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August 20, 2017

Dear Inductees and Guests:

The Maine Basketball Hall of Fame is excited to welcome family, friends, and basketball fans to our fourth induction ceremony.

This year's class is comprised of great players and coaches who performed at the highest level while also setting an example of excellence, on and off the court. They come from every region of Maine; but the common thread is their love for Maine's most beloved sport.

The Board of Directors is dedicated to preserving the history of basketball through the preservation of artifacts and by honoring the accomplishments of the countless men and women who spent their youth immersed in the joys of competition and fellowship that came with the sport of basketball.

We hope you will enjoy today's event. Today is our inductee's day; we honor them with a little piece of immortality. Forever more, they will belong to a select circle; they have left their mark on our sport and our state.

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

In closing, the Board of Directors thanks you for coming and wish you and yours all the best in the coming years.

Respectfully,

Tony Hamlin Chairman Maine Basketball Hall of Fame Board of Directors



### 2017 Inaugural Induction 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 Bangor City Council Presented by MBHOF Executive Director Steven M. Pound, PhD
- Legends of the Game
- 1978-79 South Portland Red Riots
- 1980 Westbrook Blue Blazes
- Class of 2017 Individual Inductions
- Closing Remarks



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#### **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. Within three years, the selection process will evolve to include 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.



The City of Bangor has always been a hotbed of Maine basketball. For over sixty- years, thousands of fans from all corners of Maine have made their way each February to the Queen City to cheer their local heroes in their search for hardwood glory. In addition, college and professional teams from the Celtics, to the Globetrotters and Lumberjacks have thrilled generations of hoop fans.



As a result, basketball has brought financial, cultural, and recreational benefits to the greater Bangor community. And Bangor has been a most congenial host.

Upon completion of the new Cross Insurance Center, the City Council of Bangor and the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame partnered to create the Hall of Fame Concourse on the second floor of the Cross Center. The City Council placed its faith in the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame to produce a quality environment while capturing the history of basketball in Maine.

The Maine Basketball Hall of Fame could not have succeeded without the vision, support and encouragement of the leadership of Bangor; in particular Mayor Richard Stone and David Nealley.

As a result of this continued support, the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame is proud to present the City of Bangor with the 2017 Directors' Award.

The Maine Basketball Hall of Fame Board of Directors is grateful to the City of Bangor for giving us the opportunity to provide basketball fans throughout Maine a glimpse into the past, while preserving its rich history.

We look forward to continued cooperation as we strive to justify the faith the City Council has placed in our organization.

Thank you, City of Bangor for your vision, leadership, and support; this award is most deserved.

Congratulations.

The Directors' Award is established to recognize and honor people or organizations that have made significant contributions to the development of basketball in Maine and/or the advancement of the mission of the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame.





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.













Lisa Blais Manning

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# **JACONS** ball Hall of Fame Inductees

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## **CLASS OF 2017** Jim Stephenson

Jim Stephenson holds the record for highest men's scoring average for a career at the University of Maine, at 22.7.

He torched the nets for 54 against Colby College in 1969 to set the record for most points in a game.

Stephenson, who graduated from Fort Fairfield High School, tallied 1,518 points in his career — good for eighth place all-time at UMaine.

He also holds both the 1967-68 (553) and 1968-69 (548) single-season scoring records.

Stephenson, named to the NABC All-District I team in 68-69, was inducted into the University of Maine Sports Hall of Fame in 1998.



He earned master's degrees at UMaine and the University of Southern Maine and in 2001 was named Maine Principal of the Year at Massabesic High School in Waterboro.

Stephenson also was an athletic director, basketball coach and assistant professor at Nasson College in Springvale and was an assistant principal at Sanford Junior High School and at Nobel High School.

He was a consultant for UMaine's Sports Done Right initiative, a community-action based model for improving interscholastic and youth sports through positive learning experiences.

Jim will be presented by Skip Chappelle.

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

Special Congratulations to all The "County" Inductees! Diane Nagle Linde Terry Spurling Tom Pelletier Jim Stephenson



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## **CLASS OF 2017** Cameron Brown

How many Maine basketball players can say they had a feature article written about them in the national magazine Sport Illustrated? Written by none other than Hall of Fame sportswriter Peter Gammons?

2017 Maine Basketball Hall of Fame inductee Cameron Brown can.

Dateline February 6, 1978: Sports Illustrated Vault 'A Good Life On The Farm' chronicled Cam Brown and life at UMaine Farmington...'Farmington is just another little Currier & Ives town along the winding Maine road, about 200 miles north of Boston and 70 miles from the Canadian border...Farmington also is the location of The Farm – the University of Maine at Farmington, a state college that opened 114 years ago...Right now Cam Brown is the 6'4" star forward of the UMF Beavers...And on the weekly lists of stats he is the only player among the nation's leaders in all four individual categories: scoring (31.1 ppg, first), rebounding 11.6 rpg, 18th), field goal percentage (.715, third) and free throw percentage (.930, seventh)'.



How 'bout that for national recognition!

Cam Brown first made his basketball name at Hall-Dale High School in Farmingdale back in the early 1970s. In fact, in 2012 the school retired his number 34 jersey. He was a three year player for the Bulldogs, leading the team in scoring and rebounding each season. In his senior year of 1974 Brown averaged 23 points a game and helped lead Hall-Dale to the Class C state championship. He was named the Western Maine Tournament MVP and scored 22 points in the state title game over Shead High School.

Brown finished his high school career with 1, 215 points and over 1,000 rebounds.

From Hall-Dale High School it was on to UMaine Farmington for his college hoops. What remarkable career he had for the Beavers. Brown left UMF with 18 records and many of them still hold today.

1,876 points still tops the program. So too is his single season record with 648 points. Brown is still tops field goals made in season and career field goals with 726. Add in the record for field goal percentage at .546.

Brown is second in UMF history with 946 rebounds. He is second career free throws with 352 and his free throw percentage of .819 is still third best ever at UMF.

In all four years playing for legendary coach Len MacPhee (MBHOF '16), Brown was All-Conference, All-Maine and NAIA All-District. In his senior year, he added a NAIA All-American Honorable Mention Award.

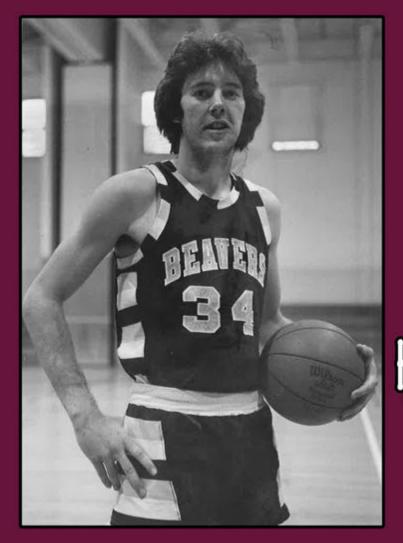
In February of his senior year, along came Peter Gammons, best known these days for his baseball writing but back then he wrote of Sports Illustrated. His profile of the life and times of Cam Brown leading the country in scoring in tiny Farmington, Maine was a big hit on the national scene.

But it didn't change Cam Brown. He told Gammons in the SI feature, 'I never dreamed about the spotlight. I got more enjoyment out of basketball than I ever imagined. I've got to start thinking about finding a job'.

He left Farmington and spent a career working of the Department of Transportation. Cam and his wife, Donna, live in Vassalboro. They have two grown sons.

Cam will be presented by Colin Roy.





UMF Alumnus and 2017 Maine Basketball Hall of Fame Inductee



## **CLASS OF 2017** Diane Nagle Linde

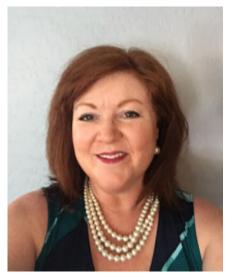
When Diane Nagle Linde played basketball in Houlton, it was a community event. And she felt like she was part of something much bigger than herself or the team.

"I loved receiving motivational letters and notes from younger girls in the community who looked up to me," she says, adding that made her realize she was a role model.

Linde, who began playing basketball in fifth grade, emerged as a two-time First Team All-State selection and 1,000-point scorer for tradition-rich Houlton High School.

The 6'1" center led the Shiretowners to four straight Eastern Maine championships from 1983 to 1986, and back-to-back state crowns in 1985 and 1986.

Coach John Donato said those four years were probably the best of his long and distinguished career. "By far, she had the softest hands of any post player I've ever coached," he said.



And while Linde had a gentle touch around the rim, Donato said she was strong and could convert contested shots. In 1985, Linde set (and still holds) the record for most points scored in a girls' Class B state game, with 35. She also holds the record for most free throws scored in a Class B title contest, with 14.

Linde remembers well the 1986 Eastern Maine title game as the Shiretowners played in one of the infamous "leaky roof" games at the Bangor Auditorium. She recalls multiple breaks in action so water could be wiped off the floor and the numerous buckets placed around the court to catch drips from the old barn's rafters.

Donato called Linde a great leader. "She always complimented her teammates and she did anything she needed to do to win, even if that meant giving up shots. Everyone liked Diane and wanted her to succeed."

And she continued to succeed. Linde earned a scholarship to UMaine and was a post player on the 1986-87 squad that finished 24-4. The Black Bears started that season with 12 straight victories.

The education major says basketball taught her about teamwork and dedication.

"To me, teamwork is about making others around you better which, in turn, makes the team succeed. In my current career as a Human Resources Manager, I strive hard to help others around me succeed rather than trying to make myself look good," she says. "My greatest satisfaction and pride come when those around me are successful."

