



IVY FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION DINNER

January 30, 2025



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2025 IVY FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION HONOREES

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Mark Donovan '88

HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Brian Hehir '75

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

Nick Leone '88

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

Kevin Stefanski '04

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Jimmy Pitaro '91

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Frank Vuono '78

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Buddy Teevens '79 (*posthumously*)

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LETTER FROM THE DINNER CHAIRMEN

January 30, 2025

Dear Friends of Ivy League Football,

Welcome to the twelfth Ivy Football Association Dinner. We are delighted that you have joined us this evening to celebrate Ivy League Football and the unique role that it plays in the world of collegiate athletics. We believe that no other group of athletic competitors has produced such an impressive number of outstanding leaders in fields as varied as business, law, government, sports, medicine, religion, academia and the arts. The eight honorees being recognized this evening continue our dinner's tradition of honoring distinguished former players.

We should acknowledge the Executive Director of the Ivy Group, Robin Harris. Robin has led League efforts to secure nationwide broadcasts of our games throughout the season, and she has coordinated with Steve Hatchell, President of the National Football Foundation, as well as George Pyne, Brown '88, CEO and founder of Bruin Capital, to improve the annual presentation of the Bushnell Awards. This past December, the presentation ceremony was held in the Rainbow Room and emceed by Rece Davis of ESPN. We congratulate the great players who have received this award since our last dinner:

2024: Malachi Hosley, Penn, and Ejike Adele, Dartmouth
2023: Nolan Grooms, Yale, and Joey Slackman, Penn

While tonight celebrates many past achievements, today's League is the most competitive conference in the nation. This was shown in our recently concluded season where, as usual, the championship was undecided going into the final weekend, with three teams in contention. We applaud Columbia, Dartmouth and Harvard for earning the most recent trophy, as well as Dartmouth, Harvard and Yale in 2023. Our future is bright as ever, with the recent announcement that our teams will be eligible to play in future NCAA Championship Competition.

Tonight, we are sure that the spirit this event has developed over the past 24 years will be evident to all our guests, and this great tradition will continue for many years and dinners to come.

William G. Primps, Yale '71
Dinner Chairman
President, IFA

Gary R. Vura, Penn '83
Dinner Chairman
Treasurer, IFA

DINNER PROGRAM

Kickoff

National Anthem

Ray Hornblower, Harvard '70

Masters of Ceremonies

Chris Berman, Brown '77

Jack Ford, Yale '72

First Half

Recognition of Ivy Champions:
Harvard, Yale and Dartmouth (2023)
Dartmouth, Harvard and Columbia (2024)

Introduction of Honorees

Chris Berman

Halftime Dinner

Second Half

Introduction of Honorees

Jack Ford

Final Whistle

Closing Remarks

Jack Ford

Post Game Review

Cash Bar

9th Floor Terrace
Marriott Marquis

MASTERS OF CEREMONIES



Chris Berman
Brown University 1977



Jack Ford
Yale University 1972



Mark Donovan Brown University 1988



Entering his 26th season in the National Football League and his 16th season in Kansas City in 2024, Mark Donovan is the fifth president in Chiefs history. As president, Donovan is responsible for all aspects of the club's business operations and reports directly to Chairman and CEO Clark Hunt.

Donovan brings unique experience and perspective to the team. He is one of only a few executives league-wide who has worked both at the NFL league office and multiple clubs, with valuable perspective and strong relationships both in the Kansas City area and on a national level.

In addition to serving as the President of the Chiefs, Donovan also serves as the President of Arrowhead Events, the special events arm of the organization that is responsible for bringing concerts and major events like the 2026 FIFA World Cup to GEHA Field at Arrowhead. Mark is also a partner with the Hunt family in Arrowhead Equity Ventures, a partnership that funds strategic investments.

Donovan has consistently focused on expanding the brand and presence of the Chiefs. The club's fanbase has grown to be the second-largest and most-avid in the league in NFL rankings, while YouGov reports that more people in the U.S. identify as a Chiefs fan than any other NFL franchise. The club continues to engage with fans through content across social platforms and digital channels, reaching more than 15 million fans, making the club the fifth-most followed team in the league.

