



ST. PAUL ACADEMY AND SUMMIT SCHOOL
ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME 2024 INDUCTION CEREMONY
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2024

WELCOME TO THE 2024 ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME CEREMONY

This evening we will celebrate our athletics history and recognize a number of talented alumni/ae athletes as well as a longtime coach, teacher, and community leader. Each of the individuals being inducted this evening have made a lasting impression on our community and we are immensely grateful for their contributions to our St. Paul Academy, Summit School, and combined St. Paul Academy and Summit School history.

Congratulations to all of the inductees on their athletic achievements!

ST. PAUL ACADEMY ALUMNI

Mark Paper '50

W.T. "Tom" Doar III '69

SUMMIT SCHOOL ALUMNAE

Lassie Stout Ford '61

ST. PAUL ACADEMY AND SUMMIT SCHOOL ALUMNI/AE

Michael Thomas '73

Thomas Gorence '75

Toni Lagos Cainkar '78

Juliette Brynteson Nelson '76

Elizabeth Lilly '81

Jonathan Burgwald '84

Gerard Lagos '88

Eliot Foster Donahue '94

COACHES AND ADMINISTRATORS

Mike Foley

TEAMS

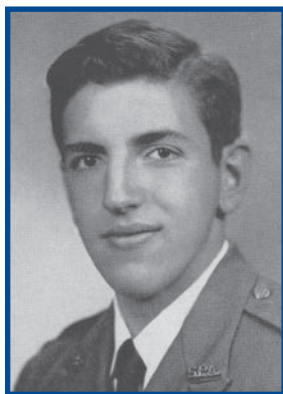
1974 Boys Hockey

State Championship Team



MARK PAPER '50

Sports: Football, Hockey, Baseball, Sports Editor of "SPAR"



A three-sport athlete in hockey, football and baseball at St. Paul Academy, Mark Paper '50 was renowned for his athletic prowess and adaptability. In hockey, Mark served as the goalie for the varsity hockey program, earning All-State recognition his Junior and Senior seasons after averaging less than one goal allowed per game. Mark was also renowned for his 25 saves as goalie in a game against Cretin High School, ending Cretin's 35 game win streak. Mark would letter in all three sports that he competed in: football, hockey, and baseball, during his time at SPA. On the baseball team, Mark batted .400 as a first baseman and was noted for his contributions to the success of the program. He was also recognized by multiple local papers for his accomplishments across all three sports throughout his time at SPA. Outside of competing in athletics, Mark served as the Sports Editor for the "SPAR", covering athletic competitions throughout the year for the school. He would go on to be awarded the Athletics Bowl his senior year, recognizing his talents and athleticism at SPA.

Following SPA, Mark attended the University of Minnesota. Athletics would continue to play a role in his life as he joined a state touch football program, serving as the quarterback and captain of his team. They would go on to win a State Championship defeating programs that featured numerous past-collegiate football players. Later in life, Mark became active in both tennis and marathon running. In tennis, Mark was ranked sixth nationally in the Doubles over 55 category, and ranked second in the Upper Midwest Singles category. In running, Mark would go on to run his first marathon at the age of 54 and complete three marathons over the years. Throughout this time, Mark stayed connected to SPA, serving as a Trustee and as a parent at the school.

Athletics have played a pivotal role in Mark's life and his commitment to excellence, competitiveness, and ability to support and encourage his children to pursue their passions make him a strong addition to the St. Paul Academy and Summit School Athletics Hall of Fame.

W.T. "TOM" DOAR III '69

Sports: Football, Basketball, Golf, Coach, Teacher



A talented athlete and inspiring coach and teacher, W.T. "Tom" Doar III '69, has had a profound contribution to the athletics history of St. Paul Academy and the merged St. Paul Academy and Summit School. Doar's legacy at St. Paul Academy is marked by his outstanding prowess in football, basketball, and golf and his dedication to excellence throughout his high school career.

In football, Doar exemplified leadership as a team captain and earned two Varsity letters and a distinguished spot on the All-Conference team during his senior year. His strategic acumen and on-field performance left an indelible mark on SPA's football program.

On the basketball court, he shined as a four-year starter and team captain his junior and senior year. His skill and leadership were further recognized with two All-Conference Awards, underscoring his pivotal role in SPA's basketball successes.

