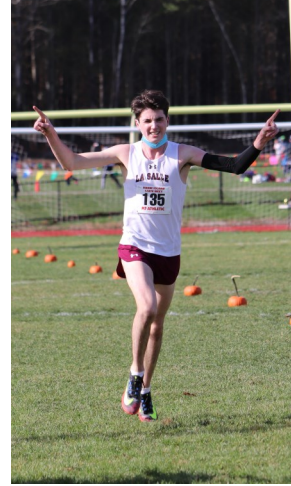
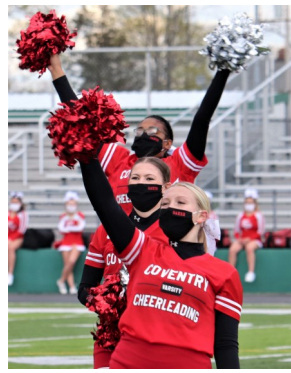




"The Purest Form of Sport"



# 2020-21 Annual Report



# History of the RIIL

**March 9, 1899:** A meeting was held with delegates from Cranston High School, Hope High School, East Providence High School and Classical High School to state their ideas as to the advisability of forming a league. On a motion made and carried, the league was formed by the schools represented and officers were elected.

A committee was elected to draw up articles of agreement, and Article 1 named the association The Interscholastic League. In all, 15 articles of agreement were discussed by section and adopted.

The first recognized sport was baseball, and the member schools were asked to develop the schedule. On June 13, 1899, the Interscholastic League awarded Classical High School the Baseball Championship of the 1899 season.

**September 29, 1899:** Manual Training High School, Providence English High School and Pawtucket High School were admitted to membership. In addition, the committee approved a football season. The football schedule was approved, and the first football game was held on October 13, 1899 between Cranston High School and East Providence High School, with East Providence prevailing, 5-0. The Spalding Football Rules were adopted. East Providence High School was awarded the first Football Championship.



**January 23, 1900:** The Board of Directors moved and seconded that the sport of polo be accepted. Hope St. High School was awarded the first Polo Championship in 1900.

**February 23, 1900:** The Board of Directors voted to approve **five eligibility rules** to be applied to all League Athletics:

- No professionals were allowed to participate*
- The Board of Directors would investigate all eligibility matters*
- Five years of eligibility for each player*
- There was a transfer rule*
- Penalty for violations was forfeiture*

**May 5, 1900:** The league approved the Interscholastic Field Athletic Meet (track & field). Classical High School was awarded the first Field Day Championship.

**January 1901:** The Board of Directors voted mandating that all member schools submit a list of eligible athletes in all sports.

**December 16, 1901:** Woonsocket High School was admitted to the Interscholastic League.



# History of the RIIL

**December 2, 1902:** The Board of Directors voted to allow the league to arrange for a hockey season. Hope St. High School was awarded the first Hockey Championship for the 1903 season.

**March 1904:** The Board of Directors voted to approve the National League Baseball Rules with the exception of the foul strike.

## Initial League Issues:

- \* Uneven competition
- \* Lack of eligibility standards
- \* Organization
- \* Spectator riots, mob scenes....
- \* Few suitable playing surfaces
- \* No professional preparation for coaches
- \* Officials were usually chosen from the crowd
- \* If the home team lost – the visiting team was stoned out of town

**1928:** A group of high school principals became interested in forming an organization which would control and administer athletics as one of its objectives.

**1932:** The R.I. Secondary School Principals' Association was organized, defining its objectives as follows: *Its object shall be to raise the standards of the secondary schools of RI and to advance the professional interests of the members of this association.*

**Committees were established:** \* R.I. Honor Society \* Relations with the Office of the R.I. State Director of Education \* Athletics

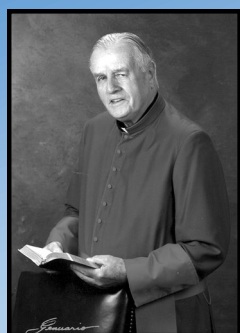
**March 1932:** The Interscholastic League was formally organized as it is today. It was organized to meet the expressed needs of high schools for a functional sports program that would be governed by a committee of principals.

**1952:** The RIIL joined the National Federation of State High School Associations.

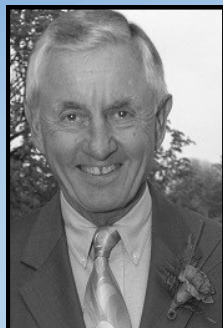
**Today:** Now in its 120th year of existence, the R.I. Interscholastic League is governed by the Principals' Committee on Athletics, and its 73 member schools.



## R.I. Interscholastic League Executive Directors Past and Present . . .



**Msgr. Robert C. Newbold**  
Executive Director, RIIL  
1969-1994



**Richard B. Lynch**  
Executive Director, RIIL  
1994-2004



**Thomas A. Mezzanotte**  
Executive Director, RIIL  
2004-2020



**Michael P. Lunney**  
Executive Director, RIIL  
2020-present



# Greetings from the RIIL

## Letter from the Chairman

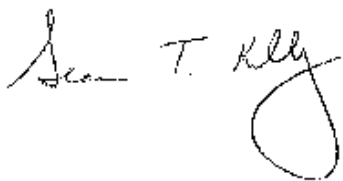
As Chairman of the Principals' Committee on Athletics (PCOA), I am proud to serve along with Vice-Chair Mr. Daniel Warner and the other members of the committee representing the member schools of the Rhode Island Interscholastic League (RIIL). The PCOA is the governing body of the RIIL and we are committed to providing the students of Rhode Island with high quality education-based athletics.

Our student athletes represent exactly what educational based athletics is all about. Through competition in its purest form, our students are learning life lessons in areas like teamwork, communication, perseverance, problem solving, and goal setting; all skills that will serve them throughout their future lives. They represent our schools and communities and serve as a source of immense pride. Long after the seasons end, we hope our students remember the bonds formed and lessons learned on the courts and fields, and hopefully, the fun they experienced competing with their friends.

