

Westford Academy Athletic Hall of Fame

Welcome

Tonight, the Westford Academy Athletic Hall of Fame (WAAHOF) Executive Board welcomes you to a unique evening of reunion and recognition. Some of the many highlights of this special event will be the induction of two highly successful teams: the **1928-1929 Boys Basketball Team** and the **1985 Football Team**. These two incredibly high-octane squads will be saluted for their extraordinary achievements.

This occasion will also celebrate five superior student/athletes, as well as one coach and a contributor. The spotlight is on each of the team and individual inductees, however our Executive Board extends a sincere hello and welcome to our guests, family members of inductees, past inductees, and all Westford Academy athletic proponents. We are extremely confident you will enjoy the planned festivities as we salute the phenomenal success of all new inductees. The following are some of the accomplishments of our newest inductees: undefeated basketball team in league play, WA's first Super Bowl football champions, winning twenty-nine year coaching wizard, recipient of "Babe Ruth Award", Wendy's high school Heisman national finalist, individual and team state championship wrestler, WA's first female basketball 1000 point scorer, MIAA District E Student-Athlete of the Year and the founder of the WA Athletic Hall of Fame. How impressive is that!

Each induction ceremony and banquet we honor individuals that positively impacted Westford Academy interscholastics and contributed to the overall brilliance of the Westford community. Tonight those two unique individuals are **Katie Enos** and **Sam Grad**. Katie was a rising freshman when her precious life ended. Soccer was one of her many passions. Her soccer teammates honored their dear friend and skilled goalkeeper displaying her game jersey at each game of the fall 2010 soccer season. Sam was a record-setting sprinter at WA. The owner of individual and team track and field records at WA Sam entertained all spectators who marveled at his commanding presence on the oval. Sounds like a potential WAAHOF inductee to me! In January 2014 Sam passed away despite a valiant battle against cancer. Most importantly both Katie and Sam continuously displayed the traits of decorated Grey Ghosts: humble, hard working, and selfless. Join me as we dedicate this evening's ceremony to Katie and Sam, two special young adults who gave so much to so many, in such short time.

We want to recognize each of our sponsors. As you flip through this booklet please frequent the many businesses that support our mission and effort to promote athletic excellence and superiority at Westford Academy. Their generosity and giving has sustained our work and assisted to make tonight possible.

You may know a deserving student/athlete, coach, team or contributor who should be inducted into the WA Hall of Fame? If so, please gather a nomination ballot, and forward the completed form to: WAAHOF, PO Box 926, Westford, MA 01886. Thank you for joining us this evening. You make the evening that much more memorable. Our next ceremony and induction ceremony is scheduled for October 2016. Watch the local media and Westford Academy Athletic Hall of Fame web site for the next slate of inductees and how to purchase tickets for this unique event!

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Kevin Regan, Executive Board Chairman
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- **Kurt Andjus**, *Class of 1999*, Soccer and Basketball
- **Michelle (Luttati) Andjus**, *Class of 2000*, Soccer and Basketball
- **Chris Antunes**, *Class of 1999*, Cross Country, Winter Track, and Track & Field
- **Carol (Baresch) Belleau**, *Class of 1986*, Field Hockey, Basketball, Track & Field
- **Christopher Bradley**, *Class of 1974*, Football, Basketball, Baseball
- **Pat Bradley**, *Class of 1969*, Field Hockey, Basketball, Softball
- **Brett Capone**, *Class of 1983*, Football, Track, Wrestling
- **Tracy Capone**, *Class of 1988*, Soccer, Basketball, Tennis
- **Andrea (Murphy) Chambers**, *Class of 1995*, Basketball, Softball
- **George Chu**, *Class of 1991*, Wrestling
- **Bruce Cobleigh**, *Class of 1970*, Football, Basketball, Track & Field
- **Coach Bill Cody**, *1964-2001*, Ice Hockey, Baseball, Basketball
- **Ben Coffin**, *Class of 2000*, Soccer, Basketball
- **Chris Coffin**, *Class of 1968*, Basketball, Track & Field
- **Bill Corr**, *Class of 1965*, Football, Wrestling, Track & Field
- **Jim Curley**, *Class of 1985*, Football, Wrestling, Track & Field
- **Tammy Cutrumbes**, *Class of 1993*, Gymnastics, Track & Field
- **John Daly**, *Class of 1957*, Football
- **Jessalyn Deveny**, *Class of 2001*, Soccer, Basketball
- **Bill Doiron**, *Class of 1986*, Ice Hockey
- **Heather (Boyce) Dorval**, *Class of 1986*, Soccer, Basketball, Softball
- **Beverly (Dumont) Dunigan**, *Class of 1955*, Basketball



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- **Bob Eliassen**, *Class of 1965*, Basketball, Track & Field
- **Kerry Ellis**, *Class of 1977*, Football & Track & Field
- **Zach Ellis**, *Class of 2002*, Basketball
- **Jim Hall**, *Class of 1968*, Football, Wrestling, Track & Field
- **Roger Hall**, *Class of 1965*, Wrestling, Football, Track & Field
- **Jonathan Hellstedt**, *Class of 1989*, Soccer, Basketball, Tennis
- **Kate Hersey**, *Class of 1995*, Soccer, Basketball, Track & Field
- **Kathy (O'Connell) Johnson**, *Class of 1977*, Basketball, Softball
- **Curt Johnston**, *Class of 1983*, Football, Wrestling, Track & Field
- **Maegan (Vondal) Koelker**, *Class of 2001*, Soccer
- **Kevin Jones**, *Class of 1996*, Soccer
- **Rikki (Girnius) Kveraga**, *Class of 1989*, Basketball, Track & Field
- **Paula (Belinski) (Cronin) Lach**, *Class of 1973*, Basketball, Softball
- **Bill Martin**, *Class of 1986*, Ice Hockey, Baseball
- **Coach John Morris**, *Class of 1968-Current*, Football, Wrestling, Basketball, Track & Field
- **Brian Mulligan**, *Class of 1961*, Football, Wrestling, Baseball, Basketball, Track & Field
- **Mark Mulligan**, *Class of 1957*, Football, Basketball, Baseball
- **Beth O'Connell**, *Class of 1976*, Basketball, Softball
- **Don Parent**, *1964*, Football, Basketball, Baseball, Track & Field
- **Catherine Parker**, *Class of 2004*, Soccer, Basketball, and Track & Field
- **Jessica Parrott**, *Class of 2000*, Cross Country, Indoor Track, Track & Field



