



Annual Report

2019-20

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.



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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

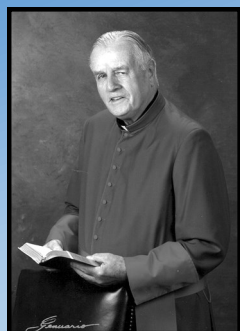
March 1932: The Interscholastic League was formally organized as it is today. It was organized to meet the expressed needs of high schools for a functional sports program that would be governed by a committee of principals.

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

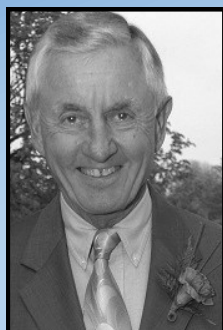
Today: Now in its 119th year of existence, the R.I. Interscholastic League is governed by the Principals' Committee on Athletics, and its 72 member schools.



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

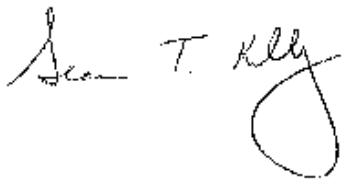
As Chairman of the Principals' Committee on Athletics (PCOA), I am proud to serve along with Vice-Chair Mr. Daniel Warner and the other members of the committee representing the member schools of the Rhode Island Interscholastic League (RIIL).. The PCOA is the governing body of the RIIL and we are committed 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 six months have been a challenge beyond imagination. The effects of Covid-19 have seen schools shift to distance learning, modified graduations, the cancellation of athletic season, and a myriad of other issues for schools, faculties, students, families, and communities to navigate. With the unknowns moving into our reopening of schools and the beginning of our RIIL season, this school year will be no different. I am hopeful that our student athletes will be back on the field of completion soon, and I am more than confident the RIIL will be there to provide these opportunities for our over 36,00 student athletes, when we are able to do so.

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, whenever our competitions return.. 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 I enter my first year in a new role, I want to first acknowledge and recognize Thomas A. Mezzanotte and his legendary contributions as Executive Director of the RIIL for the past 16 years. After 5 decades of distinguished service as an administrator, principal, teacher and coach, Mr. Mezzanotte has earned a much deserved healthy and happy retirement from education.

Throughout my years of serving the member schools of the RIIL, I am continually amazed and appreciative of the dedication and passion exhibited by the hundreds of administrators, athletic directors, coaches and officials who are responsible for contributing to the success of our student-athletes and our athletic programs. Never has this been more evident as we continue to navigate the effects of the Covid-19 worldwide pandemic.

Over the past 6 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!

As we approach what is shaping up to be one of the most challenging years in the history of the RIIL, my wish for all of us is to keep the best interests of the student athletes we are so fortunate to serve in the forefront of our hearts and minds. Never doubt for a moment that you make a difference in the lives of your students. Something we say and something we do this year will have a major impact on the life of a student. Let us all strive to make it a positive impact and to enjoy the journey along the way. Have a great school year and thank you for what you do. We will get through this together!

