

# MYNDERSE ACADEMY ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME NEWSLETTER

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## The Class of 2014

### LIFETIME CONTRIBUTORS

MRS. ELIZABETH BECHT – CLASS of 1970  
MR. WARREN “SPEED” WORMUTH

### HONORED TEAM

1952, '53 & '54 MYNDERSE BASEBALL TEAMS

### FORERUNNER TO TITLE IX

MRS. DIANA PANNUCCI – CLASS of 1957

### INDUCTEES

MR. GARY BULLIS – CLASS of 1979  
COL. DOMINIC CARACCILO – CLASS of 1980  
COACH ALAN HENRY  
KRISTA RUSCHAK LONG – CLASS of 1997  
ANDREW VERKEY – CLASS of 1997

## DON'T MISS

### INDUCTION WEEKEND 2014

The 2014 Induction Class has been selected and announced. It's time to begin thinking about the fall induction ceremony.

The 2014 Induction Ceremony will once again be held at the New York Chiropractic College on Sun., Oct. 12. The cocktail/dining reception will go from 4:00 to 6:00 immediately followed by the Induction Ceremony. Tickets are on sale for \$25.00 and can be purchased at the Mynderse Academy High School Office or from any HOF committee member.

The HOF Committee invites all current and past members and their guests to the informal “get together” at the Seneca Falls SMS Lodge on Saturday, Oct. 11 from 6:00-8:00. This event is designed for HOF members, teams and their guests. There is no charge for this event. Substantial appetizers will be provided along with a cash bar. If you're in town, please plan to stop by the SMS, even if it's only for a few minutes.

FingerLakes1.com will cover the induction ceremony again LIVE for those who are unable to attend in person. Go to FingerLakes1.com

### NOMINATIONS

Remember, anyone can nominate a former Mynderse athlete, coach or someone who attended Mynderse and has contributed to the athletic program throughout his/her life. The nomination process is very easy.

## Hall of Fame Website

You're invited 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](http://www.sfcs.k12.ny.us) and click on the “Athletics” tab. You should see the link for the Mynderse Academy Athletic Hall of Fame.

## REMEMBERANCE OF DEPARTED MEMBERS

The Mynderse Academy Athletic Hall of Fame would like to extend its sympathy to the families of Mr. Joseph Poole and Dr. J. Stanley Marshall. Both men passed away in the past few months. Mr. Poole was inducted as part of the celebrated undefeated, untied and un-scored upon football team of 1946. Dr. Marshall was inducted just last year. He taught and coached at Mynderse and was deeply respected by the students of his era. Later, Dr. Marshall served as president of Florida State University. Both gentlemen will be missed.



Dr. J. Stanley Marshall (right) receiving his award from Mr. Lou Rizzieri – October 2013.



Mr. Joseph Poole (left) receiving his award from Mr. Peter Wormuth – October 2010.



1952 1<sup>ST</sup> SECTION V CHAMPION



1953 SECTION V CHAMPION - UNDEFEATED

### 1952, 1953 & 1954 MYNDERSE BASEBALL TEAMS “THREE PEAT”

1952 – Record 12 Wins – 1 Loss, League Champion, 1<sup>st</sup> Sectional Championship in MA history. Team Captain: Tom Addona

1953 – Record 16 Wins – 0 Losses, League and Sectional Champions. Team Co-Captains: Bruno Lombardo & Richard Meyers

1954 – Record 10 Wins – 5 Losses, 3<sup>rd</sup> straight Section Championship. Team Captain: Bruno Lombardo



1954 SECTION V CHAMPION

# MYNDERSE ACADEMY ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

## MEMBERS

**JERRY ANDERSON - 1992**  
**JOSEPH AVVEDUTI - 1970**  
**LISA CARACCILO ANDERSON - 1986**  
**BETH ANNE BRADSHAW - 1993**  
**BOB BUCHWALD - 1962**  
**DOM "CARTS" CARACCILO - 1952**  
**DOMINIC CARACCILO - 1980**  
**GENE CARACCILO - 1955**  
**CHRIS DRAGONE - 2002**  
**COACH GEORGE DAVIS**  
**COACH MIKE FERRARA - 1975**  
**LARRY GIUSTI - 1971**  
**LISA POLZINETTI GALVIN - 1982**  
**COACH ALAN HENRY**  
**KRISTA RUSCHAK LONG - 1997**  
**KAREN LOUCKS - 1977**  
**DAVE MCNANEY - 1973**  
**RICHARD "ABE" MEYERS - 1956**  
**COACH JOHN NICHOLSON**  
**JOHN PANNUCCI - 1953**  
**FRAN PISCITELLI - 1966**  
**MARK PISCITELLI - 1969**  
**LES ROBINSON - 1962**  
**BOB VALESENTE - 1958**  
**GEORGE VALESENTE - 1962**  
**ANDREW VERKEY - 1997**  
**MATT VERKEY - 1992**  
**ROD VERKEY - 1964**  
**DAVE WORMUTH - 1959**