In golf, he continued to excel as a four-year team member and a captain his senior year. His dedication to precision and sportsmanship earned him two All-Conference Awards, cementing his reputation as a formidable golfer. In addition to his athletic accolades, Doar was honored with the Athletic Cup and received the prestigious Joseph P. Schwab Award his senior year which highlighted his character, leadership, and overall contribution to SPA's community.

Beyond his remarkable achievements as a student-athlete, Doar's commitment to SPA extended to coaching. Returning to his alma mater as a teacher and coach, he coached for various teams, including football, basketball, and golf. While at SPA, he taught primarily in the Lower School and served as the Interim Director of Admissions. His influence and mentorship touched numerous young athletes, shaping their athletic journeys and fostering a culture of excellence.

The induction of Tom Doar III '69 into the St. Paul Academy and Summit School Athletics Hall of Fame celebrates not only his remarkable achievements and leadership on the field, court, and course but also his enduring legacy as a teacher, coach, and role model within the SPA community.

LASSIE STOUT FORD '61

Sport: Tennis



In recognition of her remarkable achievements and enduring legacy in the world of tennis, St. Paul Academy and Summit School is proud to posthumously induct Lassie Stout Ford '61 into the Athletics Hall of Fame.

Lassie's journey with tennis began at Summit School, where she was a standout even in her early years. As an eighth grader, Lassie and her partner, Margie Read Byers '59, clinched the prestigious St. Paul Tennis Club's Jr. Whiteman State Tennis Cup in 1957. This early success was a harbinger of the stellar career that lay ahead. She was well-regarded amongst her classmates and fellow Summit alumnae for her prowess on the court and natural talent and skill.

Following her years at Summit, Lassie continued to shine in the world of tennis, both in singles and doubles play. In the late 1970s and early 1980s, she garnered national recognition with her doubles partner, Pat Fallon. Together, they ascended into the top ten in the U.S. rankings for women's platform tennis. Their impressive performances on the professional circuit, coupled with numerous victories at the Coveleigh Club in Rye, NY, underscored Lassie's skill, dedication, and sportsmanship.

Lassie's achievements were not confined to the tennis court. At Coveleigh, she was honored with a prestigious award for her contributions of organizing tennis and platform tennis tournaments, along with her exceptional sportsmanship. Her commitment to the sport was recognized with a Lifetime Achievement Award from the club in 1982.

Despite facing personal and health challenges, including a battle with ovarian cancer, Lassie's passion for tennis never wavered. She continued to play whenever possible, demonstrating incredible resilience and grace. Her battle with illness, which began when she was just 38, was marked by her unyielding spirit and love for the game she cherished. Lassie passed away in 1985 at the age of 40.

Lassie's life was a testament to her character both on and off the court. Known for her calm demeanor, fairness, and focus, she was a competitor who made her opponents work hard while maintaining her own effortless style. Her friends and family remember her as a quiet, thoughtful individual with a sharp wit and a warm presence. Her legacy lives on not just in her athletic accomplishments, but in the hearts of those who knew her.

The induction of Lassie Stout Ford into the St. Paul Academy and Summit School Athletics Hall of Fame is a heartfelt acknowledgment of her extraordinary contributions to the sport and her enduring impact on the community. It is a celebration of a life that was rich with achievement, character, and grace.

MICHAEL THOMAS '73

Sports: Soccer, hockey, baseball



The exemplary achievements of Michael Thomas '73 in multiple sports at SPA, and his subsequent athletic career, reflect his extraordinary talent and dedication and contribute to his well-deserved induction into the St. Paul Academy and Summit School Athletics Hall of Fame.

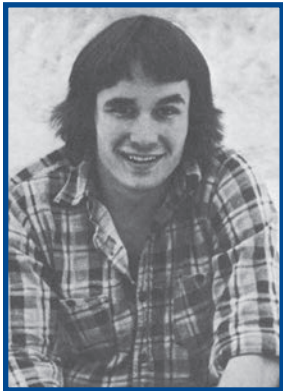
Mike Thomas was a multi-sport athlete at St. Paul Academy and Summit School, earning letters in soccer, hockey, and baseball. His contributions to soccer were particularly outstanding; he earned All-MISL and All-State honors and was named a High School Midwest Regional All-American, captain and team MVP. In hockey, his leadership and scoring prowess were pivotal and he served as an alternate captain and led the team to an unprecedented number-one ranking in the state. He garnered All-State honors and was awarded the Blake Shepard Hockey Award, which recognized his exceptional performance and sportsmanship.