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 West High School

Neeltje Henneman
Principal, Wheeler School

Scott D. Barr
Principal, Classical High School

Donald J. Kavanagh
Principal, La Salle Academy

Matthew Buchanan, *Principal*
Principal, Hope High School

Michaela Keegan, Ed.D.
Principal, Blackstone Valley Mayoral Prep

Christopher Cobain
Athletic Director, East Greenwich High School/ RIAAA

Gail Ponte
Principal, Middletown High School

Christopher Coleman
Principal, Mt. Pleasant High School

Michael Sollitto, Ed.D.
Superintendent, Burrillville Schools / RISSA

Robert DiMuccio
Assistant Principal, Central High School

Shani Wallace
Principal, East Providence High School

Colleen Gribbin
Principal, St. Mary-Bay View

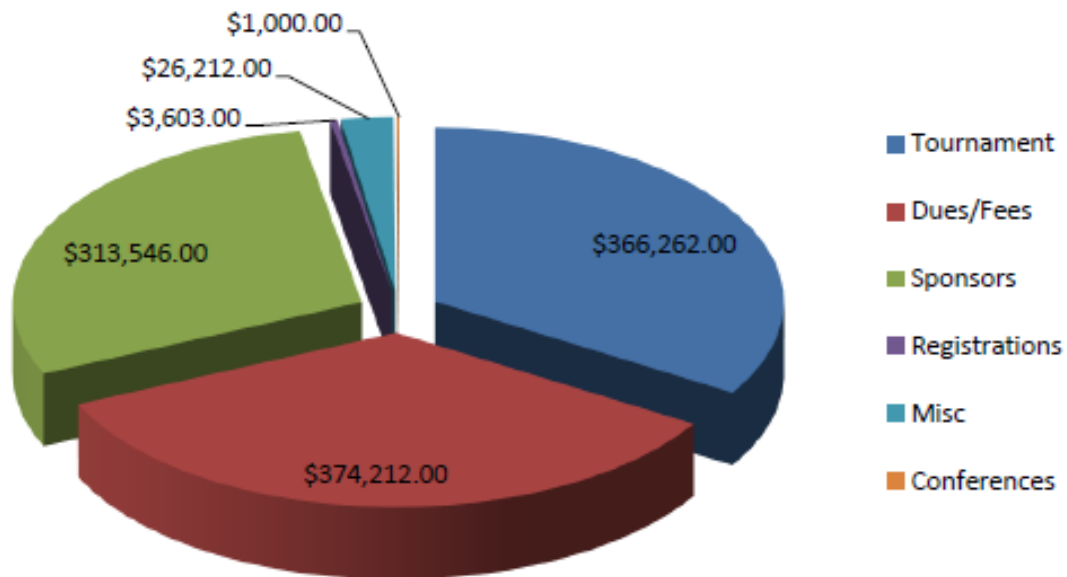
Daniel F. Warner
Principal, Narragansett High School

Gerald Habershaw
Principal, Pilgrim High School

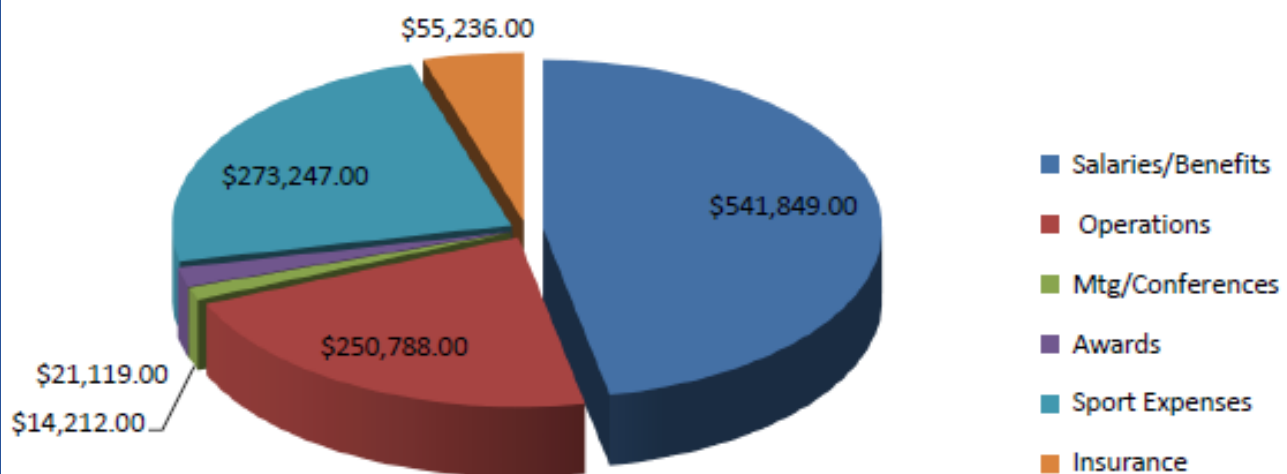
Michael Whaley, Ed.D.
Principal, Burrillville High School

Financial Report

Revenue 2019-2020



Expenses 2019-2020



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 administrators.

♦ **Official Pay Program**

Through the Arbiter Ref Pay Program, the RIIL will streamline, improve and assist 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 30 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, as well as online statistics in the sports of football, hockey, baseball, soccer and basketball. 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 5 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. Twelve schools are now using a new automated sport production product—Pixellot. This new hardware/software solution is for schools that have limited broadcasting resources (people, equipment, time), enabling them to automate production of live events.



Overview of 2019-20 School Year



RIIL “DRIVER 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



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. During year 7, OCC delivered 42 programs reaching more than 5,000 student-athletes, youth, teens, college and university students and adult influencers. The free programs were delivered by OCC educational partner, the Taylor Hooton Foundation. When schools were closed in March because of COVID-19, forcing the cancellation of in-person presentations, we began delivering the OCC message virtually through free web conferences entitled “OCC Webinar Wednesdays.” In the process, we discovered a new way to reach a broader audience and will continue to offer virtual programming even after the health crisis has passed.



