

MYNDERSE ACADEMY ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

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Induction 2024

Greetings members,

On October 13, 2024, the Mynderse Academy Athletic Hall of Fame conducted its 14th annual Induction Ceremony at the Northeast College of Health Sciences. This was our second year back in our original induction venue following a short departure during the Covid period. This year's induction highlighted the amazing athletic careers and contributions of seven individual inductees. The Hall of Fame Committee also selected two football teams from the 1950's – 1951 & 1955. Unfortunately, many of the members of these teams have passed away, but that didn't dampen the spirit. Family members of many deceased members represented their lost loved ones, some traveling cross country to be in attendance. The HOF Committee sincerely thanks and congratulates those inducted team and family members, as well as our individual inductees. As in past years, everyone seemed to enjoy the weekend festivities. Now, it's time to start looking ahead to 2025. Please mark your calendars, the MA Athletic Hall of Fame Induction 2025 will be conducted at the Northeast College of Health Sciences on Sunday, October 12, 2025.

A Word from the Chair

The 2024 Mynderse Academy Athletic Hall of Fame induction was a great success. Our committee worked diligently to ensure the event was a success and I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to every member of our committee. I would also like to extend my sincere thanks to all the donors who contributed either for the first time or have been long-time contributors. The success of an event of this magnitude could not take place without their generosity and support. The committee is already starting to prepare for next year's event and, as with any not-for-profit organization, financial support is paramount. It is our hope that every Hall of Fame member will consider donating to the Hall of Fame. A letter will be sent out to all members this spring asking for donations, hopefully everyone will support this great endeavor – no donation is too small.

There are many great Mynderse Academy alumni who were exemplary student-athletes and deserve to be considered for induction into the Hall of Fame. I encourage anyone and everyone to consider nominating other worthy teammates. Your knowledge of your teammates' athletic abilities and achievements cannot be underestimated. The nomination process is easy to complete and takes very little time. The online nomination link can be found later in this newsletter.

Again, Congratulations to all the members of the Class of 2024 on their induction. It is my hope that everyone has a happy and healthy new year. We are looking forward to the 2025 HOF induction ceremony which is scheduled for Sunday October 12, 2025.

Respectfully,
Tony Ferrara



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
DANA DICKSON - 1978
CHRIS DRAGONE - 2002
SIERRA DEVINE ENDE - 2012
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
JOE NOZZOLIO - 1959
COACH JOHN NICHOLSON
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
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
TOM GAUN

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 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
KATLEEN BRAND HARRISON
JANE ROSENKRANS - 1966

1951 & 1955 FOOTBALL TEAMS



Asst. Coach Chet Kuplinksi, Ron Piscitelli, Bill Turri, Bill Baker, Dave Rogers, Bob Caraccilo



Team members and team family representatives

2024 INDUCTION PHOTO PAGE



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If you have thought of contributing, we encourage you to do so.

Every dollar received is used to maintain the Hall and its functions.

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MARK & PATTY SCHEUERMAN

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MARIA CARACCILO

ED & TRACY CARACCILO

BOB & JOAN VALESENTE

BOB & EMILY MARKEL

STEVE & LYNN AVVEDUTI

JAN CARACCILO

PHIL & CAROL SUFFREDINI

CAROL WORMUTH

DAVID & KATHY FERRARA

NANCY BUCHOLZ

ROD & CHAR VERKEY

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ANONYMOUS

TOUR OF MYNDERSE ACADEMY

The current Mynderse Academy was built and completed in the mid 1950's. With the exception of the basic structure of the school, there have been many changes in the building. On Saturday, October 12, approximately 20 inductees, family, and friends toured Mynderse, some for the first time since graduating. Those in attendance enjoyed the time to reminisce and take in the many changes. The tour concluded with everyone viewing the MAA Hall of Fame permanent display in the foyer of Arthur Baker Gymnasium.

THE HALL'S ONLINE PRESENCE

We hope you've had the opportunity to explore the MAA Hall of Fame online. If you haven't, we encourage you to check out our site. The Hall has secured a section in the Seneca Falls School District website at the following web link [Mynderse Academy Athletic Hall of Fame](#).

OR

To go directly to the different sections of the online MAA Hall of Fame, click on the links below...

To see answers to many common questions about the Hall, click on [Athletic Hall of Fame Questions & Answers](#)

To read any previous Hall of Fame newsletter, click on [Athletic Hall of Fame Newsletters](#)

To see photos of previous Athletic Hall of Fame induction classes, click on [Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Classes](#)

To read the biographies and view photos of all Athletic Hall of Fame members, click on [Member Biographies](#)

To view a listing of Mynderse athletic records, click on [School Athletic Records](#) (This is a developing, ongoing section. Please read the lead-in once you select this page.)

Last, but not least, our online nomination form. Our nomination process is very simple. You do not need to provide a listing of an athlete's or team's accomplishments. The most difficult part of the process is providing the mailing address of the person you wish to nominate. If you remember a person who was a good athlete, click on the link below and submit their name.

[Athletic Hall of Fame Online Nomination Form](#)

The MAA Hall of Fame Committee hopes you have a wonderful, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year.



In 2025, the Middle School will undergo major renovations including expanding the entryway to Baker Gymnasium which also serves as the permanent site for the MAA Hall of Fame.

| Last | Maiden N. | First |
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| Addona | | Tom |
| Agnello | | Sam |
| Aronson | | Evie |
| Caraccilo | | Kay |
| Cerza | | Mike |
| Cologgi | | Dick |
| Corey | | Bill |
| Deal | Amidon | Christine |
| Delrusso | | Frank |
| DeParde | | Kevin |
| Duonolo | | Anna |
| Ellison | | Ralph |
| Faina | | Lorraine |
| Faiola | | Sy |
| Fornesi | | Robert |
| Giarusso | | Tom |
| Giovannetti | | George |
| Giovannini | | Arlene |
| Granato | Scialdone | Maria |
| Hartman | | Nancy |
| Horton | | Jim |
| Lombardo | | Bruno |
| Lombardo | | Gabe |
| Lorenzetti | | Jill |
| Loucks | | Kevin |
| Manrow | Vincente | Heather |
| McKelvey | | Kari |
| Meyers | | Gene |
| Miller | | Jason |
| Millis | | Bob |
| O'Connor | Mundt | Denyse |
| Paradise | | Helen |
| Plate | Loucks | Lee Ann |
| Pratt | | John |

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| Reynolds | Yarmolinsky | Amy |
| Ritter | | Amy |
| Rizzieri | | Bill |
| Rogers | | Harrison |
| Rogers | | Kathi |
| Shiple | | Theresa |
| Sloan | | Joe |
| Smith | | Teresa |
| Tyler | | Eric |
| Uticone | | Ray |

LOOKING FOR EMAIL ADDRESSES

Since the MAA Hall of Fame has adopted email as their primary means of communication, it is necessary to have email addresses for our members and/or family representatives. We do not have an email address for the people listed on this page. If you have an email address for any of these people and are willing to share it, please send the address to tedwnovak@gmail.com

Thank you