

MYNDERSE ACADEMY ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME NEWSLETTER

The Class of 2021

LIFETIME CONTRIBUTORS

MR. ANTHONY FERRARA - CLASS of 1970

PRE-TITLE IX ATHLETE

CONNIE AMIDON SOWARDS – CLASS of 1963

HONORED TEAM

2003 BOYS' SOCCER TEAM

INDUCTEES

COACH RON FLEURY

CONNIE CARACCILO IRLAND – CLASS of 1983

COACH AL LOUCKS

NICK MIDEY – CLASS of 1968

BOB SPANO – CLASS of 1959

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THE HALL OF FAME IS BACK!

The COVID-19 pandemic has taken a heavy toll on everyone in the world and, to some degree, the Mynderse Academy Athletic Hall of Fame. You are aware that we had to cancel our 2020 induction, but it was thought that by October 2021, we'd be back to normal. We're getting close to normal but unfortunately, we're not there yet.

Since our inaugural induction in 2010, we've had the pleasure to have the New York Chiropractic College host our annual event. Unfortunately, we can't count on the college this year. As of June 2021, the college isn't offering its facilities to outside groups. In response to this roadblock, the MAAHOF Committee has contracted with the Quality Inn of Seneca Falls (formerly the Holiday Inn) to host this year's induction.

This year's induction will be conducted on Sunday, October 10, 2021, starting at 4:00 PM at the Quality Inn. As in past years, the induction will start with a cocktail hour followed by a buffet meal and the induction ceremony.

The Committee has been able to keep ticket prices at the pre-pandemic rate of \$30, which is good news considering rising prices on all other goods and services.

This year's Induction Weekend will host the same events as in past years. We plan to conduct an informal tour of Mynderse Academy and the athletic facilities on Saturday, Oct. 9 at 5:00 PM. This event is open to any of the new inductees, team members, or past members including their family and friends. The more the merrier.

Immediately following, there will be an informal gathering at the Seneca Falls Country Club at 6:00 PM. The committee views this time as an opportunity to meet other inductees and past members. There's no cost for either the tour or the informal gathering. Hors d'oeuvres will be provided at the gathering.

Sunday, October 10, of course, is Induction Day beginning at 4:00 PM for everyone with a cocktail hour. Following the cocktail hour, a buffet meal will be provided with the actual ceremony immediately after.

The weekend finishes with an after party following the induction at the Seneca Falls Country Club. The committee has held this final event for the past several years and it has proven to be well received by the inductees, family, friends, and past members.

Following more than one year of pandemic stress, closures, and cancellations, the MAAHOF Committee is excited and anxious to plan for and offer a return to this memorable time. The Committee hopes that this year's attendance will prove to be a strong showing of support for Mynderse, the Hall, and all our athletes.

MYNDERSE ACADEMY 2003 BOYS' SOCCER

Before the pandemic struck, the Mynderse Academy Athletic Hall of Fame Committee selected the 2003 Boys' Soccer team to be the Hall's next team. Team members will be inducted with the class of 2021.



Kurt Dawley, Troy Gotham, Mike Sciotti, Mike Johnson, Sam Agnello, Colin McKeveny, Joe Sloan, Aaron Ryrko, Bill Moody, Kevin Olmstead, Sean Johnson, Kevin Gillon, Doug Brewer, Mike Lesslie, Adam Sanderson, John Marino, Kyle Olmstead, Adam Capozzi, Jase Clark, Jeremy Buffone, Greg Blanchard, Nate Loucks, Head Coach Al Loucks, Assistant Coach Dieter Ryrko

Departed Members

The Mynderse Academy Athletic Hall of Fame Committee sadly reports the passing of two of its members this past year.

This past September (2020) longtime resident, teacher, assistant principal, coach, and athletic director Domineck "Deco" Paradise passed away at the age of 89. Dom graduated from Mynderse in 1949 where he lettered in football, basketball, and baseball. He served in the Korean War.

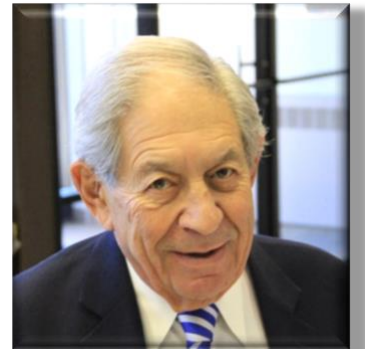
Following his military service, Dom obtained his teaching and administrative degrees. He returned to Seneca Falls in 1968 becoming the first fulltime athletic director. During his tenure, Dom was the leader of all athletic programs. His service and leadership will be missed.



Dom Paradise 1930-2020

In April 2021, Bertram Serling passed away, also at the age of 89. Bert was inducted into the Hall of Fame's inaugural class of 2010 as a member of the 1946 Mynderse Football team. Bert and his teammates posted an undefeated season while holding their opponents scoreless for the entire season. In the long athletic history of Mynderse, the only other team to achieve a similar record was the 1938 football team.

Bert was an attorney in Seneca Falls until his passing. He served as the school district's attorney for many years. Bert is another notable member who will be missed.



Bert Serling 1931-2021

The Mynderse Academy Athletic Hall of Fame Committee

Lisa Anderson, Liz Becht, Mike Ferrara, Tony Ferrara, Mike Marriam, Jodie Verkey, Bob McKeveny, Ted Novak, Rod Verkey