

MYNDERSE ACADEMY ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME NEWSLETTER

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The Class of 2013

Seated left-right – Les Robinson, James Clark (for his mother Barrie Doane Clark), Christopher Dragone, Dr. Stanley Marshall, David Baker

Standing – Rod Verkey, Mark Piscitelli, Larry Giusti

2013 Induction Recap

Once again it was noted that the 2013 Induction Weekend was a huge success. Our honored athletes made this weekend truly memorable. It's safe to say that those family and friends present for the induction experienced many different emotions; pride, sadness, humor and appreciation, not only the appreciation for athletic achievements, but for a peek into what it was like to live and grow up in Seneca Falls.

There were a few items that were brought to the committee's attention. The overall length of the ceremony needs to be addressed. Temperature control was also an issue (it was quite warm in the auditorium). Please be assured that the committee will correct these issues. The comfort of those in attendance for the induction ceremony is very important to the committee.

It was gratifying seeing several past HOF members present not only at the Induction but at the SMS Saturday night get together. Life is too short to miss this once a year event.

The committee encourages feedback from any member. If you would like the committee to discuss an issue, by all means contact a committee member (listed on the last page) or e-mail tnovak1@rochester.rr.com



Past Inductees in Attendance

Seated – John Pannucci, Vince Caraccilo, Lou Rizzieri, Bert Serling, Lou Pioli

Standing – Ron Sandroni, Lisa Anderson, Mike Ferrara, Jerry Anderson, Matt Verkey, Bob Valesente, John Nicholson

Hall of Fame Website

Don't forget to check out the MA Athletic Hall of Fame on the Seneca Falls School District website. The website contains information and photos of every Hall of Fame member and team.

Go to the district website at www.sfcs.k12.ny.us and click on the "Athletics" tab. You should see the link for the Mynderse Academy Athletic Hall of Fame.



A BIG THANK YOU!

The MA Athletic Hall of Fame Committee would like to thank the many sponsors of this year's Induction Ceremony. There is no way the committee could host this annual ceremony without the financial help of our sponsors. We hope that those who contributed recognize the positive aspects of the HOF and will continue to contribute to the success of this program. **Reminder to all teams that have been inducted in the HOF....** A great way to keep your team's memories and relationships alive is to meet each year on HOF weekend. Another way is to make contributions to the HOF as a team and keep your accomplishments highlighted each year on the donations page. It will keep teammates in touch with one another while helping the Mynderse Athletic HOF.

NEW HALL OF FAME DISPLAY

From the start, Mynderse Athletic Hall of Fame inductees have had their individual plaques hung on the wall outside the district's main athletic center, the Arthur L. Baker Gymnasium. This past summer, as part of a capital project, the foyer outside the Baker Gymnasium was remodeled. A display case for HOF inductee plaques was created along with an electronic display introducing all the members of the HOF. Renovations of this foyer are shown in the photos below. We hope that you are able to stop by and see this permanent display for yourself.



1994 Girls' Basketball Team

The 1994 Girls' Basketball Team was inducted into the Mynderse Academy Athletic Hall of Fame this past October.

Seated left to right – Emily Ryan Markel,
Jodie Docteur Verkey,
Sarah Strussenberg Grack,
Elizabeth Giovannetti Campbell,
Anna Duonolo, Julie Cobb

Standing left to right – Head Coach Mike Ferrara,
Carrie Parker Alarie, Megan Stambersky Weston,
Ahran Bastian Panek, Asst. Coach Dick Ruschak,
Asst. Coach Dave Baker

Not in photo – Krista Ruschak Long



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MEMBER

JERRY ANDERSON - 1992
JOSEPH AVVEDUTI - 1970
LISA CARACCILO ANDERSON - 1986
BETH ANNE BRADSHAW - 1993
BOB BUCHWALD - 1962
DOM CARACCILO - 1952
GENE CARACCILO - 1955
GEORGE DAVIS
CHRISTOPHER DRAGONE - 2002
MIKE FERRARA - 1975
LARRY GIUSTI - 1971
LISA POLZINETTI GALVIN - 1982
KAREN LOUCKS - 1977
DAVE MCNANEY - 1973
RICHARD "ABE" MEYERS - 1956
JOHN NICHOLSON
JOHN PANNUCCI - 1953
MARK PISCITELLI - 1969
FRAN PISCITELLI - 1966
LES ROBINSON - 1962
BOB VALESENTE - 1958
GEORGE VALESENTE - 1962
MATT VERKEY - 1992
ROD VERKEY - 1964
DAVE WORMUTH - 1959

