

# Westford Academy Athletic Hall of Fame

## *Welcome*

The Westford Academy Athletic Hall of Fame (WAAHOF) Executive Board welcomes each of you to our tenth induction banquet! Tonight is an evening of reunion, recognition and celebration. This event will be highlighted by the induction of eight skilled athletes and their superior achievements at Westford Academy. The Division II State Champion 2003-2004 Girls Ice Hockey will be the first female ice hockey team enshrined. They are the only ice hockey team, male or female, in the history of Westford Academy athletics to accomplish the rare feat of winning a state championship. We are also inducting a very accomplished Athletic Director (coach and teacher also), who poured innumerable hours into his work. Last, but not least, a founding member of the WAAHOF is being recognized for his remarkable contributions over the past fifteen years.

Although the spotlight is on these exceptional student/athletes, heralded girls ice hockey team, dedicated athletic administrator, and a charter member of the Executive Board, I extend a sincere greeting to all guests, families of inductees, past inductees, and supporters of Westford Academy athletics. We're glad you are here tonight. I'm quite confident you will enjoy the festivities tonight as we salute the superb achievements of each new inductee. In our presence are school record holders, league Most Valuable Players, all-scholastic recipients, state champions, team captains, and an NCAA finalist. They are the very best of the most select student/athletes, leaders, citizens, administrators, and contributors our special community has to offer!

Each induction ceremony and banquet honors an individual who, in the estimation of the Executive Board, demonstrates the spirit that is typical of Westford Academy athletics. Tonight that unique individual is Billy Richards. While attending Westford Academy, Bill participated in the ice hockey program, and was a significant part of their success. After his graduation from WA Bill contributed to his beloved community like few others do. We dedicate tonight's program and ceremony in the memory of a selfless and giving individual. The positive impact he left on the WA and extended community of Westford is celebrated by each of us tonight.

Thank you for joining us this evening. Our next ceremony and induction ceremony is scheduled for October 2018. Watch the local media and Westford Academy Athletics web site for the next slate of inductees and how to garner tickets for this special event!

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## *Past Inductees—Individuals*

- **Carl Anderson**, *Class of 1954*, Football, Basketball, Baseball
- **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
- **Jill Connell**, *Class of 2002*, Field Hockey, Swimming, Track & Field
- **Bill Corr**, *Class of 1965*, Football, Wrestling, Track & Field
- **Francis Courchaine**, *Class of 1952*, Football, Basketball, Baseball
- **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
- **Peter Dunigan**, *Class of 1954*, Football, Basketball, Baseball
- **Bob Eliassen**, *Class of 1965*, Basketball, Track & Field
- **Kerry Ellis**, *Class of 1977*, Football & Track & Field
- **Zach Ellis**, *Class of 2002*, Basketball
- **Kelley Gallo**, *Class of 1983*, Field Hockey, Basketball, Softball, Tennis
- **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
- **Mark Miller**, Contributor
- **Coach John Morris**, 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
- **John Pantanella**, *Class of 1985*, Football, Wrestling, Track & Field
- **Don Parent**, *1964*, Football, Basketball, Baseball, Track & Field
- **Coach Mike Parent**, *Football and Softball*
- **Catherine Parker**, *Class of 2004*, Soccer, Basketball, and Track & Field

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## *Past Inductees—Individuals*

- **Jessica Parrott**, *Class of 2000*, Cross Country, Indoor Track, Track & Field
- **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
- **Kevin Regan**, *Contributor*
- **Robert Rohlf**, *Class of 1983*, Ice Hockey
- **Ethan Saulnier**, *Class of 1988*, Swimming
- **Coach Ed Scollan**, Basketball
- **Owen Scollan**, *Class of 2001*, Swimming
- **George & Phyllis Seddon**, Contributor
- **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 Steinhauser**, *Class of 2004*- Soccer, Winter Track, Track & Field
- **Jim Sullivan**, *Class of 1984*, Football, Ice Hockey
- **Paul Sullivan**, *Class of 1990*, Football, Basketball, Baseball
- **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
- **Bob & Cheryl Werner**, Contributor
- **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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## *Past Inductees—Teams*

