as one of Princeton High School's all-time great soccer players during his career in the 1990s. During his impressive three year career, he scored 53 goals and led PHS in scoring each season. He was named to the All-CVC 1st team by the local newspapers following each of his three seasons, including his freshman year, when he became the first freshman to receive that

honor. He was also awarded All-State honors by the Soccer Coaches Association of New Jersey each season.

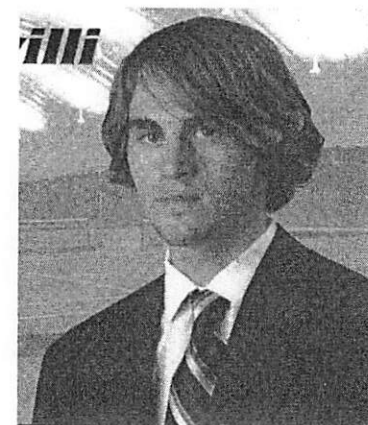
It was during his remarkable senior year that Carlos truly stood out. During that season he scored 29 goals, which led all Mercer County players. He was named 1st Team All-State by the *Star-Ledger* and he was also named Player of the Year by *The Trentonian*. He received his highest honor when he was named to the NSCAA/Umbro All-American team.

Carlos also contributed greatly to the improvement of the PHS soccer team. Prior to his freshman season, Princeton had achieved very little success at the State level. In each of his seasons, the team advanced further in the State playoffs than the previous season, culminating with the school's first-ever Group II State championship during his senior year. Carlos scored a goal in the team's 3-1 victory in the State title game.

Carlos currently resides in Trenton with his wife and three children. He is the owner of CEF Cleaning Services LLC, and continues to give back to the game he loves by coaching soccer at Emily Fisher Charter School, and with the U-17 Princeton FC.

Ilia Shatashvili '04

Ilia Shatashvili has competed at the highest levels of tennis, from USTA Juniors - where he attained a top 20 ranking Nationally and held the number one spot in the Middle States Section (NJ, PA, DE) - to the ATP Professional Tour.



As a student at PHS, Ilia was a four-time All-County selection, a four-time County Champion, and the only player in county history to win three first place singles titles and one second singles championship. He won 40 straight games in the Mercer County Tournament during his junior year alone and he was a three-time All-State selection. Under his leadership, PHS Boys Tennis won three County Championships and took the New Jersey State Championship title in 2002. He didn't lose a single set in his senior year, until an injury forced him to retire from the State Tournament. He graduated from Princeton High School at the age of 16.

He was simultaneously competing internationally on the junior ITF circuit in prestigious European and Caribbean Tournaments. He reached the Round of 16 in Kalamazoo Hard Court National Championships in singles and doubles, and was four wins away from earning a wildcard into the US Open.

Playing collegiate tennis at Columbia University, Ilia helped his team to two Ivy League Titles and a place in Division 1's top 50.

After graduation from Columbia, he competed professionally on the ATP Tour and in Exhibition matches, winning four Doubles titles, one Mixed Doubles title, and reaching three finals and six semifinals in Singles. Currently, he is still on Tour.

Michael Hill '65



Ms. Michael Hill, the 1965 PHS graduate, is known by her peers as the female Jim Thorpe. Although she participated in multiple sports, her focus was on basketball, volleyball and softball. In 1961-65 Michael was awarded the Princeton White Blazer, voted the most valuable basketball player, and was the team's highest scorer. With only three dribbles allowed she managed 10-21 points per game while assisted by her twin sister, Johnnie Hill-Hudgins.

Michael played softball and volleyball in and out of high school with different corporations and leagues. Freddie's Dreamers, Coffee Cup and the Princeton recreational group were her favorite softball teams.

Other achievements include being the founder of the 1962 All Girls Precision Drill team, The Imperial Debs, who won the National Drill Team competition. She also started Princeton High Schools' first all girls Track and Field team. By watching the boys track team, the eight girl team learned their events and won the bronze at the State Championships (out of 16 teams). Michael won the gold in hurdles and her twin sister, Johnnie, won the gold in shot put.