Linde is thankful for her supportive family, for playing with so many talented and remarkable women — including her sister Barbara and future sister-in-law Kim O'Donnell — and for Coach Donato's dedication.

She lives in Arizona with her husband Rich and their fur babies — two greyhounds and two cats. Linde hikes and bikes year-round and loves that's there no snow to shovel.





## Congratulations to the University of Maine Black Bears being inducted into the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame!

**Terry Carr** Paul Cook **Derrick Hodge Cathy laconeta Diane Nagle Linde Tom Maines Bernard "Bunny" Parady** Wallace "Wally" Russell **Terry Spurling Jim Stephenson** Mary "Kissy" Walker

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## **CLASS OF 2017** Terry Spurling

Terry Spurling enjoyed amazing success as a player and coach. And now he's a big fan.

Especially of his grandchildren — Houlton player Kolleen Bouchard and her brother, former Shiretowner and current Bentley College player Kyle Bouchard.

Spurling was a member of the Bangor Daily News' first All-Maine Schoolboy Basketball Team in 1956.

He helped lead the Ellsworth Eagles to Class L State Championships in 1953 and 1954 and to the New England Championships. The 1954 Ellsworth squad, which lost 54-53 to Hillhouse of Connecticut in the semifinal round at the Boston Garden, is in both the New England Basketball Hall of Fame and the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame.

Spurling, who says Ellsworth coach Charlie Katsiaficas was an important role model, told the Bangor Daily News there have been a lot of changes in the 60 or so years since he played ball.



"We played in old barns, we shoveled the yard [and played], you don't see that anymore," he said.

After his stellar career at Ellsworth, Spurling lettered for two seasons at the University of Maine — 1957-58 and 1958-59.

Spurling taught and coached at Aroostook Central Institute and taught, coached and was athletic director at Houlton.

He lives in Houlton and Florida.

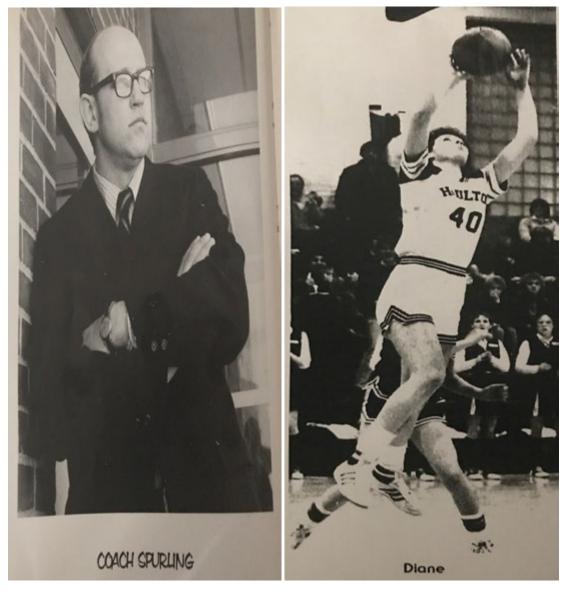
Terry will be presented by Scott Spurling.

# Terry Spiring

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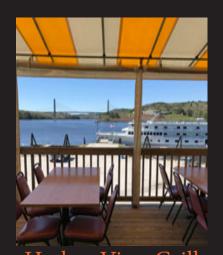
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## **CLASS OF 2017** Gary Fifield

In the coaching circles, the old saying is you never want to be the guy who replaces a legend. You want to be the next guy, replacing the guy who replaced the legend.

Well, you can throw out that old saying when it comes to Gary Fifield.

Coach Fifield came to the University of Southern Maine in 1987 and took over the Huskies program from the legendary coach Richard 'Doc' Costello (MBHOF Class of '16).

27 years and 660 wins later, Gary Fifield became one of the most successful NCAA Division III coaches in the nation. The next generation Maine basketball coaching legend.

Fifield was born in Hanover, New Hampshire and grew up in Vermont. Perhaps his coaching passion began when he coached Little League in Thetford, Vermont. He was a senior at Thetford Academy at the time.



Fifield's coaching passion took him to the high school and college ranks in Vermont and then in 1987, the call to replace Coach Costello at USM.

His 1987-88 Huskies team finished with a 27-3 record, winning the Little East Conference and going all the way to the NCAA Division III Final Four.

Fifield's team kept winning and winning.

22 consecutive seasons of winning at least 20 games. 21 times USM won or shared the LEC regular season crown. 20 times his Huskies won the LEC tournament title, including 11 straight years from 1997-2007. 14 times the LEC named Fifield their Coach of the Year.

And how about this stat – 23 out of his 27 years coaching USM, Fifield took his team to the NCAA tournament. Five times (1988, 1998, 2000, 2005 and 2006) USM made it all the way to the D-III Final Four. Three of those five times the Huskies played in the national championship game. After leading the Huskies to a remarkable 31-3 record in 2004-2005, Fifield was named WBCA D-III National Coach of the Year. Gary led his Huskies to 16 'Sweet 16' appearances and 10 'Elite 8s''.

His USM record of 660-137 is an 83% winning percentage, 5th best among NCAA women's basketball coaches.

When the Little East Conference put together its 25th Anniversary Team, Gary Fifield was selected as its head coach. He was part of the inaugural LEC Hall of Fame Class in 2013.

Fifield was inducted into the New England Basketball Hall of Fame in 2003, the Maine Sports Hall of Fame in 2013 and then USM Huskie Hall of Fame in 2015. The Maine Association of Basketball Coaches honored Gary in 2007 with the 'Bob Brown Contributor Award', given for Outstanding Service and Contribution to the game of basketball.

In June of 2015, Fifield retired as USM coach and Associate Director of Athletics. In December of '15 USM officially named the court at Hill Gymnasium 'Gary Fifield Court'.

Fifield and his wife, Mary, have one son, Ashley, and reside in Gorham.

Gary will be presented by Al Bean.

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## CONGRATULATIONS Gary Fifield

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## CLASS OF 2017 Paul Cook

In third grade, Paul Cook picked up a ball at a relative's house and shot some baskets. He was hooked. "That's all I wanted to do," he says.

During winters, Cook shoveled out his driveway and built a snow pile to jump off and try to dunk. And every season, he dribbled around the town of Lubec and looked for baskets to shoot at and games to play in.

eople just accepted that in the middle of their supper, I'd be playing in their driveway. It was a very supportive community."

And when he shot up from about 5-10 to 6-5, he became a force. As a senior, in a class of 33 students, he averaged 30-plus points and nearly as many rebounds per contest for the No. 1 seeded Class D Hornets.



Cook says his mother, an English teacher, made him write a letter to then-

University of Maine men's hoop coach Skip Chappelle stating that he wanted a scholarship to play basketball at the Division I school.

"I told my mother that I didn't know a lot about Division I, but I did know that's not how it works," he laughs.

After being named All-State in 1979, Cook played a postgraduate year at Maine Central Institute in Pittsfield to refine his skills. He says the traveling, the high-level competition, and being away from home helped him develop as a player and a person.

And, in 1980, Cook was an integral player for the 26-1 MCI Preppers who won the New England Championship. In the title game, Cook poured in 14 points and snagged 17 boards against Worcester Academy and future UMaine teammate Jeff Cross.

Cook did get that scholarship at UMaine, and became a teammate of Rick Carlisle, Champ Godbolt and Cross, all of whom were drafted by NBA teams.

Because of Chappelle's friendship with Celtics great K.C. Jones, the Black Bears got to attend Celtics practices to watch Larry Bird, Bill Walton and other legends.

During the 83-84 season, Cook captained the Black Bears and averaged 6.7 rebounds a contest. After college, he played for Hamlet Motel and won five Class A Semi-Pro State Championships. And later, he coached youth and AAU teams.

"Basketball has opened a lot of doors and I've got to meet incredible people," Cook says. "And I've been dunked on by every big guy you can name."

Cook has two children — Jordan and his wife, Mallory and Justine and her husband, Adam. He also has a granddaughter, Riley.

Paul will presented by Scott Cook.







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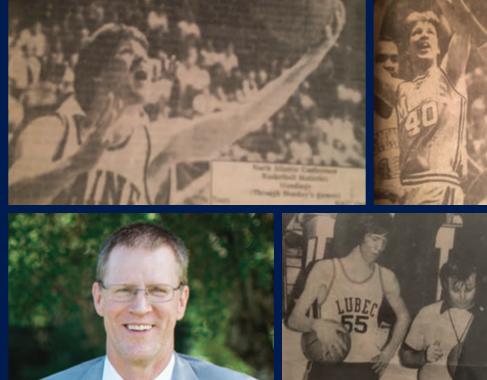


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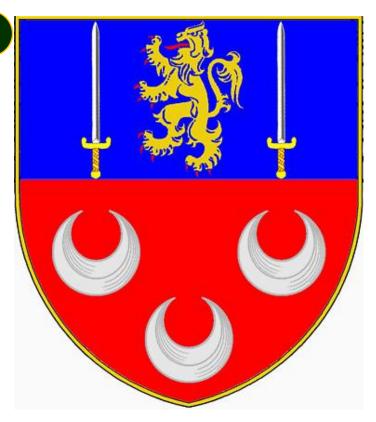