The past many months have been a challenge beyond imagination. The effects of Covid-19 have seen schools shift learning to various forms, caused major disruption in our operations and events, upended our life in unimaginable ways, and the myriad other issues our schools, faculties, students, families, and communities have had to navigate. However, through it all, our schools and our league have placed our student athletes back on the field of competition, and I am more than confident the RIIL will be there to continue to provide athletic and academic opportunities for our over 36,00 student athletes, in a manner consistent with our usual expectations.

The RIIL is a dynamic organization of member schools that strives to keep the interest of the student athlete at the heart of its decision-making process. Through the dedication and hard work of RIIL Executive Director Mr. Michael Lunney, Assistant Executive Director Mr. Thomas Marcello and the talented office staff, our league will continue to experience tremendous success and unprecedented growth, now and into the future. Along with Mr. Warner, Mr. Lunney, Mr. Marcello, and the entire PCOA, I welcome your feedback and input. Remember, we are a league of Principals and member schools, have a great school year and I look forward to working with everyone.

Sincerely,



Sean T. Kelly

*Chairman, Principals' Committee on Athletics*

*Principal, Cranston High School East*





# Greetings from the RIIL

## **Executive Director's Message:**

As expected, the 2020-21 school year was one of the most unprecedented years in the history of high school sports. A huge debt of gratitude needs to be extended to the principals, administrators, athletic directors, coaches, officials and staff members that worked so tirelessly to make an extremely difficult situation successful. Despite the circumstances of the Covid-19 pandemic, we were collectively able to offer our student athletes every athletic opportunity. Everyone's willingness to sacrifice, pivot and adjust at a moment's notice illustrated that our league is filled with leaders that are dedicated and passionate about the role that education-based athletics plays in the lives of students throughout Rhode Island.

Throughout my years of serving the member schools of the RIIL, I have never been more grateful, proud and appreciative to be part of such a special community of outstanding individuals. Over the past 17 months, I have heard countless stories of people going above and beyond the call of duty to provide our student athletes with guidance, leadership, mentorship and most importantly, humanity. You continue to make a difference and for that we say THANK YOU!

One of the greatest values that sports teaches is how to properly respond when adversity undoubtedly arises. Perseverance, resilience, determination, teamwork and faith in the process are all tools that we all must utilize to ultimately overcome the obstacles that will stand in the way of another successful year in the classroom and throughout the high school sports calendar in Rhode Island. The lessons learned will serve our student athletes well as they become our future leaders later in life.

Have a great school year and thank you again for all that you continue to do!

**Sincerely,**



**Michael P. Lunney**

*Executive Director*

Rhode Island Interscholastic League



# Governing Process of the RIIL

The legislative body of the League is the ***Principals' Committee on Athletics***, which consists of principals/assistant principals of the 73 member high schools. The Committee meets regularly. All meetings are open to the public and anyone who wishes may attend. Standing Committees are appointed by the Chairperson of the Principals' Committee on Athletics with the approval of the Principals' Committee on Athletics. Standing Committees are established for each sport. Sport committees are established to address issues of general concern to the RIIL membership, alignment and to plan programs/activities for the members. The following administrators served on the Principals' Committee on Athletics during the 2018-2019 school year:

