

MYNDERSE ACADEMY ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME NEWSLETTER

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The Class of 2019

LIFETIME CONTRIBUTORS

MR. ROBERT McKEVENY

HONORED TEAM

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MIKE BULLIS – CLASS of 1970

BILL CARAHER – CLASS of 1975

DAVE FARNEY – CLASS of 1972

BILL MOODY – CLASS of 1975

INDUCTION WEEKEND 2019

The 2019 Induction Class has been selected and announced. It's time to begin thinking about the fall induction ceremony.

Here are some items to put on your calendar...

- 2019 Induction Ceremony, October 13, 2019, NYCC, 4:00-5:45 cocktails & buffet.
- Tickets can be purchased at the Seneca Falls Middle School Office, the SF Country Club or from any HOF committee member. Price \$30.00 per ticket.
- Informal gathering for all HOF members and their guests at the Seneca Falls SMS Lodge on Saturday, Oct. 12 from 6:00-8:00. – no charge.
- Guided tour of Mynderse Academy and Athletic Facilities, Sat. Oct 12, 5:00PM. This tour is open for any HOF member and their guests. Meet at the front doors of Mynderse.

PLEASE READTenth Anniversary Invitation

This marks the tenth year of the MA Athletic Hall of Fame. To celebrate the past decade, the Hall of Fame Committee is extending an invitation to all individual members. Each individual inductee will be provided a complimentary ticket to this year's induction. If you wish to attend, please contact tedwnovak@gmail.com, or any HOF Committee member for your complimentary ticket. The deadline to receive your complimentary ticket is **September 16**. Hope to see you October 13.

2003 MYNDERSE

TENNIS TEAM

This fall, the MA Athletic Hall of Fame is pleased to announce the induction of the Mynderse 2003 Boys' Tennis Team. This team of notables were FL-West League Champs and captured the Section V, class CC crown while sending 5 individual players to the NYS Qualifying Tournament.

McKeveny Honored

Robert McKeveny has been selected for induction into the MA Athletic Hall of Fame as a Lifetime Contributor.

Following the undefeated NYS Champion Boys' Basketball Team of 1992, Bob arrived in Seneca Falls becoming the new Knight School Principal. Over the years, his own children attended schools in Seneca Falls and participated on various teams. Bob later became the middle school principal which later led to his selection as District Superintendent. Bob has always supported the athletic endeavors of the district and has wholeheartedly supported the creation and efforts of the MA Athletic Hall of Fame, recognizing the importance and value of honoring the rich athletic history of Mynderse. He has noted that our induction ceremonies have allowed the community to remember and cherish all that has been accomplished. Bob has recently retired.

MYNDERSE ACADEMY ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME TENTH YEAR CELEBRATION

Through the initiative of Rod Verkey, the Mynderse Athletic Hall of Fame was created in 2009. Rod recognized the rich athletic history of Mynderse and envisioned an athletic hall of fame that would celebrate those teams, athletes and coaches from past years. But the establishment of the athletic hall was not an easy one. Rod petitioned the Seneca Falls Board of Education a few times before the governing board of the school district finally granted permission. In fairness, the Board of Education was never opposed to the concept of an athletic hall; rather, they wished to have an organization that would also honor notable graduates of Mynderse.

With the Board permission secured, Rod set out to create the HOF Committee with four of the current eight member Committee still serving today. The Committee created a constitution and assigned duties. Shortly following this initial setup, the first discussion of the inaugural class began. That first class saw ten athletes and coaches inducted. The first team inducted was the undefeated and un-scored upon 1946 football team. Since that first year, the constitution allows for a maximum of five athletes per year.

Over the next nine years, many more athletes and teams have been inducted (a listing of all Hall of Fame members and teams can be found on the next page).

Each year the Hall conducts its annual induction ceremony on the Sunday of Columbus Day weekend. Mynderse fans have expressed their pleasure with this annual ceremony and related weekend activities. Memorabilia from past teams and athletes has been put on display each year, highlighting our inductees' athletic successes.

During our first decade, the Seneca Falls School District provided a permanent display for all HOF members. Included in a recent renovation of the Baker Gymnasium entry, architects designed a section to permanently display Mynderse athletic members. However, as years passed, this area became over populated with member plaques.



