



Welcome to this week's edition of the New York Jets Community Relations press release. We're excited to share the latest initiatives and events that highlight our commitment to making a positive impact in our community. From growing youth football to providing opportunities for disadvantaged populations, the Jets are dedicated to fostering a spirit of unity and support. Stay tuned for inspiring stories and updates on how we're working together to create lasting change both on and off the field.

Julien Jones Named Jets High School Player of the Week Fueled by Gatorade



Each week during the 2025 high school football season, the New York Jets and Gatorade will recognize a player of the week from the tri-state area. All players will receive a \$1,000 donation from the Jets and Gatorade to support their high school football program. Along with the monetary award, each recipient will be invited to attend the Jets vs. Dolphins game on December 7th, where they will be honored on-field at MetLife Stadium.

This week's recipient is linebacker and running back Julien Jones of Colonia High School in Colonia, N.J. In the quarterfinals of the NJSIAA North Jersey Section 2, Group 4 Tournament, Jones led fifth-seeded Colonia to a 20-19 win over fourth-seeded Ridge High School. The senior totaled 21 tackles (15 solo, six assisted), along with four TFLs. Jones also added a six-yard rushing touchdown to help lift the Colonia Patriots over the Red Devils. The Patriots are now 7-3 and look to extend their postseason run when they face top-seeded Phillipsburg this Friday at 7 p.m.

Jack Maher Named Jets High School Coach of the Week

Jack Maher of Becton Regional High School in East Rutherford, N.J., has been named the final New York Jets High School Coach of the Week. Coach Maher will receive a \$1,000 donation to benefit the school's football program, and Becton will receive an automatic bid to compete in the 2026 New York Jets 11-ON Tournament.

Maher will be invited to attend the New York Jets vs. Miami Dolphins game on Sunday, December 7th, where he will be honored on-field at MetLife Stadium.

In its 30th year, the Jets High School Coach of the Week award is given to a coach in the tri-state area who serves the best interests of the game through the teaching of sound football fundamentals, the motivation of young players to achieve, and the promotion of youth football by way of dedication to their community, their school, and their student-athletes.

Coach Maher grew up in Wood-Ridge, N.J., and went to Wood-Ridge High School before continuing his education at The College of New Jersey. Over the course of his football coaching career, Maher has held roles at the youth, high school, and collegiate levels. Before finding his stride in the high school ranks, he spent two years as the wide receivers coach at Kean University. Maher is now in his 11th season as the head coach at Becton Regional, where he has been recognized three times as the Division Coach of the Year and once as the Bergen County Coach of the Year.

In the quarterfinal round of the 2025 NJSIAA Section 2, Group 2 tournament, sixth-seeded Becton stunned third-seeded Hanover Park in a 26-22 victory. The Wildcats took the lead on a go-ahead touchdown in the final two minutes, then sealed the win with a fumble recovery on the Hornets' final possession—handing Hanover Park their first and only loss of the season. Now 7-3, Becton will face seventh-seeded Madison, who upset the No. 2 seed on Becton's side of the bracket. The semifinal matchup is set for Friday at 6 p.m. on Becton's home turf.





Jets Host Week of Mental Health Certification Workshops in New Jersey

Jets x US Center for Mental Health and Sport Trainings

The New York Jets hosted a week of Mental Health Certification Workshops throughout the state of New Jersey for staff members and student-athletes in New Jersey high school athletic departments. Led by the U.S. Center for Mental Health & Sport (USC-MHS), seven high schools throughout New Jersey took the USC-MHS's ACT! Certification and/or Accelerate course free-of-charge. The course teaches participants to learn the signs and symptoms of a mental health challenge and/or crisis, how to de-escalate a situation to avoid harm to oneself or others, and what pathways are available for additional professional support.

Schedule of Events

Monday, November 3rd:

Morning Session – Lakewood High School

Afternoon Session – Manalapan High School

Tuesday, November 4th:

Morning Session – Morristown High School

(hosted at 1 Jets Drive)

Afternoon Session – Red Bank Regional High School

(hosted at 1 Jets Drive)

Wednesday, November 5th:

Morning Session – Bard and West Side High Schools

Afternoon Session – Dwight Morrow High School



About the US Center for Mental Health and Sport (USC-MHS)

The US Center for Mental Health & Sport provides administrators, coaches, parents and athletes with resources they need to learn how to create a mental health supporting environment. We tap into leading edge research on mental health through partnerships with renowned research fellows and mental health organizations. We provide training so that our members can not only recognize the signs and symptoms that indicate someone may be experiencing mental health issues but are also well-equipped to provide an environment in which all participants can thrive and appropriate support can be provided.



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