### **1963 Wrestling Team – Coach Chet Steele**

Gerald Abrahamson, Rick Bradley, Gerald Cassidy, Bill Corr, Bruce Epler, John Gianoulis, Roger Hall, Bob Herrmann, Wayne Hoffman, Jim Hudson, Robert Legacy, Conrad Menard, George Turner, Andy Tzikopoulos, John Tzikopoulos, Joseph Vadenboncoeur, Dennis Valcourt, Billy Hall, Gary Wilder, Richard Simard

### **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'Connell, 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, Gerald 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, Asst. 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 Poulis, Steve Sullivan, Keith Flanagan, Gary Lavelle

### **1985 Football Team – Coach John Morris**

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

### **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

### **2002 Boys 4 x 800 Relay Team**

Tom Severo, Travis Smith, Chadd Steinhauser, Shawn Hansbury

### **1999 Girls Soccer Team – 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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## *Tribute*

### Bill Richards

August, 29, 1965 - December 9, 2014

Bill Richards was born in Lowell, MA on August 29, 1965. He attended the Westford Public Schools, graduating from Westford Academy as a member of the Class of 1983. He was an integral member of the 1982-1983 WA hockey team that captured the 1983 Central MA championship. Bill and his hockey team have been inducted into the Westford Academy Athletic Hall of Fame. After college Bill coached the junior varsity ice hockey team at Westford Academy.

For many years, he spent considerable time organizing annual golf tournaments to raise money for the interscholastic programs at Westford Academy and Nashoba Valley Technical High School. Many of his former teammates played in all eight years of the Ice Hockey Alumni Golf Tournaments. Bill also coached in the New England Stars U18 Hockey League. He was the organizer and founder of the Wolfpac AAU Baseball program in Westford, MA.

Bill was the owner of Mickey's Sports Shop on Concord Road in Westford for the past 25 years, after operating in Lawrence MA for many years.

Many in Westford's athletic community knew Bill due to his generosity and active involvement with their kids in a variety of sports. His Westford Academy ice hockey Coach Bill Cody referred to Bill, "as a gentle bear with a heart of gold!" Bill Richards supported the Westford Academy Athletic Hall of Fame nominating numerous student/athletes and coaches over the last several years. Not surprisingly many of these nominees have been voted for induction.

When asked what impact Bill Richards had on his former high school current Westford Academy Principal Jim Antonelli proclaimed, "He was an unbelievable contributor, not only for the Alumni Football and Ice Hockey Golf Tournaments, but also for the Westford community...uniforms and equipment for teams, as well as founding the Westford AAU Baseball program."



The ultimate Grey Ghost, Bill Richards left his family, wife Debbie and son Alex, friends and associates much too soon, passing away on December 9, 2014.

Tonight we recognize and salute Bill's love for Westford Academy, plus the presence, generosity and goodwill he provided his beloved community of Westford. On behalf of all of us we sincerely thank Bill for being a difference maker!

# **Congratulations to the 2016 Westford Academy Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees**

From  
*Geoff Hall and Family*



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## A.J. Millet, *Class of 2009* Soccer

Alexandra "AJ" Millet commenced high school at soccer double sessions in late August. As an incoming freshman she demonstrated a high level of strength, talent and knowledge of the game. AJ made the varsity team that fall playing goalie in a total of 18 games while recording 10 shutouts. Her experience, skills and confidence grew each game.

A fierce competitor, AJ worked extremely hard at being a top level goalie; one of the best in the state. Her ability to defend all corners of the net was outstanding. She was fearless coming out of the net intimidating opponents and skillfully making saves. AJ then directed the start of the offensive attack, usually with a booming punt or goal kick to mid-field or beyond. Her ability to verbally direct her backs with defensive tactics enabled the team to shut down the opposing offensive attack.

As a sophomore, AJ played 17.75 games and recorded eight shutouts. As a junior, she was injured for tournament play, but she played 15.96 games with six shutouts. Her senior year AJ played 22 games, posted eleven shutouts and finished her high school varsity soccer career with a total of 73.75 games, recording 35 shutouts with a 0.83 goals against average in the highly competitive Dual County League and tournament play. AJ continued her soccer at Harvard University. She shared goalie responsibilities, playing a total of 19 games



for the Crimson into her senior year, until injury sidelined her.

