

2018 GVCS WALL OF FAME INDUCTEES



Bob Baker

Ryan Smith

William Ross

1978 Belmont Central Girls Softball Team

2004 GVCS Girls Cheerleading Team

Each inductee will be presented with a plaque to commemorate their achievement and there will be permanent plaques on display in the trophy hallway outside the high school gymnasium. Congratulations to all inductees!

BOB BAKER



Bob came to Belmont Central School in 1957, hired as a Physical Education Instructor. He coached both JV and Varsity Boys Basketball from 1957 to 1962 as well as the baseball coach for his last few years.

The boys basketball team started 0-14 his first season which at the time, he was fresh out of college. Second season was 5-10, third season 12-4, fourth 13-4 and his fifth and final season was 13-4, won county championship over Friendship and got to the semi-finals in Rochester. Side note: Belmont Central actually played up in Class C due to Professor Strait's wise decision – should have been in Class D.

Bob went to Alfred-Almond Central where he lettered in 4 sports (Soccer, Basketball, Baseball, Track and Cross-Country). He later attended Springfield College and played soccer 4 years (3 year varsity starter) and participated in the first NCAA soccer playoffs. While at Springfield, Bob also played JV Basketball and JV Baseball for one year.

In 1962, Bob was hired as the Head Men's Basketball Coach at Alfred University and the Men's Tennis Coach where he coached for 16 years (62'-78'). In 64'-65' won the ICAC conference title and was named Coach of the Year. In the 1970's, the men's soccer program was started and he coached the team for the first 2 seasons.

Following Bob's coaching career, in 1978 he began a 33-year career with Community Service Systems where he retired and currently resides in Alfred, NY.

RYAN SMITH



Ryan Smith is a 2000 graduate of Genesee Valley Central School. Ryan excelled in two sports at GVCS including soccer and basketball for 4 years each. After an excellent high school career, Ryan played basketball at Houghton College for 4 years. His athletic honors included 1999 Allegany County 1st team All-Star in soccer and was 1999-2000 Allegany County 2nd team All-Star in basketball.

While attending GV, Ryan was awarded Outstanding Senior Male Athlete in 2000. During basketball, he received sportsmanship award 1999-00 and most improved 1997-98. Soccer awards included most improved 1999, and sportsmanship was won in 1997. Some other noteworthy achievements while at GV included National Honor Society 1998 - 2000, Highest Regents Spanish Award 1998-1999, Boys State 1999, and Community Character Award 2000.

After graduating from Houghton College, Ryan came back to GVCS and coached. In 2004-05, he coached boys modified basketball to a 6-5 record, 2005 JV Boys baseball 8-6 record, 2005-06 JV Girls basketball record 11-9, 2006-07 JV Boys Basketball 17-3 record and Girls Mod Basketball 2007-08 to a 7-7 record.

He also spent numerous hours throughout his high school coaching years volunteering his time with players to improve their skills in basketball during the offseason. These included individual practices, team camps, and team leagues.

Ryan resides in Seoul, South Korea with his family.

WILLIAM ROSS



William (Bill) is a 1966 graduate of Angelica Central School. He was a tri-sport athlete competing in soccer, basketball and baseball. He was a four-year member with the soccer, basketball, and baseball teams.

During his high school years, Bill was on 3 championship basketball teams where he was the team's manager in 1962 and was a player of the 1963 and 1964 championship teams. In 1965, he was named second team Allegany County All-Star and 1966 was named first team Allegany County All-Star. He was also honored as the Olean Times Herald MVP for Class D in 1966. Other notable accomplishments include leading scorer for Allegany County in 1966, as well as the third all-time leading scorer for the Big 30.

Bill is a retired 50-year member of Local 832 (International Union Operating Engineers). After retirement, he continues to work as a crane instructor for Local 832.

Bill resides in Angelica, NY and has a daughter Kasey Riley and son Darryl Ross.