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, will include 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 2019-20 school year, we held our preseason coaches’ rules interpretation meetings, reviewing current sport rules and providing presentations on concussions, heat acclimatization, orthopedic injuries and the benefits of playing multiple 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 and received SHOWCASE movie passes. Winning storylines ranged from teamwork, support, unity, fundraising and awareness efforts for charities and many more.

STUDENT ADVISORY BOARD

The RIIL Student Advisory Board met throughout the year to discuss interscholastic initiatives. In the fall of 2019, the students helped coordinate a leadership training workshop for RIIL student-athletes at the Ryan Center, which enjoyed its largest turnout ever, and represented R.I. at both the N.E. Student Leadership Conference at Worcester State University. Unfortunately, the Student Advisory Board's 6th annual Peanut Butter Express Challenge, a statewide collection effort for the R.I. Community Food Bank, was suspended because of the COVID-19 health crisis.

2019-20 SAB members: Peyton Cahill (Woonsocket HS), Joseph Confessore (North Kingstown HS), Lizzie Hayes (Rocky Hill Country Day), David Iannuccilli (Johnston HS), Emily Kennedy (Lincoln HS), Jill Lunney (Portsmouth HS), Paige Messier (East Providence HS), Grace Pelletier (Bay View Academy), Sierra Ricci (Coventry HS), Jack Schold (South Kingstown HS) and Bryn Shunney (East Greenwich HS).

Signs 10-Year Partnership with TPG: The RIIL signed a new 10-year partnership with Teall Properties Group (TPG), a multimedia and marketing management company for high schools, as the exclusive agent for strategic business partnerships, athletic sponsorships and multimedia rights. Under the partnership, TPG works with the RIIL to develop business relationships to benefit the league, and in turn its member schools.



CREDIT UNIONS SPIRIT CHALLENGE CONNECTED RHODE ISLANDERS DURING HEALTH CRISIS WITH FRIENDLY VIRTUAL COMPETITION

With everyone sheltered at home and all athletic competition, including high school sports, suspended across the country during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Credit Unions Spirit Challenge gave students, fans, alumni and community members across Rhode Island the chance to stay connected and demonstrate their school spirit in a friendly virtual competition.



Presented by the RIIL and the Credit Unions of Rhode Island, the social media event featured the RIIL's member high schools engaged in online head-to-head matchups. Hosted on the RIIL Twitter account (@RIIL_sports), the matchups were conducted via Twitter polls that were also promoted on the RIIL's Instagram and Facebook pages, as well as the RIIL website. Competi-

tion kicked off on May 18 and continued over the next three weeks with North Providence High School (North Region), Davies Career & Technical High School (Central Region), Chariho Regional High School (South Region) and St. Mary Academy – Bay View (East Region) qualifying for the "Final Four." North Providence and Chariho then advanced to the final, where the Cougars of North Providence High School were ultimately crowned the 2020 Credit Unions Spirit Challenge Champion, garnering 55.8 percent of the votes in its title matchup against the Chariho Chargers.

The RIIL's member schools embraced the good-natured competition and the chance to unite in spirit during this challenging time, with principals, athletic directors and other boosters rallying support for their schools in creative ways on social media. The Rhode Island community responded to the call with more than 44,000 votes recorded over the course of the competition.

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RIIL Executive Director Thomas Mezzanotte concludes nearly 50-year career in education, athletics and administration:

Following a 30-year career within the Providence School System, where he served as a teacher, assistant principal (Mt. Pleasant H.S.), principal (Bridgham M.S. and Classical H.S.) and Executive Director of Student Support Services, Mr. Mezzanotte became the second full-time Executive Director in the 85-year history of the Rhode Island Interscholastic League in August of 2004. During his 16 years as Executive Director, he served on the National Federation of State High School Associations Board of Directors from 2011 to 2015, serving as President of the Board in 2014 and coordinating and hosting the 2017 NFHS National Summer Conference in Providence, R.I.



Selected to receive a 2020 National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Citation, Mr. Mezzanotte's many accomplishments at the Interscholastic League include the following:

- Promoted an extensive education-based athletics program and expanded the opportunities for all high school athletes.
- Revamped the mandatory certification requirements for coaches. Initiated a student leadership program for student-athletes.
- Implemented a Unified Sports program for students with intellectual disabilities that has expanded to include more than 100 high school teams competing in unified basketball and unified volleyball.
- Helped develop the R.I. Concussion Law and helped create materials and guidelines for schools in accordance with the new R.I. Concussion Law.
- Promoted rules limiting contact during the regular season in collision sports.
- Advocated and implemented a boys and girls state tournament basketball program
- Worked with the Principals' Committee on Athletics to sign an agreement with the NFHS Network.
- Initiated a Student Advisory Program
- Implemented an online program to register and pay all officials.