## LIFETIME CONTRIBUTORS

**ART BAKER**  
**JOHN BRACHT - 1903**  
**BRUCE KNAPP, SR. - 1950**  
**NICK NETTI**  
**DOM PARADISE - 1949**  
**ANGE SUFFREDINI**  
**DAVE BAKER**  
**DR. J. STANLEY MARSHALL**  
**ELIZABETH BECHT - 1970**  
**WARREN "SPEED" WORMUTH**

## MYNDERSE TEAMS

**1946 FOOTBALL TEAM**  
**1938 FOOTBALL TEAM**  
**1992 BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM**  
**1985 GIRLS' SOCCER TEAM**  
**1994 GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM**  
**1952, '53 & '54 BASEBALL TEAMS**

## FORERUNNERS TO TITLE IX

**ANGIE BANTUVANIS**  
**HELEN REYNOLDS WESTFALL - 1958**  
**BARRIE DOANE CLARK - 1946**  
**DIANA PANNUCCI - 1957**

## PLAYERS FROM THE 1952, 1953 & 1954 TEAM PHOTOS (Opposite Page)

1952 PLAYERS: (Back) I. Cosentino, J. Pannucci, D. Caraccilo, R. Giglio, J. Palumbo, N. Carello, Coach Masterson (Front) D. Rogers, B. Sisson, T. Bevins, C. Garnsey, Captain R. Addona, B. Lombardo, G. Caraccilo, R. Yates

1953 PLAYERS: (Back) Manager R. Cologgi, G. Nicandri, M. Burke, B. Corey, B. Andrews, R. Giglio, P. Saracino, B. Millis, H. Amidon, Coach Scutt (Front) R. Eno, G. Caraccilo, R. Yates, Captain J. Pannucci, D. Rogers, B. Lombardo, R. Meyers

1954 PLAYERS: (Back) Coach R. Bullis, Manager R. Cologgi, M. Burke, G. Nicandri, H. Amidon, P. Saracino, B. Corey, R. Eno, Manager R. Bellomo, Coach M. Spennachio (Front) G. Caraccilo, R. Caraccilo, R. Meyers, Captain B. Lombardo, B. Andrews, B. Millis, M. Giovannini, B. Baker

### 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*

## Prelude to Title IX Nominations

A special category has been created to honor those female athletes who couldn't compete in interscholastic sports prior to 1972. The HOF Committee is asking for your help in nominating outstanding female athletes who attended Mynderse Academy prior to 1972. Please contact any member of the HOF Committee listed to the left. Thank you.



## Kiwanis Grasshopper Baseball

by John Capacci

Prior to the establishment of Little League baseball in Seneca Falls in 1954, organized summer baseball for young boys consisted of the Kiwanis Grasshopper League. According to those who can still remember, the league, under the direction of Commissioner Pete Suffredini was an under 14 baseball league with many towns and cities in New York State having multiple teams and leagues. Seneca Falls had 4 to 5 teams each year during the early 1950's. Games were played on a field behind Goulds Pumps on Black Brook Road. A team from Seneca Falls advanced to the Kiwanis State Championship in 1950 and '51. The 1950 team lost playing at Ebbetts Field in Brooklyn (home of the old Brooklyn Dodgers). The 1951 team won the state championship while playing in Albany. Ironically, both the '50 and '51 Seneca Falls teams played the same opponent both years.

The photo of the 1950 Grasshopper team below was taken for the local newspaper prior to them leaving to play in Brooklyn. The 1950 and 1951 Grasshopper teams formed the foundation for the 1952, '53 and '54 Mynderse baseball teams which won three consecutive Sectional Baseball championships.

**Front:** McDermott, Moulton, Burke, Rutz, Deary, McNaney, Vergamini, Addona, Nicandri, Carcillo and Rossi

**Middle:** Bilia

**Back:** Palumbo, House, Caraccilo, Peone, Verzillo, Addona, Corey, Branciforte, Rogers Ellison, Pioli, and Commissioner Suffredini



Our next issue of the MAAHOF Newsletter will be mailed in January 2015. This winter edition will cover the 2014 Induction Ceremony and other HOF information.

Remember, if, for some reason, you would like to be removed from the mailing list, please contact one of the HOF Committee members listed the previous page.

### **KEEPING INFORMED**

The HOF Committee would like to recognize those members who have passed away over the past year at the annual Induction Ceremony. If you know of a HOF member who has passed away, please let a committee member know so that we can give that former member a respectful tribute.