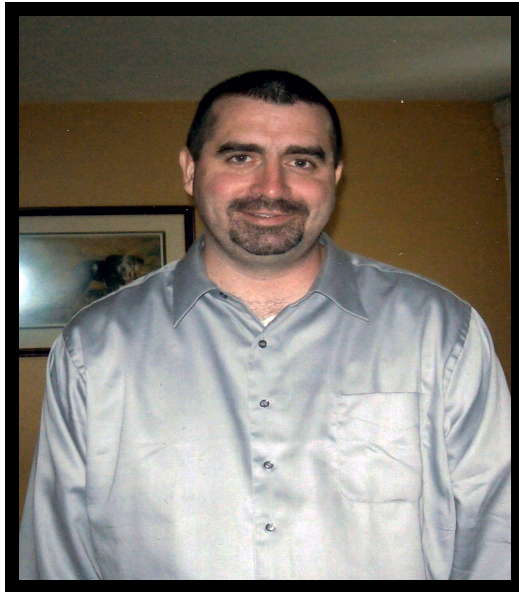


Gene Smith is a 1992 Belmont Central School graduate. Gene was a three sport athlete for all four years of high school. Gene garnished first-team All-County honors for soccer and baseball, but is most remembered for his basketball career.



Gene holds the single game basketball scoring record for Belmont, a total of forty-six points. Gene scored over 1,000 points in his stellar career.

In his career, Gene was a two-time Section V all-tournament team selection, two-time Great Eight, a two-time Big 30 all-star and Allegany County/Big 30 MVP his senior year.

In high school Gene was a member of the National Honor Society, graduating with a Regents diploma. Gene also attended Boys State.

Gene went on to Canisius College for one year before transferring to the University of Pittsburg at Bradford where he was a two-time all-conference selection and a 1000 point scorer. Gene graduated in 1997 with a bachelor's degree in Business.

He resides in Rochester, NY and is also a member of the Allegany County Hall of Fame.

Karen Jennings Buell is a 2000 Genesee Valley Central School graduate. Karen was a 2 sport athlete while attending GVCS, excelling in soccer and basketball. Karen was the only freshman on the 1996 soccer State Championship team, the 1st year of the merger.



The competition was tight for a starting position and she earned one as a defender. The team's record was 24-0-1 and only 8 goals were scored against them. Karen was an all-star for soccer and basketball and a WNY all-star for soccer. Karen also competed in the National Sports Festival in Orlando, Florida. Karen earned the GVCS outstanding female senior athlete to culminate her career.

Karen attended Houghton College where she was a 4 year letter winner in soccer and was on 2 National tournament teams. Karen also played basketball for 1 year and track and field for two years. Karen graduated Magna Cum Laude, and was a Who's Who among Students in American Colleges and Universities in 2003.

Karen graduated from Houghton with a BA degree in 2004. She then received her Masters degree in Business Administration from the University of Massachusetts in 2009.

Karen is involved with the Northampton area Young Professionals, and is currently serving as Vice-President and is also serving on the Allocation Review Committee for the United Way of Hampshire County.

Karen was named to Business West's 40 under forty class of 2010 honoring the area's top young professionals in Western Massachusetts. Karen is employed as an Internet Branch Officer with Peoples Bank.

Karen is married to Chris Buell and they are expecting their first child.

Jake Presutti is a 2004 graduate of GVCS. Jacob was a well rounded athlete, performing at the varsity level for soccer, basketball, and baseball all four years of high school. Jacob was most known in high school for his basketball prowess.



Jake is one of the few individuals that can claim to be a Triple Crown winner at GV in the 2002-2003 school year – winning Section V titles in soccer, basketball and baseball.

Jake was a multi-sport all-star in all 3 sports, as a 1st and 2nd team selection in his junior and senior years. Jake was a 2 time Great Eight all-star, earning MVP honors and a Big 30 all-star MVP in his senior year. Jake also represented GVCS at the Ronald McDonald all-star benefit game and was named to the NYS Class D 3rd team all-state in his senior year.

Jacob was a member of 3 straight Section V championship teams in 02-03 and 04. Jake won the Male Athlete of the Year at GV his junior year and Senior male athlete of the year in 2004.

Jacob followed his dream by attending Syracuse University as walk on to the basketball team. Jake's hard work, commitment and leadership skills earned him a full scholarship his last two years of eligibility. In Jacob's own words “Every student needs to realize that the size of their school and community should not alter or change his/her goals or dreams.

Jacob's passion for basketball has taken him around the world. He has worked with USA Basketball, team Canada Basketball and numerous basketball camps.

