

MYNDERSE ACADEMY ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

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Seated: Sierra Devine Ende, Kathy Brand Harrison, Bill Pagano
Standing: Frank Miller, Myles Knipper, Shawn Wilson, Rob Alcott
Not in Photo: Tom Giarrusso

Induction 2023

Greetings members,

On October 8, 2023, the Mynderse Academy Athletic Hall of Fame conducted its 13th annual Induction Ceremony at the Northeast College of Health Sciences. You read that correctly, the MAAHOF induction is back at its original venue. The Northeast College of Health Sciences (formerly the New York Chiropractic College in Seneca Falls) has opened its doors to the Hall for their annual inductions again. Due to the pandemic, the college canceled all outside use of its facilities. The Committee scrambled to engage another venue for our annual event. As a result, our inductions were conducted at the former Holiday Inn over the previous three years. The HOF Committee wishes to thank the Inn for stepping up and helping us out during those pandemic years. Following this year's induction, the HOF Committee evaluated both venues. After a thorough analysis, the Committee decided to continue at our original venue. The Committee felt that the NCHS offers inductees, teams, and guests with a formal and less crowded setting.

A Word from the Chair

First and foremost, I would like to congratulate our 2023 Mynderse Academy Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees. This annual event has been and hopefully will continue to be a first-class event. This only happens because of the dedication and hard work of the Hall of Fame Committee. I want to publicly thank the committee for their diligence and time commitment which ensures this traditional Hall of Fame event will continue to be successful.

As with any not-for-profit organization, financial support is paramount, and it is our hope that every Hall of Fame member will consider donating to the Hall of Fame. A letter will be sent out to all members this spring asking for donations, hopefully everyone will support this great endeavor – no donation is too small.

I encourage members to consider nominating other worthy teammates. Your knowledge of your teammates' athletic abilities and achievements cannot be underestimated. The nomination process is easy to complete and takes very little time. The online nomination form can be found on the Seneca Falls Central School District web site under the athletics tab. Click on Hall of Fame.

Again, my sincere appreciation to the committee and congratulations to all our inductees.

Respectfully,
Tony Ferrara



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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
DANA DICKSON - 1978
CHRIS DRAGONE - 2002
SIERRA DEVINE ENDE - 2012
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
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 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
KATLEEN BRAND HARRISON

MAA HOF WEBSITE

The Seneca Falls School District is host to the Hall of Fame website. Go to the district website at www.senecafallscsd.org. Click on the "Athletics" tab, you will see the link to all the Hall of Fame material, including newsletters.

SCHOOL RECORDS SITE

Make sure to check out the recently added Athletic Records page. If you know of a record that hasn't been recorded, please let us know.

2011 & 2012 SOFTBALL TEAMS



Seated: Madison Hilimire, Sydney Rogers, Courtney Johnson Reed, Coach Stephanie Bertino Moll, Allie Deal Farley, Abby Dygert

Standing: Assit. Coach Don Johnson, Cassie McGhan, Mariah Foster, Gabby Deal, Assit. Coach Gary Felice, Jessica Parish, Cassie Felice, Alysha Bachman, Assit. Coach Matt Hilimire

Not in Photo: Megan Tuttle, Heather Pollino, Meghan Felice, Arin Loucks, Samantha Felice, Abby Giovannini, Assit. Coach Morris Tuttle

SAVE THE DATE

Its not too early to save the date for the next induction. Mark your 2024 calendar for this coming year's Induction Ceremony. The 2024 Induction is set for Sunday, October 12. As previously stated, the induction will be conducted at the Northeast College of Health Sciences in Seneca Falls. Further details will be included in our June Newsletter. We hope that many past members will be able to attend and welcome in the new members.

WHY AREN'T THEY IN THE HALL?

If you've ever asked yourself that question, you need to make sure that person has been nominated. It's a very simple process. Go to the HOF website and fill out the easy online form. www.senecafallscsd.org

Hall of Fame Committee

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

OUR SPONSORS

Words can't express our Committee's gratitude to all the people and businesses listed below. The Mynderse Academy Athletic Hall of Fame exists solely through the generous contributions of our very loyal sponsors and the sale of induction tickets. With sponsors' support, the Committee is able to purchase plaques and individual awards, provide complimentary tickets to inductees, secure the services of the induction ceremony venue, newsletters, programs and much more.

If you have ever thought of contributing, please do so. Every dollar received is used to better the Hall and its members.

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 Dr. Timothy Ryan
 Dave & Debbie Swenson
 1994 Girls' Basketball Team
 Xylem Corporation
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 Ted & Patricia Novak
 David & Kathy Ferrara
 Steve & Liz Becht
 George & Diane Valesente
 Rod & Char Verkey
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 George & Kathleen Capacci
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 Ron Fleury
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 Dave & Donna Baker
 Wonderful Life Run
 Michael Mirriam
 Charles & Marilyn Brady

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HALL OF FAME DISPLAY

Hopefully you've had a chance to view the Athletic Hall of Fame permanent display located in the entrance foyer of Arthur L. Baker Gymnasium. If you haven't, the display houses all the individual and team plaques since the creation of the Hall. This area of the school is not expansive and as you can image our display space has been shrinking each year.

On December 12, 2023, the residents of the school district will be voting on a 2025 capital project. One of the items in that proposed project is a redesign of the Baker Gym foyer. Initial designs show this foyer doubling in size. Unfortunately, there is nothing that can be added to increase wall (display) space. The HOF Committee has been studying ways to accommodate our past inductee's plaques while recognizing that we will have many more for display in the future.

This is not a new issue. The Hall was confronted with this same problem several years ago. Through the generous donation of the 1970 Football team an additional display case was erected in the gym foyer. That display case is full. There will come a time when there will be no space to display all the plaques and that time is rapidly approaching.

In the meantime, the Committee has been and will continue exploring electronic display options. If the decision to include an electronic display is made, the Committee will be looking for a product that will be a fitting tribute to our inductees.

This brings up the uncomfortable topic of finances. The Hall has been blessed by those that have provided annual donations. To be frank, without this small cadre of contributors, we would not be able to conduct our annual induction ceremony, no less worry about display space. We track our expenses and have found that yearly donations offset the cost of conducting the induction ceremony. As a result, the Hall has little funds which could be used to alleviate our permanent display issues. Therefore, this spring, the MAA HOF will be launching a fund-raising drive that will include all of our Hall of Fame members (current membership, including individuals & teams, is over 300).

The Committee will commence this drive in the spring of 2024 via an electronic announcement. Also, for members ease, we hope to have an electronic means to donate.

We know that our members are proud to be included in this special recognition program. The HOF Committee is committed to making sure that past and future members are permanently displayed for all to view.

Thank you,
Merry Christmas & Happy New Year