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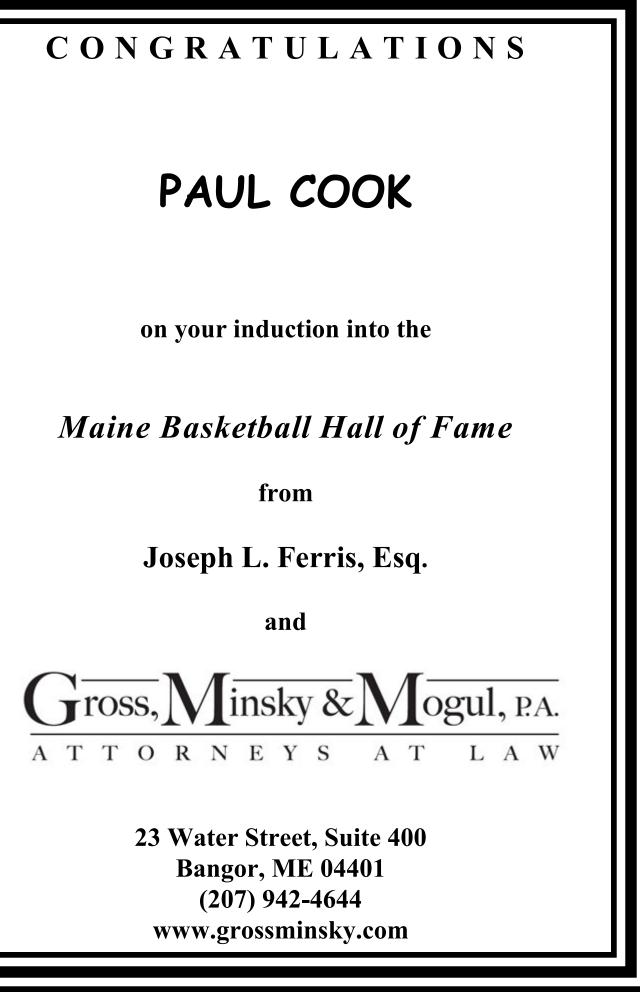
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## **CLASS OF 2017** Derek Hodge

Derrick Hodge says he's excited to be inducted into the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame with Tom Maines, his basketball coach at Morse High School.

"It's very special to go in with coach," he says. It's an honor."

The two were a formidable combination for the Shipbuilders. In 1987, Hodge's senior season, the duo led Morse to a Class A state championship over Waterville, 83-63.

Hodge scored more than 1,000 points in Bath and was named to the Bangor Daily News All-State squad three consecutive years.

After his dynamic high school career, Hodge continued excelling on the hardwood at the University of Maine, where he earned America East Second Team honors.

He racked up 1,206 points (15th in school history) and led the Black Bears in scoring the 1989-90 season, with 13.9 points per contest.

Hodge also ranks 10th in steals at UMaine. In 107 games, he made 156 picks for a 1.5 per game average.

Hodge is one of five Black Bears who share the school record for best 3-point field goal percentage in a game. On Feb. 21, 1990, he hit 4-of-4 bombs from beyond the arc versus Boston University.

During the 90-91 playoffs, the business administration major was named to the America East All-Tourney Team.

Hodge, who grew up playing hoops with neighborhood friends in the Virgin Islands, lives in the Virgin Islands.

on your inductions to the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame

# Coach Tom Maines and Norse High School Player Deprick Hodge

From Your Friends and Fans of Norse High School



### **CLASS OF 2017** Tom Maines

Today is a very happy day for me and my family as it is the result of many years of hard work and the effort of so many people. I want to take this time to say thank you to them starting with my family because without their support this would not have happened. The hours spent away from the family was always done without problems so the result was a mental concentration of the task of teaching the game.

In addition I had wonderful staffs starting with my JV Coaches: Alex Paradis (4 yrs at Mexico HS), "POP" Vear (4 yrs at Waterville HS), David Dorion (12 yrs at Morse HS), Jeannine Paradis (5 yrs at Madison HS), Ryan Arnold (2yrs at Madison HS) and Rita Maines (1 yr at Scarborough HS). They were all great and did everything I wanted done in regards to teaching the sequence of skills I wanted at various levels. They also were at my practices as well as theirs so they spent a lot of time on the court. I also had the pleasure of working with a number of 9th grade and Middle School Coaches that followed the same teaching principles that the JV Coaches did resulting in a consistency of teaching in the pursuit of excellence.



This brings up a very important factor that I have stressed since I started teaching. As a School we want our students graduating from high school competitive with students from other schools in the Academic arena but few schools have the same guidelines for the Athletic program??

WHY?? Why should the Middle School not be coordinated with the HS in the teaching sequence and methods that are going to be used at the Varsity Level. In Math, Science, Foreign Language we want that level of working together. When a player comes into the high school they should have the bases for all offenses and defenses that they will be using in the next four years. The reason I had the opportunity to win 3 consecutive State Class A Championships was the Administration gave me authority to control the program from grades 1 to 12. During this time we averaged 14 teams with each team having 10 players in grades 5-6 program. Two adult coaches for each team teaching the principles I had outlined for that level. Success happens with all are working together.

Another important factor in my career was the input and discussions with some great coaches and people. Two of my first friends in the coaching area were Dick Whitmore and Bob Brown (both inducted in the 1st Class of this Hall) We had hours of talk about teaching always challenging each other and asking WHY are you doing it this way. I am sure without their friendship I would never have reached this day. Later some other coaches became friends especially Art Dyer. After he beat my Mexico Team in the Western Maine Class B Final we started a 40 year friendship that is still going strong. One of the pleasures I have had is the working with younger coaches as they came into the teaching of this game. It has been fun watching them become very successful. Some of them will be inducted into this Hall in the next few years,

The ability to be successful a coach must have two things MORE. Teenagers willing to work and be unselfish and PARENTS that support the Coach and allow their son/daughter to succeed or fail on their own. The process of becoming an adult is the experience of making decisions...It is OK to make a mistake as long as you do not hurt yourself or someone else. In simple terms making a poor pass or taking a bad shot because of choices you make is OK. The key being is not to repeat those errors and that is a prime responsibility of the Coach is to teach the boundaries of what can and can not be done.

I have had great players. They learned and worked hard and result success came. A number I am very proud of is that the 89-90 basketball season I had "19" kids playing college ball someplace on the East Coast. That is an indicator of their academic and athletic work ethic. I wish I could name all of the players that were on my Varsity Teams but space will not allow that so I will not name any but they know who they are and forever will be a major part of my life and they know if they ever needed me I would be there.

I was the founder of the Maine Association of Basketball Coaches (MABC) and the Fall Clinic for Coaches starting in the Spring of 1981. Thanks to those coaches that came together in Augusta to finalize the process involved in picking the All-Star teams now know as the McDonald Games. Thanks to the late Jim Valvano who set me up with NIKE to support our Fall Clinic all through the 80's. He was a friend of Maine Basketball.

The Hall is a great work done by a few amazing people and supported by a number of businesses and individuals throughout the State. If you love Maine Basketball and want to see it always be remembered than get involved. Go online and visit our WEB site and help keep the past, present and future of our sport alive.

Again thanks to so many.

Tom will be presented by TJ Maines.

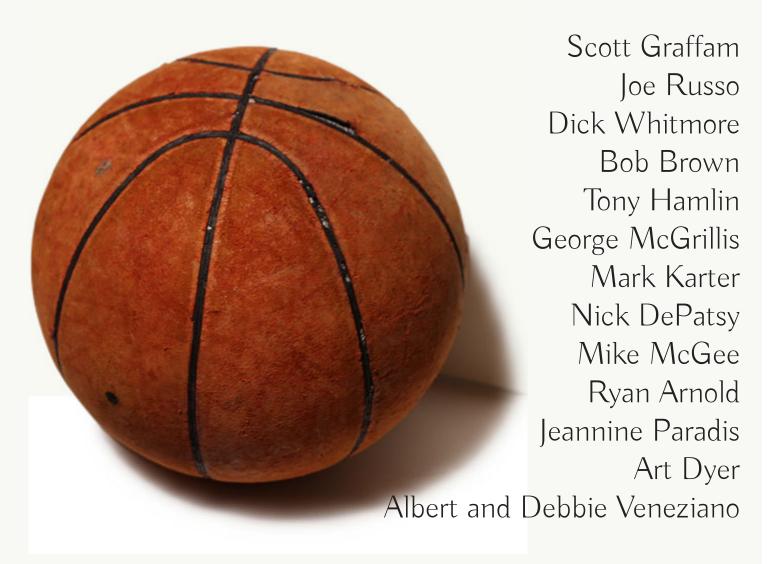
### **Congratulations Tom Maines!**

We love you and are so very proud! Love From Your Family



## Congratulations to Tom Maines

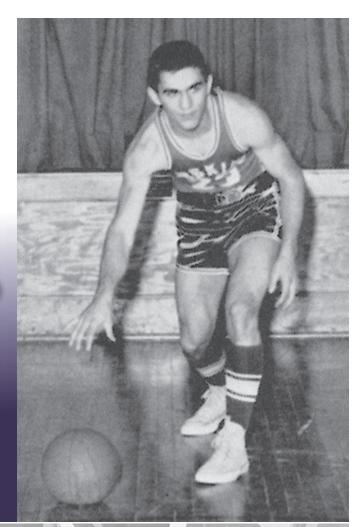
For all you've done for the game of basketball and for your willingness to share your knowledge of the game with your rivals and competitors alike.





Congratulates Tom Maines 764 on his induction into the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame.

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on his induction to the



### CLASS OF 2017 Terry Carr

Nothing says basketball in the state of Maine quite like the great Stearns High School teams of the 1960s and 2017 MBHOF inductee Terry Carr was a big part of that run of greatness on the hardwood.

From his Millinocket hoops days, Carr went on to the University of Maine and carved out a great college career in Orono as well.

