



New York State Athletic Administrators Association

2024 NYSAAA HALL OF FAME ALAN MALLANDA INDUCTION CEREMONY TENTH CLASS OF INDUCTEES

The NYSAAA Hall of Fame is organized as a means of recognizing outstanding Athletic Interscholastic Administrators for their contributions and achievements within and to the NYSAAA and NIAAA at local, state and national levels. Its purpose is to:

1. Promote the vocation of athletic administration.
2. Preserve the heritage of the association and the profession of interscholastic athletic administration.

This recognition is the highest honor an interscholastic athletic administrator can receive from the NYSAAA for his/her contributions and accomplishments at the local, state, and national level. Further, this honor sets a standard for New York athletic administrators to emulate.

This year the New York State Athletic Administrators will induct two athletic administrators into the tenth class of inductees. The biographies of these individuals that follow, will attest to the high standards required for this ultimate recognition by the association. Selection is made using a three-level process, including a screening committee, a rating committee, and the Executive Board of the NYSAAA.

CLASS OF 2024

**The following two individuals (listed alphabetically) have been selected for induction into
The ninth class of the NYSAAA Hall of Fame on Wednesday, March 13, 2024 (12 Noon)
at the Saratoga Hilton, Saratoga Springs, NY
The NYSAAA "Alan Mallanda" Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony
is held annually as part of the "David Martens" Awards Luncheon
Below, is the school district and section of each inductee.**



**Michael Giruzzi, CAA
Hilton Central School District
Chapter 5**

Michael Giruzzi is a proud Utican that graduated from Utica Notre Dame High School in 1986 and then attended SUNY Brockport, where he played baseball and received his BSE in 1991 and MSE in Physical Education in 1995. He then went on to Canisius College where he received his School District Administrator Certification in 2005.

He spent nine years in the West Irondequoit CSD as a PE teacher and coach before moving on to Greece Central School District (Greece Odyssey and Greece Acadia) where he spent his first years as an athletic director from 2000 until 2007. In June of 2007 Michael joined the Hilton Central School District where he remained as Director of PE and Athletics until his retirement in August of 2023.

Mike Giruzzi has been an active member of many professional organizations, including as a League Executive Board member and Past Chapter 5 representative to the NYSAAA Representative Board. Mike has been instrumental in organizing the local Chapter's Professional Development Day and has been the 'go to' person for problem solving. Mike also served as the MCPSAC, Inc.'s representative to the Section V Non-Public Reclassification Committee. Mike was the Modified Sports Chairperson for the Monroe County Public School Athletic Conference from 2000 to 2003 and the Boys Sports Coordinator from 2003 to 2010. Mike served as the Long-Range Planning Chairperson of the MCPSAC, from 2010 until his retirement in 2023. Mike is currently the Executive Secretary/Treasurer of the MCPSAC.

Mike has presided and presented at many local and state professional development workshops and conferences. Mike served as our NYSAAA President in 2010-2011, culminating with the conference and its theme "Leadership with Energy and Passion". Mike is currently the treasurer of the NYSAAA, a position he has held since 2013. Mike earned his CAA distinction in 2004. Mike has also been a program planner for at least 3 NYSAAA Conferences. Mike has been a NYSAAA/NIAAA member for 24 years and has attended 10+ NADC and 22 NYSAAA conferences. Mike has been a member of the NYSAAA delegation to the NIAAA Delegate Assembly at least 5 times. Mike was recognized by the NYS AHPERD with their Zone Honor Award recipient and later by the NYS Council of Administrators Physical Education Director of the Year in 2005. Mike was selected as the Chapter 5 Athletic Administrator of the year in 2009 and was awarded the NIAAA State Award of Merit by the NYSAAA in 2017.

Mike resides in Greece NY and has been married to wife Kathy for 32 years and has two children, Christina (26) and Nicholas (28).



Stephen B. Young, CMAA
New Rochelle Central School District
Chapter 1

Stephen Young graduated from Swampscott High School, Swampscott, MA (1974). He then attended Clark University (BA), Worcester, MA (1978) and Western Illinois University (MS), Macomb, Illinois (1981) where he completed his graduate degree (MS). Prior to becoming the athletic administrator at New Rochelle High School, in New Rochelle, NY, Steve also was athletic administrator at Chappaqua Central School District in Westchester County.

Steve is a true believer in professional development for Athletic Directors. Not only is he the lead for NIAAA LTC 709, a course grounded in communication fundamentals, but co-authored one of the more relevant and necessary courses dealing with gaining a better understanding of mental health for student-athletes. LTC 628 was considered then and is now one of the “required” for athletic administrators and is consistently the most highly attend course locally and nationally. Over the past 31 years Steve has served as a member of the NIAAA and NYSAAA.

Additionally, Steve is an educator first as evidenced by the number of courses he can teach for Athletic Directors. As of last count, he is certified to instruct over 40 courses and during the pandemic helped the NYSAAA by teaching 11 courses over a three-month period to those that signed up for classes that were intended to be held at the conference that was canceled. It is through his efforts that over 70 Directors received the credit that was at the time, considered out of reach.

Steve also contributed his expertise as a member of the NYSAAA’s First Strategic Plan and was a key player in the first Summer Leadership Conference for new Athletic Directors. His many awards represent his drive to be a part of the solution and those recognitions are of the highest level of respect not only locally but nationally as well. Of special note is his Distinguished Service Award presented to him by the NIAAA. Each year only 10 Directors receive the award nationally and no one deserved it more than Steve.

Steve has served on many league and section committees throughout his career. He also served as Chapter 1 Representative to the NYSAAA Board. He served the NYSAAA as president (2012-13) and have been chair for Leadership Training as well as a member of the

state teaching faculty. I is a member of the NIAAA national teaching faculty and taught over 30 LTC classes in addition to currently serving as the course chair for LTI 709, "Communication Methods and Applications for Athletic Administrators" and co-authored the LTI 628, "Mental Health and Wellness of the Student-Athlete". He was a member of the NYSAAA's Strategic Planning Committee and was also involved in the Aspiring AD Program. Steve was also a member of the NIAAA's Strategic Planning Committee in 2014, and currently serves as a member of the NIAAA's Accreditation Committee.

Well recognized by the membership across New York State and the country, Steve's most cherished awards are the NYSAAA Apple Appreciation Award, the NIAAA Distinguished Service Award, the Dr. Jack Foley Professional Development Award, the NYSAAA State Award of Merit, and the NIAAA Distinguished Service Award.