LIFETIME CONTRIBUTORS

ART BAKER
DAVID BAKER
JOHN BRACHT - 1903
BRUCE KNAPP, SR. - 1950
DR. STANLEY MARSHALL
NICK NETTI
DOM PARADISE - 1949
ANCE SIEFERDINI

MYNDERSE TEAMS

1946 FOOTBALL TEAM
1938 FOOTBALL TEAM
1992 BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM
1985 GIRLS' SOCCER TEAM
1994 GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM

FORERUNNERS TO TITLE IX

ANGIE BANTUVANIS
BARRIE DOANE CLARK - 1946
HELEN REYNOLDS WESTFALL - 1958

Verk's Trivia Corner

Trivia enthusiast, Rod Verkey, tries to stump the readers.

1. Name four colleges that have had Heisman Trophy winners and an alumni who was a US President.
2. Name two colleges that have had a Heisman and Naismith Trophy winner.
3. Name four states with a capitol named after a US President.



E-mail your guesses to Rod at rverkey@hotmail.com

Missed This Year's Induction? No Worries.

FingerLakes1.com, our hometown internet service, broadcasted and recorded this year's Induction Ceremony on October 13. If you weren't able to attend this year's event, you can watch the entire ceremony online. Go the following web address...

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ICobALBG17E>

Loss of a Member

Earlier this Fall, the Hall lost one of its members. Angie Bantuvanis passed away. Angie was one of the first female athletes selected into the Hall as part of the new "Prelude to Title IX" category. Angie was not only a recognized athlete, but also a coach, teacher and friend to many other female and male athletes at Mynderse. We will miss Angie but her presence at Mynderse will never be forgotten.

NOMINATE SOMEONE!

A reminder, if you nominate someone, you don't need to research and list the athletic accomplishments of the candidate. The committee will collect that information from the candidate. Nominations for the Class of 2014 will be accepted through March 31, 2014.

Those candidates not selected for the 2014 class are kept in a nomination pool and will be re-examined each year. It is not necessary to re-nominate someone if they were not selected for induction.

Please keep in mind female athletes that attended Mynderse prior to Title IX legislation (1972). Even though these female athletes did not participate in interscholastic sports, as women do today, the HOF encourages nominations for outstanding women prior to 1972.

The HOF Committee has already begun planning and organizing for the 2014 Induction Ceremony. We hope that you will be able to attend.

The Mynderse Academy Athletic Hall of Fame Committee

*Lisa Anderson, Liz Becht, John Capacci, Tony Ferrara,
John Nicholson, Ted Novak, Rod Verkey and Pete Wormuth*

Next Issue

Our next issue of the MAAHOF Newsletter will be mailed out towards the end of June 2014. This spring edition will announce the Class of 2014 as well as important information regarding the 2014 Induction Ceremony.

We hope to continue sending out our newsletter publications twice a year to all members on our mailing list. If, for some reason, you would like to be removed from the mailing list, please contact one of the HOF Committee members listed below.

Inside Note:

Our HOF Committee meetings always seem to end up with us swapping MA sports stories. The Committee wonders if you have a story of interest you'd be willing to share in a future newsletter? If you have a funny or moving story, please contact Ted Novak 315-568-5535 OR at tnovak1@rochester.rr.com. We'd really like to hear what stories you have to share.

Important Dates

March 31, 2014 – Deadline for new nominations for this year.

October 11, 2014 – Informal HOF gathering at the SMS, 6-8 PM

October 12, 2014 – Induction Night 2014, 4 PM Cocktails, 6 PM Dinner