His senior year at Stearns will go down as one of the most memorable in Maine high school basketball history. Carr and his 1963 Minutemen played for legendary coach George Wentworth (MBHOF Class of 2014 went 18-0 and was the #1 seed in Class LL (now Class AA) during the regular season. It was the first of four straight 18-0 seasons for Stearns.

But the postseason is what most basketball fans will remember most. An overtime win vs Rockland in the quarterfinal. A two point victory over Old Town in the semis and then a one point win over John Bapst to capture the Eastern Maine title.



Part one was a thrilling double-overtime loss to the Shipbuilders, 61-60 in the state championship game.

Part two took place at the old Boston Garden in the championship game of the New England Basketball Tournament.

There was no Connecticut team that year and so both Morse and Stearns went to the New Englands. Carr and his Minutemen beat the Rhode Island champ 69-61. Carr pumped in 26 points. Then Stearns beat the Massachusetts champ, Cambridge, 62-58. Terry Carr led the boys from Millinocket with 28 points.

And then it came down to Stearns and Morse for the New England championship. In front of 12,000 fans at Boston Garden, Terry scored 15 points to lead Stearns to a 56-54 win. A New England title and bragging rights over the Shipbuilders.

Carr earned Bangor Daily News First Team All-Maine honors in 1963.

From there it was on to play for the Black Bears (1964-65, 1965-66, 1966-67). Playing for coach Brian McCall, Terry became a 1,000 point scorer at UMaine. He led the team in scoring in both his junior (15 PPG) and senior (22 PPG) seasons. He was named All Yankee Conference both years, finishing fourth in conference scoring. Carr captained the UMaine in 1966-67.

In 65 college games at Division I UMaine, Terry Carr scored 1,042 points.

Terry and his wife, Linda (deceased) have four children.

Terry will be presented by Bob Gates.



## CONGRATULATIONS

To Our Father and Grandfather

## TERRY CARR

On your induction into the 2017 class of The Maine Basketball Hall of Fame

We love you and are so proud of you!

<u>Children</u>

Teri Lyn and Scott, Kasey and Joey, Kris, Kelly and Tim

<u>Grandchildren</u>

Brianna, Courtney, Nikelle, Tyler, Jackson, Jameson and Paxton

## Congratulations



## **Terry Carr**

### On your induction into the 2017 Class of The Maine Basketball Hall of Fame

#### A recognition you so rightly deserve!!!

Much Pride and Love, Kathy and Bob Casey



Congratulations to Terry Carr who Joins other MBHOF Inductees from Millinocket and Stearns High School

> Jim DiFrederico Terry Healey John MacDonald Steve Pound Coach George Wentworth

We are very proud of you !! David and Carrie Pound Shaw Paul Sullivan and Dennis Shores





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#### Congratulations your induction into the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame

Terry Carr

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## Congratulations to

## Terry Carr

from the officers and members of Millinocket Lodge of Elks #1521





### **CLASS OF 2017** Bernard "Bunny" Parady

While 2017 MBHOF inductee Bernard 'Bunny' Paradis was a standout three-sport athlete at Old Town High School and played on college teams at nearby University of Maine in Orono, when you see or hear the name Bernard 'Bunny' Parady, you think Mount Desert Island.

For almost four decades, starting in 1954, Parady devoted his career to the Mount Desert Island community as a coach, educator and friend. He was the face of MDI sports, coaching basketball for 26 years and also coached some baseball and cross country along the way. Parady would then become the school's athletic director until 1991.

Even today the Parady name lives on as kids play in the Bernard 'Bunny' Parady gymnasium at MDI High School, named in his honor in 1993.



'Bunny' was born in Old Town in 1930. After a great high school athletic career

he went to UMaine in Orono where in lettered in three sports. He graduated from Maine in 1952 and earned his Masters Degree in 1963.

For 26 years, from 1954 to 1970, Parady captained the hoops program, first at Mount Desert High School and then helping to smooth the transition to the consolidated Mount Desert Island High School. His Mustangs and Trojans teams made 23 tournament appearances. 360 wins. 40 tournament game wins. Seven Eastern Maine titles. Four state championships (1958, 1959, 1960, 1965) - in three different classes.

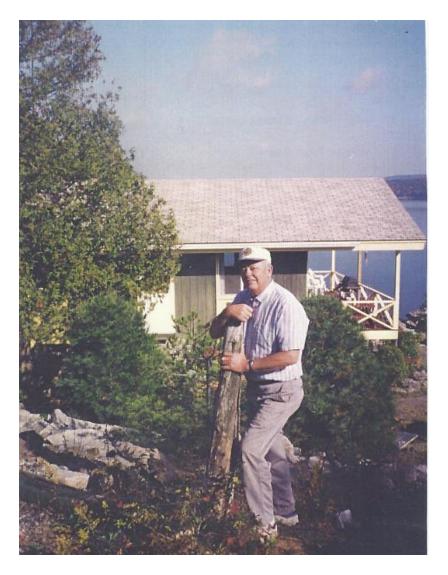
Parady was named 'Coach of the Year' three times and in 1985 the Maine Association of Basketball Coaches honored him during the annual Senior All Star Game with the 'Contributor of the Award' for his longstanding contributions to the game of high school basketball.

After his coaching days, 'Bunny' guided MDI sports as the athletic director. In 1984 he was named 'Athletic Director of the Year' by the Maine Athletic Directors Association (now MIAAA).

Among the other honors for Parady, induction into the Maine Sports Hall of Fame (2000), the Maine Sports Legends Hall of Fame (2004), the New England Basketball Hall of Fame (2015) and James R. DiFrederico Award (2001) for contributions, sportsmanship and fairplay.

Bunny and his wife, Elizabeth, are both deceased.

They are survived by five children, Steve, Scott, Jan, Pam and Kim, plus 13 grandchildren.

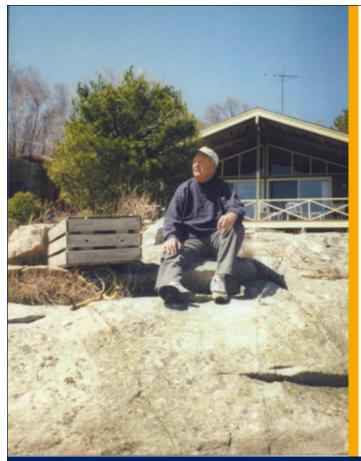


From the loving family of Bernard B. Parady

In Eastern Maine there were not too many people that did not know our Dad – whenever we were out with the entire family we were not surprised when our Dad talked with many of the Eastern Maine basketball fans... it was part of our life. When we remember Dad we think of him as a great father – strong with discipline and strong with a drive to succeed. He taught all of us the value of family and love of our community.

*With love from his 5 children: Steve, Pam, Darla, Jan and Scott, his 12 grandchildren and one great grandson.* 

Congratulations Bubba!



## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FAMILY OF **BERNARD 'BUNNY' PARADY**

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## Congratulations Mr. Parady

### On Your Well Deserved Honor.

Thank you for all that you have done for the MDI Community.

With Admiration from MDI High School



### **CLASS OF 2017** Cathy laconeta

When Cathy Iaconeta was a student at Presumpscot Elementary School, her last name was posted as one of the highest scorers on the physical fitness test.

The boys' basketball coach — there was no girls' team — asked the gym teacher why one of the fittest boys in school wasn't playing on his squad.

The teacher told him that Iaconeta — and her high-achieving siblings — were girls. A girls' basketball team was added the next year, and the squad made it to the championship game.

At Portland High School, playing for 300-plus-win coach Ed Feeney, "Ike" was an All-State player and led the Bulldogs to Class A state championships in 1984 and 1985.

Iaconeta said then-University of Maine coach Peter Gavett was the lone coach to offer her a college scholarship.

"I was lucky Coach Gavett game me an opportunity," she said. "I was barely 5 feet tall, but I think he saw heart, and fire and competitiveness and he took a chance."

Soon, fans saw that heart, fire and competitiveness, too. Iaconeta, who jokes she had a growth spurt in college and soared to 5 feet 2 inches, was an All-Conference player in Orono.

She led the Black Bears to a 23-7 record and an WNIT appearance in 1990, her senior season. In the Black Bears' 68-48 victory over Wyoming in the WNIT, "Ike" recorded a triple double.

The two-time captain finished with 412 assists in her career — which puts her in the top five all-time.

During the 88-89 and 89-90 seasons, the fan favorite averaged more than 4.4 assists per game and was the squad's secondleading scorer, averaging more than 9 points per contest. She was a first-year player on the 1986-87 UMaine squad that notched a 24-4 record.

"I think people saw who I am when I was on the court," she says. "I'm fiercely competitive and fiercely loyal. I loved every minute of it."

Iaconeta treasures her experiences playing professionally in Switzerland, including having her family visit, learning to ski, traveling and scoring 53 points in one contest.

"Overseas, I was told to shoot more. I had never been told to shoot more before as a point guard," she laughs.

Ike says when she lived in California, she'd go to parks to play pickup games. "I would be the last one picked," she says. "Then after the first game, I'd be the first picked."

Iaconeta, who works as a claims manager at Prudential, says she's thankful for all her wonderful coaches and teammates who pushed her to succeed. She says that's served her well to go through life and meet challenges with confidence.

Her family — including her parents, Michael and Caroline; her sisters, Theresa, Christine (her twin) and Brigida; her 12-year-old twins, Dani and Jaden; and her partner, Tony Prescott and his son, William — mean the world to her.

Iaconeta, who works as a claims manager at Prudential, says she's humbled by her induction into the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame.

"Basketball has given me quite a ride," she says. "This is the cherry on top."

Cathy Iaconeta will be presented by Christine Iaconeta.