In addition to connecting Chiefs fans to the team they love, Donovan has overseen a period of tremendous business growth, re-establishing GEHA Field at Arrowhead Stadium as a popular venue for sports and entertainment. Arrowhead Events has seen exponential growth over the past decade, bringing several major events to Kansas City, including concerts, college football games, motorsports, as well as food and drink festivals.

The Chiefs continue to be a major economic leader in the Kansas City community. Chiefs games and other events at GEHA Field at Arrowhead Stadium generate more than \$993 million annually in the metro area. Team operations and spending support nearly 6,000 full- and part-time jobs, contributing more than \$473 million in wages and benefits in the Kansas City region. They also provide more than \$28 million in annual tax revenue for the State of Missouri.



Donovan's leadership extends to the community where he sits on the Board of Directors for the Hunt Family Foundation. He has helped establish a more strategic approach to the Chiefs charitable giving and community involvement, prioritizing a handful of causes: children's health and wellness, children and families in crisis, civic responsibility and the legacy of the Chiefs and the NFL. The Chiefs Charity Game, one of the many Kansas City traditions started by the Hunt family, is the longest-running and most successful charity game in the National Football League.

Donovan and his wife Kathy are also personally committed to the community, serving in numerous civic and charitable leadership roles.

The Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, native graduated from Brown University with a double major in political science and organizational behavior/management. He captained the Brown football squad as the team's quarterback and signed with the New York Giants as a free agent upon graduation. He and Kathy have two children and reside in Kansas City.



Nick Leone

Columbia University 1988

During a thirty-year investment banking career, Nick Leone specialized in advising companies in a wide range of financial activities including corporate restructurings, capital raising, and strategic transactions.

Nick's career in finance started at Drexel Burnham in the late 1980s and continued at Salomon Brothers in the early 1990s. In 1995, Nick joined a relatively young firm, The Blackstone Group, to focus on advising distressed companies. During his twenty-year career at Blackstone, the firm would become one of the most recognized and successful financial firms globally. Nick became a Partner at Blackstone at the age of 36 and was one of just fifty Partners at the time of Blackstone's initial public offering in 2007.

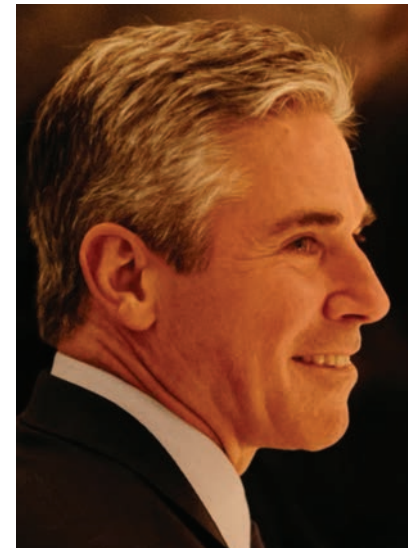
During his tenure at Blackstone, Nick specialized in advising corporate management teams and directors on complex balance sheet restructurings and corporate reorganizations. His experience includes representing companies in dozens of industries located across the globe. Nick has been designated an expert in corporate valuation, capital raising and restructuring by bankruptcy courts and judges.

Nick received a BA from Columbia College and an MBA from the University of Chicago. At Columbia, he was a four-year member of the football team and three-year varsity letterman. As a player, Nick was a wide receiver, punt returner and kick returner. As a student athlete, he consistently earned a place on the Dean's List and twice was awarded the Class of 1913 Football Cup - presented annually to the varsity player with the highest scholastic average.

Nick remains passionately involved in the Columbia community as a member of the Board of Visitors and Athletics Leadership Committee. He has received Columbia's John Jay Award for distinguished professional achievement as well the Athletics Alumni Award.

Nick and his wife Grace have been married for thirty years and are the proud parents of three Columbia graduates – Michael '19, Matthew '22 and Amanda '24. Grace is a graduate of Columbia's School for Professional Studies.

Nick retired professionally in 2020, now devoting his time and resources on start-up ventures and charitable organizations.





Jimmy Pitaro

Cornell University 1991



A Westchester County, NY native, Jimmy Pitaro played football, basketball, and baseball at Edgemont High School, in Scarsdale. He then played running back and wide receiver for The Cornell Big Red from 1987-1989. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in 1991 from Cornell University. As an undergraduate, Jimmy enrolled in Cornell in Washington, a work-study program which propelled him on a career journey across law, media, sports and technology. Following Cornell, he earned his Juris Doctor from St. John's Law School in 1994.