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- **David Pessotti**, *Class of 1994*, Football, Basketball, Baseball
- **Greg Peterson**, *Class of 1963*, Football, Basketball, Track & Field
- **Sheila Priestly**, *Class of 1994*, Swimming & Diving
- **Jessica (Shaw) Raha**, *Class of 1995*, Cross Country, Indoor Track, Track & Field
- **Robert Rohlfs**, *Class of 1983*, Ice Hockey
- **Ethan Saulnier**, *Class of 1988*, Swimming
- **Ed Scollan**, Teacher and Basketball Coach
- **Owen Scollan**, *Class of 2001*, Swimming
- **Ernie Smith**, *Class of 1964*, Football, Basketball, Baseball
- **Harry Smith**, *Class of 1938*, Basketball & Baseball
- **Coach Chet Steele**, 1958-1972, Football, Wrestling, Track & Field
- **Chadd Steinhauer**- *Class of 2004*- Soccer, Winter Track, Track & Field
- **Jim Sullivan**, *Class of 1984*, Football, Ice Hockey
- **Steven Sullivan**, *Class of 1986*, Ice Hockey, Baseball
- **Coach Cindy Theriault**, 1969-2004, Basketball, Softball
- **Andy Tzikopoulos**, *Class of 1963*, Football, Wrestling, Track & Field
- **Diane Van Derveer**- Contributor
- **Robert Walker**, *Class of 1950*, Football, Basketball, Baseball
- **Alison Walshe**, *Class of 2003*, Golf, Basketball
- **Ray Yarnall**, *Class of 1955*, Football, Basketball, and Baseball
- **Dana (Kozimor) Zugay**, *Class of 1987*, Swimming & Diving
- **Lee Zwicker**, *Class of 1966*, Football, Wrestling, Track & Field



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1963 Wrestling Team | Coach Chet Steele

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1955 Football Team | Coach Archambault

Francis Alling, Fred Bohenko, Dennis Courchaine, John Daly, Paul Davies, Doug DeWare, Robert Fraser, John Gagnon, Allen Holmes, Ronnie LaVie, Fred Mancini, Joe McKniff, Phil McLenna, Brian Mulligan, Mark Mulligan, Pat Mulligan, John O'Connel, Anthony Oliver, Dan Provost, Alfred Reeves, Jim Regan, Bill Rogers, Edward Sullivan, Floyd Wheeler, James Wolfenden, Doug Wright

1963 Football Team | Coach Graham, Coach Chet Steele

Class D Champions

Bruce Epler, David Valcourt, Bill Corr, Roger Hall, John Oliver, David Bolger, Robert LeGacy, Stephen Britko, Wayne Hoffman, Steve Striebel, W. Wheeler, Jim Hudson, Roger Tuttle, Bob Connolly, Conrad Menard, George Turner, Paul MacMillan, Chris Ryan, Michael Fitzpatrick, Michael Sudak, Ron Hildreth, Gerald Cassidy, Jack Doucette, Bruce Lefebvre, Peter Sudak, Ernie Smith, Andy Tzikopoulos, Greg Peterson, Don Parent, Rick Bradley, Bob Herrmann, Gary Wilder

1967-1968 Basketball Team | Coach Tom Gallagher, Asst. Coach Pete Gaudet, Asst. Coach Bill Cody

Class D State Champs

Chris Coffin, Dave Ryan, Jim Caffelle, Bob Checchi, Ray Connell, Billy Law, Brian Healy, Bruce Cobleigh, Frank Gower, Kent Forty, Emerson Green, John Sullivan, Managers Carl Herrmann and Arthur Doucette

1983 Ice Hockey Team | Coach Bill Cody, Assistant Coach Joe Spadano, Assistant Coach Doug Preston

Division II Central MA Champs

Rob Wilkie, Rob Gagliardi, Jim McManus, Tim Drasser, Rob Rohlf, Stephen Holmes, Bill Cook, Mark Priest, Greg

Drasser, Bill Richards, Gregg Cerato, Mike Dutton, Jim Sullivan, Jeff Eastman, Dan Murphy, Jeff Jackson, Tom Poulos, Steve Sullivan, Keith Flanagan, Gary Lavelle

1992 Soccer Team | Coach Steve Scanlon, Asst. Coach Chip Bruce

Division II State Champs

Mike DiLeo, Matt Gollwitzer, Mark Gollwitzer, Aaron Ryder, Ray St. Martin, Kevin Jones, Mike McLellan, Paul Davison, Mike Parato, Mike Dagdigian, Brett Hellstedt, Erik Kaled, David Baird, Mike Indorato, Ross Mulkerin, Brendan Clarke, Kevin Menzie, Dewy Webb, Tom McManus, Peter Hebenstreit, Ryan Driscoll, Scott Vlasak

Contributors

Bob & Cheryl Werner, George & Phyllis Seddon, Mark Miller

2002 Boys 4 x 800 Relay Team: Tom Severo, Travis Smith, Chadd Steinhauser, Shawn Hansbury

1999 Girls Soccer Team- members: *Head Coach:* Jeff Haight, *Assistant Coach:* Tracy Capone, *Assistant Coach:* Mark Quattrocchi