1978 BELMONT CENTRAL SCHOOLS SOFTBALL SECTION V CLASS D CHAMPIONS

PATH TO THE CHAMPIONSHIP

SEMI-FINALS: Belmont 5, Arkport 3

FINALS: Belmont 9, Alfred-Almond 5

Belmont upset #1 seed Arkport to move on to the Class D finals against Alfred-Almond. Belmont struck early with three runs in the first inning. Pat Mitchell drove in two runs and Anne Tompkins had the other RBI. In the finals, the Belmont Golden Bears rallied for seven runs late to go ahead and claim the Class D softball title.

The team roster included: Paula Patrick, Barb Stuck, Fran Gambino, Janet Swarthout, Pat Weber, Lynn McGillivary, Louise Clark, Pat Mitchell, Anne Tompkins, Julie Orians, Simone Neves, Kelly Haskell, Mary Beth Tompkins, Kathy Sheehan, Linda Rahr, Mary Jo Feldhauer, Becky Bliven, Melinda Waite, and Coach Judy Bliven.

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SOFTBALL CHAMPS — The Belmont Golden Bears girls softball team became the Section Five Class D champions by beating Alfred Almond, 9-5. From left, front row: Mindy Waite, Kelly Haskell, Paula Patrick, Pat Weber, Janet Swarthout, Fran Gambino, Anne Tompkins, Julie Orians and Chris

Orians. Second row: Pat Mitchell, Barb Stuck, Beth Tompkins, Lynn McGillivray, Becky Bliven, Simone Neves and Mary Jo Feldbauer. Standing: Coach Judy Bliven and Assistant Coach Paul Hoffman.

Softball sectionals

Belmont wins crown

Belmont rallied for seven runs in the late going Saturday to beat Alfred Almond 9-5, at Belfast, and capture the Section Five Class D girls' softball title.

In the Class B championship game, Pittsford - Mendon overpowered Danville, 12-4.

Gates won the Class A crown by beating Thomas, 3-7, and Naples took a 9-6 decision from Wheatland - Chili to win the Class C title.

The Class D All-star team included

Fran Gambino, Kelly Haskell, Paula Patrick, and Pat Mitchell from Belmont. Also on the team were Pam Chapman and Karen Patrick from Alfred - Almond, Connie Gamro and Vicky Bridge from Arisport and Janet Brockway from Campbell.

In semifinal games played Friday, Danville eliminated Haverling High of Both, 10-5, in Class B while Alfred - Almond beat Campbell, 19-8, in Class D.

Belmont upset top-seeded Arisport, 5-1, to clear the way to its championship victory.

Pittsford - Mendon 12,

Danville 4

Livingston County champion Danville took it on the chin Saturday at Victor.

sixth-inning runs to knock Campbell out of the Class D tournament at Hammondsport.

Pam Chapman, the winning pitcher, cracked a double and Linda Norton had a triple to highlight the 10-hit A-A attack.

Chapman limited Campbell to eight base hits. Holly Northrup was the losing pitcher.

Score by innings:
 Pit. Men 128 2-0 0-12-11 8
 Danville 005 110 1-4 2-4
 Pitchers: Joe McCarthy, Muller and C. J. Fowler

Score by innings:
 Alfred-Almond 001 112 3-4 0-0
 Belmont 191 100 8-5 7-3
 Pitchers: Linda Norton, Chapman and Patrick

2004 GENESEE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOLS CHEERLEADING SECTION V CLASS DD CHAMPIONS

The 2004 girls cheerleading squad upset the defending Class DD champions from Batavia Notre Dame 302-298 to capture the school's first sectional cheerleading title. The victory also was the first time Genesee Valley has placed in the top five in the competition since the Angelica-Belmont merger in 1996.

The sectional title capped off a very successful season for Genesee Valley Central Schools. The girls went to Wellsville and finished 1st place, just 3 points from winning Grand Champion for this competition. They finished 2nd place in Geneseo and took 1st place at the County Competition.

The team roster included: Crystal Planell, Katrina Case, Larissa Bainbridge, Meghan Miller, Beth Glass, Carrie Gelser, Lindsay Bliven, Brittany Fanton, Serena Szabo, Katie Haggstrom, Melinda Powers, Ira Vyaznikova, Jenna Nelson, Haley Hart, Melissa Clancy, Lacy Young, and Coach Karen Bliven.