Throughout her soccer career, AJ impressed all who saw her play. Her award recognition included DCL MVP goalie all four years, DCL top five player for four years, DCL first team All-Star four years, Eastern Mass All-Star four years, All-State All-Star sophomore, junior and senior years, as well as All-New England status her junior and senior years. She was chosen the team's defensive player of the year her junior year and team MVP her senior year. AJ was also a four year Lowell Sun All-Star, Co-Player of the Year (senior year), and a three year Boston Globe All-Scholastic player. AJ complemented her athletic pursuit with academic

track and soccer awards, member of the National Honor Society and a National Merit Scholarship winner. She was also a Boston Globe Scholar-Athlete nominee in 2009 and Valedictorian of the Class of 2009 at Westford Academy.

AJ's leadership as a captain, skills, knowledge of the game and encouragement of her teammates helped make WA women's soccer a force to be reckoned with. A true sportswoman, AJ always played with class and was well-respected by teammates, opponents, coaches and referees alike. Impressively she is currently a medical student in California, having additional goals she wants to accomplish.

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# Roberta (Smith) Rey, *Class of 1987*

## Soccer, Basketball, and Softball

Roberta (Smith) Rey graduated from Westford Academy in 1987. During her four years at WA she played varsity soccer, basketball and softball, while selected to serve as a captain of both the soccer and softball teams her senior year. Although an excellent athlete in all sports, Roberta excelled in soccer, playing for the varsity team all four years.

Since the inception of the women's soccer program at Westford Academy in 1982, Roberta remains the second highest assist and goal scorer; recording 65 varsity goals and 54 assists. This total of 119 points is second only to fellow teammate and Hall of Fame Inductee Heather (Boyce) Dorval. In addition to her

scoring expertise, Roberta was the recipient of many soccer honors.

She was selected as a three time Wachusett League All-Star. Roberta was selected as a three time Central Mass All-Star, as well as Lowell Sun All-Star her junior and senior seasons.

As the team Most Valuable Player her senior year, Roberta was the consummate teammate. She led the team as a captain through hard work and dedication, setting a superb example for all other players. Although

Roberta was extremely competitive, she always had a smile on her face during practice and games; and optimistic supporter of teammates. Her daily encouragement of other players, including older sister Emily and younger sister Theresa, helped lead the team to successful seasons. While Roberta played at WA, her team won a Wachusett League championship and provided significant opposition in the state tournament all four years. At one point in the State District finals at WPI, Roberta scored a go-ahead goal against eventual state championship team Marlboro High School.

Perhaps the best ball handler in the history of the girls soccer program, Roberta could dribble and maneuver through any defense to release an accurate shot on net or a precision pass to a teammate. Her quickness and endurance were assets that enabled her to play any position on the field, with her strengths being midfield and forward. Although a tremendous athlete, perhaps of higher significance, was her ability to have such tremendous success on the field while demonstrating exceptional character, sportsmanship and humility.

Roberta transitioned to play soccer at North Adams State College for a few years. More recently she continues to play in Over-40 leagues and has coached her daughter's soccer team, still enjoying her favorite sport.



## Congratulations

Roberta (Smith) Rey '87  
and  
Alexandra "A.J. Millet '09



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and present are proud of  
your accomplishments!

**Go W.A.G.S.**

## Abigail McKeon, Class of 2009

### Tennis

Abigail (Abby) McKeon was one of the most prolific tennis players in the history of Westford Academy. During her tenure at W.A. she set records and left a mark on the court that will never be erased. She currently holds the record for most number of wins as a singles player, going undefeated in the Dual County League at the #1 singles position all four years of her high school career (45-0). She's the only player to have achieved this milestone. Abby also is a four-time Dual County League First Team All-Star, four-time Lowell Sun All-Star (includes Player of the Year), Boston Globe All-Scholastic, as well as a Boston Herald All-Scholastic. She was honored as the team's Most Valuable Player during all four seasons, leading the team to four state tournament qualifications, its first ever Dual County League championship, as well as the team's first ever North Sectional title.

Abby's freshman year had been much anticipated as she came up through the ranks and burst onto the scene as a freshman. She earned the #1 singles position on the varsity team and held that prestigious position all four years while earning a New England and national ranking. She competed in the DCL, by far the toughest tennis league in the state of Massachusetts. Day in and day out she played against opponents who also held national rankings and still she continued to rack up victories. Abby was the spark the tennis program needed after sixteen years without a league championship and five years without qualifying for post-season play. She brought enthusiasm, passion, and an undying work ethic, showing her teammates how to bring a winning attitude each day. Abby was the biggest supporter of her teammates, always cheering them on and a true team player, as she was more concerned with how the team fared than her own successes. As talented as Abby was she remained humble and demonstrated sportsmanship at all times while competing with a winner's fire and desire. She was well-respected by teammates, opponents and coaches alike and was elected captain her junior and senior seasons.

