

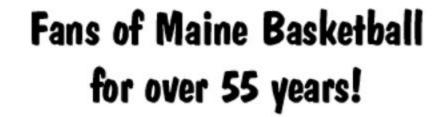


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August 19, 2018

Dear Inductees and Guests:

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

This year's inductees, legends, and team represent individuals who performed and contributed to the great game of basketball at optimum levels of excellence.

Please enjoy today's event. The Maine Basketball Hall of Fame takes great pride in recognizing the accomplishments of our 2018 honorees who today join an elite group of former players, coaches, officials and contributors.

While at the Cross Insurance Center please take time to view the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame concourse. 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 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 the induction ceremony and sharing what will be a very special day for each of our honorees and their families.

Respectfully,

Charlie Wootton

Chairman

Maine Basketball Hall of Fame Board of Directors



2018 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 Skip Chappelle and Peter Webb
 Presented by MBHOF Executive Director Tony Hamlin
- Legends of the Game
- 1960 Lewiston Blue Devils
- Class of 2018 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.



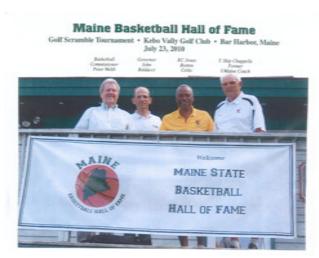
Directors'



Skip Chappelle and **Peter Webb**

Each year the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame selects the person or persons who have made lasting contributions to basketball and the MBHoF. This year's recipients are Skip Chappelle and Peter Webb.

It goes without saying that our game is better off for their efforts, both on and off the basketball court. The Maine Basketball Hall of Fame was their brainchild; its genesis began in the Bar Harbor area over cups of coffee with basketball enthusiasts as these two Pied Pipers of basketball laid out their vision for an organization committed to preserving the history of Maine basketball by honoring the legendary individuals who participated over the decades, while continuing to promote our



Past Directors' Award Winners

2014 First National Bank

2015 Gary Eckmann

2016 Mike Liberty

2017 City of Bangor

They won the approval of the Bangor City Council; and with the help of former Governor John Baldacci, the Maine legislature passed a Special Legislative Proclamation; the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame became an official entity in 2010. Skip and Peter's dream became a reality.

Their continued efforts over the past eight years have helped establish the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame as one of the most respected sports organizations in Maine. Rarely does a day pass

that Skip and Peter are not promoting, selling, nurturing, or planning for the Hall of Fame. The Concourse, which is the only one of its kind in the state, is of special interest to these two legends of the game. Their efforts are directed towards collecting artifacts and looking for new ways to honor today's players so in future years, every basketball fan might view the Hall of Fame as theirs.

modern game.

As the years turn to decades, the lifetime commitment Skip Chappelle and Peter Webb have made to our sport and to our state becomes more evident. The Maine Basketball Hall of Fame recognizes these two giants of the game with the 2018 Director's Award; it is as timely as it is richly deserved.

Congratulations Skip and Peter and thank you for all your efforts.

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.



Concours:

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.





The Maine Basketball Hall of Fame inductees are a small family. When we lose one of our own we need to take notice.

Since their induction, we have lost the following great ambassadors of the game:

Ted Shiro

Ted Shiro, a member of the Class of 2015, was a legendary athlete from Waterville in the hey day of their great teams from the 1940s. Beyond basketball, Ted was involved with the Maine Sports Hall of Fame and was an ambassador for Maine sports his entire life.

Chick Marchetti

Joseph "Chick" Marchetti, from Bath, was a great athlete at Morse High School and officiated basketball for over forty years. Chick was inducted into the MBHOF as a Legend of the Game in 2017. He was a fixture in Maine's basketball community and devoted his life to helping young people in the Bath area as well as promoting the game of basketball throughout his life. Chick was brother to Ed Marchetti, a MBHOF inductee in 2015.

John "Swisher" Mitchell

John Mitchell recently passed away after a long and impactful life. John was the linchpin of the great Waterville High School teams of the 1940s; including the legendary 1944 undefeated and New England Championship team. John, the son of a Lebanese immigrant, was a mainstay on his Rhode Island basketball team, going head to head with the likes of Bob Cousy. After college, John returned to his home town of Waterville where he was a constant on the sidelines with Hall of Fame coach Dick Whitmore. For more than forty years, these two icons led the Colby Mules to the heights of Division 3 basketball. Off the court, John was all class; always ready with a smile, a friendly handshake and an intense personal interaction. He was a special man; Maine basketball has lost a true giant.

