

Shrewsbury High School
Athletic Hall of Fame
Induction



Saturday, March 19, 2005

Shrewsbury High School
Commons Area
64 Holden Street
Shrewsbury, Massachusetts

SHREWSBURY HIGH SCHOOL PREVIOUSLY HONORED INDUCTEES

COACHES

Kenneth Burns	1937-1982
Francis Bergstrom	1942-1968
Barbara Caron	1975-1994
Michael Klemnich	1953-1989
Arthur Liljegren	1964-1995
Mario Marchisio	1960-1979

Athletes

James Abdella	1957
Elizabeth Anderson	1960
Christine (Bates) Tonelli	1985
Richard Bates	1955
Kathy (Bentley) King	1981
Maurice "Moe" Bisceglia	1963
Mark Brisebois	1973
Steve Cardosi	1987
Frank Carroll	1974
Robert Catalina	1967
Robert Cellucci	1952
Edgar Coghlin	1946
Seth Cummings	1961
Robert Defino	1955
Irving "Jim" Donahue, Jr.	1940
Caryn Figueras	1988
Ralph Giofreda	1940
Anthony Granger	1954
Donald Hawkins	1944
Noel Hare	1966
Peggy Holdash	1979

SHREWSBURY HIGH SCHOOL
PREVIOUSLY HONORED
INDUCTEES Cont'd

John Hurst		1970
John Kehoe		1932
Joel Kimball		1974
Donald Lacoursiere		1965
Bruce McNamara	1972	
Lori Mertzlufft		1980
Vinnie Moore		1968
Martha Morrison	1978	
Mary (Lyons) Munoz		1987
Robert Munzner	1964	
Eric Nelson		1989
John Nelson		1964
Edward Orrizzi		1970
Jack Orrizzi		1966
Peter Perreault		1957
James Pignataro	1980	
Edmund Rourke	1947	
Barbara Russell	1974	
Joseph E. Russell, Sr.		1930
Brian Ryder		1978
Kevin Ryder		1975
Jean Sanguinet	1984	
Michael Scirpoli	1935	
Laurel (Shannon) Urda		1977
Theodore Shannon		1983
Stanley Shustak	1965	
John Wentzell		1978
Martha (White) Clark		1983
Robert Zona		1970
Victor Zona		1943

HALL OF FAME
SELECTION COMMITTEE

Moe Bisceglia
Jay Costa
Robert Defino
Nick DiPilato
Dutch Holland
John Kehoe
Mike Kleminich
Kristen Oliveri
Ed Pescaro
Jim Pignataro
Joe Russell, Jr.
Ron Sanguinet
Gordon Warren

PROGRAM

Welcome to the 8th SHS Hall of Fame Induction ceremony. This is an evening which recognizes the athletic accomplishments of ten outstanding individuals whose performances and services at Shrewsbury High School set standards of excellence.

6:30 - Social Hour - Commons Area

7:00 - School Tour

7:30 - Buffet - Commons Area

8:30 - Induction - Presentation Room

Margaret Chase

Coach

(Posthumously Awarded)

Margaret coached at Shrewsbury when very few records kept. It has been difficult to find out what her records were, but she coached softball, basketball and field hockey.

During the reign of Frank Bergstrom, head coach of all boys sports, Margaret was his equivalent for the girls. She held that position for over 15 years and coached some outstanding teams. She was also the girls district wide physical education and health teacher.

Although a very private person, she was very dedicated to her players. She was fair and unusual by today's standards in that every student athlete who went out for the sport got to participate for some part of every game.

To quote Mike Klemich, whose tenure overlapped hers briefly, "She was a very dedicated coach and always conducted herself in a very professional manner with all her student athletes. She competed at the highest level of accomplishment and her women's sports teams were of the highest quality and well prepared year in and year out while competing in the Blackstone Valley League".

Richard Flynn

Coach

Dick had a short but storied seven year career at Shrewsbury. Hired in 1931 to run the athletics department which included the system wide physical education program, Athletic Director and coach of football, basketball and baseball his teams were highly regarded in the Blackstone Valley and Franklin District Leagues.

In 1934 his basketball team won the was crowned champions of the Franklin District League and runner-up in the Blackstone Valley Tournament. His 1938 basketball team accomplished the same winning record. The SHS, football team started the season with 5 big wins, scoring 106 points to their opponents zero.