After graduating from Westford Academy, Abby continued her winning ways on the tennis court with a scholarship to play for the Division I UConn Huskies. As a freshman, she played both singles and doubles, awarded all-star status as a Big-East All Scholastic for three consecutive years, as well as being honored as an NSCA All-American. Abby was chosen to captain the Huskies during her junior and senior campaigns.

She currently is furthering her education at Northeastern in the Nursing program, doing what she does best... making a positive impact and helping others.



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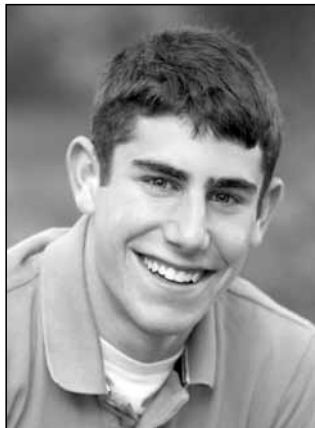


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## Samuel Grad, *Class of 2009*

### Soccer, Indoor Track, and Track & Field

Samuel "Sam" Grad was the epitome of sportsmanship. Sam always had a smile on his face regardless of the outcome. That was not as difficult as some might think. Why? He rarely lost. Sam started his career as a



Westford Academy athlete on the soccer pitch where he amassed a varsity record of 24-10-7.

It was his prowess on the track which brings us here however. As a member of the Winter Track team they endured a record of 21 wins and 3 losses with an undefeated senior campaign, along with a DCL title. Coming from soccer, Sam started as a

distance runner and broke the five minute mile mark as a freshman. His sophomore year he decided to switch to Spring Track much to Westford's delight and the rest of the state's chagrin. Sam quickly became one of the best 55 meter runners in the state outdoors, the 100 meter was his to control...the Husain Bolt of the DCL. In his junior year the records begin to fall as Sam opened the indoor campaign with the fastest time in the state, followed up with a Division II state title in the 55 meter dash and the 4x200 meter relay. He was named team co-MVP, DCL All Star and Lowell Sun All Star as a result. In his senior year, despite a move to Division I, it was much the same. His team went undefeated



in winter and spring, as did Sam in the DCL sprints. During the indoor season Sam, Chris Fowler, Reid Baldwin, and Matt Ricketson, set the indoor 4x 200 meter relay record of 1:32.09 as they won the DCL and finished second in Division I, All-State and at the New England Championships. Outdoors, the records and fast finishes continued. Sam set the school records in the 100 meter dash, 4 x 100 meter, and 4 x 200 meter relays. The records and accomplishments are only the tip of the iceberg with Sam. As a coach and Hall of Fame inductee Tommy Severo said, "He did it all with the same ear to ear smile that became his trademark. Great teammate, athlete, and friend. You will be missed and you will be remembered."

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## Paul MacMillan, *Class of 1964* Contributor

Paul graduated from Westford Academy in 1964, yet his devotion and contributions to the school continue. A charter member of the WAAHOF he is being inducted as a contributor.

For all ten induction banquets, Paul has served as the Banquet Coordinator. His impressive purchasing skills have benefitted the WAAHOF Executive Board in several ways. Each year Paul coordinated the printing of the tickets and the induction booklet. Paul also has spent countless hours searching for former graduates and researching their credentials. He has nominated individuals and teams. For the majority of the induction ceremonies Paul assumed the role of ordering plaques. He created the idea to have a Student/Athlete Contributor Scholarship, adamant that the recipient should not be a star performer, but a student who put their team before themselves.



As a student at Westford Academy Paul was a member of two historic football teams. In his junior year he was a starting end for a team that went undefeated and untied, winning the Class D championship. In his senior year Paul was a member of another team that suffered only one tie and won another Class D championship. It was the first and only time a Westford football team has won consecutive football championships. Paul, commonly referred to as "Mac", was also the captain of his track team during his junior and senior seasons and played basketball for all four years at WA.