Mike's athletic journey continued at Yale University, where he played four years of hockey and was named captain of the team his senior year. His college career was marked by notable achievements, including a memorable performance of scoring four goals in a 5-4 win against the University of Minnesota-Duluth. Mike was also the first player to be awarded the Murray Murdoch Award twice which recognized Mike for leadership and as the most valuable player of the program. Mike would go on to lead the team in scoring for two years, accumulating an impressive 51 goals and 88 points during his 3 years with the Varsity team. His talent earned him a tryout with the Minnesota North Stars, and he would go on to play professionally for several years, showcasing his skills across various leagues.

Mike's impact went beyond his on-field accomplishments. Known for his quiet humility and sense of humor, he was a respected teammate who led by example and kept the atmosphere positive and enjoyable. Mike's achievements and contributions to St. Paul Academy and Summit School make him an ideal candidate for induction into the Athletics Hall of Fame.

THOMAS GORENCE '75

Sports: Hockey, soccer, track



It is with great pride that we induct Thomas "TJ" Gorence '75 into the St. Paul Academy and Summit School Athletics Hall of Fame. TJ's exceptional achievements in athletics during his time at SPA and beyond are a testament to his talent, dedication, and leadership.

TJ Gorence's impact on St. Paul Academy and Summit School's hockey program was remarkable. A captain of the state championship hockey team, he led the team with determination and skill. Over his four-year varsity career under Coach Mike Foley, TJ amassed 130 goals, 118 assists, and 248 total points, placing him twentieth on the Minnesota State High School league's All-Time scoring list. He would go on to play hockey at the University of Minnesota on an athletic scholarship. Beyond hockey, TJ excelled in soccer and track & field at SPA. Under Coach Manuel Lagos, he demonstrated his athletic versatility on the soccer field and in track & field, he showed exceptional power, excelling in the 400-meter events. Coach David Montgomery recalls, "TJ exemplified an outstanding work ethic. He was a fantastic leader and mentor throughout his athletic career. In my book, his anaerobic power was unmatched. A true legend in SPA track history."

At the University of Minnesota, TJ played under the legendary Coach Herb Brooks and was part of the team's NCAA Division I Hockey Championship victory in 1976. He would go on to be drafted in the second round of both the NHL and WHA drafts in 1977.

His professional career began with the Philadelphia Flyers, where he played right wing from 1978 to 1984. Notably, he was a part of the Maine Mariners' inaugural AHL Calder Cup Championship team in 1978, scoring the cup-winning goal. His career further included a memorable stint with the Edmonton Oilers and Wayne Gretzky during their 1984-85 season, which led to the team's Stanley Cup victory. After an illustrious career, TJ retired from professional hockey in 1986.

Thomas "TJ" Gorence's contributions to sports and his exemplary leadership both at SPA and in his professional career have made a lasting impact. His remarkable achievements and dedication to excellence contribute to his well-deserved induction into the St. Paul Academy and Summit School Athletics Hall of Fame.

JULIETTE BRYNTESON NELSON '76

Sports: Basketball, soccer



Sports have played a role throughout the life of Juliette Brynteson Nelson '76. Her interest in athletics at SPA evolved into her competing in collegiate soccer, to later becoming a coach and advocate for athletics.

Growing up with two older brothers (Jim '72 and Richard '73), Julie played football and other sports with them throughout childhood. At St. Paul Academy and Summit School, Julie served as the team manager for boys' soccer, compiling statistics and working with legendary SPA coach Buzz Lagos. Working with Buzz, Julie was able to study the game of soccer from the sidelines, and later to develop her skills in important summer playing opportunities he identified for her in the Twin Cities. This set the stage for her collegiate career at Harvard after brother Jim suggested she join the women's soccer program in its initial season. In its formative years, Julie's leadership and offensive prowess were instrumental in Harvard's success, and she would help the team secure its first two Ivy League titles and achieve an impressive record of 36-5-3 over three years. At this time Title IX was pushing educational institutions across the US to promote athletic programs for women. Julie's contributions extended beyond her efforts on the field, as she worked behind the scenes to develop the program and build the camaraderie that shaped and ultimately defined Harvard Women's Soccer's ethos during its formative years, and, alongside her teammates and coaches, helped establish an enduring foundation of excellence. Upon induction into Harvard's Varsity Club Hall of Fame in 1999, Julie acknowledged the pivotal role that sports played in her life, shaping her journey far beyond the playing field. From playing soccer in the highlands of Papua New Guinea where she served as a Peace Corps volunteer to playing in Haiti where she and her husband were involved in humanitarian work to pursuing a teaching and coaching career in independent schools, Julie has long used sports as a way to connect with those around her. She has also coached a wide range of teams from youth to collegiate level players and worked to foster community through sport by working to support and encourage participation in athletics.