The following members of the MBHOF were inducted posthumously:

George Wentworth Paul Fortin, Eddie Griffin

Wally Donovan Gene Hunter James Connellan

William Hanscom Jack Coyne Bernard "Bunny" Parady

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John Mitchell

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Peter Webb





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*Posthumous

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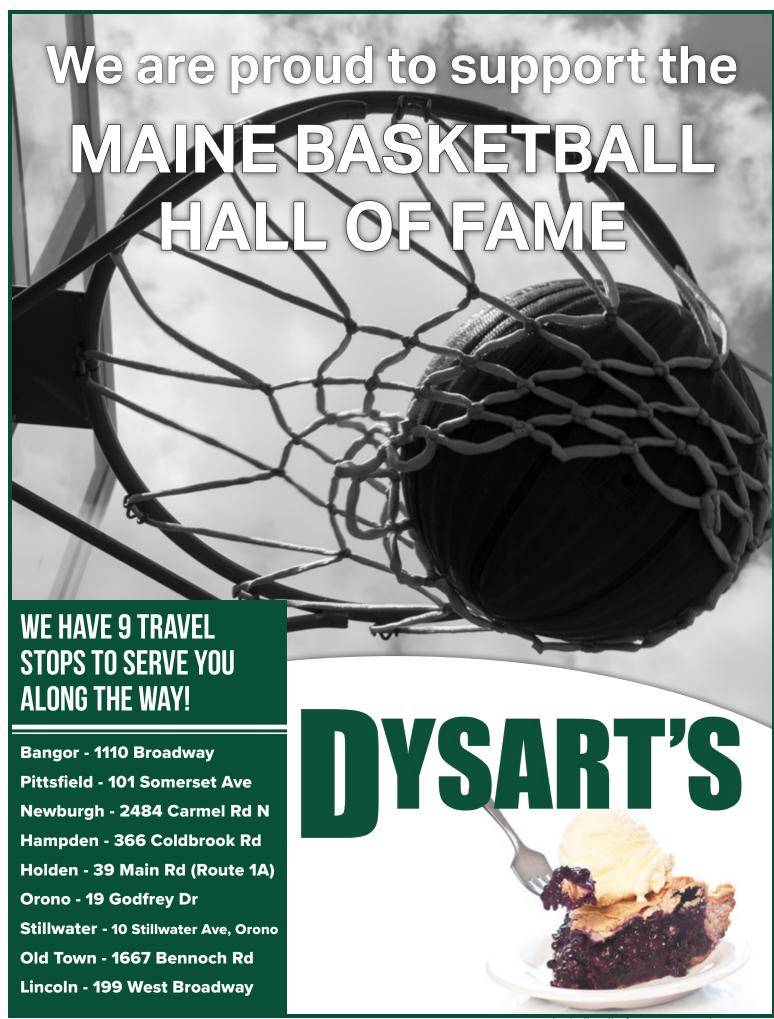
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CLASS OF 2018 Brenda Beckwith

Brenda Beckwith remembers well the assessment that Dick Meader, a 2015 Maine Basketball Hall of Fame inductee, gave her at Pine Tree Basketball Camp about 40 years ago.

Meader coached Beckwith's division-winning squad. And after she was named MVP of the All-Star game, Meader's evaluation included the suggestion that she work on her leadership and defense.

"I thought I was pretty damn good, but I respected him so much that I kept that piece of paper with me for years and when I was thinking I was pretty good, it would motivate me to be better. Still have it."

Meader's evaluation, it appears, was effective motivation for Beckwith: The standout player and coach now joins Meader in the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame.

Beckwith became hooked on basketball when her dad taught her to play "Around the World" at the hoop in their driveway.

"In the early 70's, girls did not have any access to organized sports, so we just played driveway hoops," says Beckwith. "Then one day my dad's hen house burned down and he made me a half court on the cement with lights!"



Beckwith also took her game on the road during the summer, traveling to area playgrounds seven days a week to play against boys and

She became the first player at Lawrence High School to score 1,000 points. And she excelled at far more than hoops, earning 14 varsity letters at Lawrence — in indoor and outdoor track, cross country, field hockey and basketball.

After graduating in 1977, Beckwith attended Temple Junior College in Texas, where coach taught her to trust herself. The squad made back-to-back appearances in the National Junior College Athletic Association National Tournament. As a sophomore, Beckwith was captain, led the team in scoring, was named a Texas Junior College All-Star and was MVP.

At William Penn College in Iowa, Beckwith says coach Bob Spencer demonstrated how to be a winner. Her junior year, the Lady Statesmen placed third in the Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women Division II national tourney. A year later, in 1981, the 43-3 squad won the AIAW DII National Championship in a game televised on ESPN.

After earning her master's at Bemidji State University in Minnesota, where she was a grad assistant for the women's basketball squad, Beckwith returned to Maine to teach at Winslow High School.

