

Township of Nutley

Office of the Mayor

WHEREAS, The Third Half Club of Nutley will host the Nutley High School Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony on Thursday, October 12, 2017, and as a result of their outstanding individual accomplishments, the following athletes have been selected for enshrinement as members of the NHS Athletic Hall of Fame;

WHEREAS, Albert “Albie” Hallam, NHS Class of 1961, was a multi-talented athlete quietly demonstrating excellence in Football, Basketball & Baseball. He received All-Essex County and All-State Honors and;

WHEREAS, Sam Battaglia, NHS Class of 1964, made his mark on the football field being selected to the All Essex County and the All State Honors. Sam received a full scholarship to play for the University of Maryland, playing four years. He was active in the community having served on the Board of education, the Board of Commissioners and the long time President of the Third Half Club and;

WHEREAS, John Monaco, Class of 1962, was the only Nutley Wrestler to have won the New Jersey State Championship in his Junior Year. He became a 3 time National Champion at Montclair State and was designated an All-American and;

WHEREAS, Dawn Marie Rose, NHS Class of 1983, was a multi-sport athlete, excelling in Soccer, Basketball & Softball. She earned 10 Varsity Letters, was Female Athlete of the Year and continued her success at the University of South Carolina and Fairleigh Dickinson University and;

WHEREAS, Andy Joyner, NHS Class of 1984, Andy was an extraordinary pitcher for the Raider Baseball Team earning All-Essex County and All-State honors before matriculating to Farleigh Dickinson and continuing his successful baseball career and;

WHEREAS, Donald Sellari, NHS Class of 1993, was the Captain of the 1992 Nutley High School New Jersey State Championship Football Team earning All-Essex County, All-State and honorable mention All-American honors. Don continued his athletic career at Rutgers University and;

WHEREAS, Kozanga Alan Branigan, NHS Class of 1993, was a supremely talented soccer player earning All-Essex County and All-State Honors. At Rutgers University he was an All-American and All-Big East before being drafted to play for Major League Soccer. He played professionally for four years and;

WHEREAS, Kim DiVincenzo, NHS Class of 1999, was one of the finest female athletes of her time earning 8 Varsity Letters. She excelled in Basketball and Softball. She earned All-Essex County, All-State Honors in both sports as well as being recognized as NHS Female Athlete of the Year and;

WHEREAS, the 1992 Nutley High School Softball Team captured the New Jersey Section II Group 3 State Championship, and the New Jersey Group 3 Championship and;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Joseph Scarpelli, Mayor of the Township of Nutley and the Board of Commissioners wish to congratulate the 2017 Inductees into the Nutley High School Athletic Hall of Fame and commend them for the outstanding examples they have set for the student athletes of today, and

I DO HEREBY PROCLAIM, October 12, 2017 as;

The Third Half Club of Nutley, Nutley High School, Athletic Hall of Fame Day.

Mayor Joseph Scarpelli

Commissioner Thomas J. Evans

Commissioner Mauro Tucci

Commissioner Alphonse Petracco

Commissioner Steve Rogers