Michelle (Luttati) Andjus, Katie (Ryan) Andjus, Bridget McElroy, Kathryn (Donahue) Sapounas, Maegan (Vondal) Koelker, Genevieve (Cullen) White, Jessica Woodward, Jessalyn (Deveny) McNamar, Denise Nicoletta, Kristen (Luttati) Roberts, Alexis Woodward, Betsy Conway, Margaret (Meg) Macumber, Laura (Boudreau) Beals, Dayna (Sateriale) Lederman, Esther Gomez, Jessica Daniels, Kendra Pennington, Cara Healey, Kristy Desilets, Andrea Anselmetti, Mandy Darnell, Kim (Rice) Hoye

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2014 Inductees-Individuals

- **Jill Connell**- *Class of 2002*, Field Hockey, Swimming, Track
- **Francis Courchaine**- *Class of 1952*, Football, Basketball, Baseball
- **Kelley Gallo**- *Class of 1983*, Field Hockey, Basketball, Softball, Tennis
- **John Pantanella**- *Class of 1985*, Football, Wrestling, Track
- **Paul Sullivan**- *Class of 1990*, Football, Basketball, Baseball
- **1928-1929 Boys Basketball Team**
- **1985 Football Team**
- **Mike Parent**- *Football and Softball Coach*
- **Kevin Regan**- *Contributor*

2014 Inductees-Teams

1928/29 Westford Academy Basketball Team

V. Swanson, Herbert Hunt, Victor Denisevich, Harold Wright, Gilbert Payne, John (Pat) O'Connell, Constantine (Coffee) Sudak, John Barretto, Alan Bell, Harold O'Connell

Coach: Dr. Clifford J. Phelps

Principal: William C. Roudenbush

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1985 Westford Academy Football Team

John (Jay) Adams, Jim Antonelli, John Bakke, Jason Belair, Steve Carter, Jim Cogliano, Earl Dawson, Steve Dean, Ken Delaney, Tom Donaghue, Al Dubosky, Steve Dunn, Ramesh Durvasula, Marc Ericson, Tom Gendreau, Greg Hannes, Ed Harrill, Marc Herrmann, John Hickey, Chris Kondos, Kevin Marcinkowski, Jeff Moore, Brian Murphy, Jeff Pantanella, Dan Provost, TJ Rivet, Andrew Ross, Ken Russell, Nick Sansone, Mike Santos, Mike Snowdon, Kelly Sullivan, Mike Ullrich, Larry Weisman, Kirk Welby

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Tribute

Katie Enos

April 5, 1996 - June 30, 2010

As a member of the Westford Academy Class of 2014, Katie was looking forward to seeing her already amazing talents blossom. Many have described Katie as a confident, creative, talented young woman who was ready to take on the world and make her mark. When a tragic accident in June 2010 took her life shortly after the completion of her eighth grade year, Katie achieved one of her own “bucket list” goals: to save someone’s life. With a “beyond her years” thinking, and commitment to organ donation, and the honoring of that wish by her parents, Marian McCurley and Edward Enos, led to the saving of several lives.

Katie was a promising soccer player, playing goalkeeper for not only the Westford Youth Soccer program, but also for her club team, the Portuguese American Soccer Academy. Long standing friends and teammates kept her in their hearts as they played soccer their freshmen year at Westford Academy, displaying a uniform shirt with her number on it at all their games. This was true testament to how much they loved, cared for, and missed their friend Katie.

Katie also was a talented songwriter and would frequently activate her guitar to play for friends. A friend described Katie as carrying a song in her heart and that



she always remained true to herself. Katie was an amazing young woman, whose spirit many people in the Westford community and beyond will carry in their hearts for eternity.



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Tribute

Samuel George Grad

June 20, 1991 - January 15, 2014

Sam approached athletics with the same zeal he had for life. With high energy, positivity, dedication and a huge smile, he gave it his all.

At Westford Academy Sam participated in basketball, soccer and track, and played one of these sports every season of his four years at WA. Sam set the current 100m sprint record in 2009 with a time of 10.4 seconds. He was part of the 4x100m and 4x200m relay teams that are still on the school record board. During the 2008 and 2009 outdoor track seasons, Sam placed first in every 100 meter and 200 meter race against Dual County League competition.

Sam graduated from WA in 2009, and from the University of Connecticut in May 2013, while undergoing chemotherapy treatments. His passion for running fast was matched by his deep and enduring friendships, love for his family, parents Debra, Bryan and sister Rebecca Grad (WA 2007), as well as others in the United States as well as the United Kingdom; with a fierce determination to get the most out of each day, even before he knew that his remaining days were precious few.

Sam loved sports and Westford Academy. Even though he projected modesty and selflessness, he was proud of his



accomplishments and awards. There is no doubt Sam is beaming, at this very moment, knowing of his recognition by the Westford Academy Athletic Hall of Fame.

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1928-29 Westford Academy Basketball Team

The 1928-29 Boys Basketball team is believed to be the first Westford Academy athletic team to go undefeated in league play, compiling a 10-0 record in the tough Lowell Suburban League. The team coached by W.A. teacher Dr. Clifford J. Phelps compiled a season record of 26 wins and 4 losses to complete one of the finest basketball seasons in W.A. history. The team cruised through league play out scoring their opponents with 440 points to 93 points. Their largest margin of victory in league play was against Billerica High with a lopsided score of 54 to 2. The closest margin of victory came at the expense of then archrival Chelmsford High School with a 17 point win from a hard fought 25 to 8 contest.

