

MYNDERSE ACADEMY ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME NEWSLETTER

The Class of 2023
LIFETIME CONTRIBUTORS
MR. THOMAS GIARRUSSO

PRE-TITLE IX ATHLETE
KATHLEEN HARRISON – CLASS of 19XX

HONORED TEAM
2011 & 2012 SOFTBALL TEAMS

INDUCTEES
ROBERT ALCOTT - CLASS of 1998
SIERRA DEVINE – CLASS of 2012
MYLES KNIPPER – CLASS of 2006
FRANK MILLER – CLASS of 1971
WILLIAM PAGANO – CLASS of 1965
SHAWN WILSON – CLASS of 2009

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THE HALL PREPARES FOR THE CLASS OF 2023!

The Mynderse Academy Athletic Hall of Fame will be hosting its 13th induction ceremony on Sunday, October 8, 2023. Listed above are this year's honored athletes and teams. The Hall of Fame Committee wishes to congratulate these new members and looks forward to their official induction this October.

At the time of this publication, the location for this ceremony has not yet been finalized and the Committee is diligently working to secure the venue for its newest induction class. For the first several years, the induction ceremony was conducted at the former New York Chiropractic College (now the Northeast College of Health Sciences) in Seneca Falls. Due to the pandemic, all events at this facility were halted. Hall induction ceremonies were then conducted at the former Holiday Inn/Quality Inn (which is now The Lux). As you can tell, the Committee is attempting to work through some significant changes as it plans for this year's ceremony. We hope to have everything ironed out in the near future. When we do, an email message with venue details will be sent to all members. In the meantime, save this year's induction date--October 8.

As in past years, our induction weekend will have some familiar activities. On Saturday, October 7 starting at 5:00 PM, there will be a tour of Mynderse Academy. This one hour tour is open to all Hall of Fame members, new inductees, and their families and friends. The current Mynderse Academy is actually the third structure with that title in the history of our community. The first Mynderse Academy was built on North Park Street. It was occupied for a few years then demolished due to structural issues. A new Mynderse Academy was built at the same location. This building (currently named Academy Square) is still standing but is no longer a school. Those first two MA's were both located on North Park Street. In the mid 1950's, the current Mynderse was constructed on Troy Street. Over the years, changes have been made to this structure, but the skeleton and footprint have remained the same. The tour will allow attendees to reminisce and take in some of the many changes that have been made. This tour will also include a visit to the permanent Hall of Fame display outside the Arthur L. Baker Gymnasium. If time allows and there is favorable weather, attendees will be taken out to the completely renovated Bracht Field and new Operations Center. If this tour sounds like something in which you'd be interested, no ticket or reservations are necessary, just show up at the front doors to Mynderse at 5:00 PM on Oct. 7. Once again, this tour is open to all.

Immediately following the tour, there will be an informal gathering at the Seneca Falls Country Club. The HOF Committee has been hosting this event since its inception. Once again, no ticket or reservations are necessary. This will be a time for all new and present members to gather for a couple of hours and share memories. Hors d'oeuvres will be provided along with a cash bar. This event runs from 6:00 to 8:00 PM.

Sunday's induction ceremony starts at 4:00 on October 8 – MORE DETAILS FORTHCOMING.

MYNDERSE ACADEMY 2011 & 2012 SOFTBALL TEAMS



2011 Section 5 Champions & State Tournament Representative

Front Row: Abby Dygert, Alysha Bachman, Courtney Johnson, Mariah Foster
Back Row: Asst. Coach Morris Tuttle, Head Coach Stephanie Bertino Moll, Sydney Rogers, Allie Deal,
Meghan Felice, Megan Tuttle, Heather Pollino, Asst. Coach Larry Lang, Jessica Parish,
Asst. Coach Don Johnson, Not Shown: Cassandra Felice



2012 Section 5 Champions & State Tournament Finalist

Front Row: Abby Giovannini, Allie Deal, Samantha Felice, Megan Tuttle, Abby Dygert, Alysha Bachman,
Madison Hilimire, Jessica Parish
Back Row: Head Coach Stephanie Moll, Asst. Coach Gary Felice, Meghan Felice, Scorekeeper Anthony
Bachman, Sydney Rogers, Cassie McGhan, Gabrielle Deal, Arin Loucks, Asst. Coach Matt Hilimire,
Heather Pollino, Asst. Coach Morris Tuttle

