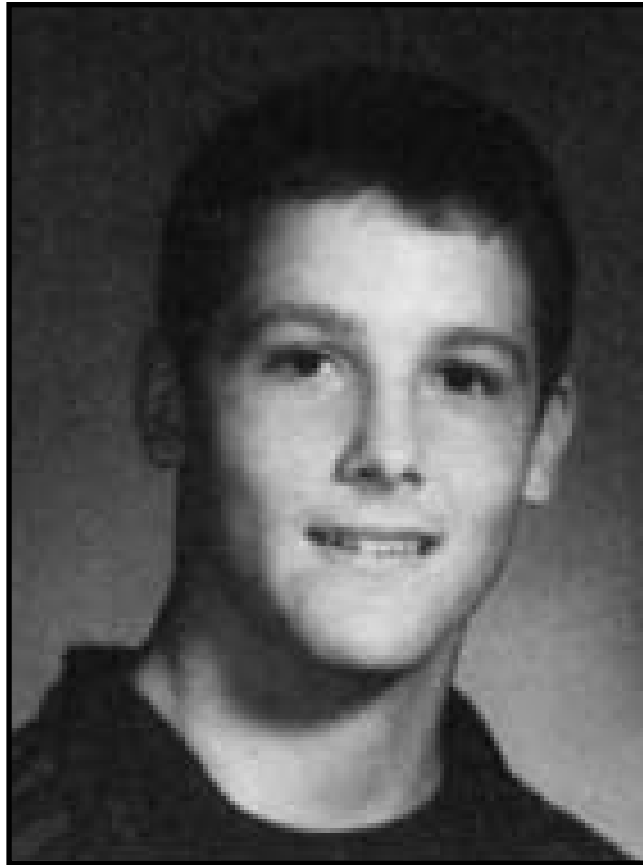


Watchung Hills Regional High School Hall of Fame



Carl Riccio
Lawyer, Spokesperson for Spinal Cord-Injured
Class of 2004

Carl Riccio won the respect and admiration of his peers in the Class of 2004 for his athletic achievements. As a wrestler, he was a three-time Somerset County Champion, and also, as a sophomore, was District Champion and Region 3 place winner. In baseball, he was named to the All-Skyland Conference, was named Offensive Player of the Year, and was Junior Pre-season All-American.

The spinal cord injury that put an end to Carl's athletic endeavors did not impede his intellectual progress. In 2008, he graduated from Villanova University in Pennsylvania with a degree in Finance and went on to study law, graduating with the Juris Doctorate from Seton Hall University's Law School in 2011.

He interned with the Somerset County Prosecutor's Office for two summers and passed the New Jersey Bar in November, 2011. Professionally, he has worked for Repete, Inc. as an in-house lawyer and manager.

Carl's personal experience has made him a leading advocate for stem cell research in New Jersey. He has testified before the New Jersey Legislature in support of stem cell research and, along with three governors, has participated in bill-signing events relating to stem cell research. Carl also serves as a mentor for people in similar circumstances and continues to live life to the best of his ability.