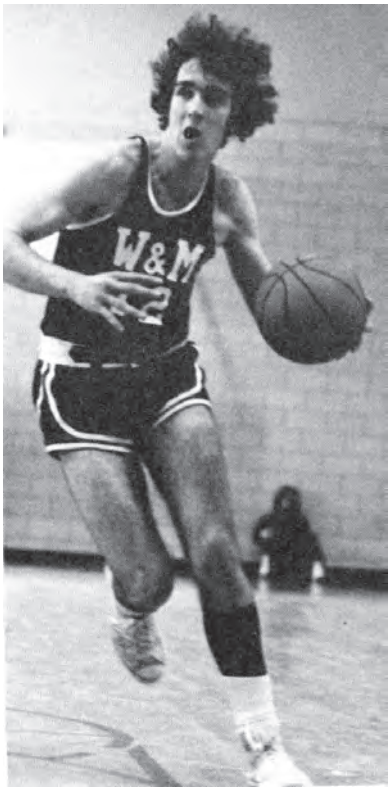
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Dana Gahres '74
Athlete

Dana is a member of the graduating class of 1974. Growing up in Springfield, MA, he came to Wilbraham & Monson Academy in the 9th grade and played basketball, baseball and soccer. Dana is regarded as one of the all-time leading scorers in school history on the basketball court. As the starting point guard and co-captain, he led the team to the 1973 New England Championship. He was honored as a team MVP and started at point guard for all four years.

As a member of the Coachmen Baseball team, he played shortstop all four years and won team MVP honors during his time on the diamond.

After graduation, Dana attended Hartwick College in New York where he played basketball and earned DIII NCAA All-American Honors twice while leading the team to the NCAA tournament. He is also a member of the Hartwick College Hall of Fame.

WMA
Basketball
Captain, leading scorer as point guard of
New England Class B champions, 1972-1973
One of top leading scorers in school history

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1973

Baseball
Four-year varsity starter at shortstop

Also played soccer

Hartwick College, Oneonta, N.Y.
Basketball
- Two-time Division III All-American
- Led team to four NCAA Championship appearances
- Hartwick College Hall of Fame, 1996

Other
Professional tryout invitations: NBA New Jersey Nets

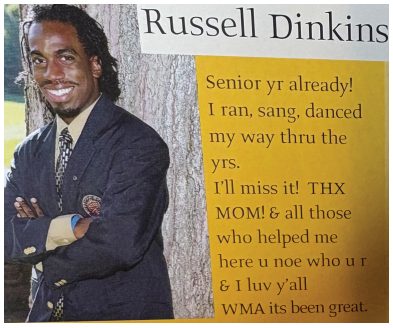
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Russell Dinkins '09
Athlete

Russell Dinkins, a member of the Class of 2009, excelled as an athlete in track and field at WMA, where he set school records in the 4x100 meters, 4x400, 300 hurdles, 400, 800 and 1500, while also competing in cross country and indoor track. His achievements in athletics and in the classroom earned him several prestigious awards, including the Davison Prize in 2007, the Kyle E. Webb Award in 2008, and the Dr. George E. Rogers Scholar Athlete Award, along with the Markell and Monson Class of 1898 Award/Owen David Dow Memorial Award in 2009.

The three-time Most Outstanding Athlete at the D3 NEPSTA Outdoor championships also earned All-America honors at the Nike Indoor Nationals in 2008. At Princeton University, Russell was a First Team All-America selection as an NCAA Champion in 2013 (distance medley relay), a two-time Second Team All-American (800m, 4x400) and a six-time Ivy League champion. Post-collegiately, he placed fourth at the 2017 USA Indoor Championships in the 600m and has competed at four USA championships.

WMA
Track & Field
Three-time Most Outstanding Athlete at the D3 NEPSTA Outdoor championships
All-America honors at the Nike Indoor Nationals, 2008
School records in the 4x100 meters, 4x400, 300 hurdles, 400, 800 and 1500
Competed in Cross Country and Indoor Track

Prizes
- Davison Prize, 2007
- Kyle E. Webb Award, 2008
- Dr. George E. Rogers Scholar Athlete Award, 2009
- Markell and Monson Class of 1898 Award/Owen David Dow Memorial Award, 2009

Princeton University
First Team All-America selection as an NCAA Champion (distance medley relay), 2013
Two-time Second Team All-American (800m, 4x400)
Six-time Ivy League champion
Spirit of Princeton Award, 2013

Other
USA Outdoor Track and Field Championships - four-time qualifier
USA Indoor Championships, 2017 - fourth place, 600m
Executive Director Tracksmith Foundation

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Class of 2025 Inductee

Brittany Barry '11
Athlete

Brittany Barry, a distinguished athlete from the Class of 2011, made significant contributions to girls' soccer at WMA. She earned recognition as a two-time All-American and was honored by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) as a two-time All-Region player. Additionally, she was a three-time Prep School All-Star according to the Boston Globe and received All-State and All-League accolades. Barry set a remarkable school record with 81 career goals over three seasons and captained her team to victory in the WWNEPSSA Cup League and the New England Class B championship in 2010.

