

Seventh Annual Booster Club Dinner (replacing golf outing) Huntington Crescent Club Honorees: Mary Paar and John Paci, Jr.

Mary Paar was born in Skaneateles, NY and moved to Huntington in 1961. She attended Southdown and Flower Hill Elementary Schools, Finley Junior High School and graduated in 1974 from Huntington High School. At Finley and Huntington High School, Mary played on the field hockey, softball, basketball and gymnastics teams. She was also a cheerleader, a student leader and played in the Huntington High School Band. Mary went on to continue her education at Roanoke College, receiving her degree in health and physical education. She was also on the Roanoke field hockey team. Mary received her Master's Degree in health and physical education from Adelphi University. As a teacher and coach in the Huntington School District, Mary has coached volleyball, softball and cheerleading at Robert K. Toaz and Finley Junior High Schools in 1979 and 1980 and boys' lacrosse at the two schools from 1980 through 1986. She also coached Huntington's junior varsity field hockey team from 1979 through 1989. Mary left her mark by developing the Blue Devil girls' lacrosse program, winning three Suffolk County Championships, a Long Island Championship and attaining runner-up status in a NY State Championship. She served as Huntington's head coach from 1988 through 2002, developing the team into a state power and sending countless athletes to NCAA Division I Schools. She was also president of the Long Island School Girls Lacrosse Association and coached both the Long Island Empire Girls Lacrosse and Long Island School Girls Lacrosse teams.

John Paci, Jr. was born in NYC, and moved to Long Island at the age of eight. He began his football career playing defensive end for Our Lady of Lourdes CYO in Massapequa Park. Later, John played quarterback at Farmingdale Junior and Senior High Schools. He also played basketball and participated on the track team. In fact, John set a school record for the discus throw. His football career continued at Hofstra University, where John earned a full scholarship playing running back as well as throwing the discus. After earning a BS degree in electrical engineering, John served his country in Vietnam receiving the Bronze Star and the highest award from the Republic of South Vietnam. Eventually, John used his electrical engineering degree and worked for Sperry Systems in Lake Success. However, John's passion for football was too strong and he soon found his way back to the gridiron. John Paci's association with the Huntington football program began in 1973 as a volunteer coach. The following year he was named co-coach of the JV squad. He was promoted to the varsity coaching staff in 1983 and became head coach in 1988 when longtime Blue Devil gridiron mentor Joe Lucey retired. He remained as varsity coach through 1995, coaching some of the greatest Huntington football players ever. The recipient of several Coach of the Year Awards, Mr. Paci also served as president of the Suffolk County Football Coaches Association.

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**7:00 – 11:00 p.m. COCKTAILS, HORS D'OEUVRES
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