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TONIGHT'S PROGRAM

Wednesday, December 4, 2019

6:00 PM Arrivals

Welcome & Invocation

Carl Kuras

6:30 PM Opening

Pledge of Allegiance

Rick Eicheldinger - Exalted Ruler

Lineman's Creed Bill Pukalo

6:45 PM Dinner by Frank's Grille

Salad

Roast Beef & Pork Chops

Potato Vegetable

Rolls and Butter

Dessert

Coffee and Soft Drinks

7:15 PM Introductions and Acknowledgements

Carl Kuras

Special Thanks

Committee

Special Commentary and Explanation of Award

Carl Kuras

Guest Remarks

Sal Capaccio Len Jankiewicz Jim McNally

Award Presentations

Ed Sciera

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8:15 PM 2019 Trench Trophy Awarded

John Gebhardt Memorial Scholarship Awarded

Lancaster Elks Lodge

8:30 PM Closing Remarks

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#52 | **Geno Bruce** Hamburg Bulldogs

#56 | Conor Mahony Lancaster Legends

#60 | **Tim Osborn** North Tonawanda Lumberjacks

#59 | Cooper Pannes Southwestern Trojans

#66 | Eric Schon St. Francis Red Raiders

#64 | **A.J. Urbaniak** Williamsville South Billies

#50 | **Teryon Vernon**Maritime Commodores

#56 | **Jason Walker** St. Joe's Marauders

#56 | **Jeremiah Williams**Bennett Tigers

#77 | Cody Wilson
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#52 | **Zack Wolfer** Franklinville-Ellicottville Titans

2019 Guest Presenter: Stacy Phillips from Howard Hanna Real Estate

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Jack is a 1986 graduate of Lancaster High School and was an All-Star on the 1985 Championship Team, Joe Foyle's final season as head coach at Lancaster. He went on to attend Union College where he captained the 1989 team that won the Lambert Cup and played for the Division III National Championship in the Amos Alonzo Stagg Bowl. That season Jack achieved first team all league, all East and All-American honors for his play at offensive guard.

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OUR MISSION

The Trench Trophy Award, Inc. provides recognition to football players who predominately play the position of offensive or defensive line for their school's varsity, interscholastic football program. Schools include those of Section VI of the NYSPHSAA and Monsignor Martin Athletic Conference.

The specific objectives and purpose of the Trench Trophy shall be:

- A. To promote sportsmanship, civic responsibility, and scholastic effort by athletes who predominately play football.
- B. To provide recognition to football linemen in Western New York state.
- C. To provide opportunities for players to be discovered by local, regional, and national intercollegiate football programs.
- D. To promote the growth of youth athletics, specifically the sport of football.

AWARD PROCESS

The Trench Trophy is defined by a large group of committee members. Within our organization are officers, executive committee members, scouts, and support groups.

We comb the Western New York area and try to identify senior linemen for our weekly awards. We try to spread out our weekly awards throughout the region. We publish a weekly newsletter to our members to help our committee members in their search.

We do have a policy that includes a least one finalist from each league (Section VI Classes AA, A, B, C, D, and Monsignor Martin).

As the season comes to a close we evaluate all weekly nominees. We use evaluation forms and we view game video. We hold a pre-vote and rank nominees within their respective league, as well as overall. This pre-vote reduces our list so that we have a keener focus.

We hold a complete committee meeting to discuss, review video, and further evaluate. The final ballot is established and committee members rank each player on a 1-14 rank. This ballot determines our hall of fame inductees as well as the final declared winner.

AWARD EXPLANATION

The term TRENCH refers to the positions of football that usually require players to line up and play close to the ground and close to the ball. TRENCH players primarily line up in a three or four-point stance.

Since our inception in 2003, we have only considered players that play at least one side of the ball in the TRENCHES. This is the general purpose and the intention of our award. The traditional TRENCH positions on offense are guard, tackle, and center. The traditional defensive positions are tackle (or nose), and three or four-point stance defensive ends. We do realize that at times our discussions and opinions have created extenuating conditions and players are coached a variety of techniques and alignments.