In 1974, she won the New Jersey State Karate championship and held Black Belts in both Isshinryu and Taekwondo. The 1980-90's brought racquetball State, National and World championship titles. The 1985 Rider College graduate was inducted into the Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society. Twenty-seven years later - and in her mid 40's - 50's - she returned to hurdling, winning more than 90 medals and numerous Championship titles including the New Jersey State title (six times), the Regional title (seven times), the National title (four times) and the World Master's Track and Field Championship title (two times). Michael continues to participate in racquetball and platform tennis and plays basketball on a daily basis at work, counseling recovering teens at Princeton House.

Johnnie Hill-Hudgins '65

Johnnie Hill-Hudgins, gifted athlete, singer and film star, has an impressive background in multiple sports. This 1965 PHS graduate was a co-founder of the Imperial Debs, an all-girl precision drill team. They won the 1962 State Championship and served as the catalyst for the beginnings of PHS's first precision drill team.

Johnnie co-founded PHS's girls track and field team. Untrained, yet determined, she, six weeks later, won gold in the shot put at the 1964 State Championship Meet. Twin sister, Michael, took gold in the hurdles and the team captured a bronze medal.



Johnnie's sports ability stands alone. Her record in shot put stood 20 years at Princeton High School. She captained the Color Guard at PHS, the Drill Team, was a member of Leader Corps, and captain of the Cheerleading Squad. Her passion for basketball, softball, volleyball, and track demonstrates her versatility. In basketball, she was named most valuable guard, out-jumping, out-shooting, and stealing the ball from her opponents.

At age 34, her teams won the Rider College Commuter League Championships in both basketball and volleyball. In 1985 she earned her BA in Elementary Education from Rider.

At age 44, Johnnie joined USA Masters Track and Field and began an incredible eight-year run amassing more than 90 medals in shot put, high jump, and 100m. During this time, she racked up championship titles at the State level (eight times), Regional level (six times), and National level (five times). Competing for the USA against international champions in Japan, England, Australia, and South Africa, Johnnie twice earned the title World Champion. Her most memorable Masters Track and Field accomplishment was setting a new world record on the women's 4x100 relay team at the age of 50.

She is presently married to a wonderful man, John Hudgins, Jr.

Coach Joe Drulis



Joseph Vincent Drulis was born on November 1, 1916 in the small coal mining town of Girardville, PA. to Lithuanian immigrants. He was introduced to football during his high school years by his coach and mentor William (Rex) Roberts. It was this same coach who championed Joe's dream of going to college and helped him secure a football scholarship to Temple University. Joe excelled on and off the field at Temple.

He captained the team in his senior year under the tutelage of the great "Pop Warner". During his career at Temple, he was selected as an All-American eastern lineman, and played in the annual East-West classic on New Year's Day, 1937.

Upon graduation in 1939, he began teaching at Collingdale High School in Pennsylvania and coached football, basketball, and baseball. In 1941 he enlisted in the U.S. Army, becoming a captain in the Intelligence Battalion of the 82nd Airborne, where he parachuted behind enemy lines to set up and maintain communications. He received the Bronze Star for meritorious service. At the conclusion of the war, he captained the 82nd Airborne football squad to a win in the Olympic stadium in Berlin, Germany.

Coach Drulis with the 1952
Central Jersey Group III Champions

He returned to Collingdale for two years and in 1949, he accepted a teaching position at Princeton High School, which included coaching duties in several sports. One of the highlights of Joe's coaching career at Princeton has to be when the 1952 varsity basketball team captured the Central Jersey, Group III championship of the



NJSIAA. Joe gave up coaching sports when he accepted the position of Assistant Principal and Dean of Discipline at Princeton High in 1957. At this point, he became a "life-coach", encouraging many students to remain in school and graduate. He served as the administrator of the Princeton Adult School for many years until his retirement in 1979. In 1974 Joe and his two brothers were inducted into the Jerry Wolman chapter of the Pennsylvania Athletic Hall of Fame.

On September 9, 1995, just shy of his 79th birthday, Joe passed away peacefully in Lawrence Township, NJ. Although he was always affectionately known as the "bulldog," Joe was a gentle and compassionate man, who was dedicated to the betterment of Princeton High and the students he so admirably served.

