

MYNDERSE ACADEMY ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME NEWSLETTER

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The Class of 2018



Seated: Carlo Lorenzetti (for SMS), Joanne Mills Antilla, Coach Dan Caraher, Aden Van Cleef (for Abe Van Cleef) Standing: Kevin Kabat, Steve Avveduti, Ed Caraccilo, Louis Van Cleef (for Abe Van Cleef)

A Look Back On Induction 2018

Another year has come and gone with another enjoyable and successful Induction Weekend. From comments made to Hall of Fame Committee members of those who were in attendance, this year's induction ceremony went smoothly and enjoyably. The committee seems to have developed a formula to keep the ceremony under two hours. Not only is this time consideration favorable to those in the audience, it has not detracted from the celebration of each individual and team being inducted.

The Committee would like to congratulate all this year's inductees again, and wish all a prosperous 2019.

MEMBERS ADDRESSES

If you are planning to move, please send the HOF Committee your new address so that we can continue sending you our bi-yearly newsletters.

SPECIAL THANKS

The MAAHOF Committee would like to thank all the people who made donations to the Hall of Fame last year. These donations are critical to the financial health of the organization. All funds donated go directly to HOF operations and events, culminating with the main event - the induction weekend. Donors are listed on page 2

FORERUNNERS TO TITLE IX

This special Hall of Fame category debuted in 2012. The HOF Committee wanted a category to honor all those female athletes who weren't afforded the same level of competition as their male counterparts prior to Federal Title IX legislation in 1972 requiring equal opportunities for all athletes regardless of gender. It is well known that Mynderse Academy had some outstanding female athletes prior to 1972. A problem arose when the HOF Committee tried to compare athletic accomplishments of pre '72 female athletes to those of male athletes and today's female athletes.

If you know of a pre '72 female athlete who should be honored by the Hall, please nominate them.

FOR THOSE FEMALE ATHLETES NOMINATED, PLEASE DO NOT BE DISCOURAGE IN SUBMITTING YOUR INFORMATION. LIST ALL ATHLETIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS DURING YOUR ENTIRE LIFE.

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 click on the "Departments" tab and then "Athletics" tab. You should see the link for the MA Athletic Hall of Fame.

Construction at Mynderse

You may have heard that there is a capital project scheduled for 2020. Here are some of the details... When the Middle School gymnasium (Arthur L. Baker Gymnasium) opened in the 1970's, the Mynderse Academy gymnasium was demoted to a secondary event venue. Over the years, some repairs and renovations have been made, but the MA gym is still in need of some intensive TLC. In 2020 a renovation project will see a complete "gutting" and rebuild of the MA gym locker rooms. The current locker rooms have not seen improvements from when the school was built in the mid 1950's. In addition, the gym will be receiving a new wood floor, and redesigned walls. Bleachers will also make a return to the MA gym. The new renovations will add seating but the total capacity will still be much less than the Middle School gym, due to the limited size of the MA gym. Because of this, the venue won't regain its main event status. In addition to the work in the MA gym, Mynderse will see a complete renovation of the classrooms in the Science wing. These rooms are also 1950 vintage and are in need of updating. The last major improvement coming in 2020 is the demolition and rebuilding of the bus garage into a new District Operations Center housing transportation, maintenance and district offices. The current building has failed multiple State inspections.

IT'S OUR 10TH ANNIVERSARY

It's hard to believe that the Mynderse Academy Athletic Hall of Fame is approaching its 10th anniversary induction this October. Over the past 10 years, the Hall of Fame has inducted 49 athletes & coaches, 16 lifetime contributors, 7 forerunners to Title IX and honored 10 Mynderse teams (or team groups). But, there are still many more that are waiting to be inducted. Currently, awaiting induction are 38 male/female athletes, 5 coaches, 12 lifetime contributors, 3 forerunners to Title IX and 5 Mynderse teams. This pool of candidates awaiting induction is a testament to the rich athletic history of Mynderse Academy.

10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Hall of Fame Committee has begun work on the 2019 Induction Ceremony. In addition to the usual induction events, the Committee is planning to celebrate this 10th year event in a special manner. The Committee hopes that all past members will be able to attend this coming year's ceremony.

At this year's induction, there will be special recognition of those past HOF members who are present. Those attending members in attendance will also receive commemorative memorabilia.

WELCOME MR. JERAMY CLINGERMAN

The Hall of Fame would like to welcome Mr. Jeramy Clingerman to the Seneca Falls School District. Mr. Clingerman will be taking over as Superintendent this July. The Hall of Fame Committee looks forward to working cooperatively with our new leader in addition to our continued support from the Board of Education.

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MEMBERS

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

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

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

Best Retirement Wishes



After 11 years as superintendent and 16 years as principal, Robert McKeveny will be retiring this June. Not only has Bob successfully led the district during his tenure as superintendent, he has been a staunch supporter of the Hall of Fame. Bob recognizes the importance of honoring those alumni athletes that have contributed to the rich athletic history of Mynderse Academy. The Hall of Fame Committee wishes Bob and his wife, Linda, the best in their retirement. The Committee would also like to honor him with his induction this year as a Lifetime Contributor. Thank you, Bob.

The Mynderse Academy Athletic Hall of Fame Committee

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

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Inducts the 1994 Boys' Basketball Team

