

The Education Foundation of South Brunswick Township, Inc. 2013 S. Brunswick H.S. – Distinguished Alumni Award

CHRIS CARBONE

Chris Carbone graduated from S.B.H.S. in 1987 and is the Director of the South Brunswick Public Library. Chris was a Garden State Distinguished Scholar, member of the National and French Honor Societies and Drum Major of the award winning Viking Marching Band.

He joined the staff of the South Brunswick Public Library in 1989 while completing with honors his B.S. in Business Administration at The College of New Jersey. Chris went on to earn his M.L.S. at Rutgers University with highest honors, joined the Library's Administration in 2004 and was named Director in 2008. He helped lead the Library through a major expansion in 2004 and renovation project in 2010. He works with the Trustees, Friends group, Library Foundation, local governance and staff to provide exemplary library services and opportunities for the community.

Over the last 25 years Chris has worked with hundreds of students as an instructor for the South Brunswick Marching Band. He also instructs the 12 time national finalist Varsity Winterguard and the JV Winterguard.

He has served on the Executive Boards for Communications Workers of America Local 1031 and the Mid-Atlantic Indoor Network. He currently serves on the Boards of the Libraries of Middlesex Automation Consortium and the New Jersey Library Association.



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JAMES ZINSMEISTER

Born in Queens, N.Y. in 1959 James Zinsmeister moved to South Brunswick in 1962. He attended Constable School (1st/3rd/5th), Greenbrook School (4th/6th) and Crossroads M.S. (7th/8th). He graduated from S.B.H.S. in 1977 and received varsity letters in soccer, wrestling and baseball.

In 1982 he graduated from Rutgers University with a B.A. in English. James was enrolled in the Ph.D. English program at New York University from 1989 until 1991, before leaving the program.

James worked at S.B.H.S. from 1992 thru 2003 and is currently at S.B.H.S. since 2009. He coached soccer at S.B.H.S. from 1994 - 2002, as the JV head coach and then as the assistant Varsity coach alongside Mr. Mark Ziminski. He is the Sports Historian for S.B.H.S. and a co-founder of the S.B.H.S. Sports Hall of Fame. James is a strong supporter of S.B.H.S. sports and arts and attends over 100 games, matches, concerts, performances and events each school year.

He is an artist, musician and writer. He has written for *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *U.S.1* and other publications. He performed with The Princeton Ballet/American Repertory Ballet and as a drummer in several rock bands. James is an adventurer and mountaineer. He has made five overland trips to Alaska, including one to the sub-Arctic Interior. He played club-level/semi-professional soccer in the early to late-1980s and competed in marathons in NYC, Boston and around the country for over a decade. James has two sisters, Joan (S.B.H.S. 1978) and Patricia (1979). His brother Rich (S.B.H.S. 1978), who was the student council president in his junior and senior years and a varsity athlete in three sports, died in 1998.