Continuing her success at the College of Saint Rose in Albany, New York, Barry played a pivotal role in leading her team to a Division II National Championship in 2011. Her impressive high school career also included setting a Massachusetts state record with 59 goals in a single season while competing at the High School of Science & Technology in Springfield in 2007.

WNEPSSA LEAGUE CHAMPIONS GIRLS SOCCER 2010

WMA
Girls Soccer
Two-time All-American, National Soccer Coaches Association of America
Two-time All-Region, NSCAA
Three-time Prep School All-Star, Boston Globe
All-State and All-League
School record 81 career goals in three seasons
Captained WWNEPSSA Cup League and New England Class B champions, 2010

College of Saint Rose
Led College of St. Rose (Albany, N.Y.) to Division II National Championship, 2011

Other
Set single-season Massachusetts state record of 59 goals at High School of Science & Technology in Springfield, 2007

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Harrison B. Wilson III '73
Athlete

Harrison B. Wilson III, a member of the Class of 1973, distinguished himself as a versatile athlete at WMA, excelling in football as a wide receiver and kick returner, and contributing to the basketball team as a guard during their championship season in 1972-1973. He also showcased his skills on the baseball field as a shortstop. His academic achievements were recognized with the Howe S. Newell Senior English Award.

Continuing his athletic career at Dartmouth College, Wilson earned All-Ivy League honors in football in 1976 and set a record for receiving yards while also starting at shortstop for the Dartmouth baseball team, further solidifying his legacy in collegiate sports.

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WMA
Football
Wide receiver, kick returner

Basketball
Guard on New England Class B Champions, 1972-1973

Baseball
Shortstop

Prizes at WMA
Howe S. Newell Senior English Award

Dartmouth College
Football - All-Ivy League, 1976; broke Dartmouth record for receiving yards

Other
Tryout with San Diego Chargers

(Died June 9, 2010)

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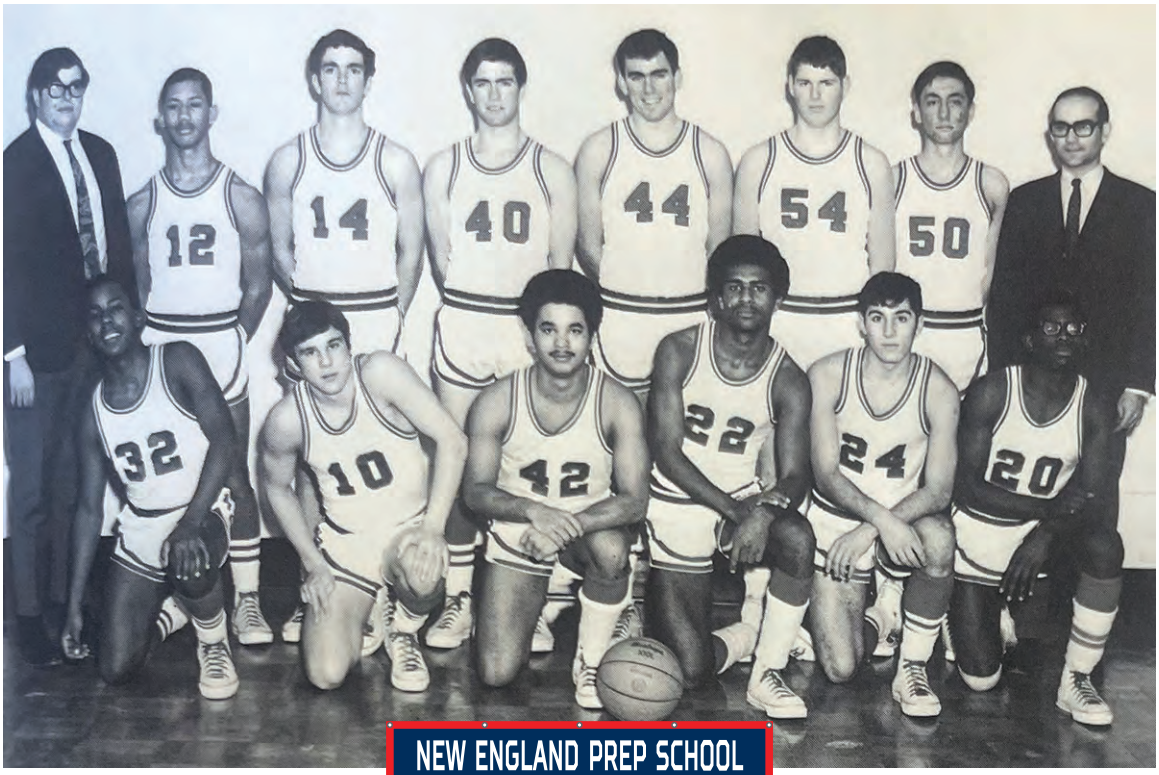
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BOYS BASKETBALL 1968-1969

Team

The 1968-1969 Boys Basketball team achieved remarkable success, securing the New England Class B championship with an impressive record of 19 wins and 2 losses under the guidance of head coach Michael Shepperd. They triumphed over Bridgton Academy from Maine in the title game, winning 60-45, marking the first New England championship in the program's history.