He coached many outstanding Shrewsbury athletes including the Orrizzi brothers Hugh and Guido, Matteo Scirpoli, John “ Bud” Kehoe, and Herb Hammerstrom.

Dick was born in Worcester, MA and he attended South High School where he was an outstanding running back. He graduated from UNH in 1929, received his masters from URI in 1951 and his PhD from Calvin Coolidge College in 1963. He enlisted in the Navy in 1942 and served for 4 years.

Dick resigned his positions at Shrewsbury in July of 1938 to pursue a career in business. As a footnote, Dick’s teams will be remembered as the last SHS teams to wear green and white uniforms. Shortly after his retirement, the uniforms were changed to today’s familiar blue and gold.

Robert Doyle Class of 1945
(Posthumously Awarded)

Bob was an outstanding two sport athlete at Shrewsbury. He distinguished himself in football and rowing. In 1944 he was fullback and captain of the football team coached by Frank "Swede" Bergstrom which went on to win the Blackstone Valley League Championship.

In the spring of 1944, Bob rowed on the Shrewsbury 8 oared shell coached by Police Chief Ken Burns that won the National Junior Championship in Philadelphia. The following year, 1945, Bob was the power stroke of the SHS 4 oared crew that won the National Senior Championship, again in Philadelphia. During that same year, the crew also won the Central States Championship in Detroit, Michigan.

After graduation, Bob entered prep school at Cushing Academy for one year where he was an outstanding football player.

In 1948, the SHS 4 oared crew was reunited for the Olympic trials at Princeton, NJ. After winning their first heat, they were eliminated in the finals.

Bob accepted a scholarship to the University of Pennsylvania where he rowed #6 on the lightweight crew that won the Henley at London, England and the Thames Challenge Cup on Lake Alster in Germany in 1951. As a freshman, Bob was the starting quarterback on the football team, played left field on the baseball team and was regarded a pesky defensive ace as first string guard on the basketball team.

Dr. Eric Johnson

Class of 1966

Eric had an outstanding athletic career at Shrewsbury accumulating 12 varsity letters. He was selected ALL STATE in his senior year in football where he led the team at quarterback. He was co-MVP of the team and received the Wyman Gordon GUNG HO award from the Worcester Telegram and Evening Gazette for being the outstanding player in the year's final game. He was a starting fullback/linebacker as a sophomore, moving to quarterback in his junior year and remained the monster man of the line backing corps.

Eric was a four-year starter on the basketball team and was captain his senior year. This team compiled an 11 – 7 record with Eric the only senior on the team. He was selected to the CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS CONFERENCE ALL STAR TEAM his sophomore, junior and senior years and was the MVP in the conference his senior year. In addition, Eric was selected to the ALL-STATE TEAM his senior year and honorable mention the two previous years.

Eric also was a member of the SHS crew for two years, the cross-country track team for one year and the golf team for one year.

After graduating from high school, Eric went to Brown University, graduating with a BA degree in 1970. He then studied in Stockholm, Sweden for a year where he received his MBA from the University of Stockholm, then attended the University of Pittsburg and was awarded his PhD in 1976.

He has spent ten years as a visiting professor and in research positions at The Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton University, the University of Cologne in Germany, the Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study and the University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, Scotland. He currently is a professor of history at Central Michigan University. Eric is the author of a book entitled "Nazi Terror: The Gestapo, Jews, and Ordinary Germans".

Eric is married to Mary (Orr), who teaches high school German close to their home. They have two sons, Benjamin (12) and Jonathan (10) (both born in Cologne, Germany).

Alan Lopriore

Class of 1974

As a 2 sport star for SHS Alan Lopriore excelled in both football and baseball at the varsity level for 3 years. An all league running back & cornerback in football, Al also punted and returned kickoffs and punts. He was a member of the 1972 Midland League Champs & 1972 Super Bowl team.

In baseball, Al's exploits are legendary and he is arguably the greatest player ever to wear the blue and gold of Shrewsbury. As a 5 tool player in baseball Al's teams qualified for the District 5 tournament 3 straight years. A centerfielder who could out run the ball, he hit over .400 both his junior and senior years. In his senior year, Al helped lead Coach Tom Hennigan's Colonials to the District 5 title and to the semifinals of the state tournament with victories over Burncoat, Leominster and Algonquin Regional.

