

MYNDERSE ACADEMY ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME NEWSLETTER

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The Class of 2017

LIFETIME CONTRIBUTORS
JERRY GALUSHA – CLASS of 1982

HONORED TEAM
1970 FOOTBALL TEAM

INDUCTEES
SHERRIE BARRETT DEMING – CLASS of 1986
JOE LAWSON – CLASS of 1969
KEVIN LOUCKS – CLASS of 1980
COACH KIRK WARD
NICK WILSON – CLASS of 2007

INDUCTION WEEKEND 2017

The 2017 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...

- 2017 Induction Ceremony, October 8, 2017, NYCC, 4:00-5:45 cocktails & buffet.
- Tickets can be purchased at the Mynderse Academy High School Office or from any HOF committee member. Price \$25.00 per ticket.
- Informal gathering for all HOF members and their guests at the Seneca Falls SMS Lodge on Saturday, Oct. 7 from 6:00-8:00. – no charge.
- Guided tour of Mynderse Academy and Athletic Facilities, Sat. Oct 7, 5:00PM. This tour is open for any HOF member and their guests. Meet at the front doors of Mynderse.

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. 8.

1970 MYNDERSE FOOTBALL

Known as "Big Blue Machine," the team embodied the value of teamwork and was the epitome of achievement. The team will carry the memory of their excellence with satisfaction and pride for a lifetime and should be remembered as victors in one of MA's most successful championships.

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.sfcs.k12.ny.us and click on the "Athletics" tab. You should see the link for the Mynderse Academy Athletic Hall of Fame.

A CONVERSATION with JOHN PANNUCCI

By Wendy Caraher

John Pannucci graduated from Mynderse Academy in 1953. In high school he played football, basketball and baseball. Baseball was his favorite sport. He went on to Syracuse University on a football scholarship and on an interesting side note he played with Jim Brown (one of the best running backs in the NFL). He also played baseball at Syracuse as well. He graduated from Syracuse University in 1957 with a degree in history.

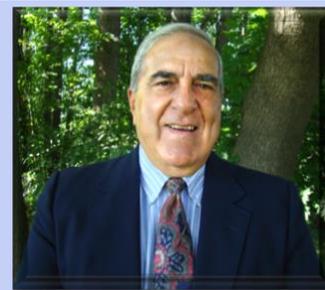
The era John lived in sparked his interest in sports from a young age. Youth in his era played in the streets and at the playgrounds. John commented that they didn't have the current distractions that youth do today. He said it has changed drastically since his time due to kids having access to cars, phones and video games.

John credits former Mynderse football coach George Davis for his athletic success. "Coach Davis was a great football coach and a strict disciplinarian", said John. "Coach Davis was intense on being in shape and ready as he was very demanding of his players. Practices were long and tedious but practice makes perfect." He said the big key to a winning team is discipline and hard work.

In asking him who was his most memorable Mynderse athlete he will tell you that many athletes came to mind that he had played with and those that came after him. He and these groups of athletes contributed to the success of Mynderse athletics.

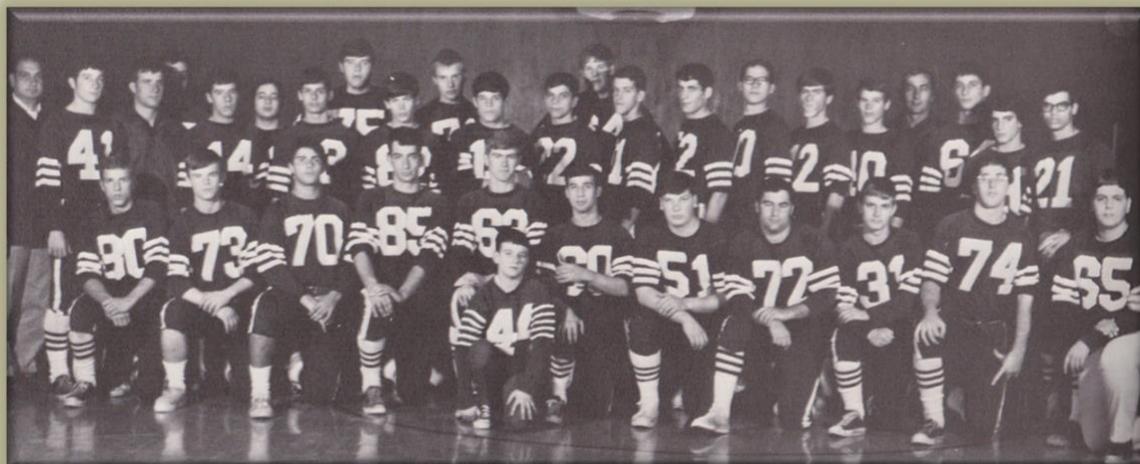
His most memorable Mynderse athletic moment was winning sectionals in baseball twice in four years. He also remembers the time he was pitching a no hitter and an opponent hit a ball through his teammates legs. He didn't mention any names but they still kid about this incident to this day. He feels Mynderse athletics has changed tremendously due to numerous sports offerings now for kids to choose from. He feels with all these sports programs there are just so many athletes in a small town and the programs get watered down.

