Seventh Annual Booster Club Dinner
October 18, 2013

Honorees
Mary Paar
John Paci, Jr.

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Our Family proudly supports the Huntington Booster Club for all of its hard work and terrific contributions to our children, our schools and our community.

We also extend our congratulations to Mary Paar and John Paci Jr. on their well deserved honor

Jean Hegler and Tim Pillion, Chris Lau, Alex Lau and Cole Pillion

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Dear Friends,

Please accept my sincerest gratitude for your support of our Athletic Booster Club. Booster Club members work tirelessly in an effort to ensure that our student-athletes possess every opportunity to succeed during their time in the Huntington schools and beyond. They genuinely understand the importance of providing our students with a well-rounded education that includes experiences both within and beyond the classroom. It is routinely obvious that interscholastic athletics play a significant role in the lives of many.

Your attendance at this year’s Booster Club dinner means a great deal to students, staff and parents alike. Tonight, we are also thrilled to honor two Huntington athletic icons, John Paci Jr. and Mary Paar, both of whom have given so much to the school community through the years as teachers, coaches and role models.

Once again, thank you for joining us this evening and for pledging your ongoing support for our athletic programs. Enjoy and go Blue Devils!

Sincerely,

James W. Polansky
Superintendent of Schools
The Paar Family would like to congratulate John Paci, Jr. and all former honorees. We would also like to thank the Huntington Booster Club for all they do for Huntington athletics.

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Honorees 2013

Mary Paar

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.

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.
Best Wishes

Huntington Booster Club
for a successful Dinner

The Plant Family
Danny
Tommy
Meghan
William

The Shivers Family
Nicholas
Stephen

Welcome to the Seventh Annual
2013 Booster Club Dinner

Mission Statement

The Huntington Booster Club is a non-profit organization comprised of dedicated parents, coaches, school administrators, community members and alumni. It has been established to promote, encourage and support athletic participation and excellence for the students in the Huntington School District. The primary focus of the Booster Club is to financially enhance the district’s physical education and athletic department budget in support of all sports. The goals of the Booster Club are to provide financial support to maintain and improve athletic facilities at our schools, to purchase equipment for our students and teams, to conduct summer sports camps, to distribute annual scholarships and to provide refreshments at athletic events and sports awards nights. We will do this through annual membership dues and other fundraising throughout the course of the year. To accomplish our goals, we ask that all families, particularly those with student athletes at Finley Middle School and the Huntington High School, coaches and school administration support the athletic programs in the district by becoming a member of the Huntington Booster Club and by participating in our fundraising events.

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Our Congratulations to
Mary Paar & John Paci Jr
on this much deserved honor
from your friends at the
Huntington Village Lacrosse Club.

2014 HVLAX
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The guy who once said (well, maybe more than once):

‘...They ran over us like a Ford over a rooster’
‘...That’s when the weight room took over’
‘...You couldn’t have caught him with a 22’
‘...You’re so full of **** your eyes are brown’
‘...If I wanted any **** out of you, I would have squeezed your head’
‘...Sausage, get Harold some sausage. He loves sausage’
‘...I just wish I could be out there with you guys’

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and
Go Blue Devils!
from The Meagher Family!

Go Blue Devils!
All the Best,
Joe & Lynette Bavaro

Congratulations!
John & Mary
Charlie & Barbara Forte
and Family

One person can be a crucial ingredient on a team, but one person cannot make a team.
- Kareem Abdul-Jabbar

Congratulations...
Mary Paar & John Paci, Jr.
The Huntington Foundation for Excellence in Education is proud to support the Booster Club and the Blue Devils!

SAVE THE DATE!
This Year’s “Reach for the Stars” Recipient is
Mrs. Patricia Dillon
2014 Reach for the Stars Gala
Crest Hollow Country Club, Woodbury
Friday, February 7, 2014 • 6:30PM

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