In honoring Julie Brynteson Nelson, we celebrate not only her athletic achievements but also her commitment to sportsmanship, community, and the values that define the spirit of the St. Paul Academy and Summit School Athletics Hall of Fame. And we celebrate decades of growth of opportunities for girls and women in sport and the importance of faculty mentorship as embodied by Buzz Lagos in his time at SPA.

TONI LAGOS CAINKAR '78

Sports: Basketball, track and field, cross country, soccer



Toni Lagos Cainkar '78 was a leader in athletics and achieved remarkable success that left a lasting impact on the legacy of girls' sports at St. Paul Academy and Summit School.

At SPA, Toni demonstrated unparalleled dedication and excellence as a student-athlete. She served as captain of both the basketball and track and field teams, embodying leadership on and off the court and field. She was the recipient of twelve letters across basketball, track and field, cross country, and soccer during her four years at SPA, a testament to her versatility and skill.

Toni's achievements extended beyond participation, as she set school records in numerous track and field events and tied for the second-most points scored in the conference during the 1975-1976 basketball season. Her prowess on the court and track earned her widespread recognition, including multiple "Athlete of the Month" awards from local newspapers and was a finalist for the prestigious Dave Winfield Award, which honored the most outstanding student-athletes in the Twin Cities area.

Following her stellar high school career, Toni continued to excel at Brown University, where she played basketball and served as captain her junior and senior years. Her impact was profound, earning national recognition as the record holder for most blocked shots in women's basketball at the time. Additionally, her athleticism extended to track and field, where she was named to the All-Ivy League Team by Ivy League coaches and secured conference titles in the 100-meter hurdles and the 4x100 relay.

Toni Lagos Cainkar's induction into the St. Paul Academy and Summit School Athletics Hall of Fame honors her enduring legacy of sportsmanship, competitive spirit, and athletic achievements. Her journey from a standout high school athlete to a record-setting collegiate competitor is a testament to her dedication, skill, and enduring impact on the world of sports.

ELIZABETH LILLY '81

Sports: Tennis, golf, basketball, soccer, track and field



Elizabeth “Beth” Lilly '81's induction into the St. Paul Academy and Summit School Athletics Hall of Fame, honors and recognizes her exceptional achievements as a standout athlete and leader in women's athletics. Throughout her time at St. Paul Academy and Summit School, she played five different sports and showcased both athletic skill and leadership throughout her high school career.

Beth's tennis career at SPA was nothing short of legendary as she played varsity tennis for an impressive five years, achieving remarkable success. During her time competing, her team clinched the State Championship four times, and Beth won the State Doubles Title twice, first in 1979 with Elizabeth Mairs and again in 1980 with Becky Hart. Her leadership culminated in captaining the team her senior year.

In golf, Beth pioneered the first girls' varsity golf team her senior year at SPA where she not only captained the team but also became the first girl from SPA to qualify and compete in the High School State Golf Tournament where her brother Jim, served as her caddy. In basketball, Beth was a mainstay on the varsity basketball team for four years, serving as captain her senior year. She also competed on the varsity soccer team for two years and was a member of the varsity track and field team beginning her freshman year.

Following SPA, Beth continued to excel in athletics at Hobart William Smith Colleges, where she played varsity tennis and soccer, captaining the soccer team her senior year. She also helped begin the rowing program, which has since become a varsity program for both men and women.

Beth's ability to be a consummate team player is evident in her ability to inspire others as well as lean on her teammates to achieve success. She recalls the invaluable guidance of figures like Coach Cliff Caine in tennis and Coach Tom Doar in basketball, along with the steadfast support of her doubles partners and teammates for helping her reach her goals. Beth's impressive accomplishments and achievements stand as a testament to perseverance, leadership, and a lifelong dedication to sportsmanship.

