

William L. Spaeth

William L. Spaeth has certainly earned his place in Hillsborough High School history. Hired two years prior to the opening of the school, Bill was given full responsibility ranging from hiring, to input on construction design, to curriculum development and creation of an athletic program. He served as the guiding force of Hillsborough High School for 18 years. Those of us who knew Bill recognized his kind and caring demeanor. Thus it is impossible to talk about Hillsborough history without mentioning Bill Spaeth.

Bill personified the unification of the spirit of the mind and the performance of the body. However, it is his love for athletic competition and his Hillsborough High School student-athletes that has earned him his induction to the Hall of Fame.

Professional Background

BA in Economics from Champlain College

Graduate Schools: Syracuse, Jersey City, Seton Hall, NYU

Science Teacher in Hasbrouck Heights and River Dell

River Dell Junior High School Principal

Park Ridge High School Principal

Hillsborough High School Principal

President, Somerset County Principal's Association

President, Hillsborough Principal's Association



“Up Close and Personal”

US Army: fought, wounded, and captured at Battle of Bulge

POW for 4 months: liberated by General Patton

American Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Purple Heart, World War II Victory Medal, European/African/Middle Eastern Service Medal

Gold and Silver Medals for numerous Senior citizen Olympic events:

Competed in many long distance races; especially proud when he placed fifth in his age group in the South Carolina Cooper River Bridge International Run that had 26,000 entrants.