After practicing law in New York for five years, he was named head of business affairs for Launch.com in 1999 before joining Yahoo, where he ultimately led Yahoo! Sports and subsequently Yahoo! Media. Jimmy joined The Walt Disney Company in 2010 as Co-President, Disney Interactive, where he successfully led the turnaround of the digital media and gaming division, later being promoted to Chairman, Disney Consumer Products and Interactive Media.

Jimmy was named President of ESPN in 2018, and subsequently promoted to Chairman in 2023, responsible for full operational control and financial performance at ESPN, one of the three core business segments of The Walt Disney Company. This includes the management and supervision of the company's full portfolio of sports content, products, and experiences across all of Disney's platforms worldwide, including its international sports channels, creative development, marketing, sales, distribution, and technology.



Under Jimmy, ESPN has reached creative new rights agreements with the NFL, NBA, MLB, NHL, SEC, UFC, PGA Tour, XFL, La Liga, Wimbledon, US Open, NCAA Championships, and more, encompassing Disney-wide assets, including all ESPN platforms, ABC and Hulu. His focus on innovation has led to multiple developments that have changed the way fans watch sports, including Monday Night Football with Peyton and Eli, and putting microphones on Major League Baseball players for live in-game conversations during ESPN's popular Sunday Night Baseball series.

Since joining ESPN, Jimmy was honored as 2018's Multichannel News Sports Executive of the Year. Sports Business Journal named him Sports Executive of the Year for 2019-20, citing that the biggest company in sports media continued to grow, highlighting the expansion of its linear footprint with ACC Network, growth from ESPN+, moving further into the sports betting space and continued aggressive moves in the digital and social arenas, which saw significant growth. The same publication named Jimmy to its annual "40 under 40 list" in 2009 while he was leading Yahoo! Sports. Cablefax named him as the No. 1 programming executive for 2024 in its annual Cablefax 100 ranking.

He serves on a variety of industry and charitable boards, including the NCTA, the Paley Center for Media, The V Foundation, The National Football Foundation and College Football Hall of Fame, CoachArt and Rhone. Jimmy also serves as Co-Committee Chair of the March of Dimes. He is Co-Chairman of the Dean's Advisory Council at the Cornell University College of Human Ecology and a member of the Cornell Athletic Alumni Advisory Committee.

Jimmy and his wife, Jean Louisa Kelly, have been married for 27 years, and have two children in college.



Buddy Teevens *(posthumously)* Dartmouth College 1979

Eugene F. (Buddy) Teevens III is the winningest coach in Dartmouth football history, owning 117 career victories in 22 seasons. Along with his time at Maine, Tulane and Stanford, he owns 151 wins in 32 years as a college football head coach. Over the course of his Big Green coaching career, Teevens won five Ivy League championships and is a two-time winner of both Ivy League Coach of the Year and New England Coach of the Year.

Dartmouth football's home venue was named in late September of 2024 as Buddy Teevens Stadium at Memorial Field in honor of the late great head coach. In October, he was also named the National Football Foundation Outstanding Contribution to Amateur Football Award recipient.

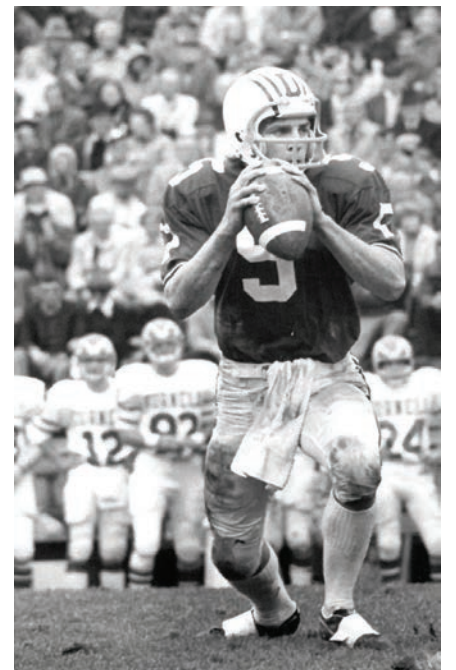
In Teevens' first stint as the Big Green head coach, he led the squad to back-to-back Ivy League titles in 1990 and '91. Following turns as the head coach of Tulane and Stanford, he returned as the Dartmouth head coach in 2005 and won three more league titles. In addition, he led the Big Green to the 1978 Ivy League championship as a player, making him just one of three Ivy Leaguers to win a conference crown as a player and a head coach.