Lunney chosen as Mezzanotte's successor: On Feb. 26, 2020, the Principals' Committee on Athletics unanimously voted to appoint Michael P. Lunney to the position of Executive Director upon Thomas Mezzanotte's retirement at the end of the 2019-20 school year. Lunney had served as the RIIL's Assistant Executive Director since 2011. Prior to that, he served for 16 years as the Director of Athletics and Student Activities at Portsmouth High School, where he also served two stints as the Patriots boys basketball coach, from 1995 to 1998 and from 2006 to 2011. Rhode Island's first athletic administrator to serve on the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association Board of Directors, Lunney was the recipient of the 2016 NIAAA Distinguished Service Award. That same year, he was presented with the Men Who Make a Difference Award by the Women's Resource Center of Newport.

While an athletic director, Lunney served stints as RIIL Sport Director for golf and baseball and sat on numerous other RIIL committees. He has served on the Officials Advisory Committee and Coaches Education Committee for the National Federation of State High School Associations and has also served as president of the Council of New England Secondary School Principals' Association.

A member of the Bristol High School Athletic Hall of Fame, the 52-year-old Lunney was a three-sport athlete at the former Bristol High School in the mid-1980s, earning All-League honors in football, basketball and baseball. He went on to be a four-year varsity letterman for the University of New Hampshire men's basketball team.

Months after graduating from UNH, Lunney became assistant men's basketball coach at Roger Williams University and then in 1992 became the youngest head men's basketball coach in the NCAA.

While coaching at Portsmouth, he was named the R.I. Basketball Coaches Association Coach of the Year three times, guiding the Patriots to two R.I. State Championships (the Class B title in 1996 and the Division II title in 2010), three league championships (1997, 2006 and 2010) and two Providence Journal Dick Reynolds Sportsmanship Awards (1996 and 2009).

Awards and Conferences

RUIL Spirit of Sport: Benjamin Teves, Mt. Hope High School

A multi-sport athlete and Mt. Hope's 2019 Homecoming King, Ben has "a heart of gold and would do anything for his teammates, coaches and classmates," said Mt. Hope athletic director Christy Belisle.



"Ben is at every practice eager to get his time on the (wrestling) mat," Belisle continued. "He is the son of a decorated athlete and wrestling coach, the proud brother of a decorated wrestler and one of five siblings. Wrestling you could say is a family tradition. Ben (graduated in 2020) from Mt. Hope being one of the only young men who can say he had an undefeated wrestling career. He will also have the distinction of making it into the 100-win club. Each match Mt. Hope enters starts with JV matches and then a very special exhibition, "Ben's Match." Ben also has Down Syndrome, but it does not slow him down. Instead it enhances his spirit!"

"Ben keeps his bond once he has made one and is a very caring kid," said special education teacher and coach Sue Carlson. "He has a good heart and thinks of others, sometimes even before himself. Always sharing and always caring. Ben is the model for a Unified School; he is seamless in every way. Ben always gives you the best of who he is and what he brings to the table. He is loyal and trusting, a very good friend to all."

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Marcello appointed new RUIL Assistant Executive Director: Thomas H. Marcello was chosen to succeed Mike Lunney as RUIL Assistant Executive Director in a unanimous vote by the Principals' Committee on Athletics on July 21, 2020. Marcello has worked for the last 18 years as an educator, athletic director and coach at Ponaganset in the Foster-Glocester Regional School District. Under his leadership as athletic director since 2007, Ponaganset's athletic program has expanded to include 26 boys and girls sports teams at the high school, as well as 12 teams at the middle school. He facilitated the addition of a full-time athletic trainer and strength & conditioning coach, managed the construction of a 7,000-square-foot weight room at the high school, advanced other facilities improvements and established the Ponaganset Athletic Hall of Fame. The business and mathematics teacher also served as the head coach of the Chieftains' varsity football team for eight years, winning the 2007 and 2009 Division III Super Bowls, and as the outdoor track & field head coach for 14 years.

A past president of the R.I. Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association, Marcello has served the R.I. Interscholastic League in various capacities, including RUIL/RIIAAA Re-alignment Committee Director and sport director or co-director of outdoor track & field, football and cross country.