MYNDERSE ACADEMY ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

MEMBERS

ROB ALCOTT - 1998
JERRY ANDERSON - 1992
LISA CARACCILO ANDERSON - 1986
MIKE ANDERSON - 1986
JOSEPH AVVEDUTI - 1970
STEVE AVVEDUTI - 1973
BETH ANNE BRADSHAW - 1993
CHARLES BRADY - 1957
BOB BUCHWALD - 1962
GARY BULLIS - 1979
MIKE BULLIS - 1970
GEORGE CAPACCI - 1971
DOM "CARTS" CARACCILO - 1952
DOMINIC CARACCILO - 1980
ED CARACCILO - 1988
GENE CARACCILO - 1955
BILL CARAHER - 1975
COACH DAN CARAHER - 1967
LINDSAY GOTHAM CORNUE - 2001
COACH GEORGE DAVIS
CHERRIE BARRETT DEMING - 1986
SIERRA DEVINE ENDE - 2012
DANA DICKSON - 1978
CHRIS DRAGONE - 2002
DAVE FARNEY - 1972
COACH MIKE FERRARA - 1975
COACH RON FLEURY
LARRY GIUSTI - 1971
LISA POLZINETTI GALVIN - 1982
COACH ALAN HENRY
CONNIE CARACCILO IRLAND - 1983
KEVIN KABAT - 1975
MYLES KNIPPER - 2006
LEE LETIZIA - 1948
KRISTA RUSCHAK LONG - 1997
JOE LAWSON - 1969
COACH AL LOUCKS
KAREN LOUCKS - 1977
KEVIN LOUCKS - 1980
JEFFREY MANNING - 1977
BOB MARKEL - 1994
COACH MIKE MARRIAM
DAVE MCNANEY - 1973
RICHARD "ABE" MEYERS - 1956
NICK MIDEY - 1968
FRANK MILLER - 1971
BILL MOODY - 1975
COACH JOHN NICHOLSON
JOE NOZZOLIO - 1959
BILL PAGANO - 1965
JOHN PANNUCCI - 1953
FRAN PISCITELLI - 1966
MARK PISCITELLI - 1969
STEVE RITTER - 1967
LES ROBINSON - 1962
THERESA SHIPLEY - 1981
STEVE SIEGFRIED - 1982
JILL TOMPKINS SNYDER - 2003
BOB SPANO - 1959
SANDY TOMPKINS - 2002
BOB VALESENTE - 1958
GEORGE VALESENTE - 1962
ADEN "ABE" VAN CLEEF - 1931
ANDREW VERKEY - 1997
MATT VERKEY - 1992

MEMBERS

ROD VERKEY - 1964
COACH KIRK WARD
NICK WILSON - 2007
SHAWN WILSON - 2009
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
PETE WORMUTH
SENECA FALLS COMMUNITY CENTER
JERRY GALUSHA - 1981
SENECA FALLS SMS LODGE
BOB MCKEVENY
TONY FERRARA - 1970
TED NOVAK - 1967
HAROLD WEBER - 1963
TOM GIARRUSSO

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
1993 VOLLEYBALL TEAM
1970 FOOTBALL TEAM
1994 BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM
2003 BOYS' TENNIS TEAM
2003 BOYS' SOCCER TEAM
1975 & 1976 BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAMS
2011 & 2012 SOFTBALL TEAMS

FORERUNNERS TO TITLE IX

ANGIE BANTUVANIS
HAZEL REYNOLDS WESTFALL - 1958
BARRIE DOANE CLARK - 1946
DIANA PANNUCCI - 1957
1922-23 GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM
JANE COOK - 1941
JOANNE MILLS ANTILLA - 1973
CONNIE SANTANIELLO SOWARDS - 1963
1970 CHEERLEADING SQUAD
KATHY HARRISON

Departed Members

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

This past year saw the passing of Les Robinson. Les was known by all his classmates as an outstanding athlete and all-around great individual. Les not only excelled at Mynderse but later in college, even signing a contract with the New York Mets organization. He was inducted into the Mynderse Academy Athletic Hall of Fame in 2013.



Les Robinson, Class of 1962

Harold Weber, well-known local sports radio commentator, passed away this past year. For decades, Harold's familiar voice and enthusiasm for all sports could be heard on local radio station WSWF and then later, via web cast on FingerLakes1. Harold started a special golf tournament supporting Camp Onseyawa, a summer camp for children with disabilities. He hosted this tournament for its first 15 years.



Harold Weber, Class of 1963

I Haven't Seen or Heard of Tickets for this Year's Induction?

At the current time, the HOF Committee is working on a venue for this year's induction ceremony.

The first induction ceremony, in 2010, was conducted at the New York Chiropractic College and was subsequently held there for the following 10 years, then the pandemic struck. The pandemic resulted in many changes, in particular the loss of using the college for our ceremony. So, for the past few years our induction ceremony has been conducted at the former Holiday Inn in Seneca Falls.

Following the pandemic, more changes have occurred. The former Holiday Inn changed to the Quality Inn then was sold and has become Lux Hotel. The New York Chiropractic College is now the Northeast College of Human Sciences. These changes have made it a bit difficult for the Committee in their attempts to negotiate a contract for the 2023 ceremony.

The Committee hopes to settle this issue in the next couple of weeks. In the meantime, we have postponed printing tickets until we have a venue locked in, which we hope will be very soon.

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