Teevens extolled the virtues of cutting down on full-contact practices by focusing on technique, which in turn limits injuries suffered in practice and in games. And it was his vision that led to the development of the Mobile Virtual Player (MVP), a robotic tackling dummy, invented by staff and students of Dartmouth's Thayer School of Engineering. The MVP is now in use at numerous NFL and college practices to help cut down on the number of player-on-player hits and reduce injuries. Last spring, it was added to the Smithsonian Exhibit at the National Museum of American History. Additionally, Teevens served on the NCAA committee on competitive safeguards and medical aspects of sports.

Teevens earned an A.B. degree in history from Dartmouth in 1979. An honorable mention All-America quarterback in 1978, he led the Big Green to the Ivy title that year. He was named the Ivy League and ECAC Player of the Year and played in the Blue-Gray Classic. Co-captain of the 1978 team, Teevens was the squad's most valuable player. He also lettered in hockey, helping Dartmouth to a third-place finish at the 1979 NCAA championship. He was voted the Alfred W. Watson Trophy as Dartmouth's outstanding athlete.

In 2023, he was named the winner of the Pat Summit Award, which is named in recognition of the women's basketball coach at Tennessee from 1974-2012. The award recognizes an individual in the NCAA's membership who has demonstrated devotion to the development of college athletes and has made a positive impact on their lives.

A native of Pembroke, Massachusetts, Teevens passed away on September 19, 2023, from injuries he suffered in a bicycle accident. Buddy and his wife, Kirsten, have two children: Lindsay and Buddy Jr., their spouses and four grandchildren who called him "Coach". Buddy also leaves his Mom, Mary, and eight siblings.





Brian Hehir

Harvard University 1975



Brian Hehir was born in East Northport, Long Island, New York, the oldest of six children. At Holy Family Diocesan High School, he was a high achiever inside the classroom and out. Recognizing his academic and athletic talents, his high school football coach and athletic director encouraged Brian to apply to Ivy League schools, including Harvard.

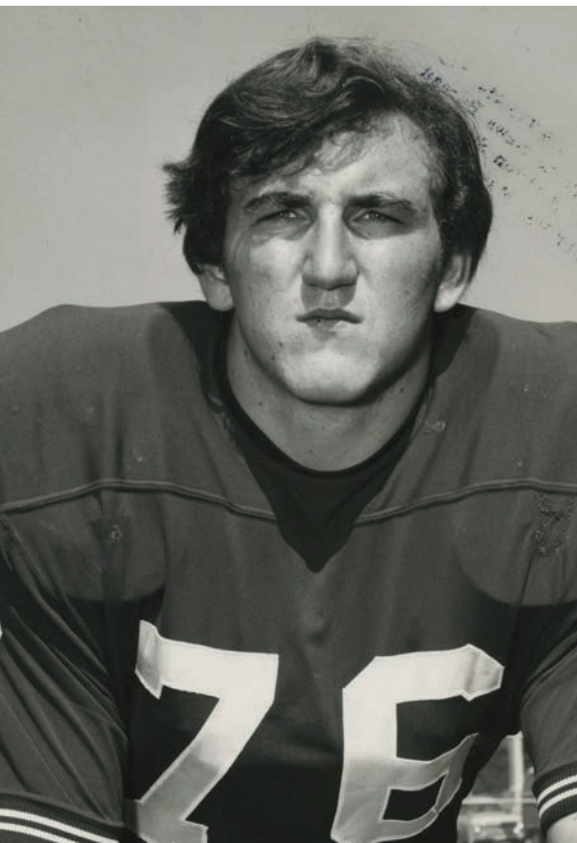
Brian began his Harvard football career in 1971 playing on the freshman football team and scout team before earning his first varsity start against Yale in the 1972 season. A three-year letter winner who was considered a jack of all trades, he played multiple offensive line positions for the Crimson. Brian's leadership and selfless contributions were recognized by his teammates, who elected him as their captain for the 1974 season. The Hehir-led offense outscored their Ivy League opponents 191 to 91 on their way to a 6-1 league record and the 1974 Ivy League Championship, the first under Coach Joe Restic.