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RIIL STUDENT-ATHLETE OF THE YEAR WINNERS Presented by: **SHOWCASE**

Frederick Mallay, Mt. Pleasant High School: First selected as the RIIL Male Student-Athlete of the Month for October, Frederick graduated with honors from Mt. Pleasant High School in June, where he competed in football and track for the Kilties and established himself among the best in the state in both. Leading the state in rushing yards, touchdowns and yards per carry last fall, he led Mt. Pleasant to an appearance in the 2019 Division II Super Bowl. Several months later, Frederick helped the track team to a third-place team finish at the 2020 RIIL Indoor State Championships, running a leg of the Kilties' winning 4x200-meter dash, placing third in the 300-meter dash and sixth in the 55-meter dash. In addition, he was a member of the Mt. Pleasant chorus for three years, as well as a member of the math team and was involved in student government. Frederick will continue his academic and athletic career at the University of Rhode Island, where he has received a full football scholarship.



Ana Vygoder, Lincoln High School: Selected as the RIIL Female Student-Athlete of the Month for March, Anna Vygoder competed for the girls volleyball, girls swim and boys tennis teams at Lincoln High School. Last fall she earned All-Division honors in her first year playing for the volleyball team, then helped the swim team win the Division II Championship as a member of the Lions' fourth-place 200 medley relay team and second-place 200 freestyle relay team. The team captain also helped Lincoln to a fourth-place finish at the State Swim Meet. Before the cancellation of the spring sports season, she was set to be a big contributor on the boys tennis team at No. 1 doubles, compiling a career doubles record of 24-3. A member of the National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society and Business Honor Society, while also interning with the Lincoln Police Department, Ana will attend Rhode Island College, where she plans to compete for both the swim team and tennis team and will double major in criminal justice and psychology.

STUDENT/TEAM RECOGNITION

We continued with the RIIL "Student Athlete of the Month" and "Team of the Week" recognition programs, which highlighted the outstanding accomplishments of individual athletes and teams. In addition, we honored accomplished student-athletes with the "RI Spirit of Sport" and "RI Heart of the Arts" awards. All of these achievements were publicized in the media, on social media and on the RIIL website throughout the school year. The overall 2019-20 Male and Female Student Athletes of the Year were selected and each received a \$1,000 scholarship.

Student Athletes of the Month: *September:* Nathan Silveira, Mt. Hope HS, and Berenice Saucedo, West Warwick HS; *October:* Frederick Mallay, Mt. Pleasant HS, and Brianna Andrade, Shea HS; *November:* Rocco Cillino, Westerly HS, and Marianna May, Rogers HS; *December:* Kyle Moison, Lincoln HS, and Cheyenne Figueroa, Classical HS; *January:* Cameron Erickson, North Providence HS, and Charlotte Simmons, North Kingstown HS; *February:* Theodore Simmons, North Kingstown HS, and Alaynah Rubio, Davies Career & Technical HS; *March:* Mason Clarke, Coventry HS, and Ana Vygoder, Lincoln HS.

RIIL Student Advisory Board – Senior Members: David Iannuccilli, Johnston HS; Emily Kennedy, Lincoln HS; Jill Lunney, Portsmouth HS; Paige Messier, East Providence HS; Grace Pelletier, St. Mary Academy-Bay View; Jacques Schold, South Kingstown HS; Bryn Shunney, East Greenwich HS; and Sierra Ricci, Coventry HS.

Awards and Conferences

Section I/RIIL and NFHS National High School Heart of the Arts Award Winner Cailin Martin, Rogers High School

From the time she was in fifth grade at Thompson Middle School in Newport, Rhode Island, Cailin Martin's artistic talents stood out among her peers, as did her willingness to go the extra mile. After showcasing knowledge far beyond her years during class, she was often seen eagerly cleaning up students' messes regardless of who made them.

Now a senior at Rogers High School in Newport, Martin has used course offerings and independent studies to develop her expertise in a variety of creative disciplines and has evolved her service mindset to address the needs of both her school and community.

In addition to the murals and props she has painted for each of the last three yearly musicals at Rogers, Martin adorned one of the school's hallways this past summer for her senior project. That mural, which takes up more than eight feet of wall space, bears the words of civil rights activist Dolores Huerta – "Walk the street with us into history. Get off the sidewalk" – and serves to inspire those walking by.

During the same summer, Martin dedicated even more of her free time to be a digital art tutor for a seventh-grade girl in the area. Both girls enjoyed the interaction so much that they have continued their working relationship into the fall, obliging Martin to simultaneously balance a class schedule loaded with Advanced Placement (AP) courses. To this point, the 2019 AP Scholar Award winner has handled that challenge with relative ease, as her grade-point average ranks third in the senior class.

Martin's most notable contribution came as a part of "Project Playhouse," an initiative formed by a management class at nearby Bryant University to provide custom-built playhouses for children with serious and life-threatening illnesses. Martin's role in the project was to depict a Transformers theme on one of the 9-foot by 9-foot by 9-foot structures, a task that required more than 21 hours of labor.