Paul coached Little League Baseball and youth hockey in Westford. He served on the Board of Directors for the Middlesex County 4-H for 25 years. Paul was an original member of the Westford Community Preservation Act Committee. He was a member of the Westford 275<sup>th</sup> Celebration Committee and presently serves on the Westford Academy Board of Trustees and the Zoning Board of Appeals. Paul has been a member of the Graniteville Pride organization for many years making countless contributions. He has been honored with the Salute of Excellent Volunteer Award and the WA Distinguished Alumni Award.

Paul admirably served his country during the Vietnam War as a sergeant with the 11<sup>th</sup> Armored Cavalry. In April 1969 he was awarded the Purple Heart Bronze Star with "V".

Paul and his wife Christine are the parents of WA graduates Kelly and Brendan, and proud grandparents of three grandchildren.

Paul is in the distinctive company of those few individuals who volunteer more time to their community than the next fifty people. The level of commitment Paul has demonstrated to Westford Academy, and the town of Westford, is matched by few and admired by all. Paul is honored for being a champion of the WAAHOF, selflessly serving as a cornerstone.

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# 2003-2004 Girls Ice Hockey Team



2003-2004 Girls Ice Hockey Team- Division II State Champions; **Bottom Row:** #98 Arris Lyons, #66 Ali Peters, #16 Lindsey Harrington, #8 Meghan (Hansen) Stephenson, #22 Jenna Whalen, #1 Elisa LaRoche. **Middle Row:** #3 Kaitlyn Doolittle, #18 Lauren Donahue, #2 Kelleigh O'Neill, #6 Regina Silva, #4 Charlotte Huson, #13 Casey Souza, Head Coach Craig Doolittle. **Top Row:** Asst. Coach Joe Maduri, Asst. Coach Dave Harrington, #12 Jaye McLaren, #7 Perri Maduri, #68 Arden (Lyons) Boutin, #5 Cassandra Abbey

It started as a dream when parent Rosemary Huson said to future team Coach Craig Doolittle, while watching their daughters' playing, "Wouldn't it be nice if Westford Academy had a girl's hockey team?" Four years later after spending two years as a club sport and two years as a varsity sport, they were state champions.

Skeptics thought Craig Doolittle had lost his mind entering his team in the highly competitive Dual Metro League, but his squad responded with a 13-4 regular season record and earned the number three seed in the Division II state tournament.

Arden Lyons had two goals and three assists to beat Latin Academy 5-1 in the quarterfinals tournament game. Perri Maduri scored two goals and goalie Arris Lyons was largely responsible for the first ever tournament victory as she made several outstanding saves.

In the semifinals game Arden Lyons had a four goal game and Perri Maduri netted a hat trick as Westford beat Duxbury in an impressive 8-2 victory, moving onto the Division II state championship game at Boston University's old Walter Brown Arena.

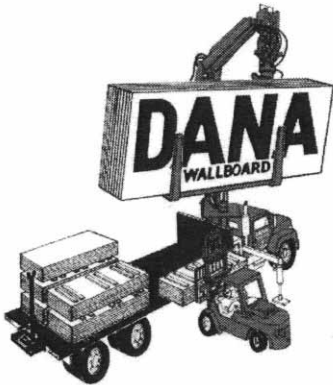
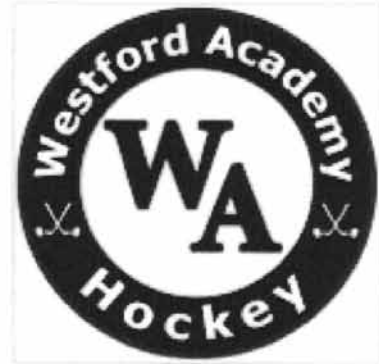
"I didn't see it go in the net. One of my teammates was jumping up and down and I was like 'ahhh!'" said Perri Maduri about her game winning goal. The game went into overtime and looked like it would never end as both teams had skated for almost four full periods. With Westford trailing late in the third period 1-0 Coach Craig Doolittle called a timeout to plan their next move and nineteen seconds later Lindsey Harrington scored the tying goal. With 24.1 seconds left in overtime Perri Maduri flicked the puck toward the goal and it trickled by the Wellesley goaltender and the celebration began. Coach Doolittle summed it up best saying, "They came through big, this really puts Westford Academy on the map."

