

*Jim Dransfield*

*Head Coach 19<sup>th</sup> season*

*Coach Dransfield has lead the West Milford Highlander softball program for the last 18 seasons. During his tenure the Highlanders have won fourteen Northern Hills Conference, five Passaic County, six Group 4 section 1 and one Group 3 section 1 Championship. His 430 – 85 (.839%) won / lose record ranks among the best of New Jersey softball coaches. He is the only coach in West Milford high school history to record 400 career wins. Four times the Highlanders have reached the Group 4 State finals, 91', 94', 02' & 03'. He has received several Coach of the Year awards, numerous local media, Northern Hills conference nine times and Passaic County three times. During the past 18 seasons Coach Dransfield has coached 24 All State players, many All Passaic County and All Northern Hills conference players. Coach Dransfield's last 18 summers have been spent coaching the West Milford Xtreme 16U team.*

*A lifetime resident of West Milford township. Coach Dransfield attended Passaic County Technical High School, Wayne, NJ. He received his BA degree in Physical Education from Central College of Pella, Iowa. At Central College, he played football and rugby. Just recently he has earned his Masters degree in Teaching from Marygrove College.*

*For 24 years, Coach Dransfield has taught physical education, project adventure and driver education at West Milford high school. During that time span he has also coached football, baseball, wrestling and indoor track.*

*Nikki Gwinnett*

*Assistant coach*

*4<sup>th</sup> season*

*Coach Gwinnett gives West Milford high school many years of experience at a variety of different levels. During high school Nikki was an outstanding softball player at Manchester Regional high school. She has played ASA softball for the majority of her athletic career. She starred at Seton Hall University playing catcher and outfield for most of her college career. Nikki switched to shortstop as a senior at Seton Hall being named All American. Coach Gwinnett has previously coached softball at Newark Academy and Lakeland high school. At West Milford, 2005 is her second official season, but she had volunteered for both the 03' and 04' seasons.*

*She is also our head girls soccer coach and has coached freshmen girls basketball. Nikki has played women's professional football for the Long Island Sharks the last two seasons. The Sharks played for the national title in 2004. Coach Gwinnett teaches health,*

*project adventure and physical education at West Milford.*

*Ray LaCroix*

*Assistant coach*

*1<sup>st</sup> season*

*Coach LaCroix will lead both the junior varsity and freshmen teams during his first year in the softball program. Ray is a very hard working, dedicated and caring coach. He played basketball at Ramapo high school. Coach LaCroix is an excellent role model and provides an excellent experience for the junior varsity and freshmen softball programs.*

*He is West Milford high school's head girls basketball coach. Coach LaCroix has also coached field hockey and track during his career. Mr.LaCroix teaches history at West Milford.*

*Bill Remia*

*Volunteer assistant coach*

*3<sup>rd</sup> year*

*Bill is a retired industrial arts teacher from West Milford high school. He has been involved with the West Milford girls softball association for many, many years. Coach Remia is a teacher of the game of softball. He works well with the freshmen team providing the valuable insights that are needed at that level of play. His daughter Laura was a 1<sup>st</sup> team all-state player at West Milford and is the NCAA D-3 all time homerun leader.*