

Cliff Foust Hall of Fame

Class of 2016 Inductees

Andrew “Andy” Caputo – Class of 1939

Wrestling & Football

Andy wrestled at 140 pounds for three years winning district and state championships. In football, he was voted an all-conference guard. His fellow students named him Outstanding Athlete. The World War II Navy veteran was honored when June 27th, 1963 was proclaimed “Andy Caputo Recognition Day” by Mayor Donovan.

John “Jake” Caputo – Class of 1940

Wrestling

Captain of the wrestling team, Jake placed in three consecutive State Wrestling Tournaments: 4th place in 1938, 2nd place in 1939, and was the State Wrestling Champ in 1940. Additionally, Jake played four years of Football and ran two years of Track earning a total of seven varsity letters. He went on to serve his country in the United States Marine Corps.

Frank Petrancek – Class of 1950

Basketball, Football & Baseball

While a Bulldog, Frank earned an impressive nine varsity letters: three each in Football, Basketball, and Baseball. Frank led the Bulldog cagers to the Final 4 in 1950 and was named All Ohio. He was also voted All-Conference in both Basketball and Football. Frank went on to become a long-serving and well-respected mayor of Garfield Heights.

Raymond Maria – Class of 1957

Basketball

A three-year Bulldog varsity letterman, Ray led the Greater Cleveland Conference in scoring his Junior and Senior years, as well as being named team MVP both years. After graduation, Ray went on to a very distinguished and honored basketball career at John Carroll University. Ray continued his basketball career while serving his country in the United States Army. He retired from the FBI in 1990.

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Mike “Buddy” Palmisano – Class of 1960

Wrestling & Track

Nephew of fellow Class of 2016 inductees Andy and Jake Caputo, Buddy was also a standout Bulldog Wrestler making several trips to the state championships: he placed 4th in 1957, 3rd in 1958, and 2nd in 1959 and 1960. Buddy went on to win AAU and college state championships as well.

Dan Lea – Class of 1972

Football & Wrestling

Dan Lea was a standout Bulldog athlete earning five varsity letters, three in Football and two in Track. He was a State Runner-up in the Heavyweight class and won several All LEL honors in Wrestling and Football. Dan went on to play four years of college football at Tampa University. Dan and his family have always been loyal supporters of the GH Booster Club.

Frank O’Laughlin – Class of 1978

Soccer

Frank O’Laughlin is a GHHS soccer pioneer scoring the first official goal in school history. He earned three letters and held records in single-game scoring and career goal assists. He led the team against the semi-pro Cleveland Cobras in the Ohio Scholastic Soccer League. Frank continued his soccer career at Cuyahoga Community College. Following in his father’s footsteps, son Kyle also played soccer for the Bulldogs.

Joe Janiak – Class of 1983

Football, Wrestling, Baseball

Joe Janiak is excelled and lettered in 3 varsity sports. He was selected to the Cleveland Plain Dealer Dream Team for both Football & Baseball. Joe excelled in Baseball where he was selected as an All-State, All Conference, East/West All Star, and team MVP. Joe held the GHHS batting average record for 20 years with a .560 batting average. Joe went on to play college baseball at Kent State University and Missouri Southern State University where he was selected as a 2-time NAIA All-American Golden Glove Catcher.

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Darren Jarina – Class of 1994

Wrestling (State Champ) & Football

Earning a total of seven varsity letters during his time as a Bulldog athlete, Darren Jarina excelled in both Wrestling and Football. Darren was a very distinguished State Wrestling Heavyweight Champion in 1994 in addition to earning several all-league honors in Football. The Jarina family is a part of Garfield Heights athletic history that will not soon be forgotten.

Charles Reisland – Coach 19 years

Head Football Coach

In 19 years of coaching the Bulldogs on the gridiron, Chuck compiled an impressive record of 119-73 leading the team to three playoff appearances. Under his direction, the Bulldogs also won six conference championships. He holds an impressive 221-171-2 overall coaching record. Chuck is an esteemed member of several Halls of Fame.