

SPECIAL RECOGNITION 2021

Donald “Magoo” Suozzi

Don “Magoo” Suozzi was an incredible supporter of Notre Dame High School students and our athletic program for over 50 years! A fixture at almost all ND athletic events, he would often provide transportation and meals to our student-athletes to attend away games, especially in the Bishop Smith league years that included long distance trips to destinations such as Athol Springs, Dunkirk and Olean.

Don was a longtime member of the ND Sports Boosters and often worked behind the scenes to be sure that our student-athletes always had great end of the season banquets, proper recognition and the best possible equipment. An example would be when the 1978 Varsity football team [which is being honored tonight] captured our school’s 1st Section V Championship, he spearheaded the effort to have a celebratory banquet at the St. Nicholas Club and to provide championship jackets for all members of this team and coaching staff!

Together with his wife Rose, they opened their home to literally hundreds of ND students through the years as a place where our many out of town students could safely stay - often overnight - and enjoy great company and incredible Italian cooking!

His daughters - Donna [1979], Jacqeline [1980], and Janice [1983] - as well as his granddaughter Gabrielle [2017] are all Notre Dame High School graduates.

His involvement at Notre Dame High School continued right to the end as a spectator at games and as a visitor to our Grotto. His memory will continue to live on here at ND forever through the efforts of his family who have established the **Donald Suozzi Memorial Scholarship** to benefit Notre Dame students in need of financial aid.

