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# 2019 INDUCTION CEREMONY

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# FROM THE CHAIR

August 18, 2019

Dear Inductees and Guests:

On behalf of the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame Board of Directors I want to welcome you all to our sixth annual induction ceremony.

This year's inductees, legends, and teams are a collection of individuals who have performed and contributed to this great game at extraordinary levels.

The Maine Basketball Hall of Fame takes great pride in recognizing the accomplishments of our 2019 honorees who today join an elite group of former players, coaches, officials and contributors.

Please take time to view the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame concourse while you are here at the Cross Insurance Center. Our goal in utilizing this space is to preserve the history, promote the heritage of basketball in the state of Maine, and honor the accomplishments of many by exhibiting artifacts and other memorabilia. Our concourse committee has done an incredible job in developing and expanding this area.

We also invite you to support the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame by becoming a "Friend of the Hall" by going to our website and registering.

Thank you for attending today's event and sharing what will be a very special time for each of our honorees and their families.

Respectfully,

Charlie Wootton  
Chairman  
Maine Basketball Hall of Fame Board of Directors





# CEREMONY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Master of Ceremonies - Tony Hamlin

- **Opening Remarks**
- **Introduction of Inductees**
- **Champagne Toast**  
*Sponsored by Maine Distributors*
- **Introductions of Special Guests and MBHOF Board**
- **Directors' Award presented to Kevin Hancock**  
*Presented by Tony Hamlin and Bob Brown*
- **Legends of the Game**
- **1963 Morse High School Team**
- **1963 Stearns High School Team**
- **Class of 2019 Individual Inductions**
- **Closing Remarks**



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# ABOUT THE MAINE BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Maine Basketball Hall of Fame was established in 2013 in order to preserve the history, recognize the accomplishments of individuals and teams, and promote the heritage of basketball in the state of Maine. The Maine Basketball Hall of Fame will formally honor players, coaches, officials, contributors, and teams who have brought distinction and honor to Maine basketball.

## SELECTION COMMITTEE

The Selection Committee selects people and teams to be inducted into the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame. The Committee is made up of respected individuals from the Maine basketball community. The Committee collects a list of eligible people and teams and meets in early January to make a final determination on that year's class. With over 700 years experience in Maine basketball going back 60 years, the working list of eligible candidates is comprehensive. The selection process includes an application form which will require submission to be considered for approval. The criteria for induction are:

1. A player must be twenty years removed from their playing career. It should be noted that if a player continues on to play professionally, the Committee uses their last year of college basketball as the beginning date for said period.
2. A coach must have twenty years of experience in order to be immediately eligible. If a coach has less than twenty years of coaching experience, they have a ten- year waiting period from their last coaching assignment.







# DIRECTORS' AWARD

## KEVIN HANCOCK

Each year, the Board of Directors of the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame selects a person or persons who've had a profound impact on Maine basketball.

This year's recipient is Kevin Hancock. Kevin comes from a basketball family; his dad played, coached and passed along his love for the game to his children. Kevin was a standout player for Ken Whitney's Lake Region High School in the early 80s. Kevin was an intelligent guard and a great shooter and continued his stellar play at Bowdoin College under the late Ray Bicknell and Tim Gilbride . After graduating from college, Kevin became the coach of Bridgton Academy from 1988 to 1991, as well as Director of Hoop Camp in Casco.

With his degree from Bowdoin in hand, Kevin started helping his dad in the family business, but always maintained his relationship with basketball through coaching his children's teams and by generously sponsoring young players and teams throughout Maine. Even today, Hancock Lumber sponsors over 20 Youth teams and has been a 30 year sponsor of the women's college league at SMCC. After joining Hancock Lumber, Kevin coached over 500 games at the middle school level. The girls Kevin coached went on to win 6 Western Maine Championships over a 10-year period!

In addition, Kevin is deeply involved with Native American culture and has spent time and money in support of the efforts to enshrine that history at the Pine Ridge Reservation. In the process he has helped spread his love for the game to an all too often, marginalized people.

Kevin Hancock's legacy will be as varied as his interests; his life has been one of responsibility, honor, integrity, and dependability. It is obvious that these traits were developed at an early age through good parenting and the lessons he learned from hours of practice and sacrifice with a ball, a hoop, and a dream.

The Maine Basketball Hall of Fame is proud to present this year's Directors' Award to Kevin Hancock.

Congratulations Kevin; this honor is well deserved.





# THE CONCOURSE

In 2014 thanks to the generosity of the City of Bangor the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame was provided space inside the Cross Insurance Center to celebrate the history of basketball in Maine. The Maine Basketball Hall of Fame Concourse is located on the second level of the CIC and houses a rotating display of artifacts and other memorabilia. The Concourse serves as a permanent place of honor for the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame members.

In the Concourse's first year, Cianbro provided seven trophy cases for the Concourse. Since then items from numerous decades have been displayed inside. This year two interactive kiosks, donated by John T. Cyr & Sons, Inc. and Worcester Wreath Company, will be installed allowing us to share even more memories and items.

The nature of the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame is that it is always a work in progress. We are always adding new items, new members and new memories. The focus of the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame and the Concourse is to pay homage to the game of basketball and its impact on Maine culture. Thousands of people will pass through this site each year. By viewing the memorabilia, using the kiosks and being in this place, they will better understand the breadth and depth of a single sport on individuals, on communities and on a State.

Welcome to YOUR Hall of Fame.





# IN MEMORIAM

THE MAINE BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES ARE A SMALL FAMILY.  
WE HONOR THE MEMORY OF THOSE WHO HAVE LEFT US.

George Wentworth

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Clara Swan

Dan Drinon

Paul Fortin

Gene Hunter

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Bernard McKenzie

Ted Shiro

Ed Guiski

Richard Costello

Dick Doyle

Eddie Griffin

James Connellan

Bernard "Bunny" Parady

Frederick "Red" Barry

Joseph "Chick" Marchetti

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Artie Warren

Ted Shire

Joseph "Chick" Marchetti

John "Swisher" Mitchell

Bill Fletcher



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## CLASS OF 2014

Lisa Blais Manning  
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Brett Brown  
Skip Chappelle  
Danny Coombs  
Don Crosby  
Matt Donahue  
Brad Moore  
JoAnne Palombo- McCallie  
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Matt Hancock  
Jon MacDonald  
John Mitchell  
Bob Brown

George Wentworth\*\*  
Richard Whitmore  
Paul Vachon  
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Anita Belanger  
Clara Swan\* \*\*  
Bob Butler  
Jim DiFrederico\*\*  
1944 Waterville High Team

\*Legends of the Game

\*\* Deceased



## CLASS OF 2014



# MEMBERS OF THE MAINE BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME

## CLASS OF 2015

Roger Reed  
Bruce MacGregor  
Art Dyer  
Dwight Littlefield  
Gene Hunter\*\*  
Dick Barstow  
Dick Meader  
Bob Warner  
Gary Towle  
Wayne Champeon  
Dan Drinon\*\*  
Edward "Bo" McFarland  
Maureen Burchill Cooper  
Ted Shiro\*\*  
Peter Kelley  
Denis Clark  
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Emily Ellis  
Marcie Lane Schulenburg  
Steve Condon  
Ray Bishop

Paul Fortin\*\*  
Keith Mahaney  
Liz Coffin  
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Jack Coyne\*\*  
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Ed Marchetti  
Mike DiRenzo\* \*\*  
Bob Whytock\* \*\*  
David Dorion\*  
Kim London\*  
Marcia Adams\*  
George Hale\*  
Bernard McKenzie\* \*\*  
1954 Ellsworth Eagles

\*Legends of the Game

\*\* Deceased



## CLASS OF 2015



# MEMBERS OF THE MAINE BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME

## CLASS OF 2016

Raymond Alley  
Julie Bradstreet  
James Connellan\* \*\*  
Richard Costello\*\*  
Joey DeRoche  
Dewy Dewitt\*  
Dick Doyle\* \*\*  
Gregg Frame  
Eddie Griffin\* \*\*  
Ed Guiski\*\*  
Tony Hamlin  
Terry Healey\*  
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1995 Cony High Girls' Team  
1947 Patten High Boys' Team

\*Legends of the Game

\*\* Deceased



## CLASS OF 2016





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## CLASS OF 2017

Frederick "Red" Barry\* \*\*

Tim Bonsant

Cameron Brown

Kelly Butterfield

Terry Carr

Dwight Carver\*

Bob Cimbollek

Rick Clark

Paul Cook

Derek Counts

Gary Fifield

Dick Giroux

Gary Hawkins\*

Derrick Hodge

Cathy Iaconeta

Tom Maines

Joseph "Chick" Marchetti\* \*\*

Diane Nagle

Bernard "Bunny" Parady\*\*

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Wally Russell

Terry Spurling

Jim Stephenson

Kissy Walker

Bob Woodbury\*

1979 South Portland Boys' Red Riots

1990 Westbrook Girls' Blue Blazes

\*Legends of the Game

\*\* Deceased



## CLASS OF 2017



# MEMBERS OF THE MAINE BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME

## CLASS OF 2018

Jim Beaudry\*  
Brenda Beckwith  
Paul Belanger  
Cindy Blodgett  
Jim Bessey  
Sandi Carver  
Dean Erickson  
Bill Fletcher\* \*\*  
Peter Hamlin  
Jeff Hart  
Dwight Hunter\*

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Bill Obermeyer  
Keith Ogden  
Leroy Patterson  
Elwood "Bimbo" Pinkham\*  
Joe Russo  
Arthur "Artie" Warren\*  
Rick Woods  
1960 Lewiston High School Boys' Team

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# Congrat

## to the 2019 Maine Basket



Front L-R: John Mitchell, Paul Vachon, Bob Brown,

Second Row L-R: Jim DiFrederico Jr. (for Jim  
Lisa Blais-Manning, Rachel Bouchard,

Third Row L-R: Steve Pound, Jon MacD  
Joe Harrington, Bradley Moore, Dan Coor

# Inductations

## Ball Hall of Fame Inductees



### *Inaugural Class*

Bob Butler, Tom Wentworth (for George Wentworth)

Tom Difrederico Sr.), Don Crosby, Matt Donahue,  
Joanne Palombo-McCallie, Matt Hancock

Donald, Richard Whitmore, Doug Roberts,  
Tombs, Jack Scott, Brett Brown, Skip Chappelle





**Congratulations!**



***Class of 2019***  
***Maine Basketball Hall***  
***of Fame Inductees***

***From the Class of 2015***

Richard Barstow  
Raymond Bishop  
Wayne Champeon

Denis Clark  
Liz Coffin

Steve Condon

Maureen Burchill Cooper

Jack Coyne

Dan Drinon

Art Dyer

John Edes

Emily Ellis

Paul Fortin

Eugene Hunter



Peter Kelley  
Dwight Littlefield  
D. Bruce MacGregor

Keith Mahaney  
Ed Marchetti

Edward "Bo" McFarland

Richard Meader

John Norris

Roger Reed

Nicholas Scaccia

Marcie Lane Schulenburg

Ted Shiro

Gary Towle

Bob Warner

Peter Webb







Maine Basketball Hall of Fame Class of 2016: Raymond Alley, Julie Bradstreet, Richard Costello, Joey DeRoche, Gregg Frame, Ed Guiski\*, Tony Hamlin, Chris Jerome, John Jordan, Meaghan Lane Kolyszko, Len MacPhee, Ron Marks, Fern Masse, Bob McAllister, Mike McGee, Kevin Nelson, I.J. Pinkham, Matt Rossignol, Dean Smith, Harland Storey, Don Sturgeon, Kevin Whitmore, Charlie Wootton, 1995 Cony High Girls' Team, 1947 Patten High Boys' Team.

\*Posthumous

Dedication. Skill. Perserverance.

You each embody all of these traits and more.

We are honored to welcome you to the  
Maine Basketball Hall of Fame.

*Congratulations*  
*Class of 2019*

With Respect and Admiration  
From the Class of 2016





WELCOME  
TO THE  
TEAM

*Congratulations  
to the Class of 2019*

*From the Class of 2017*

Tim Bonsant, Cam Brown, Kelly Butterfield, Terry Carr,  
Bob Cimbollek, Rick Clark, Paul Cook, Gary Fifield,  
Dick Giroux, Derek Hodge, Cathy Iocanneta, Tom Maines,  
Diane Nagle, Bernard "Bunny" Parady\*, Wally Russell,  
Terry Spurling, Jim Stephenson, Kissy Walker

\*Inducted posthumously



2019

# *Congratulations* **2019 INDUCTEES**

*With Respect & Admiration,*

**CINDY BLODGETT**

**JIM BESSEY**

**PAUL BELANGER**

**DEAN ERICKSON**

**BILL OBERMEYER**

**PETER HAMLIN**

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**LEROY PATTERSON**

**JEFF HART**

**JOE RUSSO**

**BRENDA BECKWITH**

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# JOHN CONLEY



With a career 61-3 record, MBHOF '19 inductee John Conley is one of the winningest players in Maine high school basketball history.