Due to a variety of conditions and the continuous evolution of the sport, we have expanded our program to include TRENCH players that only play in the TRENCHES on one side of the ball but who also excel at a non-TRENCH position on the opposite side of the ball. We have evolved the award to include these players as a TRENCH TROPHY PITBULL. Standing defensive ends and tightends who are primarily used to block also merit consideration.

Other considerations sometime apply to our difficult task of assessing and grading players. Injuries often factor into a body of work and some of the larger schools and coaches with a one-way philosophy only play their linemen on one side of the ball. Some of the small schools change positions within a game or from game to game. The levels of competition also must be considered. All of these factors must be considered when determining which players we recognize each season.

The uniqueness of our program has earned us respect and admiration from the football community and has grown tremendously throughout the years. Our goal is to continue to grow and improve, while maintaining the integrity we have earned.

With all of this said, lets never lose the significance of and the essence of the meaning of TRENCH!

MEMORIALIZED MEMBERS

In 2010 the Trench Trophy saw the loss of two of its founding members, John Gebhardt and Tom Terhart. These men were very important supporters of and generous contributors to the award. Their loss greatly affected the committee and everyone who knew them.

The Trench Trophy is proud to announce that our yearly college scholarship and Pitbull Awards have been renamed in honor of these members.

The John Gebhardt Memorial Scholarship and Tom Terhart Pitbull Awards, which recognizes players at linebacker, fullback, and tight-end, are proud additions to our program; these awards were both renamed by result of a unanimous vote by the Trench Trophy Committee in late August of 2010.

Though we will always miss these great men, the Trench Trophy is honored that their legacy as supporters of the award will live on.

John Gebhardt and Tom Terhart Forever Enshrined



In 2019 the Western New York football community lost two greats, Milt Dickerson and John Faller. Milt founded the Lions Club All-Star game and managed it for over 40 years. John, longtime coach of Sweet Home High School, won 6 division titles, 8 sectional titles, and 2 state championships. Their dedication to the sport and the contributions they made to WNY football will forever live on.

Paul Ficzere | John Gebhardt | Tom Terhart | Daryle Gustavel
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Last Name	First Name	School	Year
Amos	Ryan	Cleveland Hill	2003
Freeman	Garvie	South Park	2003
Graham	Matt	Orchard Park	2003
Haney	Alex	Lockport	2003
Ingraham	Doug	Grand Island	2003
Kindt	Justin	Depew	2003
Livingston	John	Eden	2003
Maull	Gary	Olean	2003
Randle	Brandon	Burgard	2003
Sickles	Andy	Randolph	2003
Brown	Tim	Burgard	2004
Coan	Steve	Frewsburg	2004
Langworthy	Matt	Southwestern	2004
Margerum	Ian	Hamburg	2004
Miller	Matt	Portville	2004
Port	Alex	North Tonawanda	2004
Rosner	Adam	Depew	2004
Santiago	Adriel	South Park	2004
Smith	Chris	St. Francis	2004
Weber	Jason	Orchard Park	2004
Worthington	Doug	St. Francis	2004
Annis	Max	North Tonawanda	2005
Beaver	Jeffrey	Burgard	2005
Bittner	Pete	Williamsville North	2005
Eaton	Blake		2005
	John	Allegany-Limestone McKinley	
Hogg	-	•	2005
Jesonowski V:	Jesse Justin	Iroquois Grand Island	2005 2005
King McElwain	•		
	Tim Jeff	Randolph	2005
Papia	Jerr Mike	St. Joe's	2005
Appenheimer		Maryvale	2006
Apperson	Andrew Carlton	Maple Grove	2006
Byrum		Depew	2006
DePalma	Joseph	Silver Creek	2006
Hadi	Abdullah	Lackawanna	2006
Kakavand	Nicholas	Iroquois	2006
Rodriguez	Gil	Frontier	2006
Skubis	Christopher	Clarence	2006
Steinwald	Harrison	St. Joe's	2006
Balcerzak	Corey	Lockport	2007
Benson	Anthony	Grover Cleveland	2007
Bloom	Randy	Orchard Park	2007
Christman	Nicholas	Sweet Home	2007
Dudkowski	Kevin	Depew	2007
Eldridge	Zack	Cleveland Hill	2007
Garvey	Art	East Aurora	2007
Hymes	Corey	St. Francis	2007
Jesonowski	Joshua	Iroquois	2007
Rosario	Jose	Randolph	2007
Buck	Chris	Frontier	2008
Bunker	Ben	North Tonawanda	2008
Gens	Corey	Maple Grove	2008
Green	Reggie	Lackawanna	2008
Hairston	Curtis	Cleveland Hill	2008
Harnden	Ryan	Grand Island	2008
Kieliszek	Kevin	Lancaster	2008
Mesi	Justin	Orchard Park	2008