One of the team manager's duties back then was to prepare the non-league schedule of opponents. Team manager, Junior Richard Tuttle put together a bruising schedule of opponents for the balance of the season. They won the Fitchburg "Y" invitational tournament, with a 33 to 24 win versus a strong Lawrence Academy squad. They were runner up in a 36-team field of the prestigious St. Patrick's of Lowell tournament, losing in the finals to a Lowell "Y" team, 29 to 27. Their four losses were a

combined differential of 11 points, with the largest loss being six points to the Western MA power Adams High School. Their third loss came at the hands of St. Patrick's of Lowell Alumni 35 to 33, and their last loss by one point, defeated by Northboro High 29 to 28. For the season the team out-scored their opponents 1074 to 447. Big John "Pat" O'Connell led the team in scoring with 372 points, followed by Victor Denisevich's 193 points and Herbert Hunt's 153 points. Over the 30 game season the W.A. team averaged 36 points per game, holding their opponents to a 16 points per game average.

The Lowell Sun took notice of this talented team bestowing first team All-Star honors to senior center big John "Pat" O'Connell and junior forward Victor Denisevich. Second team All Star honors were awarded to senior guard, Captain Herbert Hunt, while senior guard John Barretto received honorable mention. Rounding out the starting five was defensive specialist Constantine "Coffee" Sudak, assigned to defend the opponent's best scorer. The balance of the roster was senior guard Alan Bell, junior forward Gilbert Payne, sophomore guard Harold Wright and sophomore center Harold O'Connell.

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Francis Courchaine, *Class of 1952*

Baseball, Football and Basketball

If someone was a good athlete when Westford was a small town that person was often called a “pretty fair country ballplayer”. When Francis Courchaine entered Westford Academy as a freshman in the fall of 1948 he may have been considered a “pretty fair country ballplayer”. However, as his athletic career at W.A. progressed he would become much more than that.

As a sophomore, Courchaine was the third baseman for a Westford team that won its first of two straight Wachusett League championships. Francis, a speedy runner, was often used as a leadoff hitter that helped set the table for a very good hitting Westford team. He was also a running back for the Academy football team.

During Francis’ junior year he again was a running back for the football team and third baseman for the Academy baseball squad. Westford’s baseball team won its second consecutive Wachusett league crown. After losing its first game the Westford nine won seven straight league games before sweeping Harvard to win the league title.

But it was during Courchaine’s senior year, he had his best season. Francis played baseball, basketball and football during his final year at W.A. In football, he was one

of the co-captains and during an upset win over Hampton Academy, Francis thrilled the crowd at Forge Field when he returned the second half kickoff for a 75-yard touchdown. He had scored a touchdown in the first half on a quarterback sneak.

Although the football team finished the season with a record of 2-2-1 it was one of its most successful seasons for the fledgling program. Upon the completion of the campaign Courchaine, along with Bruce Graves, was selected to the All-Suburban dream team. Francis also received a football sweater for his play. In basketball, Courchaine played for a Westford team that entered the Eastern Massachusetts Small and Medium School Tournament and went all the way to the finals before losing to Harwich.

At the end of his senior year Francis received a letter for playing baseball. But it may have been a sportsman award that Francis received what might have been his greatest accomplishment. Each year high schools across the country would award two sportsmanship awards to one male and one female in the senior class. The award was known as the “Babe Ruth Award”. Francis Courchaine was one of the two recipients of this award for the class of 1952.



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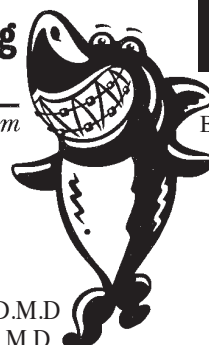
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Mike Parent

Teacher, Coach, and Dean of Students

When one speaks of Westford Academy coaches Bill Cody, John Morris, Ed Scollan, Chet Steele, and Cindy Theriault it appears to be a thorough list of all accomplished coaches at Westford Academy. There is a void on this list, it's missing a most deserving softball and football coach named Mike Parent.

Since February 1982, Mike has served the Westford Academy community in a multitude of capacities. Teacher, coach and Dean of Students are the responsibilities he held, demonstrating extraordinary commitment and passion. His teams were always prepared for game day, fiercely competitive, while displaying sportsmanship and class.

A 1976 graduate of Dracut High School, excelling in football, basketball and baseball, Mike captained the baseball team his senior year, earning Merrimack Valley Conference All-Star status. Mike matriculated to Fitchburg State College. Prior to graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in education he played collegiate baseball for two seasons.

From 1983-2000 Mike compiled a 256-120 record as Head Coach of the WA Lady Ghosts softball juggernaut, qualifying for state tournament competition 16 of 18 seasons. Accolades included winning or tying for five league championships, selected Coach of the Year by the Lowell Sun three times, and league Coach of the Year twice... once each in the Wachusett and Dual County Leagues. One of his many rewarding memories was the Memorial Day weekend Sunday night softball battles against archrival Acton Boxborough.

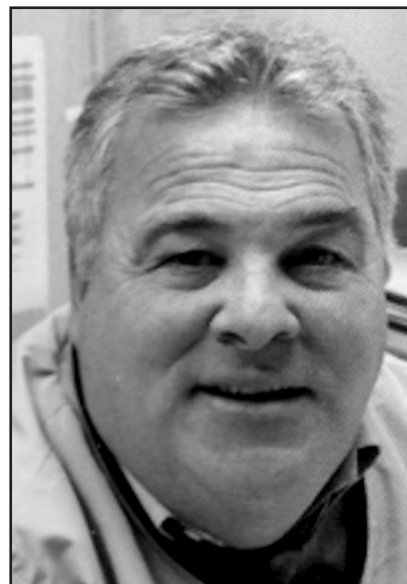
Mike coached football at Westford Academy from 1982-2008. His football coaching resume includes: freshmen (two years), Varsity Assistant Coach (twelve years) making huge contributions to the 1985, 1986 and 1993 (worthy of a post game police escort after defeating Winthrop High School) Super Bowl Champion teams, and Varsity Head Coach from 1996-2008. Mike completed his stint as Varsity Head Football Coach with an overall record of 70-70-1, a DCL Championship in 2005, earning Lowell Sun Coach of the Year during that same year. Three years ago Mike returned to the gridiron and is presently coaching freshmen football at WA!