Playing for MBHOF Class '17 coach Tom Maines, John was part of three consecutive Class A state championship Morse teams

in 1987, 1988, and 1989.

The '87 team went undefeated with a 17-0 regular season, rolled through the Western Maine Tournament and then beat Waterville, 83-63, for the state title.

The '88 team was seeded #2 with a 15-2 record before winning the West again and beating Brewer, 92-66, in the state championship game.

And then in '89, Conley and the Shipbuilders went 17-1, got the #1 seed and rolled to a third straight Class A state title, winning over Lawrence, 69-62. In addition to receiving the Vinyl Trophy that year, Conley set a Western Maine Tournament record for free throws made. All of the Morse success netted him All-Maine honors, including First Team Honors in 1989.

John went from Bath to Hanover, New Hampshire to play hoops for the Dartmouth Big Green of the Ivy League. He was a four-year player from 1990 to 1993 and captained the team in his senior season.

Overcoming injuries that sidelined him for most of his junior season, he played in 77 games over his Dartmouth career, netting a career-high 31 points against Cornell and a team record 7 three-pointers in a single game against Pete Carril's Princeton Tigers. His 62 three-pointers during his senior season ranked #3 in the Ivy League. John finished his Big Green career with 293 three-pointers.

John, his wife Jenna, and their kids Lyla and Gus reside in Philadelphia and maintain a home with parents and siblings in Phippsburg, just minutes from MBHOF Class '14 Joe Harrington's childhood home.

John is currently a principal in a national commercial solar energy development firm, based outside of Philadelphia.

He will be introduced by MBHOF Class '17 coach Tom Maines.



## CLASS *Of* 2019



CONGRATULATIONS



JOHN CONLEY

on your induction into the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame!

With love,

Your Biggest Fans

(Jenna, Lyla, Gus, Mike & Thorne, the Kieffer Conleys, the California Conleys, Carol, the Bradys and the Oberfields)

CONGRATULATIONS!!!  
Hall of Famer 2019

John Conley

Pat, Delyse, Kate, Reagan & Patrick Conley

Congratulations to John Conley, Morse High Basketball  
Maine State Class A Champions 1987, 1988 & 1999



SHIPBUILDER PRIDE





# *Congratulations*

**TO OUR SOLAR TEAMMATE, JOHN CONLEY,  
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**Stephanie Carter Thompson, Hank Madore & The 1963 Stearns Team**

# MAX GOOD



For nearly 50 years MBHOF Class '19 inductee Max Good has coached basketball. At nearly every level possible and always leaving his mark on the program he coached. Starting in 1970 as a high school basketball coach in Madison, Kentucky, Max has coached at the prep school level, the junior college level, the Division II level and at

Division I for three schools. And coming full circle this year, returning to Maine to coach young players for the Maine Renegades AAU program.

At Madison High School, Max led the Royal Purples to a 23-6 record in 1975 and his team was ranked as a Top 10 team in the basketball rich state of Kentucky.

His next career stop was at Division I Eastern Kentucky University, first as an assistant and then head coach from 1981 to 1989. His Colonels racked up nearly 100 wins, including a 19-11 record in 1987 and he was named the Ohio Valley Conference Coach of the Year.

In 1989, Max returned to the place where he was a post graduate in 1961, Maine Central Institute (MCI) in Pittsfield, and took over the prep program and promptly guided the program to record heights for 10 seasons. His teams compiled a record of 275-30. That's a winning percentage of .902. Five times, MCI won the New England Prep School Athletic Conference championship. Three times coach Good and his Huskies went undefeated (1989-90, 1990-91 and 1997-98). From 1989 to 1992, MCI won 79 consecutive games.

His next coaching job took Max to Las Vegas and the UNLV Runnin' Rebels. He joined the staff of first year coach Billy Bayno and when Bayno resigned in 2000, he took over as interim head coach and led UNLV to a 13-9 record.

In 2001, Max returned to New England and took over the Bryant University basketball program, which was a Division II program at the time. Just as he did at MCI, Max took the Bulldogs program to new heights.

For seven years, Bryant was a force to be reckoned with

in D-II at the regional and national level. 132 wins. Five NCAA Tournament appearances. Three Sweet 16s. Two Elite 8s. And one NCAA championship game appearance, losing to Virginia Union, 63-58.

That 2005 Bryant team (25-9) received the Rhode Island 'Story of the Year' honor and Max was named '2005 Male Coach of the Year'.

Max returned to the Division I basketball scene in 2008 when he became an assistant coach at Loyola Marymount in California and the West Coast Conference. Three games into the season, head coach Billy Bayno resigned due to illness and Max took over the Lions program for the next five seasons.

In 2009-10, he led Loyola Marymount to 18 wins and was named West Coast Conference Coach of the Year by CollegeInsider.com. The team made its first postseason tournament in 20 years.

Max coached the junior college program at Pratt Community College in Kansas for a year before his return to Maine.

He has been inducted into the MCI Hall of Fame, the Bryant University Hall of Fame and the New England Basketball Hall of Fame.

"I am very proud of being from the state of Maine, loved my MCI years and enjoy being retired in Maine. I am proud of all of my Hall of Fame honors but this one is extra special."

Max and his wife, Phyllis, live in Windham.

He will be introduced by Caron Butler and Andy Bedard.



## CLASS of 2019





# Congratulations To All of this Year's Maine Basketball Hall of Fame Inductees!

Special Congratulations to all The "County" Inductees!  
John Donato Mike Bouchard



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# GAIL JACKSON WOLFF



MBHOF '19 inductee Gail Jackson Wolff was a big reason why Westbrook High School dominated Class A basketball in the late 1970s and early 1980s. She also played a major role in the success of the University of New Hampshire women's program.

From 1978 to 1981, Archie Manoogian coached Blue Blazes, with Gail and Lisa

Blais Manning (MBHOF Class

of '14) leading the way, capturing four consecutive state championships. They beat four different teams in the title games (Mt. Blue, Skowhegan, Old Town and Presque Isle). At one point during this multi-year title run, Westbrook won 76 consecutive games.

Gail, a 6'1" post player, helped to dominate the inside games during those first three title teams and she scored over 1,000 points for the Blazes.

In the 1978 season, Westbrook went 16-2 and was the #1 seed and beat Thornton Academy, Bonny Eagle and Sanford in the Western Maine Tournament. In the 52-34 state game win over Mt. Blue, Gail hauled down 16 rebounds.

In 1979, the Blue Blazes went 18-0 and again were the #1 seed in the West. After beating Biddeford, Brunswick and South Portland to win the regional, Gail and her mates beat Skowhegan in the state game, 80-42. The Bangor Daily News game report said after Skowhegan made a late second quarter rally to get within two points, 'powerful 6-foot-one Westbrook center Gail Jackson scored 10 points and dominated the offensive rebounding to spark the Blazes'.

And in 1980, Gail and the Blue Blazes put together another undefeated season, 18-0 and #1 seed. Wins over McAuley, Thornton Academy and Brunswick netted them another West title and then they beat Old Town, 88-66 to clinch their third consecutive state championship.

That '80 Westbrook team set Western Region (now Southern) Tournament records that still stand today in Class A: 220 points in a regional tourney; 92 field goals in a regional; and 36 field goals in one game. Gail's 1980 team was inducted into the MBHOF last year (2018).

Gail won the Edward 'Red' McMann Award for Outstanding Player in the Western Tournament and after being selected as

Second Team All-State in her sophomore and junior years, she was named First Team All-State her senior season. Gail was also named a Carnation All American basketball player that year. At graduation, she received the "Best All Around Athlete" award for Westbrook High - voted in by her classmates.

Gail accepted a scholarship to play hoops at the University of New Hampshire and for the next four years, Gail helped the Wildcats to bigtime success. From 1980 to 1984, UNH teams went a collective 74-32 and captured two ECAC championships (1983 & 84). While playing for UNH, she received the Student Athlete Award and she was named team captain in her senior season.

Gail left Durham with 1,081 points (15th on the UNH career points list) and hauled down 747 rebounds (5th on the UNH career rebound list). She had 279 rebounds in her senior year. In 1983, Gail tried out for the '84 U.S. Olympic basketball team on her way to bike across the country from LA, California, to Westbrook, Maine with her brother, Tom - 3703 miles pedaled in 51 days with 25 flat tires to change and many stories to share of their adventures together.

Gail was inducted into the UNH Hall of Fame for her basketball achievements in 2004. Her acceptance speech was dedicated to her biggest fan - her father, Wayne Jackson, who passed away earlier that year.

Gail is still playing in a competitive women's basketball league in Burlington, VT, and she plays in her UNH Alumni Game every winter.

Gail resides in Georgia, Vermont, with her high school sweetheart, Peter Wolff. They've been married for almost 34 years and have three adult children: Abbie, Andy, and Nick.

She will be introduced by her brother, Thomas Jackson,



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# BECKY MOHOLLAND IRELAND



In middle school, Becky Moholland Ireland had a difficult time deciding whether to play basketball or cheer.

Turns out, she made an excellent choice.

She scored 1,056 points for the Blue Devils of Calais, who won more than 80 percent of their games during her high school career.

When Calais captured the Class C Eastern Maine title her senior season in 1991, Moholland was voted Tourney MVP.

The 5-11 forward also was chosen third team All-State and played in the McDonald's Senior All-Star contest.

"I can't rave enough about Bob McShane (coach at Calais)," says Ireland. "I will forever be grateful to him. He always encouraged me and made me believe in myself. And he pushed me to be the best I could."

One year at Calais, she was apathetic about playing summer ball. She laughs recalling that McShane came to her house and told her to get up and get to the gym.

Moholland continued her playing career at the University of Maine at Machias. Her sophomore season, she pulled down 19 rebounds a contest, which led the nation.

Moholland longed for tougher competition. After two years in Machias, she transferred to Husson University, where she played for Maine Basketball Hall of Fame coach Kissy Walker.

She continued to excel against the competition. Moholland set the single-season record for blocked

shots with 66 (which she still holds). She's one of four players in Husson history to record 100 career blocks.

Moholland's two-year (1995-96) stat line at Husson: 447 points, 349 rebounds, 123 blocks, 85 assists and 75 steals in 57 games. Her senior year, she was an All-Maine Athletic Conference second team selection.

At UMM and Husson combined, Moholland poured in 1,221 points and pulled down 946 rebounds.

Today, Ireland teaches kindergarten and is mom to Sami, Lexi, Emilee and Reed.

"Being a mom is the best, and hardest, thing in my life, she says. "That's who I am. A mom."

Sami plays hoops (also for Walker) and soccer at Husson. And Lexi and Emilee, who play for Penobscot Valley, won the Northern Maine Class C basketball title in 2019.

Ireland says she enjoys occasionally playing with the PVHS squad.

"When I grew up, my parents and Bob (McShane) led by example," she says. "They taught me to not give up and to work hard until you get what you want."

She will be introduced by Harold Carter.



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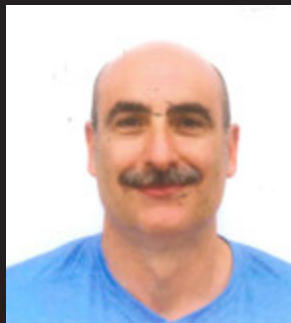
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# SCOTT SAFT



Scott Saft started playing basketball on a small hoop in his family's carpeted basement. His father Stephen played too, on his knees.

By the time Saft wrapped up his playing career in 1989, he was a 1,000-point scorer (1,004 to be precise), First Team All-NESCAC, and

honorable mention Division 3 All-America for NESCAC and ECAC Champion Amherst College.

Saft attended Amherst — where he majored in English literature — after a stellar career on the hardwood at Waterville Senior High School. In the Elm City, he was conference Co-MVP (with Todd Hanson), All-Tourney, and a First Team All-State player for the 1985 Class A State Champion Purple Panthers.

Saft had met Hanson at Boys State the summer before they both became Panthers. Saft had moved from Camden and Hanson was going to attend Waterville as his father had been hired as principal there.

Hanson asked Saft how the basketball team was going to be that next winter. Saft said they'd be state champs. "It came true," he says.