TRENCH TROPHY HALL OF FAME (CONTINUED)

Last Name	First Name	School	Year
Phillips	Steve	Sweet Home	2008
Rohauer	Donald	Alden	2008
Smith	Mike	Grover Cleveland	2008
Urschel	John	Canisius	2008
Bigelow	Troy	Eden	2009
Carlson	Jasen	Southwestern	2009
Gallagher	Dillon	Williamsville South	2009
Harnden	Eric	Grand Island	2009
Hornung	Matt	Cheektowaga	2009
Howard	Desmond	St. Francis	2009
Marsh	Zack	Panama	2009
Mulhern	Sean	Riverside	2009
Shreve	Casey	North Tonawanda	2009
Shreve	Kyle	North Tonawanda	2009
Anna	Dylan	Pioneer	2010
Bauer	Austin	Lancaster	2010
Cambria	Jack	St. Joe's	2010
Fluent	Ben	Randolph	2010
Langworthy	Pat	Southwestern	2010
NeMoyer	Thomas	Canisius	2010
Sanders	Anthony	McKinley	2010
Schiavi	Mike	Lackawanna	2010
Therrien	Todd	Williamsville East	2010
Washington	Dereon	Riverside	2010
Anderson	Nathan	Frewsburg	2011
Austin	Dan	Southwestern	2011
Bartholomew	Miles	St. Francis	2011
Burgio	Andrew	Depew	2011
Chase	Josh	Alden	2011
DiPirro	Kyle	St. Mary's	2011
Lathrop	Brandon	Kenmore West	2011
Leach	Devon	Orchard Park	2011
Morganstern	Mike	Cheektowaga	2011
Scamurra	T.J.	Williamsville South	2011
Bunker	Jason	Alden	2012
Czech	John	Jamestown	2012
Haines	Cortland	Jamestown	2012
Hunter	Ryan	Canisius	2012
Murphy	Sean	Bishop Timon/St. Jude	2012
Nocek	Nick	Fredonia	2012
Senn	Michael	Orchard Park	2012
Sommerville	Khalil	Bennett	2012
Studd	Tyler	Springville	2012
Swan	Jake	Maple Grove	2012
Bill	Jeremiah	Hamburg	2013
Byrne	Ryan	Bishop Timon/St. Jude	2013
Doctor	Tommy	Grand Island	2013
Hillis	Dawson	Orchard Park	2013
Lamb	Mike	Depew	2013
MacIlwain	Steven	Cleveland Hill	2013
Merlau	Ryan	Pioneer	2013
Oldro	Cody		2013
Perry	Kevon	Burgard	2013
Stauss	Steven	Albion	2013
Zobrest	Phil	Alden	2013
Attea	George	Williamsville North	2014
Baker	Chandler	Maple Grove-Chautauqua	2014

TRENCH TROPHY HALL OF FAME (CONTINUED)