This summer, Beckwith was (again) named head coach of the defending Class B state champion Black Raiders girls' team. Last year, she guided the Winslow boys' frosh squad. During her first stint with the girls' team, she molded the Black Raiders into a formidable group. In 1993, the black-and-orange lost to the Cindy-Blodgett-led Bulldogs in the Eastern Maine Class A Championship. Beckwith also coached girls' basketball at Messalonskee; the Eagles played in three Class A EM finals and she was named the 2007 MABC Coach of the Year.

Beckwith also previously coached field hockey, leading the Black Raiders to four state titles. The 1998 team, which went 19-0, set a national record: No one scored on the Black Raiders. All season. That squad was inducted into the Maine Field Hockey Hall of Fame. So too, was Beckwith, who has more than 200 wins as a field hockey coach.

She's been a color commentator for basketball games on WABI-TV and Bangor sports radio station WZON. She and her partner Terry have four children — Nat, Andrew, Maddie and Cal. During the summer, Beckwith enjoys traveling and photography.

"If not for basketball and the numerous people that decided I was worth a chance on, I really do not know where I would be today," she says. "People were honest with me about my ability and work ethic. I feel that since I was not given anything, I learned if I wanted to do anything, it depended on my work and skill. It's served me very well over the years."

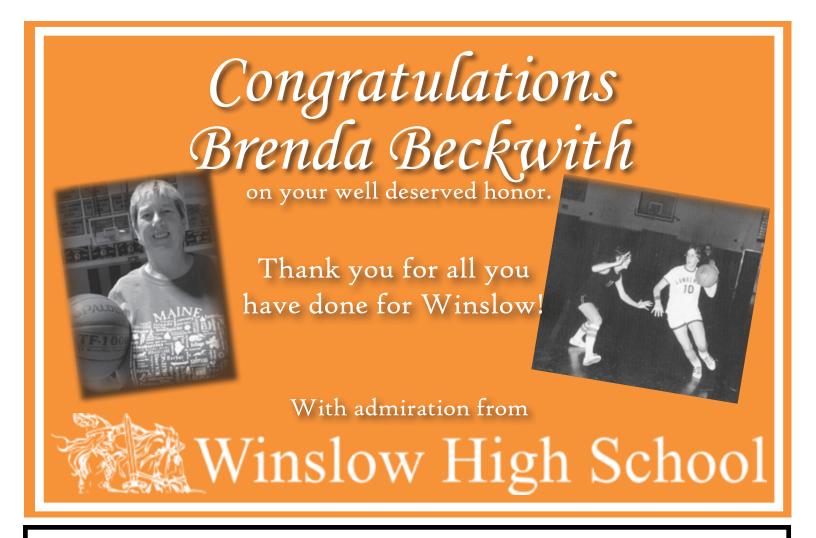
Meader would likely agree.

Brenda will be presented by Ken Lindloff.



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CLASS OF 2018 Del Merrill Inducted Posthumously

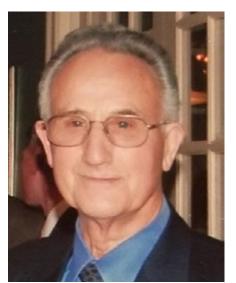
It is fair to say that Del Merrill 'saw it all' and 'did it all' when it comes to the sport of basketball in the state of Maine.

Player, coach, official, athletic director, administrator, school president. And now, Maine Basketball Hall of Famer.

Born in Ellsworth in 1925, Del Merrill became a standout athlete in basketball and baseball for Eagles high school teams.

He graduated from high school in 1943 and served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II. He was one of thousands who fought in the battle of Iwo Jima.

Merrill returned to live in Ellsworth and graduated from the Bangor Maine School of Commerce (now Husson University) in 1948. While in college, he captained both the basketball and baseball teams. Merrill was a pitcher but also batted over .500 in his second season with the team.



The Del Merrill coaching story begins at Sullivan High School (now Sumner HS). He coached the boys basketball team. He also spent time coaching girls basketball and softball. His teams went 156-56 in his five years there.

Merrill returned to Husson in 1953 as a teacher, while also coaching basketball and baseball for nearly two decades. He also served as the school's first Director of Athletics.

As basketball coach, his Braves (now Eagles) teams went 197-86. Merrill's team won seven Northeast Collegiate Conference (NCC) championships and two State of Maine Small College crowns (1956, 1958).

As baseball coach, his teams went 186-88-4. There were eight NCC conference titles and five NAIA playoff appearances. Merrill was named NAIA District Coach of the Year three times (1968, 1969, 1973). In fact, Del's baseball career led him to serving as a professional scout for the Baltimore Orioles from 1964 to 1973.

Combining his high school and college teams, Del Merrill coached teams went 548-224.

When the school began its Husson Sports Hall of Fame in 1985, Merrill was a member of the inaugural class. Today, the school honors the Male Athlete of the Year with the Del Merrill Award.