Saft says playing hoops helped him learn the value of hard work and perseverance as benefited his development as a person and athlete.

"Basketball gave me the confidence and self-assurance to go from a gangly and very shy teenager to someone who could believe in himself and also trust those around him," says the professor of linguistics at the University of Hawaii at Hilo. "I have used the same work ethic and discipline learned from basketball in my career outside of sports and found similar results."

He also appreciates lifelong friendships he's formed with others who love the game, including teammates and

opposing players.

Saft says his mother Jill Powell, father Stephen Saft, and step-father Kershaw Powell (all deceased) were positive influences, as were his coaches — Ken Lindlof at Waterville and David Hixon at Amherst. Each had a strong presence and gave their teams the type of structure that enabled players to win, he says.

When Saft taught English language in Japan, he says he became fascinated by the relationship among language, culture and social relationships. He earned his master's and doctorate in linguistics at the University of Hawaii at Mānoa. He then taught at universities in Japan before returning to Hawaii, where he's a tenured professor.

"I must say that being in graduate school and also working as a professor have similarities with basketball; just like success in basketball (and any sport) depends on hard work, the completion of graduate studies and the receiving of professorships also requires hard work, discipline and dedication to your craft," he says.

Saft enjoys watching and playing sports. He coached basketball at various levels in Hawaii for about 10 years and now likes to pitch in at basketball camps.

His fondest coaching memory is working with his son Sebastian and watching him develop into a great player and even better person. Saft says he's learned as much from coaching his son and his son's teammates as they learned from him.

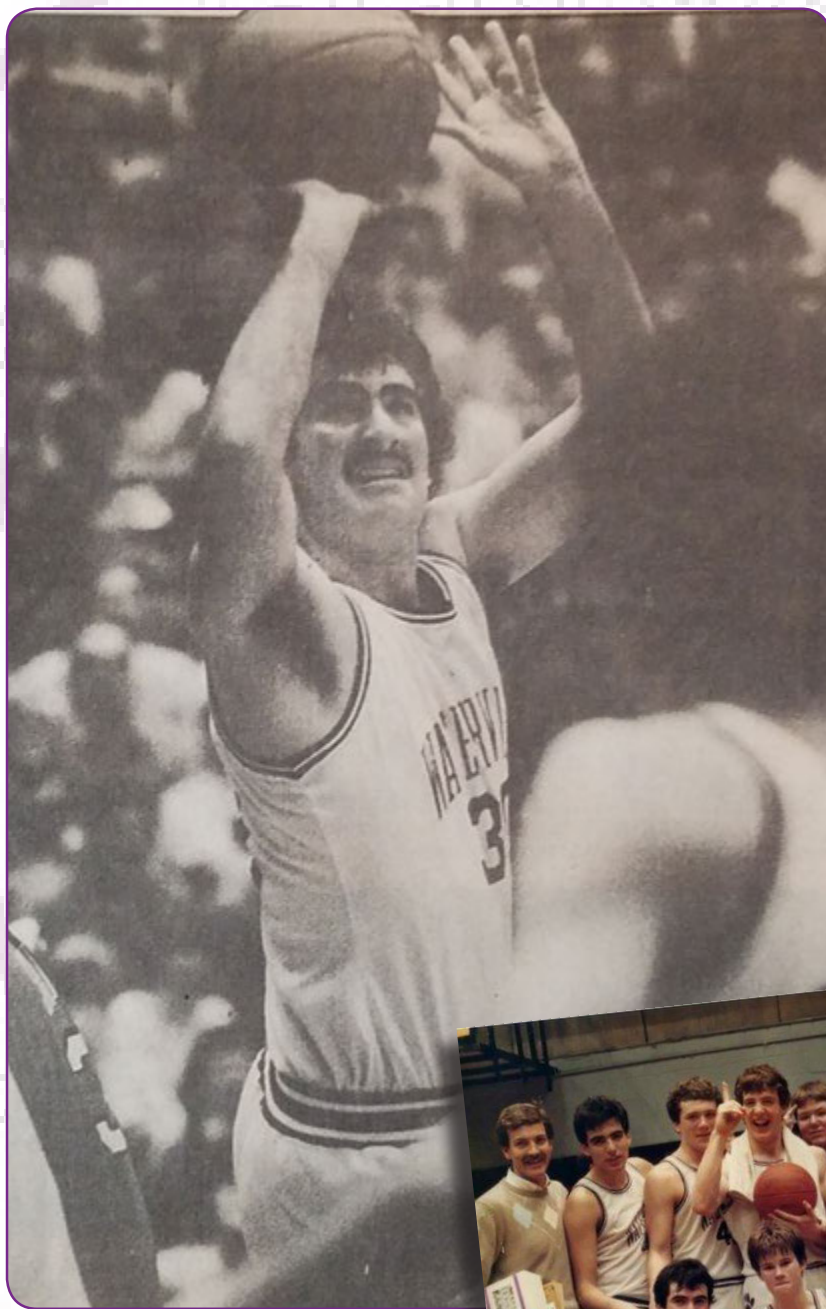
"My experience in basketball has probably, together with my bond with my parents and my son, [been] the strongest influence in terms of shaping my identity."

He will be introduced by Todd Hanson.



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# LINDA WHITNEY



Some student-athletes and coaches specialize in one sport.

Not Linda Whitney.

Her success as Lake Region High School girls basketball coach is impressive — 300 wins, including two Western Maine titles and a state championship in 26 years.

At the same time, at the same school, Whitney guided her field hockey squads to more than 300 victories, 24 consecutive tournament appearances, four Western Maine championships and three state titles.

By the way, she also coached varsity girls' tennis for seven years, varsity girls' track for seven and varsity softball for one.

When Whitney began teaching physical education at Lake Region in 1969, three years before Title IX became law, she says administrators didn't necessarily ask what you could coach, they told you what you would coach.

She accepted the challenge. And excelled.

Whitney's already in the Maine Field Hockey Hall of Fame and the field hockey field at Lake Region is named in her honor.

"I loved coaching," she says. "There was no better job as far as I'm concerned. You learn life lessons by playing sports — be on time; take responsibility; work as a group; be a role model, give your best; don't be afraid to try something new; be humble in victory; and be a class act if you lose."

Whitney also encouraged her student-athletes to strive for academic excellence. "I would ask, 'Would you settle for a tie? No. So why settle for a B or C? Do the best you can.'"

She was valedictorian of her class in 1961 at Bridgton High School. And on the hardwood, when girls played 6-on-6, Whitney mixed it up under the boards.

Whitney, who majored in physical education, health and recreation at the University of Connecticut, is humbled by the induction.

The gracious coach says it takes a team to achieve such an honor. That team includes her family— her mother Barbara Hilton Weeman, father Merle D. Weeman and siblings Anne Crisafulli and Jean Simoneau and brother Robert Weeman.

It also includes her husband Kenneth Whitney. When she coached the girls at Lake Region, Kenneth, a former scholarship player at UConn, guided the boys. "We shared the gym and shared bus rides," she says. "It was a good situation. We could bounce ideas off each other. He had great ideas and certainly helped me in the early going."

Family also includes sons Christopher and Kevin; daughter-in-law Kristine; grandchildren Dana Lynn, Brittany, Brianna and Evan; great-grandchildren Eli and Aemilea; and step-grandchildren Joseph and Kate.

"My parents and family; those who assisted, especially Cynthia Fagan and Cynthia Worcester in basketball; great administrators, especially Ted Nutting, Arthur Kilborn and Todd Sampson; the school community; parents; and the very best student-athletes ever make up that team. This is for them," she says.

"Along the way Phil Curtis, Ferne Masse and Bob Brown gave me many experiences that allowed the girls' sport programs to grow and flourish. My heartfelt thanks to all."

She will be introduced by Wanda MacLean.



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# DEREK VOGEL



As a youth, Derek Vogel made up rules for his basketball workouts. Like having to make 100 shots before he could play with a friend.

"I loved playing basketball — defense, passing. The game fit my personality," says Vogel, who loved watching Larry Bird play.

His dedication to the sport and fitness didn't seem to be paying off, though, even as late as midway through his junior year at Greely High School. Vogel privately asked his coach for a chance to play and prove his value to the team.

When he got the chance, he performed. Vogel emerged as an offensive threat his senior year, leading the squad in scoring and making second team All-State.

Most college coaches, though, didn't express a recruiting interest. Except Westbrook College assistant coach Bruce Bowers. Upon the advice of Coach Bowers, Jim Graffam became interested in Vogel as well. During a visit to Vogel's home, Coach Graffam asked Derek if he would be content with 10-12 minutes as a first-year player. If so, he'd like to have him join the squad.

Vogel ramped up his workouts even more. And at Westbrook, his career took off. In 1993, he was named the NAIA District Rookie of the Year. During four seasons, Vogel poured in an astounding 3,050 points for the Wildcats, including nearly 1,000 in his senior year alone, when he led the country in scoring. He still holds the men's basketball record for points in a game with 45.

When he graduated in 1996, he was a two-time collegiate basketball All-American.

"I loved Westbrook and the team environment," says Vogel. "Coach Graffam put basketball second. He talked to us about being a good person and doing things right and doing the right thing. Those are words I live by today and raise my children by."

His college success spurred him on. He continued his

scoring during nine seasons of professional basketball — in England, Russia, Yugoslavia, Germany and Switzerland. He also earned a tryout with the Indiana Pacers and was invited to veteran's camp with the Minnesota Timberwolves--the last phase before the team finalized its roster.

Eventually injuries started piling up. "I overtrained," said Vogel. "I was trying to keep an edge but my body was breaking down."

When Vogel returned to the U.S. he co-founded an online platform for high school athletes to market themselves to college coaches. Today, he's a senior vice president AMN Healthcare, which recruits leaders for healthcare organizations.

Basketball has taught him how to approach life.

"I learned how to be a success on my own," says Vogel. "To this day, my work ethic involves putting everything into a project. Coach Graffam encouraged us to work as hard as we can and that's what I do to this day."

While he hasn't played since his first son was born nine years ago — Vogel and his wife Renate have two sons, Samuel and Jake — he thoroughly enjoys coaching kids and adults at all levels.

Vogel works out regularly, enjoys golf and traveling with Renate.

"When I was overseas, I was proud to represent Maine," he says. "I'd like kids to know it's important to put your heart into everything. It does take perseverance and hard work to overcome obstacles."

He will be introduced by Jim Graffam.



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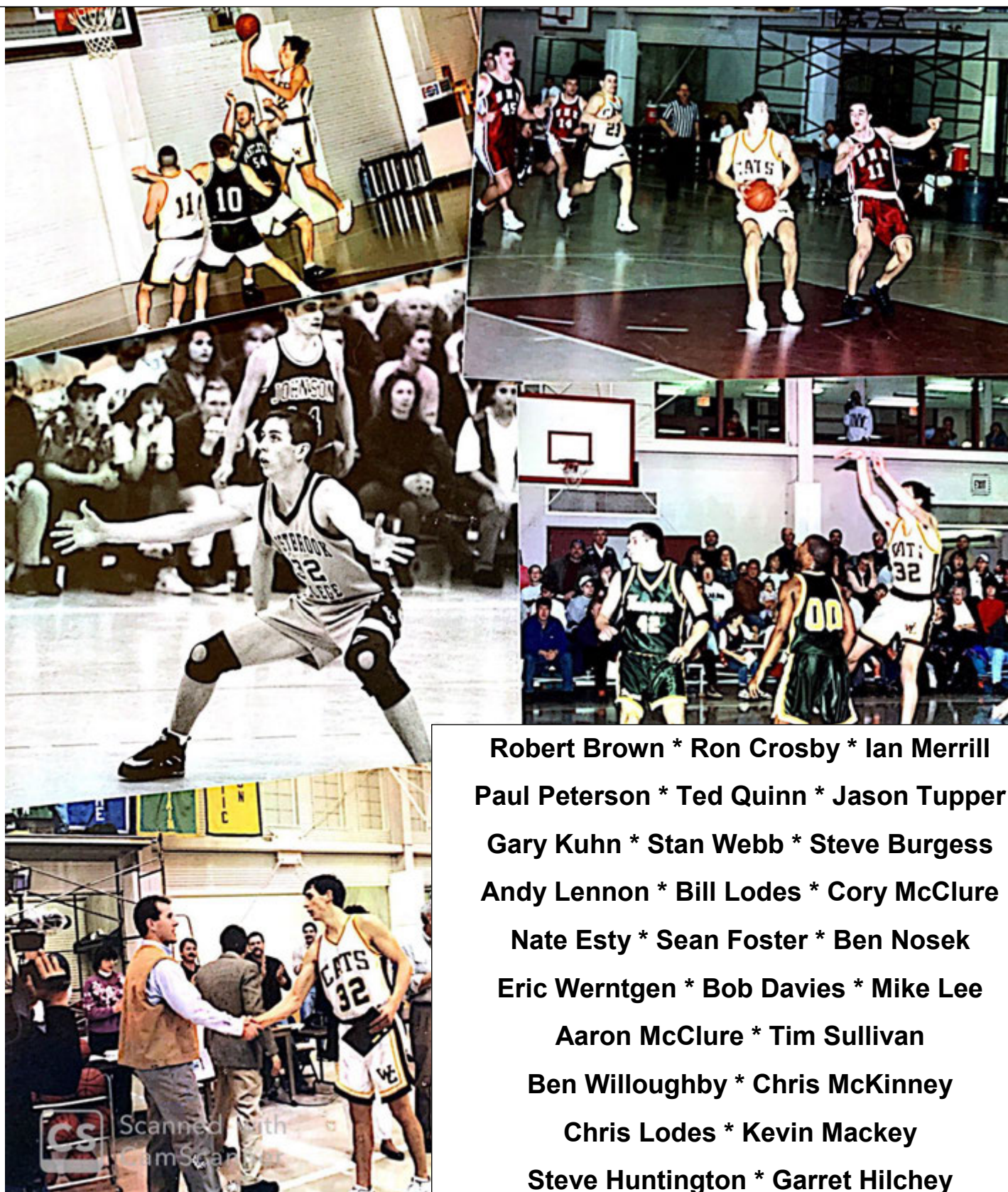
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# MARK REED



Basketball has been a constant in Mark Reed's life since he was a youngster and his mom Norma made him a uniform that looked like those worn by the Bangor Christian squad his dad Roger coached.