As a Harvard grad, Brian embarked on a career in financial services, spending two years with Morgan Guaranty Trust before returning to Cambridge and Harvard Business School. In 1979, with an MBA in hand, Brian began what would be an enormously successful 30-year journey at Merrill Lynch that included numerous leadership roles and culminated in Co-Head of Global Equity Capital Markets and Vice Chairman Investment Banking. In addition to Brian's extensive career at Merrill Lynch, he has been a member and committee chair of Westinghouse Air Brake Technologies Corporation's board of directors since 2007.

Brian dedicates his free time and resources to numerous educational institutions and not-for-profits. As a board member of the Harvard Varsity Club, a member of the Harvard Visiting Committee on Athletics, and president of the Friends of Harvard Football alumni group from 2004 to 2022, Brian's impact on Harvard and its athletics has been profound. Under his leadership, Friends of Harvard Football became a powerful contributor to the program's unprecedented success under Coach Tim Murphy, the Ivy League's all-time winningest coach. As Brian has done with other organizations, he was able to set priorities, build teams, and accomplish ambitious goals for Harvard Football.

Brian married the love of his life in 1975, and together they have four wonderful children and five grandchildren. Brian's wife Janet and three of their children attended Georgetown, where the Hehir family was involved with the School of Nursing and Health Studies. Brian received the 2009 Patrick Healy Award, which Georgetown gives to a non-alum whose record of service to the community and professional achievements exemplify the university's ideals and traditions. Demonstrating a commitment to healthcare, Brian also served on the boards of the University of Connecticut Medical Center, The St. Francis Hospital Foundation, and Catholic Health Services of Long Island.

Brian's athletic ability was passed along to his children, two of whom played lacrosse at Georgetown and Harvard. Always supportive of his children's passions, he served on the U.S. Lacrosse Foundation's board for six years.





Kevin Stefanski

University of Pennsylvania 2004

In January 2020, Kevin Stefanski was named head coach of the Cleveland Browns. He had spent the previous 14 seasons with the Minnesota Vikings, where he moved up the coaching ladder from assistant to the head coach to offensive coordinator.

In his four seasons as head coach, the Browns are 37-30 (.552), the highest-winning percentage for the team over a four-year stretch since 1986-89. Stefanski has led the team to two postseason appearances and two 11-win seasons. Stefanski became the 16th coach to win the Associated Press NFL Coach of the Year award multiple times since its inception in 1957. He won the honors in 2020 and 2023.

During the Browns 77-year history, the team has surpassed 6,000 scrimmage yards in a single season just seven times but have reached the mark in all four seasons under Stefanski. Since 2020, the Browns are third in the NFL with an average of 139.6 rushing yards per game.

Stefanski has recorded a 24-10 (.706) record at Cleveland Browns Stadium, while not recording a losing record at home in any season. The Browns finished 8-1 at home in 2023, a team record for wins at home.

Stefanski's first season with the Browns was unlike any other in NFL history as he and the club had to navigate the new realities and protocols presented by the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite the new norms, Stefanski, who serves as the team's play-caller, helped the Browns offense to some of its best numbers in generations. He led the team to its first playoff appearance since 2002 and first playoff victory in 26 years. Stefanski was named the NFL Coach of the Year.

In 2022, the Browns received the inaugural John B. Wooten Award by the Fritz Pollard Alliance, honoring NFL teams that embody workplace diversity, equity and inclusion across the hierarchy. Stefanski, along with EVP and GM Andrew Berry, created the Bill Willis Coaching Fellowship for a rising minority coach with a focus on the offensive side of the ball. He hired Callie Brownson as Chief of Staff in 2020, who later became first woman to coach an NFL position group in a regular-season game.

