

MYNDERSE ACADEMY ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME NEWSLETTER

The Class of 2024
LIFETIME CONTRIBUTORS
MR. THOMAS GAUN – CLASS of 1988

PRE-TITLE IX ATHLETE
JANE ROSENKRANS – CLASS of 1966

HONORED TEAM
1951 & 1955 FOOTBALL TEAMS

INDUCTEES
ROBERT BACHMAN - CLASS of 1982
ROBERT CARACCILO – CLASS of 1957
MICHAEL HATHAWAY – CLASS of 1977
MOLLY HANLIN MURPHY – CLASS of 1977
LOUIS RIZZIERI – CLASS of 1948

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Announcing the 2024 Induction Ceremony!

The Mynderse Academy Athletic Hall of Fame will be hosting its 14th induction ceremony on Sunday, October 13, 2024. 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.

This year's induction ceremony is set for Sunday, October 13 at the Northeast College of Health Sciences (formally the New York Chiropractic College). The ceremony begins at 4:00 PM in the Kenneth Padgett Administration building with cocktails and dinner, followed by the formal induction.

As in past years, our induction weekend will have some familiar activities. On Saturday, October 12 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. 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. 12. 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.

HALL OF FAME DISPLAY TO BE UPDATED

If you've had the opportunity to see the permanent Hall of Fame display at the entrance to Baker Gymnasium, you'd have noticed that we are running out of room to display Hall of Fame member plaques. The school Board recognizes the value of the Hall and embraces the concept of celebrating our athletic accomplishments. Next year (2025), the district will engage in major renovations of the Middle School including the area around Baker gymnasium. One aspect of these renovations calls for new display cases running down the entire north wall of the hallway as you enter the school through a new secure gym entrance. These new display cases will provide space for a number of new Hall of Fame plaques. Students, parents and visitors will be treated to an impressive display of our districts athletic achievements.

MYNDERSE ACADEMY 1951 & 1955 FOOTBALL TEAMS

1951

Standing: Coach Masterson, Nick Carello, John Pannucci, Dick Addona, Bruno Lombardo, Dom Caraccilo, Coach Davis
Kneeling: Les Brunskill, Jim Palumbo, Gino Frappolli, Cy Garnsey, Dick Peone, Gene Meyers, Bill Olsowske, Malcom McComb



Standing: Coach Masterson, James Urquhart, Dave Irland, Gene Caraccilo, Dave Rogers, Coach Davis
Kneeling: Apello Cosentino, Ralph Ellison, John Howes, Harry Eno, Joe Russo, Spike Maloney, Bill Baker, Toni, Ralph Bevins, Don Shepherd



RECORD: 8 wins, 0 losses
 Undefeated & Untied Season
 Scored 385 points while giving up 57 points
 Newark, Lyons & DeSales were shutout

Coaches: George Davis
 Bob Masterson

1955

Standing: Richard Meyers, Gabe Lombardo, Gene Nicandri, Bob Caraccilo

Down: Bill Sullivan, Louie Bellomo, Jerry Rizzieri, Bob Bellomo, Fred Mellini, Bill Povero, Bill Corey



Standing: Bob Miller, Dave Armitage, Joe Nozzolio, Daryl Anderson, Chuck Brady, Dick Ireland, Gordy Benassi

Kneeling: Bill Turri, Bob Valesente, Charlie DeParde, Gary Rott, Ron Piscitelli, Charlie Stahl



RECORD: 8 wins, 0 losses
Undefeated & Untied Season
Scored 267 points while giving up 44 points
Newark, Lyons & DeSales were shutout

Coaches: George Davis
John Koska
Ray Bullis
Chet Kuplinski

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
BOB BACHMAN - 1982
BETH ANNE BRADSHAW - 1993
CHARLES BRADY - 1957
BOB BUCHWALD - 1962
GARY BULLIS - 1979
MIKE BULLIS - 1970
GEORGE CAPACCI - 1971
BOB CARACCILO - 1957
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
MIKE HATHAWAY - 1977
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
MOLLY HANLIN MURPHY - 1977
COACH JOHN NICHOLSON
JOE NOZZOLIO - 1959
BILL PAGANO - 1965
JOHN PANNUCCI - 1953
FRAN PISCITELLI - 1966
MARK PISCITELLI - 1969
STEVE RITTER - 1967
LOU RIZZIERI - 1948
LES ROBINSON - 1962
THERESA SHIPLEY - 1981
STEVE SIEGFRIED - 1982
JILL TOMPKINS SNYDER - 2003
BOB SPANO - 1959
SANDY TOMPKINS - 2002
BOB VALESENTE - 1958

MEMBERS

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
THOMAS GAUN - 1988

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
1951 & 1955 FOOTBALL 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
JANE ROSENKRANS

Departed Members

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

This past year saw the passing of David Wormuth. David was a member of the inaugural Hall of Fame class of 2010.



David Wormuth, Class of 1959

Harry Amidon. Harry was a member of the 1953 and 1954 Mynderse baseball teams who were Section V champions three years in a row. Harry was a member of the 2014 Hall of Fame class.



Harry Amidon, Class of 1954

Coach Mike Marriam. Mike was inducted in 2016 for his many years of successful tennis coaching. He was also a valuable member of the Hall of Fame Committee.



Michael Marriam

HALL OF FAME COMMUNICATIONS?

You should be aware that the Hall of Fame has changed its primary means of communication with members from mailed letters to digital email messages. Due to the increased number of members, email is a faster, more accurate and less costly form of communication. Prior to this change over, the HOF Committee had difficulty keeping track of mailing addresses as members moved noting that email addresses rarely changed. The Hall purchased software to manage communications to our over 300 members. You may have noticed that the messages you receive do not include the addresses of all the members – that is a feature of the management software. Please be aware that your email software may channel our messages to your junk email box. We hope that you can redirect our messages so that you can keep abreast of what's taking place in the Hall.

THANK YOU!

This year we are inducting the undefeated & untied football teams of 1951 & 1955. Locating the players and the families of deceased players was a particular challenge. The HOF Committee wishes to sincerely thank all the members who aided the committee in this search. Our digital email system proved to be most effective during our search. If you know someone or family member of one of these two teams that has not been contacted, please contact any committee member.