JONATHAN BURGWALD '84

Sports: Football, basketball, track and field



Jonathan “Rip” Burgwald '84, was a talented athlete recognized for his athletics prowess and leadership both at St. Paul Academy and Summit School and at the United States Air Force Academy.

Rip's athletic journey began early and he established himself as a formidable presence on the field, court, and track. In football, Rip started on varsity as a sophomore, competing as both a running back and linebacker. He earned numerous accolades including All-Conference honors as a junior and senior, Metro All-Star team selections, and was named Conference MVP his senior year. In basketball, Rip excelled as a three-year letter winner and co-captain in his senior year and in track, Rip was a four-year letter winner and team captain his senior year. He competed in the shot put, discus, and mile relay and qualified for regionals in both discus and the mile relay.

Rip Burgwald's outstanding achievements culminated in being awarded both the Boys Athletic Bowl, which is given to the top male athlete in the school, as well as the Colonel Griggs Athletics Trophy.

At the Air Force Academy, Rip played four years as a linebacker and earned three letters. He was named captain of special teams early in his career, earning All-WAC Honors his senior year. Notably, he led the team with 143 tackles garnering All-American status. He would be honored with the prestigious Brian Bullard Award, which is known as the “Air Force Heisman,” and recognizes qualities of unselfishness, effort, team commitment, and pride.

Rip Burgwald's impact extended beyond individual accolades as his leadership and dedication were instrumental in Air Force's victories over Army and Navy, as well as their 1987 Commander in Chief Trophy win, which granted the team a meeting with the President of the United States.

Jonathan “Rip” Burgwald's induction into the Athletics Hall of Fame stands as a testament to his exceptional achievements and leadership as an athlete and teammate.

GERARD LAGOS '88

Sports: Soccer, basketball, track



Gerard Lagos '88, a standout athlete in soccer, basketball, and track, has embodied what it means to be an athlete throughout his life.

At SPA, Gerard immediately impacted St. Paul Academy and Summit School athletics, playing 5 years of varsity soccer from eighth grade through his senior year. During that time, he received multiple MVP honors and All-State recognitions. He was a Dave Winfield Award finalist, the Star Tribune Metro Player of the Year, the regional Gatorade Player of the Year, and the Minnesota State High School League Mr. Soccer in 1987. Gerard was ranked the number one recruit coming out of Minnesota in 1988, and a newscaster at the time referred to him as “the Pelé of Minnesota soccer.”

Gerard was also a force in varsity basketball for three years and contributed significantly to the track and field team. He co-captained the basketball team his junior and senior years and had a reputation as a defensive specialist, press breaker, and rebounder who played with formidable physicality. He brought determination and versatility to the track and field team, where he was competitive in every event but the pole vault.

Throughout his high school career, his leadership and athleticism earned him many accolades, and in his senior year, SPA recognized his athletic accomplishments by awarding him the Frenzel Athletics Bowl.

Gerard earned a scholarship to the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee to play under legendary U.S. Soccer Coach, Bob Gansler. He excelled athletically and academically at UWM, where he was recognized as All-Conference, All-Region, and an Academic All-American. He was inducted into the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee's Athletics Hall of Fame in 2005.

In 1989, Gerard represented the United States in Saudi Arabia at the FIFA soccer Under-20 World Cup. He was a key contributor to the team's historic fourth-place finish. In the early '90s, he played professionally in France for two and a half years before returning to play a dozen years for the Minnesota Thunder. The Thunder made four national championship appearances, winning a national title in 1999. He was inducted into the team's Hall of Fame in 2002.

Gerard's commitment to soccer extends beyond his playing days. He has coached extensively at grassroots levels and beyond, including at SPA, The U.S. Olympic Development Program, and with the St. Paul Blackhawks, where he has impacted numerous young athletes. His dedication to community engagement and youth development underscores his enduring impact on Minnesota soccer.

Lagos's journey serves as an inspiration for future generations of athletes. In sports and life, he embodies the values of perseverance, dedication, and leadership. St. Paul Academy and Summit School is proud to induct him into our Athletics Hall of Fame.