John has very fond memories of his time as an athlete in high school and college. He said it all comes down to how much time and effort an athlete is willing to put in, but again stressed that discipline, pride, and heart are the keys to a successful team and a great athlete!



"Coach Davis was the key to my athletic success"

MAA HOF PROUDLY INDUCTS THE MYNDERSE ACADEMY 1970 FOOTBALL TEAM.



MYNDERSE ACADEMY ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

MEMBERS

JERRY ANDERSON - 1992
JOSEPH AVVEDUTI - 1970
LISA CARACCILO ANDERSON - 1986
BETH ANNE BRADSHAW - 1993
BOB BUCHWALD - 1962
GARY BULLIS - 1979
GEORGE CAPACCI - 1971
DOM "CARTS" CARACCILO - 1952
DOMINIC CARACCILO - 1980
GENE CARACCILO - 1955
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
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
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
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

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

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

Departed Members

MAA HOF DISPLAY

If you've never seen the Mynderse Academy Athletic Hall of Fame permanent display located in the lobby outside the Arthur L. Baker Gymnasium, make it a point to join the tour of Mynderse on Oct. 7, 2017 at 5:00 PM. Just show up at the front doors of Mynderse.

The Mynderse Academy Athletic Hall of Fame Committee

*Lisa Anderson, Liz Becht, Wendy Caraher
Mike Ferrara, Tony Ferrara, John Nicholson, Ted
Novak, Rod Verkey and Pete Wormuth*

The HOF Committee was sad to hear of the passing of Nick Carello this June. Nick was a member of the 1952 Baseball team, and was inducted into the Hall in 2014 as the first team of three. His team and the '53 & '54 teams have been referred to as the "Three-Peat" MA Baseball teams, winning sectionals three years in a row. Nick was in poor health in 2014 and was unable to attend his induction. We send our condolences to his family. We would remind all members to contact any HOF Committee member, listed to the left, if they hear of a Hall member that has passed.

A Glance At 8 Years of Operation

The Mynderse Academy Athletic Hall of Fame is looking at its eighth induction this coming October. The past seven years have been extremely successful. But there are some areas of concern that are worth noting...

FINANCES

The MAA HOF is a not for profit organization. It was created by a few Mynderse Alumni with the sole purpose of honoring former Mynderse athletes not only for their feats while at Mynderse but in subsequent years. That said the Hall cannot operate without the generous contributions of both personal and corporate sponsors.

All contributions are placed in a special account and are monitored by all nine committee members. The yearly HOF budget runs into the thousands of dollars. Some of our yearly expenses include...

- Inductee plaques & crystals
- Complimentary tickets for inductees
- NYCC rental
- Mailing & material production costs

Fortunately, yearly donations cover our expenses for the year.

The committee is facing a bit of a dilemma. If you've seen the permanent HOF display outside the Arthur Baker Gymnasium, you may have noticed that the display cases are reaching capacity. The committee has been investigating possible solutions one of which is to add on to our display cases. We have received pricing for the added cases but an expenditure of this size would severely impact the organization's account. That is why the committee deeply appreciates all the contributions the organization receives.

CANDIDATES

At the current time the HOF consists of 63 individuals, 10 teams, and 1 organization. There are 36 individual candidates waiting in the nomination pool, 5 MA coaches, 10 Lifetime Contributors, 4 teams, and one female athlete in our Pre-Title IX category.

The people and teams in the nomination pool will remain there and be examined by the HOF committee each year.

The HOF constitution only allows for up to five new inductees each year, up to 2 Lifetime Contributors, up to 1 female Pre-Title IX athlete and 1 team.

**THE COMMITTEE IS ALWAYS
LOOKING FOR OUTSIDE
NOMINATIONS. IF YOU FEEL A
PERSON OR A TEAM HAS
ACCOMPLISHED NOTORIETY,
PLEASE NOMINATE THEM.**

The nomination process is very simple. It does not require any research. Speak, call, email or write to one of the committee members, or go to the school district online nomination form. To access the online form go to www.sfcs.k12.ny.us then click on the "Athletics" tab. Click on the Mynderse Academy Athletic Hall of Fame tab. Scroll down and click on the Red & Blue Online nomination form.

Our next issue of the MAAHOF Newsletter will be mailed in January 2018. This winter edition will cover the 2017 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.