In 1978, Del Merrill was named Husson (College) president and served that role for 17 years.

Along with all of these accomplishments, Merrill officiated high school and college basketball games for 25 years. He officiated in 20 consecutive high school tournaments, including several regional and state championship games. Del officiated at the New England Tournament at Boston Garden in 1962.

Del Merrill served as Maine's Basketball Commissioner for three years and received the James DiFrederico Award for Outstanding Service to Basketball.

In 1997 he was inducted into the Maine Sports Hall of Fame.

Not only a leader in athletics and education, Merrill was active in his family blueberry business was also a leader in community affairs, receiving the 1987 Bangor-Brewer Exemplary Citizen Award.

Sadly, Del passed away in April of 2010. He is survived by his daughters Colleen, Linda and his son, Robert.

Del will be presented by Robert Merrill.







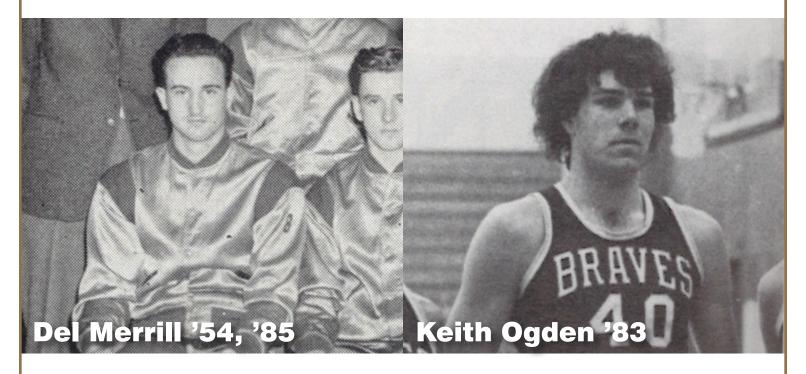
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CLASS OF 2018 **Bill Obermeyer**

Perhaps Maine Basketball Hall of Fame chairman Tony Hamlin said it best when he described William 'Bill' Obermeyer and his selection to the MBHOF Class of 2018.

"The words I use to describe Bill are class, integrity, character. He set an example of excellence for his players. He represents all the goodness of basketball in terms of his mentoring."

From a Hall of Fame collegiate career at Gorham State Teachers College (now USM) to nearly three decades as Kennebunk High School boys basketball coach, Bill was a fixture on the Maine basketball scene.

Basketball historians say with the help of the 6-foot-3 center/forward Bill Obermeyer, GSTC was a consistent title contender in the old New England Teachers College Conference. At 6-3 Bill was one of the tallest players on the team. He teams had a record of 55-22 during his four-year career. Obermeyer scored 884 points in his 75 game college career. In his senior year of 1957-58, he was team captain and named the team MVP.



Bill learned his basketball from one of the greats – Richard 'Doc' Costello (MBHOF Class of 2016) was his coach. Not only in basketball, Obermeyer played for Costello's GSTC baseball team. His coach called Bill the baseball player 'a good hitting, slick fielding first baseman'.

Obermeyer was inducted into the University of Southern Maine 'Husky Hall of Fame' in 1999.

A big part of the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame story is about his coaching days as the leader of the Kennebunk Rams boys team. From 1967 to 1994, 27 years on the sidelines at one school. His teams won 316 games and constantly played in the postseason (18 years). When Obermeyer started coaching Kennebunk it was the old LL, L, M, S school classification. His Rams teams played first in Class L West, then later in Class A and in Class B.

His best team may have been the 1978-79 team that went 18-0 in the regular season and was seeded #1. After scoring wins over Mexico and Messalonskee, the Rams lost in the regional final to Medomak Valley.

Michael Bennett was a player on that team and he talked to seacoastonline.com about his former coach.