In addition to her work with Project Playhouse, Martin volunteered with the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Moving Wall in 2019 and the Norman Bird Sanctuary Harvest Festival in 2018 and 2019, and she has worked as a performer and set painter for the Rogers Theatre Company for the past five years.

Pieces of her artwork have also been included in community showcases, including the Irish History Exhibition at the Museum of Newport in 2017 and the Newport Yacht Club Art Show, where she received Best in Show First Runner-Up in 2019.

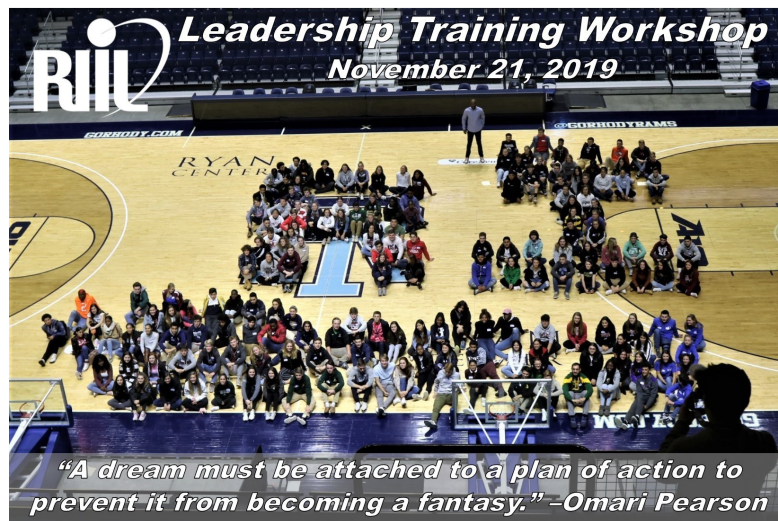


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RIIL LEADERSHIP TRAINING WORKSHOP

Student-athletes learn “Dreams Rule Everything Around Me” at RIIL Leadership Training Workshop

In one of the largest turnouts for a RIIL leadership conference, nearly 200 student-athletes representing 33 high schools from around the state participated in the workshop, which was offered free of charge by the RIIL to its members schools, November 21, 2019 at the Ryan Center. The conference featured former professional basketball player and Passion to Purpose founder Omari Pearson, who helps teens start formulating a plan for themselves through his life skills and mentoring program. Through group discussions and interactive activities, Omari also helped the participants gain a better understanding of how they can better lead and positively impact their sports teams. Members of the RIIL Student Advisory Board assisted with the workshop, registering participants and conducting icebreaker activities.



NFHS NATIONAL STUDENT LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, the National Federation of State High School Associations held its first virtual National Student Leadership Summit (NSLS), July 20-22. Through web conferencing, approximately 80 RIIL students representing more than two dozen high schools participated, receiving instruction from a panel of content experts and two featured speakers on ways to improve their leadership skills and to realize the privilege and power of their influence in their school, community and state.



July 20-22, 2020

RIIL 2019-20 Fall Championships

FOOTBALL

Division Champions

Division IA – Bishop Hendricken High School

Division IB – Portsmouth High School and Cranston High School West (Co-champions)

Division IIA – East Greenwich High School

Division IIB – Burrillville High School

Division III – Pilgrim High School

Division IV – North Smithfield/Mt. St. Charles Co-op

Superbowl Champions

State Champions – Bishop Hendricken High School

Runner up: Portsmouth High School

Division I – North Kingstown High School

Runner up: Cranston High School West

Division II – Woonsocket High School

Runner up: Mt. Pleasant High School

Division III – Pilgrim High School

Runner up: Tolman High School

Division IV – North Smithfield/Mt. St. Charles Co-op

Runner up: Tiverton High School



FIELD HOCKEY

Division Champions

Division I – North Kingstown High School

Division II – Lincoln School and Wheeler School (Co-Champions)