"I ran around and acted like I was on the team," laughs Reed. "I was lucky to have a group of older kids who

treated me well."

In 1992, wearing a Bangor High School uniform and playing for his father, the standout junior led the Rams to the Class A Eastern Maine title. They advanced and competed in the epic five-overtime Class A State Championship which South Portland survived 81-79.

A year later, the Rams won the Class A crown. When Reed completed his stellar four-year high school career, Bangor had captured two Eastern Maine championships and a gold ball. Reed, who became the highest scorer in Rams' history, was chosen a first-team All-Maine selection in 1992 and 1993.

At Division I Liberty University, Reed majored in sports management and physical education and played both baseball and basketball. Sporting a Flames uniform, he averaged 7.2 points and 3 assists per contest. As a senior captain in 1998, Reed logged the most minutes and recorded the most steals for the Flames, who topped Virginia, 69-64. He still ranks eighth in career assists at Liberty.

Reed believes his strengths as a player were his understanding of the game, ability to see the floor, distribute the ball and make his team better.

He feels fortunate to have had good coaches his entire playing career — from the Bangor YMCA to Liberty University. The physical education teacher at Center Drive School in Orrington began his varsity coaching career at Brewer. For eight seasons, Bangor — where his dad still coached — was one of the Witches' opponents.

Since 2011, Reed has guided the boys' squad at Hermon. And his dad — who was inducted into the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame in 2015 — is an assistant.

The last two seasons, the Hawks amassed a 42-1 record, which included 42 straight wins. The 22nd victory was the 2018 Class B State Championship, a 55-34 victory over Wells. After that undefeated season, USA TODAY tapped Reed as the ALL-USA Maine Basketball Coach of the Year.

Reed enjoys being in the gym and working with players. "When you pay attention to small things, that's when big things happen," he says.

As a player, Reed says he learned an important early lesson at the YMCA. Reed remembers that he played up an age group. And that he hadn't scored even one bucket. One day, he told his dad that he didn't want to go to the game. His father calmly told him that if he quit, the next time he wanted to play any sport that he should let his mom know. Roger wouldn't take him.

So Reed went. And played. And scored a basket. And learned a lesson about perseverance.

Reed, who earned a master's degree in educational leadership at the University of Maine, says the many lessons he's learned playing basketball translate to other facets of his life — including his career and his marriage.

He and his wife Kristie have two children — Eli (16) and Lyndsee (14). Reed enjoys fishing and hunting with his children and dogs Gauge and Scout.

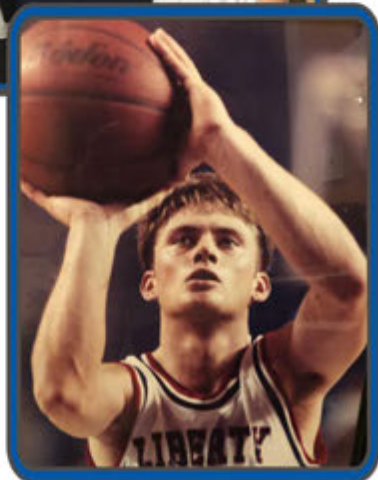
"God's blessed me in a lot of ways, Reed says. "A lot of doors have opened for me. I'm grateful for being able to stay involved in the game with young people and being able to help them develop and reach goals."

He will be introduced by his father and Class of 2015 inductee, Roger Reed.



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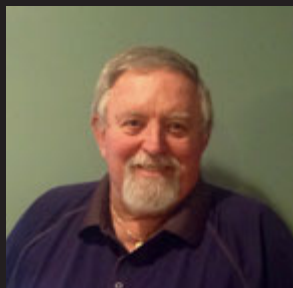
*on being inducted to the  
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# RICK SIMONDS



Rick Simonds describes his early years growing up in Friendship, Maine as idyllic.

"It was tough to get full-court games, but the town hall with two baskets was open 24-7," he says.

Simonds was in eighth grade when his parents moved to Pompano Beach, Florida. The

new kid on the block hadn't yet made friends, so he shot hoops for hours at a nearby park.

"I immersed myself in getting better," he says.

It worked.

Simonds went on to become a standout player and legendary coach.

"Basketball has shaped my entire life," he says. "Most importantly, it has allowed me to coach and work with so many wonderful people that have become lifelong friends. The wins and awards are nice but it is the people that make coaching special, as they're all sacrificing and working for a common goal."

Those victories and awards are numerous. In addition to this induction into the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame, Simonds is in the New England Basketball Hall of Fame, St. Joseph's College Athletics Hall of Fame, University of Southern Maine's Husky Hall of Fame, and the Midcoast Sports Hall of Fame.

In 23 years as men's basketball coach at St. Joseph's in Standish, the Monks compiled a 466-176 record. His .726 winning percentage is among the highest in NCAA DIII men's basketball.

The Monks won 11 conference titles and made six appearances in the NAIA National Championship Tournament during his tenure, for which he was selected Coach of the Year 15 times. And when Simonds left St. Joe's in 2003, he was the winningest head coach in the school's history.

He counts among his favorite accomplishments the No. 30

Monks' 78-66 toppling of No. 3 Biola University in 1987 in the first round of the national NAIA tournament in Kansas City.

"It was the sports headline in the USA Today newspaper and was some degree of vindication after several tough losses in the New England Championships, he says.

Simonds excelled as a player at Waldoboro High School '67, Maine Central Institute in Pittsfield and the University of Southern Maine (then the University of Maine at Portland-Gorham).

After high school, Simonds says he had a wake-up call when he was a counselor at Kutsher's Sports Academy in Monticello, New York.

The Academy, run by legendary coach Clair Bee, boasted NBA stars Oscar Robertson and Wilt Chamberlain, as well as top-notch college players. "It was there that I realized how much I had to improve and it made me much more competitive as both a player and later, as a coach," he says.

At USM, Simonds — whose dad was a professional baseball player in the Red Sox organization — earned nine varsity letters and MVP honors in both baseball and basketball.

He's still active in basketball — Simonds owns and directs the Maine Renegades, an AAU program with more than 300 youth involved. He's also the color commentator for the Maine Red Claws, the Boston Celtics G League affiliate.

"I remain a lifelong Red Sox fan, have always loved harness racing, and enjoy golfing," says Simonds. "I love to read and have had two murder mysteries published."

He has a son, Steven; daughters, Lisa and Sarah; and stepdaughters, Macie and Holly with his wife, Sherry.

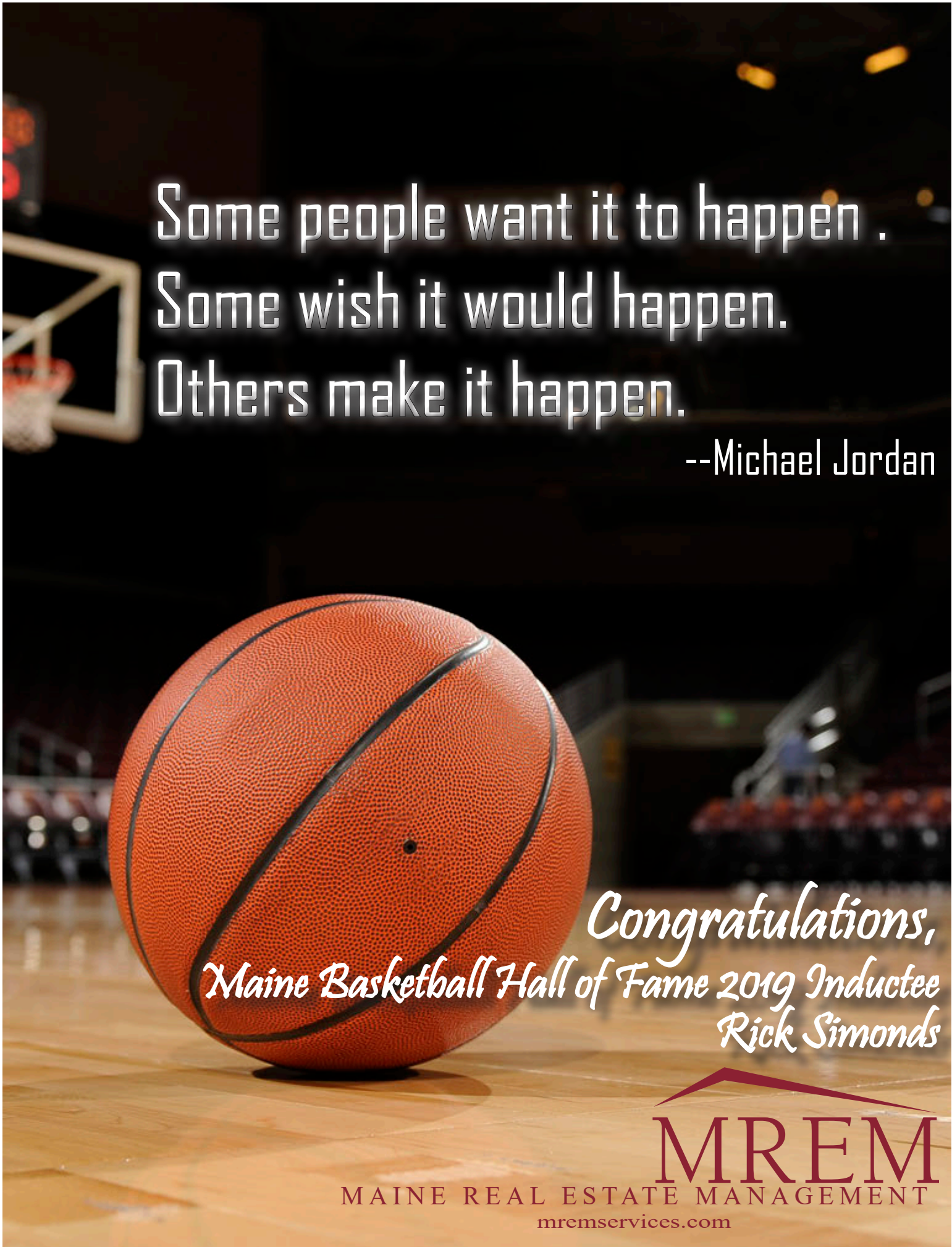
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# DOUG LISHERNESS



When Doug Lisherness was a young boy, he attended a junior high basketball practice with an older friend. The coach invited him to join the layup drill.

Lisherness got the ball and ran with it. “I didn’t know how to dribble, or even what ‘dribbling’ meant,” he

says.

He was hooked, though. For hours, Lisherness played hoops with neighborhood boys.

It didn’t take long before he had mastered dribbling. And shooting.

During his four years at Strong High School, Lisherness racked up 2,039 points. As a junior, he led the team to the 1967 Class D Western Maine title. Lisherness still holds the record for 19 made free throws in a tourney game.

That year during the regular season, the Strong squad — which routinely pressed full court — averaged 97 points a contest.