New England Class B champions
19-2 record
Beat Bridgton (Maine) Academy, 60-45, in title game
First New England title in program history
Won mid-season Kingswood Invitational Tournament
Head Coach: Michael Shepperd



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GIRLS SOCCER 2000

Team

The 2000 Girls Soccer team achieved remarkable success, finishing the season with an undefeated record of 18-0-0. They secured the New England Class C Championship by defeating Hamden Hall 4-2 in the title match, marking the first New England championship in the program's history.

Additionally, the team was recognized as the Women's Western New England Prep School Soccer Association Small School Champions. Under the leadership of Head Coach Don Nicholson '79, the team demonstrated exceptional skill and teamwork throughout the season.

New England Class C Champions
18-0-0 record
Beat Hamden Hall, 4-2, in title game
First New England title in program history
Women's Western New England Prep School Soccer Association Small School Champions
Head Coach: Don Nicholson '79



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Class of 2025 Inductee

Gary Cook
Coach

Gary Cook served as the Boys Soccer Coach from 1981 to 2015, amassing a career record of 234 wins, 203 losses and 92 ties. Under his leadership, the team achieved significant milestones, including New England Championships in 1998, 2002 and 2006, as well as multiple Class B Championships through the Ray Brown Cup and the Western New England Prep School Soccer Association (WNEPSSA) from 1998 to 2007. Notably, his teams secured the WNEPSSA Overall Championship, ranking first among 50 schools in both 2005 and 2006.

In recognition of his contributions to the sport, Cook was honored as the Massachusetts Prep/Private Coach of the Year in 1998 and 2005. His legacy was further solidified with his induction into the WNEPSSA Coaches Hall of Fame in 2016 and receiving the Larry Briggs Award for Lifelong Contributions in 2013. Additionally, he has been an active member of various committees at the state, regional and national levels, serving as an administrator, executive board member and officer throughout his extensive career.

Boys Soccer: 1981-2015

- Career record: 234-203-92
- New England Champions: 1998, 2002, 2006
- Class M Champions: Ray Brown Cup/Western New England Prep School Soccer Association (WNEPSSA) - 1998, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007
- WNEPSSA Overall Champions (first place of 50 schools): 2005, 2006
- Massachusetts Prep/Private Coach of the Year: 1998, 2005
- WNEPSSA Coaches Hall of Fame: 2016
- Larry Briggs Award - Pioneer Soccer Official Lifelong Contributions Award 2013
- Longtime certified state, regional and national level committee member, administrator, executive board member and officer.

NEW ENGLAND PREP SCHOOL **CLASS B CHAMPIONS BOYS SOCCER 1998**

NEW ENGLAND PREP SCHOOL **CLASS B CO-CHAMPIONS BOYS SOCCER 2002**

WNEPSSA RAY BROWN CUP **CHAMPIONS BOYS SOCCER 2003**

WNEPSSA RAY BROWN CUP **CHAMPIONS BOYS SOCCER 2004**

WNEPSSA CHAMPIONS & RAY BROWN CUP BOYS SOCCER 2005

NEW ENGLAND PREP SCHOOL **CLASS B CHAMPIONS BOYS SOCCER 2006**

WNEPSSA RAY BROWN CUP CHAMPIONS BOYS SOCCER 2007

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Hugh Harrell
Coach/Contributor

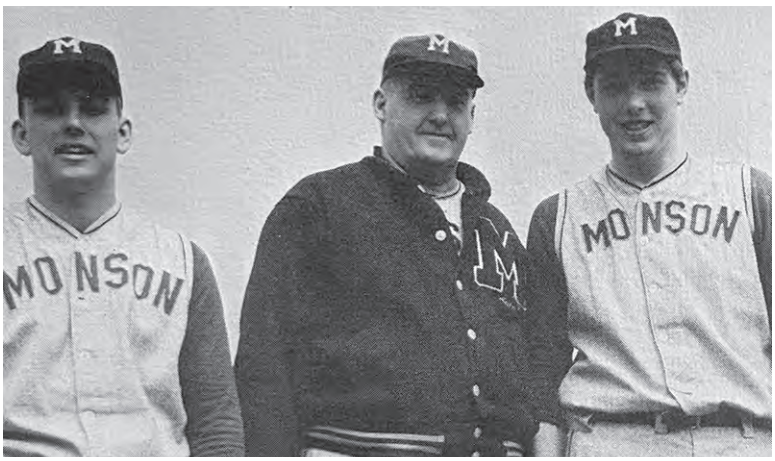
Served Monson Academy and Wilbraham & Monson Academy, 1953-1990

Coached Basketball, Baseball, Soccer and Football
Mathematics teacher and Athletic Director









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