1951-56 Boys Track Teams



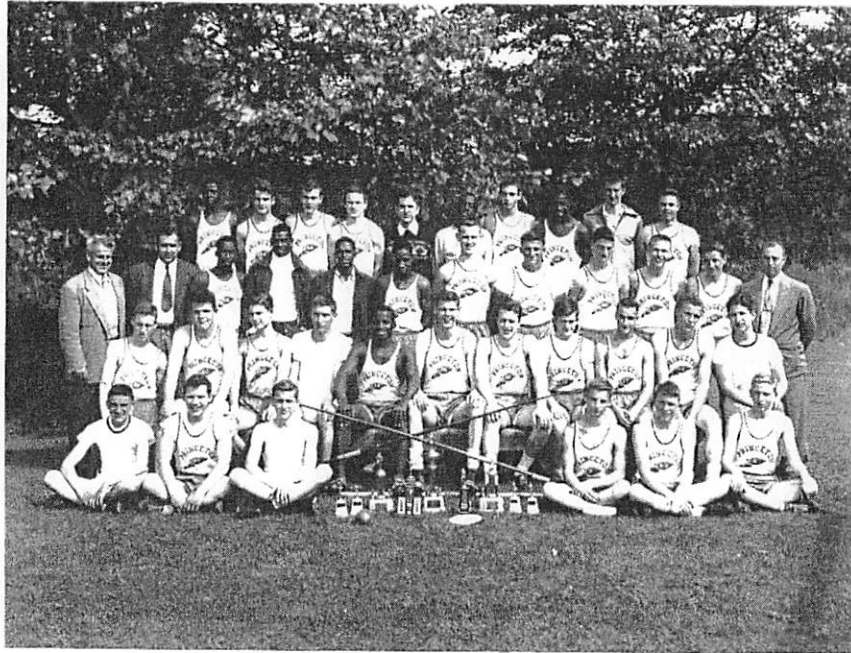
With coaching from PHS Hall of Fame coaches Irwin Weiss, Dick Wood and Gerald Groninger, as well as Winfield Niles, the PHS track teams from 1951 to 1956 set a record that will last for a very long time.

The streak started with the '51 team that set eight new school records, won the Mercer County Championship, and captured first place in the Seton Hall mile relay. The '52 team remained champions of Mercer County and also won the Newark Invitation meet and the Long Branch Relays. The '53 team, in winning the State Championship, set a new State meet point record with 43.5 points. The '54 and '55 teams continued the streak of unbeaten seasons and State championships, as did the '56 team that also broke three school records with Winfield Niles Jr. pole vaulting 12' 2 1/2; Nick Kovalakides throwing the javelin 190' 6; and the two mile relay team running a school record 8:27.

Tonight we honor and congratulate the '51-'56 track teams for what they accomplished as student-athletes at PHS, winning:

- 10 successive Central Jersey Group III State Championships
- 55 consecutive dual meets without a loss
- six straight New Jersey Group III State Championships.

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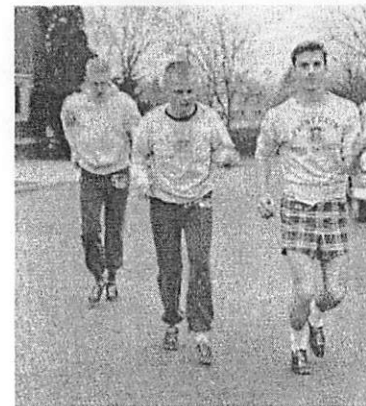


1953



1952 TRACK TEAM
FRONT ROW: H. Brauner, M. Allison, E. Rittenhouse, J. Varner, C. Streater, C. Rosner, T. Perks, Co-captain, E. Walton, C. Kerr, J. Shepard, L. Fitzgerald, D. Wible, R. Brauner, D. Skeels. SECOND ROW: Mr. Weiss, Coach, H. Kahny, R. Livingston, B. Cramp, J. Kay, J. Nostrand, W. Mather, D. Almgren, C. Brown, R. Coughlan, W. Wells, L. Frohling, A. Graham, E. Archambault, Mr. Alston, Coach, Mr. Niles, Coach, G. Ververides. THIRD ROW: A. Bowers, D. Wengel, S. Clark, L. Dennison, D. Ream, E. Wood, R. Montgomery, R. Taylor, W. George.

1952



1955