Following games, Lisherness, along with his teammates, routinely honed their skills in the barn until midnight.

When he returned home from the Vietnam War in 1971, Lisherness resumed playing hoops, competing with a town team until he turned 42.

Because he’d been such a standout player, community members encouraged him to coach.

He mastered that, too.

Lisherness guided the Mt. Abram girls from 1985 to 2012, winning 300 games, two state crowns and three Western Maine titles.

In 1991, the 22-0 Roadrunners bested Calais, 55-47. The next year, they fell to Schneck 56-47 in the title game.

Then in 2007, the Roadrunners raced to their second state title, nipping Dexter, 55-52.

Basketball prowess runs in the family. His wife Judy was a standout player at Phillips High School. Their daughters Trisha and Tara both played at Mt. Abram; Tara was the center on the undefeated 1991 team.

“I loved every aspect of the game [of basketball],” Lisherness says. “The biggest thrill was working in practice and seeing the young ladies improve and gain confidence. You get to be a coach, parent and doctor. You have to figure out what motivates each one.”

Lisherness still gets letters, emails and Facebook messages from former players.

“I would say sports — not just basketball — shaped my life,” he says. “My passion for the game has been strong my entire life. And as a coach, I was still learning after 27 years.”

He will be introduced by Roger Lambert.



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# STEPHANIE CARTER-THOMPSON



Basketball observers describe MBHOF '19 inductee Stephanie Carter Thompson as someone who played the game with 'grace and determination.' First as a standout at Schenck High School in East Millinocket and then at the college level, at UMaine and St. Joseph's

College.

Today, she is the matriarch of a family that includes three kids who scored 1,000 points in their high school careers, while her husband, Darrick, is a varsity basketball coach at Schenck.

As a 5-foot-11 center for the Wolverines of Schenck, Stephanie led her team to three consecutive Class C State Championships (1987, 1988, 1989), beating Livermore Falls, Erskine Academy and Winthrop in the those state title games. The Schenck teams won 56 games during the three year period.

Stephanie finished her high school career with 2,167 points, which was tops in Maine schoolgirl basketball at the time. The points mark is still a school record. She was named Bangor Daily News All-Maine and All-Tourney in her sophomore, junior and senior years.

At the conclusion of her senior season, Stephanie was named Miss Maine Basketball, Gatorade Circle of Champions Player of the Year and the Maine Sunday Telegram Athlete of the Year. She was also named a Converse All-American.

As a halfback for the school's soccer team, she was part of the team that brought home the first state title in that sport.

And, she was salutatorian of her class.

Stephanie's college career started at UMaine, playing for coach Trish Roberts. That 1989-90 Black Bear team

included past MBHOF inductees Rachel Bouchard, Julie Bradstreet and Cathy Iaconeta. A team that went 23-7 and played in the Women's National Invitational Tournament.

She transferred to St. Joseph's College in Standish to study nursing and played the 1990-91 and 1991-92 seasons for coach Mike McDevitt.

The Monks finished 24-5 in that 90-91 season and won the District #5 NAIA title. Stephanie played in all 29 games, averaging 11 points a game and eight rebounds a game.

The 91-92 Monks went 23-8 and again won the District NAIA championship. Stephanie led the team in scoring (17.2 PPG), rebounding (12 RPG) and blocks (47). She scored 532 points and hauled down 371 rebounds. For her efforts, Stephanie won the District #5 Player of the Year Award.

While her husband Darrick has had great success coaching girls basketball and now boys basketball at Schenck, daughter Morgan and sons Justin and Travis, all belong to the 1,000 point club. Darrick's boys team, with Travis as a senior, won the Class C North Regional title this past season.

In 2018, Stephanie was a member of the inaugural class of Schenck's Hall of Fame.

Stephanie works as the information technology director at Millinocket Regional Hospital.

She will be introduced by her dad, Harold (Roy) Carter.



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# Congratulations

## Stephanie Carter Thompson

As you are inducted into the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame, we want you to know how proud we are of this remarkable accomplishment. You earned it with your hard work, dedication and leadership on and off the court.

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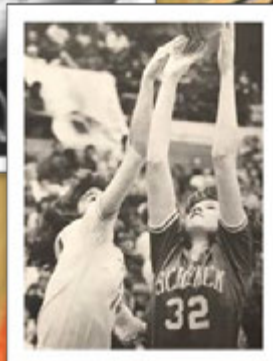
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# MATT GAUDET



Matt Gaudet had a high school and college basketball career that few players can match and that's why he's a member of the MBHOF Class of '19.

His brilliant schoolboy career at Mountain Valley High School included being a team captain for

three years and leading his

team to back-to-back Western Maine championship games in 1990 and 1991, going 42-1 over that stretch. The 1990 team went 18-0 in the regular season, earning a #2 Heal Point seed. In the Western Maine Tournament, Gaudet and the Falcons beat Lake Region, Gorham and York to earn a state title spot. His team beat Rockland 46-32 for the Class B State Championship.

The 1991 team again went 18-0 in the regular season with another #2 seed. The Falcons beat Maranacook and Gorham before losing to #1 York in the Western Tourney final 55-53.

Along the way, Matt became a 1,000 point scorer. He was named 1991 Mr. Maine Basketball Award winner and Matt earned All-State honors from the Bangor Daily News and Maine Sunday Telegram.

His high school career also included football where he captained the Falcons and was named All-State twice, received the Campbell Award and played in the Shrine Lobster Bowl Game and took home MVP honors.

From Mountain Valley HS, Matt went straight to Mayflower Hill and made an immediate impact at Colby College for coach Dick Whitmore (MBHOF Class '14) and the Mules.

A point guard and tenacious defender, Matt Gaudet helped Colby go 85-16 and make two NCAA Tournament appearances and two ECAC championship appearances in his time there. Colby

won the ECAC championship in 1993.

From 1992-95, Matt scored 1,487 points (9th on Colby's career scoring list at the time) and led the team in assists all 4 years. He also shot 83% for career free throws in 101 career games.

"Matt was one of the few guys who started right away in his first year. He played point guard for us, but he could have played the other guard spot as well because he was a great shooter," says his Colby coach Dick Whitmore.

He earned Division III News honorable mention All America. He was a First Team All-New England selection, All-NESCAC and won Maine College Player of the Year.

In 2005, Colby honored Matt with the retirement of his #22.

In 2001, Matt was injured in a diving accident and was paralyzed. In typical Matt Gaudet fashion, he has persevered through the injury. He now lives and works in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Matt was inducted into the Maine Sports Hall of Fame in 1991 as a scholar-athlete. He was inducted into the New England Basketball Hall of Fame in 2015.

His family includes his father and mother, Stephen and Barbara, his brother, Steve, his niece Cassidy Gaudet, and nephew, Cooper Gaudet.

Matt will be introduced by Dick Whitmore.



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# JOHN DONATO



You could say that Class of '19 inductee John Donato knew exactly what he was going to do with his life back when he wrote one simple line in the 1966 'Timaron' yearbook at Middleborough High School in Massachusetts.

"Let nothing come between me and sports."

53 years and 500+ coaching wins later, it's hard to argue with that statement.

John Donato grew up in Middleborough and became a three sport standout athlete for the Sachems. In basketball, he was the leading scorer, captain and all-league performer on the 1965 and 1966 teams. Both years his team won Old Colony League Championships while losing just two games. Donato's '66 team lost at the buzzer in a state semi-final game at the old Boston Garden. Both the 1966 and 1965 basketball teams were inducted in the Middleboro Sports Hall of Fame as the Best Basketball Teams in the school history.

He was an accomplished pitcher for the baseball team and a split end for the football team.

John was inducted into the Middleboro High School Hall of Fame in 2016.

His college years were spent in Aroostook County where he played basketball and baseball at Ricker College in Houlton. He captained both teams in his senior year and was named the school's 'Outstanding Senior Athlete'.

John stayed in the Shiretown and began his teaching and coaching career.

Five decades later he is still coaching and still passionate about coaching.

"I do it for the gratification of seeing kids develop as athletes and as individuals. I still have the enthusiasm to see them grow."

John's Houlton coaching career lasted for 18 years. He led the Shires girls basketball program to nine regional titles and four state championships. From 1982 to 1993, his

Houlton teams played in nine Class B state games. Among the great players Donato coaches in that time period, Class of '17 MBHOF inductee Diane Nagle Linde and Miss Basketball 2016 Nia Irving, who is playing at Boston University.

After leaving Houlton and going into private business for a brief time, John Donato returned to coaching. A year at Hall-Dale, nine years at Messalonskee, five at Mt. View and then another 16 at Lawrence High School in Fairfield. He rebuilt the Bulldogs into a program that played in two Class A state championship games in 2015 and 2016, winning the title over Thornton Academy the first year and losing by a point to York in '16.

"He was very difficult to go against because you never knew how he was going to play. He always mixed it up. He was a strategist." That's how longtime Cony coach Paul Vachon (MBHOF Class of '14) described coaching against Donato in a Morning Sentinel story in 2016.

Donato retired from teaching two years ago and re-located to the Bangor area and wouldn't you know it, he returned to the coaching ranks, taking over the Orono Red Riots girls basketball program.

While he is best known for his basketball coaching, it should be noted he has had great success in coaching other high school sports. He coached Varsity Boys Baseball and Varsity Golf in Houlton. He also coached Varsity Golf at Lawrence for 14 years.

From coaching Varsity Girls Basketball, Varsity Golf, and Varsity Boys Baseball, John has accumulated over 1200 Varsity victories.

John and his wife, Kelly, live in Bangor. John has two grandchildren, James and Lila Meuse.

He will be introduced by his daughter, Jill Donato Meuse.



## CLASS of 2019

# CONGRATULATIONS!

## COACH JOHN DONATO







"There is so much to be said about Coach Donato's passion for and commitment to the game of basketball. He held his players to the highest expectations -there was no crying in basketball! Mr. Donato was coach, mentor, and parent all in one."

- Fawn Dunphy, Houlton High School '86

"I really enjoyed my time playing for Coach Donato. He was always very supportive and pushed me to be better every single day. Because of him, I was able to grow not only as a player but as a leader on and off the court."

- Molly Folsom, Lawrence High School, 2019

"On behalf of Orono High School and our athletic program, we congratulate Coach John Donato on his selection into the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame. He is so deserving of this honor. John has been a pleasure to work with. He wants to learn every day and still feels he has something to accomplish. He loves a challenge and loves the game. He still has the passion to lead a basketball program. He's the right person to coach our girls."

- Mike Archer, Athletic Administrator, Orono HS, '19

"John Donato was one of the most influential people in my formative years. He inspired me to play well and support my team believing that we must have a common goal and work together to achieve it. May you feel profoundly satisfied and honored for the good, important work of teaching, coaching, inspiring so many, many people."

- Teresa Haggerty, Houlton High School, '86

"My experience with Coach Donato was one I will never forget. He made the game fun and enjoyable especially with his great sense of humor. Coach is a man who has a huge heart not only for the game but for the team as well. He was willing to help us succeed. I am forever thankful to my coach for teaching me to play at the next level of basketball."

- Cameron Caldwell, Lawrence, HS '18

"John Donato. The name speaks for itself. Throughout the years, Coach Donato has garnered many championship titles. Most importantly, he has earned respect and established tradition. People often talk about his winning record, however the greatest compliment would be to talk about the man himself. His heart completely outweighs his coaching record. He cares so much for his players. He goes to great lengths to help out anyone he can."

- Troy Adams '95

"Coach Donato came into a struggling program at Messalonskee High School and made an immediate positive impact. He's a master tactician, maximizing every ounce of talent on our team. Mr. Donato was an absolute joy to play for. He blended the perfect combination of hard work, repetition, and fun. Congratulations, Coach, on your Hall of Fame induction!"

- Bonnie Smith, 2000.

"John is a true competitor and he taught me many things about how to win basketball games. Behind the competitive nature there is a very caring coach. During my six years as an assistant coach, I recognized how much John cared for his players. Those memories are etched in my mind and heart forever. You are the best, John!"

- Gail Bucklin, Lady Bulldogs

**"Thank you, Coach Donato, for making us believe in ourselves!"**

- Lady Bulldogs, Class A state champs, 2015

"Coach, thank you so much for all the basketball, leadership, and decision-making you taught me. I can't think of anyone better to be inducted into the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame. I've never respected any other coach as much as you. You're the Gold Standard of coaches to me."