Last Name	First Name	School	Year
Bowers	Michael	Randolph	2014
Crawford	Keyshawn	Cleveland Hill	2014
Kelleher	Mike	Maryvale	2014
Ksiezarczyk	Evin	West Seneca East	2014
Mistretta	Joe	Jamestown	2014
Rymarczyk	Matt	Kenmore East	2014
Wheatley	T.J.	Canisius	2014
Wilson	Rob	Cheektowaga	2014
Bruenn	Greg	West Seneca East	2015
Bullock-Watson	Tristen	Hutch-Tech	2015
Fuzak	Jake	Williamsville South	2015
Grant	Jakob	Depew	2015
Hannon	Pat	Springville	2015
Miner	Leyton	Alden	2015
Newsome	Khaliqye	Bennett	2015
Perlino		East Aurora-Holland	2015
Roberson	AJ Richard	Canisius	2015
Senn	Wesley	Randolph	2015
Stephens	Desmond	Bishop Timon/St. Jude	2015
Wray	Sam	Starpoint	2015
Black	Chauval	Dunkirk	2016
Carr-Johnson	Michael	Hutch Tech	2016
Emer	Nathan	Iroquois	2016
Grisolia	Tyler	St. Francis	2016
Hutchinson	Preston	Franklinville/Ellicottville	2016
Jones	Nick	Dunkirk	2016
Kloss	Sean	Clarence	2016
Kubik	Daniel	Orchard Park	2016
Luderman	Jacob	Lancaster	2016
Pawlowski	Nathan	Cleveland Hill	2016
White	Tyler	Kenmore West	2016
Wilkes	J.B.	Grand Island	2016
Al-Hemyari	Manny	Cleveland Hill	2017
Andreessen	Joe	Lancaster	2017
Arrington	Sam	Cleveland Hill	2017
Bass	Terrance	Cheektowaga	2017
Calo	Jake	Lancaster	2017
Claycomb	Brad	West Seneca West	2017
Holmes	Jordon	North Tonawanda	2017
McGennis	Will	Canisius	2017
Sanders	Jeremiah	South Park	2017
Schreader	Kyle	Starpoint	2017
Whitaker	Tariq	Cheektowaga	2017
Woodarek	Walt	Franklinville/Ellicottville	2017
Agro	Jake	Starpoint Starpoint	2018
Bernard	Andrew	Randolph-Frewsburg	2018
Boyd Jr.	Stephen	Cardinal O'Hara	2018
Braswell	Greg	South Park	2018
	Tyler	St. Joe's	2018
Doty	David		
Gaca	David Nick	Lancaster West Sanga Fast	2018
Hamme		West Seneca East	2018
Loynes	Jihad	Bennett	2018
Newcomb	George	West Seneca West	2018
Powers	Joe	Lewiston-Porter	2018
Smith	Trevor	Pioneer	2018
Smouse	Jordan	Clymer-Sherman-Panama	2018
Walter	Josh	Williamsville North	2018
Wilkes	Jeremiah	Grand Island	2018

