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**Title: Hopatcong High School SENIOR LEAVE IT ALL ON THE FIELD AND BECOME SCHOOL WINNER IN THE WENDY'S HIGH SCHOOL HEISMAN SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION**

Art DiBenedetto, Hopatcong Superintendent of Schools, Announces-

**What:**

The National Award Program Releases the Names of 2018 School Winners Today, Wendy's® announces the 2018 Wendy's High School Heisman School Winners.

From a total applicant pool of nearly 42,000 high school scholar-athletes graduating with the class of 2019, more than 7,500 have been named School Winners in Wendy's annual scholarship competition.

School Winners will continue to compete for the chance to become State Finalists, State Winners, National Finalists or National Winners. State Winners receive a \$500 college scholarship, National Finalists receive a \$1,000 college scholarship and the male and female National Winners receive a \$5,000 college scholarship and trip to New York City to attend the Heisman Trophy Trust's annual college Heisman award broadcast on Saturday, December 8, 2018.

A complete list of School Winners can be found [www.wendysheisman.com/results/](http://www.wendysheisman.com/results/).

**Who:**

Benjamin Bibeault

**Why:**

Like the Heisman Memorial Trophy®, Wendy's believes in the pursuit of athletic and academic excellence with integrity. Since 1994, Wendy's and the Heisman Trophy Trust have been running the same play to perfection: honoring more than 600,000 of the nation's most esteemed students. Our partnership succeeds because we share a common set of values wherein going above and beyond is the norm. We want to honor students who do the same and profile their stories of perseverance to inspire the tomorrow's senior class.

To apply, students must be graduating with the class of 2019, have a cumulative high school grade point average of a B (3.0) or better, participate in at least one of the 47 sports recognized by the International Olympic Committee and/or the National Federation of State High School Association and be a leader in his/her school and community.

### **About Wendy's High School Heisman**

The Wendy's High School Heisman was created by Wendy's founder Dave Thomas in 1994. Dave

Thomas dropped out of high school when he was 15 years old in order to work full-time and went on to become one of the most successful entrepreneurs in history. While this nontraditional path led to his prosperity, it always worried Dave that others would follow in his footsteps and expect to achieve similar fame and wealth by not finishing high school or attending college. Faced with this dilemma, at 61 years old, Dave enrolled at Coconut Creek High School in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., and received his General Equivalency Diploma (GED). Inspired by this moment

and with a desire to celebrate the outstanding achievements of youth in America, he launched the Wendy's High School Heisman program.

Twenty-five years later, Wendy's High School Heisman has honored more than 600,000 of the nation's most esteemed high school seniors who share Wendy's values of giving back to their communities, treating people with respect, continuing education and excelling on the athletic field.

The Wendy's High School Heisman is a joint program between Wendy's and the Heisman Trophy

Trust, host and custodians of the Heisman Memorial Trophy®.

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