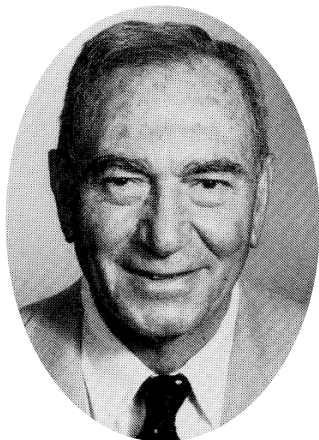


Dr. Nicholas Santaniello



Dr. Nicholas Santaniello probably has done more to further the careers of young area athletes than anyone else.

For many years, Santaniello was instrumental in helping high school students pursue their goals in academics and sports. Among those who have benefited from his support are: Bill Rogowski, Russ Dennis, Jerry Fishman, Roger Shoals, Bo Hickey, Vic LaCerenza, Dan Sileo, Joe DiMattio, Chet Hannlak, Dewey Raymond, and Connie Carpenter.

All of these young men went on to have great college careers and, in some cases, continued on in the professional field. Santaniello still remains in close contact with most of these men and enjoys watching them make a contribution in the communities in which they live.

He is a past president of the Shorehaven Golf Club, where he once held a single digit handicap. He was a favorite partner to his fellow members. He is a past president of the Norwalk Fathers' Club and was a recipient of their Man of the Year award.

Santaniello was chairman of the Wilton Recreation Commission, and, along with Jim Bellantoni, was instrumental in the formation of the Norwalk Biddy League Basketball program.

Santaniello graduated from the University of Maryland Dental School in 1943, and after three years of service in the U.S. Army during World War II, he practiced dentistry for five years before obtaining his Certificate of Orthodontics.

The University of Maryland "M" Club honored the Norwalker for his great interest in University of Maryland athletics.

He is married to the former Lois McComas, also a Maryland graduate. They have three children and seven grandchildren.