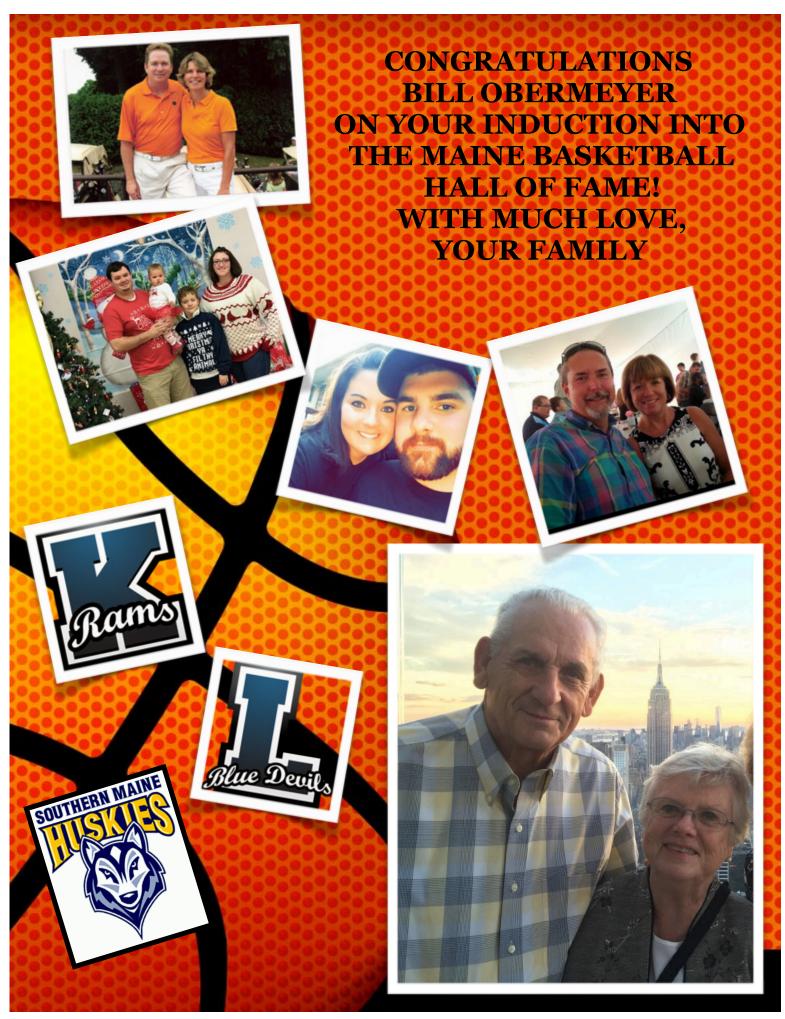
"He was passionate about the game of basketball and that passion resonated in his coaching. He was competitive and hated to lose but was classy whether we won or lost. He expected his players in turn to be the same way – be classy and do things right".

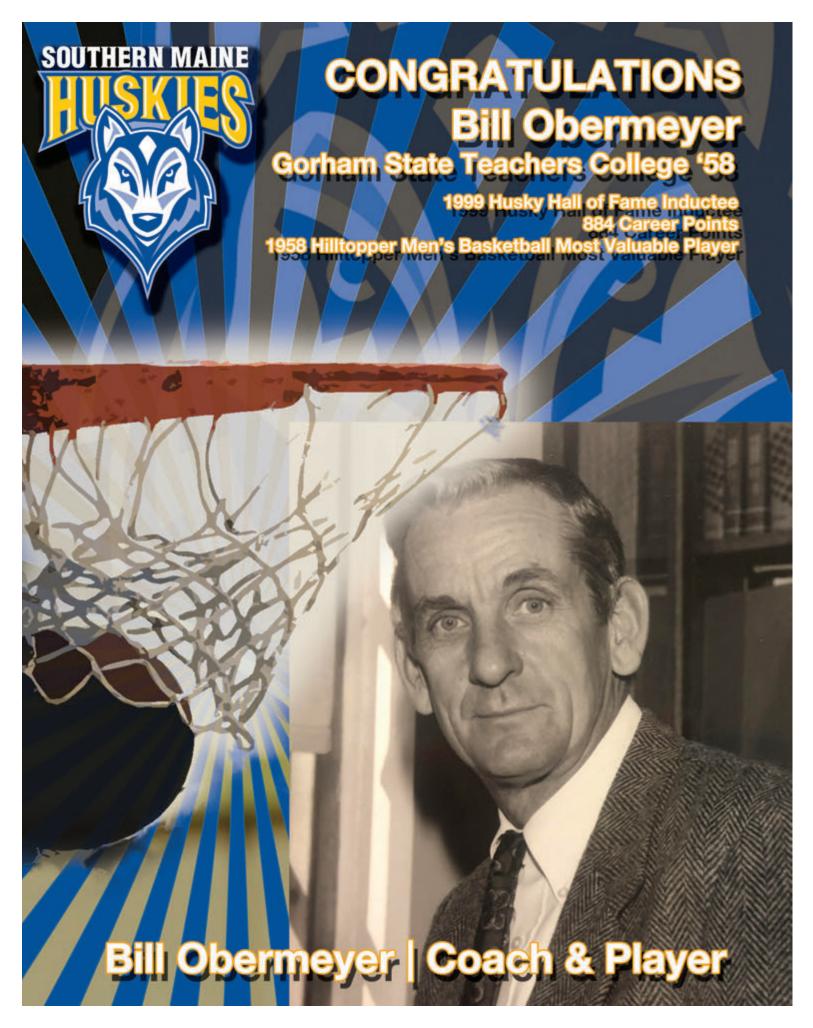
Among Bill's great joys was coaching is son Karl for three years and taking the team to the Western Maine semi-finals in Karl's senior season.

