SOUTH BRUNSWICK HIGH SCHOOL
VIKING ATHLETIC CLUB

HALL OF FAME

CLASS OF 2012

1972 MAURA RYAN
1975 JEFFREY MOORE
1978 BEN GROVER
1993 EDWARD WATTS
1995 MICHAEL ELKO
1997 ADAM GROSSMAN
2000 JA’NAI O’CONNOR
2000 JILLIAN STEIN
2002 DANIEL RODRIGUEZ

MAY 6, 2012
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“Home of the Vikings”

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MAURA RYAN
CLASS OF 1972
BASKETBALL/SOFTBALL/FIELD HOCKEY/CROSS-COUNTRY

Maura was a true pioneer at South Brunswick and the school’s first outstanding female athlete. She broke down barriers and led the Vikings to success prior to the era in which Title IX mandated providing opportunities for sports-oriented females. Her courage to demonstrate what a female athlete could do, at a time when it was highly unusual to see one with well developed skills and a serious approach to athletics, has had positive ramifications that are felt and appreciated to this very day.

Maura was the first female cross-country runner at South Brunswick High School, competing in junior varsity races for one season. She then turned her attention to field hockey where for two seasons she played and starred at center halfback.

Maura was also an excellent basketball player. During her four-year basketball career she averaged double digits in both points and rebounds and set every offensive and defensive record there was to set.

However, her strength and passion was softball and fortunately, in her junior year, South Brunswick added varsity softball as an opportunity for female athletes. Maura was already an experienced softball player playing for the New Jersey Schaefrettes since 1968. She attended four national tournaments during her high school years and pitched at her first national tournament in 1969 in Tuscon, Arizona at the age of 15. Maura was named MVP for the Vikings following a senior season in which she recorded four no-hitters and averaged 14 strikeouts per game. Her offensive production was equally impressive and she finished the season with 10 home runs and 40 RBI’s while batting an extraordinary .646.

Maura continued her education and athletic career at Siena College, where she played basketball for three years, averaging 17 points per game and 10 rebounds, while also pitching two seasons for the softball team.

Maura continued to pursue her passion for fast pitch softball, playing in New Jersey, New York and Washington, D.C. for 23 seasons before retiring. She received several individual awards and appeared in nine national tournaments. She was inducted into the Greater Washington, D.C. Fast pitch Softball Hall of Fame in 1999.

Maura has been teaching and coaching for 33 years. She earned a Ph.D. in American History from the University of Maryland 1994. She is currently the Athletic Director at Wheaton High School in Montgomery County, Maryland.
Jeffrey was the best Viking soccer player of his generation and the first to earn a scholarship to a major college or university. During his senior campaign, he scored 19 goals and had 10 assists.

Due in no small part to Jeffrey’s skill, passion and leadership, the 1974 boys’ soccer team achieved a ranking of 19th/NJ--the program’s first--and highest--ranking ever.

At the conclusion of his senior season, Jeffrey was accorded 1st Team All County honors and had the distinction of being the first--and only--Viking ever selected 1st Team All State.

Jeffrey attended the University of Hartford, where he had the opportunity to compete for the NCAA Division III Championship three out of his four years.
Ben was an outstanding three-sport athlete at who competed in football, wrestling and track and field. His legendary size, strength, agility and versatility made him the best known and most highly regarded Viking of his generation.

In football, Ben earned All County, All Suburban and All Area honors.

As a wrestler in the Heavyweight category, he captured the 1977 Colonia Invitational Tournament Championship, the 1978 Middlesex County Tournament Championship and the 1978 NJSIAA District XX Championship, before entering the NJSIAA Region IV Tournament at 20-0-0.

In spring track and field, Ben is a former school record holder in both the shot put and javelin.

At the conclusion of his junior year, Ben competed in the Amateur Athletic Union’s National Junior Olympics at the University of Nebraska, where he finished 5th in the nation in the javelin competition.
Ed was one of the best track and field performers in school history. He participated for numerous seasons in both winter and spring track and earned a string of accolades for results and consistency that set a benchmark current Viking jumpers are still striving to attain.

Ed captured the NJSIAA Winter Track High Jump title in 1993. Shortly thereafter, he placed 2nd in the High Jump at the prestigious Penn Relays. His height of 6’8 still stands on the Vikings’ record board.