#### A WINNER AT EVERY LEVEL. WE COULDN'T BE MORE PROUD OF YOU!

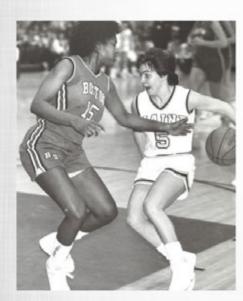
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Lyman Moore Middle School Portland City Champions 1982



Portland High School Western Maine Champions 1983, 1984, 1985 State Champions 1984, 1985



University of Maine Conference Champions: 1989-90 All Conference: 1989-90 N.I.T. Appearance: 1989-90 Combined W-L Record: 87-25 Team Leader In Assists: 1987-88, 1988-89, 1989-90



BBC Troistorrants Switzerland Took the team from the lowest division to the highest division in the two and half seasons she played. Scored 50 or more points twice.

# Celebrating Clara Swan 8 ofthe Female Inductees



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### **CLASS OF 2017** Kelly Butterfield

Growing up, Kelly Butterfield had plenty of people to play hoops with — she and her seven brothers and sisters enjoyed frequent games of H-O-R-S-E and 3-on-3 at her family's farmhouse in Gorham.

Butterfield continued to play hoops with her siblings on the hardwood. And in 1980, the junior teamed with older sister Karen and younger sister Kathie on the Gorham squad that captured the third of its four straight Class B state crowns. All four of those state championships were with her highly respected and appreciated coach, George Stevenson.

After one state win, her dad "Red" covered the entire front of their house in sheets with the message: State Champs dwell here."



Butterfield, or "Buttah" as friends called her, scored 1,123 points for the Rams during their title reign from 1978 to 81. Rebounding, though, was the 5-11 power forward's focus and forte.

"Rebounds were my teammates' passes to me. I had to learn to get them or I was never going to see the ball," she says to tease her teammates, many of whom are still very close friends.

Butterfield was a cog for the 1979 Gorham squad that established team records for most points in a game (85) and most points in a regional tourney (222). And in 1980, she set Class B Western Maine tourney records for most free throws in a game (15) and most free throws in a tournament (26).

After her remarkable high school career, the three-time All-State player went on to star at the University of New Hampshire.

While earning a degree in business at the Whittemore School of Business and Economics, she scored 1,030 points — 18th most in Wildcat history — and snared 678 boards — 9th in school history.

Butterfield then embarked on a professional career, winning a national championship with the Waterford Wildcats during one of her two seasons in Ireland. And during her two seasons in Australia, Butterfield's Adelaide-based squad competed with Olympians.

The UPS international account manager says her hoop experiences — from backyard games to playing professionally — have been incredible.

"I thought I would remember the matchups," she says. Instead, she recalls the hard work, camaraderie, friendships, community celebrations and post-championship parades.

"This is truly an honor," Butterfield says of her induction into the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame, adding it's difficult to accept the individual award because of the support and contributions she's received from coaches, teammates and family.

"I hope they feel this is theirs."

Kelly will be presented by Kevin Butterfield.

*VV* e are so proud of Kelly on her selection to the MBHoF. Kel is our "super" power forward with hips designed for boxing out and soft hands for scoring in the paint. She made her mark at Gorham High, UNH and two professional leagues in Ireland and Australia.

She is truly a Hall of Fame sister and daughter.





### **CLASS OF 2017** Dick Giroux

Dick Giroux grew up in Maine's hockey hotbed city of Lewiston and even he thought when he was a youngster hockey would be his sport.

But that changed in junior high when a basketball coach gave him a neat looking pair of sneakers. The move helped him decide that hoops was his future.

Good decision.

From starring at Lewiston High School to starring at Husson University and now the doors of the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame open for the guy the Lewiston Daily Sun nicknamed 'The Classy Cornerman'.

Giroux played his high school basketball in the mid-1960's for longtime Lewiston coach Fern Masse (MBHOF Class of 2016). As a junior in 1965, Dick helped lead the Blue Devils to the Western Maine LL (now Class AA) championship. He scored 22 points in the regional final win over Cheverus and won the George Vinal Trophy MVP Award. Giroux went on to score 19 points in the state title game at the Bangor Auditorium. His Lewiston team came up on the short end of a 76-66 game vs Stearns.



His senior year of 1966 was a second straight trip to the state championship game. Giroux scored 34 points in the West Regional title win over Rumford. His 26 points per game tournament garnered him another George Vinal MVP Award. The Blue Devils lost to the Cony Rams in the state title game when Don Crosby (MBHOF Class of 2014) poured in 37 points.

The Bangor Daily News honored Giroux as a Third Team All-Maine Player in 1965 and a BDN First Team All-Maine Player in 1966. After his senior season, Dick was chosen to the Top 500 high school stars in the USA and an honorable mention to the Prep All-American team.

After high school, Dick took his game north, to Husson University in Bangor. And, what a collegiate career he had.

He was a four-year letter winner from 1967 to 1970, playing first for coach Del Merrill and then Bruce MacGregor (MBHOF Class of 2015).

Giroux became the fifth Husson player to reach the 1,000 point club and the first player to reach 1,500 point. He finished his college career wit 1,510 point and 964 rebounds in 86 games.

He left Husson as the leader in field goals made (633), second in games played, points, field goals attempted and rebounds.

Dick's honors at Husson include the 1968 Nelson Degrasse Award for team MVP. All-Maine Small College First Team Award in 1968, 1969 and 1970. He was an All-New England Small College First Teamer in 1969 and 1970

To this day, Giroux still ranks in the top 10 in several stat catagories.

In 1970, he helped lead Husson to its first ever NAIA postseason berth.

Giroux was inducted into the Husson Sports Hall of Fame in 1987 and the Lewiston-Auburn Sports Hall of Fame in 2006.

Dick and his wife, Jane, live in Bangor. They have two kids, Nicci and Brian.

Dick will be presented by Bruce MacGregor.



### Lewiston H.S. & it's Athletic Department salutes

### Dick Giroux, Class of 1966

### Thank you for your contributions to

### **Blue Devils Athletics!!!!**



**Congratulations** 

## Dick Giroux

#### On Your Induction into

### The Maine Basketball Hall of Fame Class of 2017

#### First Two-Time Selection for George Vinal Trophy

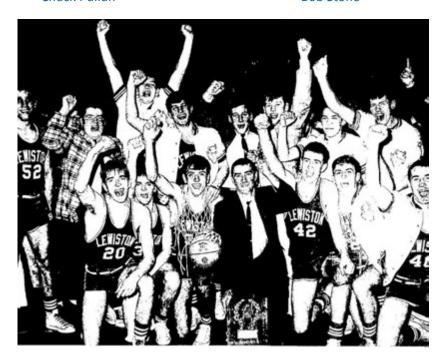
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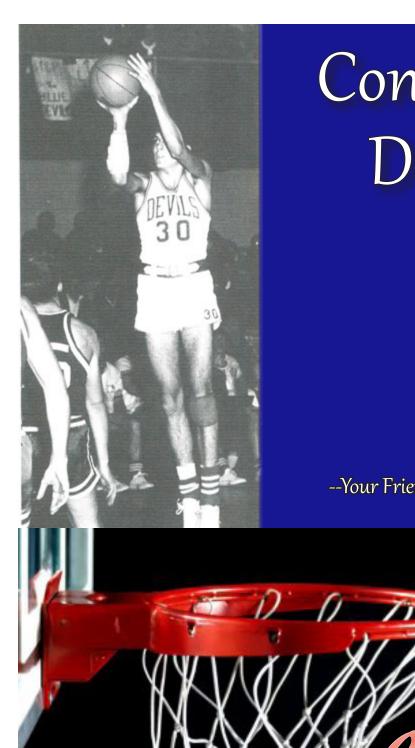
From your L.H.S. Blue Devil High School Teammates & Friends...

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Brian Albert
Warren Galway
Paul Lavoie
Chuck Palian

#### Gary Hobbs John Violette Greg Dupuis Steve Galway Mike McGraw Bob Stone





## Congratulations Dick Giroux

From humble beginnings, you have risen to the top.

We are proud to call you one of our own.

--Your Friends in the Lewiston High School Class of '66





from your friends at the "Corner Store"



### **CLASS OF 2017** Bob Cimbollek

One phone call changed Bob Cimbollek's life.

Cimbollek, who had graduated from Bangor High School in 1955 and was waiting to get drafted, got a call from Del Merrill at Husson College.

"He told me he thought I might be a late bloomer," said Cimbollek, who had played organized basketball since fifth grade and had recently grown several inches.

Merrill was right.

Cimbollek not only made the team, he scored 1,152 points and led the squad to a Maine State Small College Championship and Northeast College Conference title in 1956 — when he was named NCC Player of Year — and another NCC title in 1957.

In those days that Cimbollek jokingly calls the dark ages, he says the clock only stopped on fouls, timeouts and jump balls.

While playing 42 career games, the eventual captain set numerous career records,

including — points (1,152), scoring average (27.4), field goals made (402), field

goals attempted (746), field goal percentage (.539), free throws made (348), free throws attempted (458), and free throw percentage (.760).

For his feats, Cimbollek was inducted into the Husson Sports Hall of Fame. And in 2015, the school retired his No. 12 jersey. Cimbollek also is in the New England Basketball Hall of Fame and he's been honored by the Maine Sports Legends.

During his 29 season of coaching, Cimbollek guided his high school squads to five state titles (two at Orono high School and three at John Bapst), six Eastern Maine crowns and a 446-161 record.