Bill retired from coaching in 1994 and retired as a math teacher in 1996.

Bill and his wife, Jane, live in Kennebunk. The Obermeyers have a daughter, Karen, married to Peter Murray (Maine Basketball Coaches Association President, Dexter HS coach) and a son, Karl and his wife Ann. The Obermeyer family includes two grandchildren, Matt and Sarah, and two great grandchildren, Ben and Elise.

Bill will be presented by Karl Obermeyer.







Congratulations, Bill,
for a job well done.
You are a class act and always expected
your players and students to
"do things right".
We're all very proud of you,
not only for your 316 wins,
but for the lessons that you taught on and
off the court to
the students and athletes at
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With appreciation, KHS faculty, staff and students



CLASS OF 2018 Sandi Carver

Sandi Carver doesn't know her impressive basketball stats. The 1993 Maine Sunday Telegram Female Athlete of the Year focuses on how basketball and sports in general have immeasurably shaped her life.

"Basketball, and the many lessons afforded by it, lives in me and affects me every day. I am forever grateful. For all of it," says the two-time All-State hoop player at Jonesport-Beals High School and standout at the University of Maine.

For Carver — a powerful volleyball player, often unhittable softball pitcher, and dominating and unselfish basketball player — sports are a microcosm of life. "We learn to play, to work, to succeed and to fail. We learn the dance of relationship — individually, one on one, and as a team. We learn mental fortitude. We learn hierarchies and roles. We learn history, and we shape both the present and the future," she says.



"To say that sports shaped me is an understatement. Sports allowed me to live and learn the following lessons before I ever left my school years: Think as you wish to be. The power to shape our lives starts with our thoughts. Be kind. There is a person on the other side of the court or field or desk who is also finding his/her way in sports and in life. Set goals. Be fierce and steadfast in your efforts to accomplish those goals. At day's end, celebrate your successes, however small or large. As for your failures, be gentle. Remain humble. We are all human — not one better than the other. Each is handed a unique set of gifts and a unique environment in which to grow and evolve. Some would seem more fortunate."

Carver considers herself extremely fortunate. Long before she put on a uniform, she played. Much of the day. Every day. She doesn't remember ever not being around a basketball. For hours, her dad Dwight, who last year was named a Maine Basketball Hall of Fame Legend, caught her pitches. Her mom Patti, who played all sports then coached at Jonesport-Beals High School, mounted a backboard and hoop about 7 feet high in a room off the kitchen. "My sisters (Kristi and Tricia) and I had access to a ball and hoop 24/7."

Sports fans are well aware of Carver's athleticism, effort and unselfish play. In 1994, she led the Royals to the first-ever school girls' basketball championship. She also guided J-B to three-straight Class D state softball crowns, hurling four no-hitters as a senior and pitching a two-hitter in the state game. After her career at Jonesport-Beals — where she was salutatorian — she helped elevate the UMaine women's basketball program to national heights, including four-consecutive NCAA tournament bids. From 1994-1998, the team compiled a 94-28 record. Carver, a nursing major, captained the Black Bears as a junior and senior and was named to the America East All-Tournament Team in 1997. Carver says then-Black Bear coach Joanne Palombo-McCallie was intentional about sharing life lessons on the court.

"It was evident that focused practice and effort truly impacted performance and outcome," she says. "Practice makes permanent' has far-reaching implications, on and off the court. We can choose to practice a rich, happy, healthy life...or we can choose otherwise. Either way, we choose."

Carver believes she was dealt a wonderful hand in life. "You have all shaped the many pieces of me," says Carver, who chooses a full, rich life with her wife, Suzanne and beautiful daughters, Ella and Maya. Besides chasing the kids' sports endeavors, the family enjoys skiing, sailing and playing with their dog, Piper. Carver works with a team of anesthetists at Nurse Anesthesia of Maine, providing anesthesia services at Eastern Maine Medical Center and at several smaller area hospitals and surgical centers.

Sandi will be presented by Tim Throckmorton.

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CLASS OF 2018 Dean Erickson

Dean Erikson's senior classmates at Medomak Valley voted him Most Versatile. It appears they knew him well.

He displayed considerable versatility on the basketball court for coach Art Dyer. The standout point guard could score, rebound, pass and play tenacious defense.

Erickson's talent and resourcefulness helped the Panthers win Class B regional championships in 1975 and 1977 and a state crown in 1977, when they bested Hampden Academy 72-57 to collect the gold ball. His career totals: 594 points, 375 assists, 200 rebounds. He was named MVP of the Western Maine Class B Tournament and a first-team BDN All-Maine basketball selection for the Panthers, who compiled a 65-7 record during his career.