Influential individuals and role models that shaped Mike's own coaching philosophy include his father Ger-

ald Parent, Dracut physical educator Bill Miller and former Dracut High School coaching phenom Ed Murphy. Coach Murphy's work habits, attention to detail and emphasis on character left an indelible mark with Mike, assisting his design of a formula for success.

Margaret, Mike's bride of thirty years, son David (Boys J.V. Basketball Coach at WA) and daughter Mikaela (student at Central Florida), plus a legion of supporters, usher Mike Parent into the Westford Academy Athletic Hall of Fame.

Tonight the name Mike Parent will be chiseled onto the tablet of WA coaching legends!



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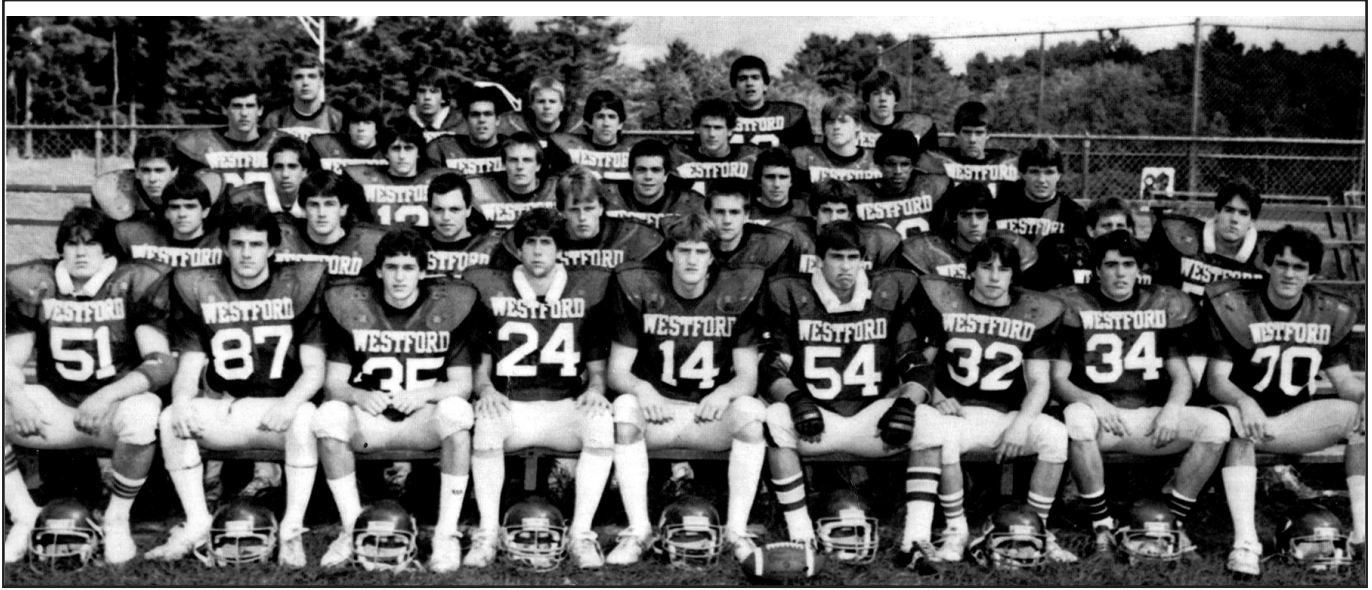
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1985 Westford Academy Football Team



The journey began on scorching August practice fields with a lot of questions. WA was 8-2 the previous season but lost their entire front seven on defense to graduation, and Captain Antonelli would be the only returning offensive lineman. He would relate years later that, "The 1984 season was the start of our success. Tim Donohoe and Patrick Sullivan were two great captains, both of them pushed us to be better, faster and stronger. We lost a tough game (14-9) in Lunenburg that season on a cold rainy day. That loss took us out of the Super Bowl run. I believe a lot of our success was attributed to the foundation the 1984 team set for us."

Their season began with a 6-0 win against Hopkinton. The win turned out to be a costly one when defensive end/tight end Nick Sansone suffered a broken leg. The next three games against Wachusett League opponents were all wins on the road, yet the win against Oakmont, a team they had not beaten on the road in 17 years, had to

be the most satisfying. In a game started on Saturday and finished on Sunday due to a thunderstorm, WA won 14-6, defeating the defending Super Bowl champions.

They rolled over Gardner and Murdock, prior to facing the undefeated North Middlesex team before the largest non-Thanksgiving Day crowd ever. Who could forget Kirk Welby coming out of nowhere to knock down the two point conversion try with 51 seconds left to preserve the precious 14-12 win.

The only blemish to their record came in a difficult loss 6-0 to Nashoba Regional, in a hard fought, defensive battle. Westford would cruise to relatively easy wins at home over Lunenburg (28-15) and Littleton. The traditional Thanksgiving Day game was played on Friday due to a snowstorm. The maintenance crew worked extra hard to clear the field, and in true Grey Ghost spirit Principal Joe Lisi drove a snow plow to help clear the field. WA beat Ayer 28-6.