2019 WEEKLY NOMINEES

Last Name	First Name	School	Week
Chimera	Matthew	Kenmore West	1
Doyle	Aaron	Pioneer	1
Pannes	Cooper	Southwestern	1
Plonka	Ben	Iroquois	1
Wiley	Colin	West Seneca East	1
Williams	Jeremiah	Bennett	1
Crimi	Joe	Kenmore East	2
Culhane	Ryan	Clarence	2
Johnson	Kevin	Starpoint	2
Osborn	Tim	North Tonawanda	2
Ploetz	Jason	Randolph	2
Rater	Lucas	Clymer-Sherman-Panama	2
Walker	Jason	St. Joe's	2
Leeds	Logan	Akron	3
Mahony	Conor	Lancaster	3
Schon	Eric	St. Francis	3
Urbaniak	AJ	Williamsville South	3
Vernon	Teryon	Maritime	3
Wolfer	Zack	Franklinville-Ellicottville	3
Bass	Tamario	Cheektowaga	4
Bitka	Ryan	Amherst	4
Harrington	Trevor	Pioneer	4
Marschner	Matt	Lancaster	4
Mest	Sam	Olean	4
Cornelius	Donovan	Canisius	5
Fritzke	Mason	Tonawanda	5
LaRock	Nick	Newfane	5
Morales	Julian	Portville	5
Thompson	Brayden	Wilson	5
Trim	Kyle	Maple Grove	5
Bruce	Geno	Hamburg	6
Cacciotti	Cam	West Seneca East	6
Cuthbert	Jeremy o:	West Seneca West	6
Jefferson	Sincere	Burgard	6
Pace	Lincoln	Medina	6
Wagner	Matt	Orchard Park	6
Babb	Austin	Portville	7
Berg	Josh	Frontier	7
Bielec	Blake	Grand Island	7 7
Burt	Darrick David	McKinley	
Meyer Rickard	David Ian	Starpoint Lockport	7
Bartholomew	David	St. Francis	8
Klymko	Pavlo	Williamsville North	8
Krueger	Jayden	Cleveland Hill	8
Murphy	Slade	Clarence	8
Putcher	Nick	Chautauqua Lake/Westfield/Brocton	8
Troup	Jake	Canisius Canisius	8
Wilson	Mark	Niagara Falls	8
Baribeau	Andrew	Chautauqua Lake	10
Barmore	Cameron	Clymer-Sherman-Panama	10
Carrington	James	St. Joe's	10
Farner	Dylan	South Park	10
Logel	Niklas	Franklinville-Ellicottville	10
Oliver	Nashawn	Bennett	10
Wilson	Cody	Albion	10

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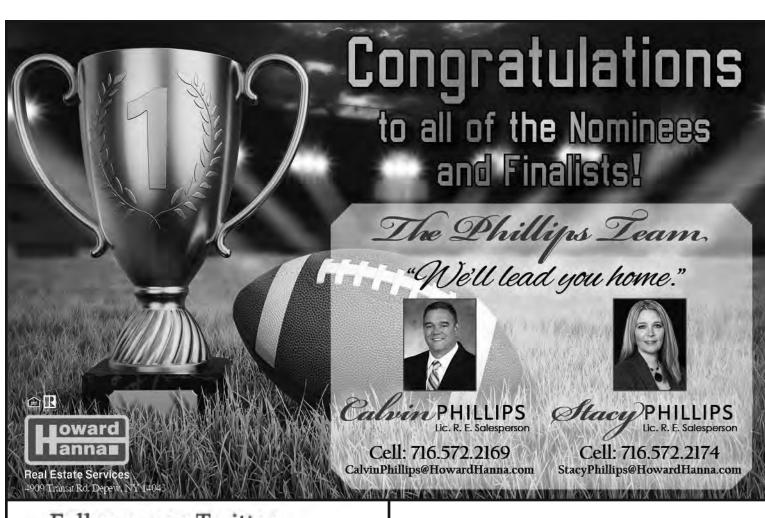
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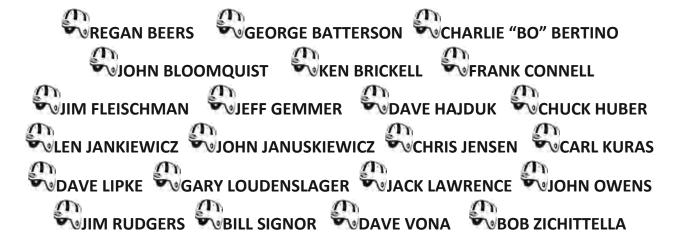
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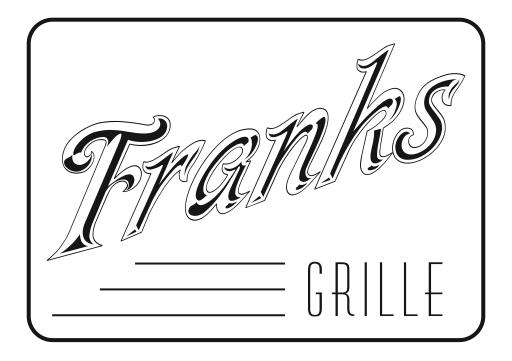
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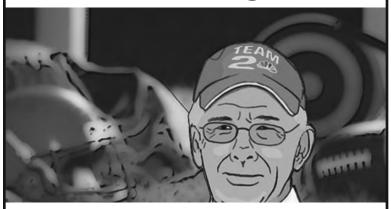
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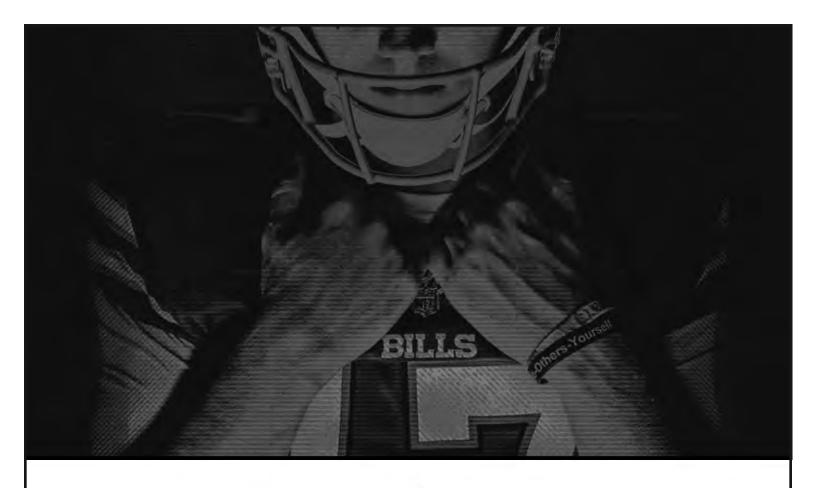


