

Flashes Football Foundation's Officers and Board Member



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The History of the Flashes Football Foundation

In the summer of 1996, a group of former Franklin Central football players assembled for the purpose of giving something back to the football program from which they had received many tangible and intangible rewards. Most of these former players had already 'given back' to the Flashes football program by serving as volunteer coaches for youth football teams and/or assisting at all levels of Franklin Township Youth Football (FTYF). This Alumni group had over 55 years of volunteer service to all levels.

In 1997, these FC football alumni and head coach, John Mallery, founded the Flashes Football Alumni Club. The following year, it became the Flashes Football Foundation (FFF) because others in the community were wanting to help support ALL levels of Flashes Football from the youth league through the high school program. The goal was to help build a stronger and more successful high school football program. These original board members were the leaders in the (FTYF) program. Many have become deeply involved again due to their desire to help Coach West with his rebuilding efforts that began in January of 2021.

Chuck Stephens, a former coach, said "What I am most proud of is the desire of these former players to give back to their community and their sport. I have always felt that if a football program is run properly, participating in that program will become the most rewarding experience of a student athlete's high school career."

In 2001 the head coach at the time, Coach Scheib, and the FFF adopted the following mission:

- Provide scholarships to graduating senior football players
- Promote Flashes Football at all levels.

\$100,000 in scholarships were granted from 2001 thru 2015. In 2015, the FFF raised \$60,000 for the Jeff Coughlin Endowed Scholarship Fund that supports two (2) \$1,000 scholarships – one each for a female and male senior scholar athlete annually. Since inception, the FFF has given over \$200,000 to all levels of football in Franklin Township.

In 2021, Coach West stated, “Whether in the classroom or on the football field, I view myself as an educator. Many of the lessons that our student-athletes will learn on the gridiron will serve them for the rest of their lives. Success, failure, teamwork, sacrifice, and discipline are all experiences that will be encountered both on the field and in life. My job, as a coach, is to prepare my student-athletes for those experiences so that they will have the tools to properly grow and learn from them. I love the game of football. Beyond my family, there is nothing that I am more passionate about. It, more than anything else, helped prepare me for life. It built the foundations for my greatest successes and taught me to persevere when faced with challenges and failures. I want to give my student-athletes that same experience. I want to equip them with the tools that they will need to meet all of life's trials and tribulations. “