- Hayleigh Kein, Mount View High School, 2011

"I am so very honored to have played under Coach Donato at Houlton High School. He was a great mentor and a true teacher. Coach Donato took the time not only to teach us about basketball, but also about what it meant to be part of a team. We had some great teams. We worked hard and played hard and it paid off. Congratulations on this well-deserved honor. Maine and County basketball would not be the same if it weren't for Coach John Donato."

- Jenny O'Leary, '95

"He is a man of tradition. A winner of championships. A basketball mind. One who expects nothing but your best. Demands hard work. Maintains expectations that keep you striving to improve. Understands the concept of team and praises every contribution, whether it appears in the box score or not. One who makes you believe in yourself and have confidence in your ability. I couldn't wait to step foot on our home court; to be the point guard for Coach John Donato, his floor general. His reputation preceded him, and I wanted to be a part of his story. I soaked up all Coach Donato had to share with our high school teams. These lessons are deeply rooted in my life's greatest achievements. I am grateful to have been a part of his story; to have played and learned from one of Maine's finest in the basketball community."

- Alyssa LaBelle, Messalonskee HS '02

"All I can say is thank you, John, for being a quality coach and a great person who did so much to bring out the real character of the young women you've coached over the years. Six of my seven children played for John and we know that you gave of yourself to help make Houlton's kids the best that they could be. It's seldom that a small town produces a legend, but what Mr. Donato has accomplished here will probably never be matched."

- Larry Haggerty, parent, sports fan, '95





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John Donato 1966  
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# JEFF BOWERS



From his days as an All-Maine high school basketball player at South Portland to his All-Conference days as a college player at the University of Southern Maine, MBHOF '19 inductee Jeff Bowers has left his mark on basketball in this state.

Jeff led the Red Riots to a 15-1 regular season record and a #2 Heal Points seed in 1982. SPSHS beat Sanford in the quarterfinal round before losing to Cheverus in the semis. For his efforts, Jeff was named a BDN All-Maine Second Team selection and played in the McDonald's Senior All Star Game.

His college basketball journey took him first to Rochester Institute of Technology, to the University of Southern Maine (under coach Joey Bouchard) and then to a redshirt year at UMaine. After some time off from school, Jeff returned to Gorham to play for the USM Huskies under coach Bob Brown (MBHOF Class '14).

The 6-foot-6 forward put together one of the great careers in Huskies history from 1983-84 and 1987-89. During his junior year of 1987-88, Jeff averaged 19.2 points per game and hauled down 10 rebounds a game as the Huskies went 21-8 and earned a spot in the NCAA Division III Tournament – the first of four consecutive trips to the NAAs. He earned First Team All-Little East Conference honors and Second Team All-District honors.

And then came his senior season at USM (1988-89) when Jeff led USM to a level of success that hasn't been matched. The Huskies went 24-7, earning the Little East Conference Championship and then earned a spot in the NCAA D-III National Championship Final Four. Jeff averaged 20.3 PPG and 6.4 RPG, netting

him all kinds of accolades. The LEC Co-Player of the Year Award, NABC All-District First Team Award, ECAC D-III New England Player of the Year and First Team Maine College Coaches and Writers Association honors.

To this day, Jeff is still among USM leaders in points (1,257), scoring average (17.2), field goal percentage (.476), three-point field goals (158) and percentage (.476), free throw percentage (.855). He holds the school record for three-pointers in a season with 80. In 2011, Jeff was selected to the Little East Conference's 25th Anniversary Team as one of the top 25 players. In 2014, he was inducted into the USM Husky Hall of Fame.

Jeff on being inducted into the MBHOF, "This induction would not be possible without the sacrifice of my family. I transferred to SoPo my junior year and left my twin brother in Gorham as well as my lil sis. Mom and dad, numerous teachers, coaches, teammates and friends helped me along the way and I am indebted to them".

Jeff and his wife, Luci, live in Gorham. They have two children, MacKenzie and Carter.

Jeff will be introduced by his father, Bruce Bowers



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# Jeff Bowers

## USM Men's Basketball 1983-84; 1987-89

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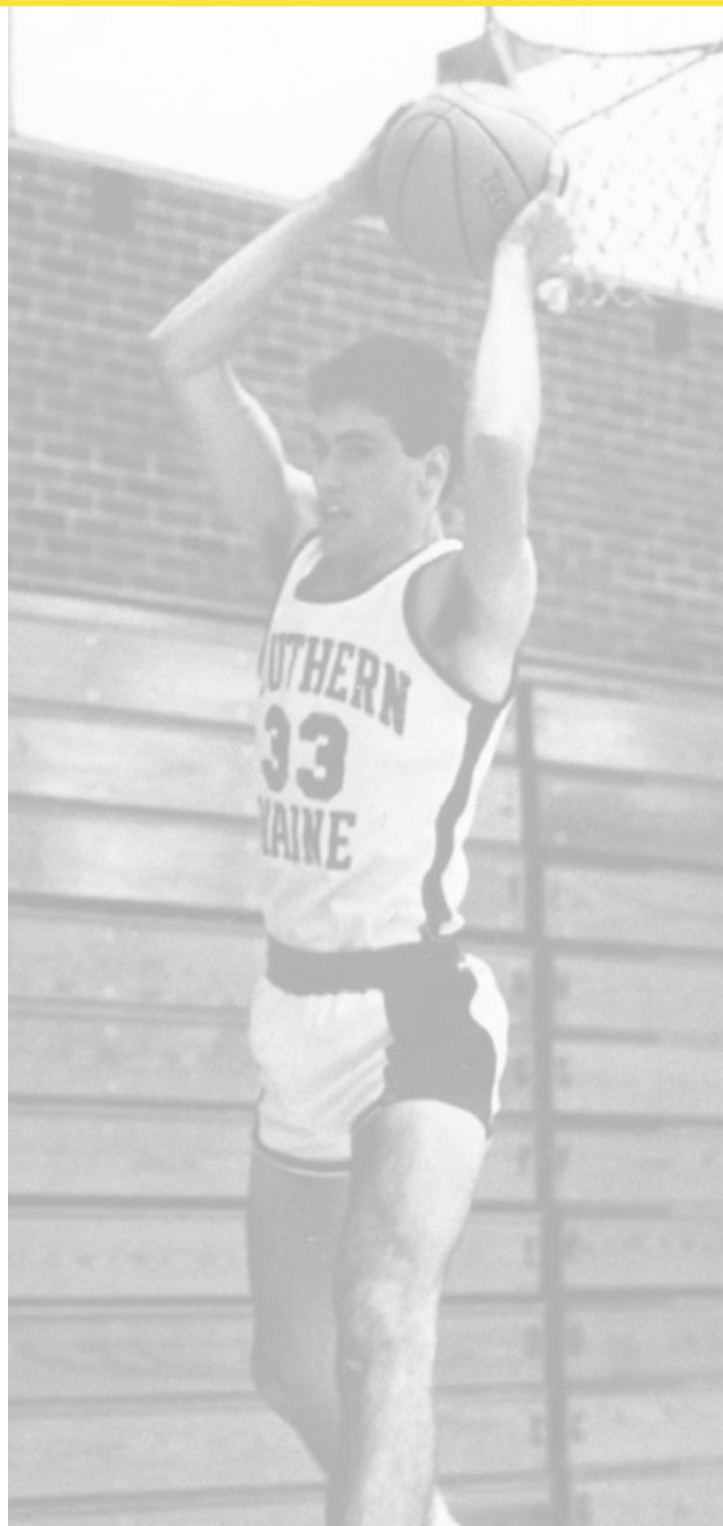
- 25th Anniversary All-Little East Conference Team
- Little East Conference Hall of Fame
- Husky Hall of Fame
- 1989 NCAA Division III Final Four
- 1989 LEC Co-Player of the Year
- Two-time NABC All-District
- Two-time All-Little East Conference
- 1257 career points
- 158 career 3-point field goals
- 17.3 points per game
- 47.6 percent three-point field goal percentage
- 52.4 field goal percentage
- 85.5 free throw percentage.
- 89 3-pointers (single season record, 1989)

### 1987-1988 Season

- Averaged 19.2 points, 10.1 rebound per game
- Led the nation in free throw percentage: 93.1
- Team Record: 21-8, Third Place in Regional Tournament

### 1988-89 Season

- Averaged 20.3 points, 6.4 rebounds per game
- 1989 LEC Co-Player of the Year
- Team Record: 24-7; 1989 Little East Conference Championship; NCAA Final Four



**Coach Bob Brown**  
**Coach Gary Speed**  
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**Tyler Smith**  
**Marty Messer**



# JIM BEATTIE



To say that MBHOF '19 inductee Jim Beattie has seen it all in the sports world might be a big understatement. A high school basketball and baseball standout at South Portland High School. A walk-on basketball and baseball player in the Ivy League at Dartmouth College. A World Series

Championship pitcher for the New York Yankees who was also on the hill when Red Sox Hall of Famer Carl Yastrzemski got his 3,000th hit. A major league scout and general manager. After 37 years in professional baseball, the list goes on and on.

Born in Virginia on July 4th, 1954, Jim would star in basketball and baseball at South Portland High school. He helped coach Gene Hunter and the Red Riots win the Class A basketball state championship in 1971, defeating Presque Isle 55-53. Jim was the Vinyl Trophy Winner as MVP of the championship game. In 1972, SPSHS lost to Thornton Academy in the Southern Maine title game. Jim was named to the Bangor Daily News All-Maine First Team in both 1971 and 1972.

After high school, he took his basketball and baseball talents to Dartmouth College in the Ivy League, playing three seasons of hoops and baseball. In the 1974-75 season for the Big Green basketball team, Jim averaged 14.3 points per game, hauling down nine rebounds a game. He won All New England honors and was named Most Valuable Player of the Kodak Classic Tournament.

After his junior year, he was drafted in the fourth round of the 1975 MLB draft by the New York Yankees. Because of that, as a professional baseball player, he was not allowed to compete in basketball during his senior year when he was co-captain elect, due to Ivy League regulations against professional athletes competing in any Ivy League games. He made it to the big leagues out of spring training 1978 and in his debut with the Yanks beat Hall of Famer Jim Palmer in the Baltimore Orioles. Jim was a big part of that Yankee team comeback from 14 games behind the Red Sox

and that one game Bucky Dent playoff game.

Jim won the first game of the American League Championship Series vs Kansas City and earned his first complete-game win over the Dodgers in game five of the 1978 World Series.

In September of 1979, Jim was pitching for the Yanks and gave up a single to Carl Yastrzemski which turned out to be his historic 3,000th hit.

The following off-season, he was traded to the Seattle Mariners and pitched for the M's through 1986. Jim pitched the first one-hitter in Mariners history in 1983.

After going back to school to get his M.B.A. from the University of Washington in 1989, Jim returned to the Mariners organization as Director of Player Development. In 1995 he was named General Manager of the MLB Montreal Expos, where he remained until the end of the 2001 season.. In 2002 through 2005, Jim served as Baltimore Orioles Vice-President of Baseball Operations and co-general manager .

He left baseball for a few years but returned in 2010 as a scout for the Toronto Blue Jays from whom he recently retired at the end of the 2018 baseball season.

Jim and his wife, Martha, live in New Hampshire. They have three children, Sam, Nell and Sarah.

Jim will be introduced by Craig Furbush, a South Portland childhood friend of his and a classmate of Jim's older brother, George, who passed away in 2013. Jim will tell you that he owes much of his athletic success to his brother George, who was drafted out of high school and played in the minor leagues for the NY Yankees. He also played basketball with Maine basketball HOFer Steve Pound at Acadia University and was drafted by the Toronto Argonauts of the CFL after his senior year of college.

He will be introduced by Craig Furbush.