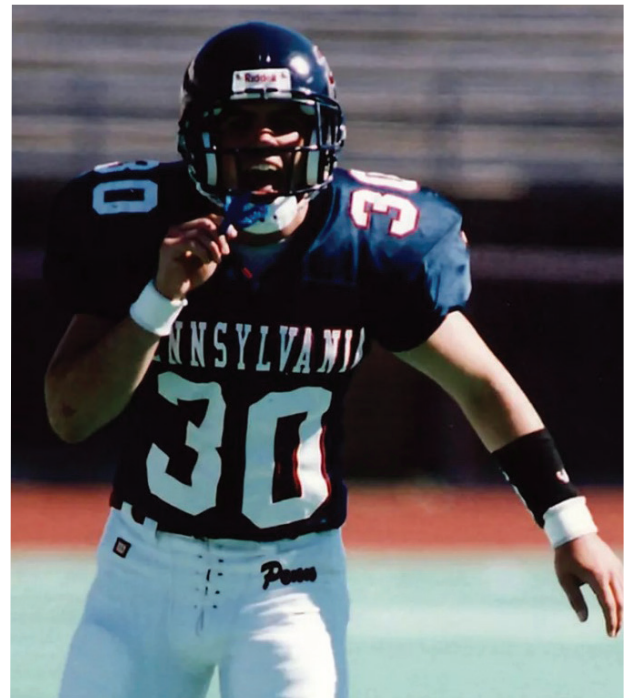
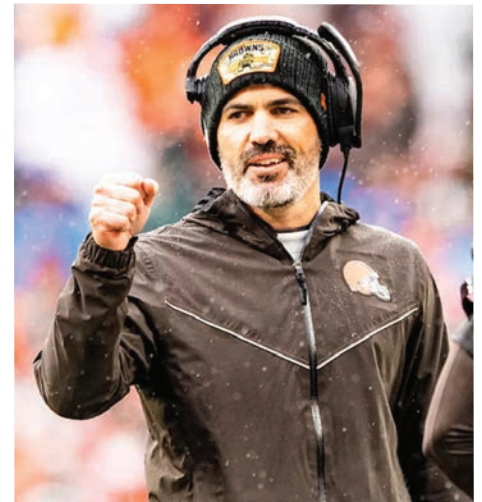
Stefanski spent the 2005 season at his alma mater, University of Pennsylvania, as assistant director of football operations, coordinating all aspects of the Quakers' day-to-day operations.

A team captain as a senior in 2003, Stefanski was part of one of the most successful stretches in the history of the Quaker football program. The team won three Ivy League titles (2000, 2002 and 2003), and went 10-0 in 2003 to become the first undefeated Penn team in a decade. During his tenure, the squad posted a 42-7 overall record and a 32-3 mark in Ivy League play.

Stefanski earned a bachelor's degree in communications from Pennsylvania and attended St. Joseph's Prep in Philadelphia.

In 2024, Stefanski and his wife Michelle launched the Keepers Foundation. The foundation focuses on serving underprivileged kids in Northeast Ohio. Married since 2007, Kevin and Michelle have a daughter and two sons.

The Stefanski family has made a name in athletics as Kevin's father, Ed, was a basketball standout at Penn and currently works in the front office of the Detroit Pistons.





Frank Vuono

Princeton University 1978



Frank Vuono long ago established himself as one of the most loyal and respected members of a program that is as old as the sport of football itself.

A 1978 Princeton graduate, Vuono was a tight end for the Tigers and the 1977 winner of the team's Dr. Harry Roemer McPhee Award, given to the player who best displays fortitude, or, in his own words, is a "tough guy." There has been much more to Vuono than football toughness, of course.

During his time as an undergraduate, he was already displaying his love of Tiger Football and his commitment to the program by sketching his teammates, with his final pieces displayed in the weekly game program. From that start, he has never stopped offering his support in whatever way he could, to the football program and to all of the University's student-athletes.

Vuono is a past president of the Princeton Football Association. Under his leadership, Princeton was able to help secure the gift from Bill Powers '79 that has resulted in, among other improvements, the renovation of the Finney/Campbell practice fields and Powers Field that the bubble covers from the end of the season through the spring, enabling the football program and many other Princeton teams to train in a weather-controlled environment during the winter.

He has remained active on the PFA board after his tenure as president ended. He has also been a longtime member of the Board of Directors of the Princeton Varsity Club.

Beyond his contributions to Princeton Football, Vuono has also been a leader and innovator in the world of sports marketing whose experience has helped set today's marketing standard in professional sports and entertainment. After many years of ground-breaking strategies in the field, Vuono co-founded 16W Marketing, LLC in 2000 and oversaw the growth of its Corporate Division. Vuono, with expertise in strategic marketing, intellectual property rights, merchandising and e-commerce, has negotiated record-breaking partnerships in naming rights, sponsorship and licensing as well as ticket/suite sales.