While attending and competing for Brown University, Ed won the Ivy League High Jump Championship in Winter, 1997.

After graduating from Brown in 1997, Ed received his Ph.D. in History from Yale University in 2002. He is currently a Professor of History and Classical Studies at Indiana University.
Michael was an outstanding three-sport athlete who competed for the Vikings in football, basketball and baseball. Although he was a very good basketball player and in fact a co-captain of the team, Michael’s greatest successes were in football and baseball.

In football, Michael was a leader on and off the field as the team’s captain and quarterback. Michael was selected to the GMC 1st Team in 1994.

As for baseball, Michael was a three-year varsity letter winner in baseball. In his sophomore and junior years he was named GMC Player of the Month in April. His senior campaign Michael lead the team to a 7th place ranking in Middlesex County while batting 361 with 20 RBI’s, and playing the hot corner. His senior year pitching record was 5-3 with an ERA of 2.75. The Vikings finished 18-7 on the season under Michael's leadership. He earned Home News Tribune’s All Middlesex County 2nd Team, The Star Ledger All Middlesex County 3rd Team and the Trenton Times 2nd team honors.

Michael continued his academic and athletic careers at the University of Pennsylvania, where he was a key part of the football team’s Ivy League Championship in 1998.

Since graduating from Penn, Michael has coached football at a number of colleges and universities, including Stony Brook, Penn, USMMA, Fordham, Richmond and Hofstra. Michael is currently a football coach at Bowling Green.
Adam was an outstanding three-sport athlete who competed for the Vikings in football, wrestling and track and field. Although a more than capable wrestler and shot putter, Adam is best known for his football exploits. His football coaches described him as intense, resilient, highly skilled and extraordinarily competitive. Adam was considered the best offensive lineman to play for the Vikings during the 1990’s.

Adam co-captained the Vikings’ football team in his senior campaign. He was a 1st Team All Area, All Division, All Conference and All Suburban selection in both his junior and senior years.

Adam continued his academic and athletic careers at Ithaca College, where he was a four-year starter and a team captain for the football team in 1999 and 2000. In those same years, he was named to the Division III All American Team and the Division III Academic Team as well as the Hewlett Packard All American Team. In 2010 Adam was named to the Division III “Team of the Decade: 2000-2009.”
JA’NAI O’CONNOR  
CLASS OF 2000  
WINTER TRACK / SPRING TRACK & FIELD

Ja’Nai was the most impressive field performer in the history of the girls’ program. During her brilliant high school career, Ja’Nai was a two-time Greater Middlesex Conference Champion in the shot put. She was named to the All GMC Winter Track team as well as the All GMC Spring Track and Field team in both 1999 and 2000.

Although Ja’Nai captured the NJSIAA Group IV Shot Put Championship in 2000, the greatest achievement in her scholastic career was in 1999, when she put the shot a personal best of 45’ 1.5” to win the National High School Indoor Shot Put Championship.

Ja’Nai continued her academic and athletic careers at Penn State. During her tenure at Penn State she won the Big Ten Championship in the Shot Put for both Indoor and Outdoor track in 2004. She was a two-time NCAA Division I qualifier for both Indoor and Outdoor track in 2003 and 2004.

Through hard work and perseverance, Ja’Nai eventually qualified for participation in the Pan Am games as well as the World University Games. In 2004, she qualified for a try out for the U.S. Olympic Shot Put Team.
JILLIAN STEIN  
CLASS OF 2000  
CROSS-COUNTRY / WINTER TRACK / SPRING TRACK

Jill was one of the best and most decorated runners to ever compete for South Brunswick High School. A three-season athlete, she spent most of her career dusting the competition and challenging and shattering course and track records throughout the county.


In cross-country, she also won the Monmouth Battlefield Invitational (1997) as well as the Blue Ribbon Invitational (1998); finished 2nd in both the William & Mary Invitational (1998) and the Blue Ribbon Invitational; and 3rd in the New York Road Runners Foundation Grand Prix (1999). She also finished 3rd and 4th in the NJSIAA C.J. Group IV Meet in 1998 and 1997, respectively.

She was a six-time 1st team Cross-Country/Winter Track/Spring Track selection by both The Home News Tribune and The Star Ledger.

