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Bob Glover - 2025 Inductee



Bob Glover was born and raised in Dansville. As a member of the DCS Class of 1964 he was inducted into the National Honor Society and claimed the title of 1964 Livingston County Champion in the 2-mile track and field event. Bob carried his passion for running beyond high school, becoming a well-respected figure in the running community. He went on to have a significant impact as a coach, author, and mentor to countless runners.

Bob was the first of his family to attend college. He spent four summers working at Shay's Trucking Company unloading trucks on the night shift to finance his tuition at SUNY Oswego. In 1968 he graduated with a degree in education and a concentration in social studies. During his college years he pursued his passion of running and was on both the cross-country and track teams, while also writing for the college newspaper.

Soon after college Bob was drafted into the Army and stationed in Phu Bai, Vietnam as personal assistant to the Commanding General. While there he organized the Hue Olympics involving American and South Vietnamese soldiers competing in events. After his return to the US Bob was stationed at Fort Rucker, AL where he assisted GIs working to earn their GED. He also volunteered as an athletic and camp director at the newly-formed YMCA in Enterprise, AL. His experience with the YMCA led him to Rome, NY where he was hired as the athletic director for the YMCA. In 1975 he was recruited as Fitness Director of NYC's West Side YMCA, the largest in the country. In 1978 he started Robert H. Glover and Associates. As its president, Bob served as a consultant to the New York Road Runners, an organization that serves runners of all ages and abilities. With Bob as the consultant it grew from 200 to 60,000 members.

While in NYC he also founded the acclaimed City Sports for Kids track program. Bob founded the Nike Elite Atalanta Running Team. This marathon team garnered world and national championship titles. Bob also wrote a best-selling book titled, "The Runner's Handbook." It rose to #1 in the country and sold over a million copies.

Bob has a special place in his heart for Dansville. Starting in 2011 he has been involved in the Dansville Cemetery Project. His extensive research in several cemeteries including Greenmount has led to the discovery of discarded tombstones which had originally come from the old village cemetery, now known as Pioneer Park.