A proud New Jerseyan, Vuono is active in several community and philanthropic endeavors. He is a Vice Chairman of Hackensack Meridian Health's Hospital Board of Trustees, a member of Hackensack University Medical Center's Foundation Board of Trustees, co-chairman of the John Theurer Cancer Center Advisory Board and chairman of Hackensack Meridian Health's Marketing Committee. In addition, Vuono serves on the Board of Advisors of the Meadowlands Regional Chamber of Commerce and served nine years on the Glen Ridge Country Club Board of Trustees, four as president.

To this day, Vuono can be found at Princeton football games and practices, offering encouragement, faith and positivity to every member of the team. Almost no player has come through Princeton Football and not been inspired by Vuono.

A man of strength and humor, he and his wife Dorothy reside in his hometown of Lyndhurst, NJ and have three married daughters and four grandchildren (and counting!).





Richard Jauron

Yale University 1973

Dick Jauron enjoyed one of the greatest careers in Yale's long and storied football history, earning first team All American honors after leading the nation in yards per carry in 1972. In that year, the National Football Foundation recognized him as one of its Scholar Athletes.

After his graduation, he starred as a defensive back for the Detroit Lions for five seasons, being named to the NFC Pro Bowl team in 1975, when he led the NFL in punt returns. He concluded his playing career with the Cincinnati Bengals in 1980.

With his playing days at an end, he joined the legendary Green Bay Packers' coaching staff headed by Mike Holmgren, that included future NFL Coaches of the Year Andy Reid and Dick, as well as Jon Gruden. After that stint, Dick was hired by Jacksonville Head Coach Tom Coughlin as Defensive Coordinator, where he engineered a shocking playoff upset of the Denver Broncos in Mile High Stadium.

Based on his prior coaching success, Dick was hired as Head Coach by the Chicago Bears in 1999 and was named NFL Coach of the Year in 2001. Subsequently, Dick had Head Coaching stints with the Lions and Bills, and then concluded his coaching career as Defensive Coordinator of the Cleveland Browns, retiring in 2012. He was inducted into the NFF's College Football Hall of Fame in 2015.

Dick lives in his hometown of Swampscott, Massachusetts with his wife Gail, where he enjoys life with family and friends. Dick and his daughter Kacy established The Jauron Family Foundation in 2023 to honor programs and initiatives that are important to the Jauron family.