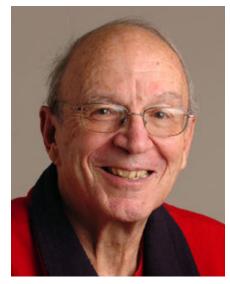
Cimbollek, who says he tried to teach life lessons when he coached, is most proud that many of his former players entered the coaching ranks.

The Bangor resident also is a retired high school and college basketball official and has been a basketball color analyst for radio broadcasts. He's penned two books about the sport and continues to write the Off the Rim column for the Bangor Daily News.

Basketball has been a constant in Cimbollek's life since he was a second-grader and was fascinated watching older boys compete at recess. So he went home and asked his dad to put up a hoop.

Cimbollek and his wife, Judy will celebrate their 58th wedding anniversary in August.

Bob will be presented by Sean Casey.



#### MY FAMILY AND I WISH TO THANK ALL WHO GAVE ME THE OPPORTUNITY AND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ME TO BE HERE FOR THIS MAINE BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME AWARD TODAY

My Mom and Dad who built a 2 basket basketball court with lights in our back pasketball court with lights in our back yard at 300 Birch Street in Bangor in 1947 with lights.

season Basketball BLOG

My School Team Coaches

Abraham Elementary School-Bangor 5th Grade Coach Wilson 1947-48 6th Grade Wendall Eaton 1948-49 Garland St.Jr.High School-Bangor 7th-8th-9th Grades 1949-52 Frank Charbonneau 1947-60 Bangor High School Junior Varsity Norm "Cy" Perkins 1952-53 Varsity Fred "Red" Barry 1953-55 Husson College Delmont "Del" Merrill 1955-58

To the 33 teams, players, all the JV, Freshmen, Middle School coaches and School Administrators that hired, supported and their backing me at all times. 1960-61 Garland St. Jr, High To the Bangor Daily News and Sports Editor 1961-62 Fort Fairfield Varsity Joe McLaughlin who gave me the opportunity 1962-69 Orono High Varsity to currently write a weekly basketball season 1969-77 Bangor High Varsity to currenuy write a weekiy vasketwan scase "Off the Rim" Column and to have an off 1981-83 St. John's Middle School 1983-84 John Bapst High School Freshmen 1987-2000 John Bapst High Varsity

To IABBO Basketball Officials Eastern Maine Board 111 Member 1968-2017 (49 years), President 1972 and had me write the first Assignment Program in 1976-77 and became the first Officials Assigner in 1977-78

BANGOR YMCA Basketball Program under the direction of John Coombs (47-60) Playing (54-60) Reffing and Coaching ages 9-12 and 13-15

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To WABI Radio/TV's George Hale, George Gonyar and John Beaulier for hiring me in 1994 to do the color analyst commentary for the Eastern Maine Tournament and State Games for over 15 years

To: FRANK CHARBONNEAU my junior high school basketball coach and physical education teacher for 3 years who first got me interested into coaching and teaching physical education as a career because of how he taught "Life Lessons" that cannot be taught or learned in the academic classrooms" which was the main reason interscholastic High was put into the educational curriculum in the early 1920's. It also was the only reason I went into coaching in the first place.

TO: DEL MERRILL my college basketball coach who took a chance on a young an at best a below average high school basketball player who was not recruited by any other college the opportunity to develop into Husson's College lst 1000 point career scorer in the school's history by career averaging 27.4 points per game, 14 rebounds per game and 8 assists per game for my career along with setting 21 individual records which lead me to being inducted to the Husson Athletic Hall of Fame in 1987 and having my uniform number 12 retired and raised to the rafters in Newman Gym in 2015. Del also taught me how to identify, project and develop "late bloomers" as that is what he did to me as I was definitely a "late bloomer". I put that into my coaching philosophy and one of my best thrills was doing just how Del did with me for some of my players who were definitely "late bloomers" and some turned out to be some of my best players I ever coached.

To my family, my wife Judy who put up with the long hours, late meals and always supported me throughout my career regardless of the situations and to my 2 children Kim and Robby who helped along the way.





Congratulations to these 2017 Inductees and thank you for your outstanding efforts as a coach!

Tim Bosant Bernard Parady Terry Spurling Gary Fifield Rick Clark Paul Cook Bob Cimbollek Kissy Walker Wally Russell Tom Maines Jim Stephenson Red Barry



### CLASS OF 2017 Rick Clark

Many people may not know this but Rick Clark was a part-time carpenter and painter during his 40 years of teaching and coaching at York High School.

You could say he built a foundation for Wildcats basketball and then Clark spent 34 years tweaking and touching up the program, building it into one of the strongest in the state of Maine.

The final painting shows a picture of entering the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame with 509 high school basketball wins, multiple state championships, impacting the lives of young student-athletes and doing it all by stressing fundamentals, defense, teamwork and sportsmanship.

The road to 500 wins began in 1974 when Rick Clark was coaching the York boys basketball team. His teams recorded 10 wins over two years and then he moved over to the York girls basketball program. As JV coach his Wildcats won 77 games in a row and then in 1982 Clark became varsity head coach.



From that year through the 2015-16 season, Clark coached the York girls to win after win. There were four Class B state championship years (1992, 1994, 2010 and 2016). There were six regional title years and his York teams reached the regional final 15 times. In fact, only twice did a Rick Clark girls team fail to make the playoffs. He coached teams to five undefeated regular seasons.

Many of his players went on to play at the college level, including Angie Suffridge, Joanna Brown, Niki Taylor, Lani (Boardman) Silversides and Shannon Todd.

Clark also coached track at York nearly three decades.

At the beginning of the 2015-16 season, he announced his 34th year would be his last one. And that season turned out to be one memorable ride.

In January of that season, Clark and his Wildcats beat rival Marshwood. The celebration was on for the newest member of the 500-win club. The talented team continued to win, an 18-0 regular season. Then came three more wins and the Wildcats were regional champs at 21-0.

And then the matchup in the state championship game against 21-0 Lawrence, coached by 500-win club member John Donato.

The final score – York 58 Lawrence 57.

The part-time carpenter and Hall of Fame coach walked away in storybook style.

Clark was inducted into the New England Basketball Hall of Fame in 2009. The Maine Association of Basketball Coaches (MABC) honored Clark with the Contributor of the Year Award in 2016. He was selected WBCA Region One Coach of the Year in 2010.

Rick and his wife, Lauren, have five children. They live in Wells.



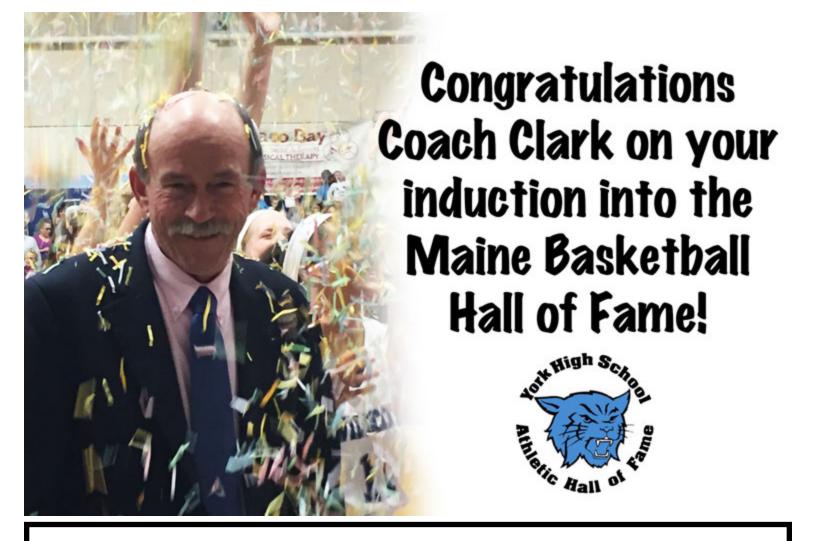
Rick Clark

Congratulations on your Hall of Fame induction and on an amazing basketball career. Your family is very proud of all you have accomplished throughout your years as a basketball coach. You've done so much for countless players, York basketball and for basketball in the State of Maine. You're an incredible coach and role model, as well as a great husband, father and grandfather!

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Lauren, Denis, Alex, Kristi, Chris, Nicole, Casey, Steve, Jodie, JT, Anthony, Marissa, Ryan, Calhan, Thomas, Tessa, Finley & Trafton





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## **CLASS OF 2017** Tim Bonsant

MBHOF 2017 inductee Tim Bonsant cut his basketball teeth at Erskine Academy in South China. A terrific high school career in the KVAC ended in 1987 as he helped lead his Eagles in a 14-4 season and a #4 tourney seed in Class C West (now South Region). Bonsant was named to the Bangor Daily News Third Team All-State Team.

Tim finished his high school career with 1,280 points and 1,015 rebounds. His jersey has been retired at Erskine Academy.

Then came a brilliant college career at the University of Southern Maine from 1987 to 1991. In fact, when the Little East Conference named its men's basketball 25th Anniversary Team, Bonsant was selected for the Silver Anniversary squad.

He did it all for the Huskies, leading the team in scoring for two seasons, leading the team in rebounding for three consecutive seasons and on defense blocking shot after shot.



Bonsant finished his USM career with 1,616 points (still 5th on the school all-time scoring list) and 868 rebounds in 99 games. He still holds the Huskies school record

of blocked shots with 150. Bonsant was named Little East Conference Player of the Year for the 1990-91 season. That same season, he earned National Association of Basketball Coaches(NABC) All-New England and Division III All-ECAC honors.

Today, Bonsant still ranks in the top-10 in seven career statistical catagories.