In 2017, the 1970 football team made a very generous donation to expand the permanent display. Today, all HOF members and teams have their plaques on display. (left photo)

The Committee has also developed a bi-annual newsletter which is mailed to all members attempting to keep everyone informed of Hall activities.

The HOF Committee is looking forward to the next ten years.

MAA HOF PROUDLY INDUCTS THE MYNDERSE ACADEMY 2003 TENNIS TEAM.



Kneeling: Darin Lorenzetti, Mike Sciotti, Kyle Natichioni, Kevin Gillon, Brian Renne, Alvin Chen
Standing: Assistant Coach Eric Renne, Matt Masuicca, Mike Cerza, Phil Ortego, John Adler, Head Coach Mike Marriam

MYNDERSE ACADEMY ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

MEMBERS

JERRY ANDERSON - 1992
MIKE ANDERSON - 1986
JOSEPH AVVEDUTI - 1970
STEVE AVVEDUTI - 1973
LISA CARACCILO ANDERSON - 1986
BETH ANNE BRADSHAW - 1993
BOB BUCHWALD - 1962
GARY BULLIS - 1979
MIKE BULLIS - 1970
GEORGE CAPACCI - 1971
DOM "CARTS" CARACCILO - 1952
DOMINIC CARACCILO - 1980
ED CARACCILO - 1988
GENE CARACCILO - 1955
BILL CARAHER - 1975
DAN CARAHER - 1967
LINDSAY GOTHAM CORNUE - 2001
CHERRIE BARRETT DEMING - 1986
DANA DICKSON - 1978
CHRIS DRAGONE - 2002
COACH GEORGE DAVIS
DAVE FARNEY - 1972
COACH MIKE FERRARA - 1975
LARRY GIUSTI - 1971
LISA POLZINETTI GALVIN - 1982
COACH ALAN HENRY
KEVIN KABAT - 1975
JOE LAWSON - 1969
LEE LETIZIA - 1948
KRISTA RUSCHAK LONG - 1997
KAREN LOUCKS - 1977
KEVIN LOUCKS - 1980
JEFFREY MANNING - 1977
COACH MICHAEL MARRIAM
DAVE MCNANEY - 1973
RICHARD "ABE" MEYERS - 1956
BILL MOODY - 1975
COACH JOHN NICHOLSON
JOHN PANNUCCI - 1953
FRAN PISCITELLI - 1966
MARK PISCITELLI - 1969
STEVE RITTER - 1967
LES ROBINSON - 1962
STEVE SIEGFRIED - 1982
THERESA SHIPLEY - 1981
BOB VALESENTE - 1958
GEORGE VALESENTE - 1962
ADEN "ABE" VANCLEEF - 1931
ANDREW VERKEY - 1997
MATT VERKEY - 1992
ROD VERKEY - 1964
COACH KIRK WARD
NICK WILSON - 2007
DAVE WORMUTH - 1959

LIFETIME CONTRIBUTORS

ART BAKER
DAVE BAKER
ELIZABETH BECHT - 1970
JOHN BRACHT - 1903
PETER DEBOTTIS
JERRY GALUSHA - 1982
BRUCE KNAPP, SR. - 1950
DR. J. STANLEY MARSHALL
NICK NETTI
MICHAEL NOZZOLIO - 1969
DOM PARADISE - 1949
ANGE SUFFREDINI
PETER WORMUTH - 1954
WARREN "SPEED" WORMUTH
SENECA FALLS RECREATION DEPARTMENT
SMS LODGE
ROBERT MCKEVENY

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

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

Departed Member



In April 2019, Hall of Fame Committee member and Lifetime Contributor Peter Wormuth passed away. He was a charter committee member who contributed greatly to the success of the Hall of Fame. His illness, in later years, sidelined him from committee duties, but his interest and passion for the Hall, its members, and its longevity never wavered. Peter often stated that he bled Mynderse blue.

What Happens During the Nomination & Selection Process

If you've ever wondered how a person or team gets selected for induction, here's the complete process. First, an athlete, coach, contributor or team **needs to be nominated**. This is a simple step. Basically, all you need to do to make a nomination is to provide the name of the person and their address. If it's a team, all you need to provide is the sport and year. If you have ever been reluctant to submit a nomination because you do not have the athletic accomplishments of the team or individual, please re-consider, you don't need to submit this information.

