



## White Plains High School Athletics Hall of Fame

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## White Plains High School to Hold Athletics Hall of Fame Inductions on Tuesday evening, November 12

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. (September 2024) --- The White Plains High School Athletics Hall of Fame will welcome 10 outstanding new members when it conducts its ninth annual Induction Event on Tuesday evening, Nov. 12, in the school's Media Center, located in the main Administration Building.

The ceremonies, which are free of charge, begin at 6:30 pm, preceded by a Social Hour commencing at 5:30 pm. All family, friends, alumni, interested persons and related groups are invited to attend.

The Athletics Hall of Fame dates to a 2015 inaugural. There were no inductions in 2020 due to the coronavirus situation.

The roster of honorees for 2024: Devon Austin, Markus Austin, David Doherty, Kaylin Gilmartin-Donohue Fitzsimons, Patricia Gilmartin, Ra'Shad James, Ryan McGee, Kelly O'Neil Childs, George Rainey, Jason Rhodes.

Here is a capsule look at the WPHS Athletics Hall of Fame class for 2024.

**Devon Austin:** Graduated 2005. Basketball. Three years playing forward on varsity Tigers (57-13 W-L), scoring 921 career points for a 14.0 ppg average. Had 21.0 ppg, 8.0 rebounds and 4.0 assists as a senior when he was named First Team All-County, All-Section 1, All Journal News and All-NY State Third Team. Received a Division I scholarship and played for Manhattan College, where he averaged 11 points and four rebounds per game, and finished with 1,177 career points. After college for seven seasons he played professionally overseas in Portugal, Romania, Poland, Luxembourg and Iceland.

**Markus Austin** (deceased): Graduated 2001. Basketball. Three years at forward on varsity Tigers (63-11 W-L), including 1998-99 sophomore season when White Plains (26-2) won the NY State Public School championship. He averaged 17.5 ppg in high school and is the Tigers all-time boys leading scorer with 1,295 points. Averaged 23.6 ppg as a junior and 27.0 ppg as a senior. Named First Team All-County, All-Section 1, All-State as a senior. Received a Division I scholarship and played for Eastern Michigan University, averaging 12.3 ppg and 3.6 rpg, and finishing with 1,425 career points. After college he played professionally for the Vermont Frost Heaves, who were ABA champions in 2007 and 2008.

**David Doherty:** Graduated 1992. Swimming. Specialist in freestyle individually and in relays; also swam individual medley events. All-State as sophomore and junior, placing fourth in NY State championships in 500 free in 1990 and fourth in state meet in 200 IM in 1991. Was WPHS team captain as a senior when he set school and Section 1 meet record in 200 IM (school record still stands). Four-year standout scholarship swimmer at University of Notre Dame. Excelled in freestyle sprints. Big East Academic All-Star as a senior, when he received the McManus Award from the Fighting Irish as an outstanding swimmer and teammate. Currently assistant girls team swim coach at Fenwick H.S. in Oak Park, IL.

**Kaylin Gilmartin-Donohue Fitzsimons:** Graduated 2008. Cross country, track & field. Also played varsity soccer as eighth grader. Three-time Westchester County X-C champ, including in eighth grade. Advanced to NY State X-C meet three times. Her 7:11.0 for 2,000-meter steeplechase remains WPHS record; time still ranks as 16th fastest in county history. Tigers record holder indoors for the 1,000 meters (3:08.18) and 1,500 meters (4:46.1). Won multiple titles indoors and outdoors at WPHS. Ran college cross-country and track (distances from 800 to 1,600 meters, plus mile) for Towson State in Maryland. Coached Tigers X-C and T&F.

**Patricia Gilmartin:** Successful coach at WPHS for varsity boys and girls swimming and diving. Also has coached JV softball, gymnastics, tennis, girls basketball. Boys swim coach since 1987; girls coach since 1988. Section 1 swim coach of the year in 2008, 2014; State coach of the year in 2018. Girls team has won Divisionals six times (1996, 1998, 2002, 2014, 2015, 2019); boys divisional champs five times (1988, 1990, 2003, 2005, 2019). Coached girls JV softball to league titles four times (2014, 2015, 2017, 2019). Graduated Susan Wagner HS on Staten Island, NY, in 1977. Competed four years on HS volleyball, indoor track, swimming teams. Graduated with Bachelor's degree from Kean University 1982, competing four years on volleyball and swim teams. NCAA qualifier in diving. Masters degree from Hunter, administrative degree from New Paltz.