**Sean T. Kelly, *Chairperson***, Principal, Cranston High School East

**Daniel F. Warner, *Assistant Chairperson***, Principal, Narragansett High School

**Thomas Barbieri**

Principal, Cranston High School West

**Scott D. Barr**

Principal, Classical High School

**Matthew Buchanan**

Principal, Hope High School

**Nathan W. Biah, Sr.**

Principal, Alvarez High School

**Karen Massaro**

Athletic Director, Middletown High School/ RIIAAA

**Christopher Coleman**

Assistant Principal, Cranston High School West

**Robert DiMuccio**

Assistant Principal, Central High School

**Colleen Gribbin**

Principal, St. Mary-Bay View

**Gerald Habershaw**

Principal, Pilgrim High School

**Neeltje Henneman**

Principal, Wheeler School

**Donald J. Kavanagh**

Principal, La Salle Academy

**Craig MacKenzie**

Principal, Chariho High School

**Renee Palazzo, Ed.D.**

Principal, Ponaganset High School

**Michael Sollitto, Ed.D.**

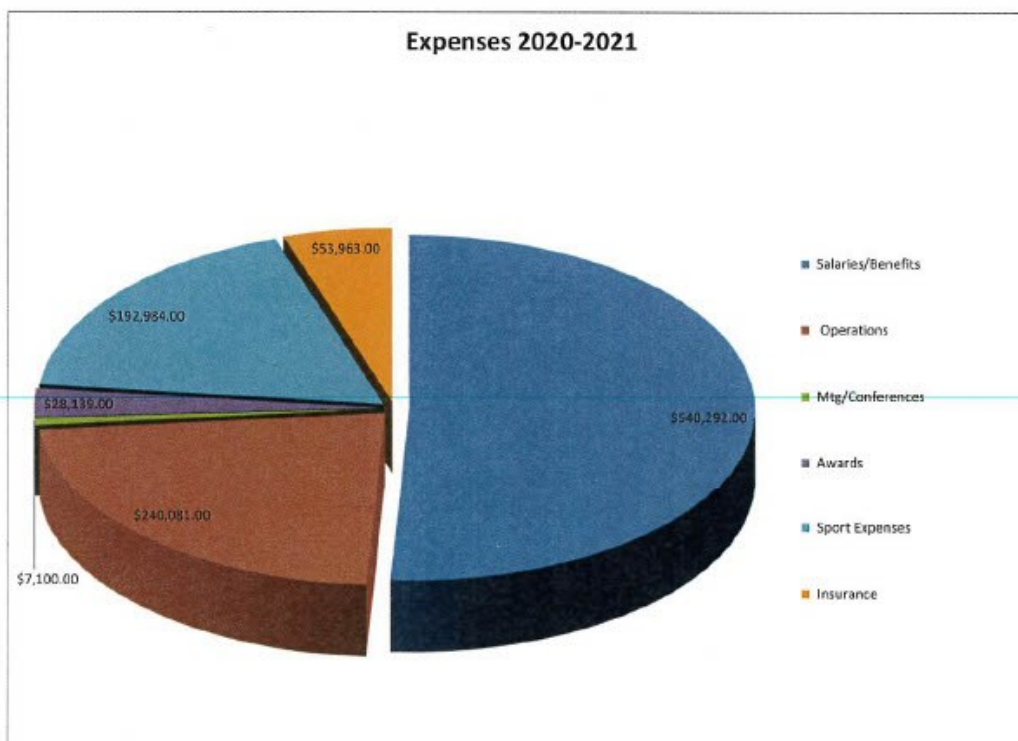
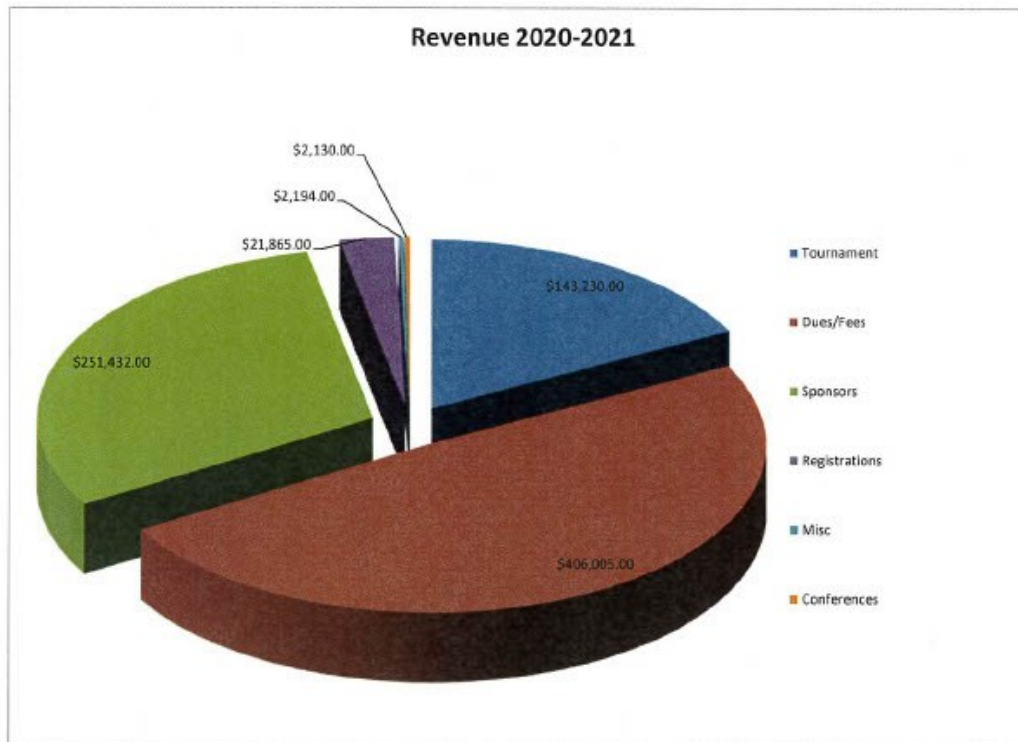
Superintendent, Burrillville Schools / RISSA

**Michael Whaley, Ed.D.**

Principal, Burrillville High School



# Financial Report



In addition to the above revenue, due to the Pandemic the RIIL also received a state grant in the amount of \$26,731.32 and two PPP Loans in the amount of \$114,059.00 each.  
Total grants received \$254,849.32.

# Services to Member Schools

The Rhode Island Interscholastic League is a service organization providing its member schools with publications, training opportunities, recognition programs, tournaments, rules interpretation meetings and other services that assist in the administration of interscholastic sports.

## ♦ Athletic Rules and Regulations

Enforces the by-laws and regulations for the RIIL.

## ♦ Recognition

The RIIL recognizes and congratulates the accomplishments of numerous athletes, teams, coaches, athletic directors and school administrators.

## ♦ Official Pay Program

Through the RefView Program, the RIIL assists school Athletic Directors and Business Offices in the assignment and payment of game officials.

## ♦ Computer Management Program

Tool that will upgrade and improve information for all RIIL fans. In addition, it will streamline all RIIL management functions for school Athletic Directors and coaches.

## ♦ Support the Needs of the RIAAA

Every two years, the RIIL and the RIAAA conduct an extensive and objective process of aligning teams in all sports. This process serves to provide competitive balance among all teams in all sports.

## ♦ Tournaments

The League supervises and administers state tournaments in 33 athletic events for its member schools. The RIIL assists the media outlets statewide in their coverage of high school sports.

## ♦ Student Leadership Conferences

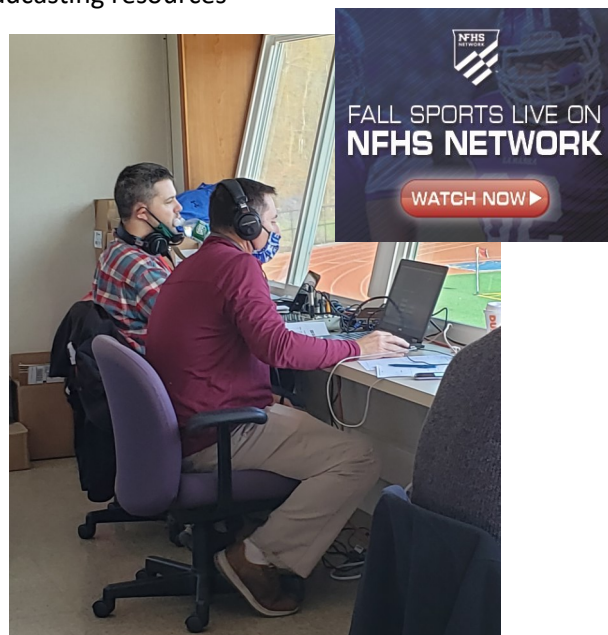
The League sponsors numerous opportunities for student-athletes to take part in an assortment of leadership and sportsmanship activities, such as the New England Student Leadership Conference and NFHS National Student Leadership Summit.