The season that started on a hot and humid practice field would end on a cold afternoon on the campus of Worcester Polytech, against archrival Nashoba Regional, the team that spoiled WA's undefeated season. Westford overcame an early 6-0 deficit by putting together an 80-yard drive, ending with a 10 yard TD run by John Bakke. The key play on the drive was a 44-yard pass Mark Ericson to Kenny Delaney. Al Dubosky kicked the extra point, making the score 7-6. The one point lead endured with a stalwart defense. The team that began the season with many questions had answered them all. They were crowned Division II Super Bowl champions.



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Jill Connell, *Class of 2002*

Field Hockey, Swimming, and Track & Field

Jill made a giant splash at Westford Academy showing her versatility by participating in three different sports: field hockey in the fall, swimming in the winter, plus track and field in the spring between 1998 and 2002. In field hockey, she was a member of the varsity team during her sophomore, junior and senior years. She played in the state tournaments two of those years (2000 and 2001), being selected a second team Dual County League all-star each of the two seasons. In 1999, she received the coveted Coaches Award.

Jill swam on the varsity swim team all four years, with a specialty in the 100 breaststroke and an integral part of the 200 Medley Relay team. She was a DCL all-star all four seasons. At the state championship, she contributed to helping the team set a school record in the 200 Medley Team Relay. Once again, she received the Coaches Award in 1999.

Her talents were no less significant in Track and Field, excelling in both the individual 800m and the 800m relay as she participated in the Class C Championship three of her four years. In the DCL championships, for three consecutive years she was either second or third in the 800 individual and twice her 800m team won the event. In 2001 her team set the school record in the 800m race. In

2000, her 4 x 800 relay team was sixth at the New England championship. Mr. Dennechuk, her coach, was quoted as saying she was as tough as nails and a very hard worker.

Jill's additional athletic accolades included: Wendy's High School Heisman Scholarship, Massachusetts receipt, and a national Finalist (2001-2002), Westford Academy Female Athlete of the Year (2002), Dual County League Student Athlete of the Year (2002), and Westford Academy Trustees Pat Bradley Scholarship (2002).

She continued her pursuit of running, participating in the Division One Cross Country, Indoor and Outdoor Track & Field championships between 2002 and 2006 at the University of Pennsylvania. As part of the 4x800 relay team Jill performed admirably in the ECAC Outdoor Championships where her team set the third fastest time in UPenn track and field history. For the 2005-2006 season Jill was selected team captain.



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John Pantanella, Class of 1985

Football, Wrestling, and Track & Field

John Pantanella is a 1985 graduate of Westford Academy and a three-sport athlete. John participated in football, wrestling, and track and field throughout his high school career. However, John excelled in wrestling. John was revered as an exceptional wrestler in the Mid-Wachusett League and Merrimack Valley League.

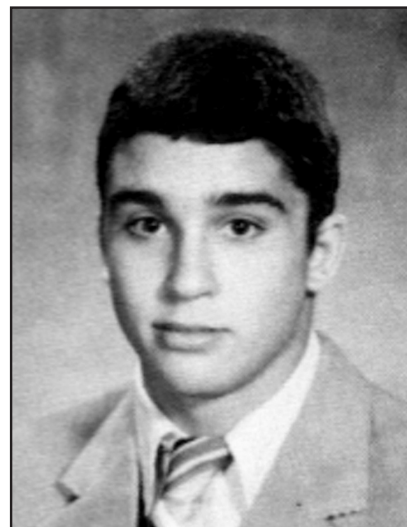
John wrestled all four years at the varsity level compiling an amazing record of 73-12. His senior year John's record was 33-2 (17-0 in dual meets) and he would go on to capture the Division II Sectional and State Championship in 1985. He was named the Division II Sectional Outstanding Wrestler in 1985. John wrestled most of his career in the 128 lb. weight bracket. His Division II state championship in 1985 contributed to the team winning the overall state title that winter. Coach Bill Corr said the following about John, "A lot of guys have the physical attributes... John has them and the attitude to be a winner." The 1985 Westford Academy wrestling team claimed the Division II State Championship and a banner would be raised in the gym. In addition to his sectional and state championships, John was the Westford Tournament Champion in 1985, Chelmsford Invitational Champion in 1985, and in 1984

John won his first Division II Sectional Championship.

John was named Lowell Sun All-Star, Boston Globe All Star and went on to wrestle freestyle winning the Massachusetts Freestyle Tournament in the

summer of 1984. In addition, John wrestled on the Mass Jr. National Team and represented the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in Iowa. After graduating from Westford Academy, John attended the University of Massachusetts at Lowell, pursuing a Chemical Engineering degree and wrestled for the UMASS Lowell-Chiefs receiving a four-year athletic scholarship.

John now lives in St. Louis, Missouri with his wife Kristin and their four children. John has built the company, Chemline, Inc. from the ground up and was recognized as a successful CEO and a "TOP 40 under the age of 40." Recently, John was recognized by EY of Missouri as the Entrepreneur of the Year for the Central Midwest region. The EY Entrepreneur of the Year is the world's most prestigious business award for entrepreneurs. John's company, Chemline, was also selected by Inc. Magazine's Top 500 companies in the United States and is being recognized this November. It is a good month for John and his family. Congratulations John!



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Kevin Regan Contributor

Kevin Regan is being inducted into the Westford Academy Athletic Hall of Fame as a contributor. However, he's more than a contributor. Kevin is the person responsible for founding the WA Hall of Fame.

Prior to 2001 there was no Athletic Hall of Fame in Westford. Several area towns had established them. It was time for Westford to follow suit. In 2000 at the Fall Sports Night meeting, Bob Conley, Athletic Director at Westford Academy, pitched the idea of starting a Hall of Fame in Westford. Bob encouraged attendees to consider volunteering for this purpose. Kevin was approached to chair the WA Hall of Fame and the rest is history.