This team overcame injuries and misfortune as Charlotte Huson was carried off the ice with a smile, Meghan Hansen was lost for a few weeks with a bruised spleen, and the loss of Coach Kerstin Matthews, who had been with them since their early days as a club team. The efforts and success of this team under the leadership of Craig Doolittle, Joe Maduri, and Dave Harrington have led to the development of a strong program that is competitive and successful more than a decade later.

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# Al Duffett,

## Athletic Director, Teacher and Coach

If you followed Westford Academy or Westford athletics from 1974-2009, then you met, read, witnessed, or heard about the accomplishments of Al Duffett. From September of 1974 thru 2009, Al wore numerous hats, serving the Westford Academy community in a multitude of capacities...teacher, coach, and Director of Athletics. However these titles pale in comparison to the number of students and athlete's lives he has touched.

A graduate of Tewksbury Memorial High School in 1970, Al competed in baseball, hockey and football. He attended Salem State College and graduated in 1974 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in History with a minor in Education.

As the Girls Varsity Basketball coach, Al amassed 206 career victories, coached three 1000-point scorers, and six league championship teams (five Mid-Wachusett League Championships and one



Dual County League championship). His teams made three state semi-final appearances (one at the Boston Garden). He was voted Division I Coach of the Year twice by the Massachusetts State Coaches Association and three times by the Lowell Sun. In addition, the Massachusetts State Coaches Hall of Fame recognized him for collecting 200 plus victories. One of Al's favorite memories is that his girl's teams were eligible for the MIAA Tournament seventeen times.

As varsity Baseball Coach at Westford Academy, Al collected 100 career victories. His teams were always fundamentally sound and fiercely competitive. Through all this, his teams always displayed great sportsmanship, respect for the game and played with passion.

While coaching the baseball team he captured two league championships, one state semi-final appearance and four trips to the MIAA Tournament.

As the Director of Athletics he was responsible for Westford entering the Dual County League, which enhanced exposure for the student/ athletes. As the Director of Athletics and advisor of the Westford Academy Student Council, Al was the driving force behind numerous fundraising events. He fundraised thousands of dollars for the following causes: colleague who suffered a stroke, student with brain cancer, marathon dance to support adding lights for Alumni Stadium/Trustees Field, initiative to surface the track, organized a "30 hour dance" to create a new weight room, raised money to support a Westford Pop Warner coach involved in an accident, supported another dance marathon for a fellow educator and Westford Academy football coach stricken with cancer.

Al's role models are his parents Russ and Harriet Duffett, both of whom he tributes for instilling honesty, enthusiasm, integrity, and an outstanding work ethic in his life. Al also mentions Bob Radcliffe, a former Business Teacher at Tewksbury Memorial High School, as a positive influence in his pursuit of higher education.

Celebrating Al's induction to the Hall of Fame includes his wife Michelle, son Mathew and daughters Kristen, Kelley, and Karen.

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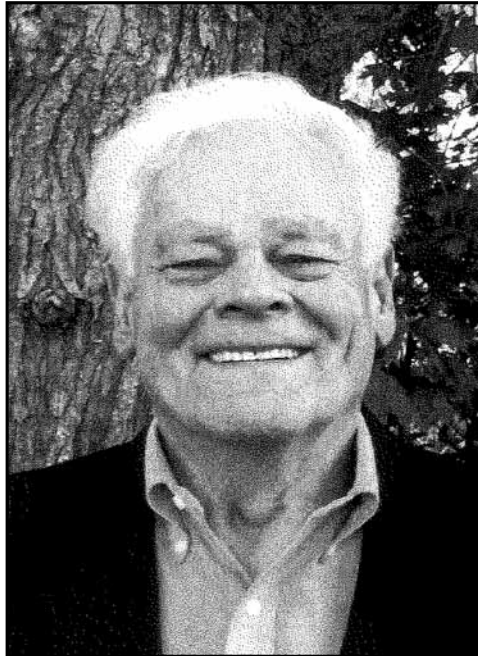
# Bob Herrmann, *Class of 1963*

## Football and Wrestling

When Bob Herrmann was a freshman at Westford Academy, Coach Chet Steele “encouraged”, or more accurately, instructed him to go out for football. The coach liked Bob’s large frame and saw great potential in this young freshman. Bob followed Coach Steele’s advice and went out for football in his sophomore year.