PAST HONOREES

Brown University

2023 Honoree
Kevin Mundt, 1976

2019 Honoree
William J. O'Brien, 1992

2017 Honoree
Robert Pangia, 1973

2015 Honoree
George Pyne, 1988

2013 Honoree
Thomas G. Catena, M.D., 1986

2011 Honoree
Augustus A. White III, M.D., Ph.D., 1957

2009 Honoree
Steven R. Jordan, 1982

2007 Honoree
Hon. Donald L. Carcieri, 1965

2005 Honoree
Robert A. Seiple, 1965

2003 Honoree
Paul J. Choquette, Jr., 1960

2001 Honoree
Joe Paterno, 1950

Columbia University

2023 Honoree
Michael Pyszczymuka, 1971

2019 Honoree
Paul C. McCormick, M.D., 1978

2017 Honoree
Javier Loya, 1991

2015 Honoree
Archie Roberts, M.D., 1965

2013 Honoree
Marcellus Wiley, 1997

2011 Honoree
Martin Francis "Marty" Domres, 1969

2009 Honoree
Robert K. Kraft, 1963

2007 Honoree
Brian Dennehy, 1960

2005 Honoree
William V. Campbell, 1962

2003 Honoree
Allison F. Butts, 1964

2001 Honoree
Russell F. Warren, M.D., 1962

Cornell University

2023 Honoree
Lyndon Gross, 1986

2019 Honoree
George Arangio, A.B., M.D., 1965 & 1969

2017 Honoree
Joseph Holland, 1978

2015 Honoree
Gen. John M. Paxton, Jr., 1973

2013 Honoree
Tim Ring, 1979

2011 Honoree
Peter Kornel Gogolak, 1964

2009 Honoree
Ed Marinaro, 1972

2007 Honoree
Louis J. Conti, 1941

2005 Honoree
Thomas D. MacLeod, 1970

2003 Honoree
Charles F. Knight, 1957

2001 Honoree
Richard B. Loynd, 1950

Dartmouth College

2023 Honoree
Robert Downey, 1958

2019 Honoree
Hon. John Carney, Jr., 1978

2017 Honoree
Thomas Clarke, M.D., 1966

2015 Honoree
Kenneth DeHaven, M.D., 1961

2013 Honoree
Willie Bogan, 1971

2011 Honoree
J. Murry Bowden, 1971

2009 Honoree
Jake Crouthamel, 1960

2007 Honoree
Reggie Williams, 1976

2005 Honoree
Jeffrey R. Immelt, 1978

2003 Honoree
Henry M. Paulson, Jr., 1968

2001 Honoree
William H. King, Jr., 1963

PAST HONOREES

Harvard University

2023 Honoree
Ryan Fitzpatrick, 2005

2019 Honoree
Joe Azelby, 1984

2017 Honoree
Michael Corbat, 1983

2015 Honoree
Matt Birk, 1998

2013 Honoree
Jerry Jordan, 1961

2011 Honoree
Joseph J. "Joe" O'Donnell, 1967

2009 Honoree
John Chester Culver, 1954

2007 Honoree
Thomas F. Stephenson, 1964

2005 Honoree
John D. Nichols, 1953

2003 Honoree
Tommy Lee Jones, 1969

2001 Honoree
Danny M. Jiggetts, 1976

University of Pennsylvania

2023 Honoree
J. Thomas Roland, Jr., 1979

2019 Honoree
Gavin O'Connor, 1986

2017 Honoree
John Doman, 1966

2015 Honoree
Terry W. Hensle, M.D., FACS, FAAP, 1964

2013 Honoree
Robert Wolf, 1984

2011 Honoree
Charles Philip "Chuck" Bednarik, 1949

2009 Honoree
Robert A. Fox, 1952

2007 Honoree
Patrick T. Harker, Ph.D., 1981

2005 Honoree
William D. Novelli, 1963

2003 Honoree
David S. Pottruck, 1970

2001 Honoree
James S. Riepe, 1965

Princeton University

2023 Honoree
James Blair, 1961

2019 Honoree
Jason C. Garrett, 1989

2017 Honoree
Robert Casciola, 1958

2015 Honoree
William C. Powers, 1979

2013 Honoree
Robert H.B. Baldwin, 1942

2011 Honoree
Dennis J. Keller, 1963

2009 Honoree
Donald H. Rumsfeld, 1954

2007 Honoree
Redmond C.S. Finney, 1951

2005 Honoree
Hon. Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., 1979

2003 Honoree
George P. Shultz, 1942

2001 Honoree
John F. McGillicuddy, 1952

Yale University

2023 Honoree
John Spagnola, 1979

2019 Honoree
Kevin Czinger, 1981

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Alexander M. 'Sandy' Cutler, 1973

2013 Honoree
Calvin Hill, 1969

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Henry G. "Hank" Higdon, 1963

2009 Honoree
Stone Phillips, 1977

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Jerome P. Kenney, 1963

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Charles B. Johnson, 1954

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Kenneth L. Wolfe, 1961

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Kurt L. Schmoke, 1971

ABOUT OUR COVER

To commemorate the centennial of the first intercollegiate game, artist Arnold Friberg was commissioned to do a series of paintings of significant moments in the history of college football. Our cover is a painting of the first gridiron challenge between Princeton and Rutgers, a game played on November 6, 1869.

For years, some form of football had to be played on campuses and elsewhere. It was not until 1869 that one college played another in an official game. Rutgers challenged Princeton in what was to become the first game in the history of intercollegiate football.

The historic game was played on a clear autumn day in a cow pasture with a round ball. The players had no uniforms, helmets, or protective padding. For identification, those on the Rutgers team wore a red sweater or simply wrapped anything red around their heads.

The Rutgers “rushers” (today’s linemen) locked arms in a “flying wedge” to protect the man in back who kicked the ball along the ground. Hence the name “football.” The Princeton team got even by quickly forming their own copycat flying wedge. One mercilessly aggressive player, known as “Big Mike,” is reported to have wreaked havoc among his opponents. He is depicted boldly in the foreground.

Although the Ivy League teams played against each other from the late 1800s on, the league was not formed as a football conference until 1945. The league was declared an all-sport league in 1954, with a full round-robin of play starting in 1956. A rich tradition of scholar/athletes, like the eight distinguished gentlemen we honor tonight, continues on through today.

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