## ♦ RIIL WEBSITE/SOCIAL MEDIA

We continue to upgrade and improve the riil.org website, which features a new homepage, online statistics, links to RIIL initiatives and resources for coaches, officials, student-athletes and parents. RIIL Director of Multimedia Content Carolyn Thornton is an experienced journalist who oversees the league's Twitter, Instagram and Facebook pages, as well as the RIIL Blog. These social media platforms allow the RIIL to inform parents and student-athletes about important RIIL initiatives, provide real-time updates on RIIL events and happenings and share the accomplishments of member schools.

## ♦ RIIL/NFHS Network

The RIIL has partnered with the NFHS Network to stream tournament events and promote a school broadcast program. The RIIL/NFHS Network Sport has produced internet broadcasts for most sports during the past six years of operation. The NFHS Network School Broadcasting Program gives all of our schools and communities the opportunity to highlight our programs, our fans and our athletes. By the spring of 2021, 37 schools were utilizing a new automated sport production product—Pixellot. This new hardware/software solution is for schools that have limited broadcasting resources

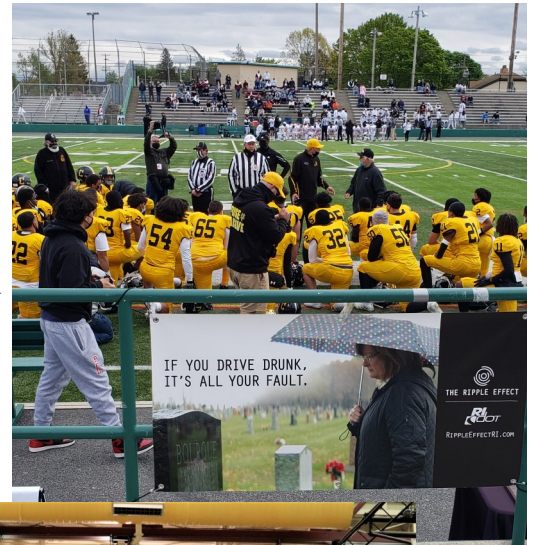
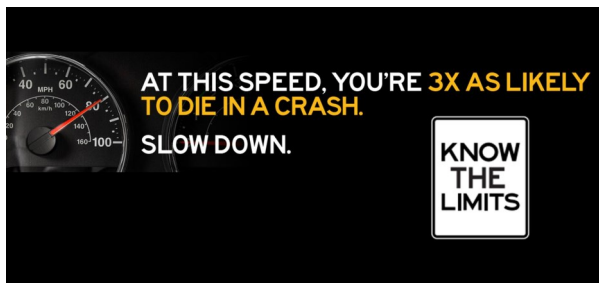




# Overview of 2020-21 School Year

## RIIL “TRAFFIC SAFETY IS A TEAM SPORT” PROGRAM

Through a grant from the R.I. Department of Transportation, the RIIL joined RIDOT in its mission to reduce the number of traffic crashes and fatalities in the State of Rhode Island through highway safety awareness. Student-athletes were encouraged to take an online Traffic Safety Pledge, and messages delivered on RIIL social media and at RIIL events focused on Occupant Safety, Impaired Driving, Speed and Distracted Driving.



## UNIFIED SPORTS

The RIIL and R.I. Special Olympics began a partnership to establish a Unified Basketball League in 2010, followed soon after by a Unified Volleyball League. Unified Basketball has since grown to include 38 high school teams, while there are 25 high school teams competing in Unified Volleyball. Unified Sports® in RIIL member schools, creates an inclusive environment where everyone benefits. Unified Sports® combines people with intellectual disabilities (called athletes) and without intellectual disabilities (called partners) on sports teams for training and competition. The athletes experience new social opportunities and make new friends they may not have otherwise. The partners describe their mentorship role as being equally rewarding. Many parents and siblings also find that Unified Sports® offers a new way to spend time together and meet other families. Using sports to help break down barriers that have historically kept people apart, Unified Sports® promotes meaningful inclusion and acceptance of people with intellectual disabilities in the community. In fact, 93% of partners say they gained a better understanding of their teammates through Unified Sports®.



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## SHOWCASE CINEMAS TEAM OF THE WEEK, TOGETHER WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

SHOWCASE Cinemas continued as the presenting sponsor of Team of the Week, recognizing outstanding efforts and contributions RIIL student-athletes are making on and off the playing fields. Chosen winners selected from a pool of nominations weekly, recorded radio shout-outs played on air on Hot 106, 92.3PRO-FM and Lite Rock 105. Winning storylines ranged from teamwork, support, unity, fundraising and awareness efforts for charities and many more.



The Rhode Island Interscholastic League's seventh annual Peanut Butter Express, presented by BankRI, proved to be a great success with member schools collecting more than 5,233 pounds of peanut butter to benefit the Rhode Island Community Food Bank. This year's donations surpassed the previous record by more than 600 pounds.

"We are beyond proud of the contributions that our schools have made to the Rhode Island Community Food Bank once again," said RIIL Executive Director Michael Lunney. "Even with the challenges of the COVID-19 Pandemic, our student-athletes really stepped up. They went above and beyond our expectations and were able to collect the largest amount of peanut butter in the seven years that we have held this initiative."