In his four years at USM, the Huskies had an 85-32 record and three straight appearances in the NCAA Division III Tournament. The 1988-89 team made it all the way to the D-III final four before losing in the national semi-final to Trenton State. That team, coached by Bob Brown (MBHOF '14), won the LEC regular season and tournament title. Bonsant was named Tournament MVP.

After his playing days, Bonsant turned to teaching social studies and coaching hoops. He coached his alma mater Erskine Eagles for 14 seasons, including the 2004 season when his team went 15-3 and a #3 seed in Class B East (now North Region). His Eagles beat Maranacook, Winslow and Hermon to claim the Eastern Maine championship. A week later Bonsant led his team to a state championship win over Gorham. He was named Eastern Maine Class B Coach of the Year.

He also coached the Cony High School boys team for five seasons. In total, Bonsant coached for 19 seasons, winning 212 games.

Bonsant was inducted into the USM Husky Hall of Fame in 2004 and the Little East Conference Hall of Fame in 2016.

Tim and his wife, Dorothy, have three children and live in Windsor.

Tim will be presented by Bob Brown.

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made us better basketball players with a life-long love for the game. But the most important lesson you always stressed was that it was that it was far more important to be a good person than just a good basketball player. We love you coach. Thank you.

From: Just a kid from Windsor Maine - T II-



Congratulations Tim on being elected to the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame. Your accomplishments in the State of Maine both as a player and a coach have been outstanding and we are even more proud to call you "Friend".

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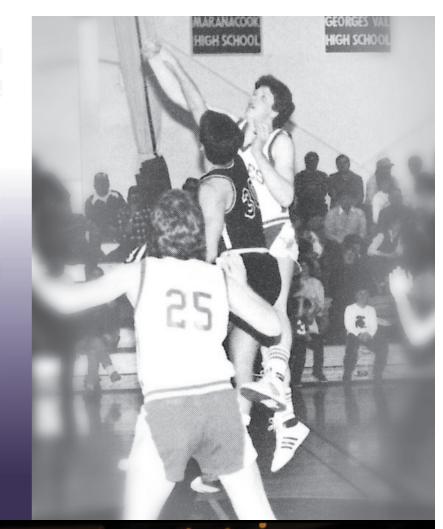
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## CLASS OF 2017 Wally Russell

2017 inductee Wally Russell epitomizes what the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame represents. An All-State high school player, a magician at the point guard position at Division I UMaine and a long time successful coach.

Folks in the Milo area will tell you Wally Russell is one of the best players ever to wear the red, white and blue of Penquis High School. He played for legendary coach Carroll Conley Sr. In his 1973 season season, Wally led his Patriots to a 14-4 record and a quarterfinal win over John Bapst before losing in the semis to eventual state champ in Class B, the Orono Red Riots. Wally averaged almost 24 PPG and over 8 APG while shooting 57%. Russell was named to the All-Penquis League Team, the Eastern Maine All-Tourney Team Bangor Daily News First Team All-State selection.

From Milo, it was off to the University of Maine in Orono, playing his college ball for Black Bear coach Skip Chappelle (MBHOF '14) for four years. In his junior year (1976-77) and senior year (1977-78) Russell and his Black Bears racked up 30 total wins. Russell ran the point for teams that included Rufus Harris, Roger Lapham,



Steve Condon (MBHOF '15), Bob Warner (MBHOF '15) and Kevin Nelson (MBHOF '16). The 'magic man from Milo' dished off 235 assists in that two-year period (4.4 APG, 5.4 APG). In that senior season, Russell served as team captain and averaged 11 points per game and the Black Bears finished with a 17-8 record.

Wally says his favorite college memory is beating UConn and UMass back-to-back at 'The Pit' at UMaine.

Then his basketball career took him into the coaching ranks. Russell coached at Mattanawcook Academy, at Piscataquis Community High School and back home at Penquis where he had stints coaching the girls and boys teams. In 20-plus seasons of coaching, Russell won 211 games.

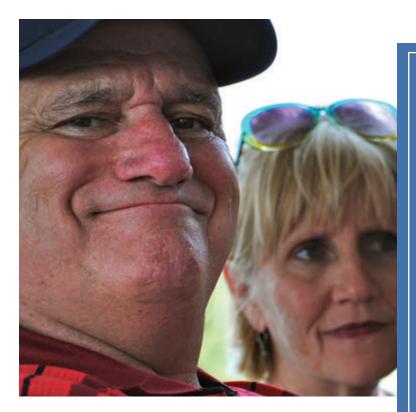
Former UMaine teammate Tony Hamlin (MBHOF '16) told the Bangor Daily News in 2010 that nobody had their team better prepared than coach Wally Russell.

"What Wally had was an instinct about the game. He knows the game, it was part of his DNA almost," said Hamlin, then Penquis coach. "From that perspective, he was never going to get outcoached in terms of strategy."

Wally says, "I would like to thank my biggest supporters, my wife Nancy and our children, Jill, Kerri, Megan and brother Mark. Thanks go out to my close friend Tony Hamlin for all of his positive and encouraging 'pick me up talks' while I was playing and coaching. I would like to thank my coaches, Carroll Conley and Thomas 'Skip' Chappelle. A special thanks to my friend Bill Sawtelle for all the milkshakes he lost while playing Three X's. I wish to thank those supporters of my family who have passed, my father and mother, Charlie and Jacky, and my brother and sisters Scott, Esther, and Lisa, and my father-in-law James Fletcher."

Wally and his wife, Nancy, live in Brownville.

Wally will be presented by Mark Russell.



There is no one more deserving of this recognition, and we are so proud of you! Congratulations! You inspire us all! Love you, Your Family

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## **CLASS OF 2017** Kissy Walker

It's hard to imagine there has been a better year for coach Mary 'Kissy' Walker. The 2016-17 season produced a 23-win season. A conference championship. A NCAA tournament game win. Three Coach of the Years honors. And now, induction into the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame.

From playing for the Cony Rams in high school to running the point at the University of Maine to becoming a legendary college coach, basketball has been in the blood of Kissy Walker.

Born in Santa Anna, California, Walker came to Augusta and played for Cony High from 1981 to 1983. She was named a Bangor Daily News Third Team All State player in '81.

Her four-year letter winning college career at UMaine began in 1982-83, playing for coach Eileen Fox and then Peter Gavett. Walker played in 80 games and



recorded 220 assists and 110 steals. The Black Bears went 71-38 during that time period. She was a captain during her senior year on a team that had a 22-7 record and at one point during the season had an 18-game winning streak. Walker dished out 62 assists that season.

Upon graduation, Walker taught physical education and coached at Holbrook Middle School for two years. She came to Husson as an assistant coach under her former college teammate Lauree Gott. When Gott took the coaching job at Northeastern, Walker was named Husson's head coach. With the exception of a two year hiatus to finish her Master's Degree and focus on the adoption of her son, she has been on the bench at Newman Gymnasium ever since.

27 years at Husson, 26 years as the head coach. She is the longest tenured head coach for a single sport in school history.

What a run it has been!

469 wins. A winning percentage of better than 65%. Four appearances in the NAIA national tournament, including the 1992-93 team that went 28-3 and played all the way to what was then called the 'Fabulous Four' championship.

Since affiliating with the NCAA, Walker's team have made five national tournament appearances, including this past season when her Eagles won their first NCAA game in school history. Walker won North Atlantic Conference, New England Women's Basketball Association and ECAC New England Coach of the Year honors. Over the years, she has been named a conference coach of the year 11 times.

Along the way, Walker has coached 16 All-American players. 14 of her players are in the school Hall of Fame.

Coach Walker is a member of the Husson University Sports Hall of Fame and the New England Basketball Hall of Fame.

Along with her coaching duties, she serves as Husson's Director of Wellness and is a part-time faculty member.

Coach Walker lives with her son, Isaiah, in Orono.

Kissy will be presented by Laurie Gott.

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### Congratulations to Mary "Kissy" Walker '59 Richard "Dick" Giroux '70 Robert "Bob" C. Cimbollek '59

on your induction into the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame.



**Walker** came to Husson in 1988-89 as an assistant coach. During that one season, the Braves accumulated 26 wins to only two losses, while earning the program's first NAIA District 5 Championship. Over the 25 years Walker has served as Husson University's head women's basketball coach, she has posted an impressive record of 446-241, going into the 2016-17 season.

**Giroux** was a four-year letter winner from 1967-70 as a forward on the Husson men's basketball team. He was the fifth player to reach the 1,000 point club and the first to score 1,500 points in program history. Giroux tallied 964 rebounds in 86 career games played, averaging 17.6 points and 11.2 rebounds per game, while shooting 49.1 percent from the floor and 67.4 from the free-throw line.

**Cimbollek** was a three-year letter winner from 1956-58 as a forward on the Husson men's basketball team. He is known as the first 1,000-point scorer in Husson men's basketball history. Husson Sports Hall of Fame Head Coach Del Merrill considered Cimbollek a leading pioneer who helped make the University's baskeball team into a successful small college program.



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#### **Gary Hawkins**

Gary Hawkins began coaching at St. Mary's School (now known as St. Michael) in 1974. He coached basketball to kids in the junior high age group as well as Babe Ruth baseball.

Gary is still at St. Mike's and plans to return next for several reasons, chief among them the enjoyment he gets from teaching kids basketball in practice and seeing the results in a game.

Gary gets satisfaction from seeing that some of the players he's coached have gone on to success in high school and college, but just as rewarding is knowing that they've taken away some of the lessons the game and applied them to their daily lives.