**Ra'Shad James:** Graduated 2008. Basketball. All-League, All-Conference, All-Section as a senior guard, when he averaged 18.7 points and 5.0 rebounds per game. Scored 710 career points at WPHS. Helped Tigers as a junior to league title and Section 1 runnerup finish. In college played two seasons for Division II St. Thomas Aquinas, one year for Division I Iona and finished as a senior at Division II Northwood in Florida. In senior year James was the NAIA's second-leading scorer (23.0 points), was named Sun Conference player of the year, NAIA All-America First Team and national Division II player of the year. Played for the USA in 2021 AmeriCup qualifying. Has had worldwide pro career with multiple teams, including the NBA Summer League and three seasons in the NBA G League, including one year with the Westchester Knicks (2015-16, 16.5 ppg).

**Ryan McGee:** Graduated 2010. Ice Hockey, Lacrosse. Played on varsity in both sports four years. As a senior in hockey, was team captain and MVP, All-Section 1, All-State Second Team Defense, Journal-News player of the year. In lacrosse, he was All-League and All-Section 1 both as a junior and senior team captain. Was named H.S. Academic All-American in 2010. Set many school records, some still standing; as a senior scored 65 goals and surpassed 100 for his career; recorded 40 assists and 87 for his career; had 105-point season and 200-plus for career; Scored most goals (7) in a game, most points (11). Played four years of lacrosse (red shirt injury as a junior) at Saint Joseph's University, including graduate student year. Led Hawks to undefeated league record his final two seasons, plus Top 20 ranking in final year. Named Northeast Conference offensive player of the year as a senior; Division I All-American Second Team and Academic All-American First Team.

**Kelly O'Neil Childs:** Graduated 2004. Basketball, Softball. Four-year starter both varsity basketball and softball. Two seasons as captain in basketball; named All-League and All-Section 1 three times. Two seasons varsity softball captain; four times All-League, three times All-Section 1. Named All-LoHud First Team twice. First baseman led varsity three seasons in home runs, RBI, extra base hits. Holds Tigers

record for single season and career HR. No errors in junior season, 180 innings-187 putouts. In college, four-year starter (2005-08) at first base for Holy Cross; two seasons as captain. First Team All-Patriot League in 2008 with .989 fielding pct in 41 games; led Crusaders in hits, doubles, HR, runs, RBI. T5 on HC single season HR list (5), third on career HR list (15). Professional career: WPHS JV softball coach (2009), Iona University ass't AD, Seton Hall ass't AD, Big East Conference ass't commissioner, currently Athletic Director at Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child, Summit, NJ. Academic degrees from Holy Cross, Iona, Seton Hall.

**George Rainey** (deceased): Graduated 1964. Football, basketball, track & field. All-County in all three sports. Standout varsity football (1961-62) and basketball player (1961-62, 1962-63). Did not play basketball or football in senior year to focus on track. Nationally ranked runner and triple jumper in track & field. Set state record as a senior of 48.3 for 440-yard dash in 1964 Westchester Invitational at War Memorial Field where he also won the triple jump, leading Tigers to the team trophy. Later that spring lowered the 440 record to 48.1 in winning the NY State Public High School championship in Ithaca. Set national indoor record of 49.2 for 440 dash. Won broad jump, led off WPHS winning 880-relay and anchored Tigers to mile relay victory (with State Public School record 3:21.8) in 1964 Queens-Iona Relays. Set meet record and lowered his own records in winning 440 in 47.7 at Eastern States Championships on Randall's Island in June 1964. With others, led Tigers to numerous team victories in various meets plus second place in 1964 National AAU Interscholastic Indoor meet. Accepted track scholarship to Indiana University.

**Jason Rhodes:** Graduated 1988. Basketball. First Tiger to surpass 1,000 points in boys basketball, finishing career with 1,081. Led WPHS to 18-4 record as a junior, 14-9 as senior in 1987-88. Led all Westchester scorers in senior season with 25.2 ppg, plus added 7.5 rebounds per game. Named All-County, All-Daily News, All-State. MVP of 1987 Scarsdale and 1988 Mount Vernon tournaments. Led White Plains to 1988 Section 1 quarterfinal upset of No. 1-seeded New Rochelle, but Tigers lost in semis. Played guard for four seasons at Morgan State University. Named Academic All-America Second Team as sophomore in 1989-90. Has law degree. Works as a litigator and university adjunct professor in Maryland.

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