In his quest to build a team, Kevin diligently sought individuals who possessed a diverse knowledge of Westford Academy athletics. He personally recruited the first Executive Board. Once the committee was established, and meetings commenced, he served as editor and scribe, accepting the tedious task of drafting governing bylaws. His leadership and organizational skills stand as the bedrock of the group. Many different people have served on the committee since its inception in 2000. Over the years some members have missed a meeting or two. However, Kevin's attendance has been 100%.

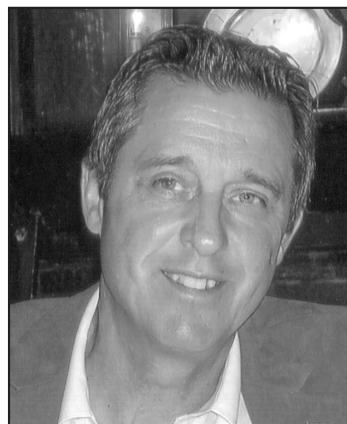
One important task of the committee is to craft biog-

raphies of all new inductees. Since the initial award ceremony Kevin has written countless inductee biographies.

He has choreographed the banquet program and served as the master of ceremonies

at each of the eight previous banquets. The contributions Kevin has made in the last 14 years are especially impressive considering he was quite busy prior to committing to chair this organization. He is principal of the Norman E. Day Elementary School in Westford. He is also an outstanding husband, strong family man, and a father of three children. He supported his kid's participation on various athletic teams at Westford Academy. A star athlete himself, Kevin was inducted into the Acton Boxborough Regional High School Hall of Fame in 1997.

Kevin exemplifies leadership. A true leader has two characteristics: First, he provides direction, and secondly he influences others to participate in the journey. Using these skills and abilities he embraced the "idea" of an Athletic Hall of Fame and turned it into a "reality".



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Kelley Gallo, *Class of 1983*

Field Hockey, Basketball, and Softball

Kelley Gallo, a 1983 graduate of Westford Academy, did not wait too long to make her mark on the school's athletic scene. As a freshman, she made the varsity teams in field hockey, basketball and softball. Later, as a junior during the spring season, she switched to tennis and made the varsity squad as well. Kelley ended her high school interscholastic career lettering in all three seasons each of her four years. Twelve varsity letters...impressive!

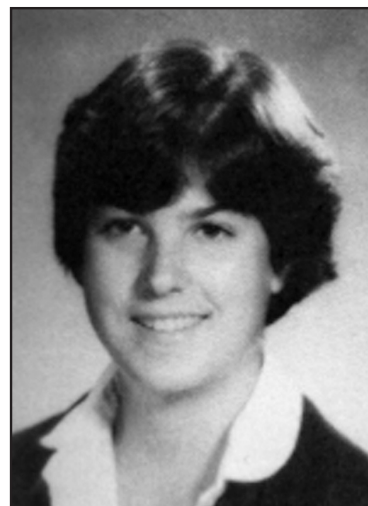
During the spring of her senior year, the tennis team won the Wachusett League title and was a runner-up in the Central Massachusetts Division II sectionals.

Basketball was Kelley's dominating sport. She became the first female athlete at Westford Academy to reach the 1,000 point mark. She finished her WA hardwood career with 1,027 points, after scoring 340 of those points in her junior year. While playing for Coach Cindy Theriault she exhibited tremendous leadership skills early on, and served as a three year captain of the basketball team. Coach Theriault describes Kelley as an all-round player, proficient with both her right and left hands. She had a terrific perimeter shot, remarkable range, yet could easily drive by an opponent when pressured, even find an opening in the

key for a layup or jump shot. Defensively, Kelly's exquisite hand-eye coordination led to many stolen balls and easy fast break layups.

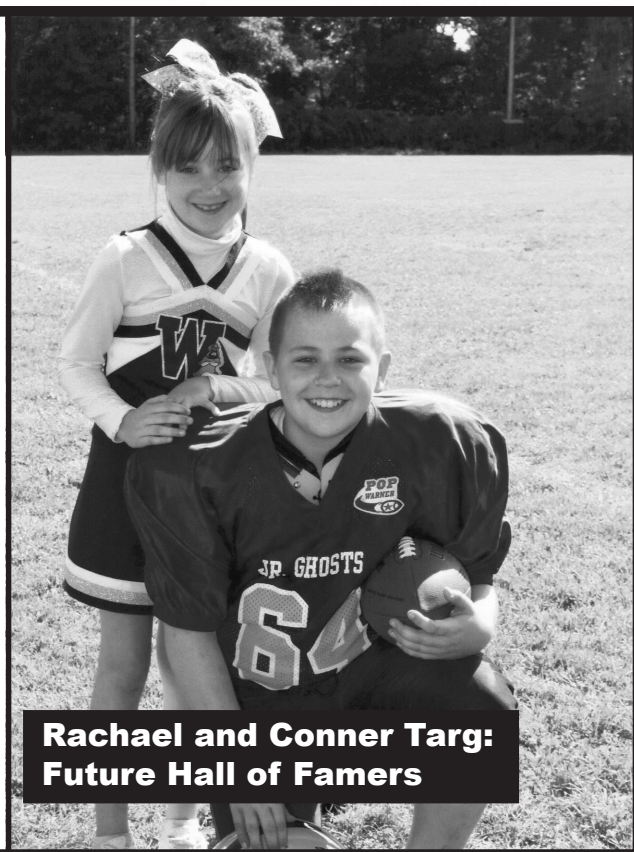
Kelley was named a Wachusett League all-star in both her junior and senior years', a three-time Lowell Sun

All-Star in her sophomore, junior and senior seasons. In her senior year, the basketball team captured both the Wachusett League title and the Division II Central MA title. Kelly scored 22 points in the final game of her dominating basketball career. Unfortunately, no state tournament was held that year due to a gas crisis, so the WA team finished never knowing if they could have been state champions. Kelley's superior basketball skill earned her a basketball scholarship to Merrimack College, where she played at the intercollegiate level for three highly successful seasons.