Jake now works for the Houston Rockets in the NBA and is the Basketball Operations Assistant.

Mike Obuhanich, graduated from Alfred Almond in 1969. He then went to Notre Dame for accounting and received his teaching certification in Physical Education from Cortland State. Mike received his Masters Degree from Alfred University in 1984.



Mike started substitute teaching in 1977 at various school districts and coaching many different sports teams. In 1981 he found his home at Angelica Central School. He became the PE teacher and Athletic Director for the next 28 years; staying with the newly merged Genesee Valley School district in 1997.

Mike's coaching tenure ranged from modified to varsity and included basketball, baseball, golf and soccer. He is best known for his quality soccer programs, with both Angelica and Genesee Valley.

Mike took 3 teams to the NY State finals, in 1985-1988 and 2004.

He was a 5 time Section V soccer coach of the year. He received the Allegany County Paul Vienna coach of the year award on 3 separate occasions. A unique statistic – Mike coached 68 different sport teams in his 32 years of teaching.

Mike's professional resume includes – President of the Allegany County Athletic Association for 6 years – Section V representative for 24 years and chair of the golf and boys soccer leagues for 9 years.

Mike led GVCS athletics with pride and integrity. Mike was a mentor to many in teaching and coaching. Mike has one son, Luke. He is enjoying his retirement and trying to add golf hardware to his 6 time Men's Club Championship at the Wellsville Country Club.

Mike continues to reside in Belmont, NY.

Don Scholla is a 1974 graduate of Angelica Central School. Don then went to GCC and Cortland State receiving his Bachelor's degree in education. Don then went on to receive his Masters Degree from Alfred University and a School Administration Supervisor degree from St. Bonaventure in 1999.



Don was a multi sport athlete at Angelica, competing at the varsity level in soccer, basketball and baseball. Don was best known for his basketball skills. Don achieved all-star status his senior year and one of Don's most memorable achievements as a player is winning the Class D Section V Basketball title his senior year, 1974.

Don was team MVP and Best Defensive Player his junior and senior years. He was a member of the league championship teams in soccer, basketball and baseball. Don was presented with the "I dare you" leadership award at his commencement ceremony.

Don went on to play 2 years of basketball at Genesee Community College.

In 1980, Don became a PE teacher at Rushford Central School, where he coached basketball, baseball and soccer. He won 3 league titles there in basketball and 1 in soccer. After stints in Letchworth and Elba, Don took over the reins at Olean High. He has been the Director of Athletics, Physical Education and Health since 1990.

He has coached the girls soccer program and presently is the girls basketball coach, with 2 Division league titles and 1 Section VI class B Championship.

Don is very active in his professional career, completing numerous leadership courses and serving on several different boards in Section VI. Don was named the NYSAAA Athletic Administrator of the year for Chapter 6 in 2003.

Don is married to Janine and has two children, Molly and Patrick and resides in Olean, NY.



Girls' Varsity Soccer Team

2000 Section V Champions

The young women of the 2000 Genesee Valley Girls' Varsity Soccer team were women of tremendous character and courage. "The greatest test of courage on earth is to bear defeat without losing heart."

After losing 6 straight games in a row to carry a total record of 1 win and 6 losses, the team went on to never lose another game that season. Their final record was 14 wins, 6 losses and 2 ties. Those 2 ties came in the section V finals and the D-DD crossover game. Although we did not achieve our final "soccer" goal to make states, the team did reveal that failure does not have to be final.

This honor is for what they did on the field with soccer skills but also what they taught all of us about courage.

Team Members: Row 1: Christina Lyons, Christie Horton Row 2: Jamie Crandall, Jessica Schweigart, Chelsea Bailor, Brianna Kelley, Kelcey Stack, Tonya Middaugh Row 3: Jessica Stack, Kim Gehl, Crystal Craft, Abby Tracy, Melissa Houle, Coach Kim Stack Row 4: Amanda Vanderbosch, Mandy Ostarnder, Anne Geoppner, Jessica McCarty, Danae Thomas

Missing: Leah Young, Hannah Smiley, Gabe Zlomek and Assistant Coach Mark Emery.

Moved up for Sectionals: Caroline Hoffman, Catherine Hoffman, and Shannon Wesche

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GVCS WALL OF FAME INDUCTION

OCTOBER 2nd, 2010



Inductees:

Don Scholla – Angelica

Gene Smith – Belmont

Karen Jennings – GV

Jake Presutti – GV

Mike Obuhanich – GV

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