The RIIL partnered with iHeartMedia and the Rhode Island National Guard last winter to collect much-needed items to benefit Crossroads Rhode Island, the leading provider of housing and services to those experiencing homelessness in Rhode Island. A dozen teams joined in on this great community service opportunity and organized collections of toiletries, socks, sheets, kitchen utensils, cleaning supplies, and other household items to help others get back on their feet. Participating teams included: East Providence Girls Basketball, East Providence Girls Track, Johnston Girls & Boys Basketball, La Salle Girls Track, Mt. St. Charles Girls Basketball, North Kingstown Girls Basketball, Portsmouth Girls Basketball, Prout Swimming, Smithfield Girls Basketball, St. Raphael Academy, Toll Gate Girls Basketball and Westerly Girls & Boys Track.





# Overview of 2020-21 School Year

## RIIL Student-Athlete Web Workshop: Coping with Covid

On April 14, 2021, the RIIL hosted a virtual workshop for high school student-athletes, conducted by Gary Regan, a licensed independent clinic social worker, and presented by the RIIL's Official Hometown Health Partner Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island. "You are not alone and there are lots of people out there who are willing to help and listen" was Gary's overriding message to the students who attended the workshop, as he provided lots of helpful advice on how to deal with the added stress and anxiety everyone was feeling during the COVID-19 pandemic. A recording of the workshop is included on the RIIL's Covid Info Page as a continued resource.



The poster for the RIIL Student-Athlete Web Workshop features the RIIL logo and the Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island logo. It includes a circular portrait of Gary Regan, a man with a beard and glasses. The text on the poster reads: "RIIL Student-Athlete Web Workshop presented by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Rhode Island Coping with Covid Wednesday, April 14, 2021 Noon-1 p.m. Gary Regan We invite student-athletes to join Gary Regan for a virtual discussion on navigating high school during these difficult times. Interested students should contact their principal or athletic director for details on how to register."

## COACHES EDUCATION

The RIIL has implemented a comprehensive certification process for all athletic coaches hired after January 1, 2012. This certification process which incorporates elements of the NFHS Coaches Ed program will help athletic coaches meet the significant challenges they face each day. This process, which must be renewed every five years, includes a combination of in-house and NFHS online courses approved by the RIIL. To assist, we are organizing an annual conference for new and grandfathered coaches to fulfill their certification obligations. In addition, the conference will offer other coaches and athletic directors the opportunity to address numerous sport-related issues. During the 2020-21 school year, we held our preseason coaches' rules interpretation meetings virtually, reviewing current sport rules and providing presentations on concussions, heat acclimatization, orthopedic injuries and the benefits of playing multiple sports.

## NFHS NATIONAL STUDENT LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

In light of lingering COVID-19 concerns, the National Federation of State High School Associations once again held a virtual National Student Leadership Summit (NSLS), August 8-10. Sixteen RIIL students participated in the online event, which featured a talented lineup speakers and seven workshops focus on relevant and contemporary issues facing high school students who are participating in interscholastic athletics and activities.



The poster for the 2021 NFHS Virtual National Student Leadership Summit features a collage of six photos showing diverse high school students participating in the event. The text on the poster reads: "2021 NFHS Virtual National Student Leadership Summit August 8-10, 2021" with the NFHS logo.

"We want to better prepare our attendees with the tools and skills to make changes and show leadership ability," said Elliot Hopkins, NFHS director of sports, sanctioning and student services and coordinator of the National Student Leadership Summit. "Our young people are ready for this post-pandemic challenge, and we are proud to provide them the training and guidance to set them up for success."

# Overview of 2020-21 School Year

## OPERATION CLEAN COMPETITION (OCC)

***Educating our community on the dangers of Appearance and Performance Enhancing Substances (APES) and Nutrition & Dietary Supplement Safety:*** Funded through a grant from the Rhode Island Foundation, Operation Clean Competition continued its outreach to middle schools, high schools, colleges and universities across the state. Although COVID-19 restrictions did not allow in-person presentations, we were able to continue providing them virtually. During year 8, OCC delivered 95 web conferences reaching nearly 4,000 student-athletes, youth, teens, college and university students and adult influencers. The free programs were delivered by OCC educational partner, the Taylor Hooton Foundation.



## STUDENT AMBASSADORS PROGRAM

Student-athletes were encouraged to represent their schools as RIIL Student Ambassadors. Ambassadors received information about various leadership opportunities and were asked to spread the word about RIIL initiatives with their school communities.



Through some creative scheduling and the creation of a “Fall 2” Season, the RIIL achieved its goal of giving student-athletes the opportunity to compete in every sport during the 2020-21 school year despite the pandemic. Football, Girls Volleyball and Game Day Cheerleading competed in that “Fall 2” Season, held between the winter and spring sports seasons, while wrestling was moved from its typical winter season to the spring. Because of social distancing concerns, the Game Day Championships were held outdoors for the first time at Cranston Stadium. Also for the first time in RIIL history, some schools elected to hold wrestling matches outdoors, creating some rather unique memories for the student-athletes.





# 2020-21 Awards & Recognition

## RIIL Educator Spotlight, presented by BankRI

As part of a new “Educator Spotlight,” presented by RIIL partner BankRI, the achievements of dedicated individuals in the community who are both coaches and educators were recognized during the months of March, April, May and June.

### EDUCATOR SPOTLIGHT

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#### ALEX BUTLER

**EAST PROVIDENCE H.S.**

#### TEACHING:

Phys ed teacher at the elementary, m.s. & h.s. level for 18 years before becoming EPHS Dean of Students three years ago.

#### COACHING:

A 3-time Division I Coach of the Year both in Girls Volleyball & Boys Basketball, the 19-year veteran has guided the Townies to multiple Championship appearances.

“ I get the greatest satisfaction when I hear from former students who have gone on to be successful in their field. They always say that they remember a conversation we had that may not have been pleasant but was real and honest. ”

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#### MEAGHAN MCGONAGLE

**CRANSTON H.S. EAST**

#### TEACHING:

A business teacher at Cranston East for the last 9 years, the 19-year veteran also taught for 4 years at Guilderland (N.Y.) H.S. and for 6 years at Cranston Area Career and Tech Center.