Al spent two years playing baseball at Quinsigamond Community College in Worcester. Alan led the team in home runs, assists and stolen bases. The Chiefs were Northeast Regional Champs and advanced to the Junior College World Series finishing sixth in the country with Al playing centerfield.

After graduating from Quinsig Al received a full varsity baseball scholarship to Lewis & Clark State College in Lewiston, Idaho. During Al's junior year the Warrior's finished third in the NAIA World Series. Al was voted a first team all conference All Star, first team All West Coast All Star and was named to the All Tournament Team at the World Series. His senior year Al co-captained the Warrior's and the team finished sixth in the World Series. Al again was voted a first team all conference All Star, first team All West Coast All Star and was named to the All Tournament Team at the World Series. Alan was also voted a first team All-American.

Al lives in Rochdale, MA with his wife Cheryl and son Zach.

Terri LaCoursiere (Zucchero) Class of 1988

The SHS track teams, under the tutelage of Nick DiPilato, have had some great athletes. Terri has to be ranked among the very best. She began her career as an 8th grader scoring wins at the Midland League and District E level in Spring Track, Indoor track and cross-country events.

In her senior year she was captain of all three teams, MVP in cross-country, undefeated in cross-country dual meets, and a Worcester T&G all Star. She was a State Championship Qualifier in all three sports and an MIAA Central Mass Team Member. She set three cross-country course records at Shrewsbury, Hudson and Maynard and was selected SHS Best Female Athlete.

Terri matriculated to The Catholic University. She earned varsity letters in Indoor and Spring Track and Cross-country teams. In 1988 and 1990 Terri was a National Collegiate Cross-Country Championship Qualifier and was selected to the All Mason-Dixon Team and the NCAA Division III South/Southeast All Region Cross-Country Team.

Terri and her husband Michael and two children Anna, age 5 and Grace, age 3 reside in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Keith Taparausky

Class of 1989

Keith was an outstanding athlete at Shrewsbury High School in both football, which he had a long career and track, which he only tried in his senior year. As a senior, he was convinced to try track for the first time. He was a natural. He broke the Jamie Morris District E Long Jump record.

Keith played football for all four years and was captain his senior year. He started the second half of his sophomore year as a running back. As a junior he rushed for approximately 1200 yards and scored 18 touchdowns. Injured for part of his senior year, he still rushed for over 800 yards and scored 11 touchdowns. He was a two-way starter as a junior and a senior. Keith's athletic abilities did not go unnoticed. He was a League All-Star and a T&G Super Team All-Star. In the spring of 1989 he played in the Charles Broddrick CMass All-Star Football Game and was named MVP of the game. Keith ranks as one of the finest Running backs ever to play at Shrewsbury High School.

After graduating from SHS Keith went on to play college football at First Methodist College. His greatest ambition was to play for a division 1 college team. He transferred to the University of West Virginia as a walk-on and impressed the staff. Given a scholarship, he was also elected to be captain of the special team.

Keith resides in Boylston with his wife Kathryn and their son Kaden (7 months old).

Martha Fairbanks (Perry)

Class of 1990

Martha was a kingpin in the SHS track dynasty for five years. She dominated the Midland League in track and cross country and was selected an All Star in both the Midland League (five times) and District E (3 times).

In spring and indoor track she was the District E Champion in the 2-mile and 800 yard events and she placed 2nd in the 800 at the State meet her senior year. She holds the SHS record for the mile with a 5:06.9 time. As a member of the 4x400 relay team she helped set both a State and New England record. For the five years she ran, the SHS team was undefeated in the Midland League and District E and captured the State Championship.

Her skill and leadership earned for her the roll of Captain for two years in cross country and for one year in Spring and indoor track.

Martha graduated from Princeton University with a degree in Pre-med. After graduation, Martha spent one year doing a public interest fellowship with Princeton Project '55 at the AIDS Resource Foundation for children in Newark, NJ and at New York Hospital—Cornell Medical Center. She returned to The University of Massachusetts Medical school and received a degree in medicine.

In 1998 Martha married Chad Perry. They have a daughter, Isabel, born in April, 2003. They currently living in the San Francisco area where she is completing a fellowship in adolescent medicine. Upon completion, they plan to return to the Boston area where she will continue her career in academic Medicine.

