

THE 46TH ANNUAL ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME DINNER

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Ruth S. Harley University Center Garden City, New York

The Frank Cassell Memorial Award

Created in honor of former Head Athletic Trainer (1953-74) and Adelphi Hall of Famer, Frank Cassell. A healer, counselor, motivator, father confessor and sincere friend of the Adelphi athlete, his spirit epitomizes what college athletics should be. This award recognizes contributions made to Adelphi Athletics above and beyond.



Since 1985 James Campbell has been a mainstay at Adelphi University's Garden City campus as the head groundskeeper. During the past 31 years, Campbell and his crew of four have cared for all 80 acres of Adelphi's beautiful lawns, flowers, plants, trees and athletic fields.

Included in Campbell's responsibilities are maintaining the landscaping, appearance and function-ality of Adelphi University's athletic fields, including Motamed Field, William J. Bonomo Memorial Field, Janet L. Ficke Field and the practice field. The preparation of those fields are not viewed as a job by Campbell, but as doing his part to allow the student-athletes the ability to perform their best and represent the University positively.

Campbell's affinity for Adelphi Athletics was founded early in his career, during his interactions with former Director of Athletics Robert E. Hartwell and the coaching staffs. Through those conversations, he became part of the athletics family and wanted to help the teams succeed.

The campus has undergone many changes during Campbell's tenure, but whether he tended the grass on Stiles Field or the turf on Motamed Field, the grounds have always been safe and pristine. Campbell's love of athletics has only grown under the leadership of Danny McCabe, who continues to push Adelphi to new heights of competitiveness and success on and off the fields of play.

Campbell not only gives back to Adelphi by keeping the grounds of campus and the playing fields in immaculate condition, he also gives back to the Adelphi University Annual Fund, the Adelphi Street Signs Project and the Center for Performing Arts. In addition he has attended numerous Athletic Department functions including, the annual Athletics Fall Cocktail Reception, and the Ficke Panther Golf Classic, while also supporting the baseball and softball programs and the Panther Club.

The Woodruff Lifetime Achievement Award

A recognition of life-time achievement in athletics throughout the metrolpolitan New York area, this award is presented for excellence in coaching, teaching and educating young adults. This award salutes an Ambassador of Sportsmanship and Goodwill, while stressing that the athletic experience enhances the educational experience and quality of life.



James C. "Jim" Metzger is chairman and CEO of The Whitmore Group, Ltd., and one of Long Island's leading philan-thropists. His philanthropic ideals have led Metzger to take an interest in youth, high school and college athletics, where his generosity has created scholarship funds, built stadiums, locker rooms and awards.

Metzger, the founder of The Whitmore Group, a leading Long Island insurance brokerage and financial services firm, is a former All-American lacrosse player at Hofstra University and Half Hollow Hills High School in Dix Hills and has given back generously to his alma maters as well as other educational, and charitable organizations.

Jim founded The Whitmore Group in 1989. The Whitmore Group provides the gamut of insurance products and financial services, including commercial property and casualty, a specialized funeral services program, personal insurance, health benefits, life insurance, estate planning, financial services, real estate insurance programs, specialty transportation industry group and claims services. In 2011, Long Island Business News reported that The Whitmore Group was the seventh-largest insurance brokerage business on Long Island. The company is licensed in 48 states and has more than 70 employees located in Garden

City, New York.

An Adelphi Athletics corporate partner, The Whitmore Group has allowed all Panther home games to be broadcast live and free of charge to the public through Adelphi's webcasting portal, www.aupanthers.tv.

A philanthropic force in Long Island, Metzger has generously given back to organizations that share his passion for helping others. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Long Island (BBBSLI) named the James C. Metzger and E. David Woycik Endowment Fund in 2010 after Metzger and Woycik made the single largest contribution in the history of BBBSLI. That same year Metzger was the honored as the Big Brothers Big Sisters Man of the Year and Presidential Honoree, helping raise \$300,000 at the Gala presentation.

Half Hollow Hills East High School established the James C. Metzger Outstanding Player Award in 2011 as an annual award given to the school's best lacrosse player. A year later the James C. Metzger Men's Lacrosse Endowment was established with a donation of \$100,000, the largest gift in the history of Half Hollow Hills. The most valuable player award of the Section VIII high school playoff games is named in honor of James C. Metzger was a High School All American Lacrosse Player and winner of the Ray Enners Award as the outstanding lacrosse player in Suffolk County in 1977.

A new 1,000-capacity stadium at St. Anthony's High School was dedicated as James C. Metzger stadium in 2016. While not a St. Anthony's alum, Metzger has become a benefactor to the school. He said he grew up in the area and it was the epicenter of his world growing up, calling it "a great environment, great history, great legacy both academically and, of course, athletically at St. Anthony's"

James Metzger is also a Board Director of the Hofstra University Pride Club and has generously supported Hofstra Athletics throughout the years. In 2012 he committed \$1.5 million to support Hofstra Athletics, marking the largest gift in the history of the department. Hofstra dedicated James C. Metzger Hall on April 7, 2015. Metzger Hall is located on the west side of Shuart Stadium on the Hofstra campus.