#### COACHING:

Cranston East girls volleyball coach since 2013 and the boys volleyball coach since 2017. Led girls to the 2016 & '17 DII State title and the boys to the DII State title; 4X RIVCA Girls Coach of the Year & 2018 RIIL Female Coach of the Year

“ Sports have provided me with opportunities of a lifetime! It is my goal as a coach to provide these same opportunities. I wish every player to leave Cranston East Volleyball with memories of fierce competitions leading to heart wrenching losses and spirit lifting wins, lessons of determination and the opportunity to have built lifelong friendships. ”

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#### LISA O'BRIEN

MIDDLETOWN H.S.

##### TEACHING:

22 years as English Teacher and High School Newspaper Advisor

##### COACHING:

18 years as Middletown HS golf coach, coaching 1 state champion and numerous state qualifiers. Also 4 years as softball coach.

What do you enjoy most about coaching?

“ Building relationships with students that last a lifetime.  
Encouraging student athletes to be all they can be.  
Being active. ”

### EDUCATOR SPOTLIGHT

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#### FRAN DEMPSEY

NORTH KINGSTOWN H.S.

##### TEACHING:

Math teacher at North Kingstown High School for 10 years.

##### COACHING:

Member of the North Kingstown High School football coaching staff for nine years, serving as an assistant coach from 2012-2019 and becoming head coach for the 2020-21 season. Helped guide the Skippers to the 2017 Division II Championship & the 2018 & 2019 Division I Super Bowl titles.

“ Football and athletics has opened up so many doors for me throughout my life. I love working with student-athletes and teaching them the game that has helped shape the person that I am today. ”



# 2020-21 Awards & Recognition

## Congratulations!



**Mariah Ramos**  
*Tiverton High School*



### Student-Athlete of the Year Award

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### 2020-21 Award Winners



**Kenny Rix**  
*Pilgrim High School*



### Student-Athlete of the Year Award

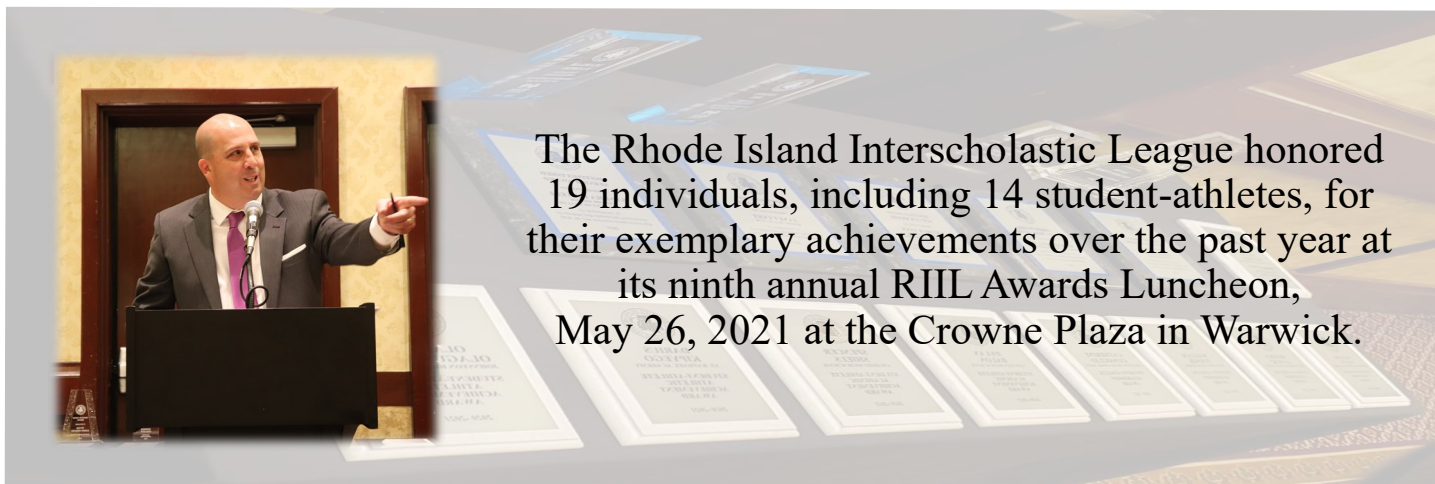
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<b>Bay View</b>	n/a	Allison Medeiros	<b>Mt. St. Charles</b>	CeeJay Laquerre	Allison Melnychuk
<b>Bishop Hendricken</b>	Evan Reynolds	n/a	<b>Narragansett</b>	Brody Williams	Leah Hart
<b>Blackstone Valley Prep</b>	Xavier Mendez	Lucy Noris	<b>North Kingstown</b>	Tanner Wadovick	Olivia Joly
<b>Block Island</b>	Cole McGinnes	Savannah Brown	<b>North Providence</b>	Jeremy Gervais	Emma Buttimer
<b>Burrillville</b>	Jack Bergin	Molly Brown	<b>North Smithfield</b>	Aidan Beauchemin	Thao Nguyen
<b>Central</b>	Cesar Meletz	Mashiya Mangum	<b>Paul Cuffee</b>	Felix Diclo	Jailyn Rodriguez
<b>Central Falls</b>	Angel Castano	Savanna Martinez	<b>Pilgrim</b>	Kenny Rix	Ella Centracchio
<b>Chariho</b>	Nathan Berry	Spencer Shiels	<b>Ponaganset</b>	Michael Joyce	Courtney Carlson
<b>Classical</b>	Samuel Baddoo	Jasmine DePina	<b>Portsmouth</b>	Sam Bielawa	Meghan Lehane
<b>Coventry</b>	William Turner	Jianna Truppi	<b>Prout</b>	Drew Brouillette	Helene Cummings
<b>Cranston East</b>	Benjamin Harding	Chloe Kitterick	<b>PCD</b>	Jacob Rivet	Rose DiSandro
<b>Cranston West</b>	Vincent Turchetta	Catherine Consiglio	<b>Rocky Hill</b>	---	Jordan Lanowy
<b>Cumberland</b>	Brendan Johnson	Juliette Vemmer	<b>Rogers</b>	Michael Weaver	Julia D'Amore
<b>Davies</b>	Ericson Semeccles	Katrina Fernandes	<b>St. Raphael Academy</b>	Darius Kipyego	Amaya Dowdy
<b>East Greenwich</b>	Jack McMullen	Logan Shunney	<b>Scituate</b>	Ben DeAngelis	Rachel Oster
<b>East Providence</b>	Colin Capelo	Ashley Dias	<b>Shea</b>	Anthony Morgan	Allison Dos Santos Soares
<b>Exeter/West Greenwich</b>	Cian Purcell	Emily Jedson	<b>Smithfield</b>	Ethan Maione	Katherine Laboissonniere
<b>Hope</b>	Ruben Ogando	Faith Souza	<b>South Kingstown</b>	Jack Wentworth	Carley Fewlass
<b>Johnston</b>	Justin Salvatore	Olaitan Olagundoye	<b>Times2</b>	Efrain Valle	Adriana Ortiz
<b>Juanita Sanchez</b>	Mahari Nayte	Noelia Garcia	<b>Tiverton</b>	Carlinton Hall	Mariah Ramos
<b>La Salle</b>	John McLoughlin	Catherine Clements	<b>Toll Gate</b>	Liam Hart	Meghan Merrow
<b>Lincoln</b>	Dylan Balon	Elizabeth Hien	<b>Tolman</b>	Jeremy Clark	Hanatha Konte
<b>Lincoln School</b>	n/a	Isabel Echeverry	<b>Westerly</b>	Tanner Kelly	Jenna Burke
<b>Middletown</b>	Andrew Bolano	Katherine Dufour	<b>West Warwick</b>	Tyler Tavares	Meghan Janicki
<b>Moses Brown</b>	Quincy Kizekai	Maura O'Malley	<b>Wheeler</b>	Nate Fogarty	Kate Keenan
<b>Mt. Hope</b>	Ben DiChiappari	Katherine Barker	<b>Woonsocket</b>	Drew Paskanik	Peyton Cahill