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**Rachael and Conner Targ:
Future Hall of Famers**

Paul Sullivan, *Class of 1990* Football, Basketball, and Baseball

Paul Sullivan, Class of 1990, was an outstanding three-sport athlete in football, basketball, and baseball. A National Honor Society student, Paul was an impact player, assumed a leadership role, and achieved personal and team success in all three sports. Paul played all 12 seasons during his high school career while earning a varsity letter in nine of them. Paul's leadership became evident as he was selected captain in all three sports by his senior year.

On the football field, Paul was a three-year starter as quarterback and safety. His football coach remarked that, "He led by example and was always determined to do what was best for his team." He was recognized as a Midland-Wachusett League all-star, a Lowell Sun All-Scholastic, and selected captain and MVP his senior year.

During the winter, Paul took his talents to the hardwood floor. As a three-year starting point guard, Paul was more concerned with assists and defense than scoring. He ranks fifth in all-time career assists at Westford Academy. "Paul was someone who needed to be on the floor as much as possible; his ability to make plays on both ends of the court was very exciting," commented Coach Ed Scolan. Paul was selected as an all-star in the Bob DeFilippio Holiday Basketball Tournament, in the Midland-Wachusett League, and a weekly Lowell Sun All-Star several times.

Paul's success from football and basketball followed him into the spring baseball season. Again, the accolades con-

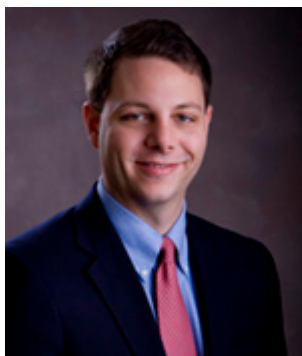
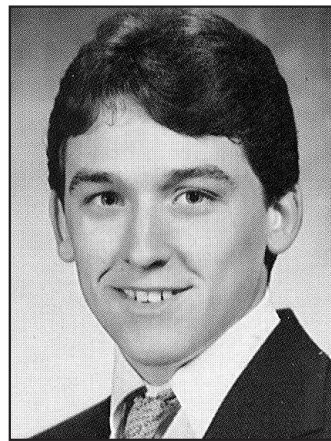
tinued: a three-year varsity player, starter at second base, Midland-Wachusett all-star, and a senior captain.

Paul's Westford Academy athletic career culminated with his selection as "MIAA District E Student-Athlete of the Year" by the district Athletic Directors. He was also voted "Most Athletic" by his senior classmates.

After Westford Academy, Paul graduated from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, NY. While at RPI, Paul played football all four years for the "Engineers" in the Eastern College Athletic Conference, helping RPI win the ECAC Championship in both his junior and senior years.

Paul resides in Taunton, MA with his wife Lisa and two children, Hailey and Braden, and is currently Vice President of Finance for the Road One Corporation.

Paul was from the era of the "old-school" student-athlete, participating in three sports and excelling in all of them. He accomplished that and much more. Paul joins his father Tim (1955 Football Team), and brothers Jim (1984, football and hockey) and Steve (1986, hockey and baseball) as the latest Sullivan inducted into the Westford Academy Athletic Hall of Fame. Welcome Paul!



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About the Organization

The Westford Academy Athletic Hall of Fame Executive Board maintains by-laws that govern the organization's mission, procedures, and decision-making. Our purpose is to serve as a conduit between the Westford Academy athletic program and the Westford community. We embrace all nominations received as potential inductees. Each nomination is reviewed, discussed, researched, and voted upon.

You are encouraged to nominate a Westford Academy student/athlete, coach, team, or contributor who displayed uncommon excellence at WA. Don't think you need to have all the statistics and details about what made the respective nominee so successful. Once the Executive Board receives a nomination, it will remain active in subsequent years, therefore it eliminates the need for re-nominate. To access a nomination form you can locate this document at:
http://wa.westfordk12.us/pages/WestfordWA_Athletics/index.

In May 2014 our organization started the tradition of recognizing a WA student who contributes to the WA Athletic program in a most selfless fashion. This recognition, referred to as the WA Student/Athlete "Contributor" Scholarship will be granted to an individual who achieved success in ways other than athletic achievement on the field, court, pitch, ice or track. The first recipient was WA gymnast Alexandra Clark. Alexandra received a plaque at the Senior Awards banquet and a monetary scholarship after completing the first semester of her freshman year at the college or university of her choice.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the WAAHOF Executive Board please contact Kevin Regan at email: kregan@westfordk12.us. We welcome individuals willing to work diligently and collaboratively to forward our mission.

Be sure to review the updated WAAHOF website that is linked to the Westford Academy "Athletics" link. Thank you to Executive Board member and Webmaster Ed Scollan for his commitment to upgrade the informative website.

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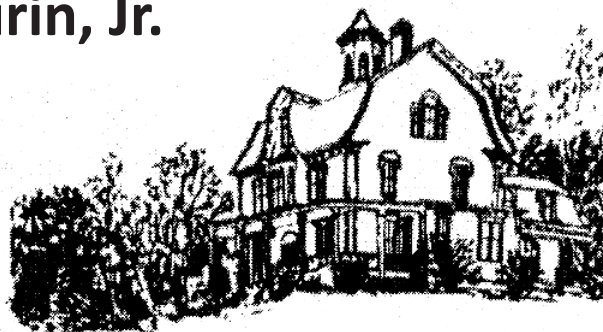
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