When the HOF Committee receives a nomination, it sends an information request to the individual (or family, if the nominee is deceased). **The nominated individual then needs to complete the information request** by providing all their athletic accomplishments while at Mynderse and subsequent years. When the Committee receives the nominee's information, he or she is officially entered into the "nomination pool" (a listing of all athletes and teams in that pool can be found below).

Each year, the Committee reviews all the teams and athletes in the nomination pool. During the month of June, the Committee concludes their reviews and selects the 5 athletes and/or coaches for induction that year. At the June meeting, the Committee may also select a team, Lifetime Contributor and Pre-Title IX female athlete for induction. The rest of the nominees remain in the nomination pool for future induction consideration. Once again, the Committee reviews all individuals and teams in the nomination pool each year.

If you know of a great Mynderse athlete, coach, lifetime contributor, or team that isn't on the list below, PLEASE NOMINATE THEM. If they are already on the list it is NOT necessary to re-nominate them.

Robert Bachman, Jr.
Bruce Baker
John Capacci
Bob Caracilo
Beth Chiodo
Kerri Ruschak Ellis
Vincient Giglio
Eugene Giovannini
Dan Giovannini
James Greule
David Herrick
John Hubbard
Constance Caracilo Irland
Duncan Jensen
Kevin Kilbane
Bruce Knapp, Jr.
David Liberatore
Bruno Lombardo

Don Mackey
Jace McComb
Henry McCoy
Maggie Nichols Minardi
Scott Murdoch
Don O'Connor
Lee Ann Loucks Plate
Albert Rescorl
Don Reynolds
Mike Roberti
Edwin Rogers, Jr.
Steven Rutz
Scott Siegfried
Michael Sinicropi
Bob Spano
Don VanCleave
Don Verkey
Doug Werth

Al Best (Coach)
Charles Brady (Coach)
Lenny Colavito (Coach)
Al Foster (Coach)
Dave Geitner (Coach)
John Marsh (Coach)
Alan Brignall (Lifetime Contributor)
Tony Ferrara (Lifetime Contributor)
Tom Giarusso (Lifetime Contributor)
Augi Orlando (Lifetime Contributor)
Tony Petroccia (Lifetime Contributor)
Dennis Psynack (Lifetime Contributor)
Harold Weber (Lifetime Contributor)
Charlie Wride (Lifetime Contributor)
WSFW Radio (Lifetime Contributor)
Liz Sinicropi (Pre-Title IX)
Jane Rosenkrans (Pre-Title IX)
Francis Denard Cappel (Pre-Title IX)
Kathy Brand Harrison (Pre-Title IX)
Connie Sowards (Pre-Title IX)
1960 Football Team (Team)
1951 Football Team (Team)
1955 Football Team (Team)
1974-1976 Boys' Basketball Team (Team)
1999 Boys' Soccer Team (Team)
2003 Boys' Soccer Team (Team)
1974 Golf Team (Team)
1999 Football Team (Team)
1995 Girls' Lacrosse Team (Team)

HALL OF FAME WEBSITE

You're invited to check out the MA Athletic Hall of Fame on the Seneca Falls School District website.

The website contains information and photos of every Hall of Fame member and team.

Go to the district website at www.senecafallscsd.org and click on the "Departments" tab. Then click on the "Athletics" tab. You should see the link for the Mynderse Academy Athletic Hall of Fame.

The Mynderse Academy Athletic Hall of Fame Committee

*Lisa Anderson, Liz Becht, Wendy Caraher, Mike
Ferrara, Tony Ferrara,
Mike Marriam, Ted Novak, Rod Verkey*

CAN'T MAKE IT TO THE INDUCTION?

There's nothing like being there on Induction Sunday, but if you're unable to attend for some reason, FingerLakes1.com will cover the induction ceremony again LIVE. Go to FingerLakes1.com around 5:45 PM on Sunday, Oct. 13.

Our next issue of the MAAHOF Newsletter will be mailed in January 2020. This winter edition will cover the 2019 Induction Ceremony and other HOF information. Remember, if, for some reason, you would like to be removed from the mailing list, please contact one of the HOF Committee members listed on the previous page.