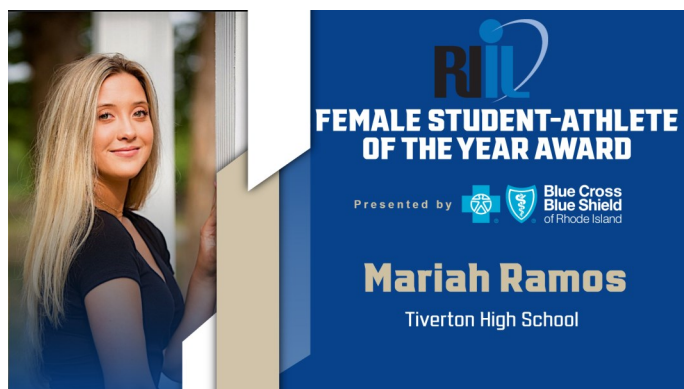
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Kenny Rix has served as the captain of three varsity sports teams at Pilgrim High School—basketball, baseball, and unified volleyball—and has also earned a varsity letter in soccer, in addition to earning his first-degree blackbelt. At Pilgrim, he set the school record for most three-pointers in a season in 2020 and has been named an MVP in multiple sports. Bound for Hamilton College this fall, his academic achievements include being a member of the National Honor Society and the Foreign Language Honor Society, as well as serving as Vice President of the Student Council. He also volunteers for Best Buddies, Save the Bay, the Rhode Island Food Bank, and other community organizations.



During her senior year, Mariah Ramos served as captain of both the varsity soccer and varsity basketball teams at Tiverton High School and also played on the Tigers' varsity lacrosse team. As a junior, she was an all-state MVP in soccer and finished her high school career with 100 goals. An outstanding student, as well, Mariah is a member of the National Honor Society, serves as Student Council secretary and is a recipient of the University of Rhode Island Book Award. She gives back to her community in many ways, by coaching a youth basketball team, serving as a volunteer referee, and helping out with Special Olympics.



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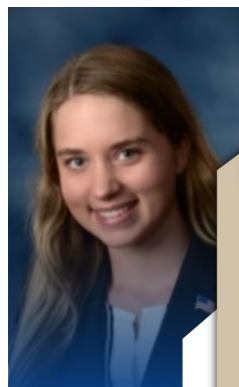
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CITIZENSHIP AWARD**

**Mahari Nayte**

Juanita Sanchez High School



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CITIZENSHIP AWARD**

**Meghan Janicki**

West Warwick High School



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**William Turner**

Coventry High School



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**Catherine Consiglio**

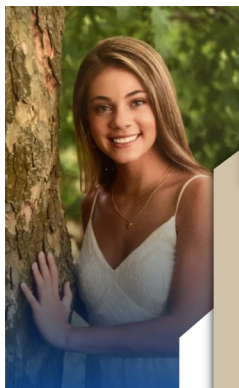
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**Dylan Balon**