Division III – Tiverton High School

State Champions

State Champions – East Greenwich High School

Runner up – North Kingstown High School

Division II – Lincoln School

Runner up – Wheeler School

Division II – Pilgrim High School

Runner up – Tiverton High School



BOYS' SOCCER

Division Champions

Division I – North Kingstown High School

Division II – Cranston High School East

Division III – St. Raphael Academy

State Champions

State Champions – La Salle Academy

Runner up – Tolman High School

Division II – Lincoln High School

Runner up – North Smithfield High School

Division III – St. Raphael Academy

Runner up – Toll Gate High School



GIRLS' SOCCER

Division Champions

Division I – North Kingstown High School

Division II – Pilgrim High School

Division III – Tiverton High School

Girls' Soccer State Champions

Division I – South Kingstown High School

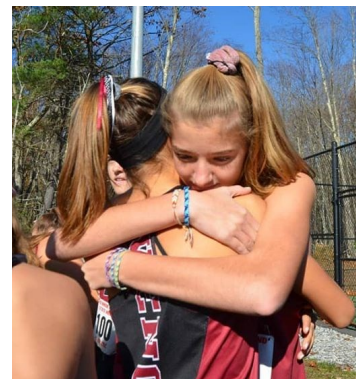
Runner up – Cumberland High School

Division II – Moses Brown School

Runner up – Chariho High School

Division III – Tiverton High School

Runner up – Cranston High School East



GIRLS' TENNIS

Division Champions

Division I – La Salle Academy

Division II – Middletown H.S. and Mt. Hope High School (Co-champions)

Division III – Rogers High School

State Champions

State Champions – La Salle Academy

Runner up – Barrington High School

Division II – Mt. Hope High School

Runner up – Ponaganset High School

Division III – North Providence High School

Runner up – Rogers High School

Individuals:

Winner: Maddie Omicioli, East Greenwich High School

Runner up: Candice Ballarin, Moses Brown School

Doubles:

Winners: Lauren Jay and Sonya Pareek of Barrington High School

Runners up: Blaisdel Frampton and Anya Chowdhry, La Salle Academy



RIIL 2019-20 Fall Championships

GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL

Division Champions

Division IA – La Salle Academy

Division IB – North Kingstown High School

Division IIA – West Warwick High School

Division IIB – Burrillville High School

Division IIIA – Block Island School

Division IIIB – Central High School

State Champions

Div I State Champions – North Kingstown High School

Runner up – La Salle Academy

Division II – East Greenwich High School

Runner up – West Warwick High School

Division III – St. Raphael Academy

Runner up – Block Island School

UNIFIED VOLLEYBALL

Division I – North Kingstown High School

Runner up – Bishop Hendricken High School

Division II – Mt. Pleasant High School

Runner up – Cranston High School West

Division III – Portsmouth High School

Runner up – Cumberland High School

Division IV – Coventry High School

Runner up – Toll Gate High School

Division V – Chariho High School

Runner up – Middletown High School

Division VI – Pilgrim High School

Runner up – East Providence High School



CROSS COUNTRY

Team Division Champions

Northern

Metro

Southern

Suburban

BOYS

Cumberland High School

La Salle Academy

North Kingstown High School

Bishop Hendricken High School

GIRLS

Cumberland High School

Barrington High School

South Kingstown High School

East Greenwich High School

Class Champions

Class A

Class B

Class C

La Salle Academy

Classical High School

St. Raphael Academy

La Salle Academy

East Greenwich High School

Burrillville High School

State Champions

State Champions

Runner up

La Salle Academy

Bishop Hendricken High School

East Greenwich High School

Barrington High School

State Individual Champion

Individual Champion –

Runner up –

Luke Henseler, Bishop Hendricken

Jack McLoughlin, La Salle Academy

Kaylie Armitage, La Salle Academy

Caroline Livingston, Barrington HS



RIIL 2019-20 Winter Championships

BOYS BASKETBALL

Division Champions

Division IA – Bishop Hendricken High School

division IB – Mt. Pleasant High School

Division IC – North Kingstown High School

Division II – Portsmouth High School

Division III – Lincoln and Johnston High School – *Co-Champs*

Divisional Final Championship

Division I **Bishop Hendricken High School**

Runner up: North Kingstown High School

Division II **Portsmouth High School**

Runner up: Barrington High School

Division III **Lincoln High School**

Runner up: Johnston High School

State Champions

Division I – Bishop Hendricken (recognized as State Champions)

Division II – Portsmouth High School

Division III – Lincoln High School

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Division Champions

Division IA – La Salle Academy

Division IB – South Kingstown High School

Division IC – St. Raphael Academy

Division II – Scituate High School

Division III – Burrillville H.S. & North Smithfield H.S. – *Co-Champs*

Divisional Final Championship

Division I South Kingstown High School

Runner up: La Salle Academy

Division II Winner: Scituate High School

Runner up: Classical High School

Division III Winner: Mt. Pleasant High School

Runner up: Woonsocket High School

State Champions

Division I – South Kingstown High School (recognized as State Champions)

Division II – Scituate High School

Division III – Mount Pleasant High School

FRESHMAN BOYS BASKETBALL

Division North-Central – Tolman High School and Lincoln High School – *Co-Champions*

