

Seneca Valley
Sports Hall of Fame



2010 Induction Banquet
September 11, 2010



Amanda Smith

Amanda Smith was a member of the Seneca Valley swim club since age 5. Some of her High School swimming accomplishments are 3 Time State Champion, as well as a State Record holder in the 200 IM. Along with the State Record she was the Penn State University Pool record holder in the 200 IM. Amanda was MVP of the Women's Pennsylvania State Championship Meet in 2001. She held the WPIAL record in the 200 IM as well as a 5 time WPIAL Champion. Amanda was a fourteen time Swimming All State, and a ten time Swimming All American. Amanda was also the team captain of the Seneca Valley WPIAL team runner up in 2002. During her high school career she was a 3 time Junior National Champion as well as a Junior National Record Holder. As a sophomore in High School, Amanda also qualified for the 2000 US Olympic Trials.

Amanda obtained a scholarship and went on to swim at University of North Carolina Chapel Hill. While swimming at UNC she obtained multiple all ACC Honors as well as held a UNC School Record and ACC record in the 800 freestyle relay. She was also all time Top Ten in the 200 Free, 500 Free and 400 IM at UNC.

She was a member of the coaching staff for the Seneca Valley men and women's varsity swim team from 2007 to 2010 and is currently the Head Coach for the Seneca Valley Swim Club. .



Thomas Heckendorn

Thomas Heckendorn was appointed to the position of Head Football Coach for the South West Butler County School District in 1964. Mr. Heckendorn was selected to be the first head coach of the newly formed district that would become The Seneca Valley School District. Coach Heckendorn was given the task of merging two rival teams, Evans City High School and Zeligtople High School, into a single team that would have to compete at a much higher level of competition than either institution had previously seen before.

During the 1964 and 1965 seasons the new team struggled on the field against several 4A opponents. The team became more competitive in its third season when coach introduced a new offense and the schedule realignment brought the new district into a more appropriate schedule.

Coach was the father of the program and quickly saw a need for the program to expand. By the third year of his tenure as the Head Coach the program grew to include students from grades 7 through 12. Coach's vision for the program's expansion also included building a youth program to feed the Middle School teams. With the help of Mr. Bill Binder and Mr. Bill Imman he developed a youth football program for the 6th grade students as well. From this point coach had ensured that all of the necessary steps were taken for the Seneca Valley Football Program to grow.



Dennis Stewart

Denny Stewart is a life long resident of Harmony Pennsylvania. Denny Stewart's life and career reflect a love for and dedication to sports as well as the Seneca Valley community. Denny is a graduate of the First Seneca Valley Class to spend four years of high school together after the consolidation of Evans City High School and Zeligople High School.

As a Seneca Valley student, Denny lettered in three sports: cross-country, basketball, and track. While at Geneva College earning a BS in Mathematics, Denny ran track and played basketball for the college. Following graduation in 1972, he spent two years in the Army-14 months of which were served in Korea. During his 32 years as a math teacher in the Seneca Valley School District, Denny coached varsity cross-country, varsity track, and 7th/8th grade basketball. The highlights of his coaching career include a 1983 Cross Country State Championship team as well as the 1984 3200 meter state Champion Gus Nicoll. Denny is also active in community athletics, coaching community baseball for 20 years.

Denny resides in harmony with his wife, Cindy. His two children and two grandchildren also live in the Seneca Valley School District.



Charles C. Stevens

Charles was born in Pittsburgh in August of 1947. His family moved to Cranberry Township in 1959 to the home that he currently resides in with his sister Joann.

Chuck played basketball and football at Evans City High School before coming to Seneca Valley for his senior year where he played both sports for the raiders. During his senior year, Chuck and his friend Butch Frederick were named the co-captains of the first football team in the newly formed Southwest Butler County School District. Although the team posted a record of 1 win, 1 tie and 7 losses Chuck is proud of the effort he and his teammates put forth in representing their school and credits the excellent coaching staff of the team for providing leadership and inspiration during the tough times.

Following graduation, Chuck and his brother John were accepted as scholarship athletes to Southwestern Oklahoma State University. During his time in college both Chuck and his brother earned school letters as well as all conference honors during the junior and senior years of play. Chuck was also honored as an NAIA All American selection.

Following his college career Chuck played semi-professional football for teams in the city of Cleveland Ohio before moving to Colorado. While in Colorado, Chuck worked in the field of construction and heavy equipment operation in addition to taking advantage of the great hunting and fishing offered by the Rocky Mountains. In 1990 Chuck married the former Miss. Ethel Daubenspeck of Butler. Following Ethel's passing in 2009 Chuck returned to Cranberry Township to enjoy his retirement.



Lynnette K. McBride

Seneca Valley High School Graduate, 1987. National Honor Society. Varsity Basketball, 3 year letter winner, captain senior year. Varsity Track & Field, 3 year letter winner, captain senior year. WPIAL participant – 200 meters, 400 meters & long jump. PIAA participant – 6th place in long jump senior & junior year. Cross country – junior year.

Bucknell University Graduate, 1991. Bachelors of Art. African American Society Vice President. Dean's List. Division I Track & Field (indoor and outdoor), 4 year letter winner, captain senior year, 1991 Student/Athlete honoree, record holder, Hall of Fame inductee 2010.

Harvard University Graduate, 1999. Masters in Business. JA Fellow. Black Student Union Vice President.

Resides and works in New York City.



Jose Raymundo

Jose graduated from Seneca Valley (SV) in 1989. He excelled both academically and athletically while he attended SV. He won various awards and accolades for his outstanding skills in tennis. In 1989 he was the WPIAL Singles Champion. Upon graduation from SV, Jose attended the University of Notre Dame where he received his Bachelor's in Business Administration, while he continued to play tennis on the varsity tennis team. Jose is also a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh, Joseph Katz Graduate School of Business, where he received his Masters in Business Administration. He also holds a Masters in Healthcare Administration from the University of Pittsburgh.

Throughout his working career, Jose has been involved in various consulting roles within the healthcare industry working for leading healthcare institutions such as the University Pittsburgh Medical Center. Currently, Jose is involved in the commercial real estate investment industry working for a firm called PWA Real Estate based in Pittsburgh, PA. The firm specializes in acquiring and managing commercial real estate assets on behalf of its investment management clientele.

Jose continues to be active in tennis. He participates in various USTA leagues and tournaments as well as coaches and trains with local area junior players. Jose is also an active marathon runner having participated in 16 marathons with an overall personal record of 2 hours and 42 minutes.