Jill, who was as successful in the classroom as she was on the courses and tracks she competed on, received the school's prestigious Senior Scholar-Athlete Award for 2000.
Daniel was among the most outstanding baseball players ever to compete for the Vikings. As a senior, he was a major contributor to the Vikings’ first-ever Greater Middlesex Conference Championship team. He batted .383 with 22 RBI’s and had a pitching record of 6-2 with an ERA of 1.39.

Over four varsity seasons, Daniel started 98 games, had 117 hits and scored 99 runs, while posting batting and on-base averages of .402 and .507 respectively. His hits and runs totals remain school records, as does his HBP total of 29.

As a pitcher, he finished with an excellent 13-6 record, an ERA of 2.08 and 7 saves.

Daniel was named to the All Division Team, the All GMC Team and the Home News Tribune All Area Team in 2000, 2001 and 2002. He was also a 3rd Team All State selection in 2000.

Following his stellar tenure with the Vikings, Daniel continued his academic and athletic careers at Montclair State University. As a four-year starter, he played in 160 games, had 178 hits and career batting and on-base averages of .308 and .425, respectively. In 2006, Daniel was a Division III College World Series participant.
REMEMBERING THE CLASS OF 2000

“Wheresoever you go, go with all your heart”

Confucius

CONGRATULATIONS
MAURA RYAN, Class of ‘72

The Ryan Family and Friends
BEST WISHES TO ALL THE HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

MAURA RYAN ‘72
JEFFREY MOORE ‘75
BENJAMIN GROVER ‘78
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MICHAEL ELKO ‘95
ADAM GROSSMAN ‘97
JA’NAI O’CONNOR ‘00
JILLIAN STEIN ‘00
DANIEL RODRIGUEZ ‘02

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TO ALL THE INDUCTEES

FROM

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South Brunswick
VIKING FOOTBALL

Congratulates

Ben Grover
Michael Elko
Adam Grossman
Dan Rodriguez

On your induction into the
SBHS Hall of Fame

From the 2011 GMC Red Division Champions

The South Brunswick Viking
Football Huddle Club
### HALL OF FAME

**1999**
- Mike Elko, Coach
- Dennis Duttry, Coach
- Laszlo Nyitrai, Coach
- Don Stout ’65
- Mike Toth ’66
- Buddy Rose ’68
- Harry Griggs ’73
- Sandy Domotor ’75
- Alan Balcomb, Jr. ’79
- Sandy Humphrey ’83

**2000**
- Alan Balcomb, Sr., Coach
- George Hosea, Coach
- Brian Young ’67
- David Young ’75
- Mark Langone ’79
- Jon Star ’75
- George Fears ’79
- Sheila O’Brien ’84
- Phyllis Harker ’76
- George Bossow ’64/Coach

**2001**
- Jan Blazeowski ’77
- Scott Norris ’74
- Oley Allen ’65
- Peter Warner, Coach
- Dennis Johnston ’79
- Arba Holliday Marte ’86
- Jeanette Dezan

**2002**
- Alex Davidson ’75
- Ken Roberts ’81
- Eliot Runyon ’76
- Rachel Hudak ’91

**2004**
- Thomas McIntyre ’74
- Bill Davis ’80
- Dave Fears ’80
- Suzanne Luna ’84
- Frank Crossen ’85
- Steve Fatigante ’89
- Donnell Lumpkin ’89
- Peter Stelling ’90
- Robin Reinhart ’92
- John Longo Athletic Director/Coach

**2006**
- Bill Klimowicz ’70
- Mike Reock ’74
- Denise Dohanic ’81
- Ray Trent ’80
- Kristen Baker ’90
- Carrie Rubenstein ’94
- Brian Plotnick ’95
- Brian Jost Coach

**2008**
- John Bailey ’68
- Richard Holland ’70
- Michael Dowgin ’72
- Erika Perjesy Casey ’96
- Ricky Romero ’96
- Mindy Clemente ’96
- Kenny Rogers ’96

**2010**
- Ann Dowgin ’82
- David Eisenberg ’96
- Joseph Digilio ’97
- Oliver Risha ’98
- Katie Tracy ’98
- Julie Flantz ’99
- Tiffany Miller ’99