Shaler Area Athletic

Hall of Fame

Class of 2015

Shaler Area Middle School
October 24, 2015

Athletes-Coaches-Officials
Contributors-Teams
Mission Statement

To recognize those individuals who have brought prestige and pride to the Shaler Area School district athletic program and to the community either as a player, coach, administrator, or supporter

Selection Committee
George Alexander, Teacher
Marna Bodnar, Community Member
Mark Connelly, Teacher-Coach
Glenn Davis, Community Member
James DiNucci, 2001 Hall of Fame Inductee
Richard T. Dixon, 2001 Hall of Fame Inductee
David Fortun, 2007 Hall of Fame Inductee/Retired Teacher-Coach
David Interthal, Teacher-Coach
Joseph Laslalic, Community Member
Carol Martin, 2008 Hall of Fame Inductee/Retired Teacher-Coach
Melissa McConville-Faulkner, Teacher
Dr. Timothy Royall, High School Principal
David Shutter, Retired Principal
Mark Weidner, Community Member
PROGRAM

Welcome --------------------------------- Dave Fortun
Committee Member

Master of Ceremonies ------------------- Dave Shutter

Dinner

Invocation ----------------------------- James Giel, Jr.

Presentations

Inductees
Stuart Anglum
Robert ‘Bibby’ Hammill
Edward ‘Biff’ Jones
Nicholas Sefscik
Chelsea Siar
1973-1974 Wrestling Team

Bill and Sue Suit
Memorial Athletic Scholarship

Natalie & Nicole Pilewski
Stuart Anglum  
Basketball

Stu earned 3 varsity letters in basketball, averaging 18 points and 9.2 rebounds per game over his 3 years as a starter. His 902 career points were instrumental in leading the Titans to 2 section championships in his junior and senior seasons. Stu was named Male Athlete of the Week by both the Post Gazette and Tribune Review and was a Pittsburgh North Fab Five Selection. He was also named twice to the WPIAL All Section Team. Stu’s other honors include being named MVP of both the Shaler Area Tipoff Tournament and the Domino’s Classic Tournament, winning the Ron Grenesko and Thomas S. Osso Scholarships, and being designated as the Shaler Area Male Athlete of the Year.

Stu received a scholarship to Mercyhurst College where he was a 4 year letterman on the court. He finished his college career with 124 assists, 108 steals, 17 blocked shots, and averaged 7.8 points and 4.2 rebounds per game. Stu was the team’s captain his senior season.
Bibby earned an amazing 8 varsity letters at Shaler High School which included 3 in football, 3 in track, and 2 in basketball. In football, Bibby was a 2 year team captain and was also named to the All WPIAL Team. During his senior season, he accounted for over half of the team’s total offense, scoring 5 touchdowns on runs of over 60 yards. In basketball, Bibby led the team in scoring as a junior and was named to the All Section Team. In track, he set the WPIAL record in the 180 yard low hurdles and placed 4th in the WPIAL in the 120 yard high hurdles.

After high school, Bibby received a football scholarship and played for the University of Miami.
Biff earned an amazing 11 varsity letters in high school which included 4 in football, 4 in track, and 3 in wrestling. As a wrestler, he was the AAA Section Champion as a heavyweight and was a semifinalist in the regional tournament. Biff’s prowess in all 3 sports resulted in him being designated as the 1960 Shaler Athlete of the Year.

After graduating from Shaler, Biff attended Colgate University where he played on the football, lacrosse, and wrestling teams. As a tight end on the football team, he was named to the All East Team. He was also voted the President of Colgate’s Class of 1964.

After receiving his Masters Degree in Chemistry from Wesleyan University and serving as an assistant football coach, Biff graduated from Columbia University’s School of Medicine. He worked as an orthopedic surgeon in the U.S. Air Force from 1976-80 and as an Air Force White House Aide to President Carter, travelling internationally on Air Force II with Congressional groups for high level negotiations. Additionally, Biff was the Assistant Physician for the U.S. National Men’s and Women’s Soccer Teams from 1990-1998.

Biff is an orthopedic surgeon at the Hospital for Special Surgery which is affiliated with Cornell University Medical Center in New York City. As chairman of the Institutional Review Board, he oversees orthopedic and rheumatology clinical research at the hospital. Biff also teaches Ethics and Clinical Medicine and Research at Cornell Medical School.
Nicholas Sefscik
Basketball

Nick was a 4 year starter and 4 year letter winner on the Shaler Area Varsity Basketball Team. He scored his 1000th point on December 17th of his senior season and finished with an amazing 1364 career points which were integral in helping to lead the Titans to 2 section championships. Nick was named a First Team Section 3 All Star 3 times. The Post Gazette twice selected him to the Fab 5 North as well as to 2004’s Best of the Best Quad A Team. Nick was also chosen as the MVP of the 2003 Shaler/Etna Rotary Tipoff Classic.