As a sophomore, Bob immediately made an impact on the Grey Ghost football team, becoming the starting center on offense, as well as starting defensive tackle. Following the football season Coach Steele again “encouraged” his football players to either play basketball or go out for the wrestling team. Again, Bob followed his coach’s advice and went out for the W.A. wrestling team. His decision to go out for the wrestling team was a good one since Bob became a very successful 177 lbs. wrestler for a squad that would only lose one match the entire season.

In Bob’s junior year he was a varsity letterman playing center and defensive tackle for a very good Westford Academy football team that went 6-2. One of the two Westford losses was to Lynnfield High School which was a much larger school than W.A. The 1961 Grey Ghost football team was one of the best in recent years



and would be a prelude to the “Great Ghosts” of 1962.

It was Bob Herrmann’s senior year that will long be remembered in Westford Academy sports history. Bob was the starting center who anchored an offensive line that opened huge holes for the talented Grey Ghosts running backs who outscored their opposition by an eye popping point margin of 212-33! He was also the starting defensive tackle for a defense that posted four shutouts. The 1962 Grey Ghosts finished the season undefeated and won the class D championship. It may have been the greatest football team in school history!

After the championship football season was over Bob immediately started his final season with the W.A. wrestling team. What a season it would become. Again, Bob wrestled at 177 lbs. for a talented team that went undefeated and won the state championship. On an individual basis, Herrmann was state champion in the 177 lbs. weight class. He had been an integral part of two undefeated championship teams in just one year! It was a remarkable senior season that may never be duplicated. Chet Steele was certainly correct when he “encouraged” his young freshman to go out for football in his sophomore year.

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# Chris Fowler, Class of 2009

## Cross Country, Indoor Track, and Track & Field



Chris Fowler, a 2009 Westford Academy graduate, excelled both on the field and in the classroom. A two year member of the National Honor Society and “one of the most focused students I’ve ever taught”, said Westford Academy History teacher Richard McHugh. It was this laser-like focus which set Chris apart from his classmates and he applied to each of all endeavors with exceptional results.

Chris was a four-year member of the indoor and outdoor varsity track teams. Never has an athlete improved so much in a four-year span! As a freshman Chris ran the 400m in 84 seconds. By his senior year that time

improved to a miniscule 48.6 seconds. During his sophomore year, his ability to improve was showcased running 53 seconds for his leg of a Division II 4 x 400 meter relay team. In his junior and senior years, along with teammate and friend Sam Grad, the honors and accolades started to pour in. As he improved, he became more determined and worked harder. He made everyone around him better, leading by example, the first to arrive, last to leave, and exhibiting optimal effort. He led the indoor 4 x 200 meter team to a Division II title, and qualified and competed in the 55 meter hurdles, as well as long jump. Outdoors Chris qualified in the 200, 400, 110 hurdles, 400 hurdles, long jump, triple jump, pole vault, and 4 x 100 meter and 4 x 400 meter relays....a decathlete was born! The result was a state championship in the Decathlon. His senior year brought new challenges as he made the determination he wanted to attend the Naval Academy. His academic focus intensified to further this newly developed mission, but his athletic career didn’t suffer, it flourished. Chris improved in the

high jump and shot put to a point where he qualified for the High School National Champions in the pentathlon. He placed fifth in the country earning all-academic honors while accomplishing personal bests in all five events. The spring season capped-off a brilliant career as he set the school record in the 300m low hurdles, 400m low hurdles and the triple jump. These three records remain today.

Throughout his career at Westford Academy Chris amassed six DCL All- Stars, four Lowell Sun All-Stars, five DCL Team champions, a career Track team record of 60 wins and only five loses, three team Most Valuable Player recognitions and All-American status.

# Liz (Lahme) Hathaway *Class of 1985*

## Field Hockey, Basketball, and Softball

As coaches and educators, we hope that the experiences and lessons shared with young adults in our charge will be carried into their future lives. Will they succeed as responsible adults who work together with others to achieve a common goal? Will they mentor young people about sportsmanship, positive attitude and hard work? In the case of Liz Lahme, we had no worries!

When Liz graduated from WA in 1985, she played all twelve seasons; nine as a varsity athlete, and captaining three sports her senior year. During her senior year, classmates selected Liz “Most Athletic”.

In field hockey, as a sophomore Liz joined the varsity team, earning the Wachusett League championship. The next year, the team won the Division I Central Mass championship. In both her junior and senior years, she was selected as a Lowell Sun All-Star and Wachusett League All-Star. Liz was chosen team MVP as a senior, earning a Division I scholarship to play field hockey at the University of New Hampshire. Liz also played on the 1985 USA Junior Olympic North team.