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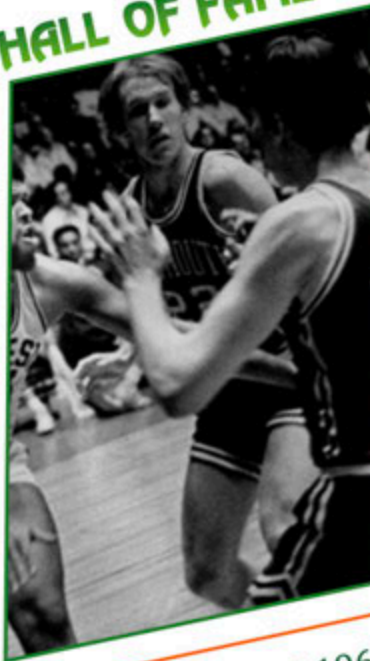




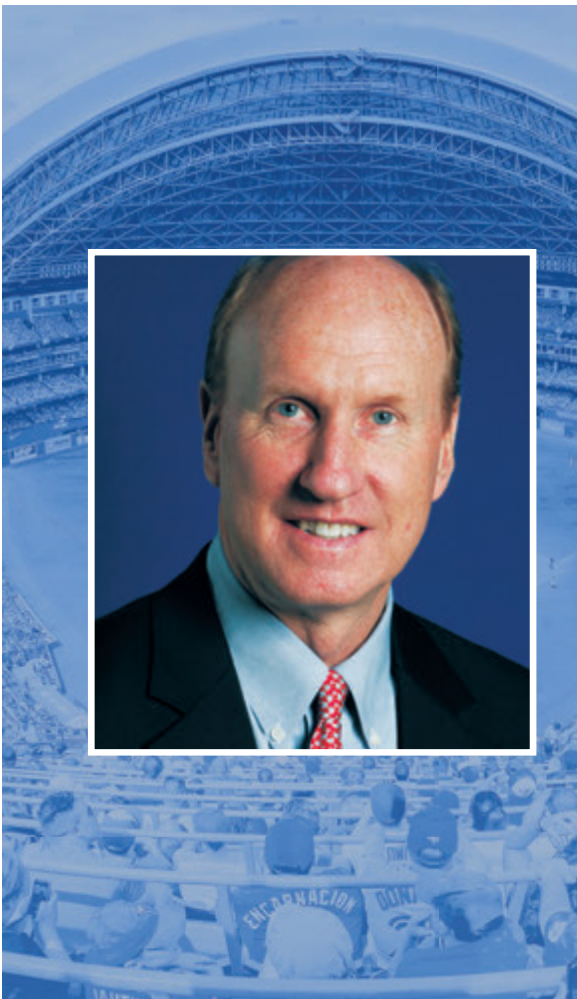


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# MARI WARNER



After coaching college and high school basketball out of state for nearly three decades, Mari Warner is happy to be home.

"I'm a homebody. I love being home in the state of Maine," she says. "There's so much I want to explore."

She now shares her childhood home in Saco

with her golden retriever Pashka.

There, as a young girl, she watched her older brother Bob — a Maine Basketball Hall of Fame 2015 inductee — shoot hoops on the newly paved driveway. Her father — an avid weightlifter — rebounded for him.

It wasn't too long before Warner began lifting weights and playing ball too.

The workouts designed by her dad proved beneficial. Warner excelled at Thornton Academy and made the first Bangor Daily News All-State girls' team in 1977.

She followed her brother to the University of Maine, where she teamed with former high school rivals Carol Lachance and Jeanne White while earning a degree in physical education.

After commencement, Warner got a job at the University of Albany as a graduate assistant for the women's soccer and basketball teams. That, she says, changed her life.

One year later, in 1982-83, the head basketball job became available. While she didn't feel quite ready, Warner was encouraged to apply. And she got it.

In the early 1980s, Warner says women's college basketball was a small, close community. "All the coaches could rely on each other," she says. Pat Head Summit, Tara VanDerveer, Geno Auriemma and others shared encouragement, advice and drills.

Warner uses the word family to describe the program

that she guided for two decades — which included its transition from Division III to Division II to Division I.

At UAlbany, Warner's record was 299-213. The 299 victories are the most of any women's basketball coach at the school. In DIII, her squads achieved winning records in 12-of-13 seasons and twice reached the NCAA tournament. In Division II, the 1996-97 team advanced to the New England Collegiate Conference championship. For her achievements, Warner was inducted into the UAlbany Athletic Hall of Fame in 2014.

After she left UAlbany, Warner helped rebuild the girls' basketball squad at Lansingburgh High in Troy, New York. Lansingburgh's first win with her at the helm marked her 300th career coaching victory.

Six years later, Warner made her way home to Maine. She teaches physical education at Falmouth High School, where she coached the girls' hoop squad from 2010-2016.

Warner's still passionate about basketball. She recently returned from the national Senior Games in Albuquerque, New Mexico, where she played for Team Phoenix (a team of women ages 55-59 from Maine).

Warner appreciates the guidance her dad provided. When she was in college, he wrote letters about discipline, diet and life lessons. "He saw athletics as a way of life," she says. "On and off the court."

She heeded the advice well. Warner and her brother are the first sister and brother to be inducted into the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame.

She will be introduced by Bob Warner.



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**Congratulations Mari  
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Linda & Paul  
Kim & Nish**

**Congratulations, Mari, on your induction into the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame! You have been a team player, a team leader, a coach, a mentor and an inspiration to many on and off the court. You have always played with honor and integrity and have made us all proud.**

**We celebrate you and love you,**

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**Your second sister, Joyce**





# TEAMS



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# 1963 MORSE HIGH SCHOOL BOYS 1963 STEARNS HIGH SCHOOL BOYS

On a weekend in late winter 1963, long lines of taillights slinked their way down the Maine Turnpike as thousands of Maine basketball fanatics made their way to the storied Boston Garden to watch two Maine schools, Morse and Stearns, do battle for the New England High School Championship.

However, the story started five months prior when Morse and Stearns High Schools were picked to win their respective regional championships. Both teams were led by veteran players nurtured in the basketball hotbeds of Bath and Millinocket.

Morse took care of their end of the bargain by rolling over Traip Academy, Cheverus, and Lewiston for the Western Maine title, and Stearns defeated Rockland, Old Town, and John Bapst for the Eastern Maine Championship.

The stage was set. The two hardwood titans met for the State title and put on one of the great displays of basketball in Maine history with Morse by one point 61-60 in overtime, with the help of a clutch Joe Harrington foul shot.

Because Connecticut had dropped out of the New England Championships, the committee invited both teams from Maine to the Boston Garden. Morse defeated Bishop Bradley of NH, and Tolman High of Pawtucket, RI to reach the finals. Meanwhile Stearns ran roughshod over Rogers High of Newport RI, and Rindge Tech of Cambridge, MA to reach the finals.

12,825 crazed fans stood as the Maine Stein song was sung by the Garden crowd; the game was on! Like the state title game, it was a back and forth affair that ended in a tie at the end of regulation. Both teams steeled themselves for another overtime; but this time, Stearns came out on top 56-54, thanks to clutch free throws by sophomore Jon MacDonald.

The All-New England Tournament team was made up of four Maine players, Terry Carr and Jon MacDonald of Stearns and Joe Harrington and Rick Woods of Morse.

Both Bath and Millinocket held several gatherings honoring their teams. Long caravans met each team upon their arrival home and hundreds of supporters attended local events to fete their returning heroes. When Stearns hosted a Banquet of Champions, Bob Cousy and Jim Loscutoff of the Boston Celtics attended and the Morse players and coaches were there as guests.

Even today, 60 years later, the bond between the players of both teams remains strong. Joe Harrington and Jon MacDonald ended up playing together as teammates at Maryland University with Jon sharing a dorm room with Randy Harrington. Terry Carr and Dean Chase of Stearns played basketball at the University of Maine with Rick Woods and Dale McNelly of Morse. And Jack Hart of Morse and John Madore of Stearns are good friends to this day.

The position these two teams hold in Maine basketball folklore is unique; their collective destinies are forged forever in the minds of all Maine basketball fans. The Maine Basketball Hall of Fame is proud to induct these iconic teams today in recognition of their special place in our state's history and their part in our ongoing story of the great game of basketball.



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Morse on the court and with the Governor



Stearns on the court



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## MIKE BOUCHARD

Mike Bouchard graduated from Kathadin High School in 1979 where he was a dominant 6'8" big man who led his team to four straight tournament appearances and two Eastern Maine titles in 1977 and 1978. His 1977 team defeated Wells 74-69 for the Gold Ball. Along the way Mike was named All- Aroostock County and was a three year Bangor Daily News All Tournament choice in '77,'78,'and '79. Mike was a second team All-State selection in 1978 and a first team selection in 1978.

Mike's exploits were exceptional enough to get Rick Pitino's attention and the legendary college coach recruited him to come to Boston University to play for the Terriers. Mike spent a year in Boston and missed Maine; he transferred to Husson College where he was a three-year letter winner for Hall of Fame coach Bruce McGregor.

He tallied 933 points and 651 rebounds in 80 career games played, while shooting 60.1 percent (412-685) from the floor and 75.3 percent (109-164) from the free throw line. Bouchard averaged 11.7 points and 8.1 rebounds per game during his career on the HU hardwood.

The 1982 NAIA All-District V selection ranks among the program's top 75 career leaders in field goal percentage (8th), rebounds (21st), rebounding average (24th), field goals made (42nd), points (56th), scoring average (11.7, 61st), field goals attempted (62nd), and games played (t-73rd), while producing the tenth best single-season field goal percentage of 63.0 (155-246) in 1982.

Bouchard helped the Braves post a 64-19 overall record with a NAIA District V runner-up finish in 1982 and the program's first NAIA District Championship and NAIA National Championship berth in over eight years in 1983.

Mike Bouchard's basketball credentials are impressive; his reputation as one of Maine's best basketball players ever appropriately makes today's induction a special day for him and his family.

## BILL BURNEY

Cony High School is one of the hotbeds of basketball in Maine; it has a long tradition of coaches like Dick Hunt, Bob Brown, Dave Pound, Paul Vachon, Bob Fairbrother, and Rusty

Atwood. In the decade of the 60's that saw Morse and Stearns dominate early on, Cony High School was creating a dynasty of its own. Coach Dick Hunt's full court press and fast paced style of play drove opponents crazy and provided Ram players the opportunity to set a torrid offensive onslaught. Few Cony players adapted to that style of play better than Bill Burney. An athletically gifted 6' 3" player with great ball handling ability to go along with a silky-smooth shot, Bill was well ahead of his time.

Maine's rich basketball history may be shared by scores of small towns and villages, but the Bangor Auditorium and the annual high school tournament are the epicenter where small dreams turn into glory and sadness. There are a few memorable performances in tournament competition in Maine that stand above all others with names like Blodgett, Rossignol, and Bedard among them.



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However, Bill Burney's 53 points against Presque Isle in the 1969 tournament, which included 19 foul shots and 17 field goals on 25 shots, is one of the greatest ever! He drove to the hoop with a vengeance, shot from almost every conceivable angle, and never took a rest. He had 35 points at half as Cony defeated Presque Isle 121-79. Bill was named second team All – State his senior year. After high school, Bill went on to play freshman basketball at Boston University after high school.

After college, Bill returned to his hometown and became involved in civic activities which included his service as Mayor from 1988-1996. He currently is a Field Director for H.U.D. in the Augusta area.

## LEIGH CAMPBELL

Leigh Campbell is an institution in basketball circles in Western and Southern Maine. A graduate of Wiscasset High School in 1948, Leigh worked a variety of jobs until he found his way to Lewiston and Bates College, graduating in 1964. After graduation, Leigh was soon drafted into the military. As part of his military service, Leigh spent a year in Vietnam and when he returned to civilian life, he found a permanent home at Bates College in 1973 as a financial aid administrator.

As a high schooler, Leigh was the official scorekeeper for Wiscasset. When the word spread that Bates had an experienced expert, the Bates' basketball program enlisted him to assume the same role for the Bobcats. It was his role as Bates' official basketball scorer for nearly 50 years that provided Leigh his greatest pleasure. He covered every game, home and away, for his beloved teams and the relationships he formed with the hundreds of young athletes are memories of a lifetime well lived.

In addition, Leigh also served the MPA in the same

capacity for decades at their annual tournaments in August and Portland. He was a fixture at the annual tournaments and the officials knew if Leigh was on the scorebook, accuracy was absolutely assured.

Leigh Campbell represents what the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame Legend category is all about. He exemplifies the hundreds of unsung heroes that go unnoticed yet make basketball so special to the people of Maine.

Congratulations to Leigh Campbell on this singular honor; it is well deserved.

## HENRY “ HANK” MADORE

Hank Madore, a native of Millinocket, was one of the toughest players ever to come out of Stearns High School. The o as nails guard dominated opponents was a tireless competitor who loved the game, loved to compete, and loved to win. His junior and senior seasons saw Hank named to the All- Tournament team, and led the state in scoring in his final season, 1947-'48.

After graduating in 1948, Hank played the next twenty years for the Millinocket Pills, a semi-pro team. It was a time before television when most towns in Maine would field local teams that played a regular schedule with other town teams made up of great local talent.



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In the immediate aftermath of World War 2, most high school graduates did not go onto college to play, instead, they went into the mills, railroad business, or manufacturing plants.