Terry Fillipetti

Parent Volunteer

Terri has been selected to the Hall of Fame because of her many years of service to the athletic program as a parent volunteer. Terri was an active member of the athletic boosters association for more than nine years that started back in 1984 and was chairperson for five of those years. She was the inspiration and driving force behind all of the workings of the athletic boosters association during her tenure. The primary function of the boosters association was to raise funds to help offset the budget shortfall and to help prevent the formation of athletic user fees. During her tenure, she helped raise in excess of \$50,000 through gold card fundraisers, spring raffles and the running of the concession stand for all home soccer games and track meets. She was also instrumental in running the boosters association golf tournament, which proved to be a bit wet, but also a lot of fun!

Through her leadership, the boosters association succeeded at "holding off" the implementation of an athletic user fee for Shrewsbury athletes. For that, all athletes have surely benefited from her efforts and the efforts of the boosters association.

Terri has three children who graduated from the Shrewsbury School System. Her son Rick, class of 1995, her son Greg, class of 1998 and her daughter Katelyn, class of 2001 were all members of the athletic program having competed in soccer and track during their tenure. Both Terri and her husband Rick are very proud of the accomplishments of their kids. They should be, their kids are true examples of what it means to be a lady and a gentleman as well as being an accomplished athlete.

Terri has always had an affiliation with soccer. She is currently the National Cup Director for Youth Soccer and she is the registrar for the Mass Premier Soccer League. When asked why she volunteers so much of her time to Shrewsbury's athletic program, she said "I just wanted to give something back to the program that my kids benefited from". We are very all very grateful for what she has given to the program and the kids at Shrewsbury.

Terri resides in Shrewsbury with her husband Rick and enjoys playing host to their children when they come home to visit.

Sandra San Clemente

Contributor

Sandra San Clemente was a major contributor to the Shrewsbury High School sports program, particularly the SHS hockey program. As a busy mom of three boys, Sandy saw that our town was lacking a hockey program. The surrounding towns had programs, and she wanted her sons to have the same advantages as their counterparts.

In 1981 Sandy spearheaded an extremely successful fund raising campaign that raised close to \$20,000. The following years she didn't do to badly either, raising a minimum of \$15,000. A lot of time and effort went into this volunteer position. She was lucky enough to have a printer that was willing to let her work in his shop, where she did the layout of all the ads and assembled the program book, using his equipment and supplies as his donation.

Sandra has three sons, A.J., David and Andrew. She is proud that Shrewsbury High was able to provide them with a solid educational foundation that enabled them to go on and graduate from Holy Cross, WPI and The United States Air Force Academy. She enjoys riding her Hanovarian mare, lecturing in her church, and spending time with her nine grandchildren.

Shrewsbury High School was lucky to have Sandra San Clemente as a true pioneer of the hockey program. If it wasn't for her time, effort, and support, the program would not be the success it is today.

Shrewsbury High School Athletics Department

Athletic Director	Gordon Warren
Trainer	Matt Howland

BOYS SPORTS

Football	Terry Walles
Cross Country	Jim Smith
Crew	Justin Lednar
Golf	P.J. O'Connell
Soccer	Dominic Conte
Basketball	Jim Diamantopoulos
Hockey	Phil Irving
Indoor Track	Ian Butterfield
Swimming	Karen Lee
Skiing	Ann Early
Outdoor Track	Ian Butterfield
Baseball	Jason Costa
Lacrosse	Ned Jackson
Tennis	Josh Handy

GIRLS SPORTS

Cheerleading	Rhonda Andrews
Volleyball	Sarah Schmidt
Field Hockey	Lauren Chenervert
Soccer	Chip DelPrete
Cross Country	Peg Holdash
Crew	Jason Abraham
Basketball	Ken Largess
Gymnastics	Kristin Valentine
Swimming	Karen Lee
Skiing	Ann Early
Indoor Track	Jason Costa
Tennis	Jack McGinn
Lacrosse	Becky Moisan
Outdoor Track	Nick DiPilato
Softball	Phil Chevalier

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Shrewsbury High School
Administration

CENTRAL OFFICE

Superintendent	Anthony Bent
Assistant Superintendent	Judy Evens
Business Manager	Patrick Collins
Dir. Of Human Resources	Tom Kennedy

HIGH SCHOOL

Principal	Daniel Gutekanst
Assistant Principal	Kenneth Largess
	Norman Danielson
	Ellen Meyers