Division South-East – Bishop Hendricken High School

State Champion

Boys: Winner: Bishop Hendricken High School

Runner up: Portsmouth High School

BOYS HOCKEY

DIVISION CHAMPIONS

Division I – La Salle Academy

Division II – Cumberland High School

Division III – Pilgrim High School

STATE CHAMPIONS

Division I – La Salle and Mt. St. Charles Academy – *State Co-Champions*

Division II – East Greenwich and South Kingstown High School – *Co-Champions*

Division III – West Warwick/EWG Co-op

Runner up: Pilgrim High School

GIRLS' HOCKEY

DIVISION I – La Salle Academy

DIVISION I CHAMPIONSHIPS -

Winner: La Salle Academy

Runner up: East Bay Co-op

WRESTLING

DIVISION

Division I A – Bishop Hendricken High School

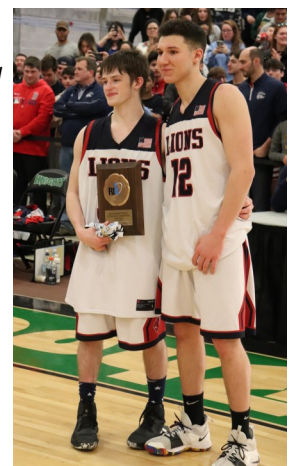
Division I B – North Providence High School

Division II A – Barrington High School

Division II B – Toll Gate High School

STATE CHAMPIONS

Winner: Cumberland High School



RIIL 2019-20 Winter Championships

GYMNASTICS

Division I – La Salle Academy

Division II – Cranston High School West

STATE CHAMPIONS

Division I

Winner: La Salle Academy

Runner up: Coventry High School

Division II

Winner: Cranston High School West

Runner up: Warwick Co-op

Individuals:

Winner: Alexis Beaumier, La Salle Academy

Runner-up: Shaye Robinson, Barrington High School

BOYS AND GIRLS' SWIM

DIVISION CHAMPIONS

Rossi – Boys – Bishop Hendricken High School

Stoyko – Boys – Portsmouth High School

Brother Antony – Boys – Classical High School

Rossi – Girls – Barrington High School

Stoyko – Girls – Lincoln School

Brother Antony – Girls – Classical High School

DIVISION MEET CHAMPIONS

Division I – **Boys** – Bishop Hendricken High School

Runner up: Cumberland High School

Division II – **Boys** – Cranston High School East

Runner up: North Providence High School

Division III – **Boys** – Middletown High School

Runner up: Tolman/Shea Co-op

Division I – **Girls** – La Salle Academy

Runner up: North Kingstown High School

Division II – **Girls** – Lincoln High School

Runner up: Classical High School

Division III – **Girls** – North Providence High School

Runner up: Cranston High School East

STATE CHAMPIONS

BOYS:

Winner: Bishop Hendricken High School

Runner up: Barrington High School

GIRLS:

Winner: Barrington High School

Runner up: La Salle Academy

Runner up: Coventry High School



BOYS INDOOR TRACK

DIVISION CHAMPIONS

Northern – Cumberland High School

Southern – North Kingstown High School

Metropolitan – La Salle Academy

Suburban – Bishop Hendricken High School

CLASS CHAMPIONS

Class A – Bishop Hendricken High School

Class B – Classical High School

Class C – St. Raphael Academy

STATE CHAMPION

Winner: Bishop Hendricken High School

Runner up: La Salle Academy



GIRLS' INDOOR TRACK

DIVISION CHAMPIONS

Division I Headley – La Salle Academy

Division I Bayha – Barrington High School

Division II Sullivan – Coventry High School

Division II Dwyer – Cranston High School East

CLASS CHAMPIONS

Small – Smithfield High School

Medium – Barrington High School

Large – La Salle Academy

STATE CHAMPION

Winner – La Salle Academy

Runner up: Barrington High School



RIIL 2019-20 Winter Championships

COMPETITION CHEERLEADING

Overall State Team Champions

Winner: West Warwick High School

Runner up: Coventry High School

DIVISION

Co-Ed

Winner: West Warwick High School

Runner up: La Salle Academy

SUPER (DIVISION 1)

Winner: Coventry High School

LARGE (DIVISION 2)

Winner: North Providence High School

Runner up: Barrington High School

MEDIUM (DIVISION 3)

Winner: Ponaganset High School

Runner up: Tolman High School

SMALL (DIVISION 4)

Winner: North Smithfield High School

Runner up: Narragansett High School

GAME DAY CHAMPIONS

Winner: Coventry High School

Runner up: East Greenwich High School



RIIL 2019-20 Spring Championships

DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, THE 2020 SPRING SEASON WAS CANCELLED.



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.



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