The Pills took on all comers, and Hank was one person no one wanted to guard. Quick, tough, strong, and tenacious were words his competitors used to describe Hank. He could be found on the outdoor courts playing against the likes of Terry Carr, Vinny Pelletier, Jon MacDonald, and his cousin Steve Pound. Even though Hank would have been in his mid-thirties, he was the first one at the courts and the last to leave. Even after the Pills stopped playing, Hank would be a regular at the Rec. Dept league games well into his 50's. He simply couldn't give up on the game he loved so much.

Hank Madore's work ethic and skills were so respected by George Wentworth, that he used him to show his young players how basketball should be played. Henry, "Hank" Madore was a true basketball legend and his induction into the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame is a fitting tribute to an exceptional basketball man.

"Hank" and his wife Theresa had one son, Hank Jr.

Henry "Hank" Madore passed away in 2018.

## JOHN "JEDDY" NEWMAN

Jeddy Newman was a true Maine basketball legend. He graduated Cheverus High School in 1961, the same year he helped the Stags win the State Championship. Jeddy started his coaching career at the newly created Bonny Eagle High School in Buxton. He led his new school to their only State Championship in 1970. From Bonny Eagle, Jeddy took his coaching skills

to Thornton Academy and coached for the next two decades. His teams were always tough defensively and played with enthusiasm and commitment. He coached Hall of Fame player Bob Warner, with whom he maintained a life-long friendship. Jeddy was a mainstay at SWISH CAMP at USM in the 1980s, under the leadership of Bob Brown. His good humor and ability to reach out to kids less fortunate than others were hallmarks of coach Newman's life. He never met a child he didn't like; he was a true original.

Jeddy passed away in 2009 and left behind three children Mike, Scott, and Debbie, as well as his wife Sam. The people of Saco and Thornton Academy are proudly represented by his induction into the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame; it is a richly deserved honor for a man who cast a long shadow over those blessed enough to have known him.

## JAY RAMSDELL

Jay Ramsdell fell in love with basketball growing up in Bar Harbor and as a student at MDI. He always had an eye on the future, and when he interviewed the owner of the expansion team, the Maine Lumberjacks, for an article in his high school newspaper he so impressed him that he was asked to volunteer for the team. The first night he was asked to keep the scorer's book, by night's end he was the team's Statistical Crew Chief.



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He found a home with the Bangor entry into the CBA; quickly rising to become the team's Director of Public Relations. His efforts were critical to breathing life into this small- town professional team. He stayed with the Lumberjacks until his graduation in 1982 when he was hired by the CBA Commissioner Jim Drucker as his Administrative Assistant.

Jay returned to Maine in 1985 to become the General Manager of the Maine Windjammers for that season. In 1986 the Commissioner resigned from the CBA and Jay Ramsdell became the youngest Commissioner in the history of professional sports when he assumed the position at the age of 24.

Jay and Deputy Commissioner Jerry Schemmel were on United Airlines Flight 232 on July 19, 1989 enroute to the player draft in Columbus, Ohio. The plane lost hydraulics and crashed in Sioux Falls, Iowa. Of the 296 passengers on board, Jay was one of the 111 to were killed, while Schemmel survived. In this tragedy, basketball and Maine lost a visionary young man who was destined for the highest echelon of the NBA.

The CBA named their Championship Trophy after Jay in 1989 at died the age of 25 in a plane crash. The Maine Basketball Hall of Fame welcomes Jay into the Hall of Fame today; it is a well -deserved honor.

## DICK STURGEON

Dick Sturgeon graduated from Old Town High School in 1956 where along with his brother Don and friend Skip Chappelle created one of Maine's winningest programs under legendary coach John Killilea who spent most of his coaching career in the NBA.

After high school, Dick took the short journey to the Univ. of Maine where he enjoyed a very successful career. He started for the Frosh team where he was both the floor leader and captain. A slick ball handler

with a high basketball IQ, Dick was the type of teammate who made everyone around him better. While he was an excellent shooter, Dick took more pride in assisting a teammate or taking a charge from an opponent player.

Following his successful freshman season, Dick became a two- year starter for Coach Brian McCall's Black Bears. He averaged nearly 10 points a game while acting as a coach on floor for a team that included his brother Donald and Skip Chappelle. In the early part of his senior season, Dick suffered a devastating knee injury. It was a time when an ACL injury was the end of a player's career. But, in true fashion, Dick made lemonade out of lemons.

Dick maintained his captaincy during his senior year in addition to serving as coach of the Frosh squad. His time at the university heralded a golden age for our state school as future Hall of Famers like Chappelle, Sturgeon, Champeon won the Yankee Conference title.

Following college, Dick made his way to Madison High School where he coached for one season until Cony High School came calling. He inherited a team that just finished 0-18 and helped rebuild the Ram's fortunes before USM asked him to coach the men's team on the Gorham campus. Dick spent 11 years at USM, coaching both baseball and basketball until he hung up his whistle in 1973.

Dick Sturgeon has cast a long shadow over Maine



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basketball; he came from a respected basketball family and gave back to the sport he loves throughout his life. He and his wife Barbara are parents of two children and they split their time between their summer cottage in Stueben and their home in Orono.

The Maine Basketball Hall of Fame welcomes his induction as a Legend of the Game; it is a richly deserved honor.

## AL HALLIDAY

To Central Maine basketball fans, the name Al Halliday has been synonymous with Maine basketball for a half century. Growing up in Waterville in the post- World War Two, Al like most young men, played any sport that offered fresh air, a ball, or a bat. Al was an all- purpose standout basketball player for Waterville High School of mid-50's. and, as the times called for, he enlisted in the Army. While stationed abroad, Al continued his hoop exploits as both a player and coach for the 10th Army team in Germany.

Upon Al's return to the States, he soon gravitated to officiating; it kept him in contact with the game he loved and the friendships he formed would last a lifetime. Al officiated more than 2000 high school games in Maine over a 50- year career! His officiating career included several regional and state championships, but Al is best known as a mentor to young officials through recruitment and training sessions. He served as an interpreter for his local Board and served many years on the Maine State Basketball Commission, serving as its secretary for much of that time.

The "Al Halliday Award" is given each year to the most outstanding player at the Class "A" North boys' basketball tournament.

Over the years, Maine has been fortunate to have outstanding officials, dedicated to the game of basketball and the state of Maine's interscholastic athletics. Al Halliday stands at the top of that list of professionals who gave unstintingly of their time and energies; his personal integrity and unquestioned character have benefited countless young people.

He epitomizes what the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame is all about. The recognition he receives today is both overdue and much deserved.



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# Henry “Hank” Madore, Jr.



Henry “Hank” Madore, Jr.

- Stearns High School, Millinocket, Maine – Class of 1948
- 1947 – Coach’s Selection for “First Team”
- 1948 – Coach’s Selection for “Second Team”
- Lead Scorer for the state of Maine in 1947
- Tournament appearances - 3
- Played Semi-Pro Basketball with the Emerson Pills and Bartlett’s Five for over 20 years.

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Congratulations Papa/Grandpa – from The  
“Madore Four” Bryant, Wendy, Heather & Matt



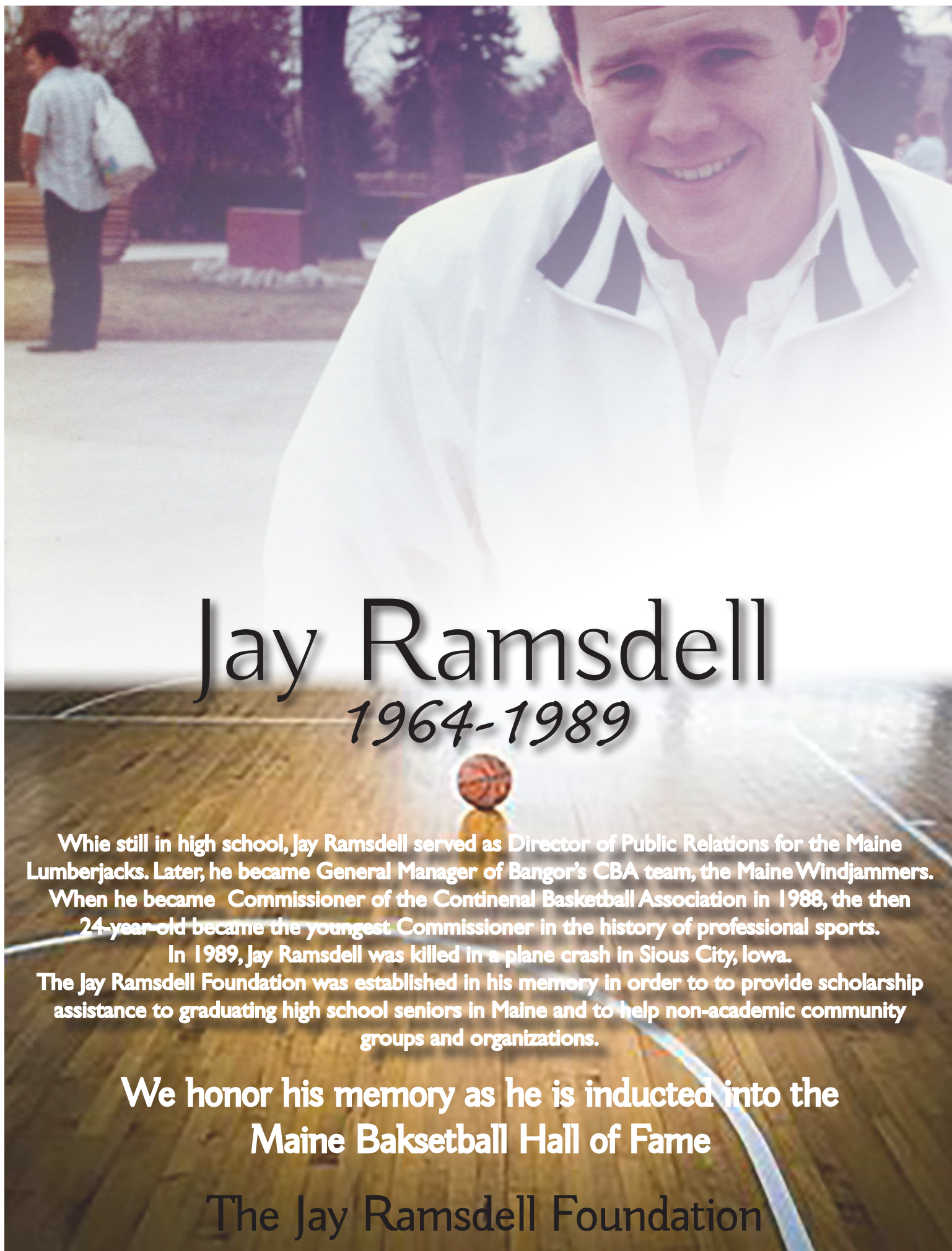
# Legend of the Game Hank Madore

## 1963 Stearns Boys Basketball team



## MBHOF

Congratulations to Hank Madore  
who joins other MBHOF inductees from  
Millinocket and Stearns High School



# Jay Ramsdell

## 1964-1989

While still in high school, Jay Ramsdell served as Director of Public Relations for the Maine Lumberjacks. Later, he became General Manager of Bangor's CBA team, the Maine Windjammers. When he became Commissioner of the Continental Basketball Association in 1988, the then 24-year-old became the youngest Commissioner in the history of professional sports.

In 1989, Jay Ramsdell was killed in a plane crash in Sioux City, Iowa. The Jay Ramsdell Foundation was established in his memory in order to provide scholarship assistance to graduating high school seniors in Maine and to help non-academic community groups and organizations.

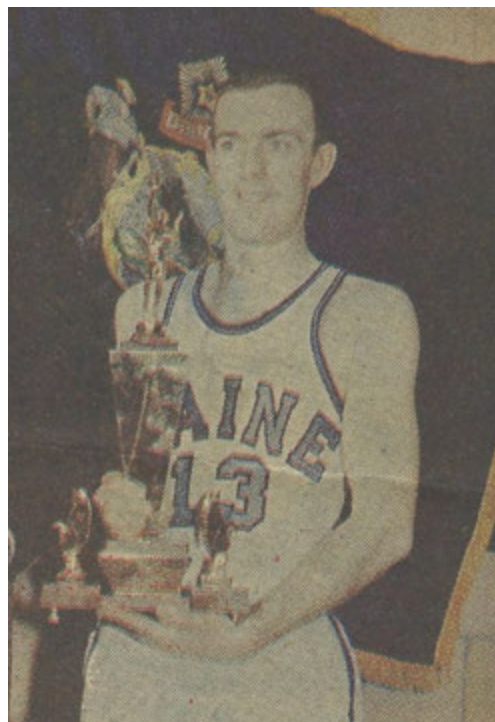
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# RICHARD “DICK” STURGEON



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