Lincoln High School



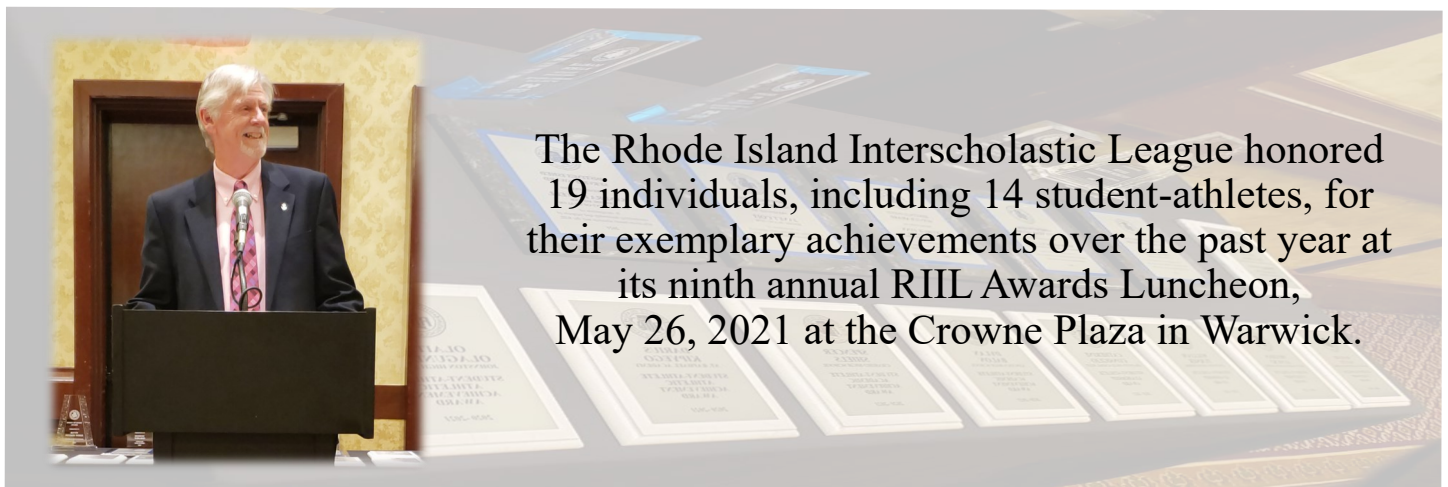
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**Spencer Shields**

Chariho High School



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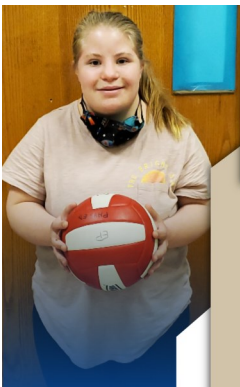
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**STUDENT-ATHLETE  
ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENT  
AWARD**

**Darius Kipyego**  
St. Raphael Academy



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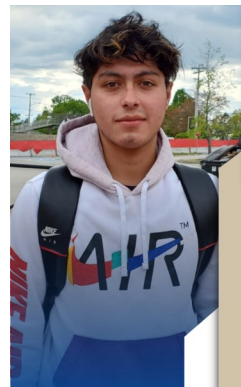
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Johnston Senior High School



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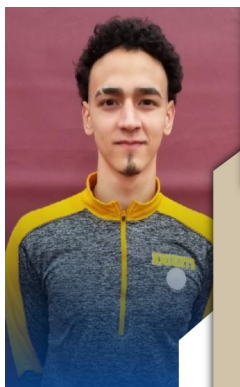
**Alicia Pacheco**  
Athlete  
East Providence High School



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**Dylan Figueroa**  
Partner  
East Providence High School



**RIIL**  
**SPIRIT OF SPORT  
AWARD**

**Kevin Negron Perez**  
Central High School



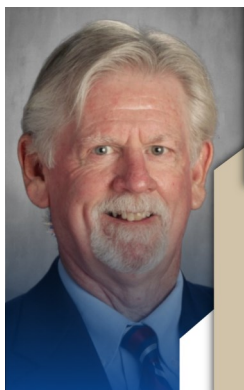
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**Dominic Wiharso**  
Scituate High School



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**ATHLETIC DIRECTOR  
OF THE YEAR**

**Ted Quigley**  
La Salle Academy



**RIIL**  
**ADMINISTRATOR  
OF THE YEAR**

**Michael Sollitto**  
Burrillville Superintendent



**RIIL**  
**DISTINGUISHED  
SERVICE AWARD**

**George Finn**  
Barrington H.S. Athletic Director  
RIIL Sports Medicine Advisory  
Committee Chairperson



**RIIL**  
**DISTINGUISHED  
SERVICE AWARD**

**Janet Coit**  
Director  
Rhode Island Department  
of Environmental Management



**RIIL**  
**DISTINGUISHED  
SERVICE AWARD**

**Sandra Powell**  
Associate Director of Health  
RI Department of Health



# RIIL Mission

**Who we are:** The Rhode Island Interscholastic League was established in 1899. It is a voluntary, private, incorporated, non-profit organization of principals who pledge their high schools and participants to follow the Rules and Regulations of the League. There are 73 public, private, parochial, alternative education and charter high schools that make up the membership. The RIIL sponsors championships in 31 sports and activities. More than 35,000 young men and women compete annually in thousands of competitions. The purpose of the Rhode Island Interscholastic League is to supervise and administer the athletic programs, contests, schedules and matters related to participating schools in the state of Rhode Island.

**Core Beliefs and Values:** Athletics is an integral part of education in our schools • Interscholastic athletics is a privilege that enhances the education of students • Leadership, responsibility, sportsmanship and scholarship are essential parts of athletics • Athletics is an enjoyable experience which fosters valuable life lessons • All member schools have the opportunity to be represented and are accountable to the standards of the RIIL • Fostering a professional relationship among its colleagues is a responsibility of the RIIL.

**Vision:** The RIIL is an organization with high standards for its member schools, student athletes, and constituencies. Through professional collegiality the League advocates and promotes the value of interscholastic athletics. The League provides athletic experiences that enable student athletes to reach their highest level of academic and athletic potential and prepares them to become responsible citizens.

**Mission:** The mission of the Rhode Island Interscholastic League is to provide its member schools governance, leadership and support for interscholastic athletics which gives student athletes opportunities to compete in an environment that stresses education, sportsmanship, integrity and safety.



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