ELIOT FOSTER DONAHUE '94

Sports: Soccer, basketball, softball



Eliot “Elie” Foster Donahue '94, was a talented and skilled athlete at St. Paul Academy and Summit School, contributing to the success of numerous SPA programs including the varsity soccer, basketball, and softball programs. On the soccer field, Elie served as a captain for both her junior and senior seasons, and helped her team to numerous successful seasons, while helping lead the team to an impressive 14-1-4 record, earning All-State honors. In her senior year she was voted All-Metro Soccer by the Star Tribune and All-State by the Pioneer Press. She also competed on the basketball team, where her tenacity and strategic play led to her service as team captain. She would conclude her time at SPA as recipient of the Girls Athletic Bowl in recognition of her exceptional leadership and athletic contributions.

Considered one of the top soccer recruits in the country, Elie continued her career at Stanford University, where she emerged as a standout midfielder and leader. Starting 75 out of 78 career games and serving as a two-time captain, she helped the Cardinal to a top 5 national ranking every season she was on campus. Her exceptional skills, including agility, footwork, and goal-scoring, made her a pivotal player. Her coach at Stanford, Steve Swanson, lauds her as one of the best midfielders he has ever coached and said that “Elie was a selfless, disciplined, and natural leader who prioritized team success above all else. Her impact extended beyond the field, influencing teammates and coaches alike.”

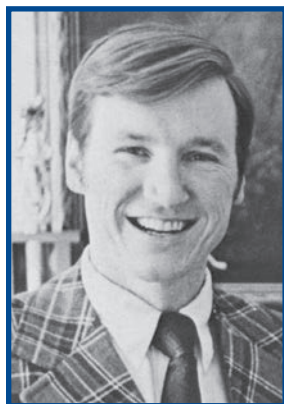
After Stanford, Elie was drafted into the inaugural Women's United Soccer Association (WUSA) and played for the Boston Breakers.

Elie Foster Donahue's athletic achievements and exemplary character make her a fitting addition to the SPA Athletics Hall of Fame. Her passion, perseverance, and leadership are all traits that embody what it means to be an athlete.

COACHES AND ADMINISTRATORS

MIKE FOLEY

Sports: Hockey, teacher, coach



It is with profound respect and admiration that we honor Mike Foley, who is being inducted into the St. Paul Academy and Summit School Athletics Hall of Fame. His tenure as a hockey coach and English teacher at both St. Paul Academy and Summit School left an indelible mark on our institution and the countless lives he touched.

Mike's time with SPA began in 1968, when he joined the school as an English teacher and hockey coach. At the time, SPA's hockey program had struggled to achieve statewide recognition, but Mike's arrival marked a turning point. His coaching skills and dedication rapidly transformed the hockey program into the spotlight. Under his guidance, the Spartans excelled, winning the Minnesota State Independent School League Championship trophy in 1974.

Mike's influence extended beyond wins and losses. His approach to coaching was grounded in hard work, commitment, and mentorship. His teams did not just play hockey; they learned valuable life lessons. Many of his former players went on to achieve great success, both in their professional careers and personal lives and credited Mike as a pivotal mentor and role model.

Mike was equally impactful as a teacher. His passion for Shakespeare and literature resonated deeply with his students, making his classes a highlight of their academic experience. He had a great ability to connect with students and instill a love for literature that was as noteworthy as his coaching achievements.

In 1976, Mike became an Assistant Hockey Coach at the University of Minnesota, where he contributed to national championships and mentored future hockey stars, including former SPA players Tom Vannelli '73, TJ Gorence '75 and Rob Larson '74, all of whom would go on to win the 1976 NCAA National Championship. He worked alongside legendary coaches Herb Brooks and Brad Buetow, and built a reputation as one of the best coaches in Minnesota hockey history.

Mike's legacy extends beyond the rink and classroom. In 1968, he and his wife Elsie founded the SPA Hockey School, which became a cornerstone for young hockey players in the region. The Mike Foley Hockey League and the school were instrumental in shaping many young athletes, fostering their growth and passion for the sport. Their partnership, rooted in mutual respect and shared values, exemplified the profound impact of dedication and compassion in education and coaching.

Mike's contributions to SPA and the broader hockey community were immense. His attention to detail, love for the game, and commitment to his students and players were hallmarks of his career. As former Athletics Director and Coach Dave Montgomery eloquently stated, "Mike was the ultimate teacher, coach, and mentor."