He got his start emulating his siblings. "My older brothers, Mark and Rick, played basketball and other sports, as did my sister, Karen. Like many younger siblings, I wanted to be like them, so I began playing sports, too," he says.

"I often tried to include myself in my brothers' games, either football or basketball, and would challenge both of them to basketball games in the backyard. Two against one — with me being the one — seemed fair in my competitive and delusional young mind."

Erickson says even that didn't prepare him for some of the top-notch talent he faced in high school. "I'll start with the less-pleasant memories of trying to guard guys like Scott Graffam, Brett Brown and Paul Belanger. I couldn't stay in front of them and then I couldn't catch them after they'd sprinted past me. But I digress," he says.

"A more pleasant, memorable moment happened near the end of the 1977 State Championship game against Hampden Academy, when I signaled we would be 'milking' the clock. That almost always meant we would win the game. The crowd knew immediately at my signal and started cheering as only Medomak crowds could. I remember a shiver went through me, knowing that a long-sought goal was within reach."

Erickson also played at Brown University. In 1981, he recorded six steals versus Dartmouth, which still ranks third all-time for steals in a game. He earned a degree in mathematical economics from the Ivy League institution and headed to Wall Street, where he was an options trader and risk arbitrageur.

Erickson continued to achieve in a number of disparate fields. Basketball, he says, is a big reason why. "I was always fairly driven, but basketball helped me learn that proper work and strong effort are keys to success," he says.

He's acted — including landing a guest appearance on Frasier — and he's penned a mystery novel and two personal development books. In 2009, he founded the investment advisory firm Bionic Capital.

The 2010 MidCoast Maine Sports Hall of Fame inductee likes that basketball is both a team sport and one that he could practice by himself. "All I needed was a ball and a hoop. I still enjoy shooting around today, even though it's a pretty slow-moving process," he jokes.

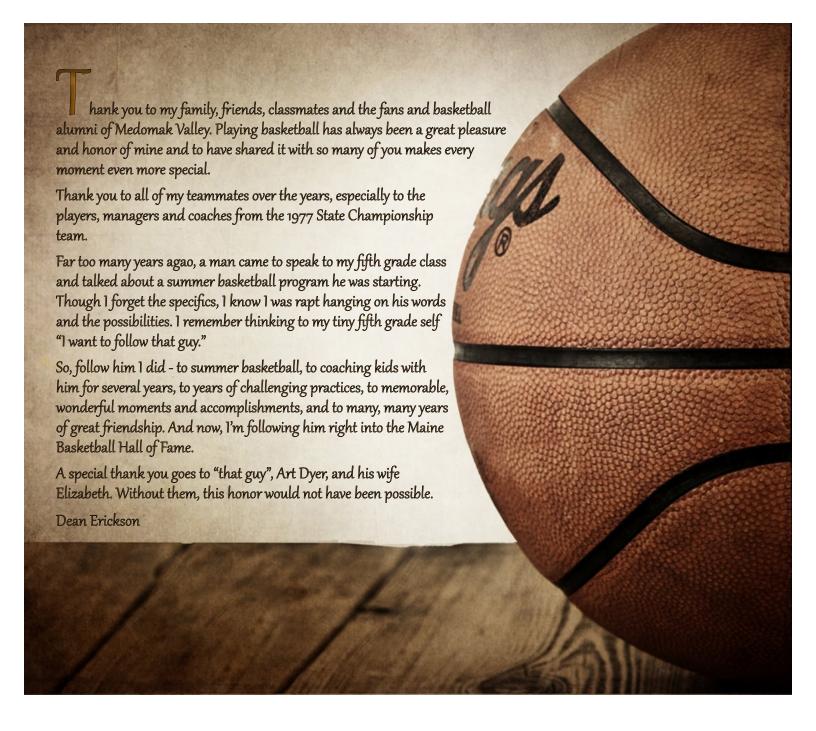
"I'm grateful for the honor of being inducted into the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame. So many people helped make this possible, including my parents, siblings, teammates, coaches and teachers," he says.

"Everyone should know how much respect I have for the guys from the 1977 team, especially fellow seniors, Paul Begley, Andrew Johnson, Vick Pease, Tim Levensaler and Mark Strout. I was fortunate to have one of the best coaches in Maine basketball history in Art Dyer. I grew up in a supportive, sports-minded family. I've been blessed and still am. In that vein, I'd like to thank my wife Lisa for her love, support and sense of humor."

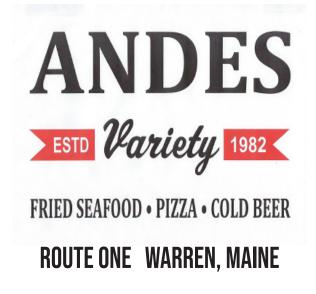
Erickson and his wife Lisa live in in West Los Angeles.