He's also been associated with the game in his job as a sports reporter at the Kennebec Journal. Gary started in 1976 and has covered hundreds of high school games, and interviewed players and coaches, including some of this year's inductees.

Gary retired in 2014, but returned a year later as a part-time reporter and continues to stay in touch with high school basketball in the state.

His impact in central Maine is considerable. A whole generation grew up reading and listening to Gary Hawkins' deep love for the game of basketball.

Congratulations on your induction into the Legends category of the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame.

#### Frederick "Red" Barry

Born in Peabody, Mass, Red Barry graduated from Northhampton High School, attended Dartmouth and graduated from Bates College where he played football in 1941. After serving in the Marine Corps for two years he accepted a teaching position at Bangor High School. He began coaching the Bangor boys in 1948, leading the basketball Rams to an Eastern Maine title that year. In 22 seasons his teams compiled a 281 win, 69 loss record. Bangor made 18 appearances in the Eastern Maine Basketball Tournament where they won 6 titles and 2 state championships. He was also baseball coach and served as the school's athletic director until 1978. The school gymnasium was named for him in 1989. The MBHoF is pleased to recognize Red Barry, a true Legend of the Game.

#### **Bob Woodbury**

Bob is extremely proud of his career that spanned over a half-century at WTVL radio in Waterville, WABI-TV and radio in Bangor and with the Central Maine Morning Sentinel in Waterville (plus a 10-year post-retirement engagement with LL Bean customer service). While extremely proud to have had the privilege of telling the people of Maine what great kids we have, he is also very proud of the people he mentored including: Gary Thorne of Old Town, presently doing play-by-play for the Baltimore Orioles and under contract with ABC/ESPN, and who broadcast his first ever game with Bob as a junior in high school from the balcony of Milo High School; David Brancaccio, a Waterville High School grad, former European correspondent for Public Radio and moderator of the program "Marketplace"; Allan Audet and Roger Gagne, Winslow High graduates – Audet became a producer for CNN in Atlanta and Gagne a salesman extrodinaire for cable TV and WABI-TV; and Bob Duchesne, a Colby College graduate, author, Bangor radio executive and state representative to the Maine legislature.



#### Joseph "Chick" Marchetti

Joseph "Chick" Marchetti is a Bath native who grew up in an all-American city with a rich tradition of athletics. Chick, along with brother Ed, played every sport available; in the process, putting Morse High School on the map as one of the state's greatest sport high schools.

Chick played baseball, football, and basketball as a high school athlete. His baseball and football teams won the State Championships his junior year. His high school basketball teams enjoyed great success as they laid the groundwork for Morse's domination of Western Maine basketball in the late 50's and early 60's. As a result, Mid-coast fans became familiar with names like Marchetti, Stover, Bishop, Billington, and Harrington.

Chick went on to play basketball at Colby College under the guidance of John Winkin, with whom he had a life- long relationship. Following college, Chick entered the Army where his size and skills allowed him to represent the 4th Division Army. He was a tenacious, dominating force, often playing against college caliber players. The respect he earned from his competitors was evidenced by Chick being named to 4th Division All-Army team.

Back in Bath, Chick worked for BIW and entered the world of officiating in 1966. For 48 years Chick refereed basketball at all levels and was respected as a no nonsense official who used commonsense and was always in control of the game. He worked tournament games for over 30 years.

In addition to officiating basketball, Chick also refereed field hockey and umpired baseball. Throughout his athletic life, Chick was a major contributor to Bath's youth programs. To generations of Bath boys and girls, Chick was a constant presence. He officiated, coached, and administered youth sports while raising his three children Peter, Bruce, and Carolyne with his wife Diane.

For all his efforts at making the game of basketball special, the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame is proud to recognize Joseph "Chick" Marchetti upon his induction as a Legend of the Game.

#### **Dwight Carver**

Dwight Carver grew up along the coast of Maine knowing the virtue of hard work and determination. His journey to basketball greatness brought notoriety and honor to his tiny school, Jonesport-Beals High School. Isolated from the larger towns and cities in Maine, this tiny hamlet produced one great player after another over the decades of 1970 and 1980. Dwight was the prototype for those who followed him. As the leader for the Royals, Dwight was an All-State player in 1972 and 1973. His exploits propelled Jonesport-Beals, to five straight Class D boys' titles from 1970 to 1974. Carver set a tourney record in 1970, making 17 free throws in a game. His daughters — Sandi, Kristi and Tricia — also starred for the Royals. Fifty years later, Dwight continues to live in the Jonesport area with his family.



#### **Tom Pelletier**

Tom Pelletier broke onto the Maine basketball stage for Fort Kent High School as a freshman scorer who competed in the tough class A basketball division. At that time Fort Kent competed against larger schools like Presque Isle, Caribou, Stearns, and Bangor.

Tom's amazing shooting ability and his exceptional quickness made him virtually impossible to guard. Hall of Famer Steve Pound of Stearns recalls playing against this "County" legend in 1968. Pound called him " the best player I played against my senior year." Tom's high school team often found themselves undersized but he kept them in every game with dazzling shots and blurring speed. As a freshman, Pelletier averaged 17 points per game. That would increase to an impressive 26 ppg by his junior year and an unprecedented 30 ppg his final season.

A basketball junky, Tom benefited from hours in his driveway shooting at a hoop put up by his dad. All that practice paid off for Tom, who still holds the all-time scoring record at Fort Kent's Community High School, with 1,768 points. It should be noted that Pelletier's impressive point total is from a time before there was a three-point line in high school basketball. There is little doubt that, with a three-point line he would have put his scoring record even farther out of reach for future payers.

While none of Pelletier's teams ever won the state title, with Sam Jordan as coach they did make it to the tournament three of the four years he played, in the much tougher Class A division.

Soccer was Pelletier's other sports passion, which is why he chose Brown University. Like most Ivy League schools at the time, Brown was not known for its basketball provess, but it had a "fantastic" soccer team, Pelletier said.

In 1975, Pelletier's Brown team made it to the semifinals of the NCAA soccer tournament, losing to University of San Francisco, 2-1 in triple overtime and defeating Howard University to take third place.

After college, Pelletier studied law at the University of Maine and practiced law in Aroostook County for 20 years. Today, he is a judge for Maine's Workers' Compensation Board, traveling between his Fort Kent home, Caribou office and Augusta.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO CHICK MARCHETTI

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THANKS CHICK!

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## **CLASS OF 2017** 1978-79 South Portland Red Riots

South Portland High School 1978-79 State Champions 27-0

The Running Red Riots certainly can be considered one of the best basketball teams ever out of the State of Maine. Rarely has a team boasted of so much talent from top to bottom. On this combine there were 5 full scholarship College basketball players and one scholarship Football player. In addition to those six, four others went on to also play at different college levels.

This powerhouse team went undefeated while winning the Big 8 Championship, the Christmas Tournament, the Western Maine Tournament and the State Championship. They also defeated two of Connecticut's strongest teams, Hillhouse and Weaver, by double digits in preseason exhibition games. At



the end of the season there were no New England Championship so the Maine State Legislature tried to pass a bill enabling the Red Riots to Play the Massachusetts Cambridge Ridge and Latin team with Patrick Ewing in a mythical New England championship game, unfortunately that idea was squashed by the MPA.

This Red Riot team still holds many scoring records - 102 in the State Championship game,: 115 in a Western Maine Tournament game; Beal Gym record – 115; most field goals in a SP game – 52; SP records of scoring over 100 pts in a game – 7, and in the 90's -6, while having a scoring average of 87.22.

Only twice was the winning margin less than 10 points. Huge winning margins were common place -32, 44, 50, 53, 35, 62, 36 43, 55, 50 to mention just a few; and finally 44 in the State Championship game.

Did they run up the scores – not intentionally; they had just more talent than other teams - their 6 leading scorers averaged from 10+ to

12 +. In one game the reserves scored 44 points in the last quarter alone. Six players made the All conference team and two players were named first team All State , while 4 others ranged from 2nd and 3rd team selections to honorable mention All State. The Gatorade Player of the Year in the State of Maine was a Red Riot.

Some of this State's Basletball Gurus think that the 78 -79 Riots are the best team that Maine has ever had – that certainly is debatable because Maine has had some outstanding ones – but without question this team will always be regarded as one of the "Best Ever" because of their size and talent and outstanding depth. South Portland lost 5 or their first 6 players to graduation and still went on the next year to once again go undefeated and win the State Championship.

Congtratulations to the 78 - 79 Running Red Riots



## **CLASS OF 2017** 1980 Westbrook Blue Blazes

1980 Westbrook Blue Blazes

In the incredible four year run of the ladies from Westbrook High School, it would be appropriate to honor any of those consecutive State Championship teams. The committee has chosen to honor the 1980 squad led by players like two All-State first team members Lisa Blais and Gail Jackson as well as outstanding player Nancy Anthony. The Lady Blazes cruised through the season in the competitive S.M.A.A. conference as well as epic battles with class B power Gorham High School. This group of ladies, led by coach Archie Manoogian, enjoyed size, shooting, and depth. They capped off their third consecutive Gold Ball with a twenty- point victory over Old Town High School in the State Championship game.

On this special day for his team, it is important to speak of Coach Manoogian who passed away in 2013. Archie was a positive influence in the lives of hundreds of young people, whether under his direct tutelage or simply during a game of pick-up basketball. Archie's calm and steady leadership as well as his genuine affection for his players had a lasting impact on all his girls. Today, nearly forty years later, they view coach Manoogian as their second father, Archie's most enduring athletic achievement was coaching the Westbrook girls' basketball team to four straight State Championships from 1978-1981, including a 76 game winning streak.

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