

# Hall of Fame 2015



**Scott Butler, Captain** - Class of 1984 - Accomplishments in Military Achievement

Scott Butler (Captain (OF-5), USA Navy) has excelled in the United States Navy since his graduation from DHS in 1984. Captain Butler was commissioned in 1988 after receiving a Bachelor of Arts in Foreign Affairs from the University of Virginia, then received his Navy wings in February 1990. His service to date includes efforts in Operation Desert Storm, USS Constellation Bounty Hunters, Operation Southern Watch (Iraq), Operation Restore Hope (Somalia), and Top Gun Graduate Honors. Captain Butler has served as a Legislative Fellow in the Office of Senator John McCain and then as the Operations Officer for the US Seventh Fleet in Yokosuka, Japan. He then served as Commanding Officer of the Naval Air Station in Sigonella, Italy from June 2010 – May 2013. Currently, Captain Butler serves at the Commandant of NATO School in Oberammergau, Germany where he commands a faculty and staff representing 24 different NATO and Partnership for Peace nations.



**Maria DiBernardi** – Class of 1970 – Achievements in Coaching

Maria DiBernardi is one of the winningest softball coaches in NCAA history. As head coach of the Villanova Wildcats, Maria has recorded 762 wins in her 30 years at the helm, more than any coach of any sport in Villanova's history. During her time at Villanova, she has led the Wildcats to twelve Big East Tournaments and three forty-plus win seasons in 1999, 2001 and 2002. She has also served as the president of the Big East Conference Softball Committee, and is active in numerous camps and clinics throughout the Philadelphia area. DiBernardi has also coached at the Keystone State Games, winning two gold medals and two silver medals in the over-18 fast pitch division. DiBernardi stresses excellence on and off of the field for her players. Her teams have produced sixty-four Big East All Conference Players, and 189 Big East Academic All Stars. As a player in the Norristown Amateur League, DiBernardi was named co-player of the 20th Century, and was selected as an All-American on 1990 ASA team. Maria is a graduate of Immaculata College and earned a bachelor's degree in nursing.



**John Gates** – Class of 1971 – Achievement in Arts & Entertainment

John has been involved in the music business since 1967 as a drummer and vocalist. He started playing drums in local bands and in 1971, when he graduated from Downingtown High School. In 1976, he signed with Capitol Records as a solo artist. By 1978, he signed with RCA Records and also continued his music career on an international level, performing and recording with well-known secular artists of the day and many major TV shows. In 1985, he was asked to join Benson Recording Artists, GLAD. Since then, they have recorded 19 albums and traveled throughout the world doing concerts and communicating the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He has also continued to freelance as a session drummer and vocalist until 2005, at which point he moved into full time Christian radio. Until recently, he was the Music Director & On-Air Personality for

Bridge FM in the NJ/NY Metro area.



**Herbert "Herbie" Lee** – Class of 1954 – Achievement in Education and Community Service

Herb was an educator, athlete, coach, mentor, and pioneer in education. Beginning his education in a segregated classroom in West Ward Elementary School, Herb went on to establish himself as an outstanding student and athlete. He played football for Downingtown, University of Illinois and West Chester University, where he was selected as all conference offensive guard and defensive end. He began his teaching career West Chester, Phoenixville and then Beaver Creek. Herb then became a professor and department chairperson in the Department of Educational Services at West Chester University. Among many other positions, he was also the assistant football coach and student teaching supervisor. Herb was the first director of the Chester County Head Start Program, President of the Downingtown Lions Club, and President of the WCU Alumni Association as well as the Downingtown Alumni Association. He pioneered the innovative Higher Education Opportunity Program (HEOP) for minority students and received, among many other awards, the NAACP Human Rights Award. The winner of the Battle of the Brandywine (the annual EAST vs. WEST football game) receives the Herbie Lee Trophy.



**Sam Matthews** – Class of 1956 – Achievements in Business & Community Service

Sam Matthews grew up on a farm where he had the traditional chores yet he found time to become involved in extracurricular activities at school ranging from playing football to serving as President of the Class of 1956. Sam earned a BA in History from Lehigh University in 1960, Masters from Yale Divinity School in 1963, and a Masters in History from Brown University. In 1971 Sam returned to Chester County where he worked as the Assistant Director of the Chester County Economic Development Council. Eventually he decided on full time farming as his professional. Today he is a member of the Chester/Delaware County Farm Bureau, the Pennsylvania Holstein Association, and the national Holstein Association. Sam has been recognized with numerous awards included the Chester County Farmer of the Year Award in 1996 and the Pace Setter Award by the PA Dairy Stakeholder Association in 2005. Today, Sam and his family run the beloved Milky Way Farm in Chester Springs, which has been placed into the Chester County Farmland Preservation program to ensure a farm in Uwchlan Township for future generations



**Charles Way**—Class of 1916—Achievement in Athletics

As a senior on the DHS football squad, Way scored 32 of 33 touchdowns the team scored during the 1915 football campaign. Charley attended Penn State after high school, but left the team at the beginning of his junior year to serve in the Army during World War I. He returned after the war and led the Penn State Nittany Lions football team to an undefeated 1920 season. The tiny (144 lb.) but speedy Way began his professional career in the National Football League (NFL); first with the Canton Bulldogs in 1921 and became an All-Pro as a member of the Frankford Yellow Jackets in 1924. He was a member of the 1926 American Football League champion Philadelphia Quakers. Way coached football at the University of Dayton and Virginia Tech. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in finance from Penn State University in 1921

and had a long career with the Internal Revenue Service following his playing days. He lived in Thorndale, Pennsylvania until his death at age 90.