

Randy Casale Honorary

Randy Casale is being inducted in the Hall of Fame as an honorary inductee. Randy contributed to the athletic department as well as the school as a coach, volunteer, City of Beacon Highway Superintendent and Mayor. When the “new” Beacon High opened, Randy greeted students and anyone who walked in the door. Randy was a founding committee member of the Hall of Fame.

Randy coached JV boys’ basketball from 1990 to 2012. He was also an assistant varsity boy and girls basketball coach, modified baseball coach and JV football coach. Many of these positions were as a volunteer. Through his coach's role, Randy impacted the lives of many athletes by teaching discipline and commitment: two qualities essential in his player’s future. When not coaching, Randy could be found at just about any athletic event, rooting on the Bulldogs. Before coaching at the high school, Randy coached CYO basketball and Pop Warner football.

Before the school district relied on the City of Beacon for fields for the athletic teams, it was Randy Casale as Highway Superintendent who made sure the parks department had the soccer, baseball and softball fields ready for play. As Mayor, he was able to support the school district.

Randy Casale was a huge asset to the athletic department and school district while being a role model for our student athletes.

Oluwatofunmi Jummie Akinwunmi

Varsity Track & Field: Class of 2018

Jummie is being inducted into the Hall of Fame for her accomplishments in Track + Field. She qualified for the NYS Track + Field Championships an astounding eight times across three different events - High Jump (5 times), Triple Jump (2 times), and Long Jump (1 time). She placed 5th in NYS at the 2017 Outdoor Championship in High Jump. Her personal bests of 5' 5" (HJ), 17' 11" (LJ), and 37' 3" (TJ) make her one of the best all-around jumping athletes in Dutchess County history. Jummie is still the meet record holder in multiple events at the FDR "Oval Office" Invitational.

Upon graduation from Beacon HS as the valedictorian of the class of 2018, Jummie enrolled at Yale to complete her undergraduate degree. After graduation from Yale, Jummie was accepted to Columbia University where she is currently hard at work completing medical school. Clearly Jummie is not just a phenomenal athlete, but perhaps the finest example of student-athlete that Beacon has ever had the fortune to witness.

2012 BEACON VARSITY SOFTBALL TEAM

Head Coach: Brian Antalek

The Lady Bulldogs completed their incredible dream season, defeating Brewster 8-3 in the Class A championship game at Heroes Field in Nanuet. It was the first league and sectional championship for Beacon since 1989 when the school won the state title. The softball team then went on to compete in the NYS Regional semifinals in Binghamton, where they were defeated by Maine Endwell by the score of 7-6. The softball team came into the Section 1 Class A playoffs as a number 8 seed. The draw was an unfavorable one for the Bulldogs, having to face four-time defending champs Pearl River in the quarter-finals and then win two more tough games if they wanted to come away as champions. The Lady Bulldogs were up to the challenge as they defeated 9th seed Ardsley in the opening round and then upset Pearl River 4-3 in the quarter final game to find themselves in the semi-finals against Tappan Zee. The "bats" came alive in a 9-6 win over Tappan Zee and then in the championship game against Brewster.

The team was led by the hitting of Chelsea Dexter, Ashley Gonzalez, and Kristen Yanarella, the slick fielding of Sara Laurelli, pitching of Kathleen Boyle and speed in the outfield and on the base paths of Leandra Echi. The remaining team members included Hope Angeloni, Tori Williams, Jenna Malouf, Kelli Moseman, Deandrya Gonzalez, Rebecca Cohen, Alexandra Arce, Amanda Harden and Jalana Torres. The Lady Bulldogs were coached by "League Coach of Year" Brian Antalek, who was assisted by Rich Laurelli.

DAVE ERACA
Varsity Baseball: Class of 1973

Dave Eraca set the standard for baseball for many future Bulldogs. Playing in the Dutchess County Scholastic League, Dave was named first team All-DCSL as a junior. As a senior, he raised the bar by setting the Beacon High School Batting Average record at .500, while going 25-50 during the season. During his senior season, he was also named the DCSL Baseball MVP; which at this time was the highest possible award that an athlete could achieve.

After high school, Dave immediately began working in Beacon's Memorial park and continued to work there until the day he retired. During this time, one of the Softball fields was named after him as a tribute to the years of service he provided the Beacon community.

RODNEY PAULIN
Varsity Basketball: Class of 1974

Rodney Paulin was the slick ball handling point guard for the 1973 Section 1 title winning Bulldog Basketball team. As a junior, Rodney was named the DCSL MVP even though he was only on the DCSL 2nd team as he led the 21-1 Bulldogs to the DCSL, Section 1 B and B-C Open championships. As a senior, Rodney set the Bulldog single game scoring record as he poured in 41 points against League rival FDR. He led the Bulldogs to the Section 1 finals where the Bulldogs lost to Peekskill in OT despite Rodney scoring 32 points, ending their season with an 18-3 record. The co-captain averaged 13.3 ppg and led the team in assists and was to attend Brown University.

JOE SIMMONS
Varsity Basketball: Class of 1974

Joe Simmons was the 6'5" center for the Bulldog basketball team as he was an incredible scorer and rebounder. As a sophomore, Joe set the single game scoring record as he torched the nets for 40 points against Valley Central. As a junior, he led the Section champion Bulldogs in scoring with a 14.9 ppg average and was named to the All-DCSL first team. In the Section 1 championship game against Hendrick Hudson, Joe led the team with 26 points and chipped in 15 rebounds. As a senior, Joe led the Bulldogs to the Section 1 championship game. The co-captain was named to the Large School All-NYS 10th team.

Joe also was an amazing football player who helped lead the 1973 football team to their most wins ever 7-2 while earning All-DCSL honors as a first team tight end and a second team defensive back. He had several scholarship offers including one to Villanova.

LINERAS TORRES JR.
Varsity Baseball: Class of 2018

Lenny Torres Jr. catapulted himself into national prominence during a sensational run that peaked with him being drafted #41 overall in the first round of the 2018 Major League Baseball Draft by the Cleveland Indians.

Lenny was a four year varsity starter who excelled on the mound with a fastball reaching 98 mph. Lenny's accolades included being a 2x All-County selection including 2018 Dutchess County Pitcher of the Year, 2x All-League and All-Section as 2018 League and Section 1 Pitcher of the Year.

Lenny was a 2x All-NYS selection: 2017 3rd team plus a Perfect Game All-American while narrowly missing the 2017 Team USA National Team. As a senior, Lenny was 1st team All-NYS, NYS Player of the Year, USA Today NYS High School Player of the Year, and a Collegiate Baseball 3rd team All-American. Lenny committed to St. John's (NY) on a D1 baseball scholarship.

Lenny's 2018 stats included a 4-2 record with a microscopic .68 ERA with 85 strikeouts in 41 innings pitched.

Lenny just completed pitching in the Cleveland Indians organization at the High Class A level with the Lake County Captains and in the winter baseball league in Puerto Rico.