Nick attended and played basketball at Wheeling Jesuit, Mt. Union, and Thiel College from where he graduated, averaging 7.5 points and 3.2 rebounds per game.
Chelsea dominated on the softball diamond throughout her 4 seasons playing for the Lady Titans. This 4 year letter winning shortstop, 2 time team captain, and 3 time All-WPIAL Honoree helped to lead her team to 3 consecutive WPIAL Championship Games as well as the 2009 PIAA Championship Game. During the 2009 campaign, Chelsea hit .387 with 9 extra base hits and 15 runs scored. She was named to the 2009-10 All State Class AAAAA First Team. Chelsea’s other honors include being named 3 times to the Tribune Review All Star Team, being named twice to the Post Gazette All Star Team, and being designated by ESPN Magazine as one of the Top 5 Greater Pittsburgh Area Softball Players. She also received awards from MSA Sports, Kennywood, Chatham University, and the Allegheny County Council.

Chelsea continued her education at Robert Morris University where she received a softball scholarship. Her 18 homeruns and 57 career walks rank her 4th and 3rd respectively in the history of Robert Morris Softball. Chelsea is just 1 of 4 Colonials to ever be named NEC Player of the Year more than once.
The 1973-1974 Shaler Varsity Wrestling Team is the only wrestling team in school history to win both the WPIAL Dual Meet Team and Individual Tournament Wrestling Championships in the same year. An amazing 9 wrestlers from this team placed 1st or 2nd in the Section Championships. Three wrestlers won WPIAL Championships, 4 others placed in the top 5, and one was the PIAA Runner Up.

The team was coached by Shaler Area Athletic Hall of Fame Inductee Bob Siar who was nominated Coach of the Year. The wrestlers on this championship team included: Mike Naylor, Mark Lang, John Love, Kevin Nellis, Ken Grau, Roger Meyers, Rich Mitsch, Dave Giel, Connie Squitieri, Jeff Speicher, Alan Chuderwitz, Glenn Maus, Dave Grau, Tim Giel, Champ Easler, Mike Lape, Mark Palajsa, Kurt Nellis, Mike Moran, Jim Hull, Robert Simile, Pat Rogers, and Jack Abmayer.
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Class of 2011
Donald Bender
Karen (Hosek) Kreuzer
Taylor Letters
Frank Merigliano
2006 SA Softball Team

Class of 2010
Nicholas Christy
Yuri Dememtris
Leo Elter
Joseph Miller
Michael Moran
Milo Orsini
Howard Ruppert

Class of 2009
2004 SA Softball Team
Curtis Hetz
Hannah Joyce
Doug Maggio
Clarence Metzger
William Suit

Class 2008
1945 Etna Basketball Team
Scott Alexander
Sam Bair
Dan Kite
Carol Martin
Glenn Meyer
Harris Price

Class 2007
Michael Bacasa
Dave Fortun
Thomas-Whitey-Gralewski
Michael Handza
Richard LaFerriere
Kevin Nellis
Kraig Nellis
47/48 Shaler Football Team

Class of 2006
Colleen Geyer
Troy Letters
John Kuzniewski
Rich Massucci
‘41 Millvale Football Team

Class of 2005
Alan Alt
Ralph DeStefano
Alan Gray
David Longwell
Clarence “Ben” Martin
Tricia Miller
Jason Rakers

Class of 2004
Scott Bronowicz
Dr. Richard Brown
Earl Ceh
Donald Geyer
Robert Sia, Jr.
Matt Stennett
Jeff Trew
James Wirth
80 SA Girls Basketball Team

Class 2003
Robert Bestwick
Gene Biles
Lauren Colaizzi
Henzler
Clifford “Lefty” Fair
Keith Nellis
Paul Schweiger
Gary M. Siriano
77-78-79 Boys Swim Team

Class 2002
Mary Bukovac
Julie Deer Keenan
Leo “Ducky” Elter
Forrest Ford
Jan Kepple
Robert Kopnisky
Jerry Matulevic
Michael McDermott
Kenneth Nellis
80 SA Baseball Team

Class 2001
James DiNucci
Richard T. Dixon
Arthur Howe
Kenneth Karcher
Joseph Kopnisky
James Laslevic
Louis Martig
Beverly Miller
Markwith
Edwin Peery
Robert Sia
Athletic Hall of Fame

Class of 2012
Ray Ballantine
Amy Bielski Hofffield
Steven Francis
Brenda Larrimer Miller
Nick Nelson
Robert “Popeye” Stout
1979/80 SA Boys Soccer Team

Class of 2013
Pam Prahl
Mandy (Bodnor) Leas
John Kuzemchak
Wayne Schuckert
1999 Shaler Area Baseball Team

Class of 2014
John Abramovic, Sr.
Jill Anderson
Jack Bestwick
Melissa McQuade
Matthew Nelson
Richard Venezia
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