Mike Foley passed away on October 13, 2023, leaving behind a legacy of excellence, mentorship, and unwavering dedication. As we induct him into the St. Paul Academy and Summit School Athletics Hall of Fame, we celebrate his remarkable achievements and honor the lasting influence he has had on the lives of so many. Mike Foley's impact will forever be remembered, and his contributions to SPA will continue to inspire future generations.

1974 BOYS HOCKEY STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM

Sport: Hockey



Back row: John Paulos, T.J. Gorence, Curt Christofferson, Scott Orr, Tom Correll, Greg Deuel. Middle row: Asst. Coach Carl Smith, Dave O'Brien, Ben Shanley, Tom Jasinski, John Jasinski, Robb Glenny, Manager Jim Shapiro, Coach Mike Foley. Front row: Steve Rasmussen, Bill Bollenbach, Jim Flom, Rob Larson, Jim McNair, Joth Lindeke, Jeff Warlich

As we celebrate the 50th anniversary of the 1974 Boys Hockey State Championship, it is with great pride and admiration that we recognize this record-breaking and history-making team, the first and only boys hockey team from the merged St. Paul Academy and Summit School to win a Minnesota State Hockey Championship.

The 1974 season was a landmark in the history of St. Paul Academy and Summit School. Under the guidance of legendary coach Mike Foley and the leadership of team captains Rob Larson '74 and TJ Gorence '75, the team demonstrated exceptional skill and determination.

The team had an outstanding season, finishing with an impressive 24-6-1 record. In conference play, they posted an 8-2 record, good for a second-place finish. The team capped off its season with a thrilling victory at the 1974 MISL State Tournament Championship game, where they defeated Hill Murray 2-1 to claim the title. This victory solidified their place in SPA's athletic history and showcased their dedication and excellence on the ice.

The 1974 Team was composed of 18 talented players, along with Coach Mike Foley and Assistant Coach Carl Smith. Their hard work and teamwork were evident throughout the season, and many individuals from the team would go on to play hockey in college and in the professional ranks. Their commitment to the sport and their exceptional performance continue to inspire future generations of hockey players at SPA.

In recognition of their extraordinary achievements and contributions to the school's athletic legacy, we are proud to recognize and include the 1974 Boys Hockey State Championship Team in the St. Paul Academy and Summit School Athletics Hall of Fame. This induction celebrates their historic victory and honors their place as leaders and champions in SPA hockey history.

Congratulations to the 1974 Boys Hockey State Championship Team on this well-deserved recognition. Your legacy endures as a testament to excellence, perseverance, and the spirit of St. Paul Academy and Summit School.

COMMITTEE STRUCTURE AND SELECTION GUIDELINES

Below is information on the structure of the Athletics Hall of Fame Selection Committee and guidelines used by the group to determine inductees for the upcoming year.

Committee Information:

The Athletics Hall of Fame Selection Committee is comprised of alumni/ae and former administrators/coaches. The group has between 5-7 individuals and is tasked with reviewing and selecting the individuals, coaches, and teams who will be inducted into the Athletics Hall of Fame. This committee is provided with information on all individuals who have been nominated for consideration for the Athletics Hall of Fame and uses the criteria below to help guide their selection process.

Athlete Criteria to Consider:

- Candidate must be a graduate of St. Paul Academy, Summit School, or St. Paul Academy and Summit School.
- Individuals must have graduated at least 20 years ago in order to be considered.
- Individual must be nominated in order to be included for consideration.
- If possible, induct nominees in reunion year.
- The following information is reviewed and considered during deliberations: number of sports played, captainship, team MVP, League MVP, All-Conference Awards, All-State honors, Athena Award Honoree, Athletic Bowl recipient, Joe Schwab and Sarah Converse Award winners, and other athletics related accolades.
- The opportunities and athletics programs available to Summit School alumnae and athletics offering for women prior to the passage of Title IX in 1972. You can view the History of Athletics webpage to learn more about the history of athletics at Summit School.
- Outstanding achievements following graduation may also be considered.

Coach and Administrator Criteria:

- Candidates must have coached or administrated at St. Paul Academy, Summit School, or St. Paul Academy and Summit School for five years or more to be considered for nomination.
- Candidates have successfully guided student athletes in life skills as well as excellence on the field.

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