On the basketball court Liz was selected for the varsity team as a sophomore, with a team record of 22-1, captured the Wachusett League championship and crowned Division II Central MA champions. Her junior year brought another Central MA championship. In her senior season, she contributed to another Wachusett League championship. Liz was selected as a Wachusett League All-Star her senior year.

As a sophomore Liz was selected for the varsity softball squad. During her junior year the team earned a record of 14-3, capturing the Wachusett League championship. During her junior and senior seasons Liz earned the Coaches Award for demonstrating leadership and dedication.

Liz competed in field hockey at the University of New Hampshire all four years, while graduating in 1989. In 1986, UNH played for the NCAA Division I championship game. How many of our graduating athletes have had that experience? Liz now lives in Norfolk, MA, with her husband Jack and their children, John and Christina. Liz has been coaching field hockey for fourteen years, the last seven seasons at King Philip Regional High School in Wrentham, MA. She also coaches freshman basketball.



Liz herself stated, “Although I do not remember all the records, I sure do remember what it felt like to be part of some great teams and working hard to achieve our goals. WA athletics taught me how to lead, how to compete, how to be a good teammate, and how to be a good sport, whether we won or lost. I have taken the lessons I learned on and off the field with me every step of the way.”

## Peter Lynch, *Class of 2009* Basketball and Baseball

Peter Lynch, Class of 2009, a two-sport standout, achieved success on the baseball diamond and the basketball court at Westford Academy. His awards and accomplishments are numerous and impressive, doing it all with sportsmanship and class.

As a four-year varsity basketball player, Peter did not miss one game. As a senior captain, he helped lead his team to the Greater Lowell Holiday championship and the Dual County Large School championship. Peter was named the Most Valuable Player of both the Greater Lowell Holiday Tournament and the Dual County League.

Peter was recognized as a Lowell Sun All-Star (four times), and both a Boston Globe and Boston Herald All-Scholastic. He was honored as the recipient of the Merrimack Valley Basketball Officials (Board #95) "Sportsmanship Award" and was also recognized by the Massachusetts Basketball Coaches Association as one of the top players in Eastern Massachusetts.

Peter left Westford Academy as the boys' all-time leading scorer with 1,129 points, and one of only five players to break the 1,000 point barrier. Coach Scollan states, "Peter represented the student-athlete that all coaches hope for, well-rounded academically with amazing athletic talent, but always giving credit to his teammates."

As a pitcher and senior captain on the baseball team, Peter helped his team to a 17-4 record and a DCL co-championship. A three-year varsity mainstay, he was one of the best pitchers in the Greater Lowell area. As a senior he finished with an 8-2 record, and in 45 1/3 innings posted an impressive 1.24 ERA. Peter was a first-

team Dual County League All-Star and a runner-up for MVP in the league while earning All-Scholastic recognition and team MVP honors. His varsity baseball coach notes, "Peter leads by example, has a tremendous work ethic, is mentally tough, and acts with class on and off the field."



Peter was selected by the Westford Academy coaches as the 2009 Male Athlete-of-the-Year, not only recognized for his outstanding talents in basketball and baseball, but also as a role model for so many students at Westford Academy.

After graduation, Peter played basketball at Middlebury College in Middlebury, Vermont. He was team captain, a New England Small College Athletic Conference champion, appeared in numerous NCAA tournament games, and left Middlebury with an overall four-year record of 104-14. Peter then played professionally in Europe for the DCU Saints (Dublin, Ireland) in the Irish Premier League.

Peter resides in San Francisco, CA with his wife McKenzie and is employed as a financial consultant by the Factset Corporation.

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# Westford Academy Athletic Hall of Fame

## *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-nomination. To access a nomination form you can locate this document at:

[http://wa.westfordk12.us/pages/WestfordWA\\_Athletics/index](http://wa.westfordk12.us/pages/WestfordWA_Athletics/index).

In May 2015 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 superior athletic achievement on the field, court, pitch, ice or track. The first two recipients were WA gymnast Alexandra Clark and soccer player Brad Jones.

Be sure to review the extremely informative 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 this website. Don't miss this thorough history of those inducted into the WAAHOF!



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