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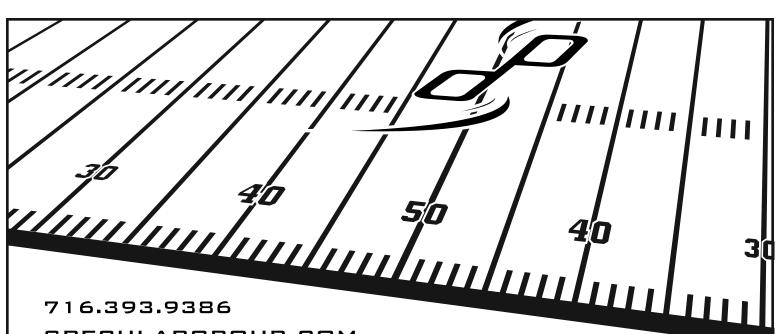
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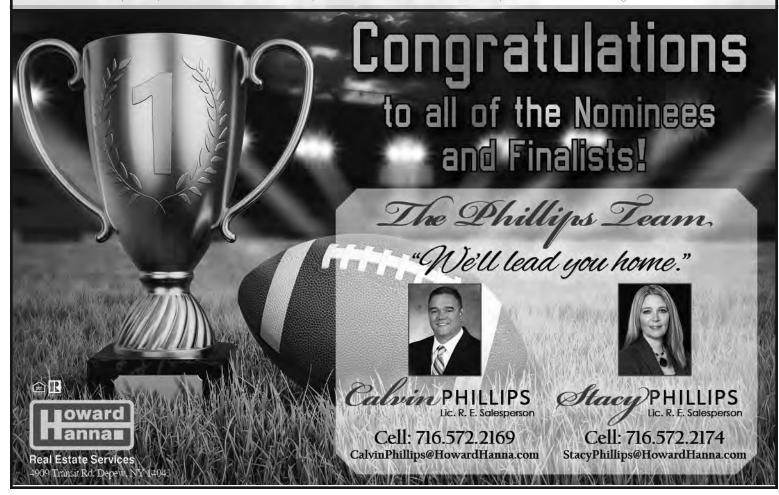
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