

MYNDERSE ACADEMY ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME NEWSLETTER

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The Class of 2015



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2015 INDUCTION WEEKEND

RECAP

The Mynderse Academy Athletic Hall of Fame Committee conducted its 6th annual induction ceremony on Sunday, October 11, 2015. An estimated 200 people attended the celebratory event at the New York Chiropractic College.

Prior to the induction on Sunday, an informal gathering was held at the Seneca Falls SMS Lodge. Many of the new inductees and their families had an opportunity to meet and swap stories with former members and fellow inductees.

The induction on Sunday was covered live by means of a webcast provided by FingerLakes1.com. The HOF committee has been told that this webcast is a unique way for anyone who is unable to attend physically to view the ceremony. The committee hopes to continue this feature in the future.

Current and past inductees have commented on the quality and professionalism of the induction. This can be attributed, in great part, to those who have donated to the Hall of Fame. The committee, again, wishes to thank the many sponsors who contributed to this year's event and hopes that these people and organizations will continue to do so in the future. If you would like to contribute, your check should be made out to MA Athletic Hall of Fame and sent to John Nicholson, 35 Mechanic Street, Seneca Falls, NY 13148. Donations of \$100+ are eligible for complimentary tickets to the 2016 Induction Ceremony.

NOMINATIONS

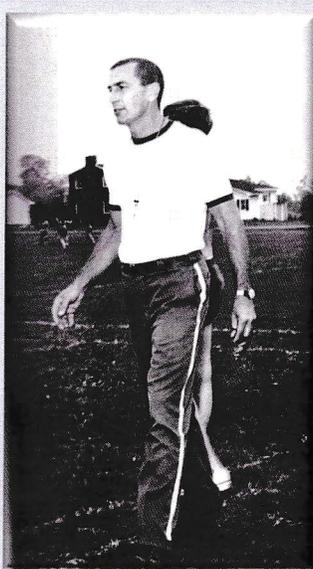
Remember, anyone can nominate a former Mynderse team, athlete, coach or someone who attended Mynderse and has contributed to the athletic program throughout his/her life. The nomination process is very easy.

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 and click on the "Athletics" tab. You should see the link for the Mynderse Academy Athletic Hall of Fame.

THE PASSING OF A MYNDERSE ACADEMY ATHLETIC LEGEND



You may have heard that back in July 2015, Coach George Davis passed away. Coach Davis was hired to teach Physical Education and to coach in the early 1950's. While he coached more than football, it was that sport that brought him and Mynderse enormous notoriety. Coach Davis' record at Mynderse included eight consecutive League Championships and nine out of ten between 1951 and 1960. Coach Davis had seven undefeated teams in twenty-one years and six other teams that lost only one game. George Davis coached an undefeated team in each of three decades (50's, 60's, and 70's). From 1951 thru 1961, Davis' teams had an 87% winning percentage, won 9 League titles and lost a total of 2 League games. During Coach Davis' 21 years at Mynderse Academy, he had many 1st Team All-State selections, a high school All-American selection and three consecutive 1st Team All-State quarterbacks: John Pannucci, Gene Nicandri, and Dave Wormuth. Coach Davis' winning percentage while at Mynderse was 80%.

While Coach Davis never made it to a HOF induction ceremony, his memory and accomplishments will never be forgotten.

"IT'S BEEN SO LONG, I'D REALLY
LIKE TO VISIT MYNDERSE
ACADEMY"
-- WE'RE LISTENING --

During this year's induction weekend, several committee members overheard inductees mentioning how they would have liked to have visited Mynderse and check out their former school and its facilities. In response to these comments, there will be a casual "open house" at Mynderse this year just prior to the informal gathering at the SMS Lodge on Saturday night. Inductees and their families, as well as former HOF members, will be invited to come to the Mynderse Academy main lobby at 5:00 PM on Saturday, Oct. 8.

While the building is the same as it was when built in 1955, many improvements have been undertaken. Members of the HOF Committee will be present to highlight some of the most recent changes in the school and its playing fields and at the same time share some of the possible changes in future years. Please plan to attend the gathering at the SMS Lodge and the Mynderse Tour at 5:00 PM.

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MYNDERSE ACADEMY ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

MEMBERS

JERRY ANDERSON - 1992
JOSEPH AVVEDUTI - 1970
LISA CARACCILO ANDERSON - 1986
BETH ANNE BRADSHAW - 1993
BOB BUCHWALD - 1962
GARY BULLIS - 1979
GEORGE CAPACCI - 1971
DOM "CARTS" CARACCILO - 1952
DOMINIC CARACCILO - 1980
GENE CARACCILO - 1955
LINDSAY GOTHAM CORNUE - 2001
CHRIS DRAGONE - 2002
COACH GEORGE DAVIS
COACH MIKE FERRARA - 1975
LARRY GIUSTI - 1971
LISA POLZINETTI GALVIN - 1982
COACH ALAN HENRY
LEE LETIZIA - 1948
KRISTA RUSCHAK LONG - 1997
KAREN LOUCKS - 1977
JEFFREY MANNING - 1977
DAVE MCNANEY - 1973
RICHARD "ABE" MEYERS - 1956
COACH JOHN NICHOLSON
JOHN PANNUCCI - 1953
FRAN PISCITELLI - 1966
MARK PISCITELLI - 1969
LES ROBINSON - 1962
STEVE SIEGFRIED - 1982
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
PETER DEBOTTIS
BRUCE KNAPP, SR. - 1950
NICK NETTI
MICHAEL NOZZOLIO - 1969
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
1966 & 1967 WRESTLING TEAMS

FORERUNNERS TO TITLE IX

ANGIE BANTUVANIS
HELEN REYNOLDS WESTFALL - 1958
BARRIE DOANE CLARK - 1946
DIANA PANNUCCI - 1957
1922-23 GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM

Remembrance of Departed Members

Two of our HOF members have passed away since our last newsletter in July. We will all miss Stephen Izzo (member of the unbeaten, unscored upon 1938 football team) and Coach George Davis.

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*



Stephen Izzo



Coach George Davis

6th ANNUAL INDUCTION CEREMONY – October 2015

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MYNDERSE ACADEMY ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

Inducts the 1966 & 1967 Wrestling
Teams

Seated: Coach Abe Meyers, Andrea Hansen (daughter of Paul Stratton), Shirley Bethel (sister of Al Hurd), Dan Hansen, Ralph Byrne, Bill Rizzieri

Standing: Paul Stratton, Jr. (son of Paul Stratton), Peter Rogers (cousin of Harrison Rogers), Steve Ritter, Nick Gallina, Jack Stubbs, Jim Rogers, Bill Reigel

