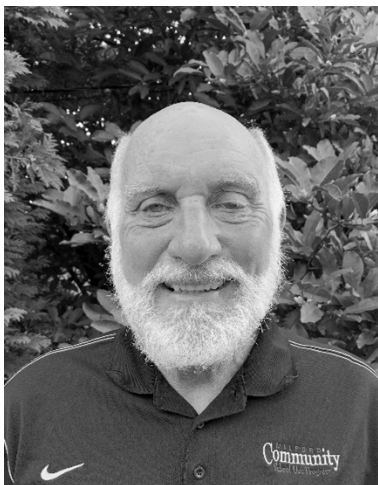


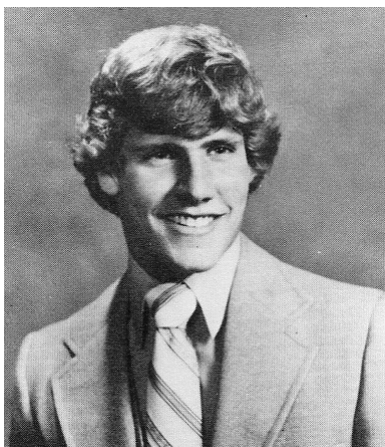


Leonardo Morcone
Class of 1973
Contributor

Leonardo “Lenny” Morcone was a dedicated and competitive three-sport athlete in his own right as a 1973 graduate of MHS, but his role as Director of the Milford Community School Use Program has shown him to be a vital contributor to both the high school’s athletic programs and youth sports throughout the Milford Community. It is easy to measure one’s achievements through wins, championships and statistics, but Lenny’s contributions are as profound as many of our past inductees. His leadership has had a multi-faceted impact on an innumerable number of athletes, coaches and nearly all of the sports programs at MHS.

Lenny has made Milford High School the centerpiece of the community and has helped fill it with activities for residents and athletes alike almost 24/7. Whether it is early morning swimming or fitness classes, nightly adult education classes, youth sport classes or club team practices, or weekend youth sports league competitions, the opportunities offered to all Milford residents of all ages is unmatched by any surrounding community. Serving a diverse socio-economic population, Lenny has made a concerted effort to reach everyone in our community by providing the budgetary resources to ensure equitable access to his programs. When you go to any town recreational facility in Milford, it is almost a guarantee that much of the state-of-the-art equipment was funded by major contributions from the Community School Use Program.

The most direct impact of Lenny’s programs on MHS athletics is the developmental camps, clinics and leagues for younger athletes that ultimately serve as feeder programs for our high school teams. These opportunities are where our young children fall in love with sports for the first time. Well after they graduate from high school, they can recall their first coaches, their first wins and losses, and the older volunteer student-athletes who inspired them to pursue their dreams. This is where the sense of community and tradition takes root!



William H. Gilmore
Class of 1981

William “Bill” Gilmore was an extraordinary four-sport varsity athlete at Milford High School. During his athletics career, he was captain of three varsity teams- football, wrestling and track & field- and selected as MVP in two as a senior. He gained League All Star honors in four different sports, set a school record in track & field, and won a State Championship in wrestling.

Bill made his presence as an athlete known soon after entering high school. As a freshman, he competed on the MHS Boys’ Swim team, and placed 6th in New England in the Breaststroke, and was named a League All Star.

Gilmore was a tri-captain and MVP of the football team in 1980. He was a two-way starter at offensive guard and defensive tackle. Selected to the Midland League and Milford Daily News All Star Teams, he was described as “excellent against the rush and quick and strong in the offensive line. An invaluable two-way athlete.” He was awarded the Tony Longo Award as the team’s outstanding lineman.

As a sophomore, Bill left the pool to join the wrestling team. During his junior year, he finished 2nd at the Sectionals and 4th at the Div. 2 States at 187 lbs. As a senior tri-captain, he posted a regular season record of 15-1, won the Sectional Championship and went on to claim the Div. 2 State Championship with a thrilling 6-0 overtime win in the finals against the top-seeded wrestler. He went on to finish 2nd at the New England Tournament, set the MHS record for Career Team Points, was named team MVP and was selected to the Boston Globe All Scholastic Team.

Bill was also a record setter on Track & Field. As a sophomore, he placed 3rd in the States in the javelin, and contributed to the 1979 Midland League Championship Team throwing the shot put and javelin. He was undefeated in the javelin in the league in both 1979 and 1980 and set the MHS record in the javelin with a throw of 188 ft. 3”. He capped his career by earning the Tony Correia Coaches award as the outstanding male athlete in his class.