Dean will be presented by Art Dyer.











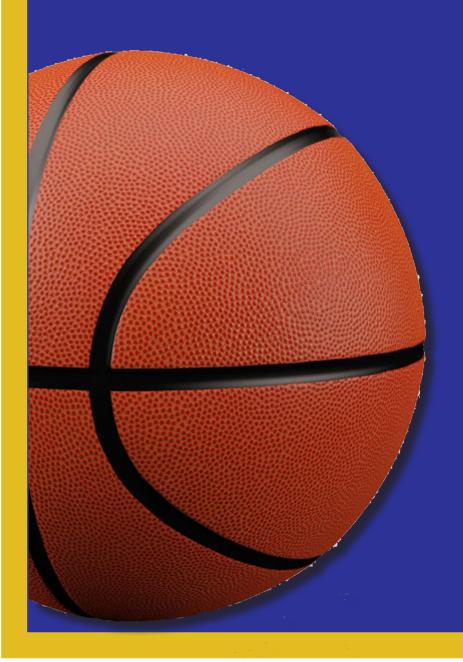
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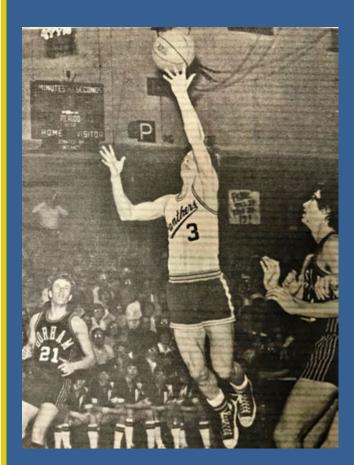


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CLASS OF 2018 Rick Woods

MBHOF '18 inductee Rick Woods was a major player on one of the most storied teams in Maine high school basketball history – the 1963 Morse Shipbuilders.

Woods, Joe Harrington and their fellow Shipbuilders, coached by Clyde Haden, were the #1 seed in Western Maine (now South Region) Class LL with a 16-0 record. The boys from Bath defeated Traip Academy in the regional quarterfinal, Cheverus in the semi-final and then beat Lewiston to win the West.

Then came the state championship thriller at the old Bangor Auditorium. A 61-60 double overtime victory over Stearns of Millinocket.

"I remember it was a packed place. It was loud. And, the right team won,' says Woods about the state title thriller.

Two weeks later, Woods and the Shipbuilders met Stearns again - in front of more than 12,000 fans at Boston Garden at the New England Basketball Championship. The Minutemen won this one, 56-54.



For his efforts in his senior year, Woods was named Bangor Daily News First Team All-Maine, joining teammate Joe Harrington. And, for his outstanding play in Boston, Woods was named to the All-New England First Team.

The year before, when Woods was a junior, the 1962 Shipbuilders had a memorable season. Morse finished #1 at 16-1. The team beat Thornton Academy, Rumford and South Portland to claim the West title. A 52-43 win over Bangor got them the first of the Shipbuilders back-to-back state championships.

50 plus years later, Rick still holds the Morse school record for assists in a single season and career assists, totaling over 500.

Following his high school days, Rick Woods travelled north to play for the UMaine Black Bears in Orono. His 1963-64 freshman team year saw him become the second leading scorer with 11.8 points per game. Woods also averaged four rebounds per game.

For the next three years he was a starter for the Black Bears. He averaged over six points and game as a junior. He averaged over five points and three rebounds per game as a senior. In that 1966-67 season, Wood scored a season-high 19 against Colby and had a game vs Vermont where he nailed 12 free throws.

After college, Rick worked in HR at Bath Iron Works and then at Oxford Paper Company. During this time he also officiated high school basketball games.

In 1972, Rick accepted a job at Ethyl Corporation that took his family to Baton Rouge, Louisiana. He said at the time that if they didn't like it in Louisiana they would move back to Maine.

Eventually the company was spun-off to become Tredegar Corporation and he relocated to Richmond, Virginia and spend 32 years as vice president of HR.

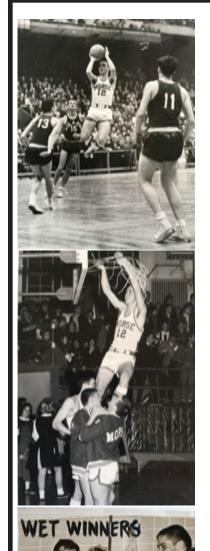
How did the game of basketball help in his business career?

"The ability to get along with people. Basketball teaches you about winning, losing and playing with others."

About 18 years ago, retirement called and now Rick and his wife Gail spend time in both Maine and Virginia.

The Woods have three kids, Pete and Kristin, who both live in Virginia, and Nan who lives in Maryland. There are seven grandchildren - Harrison, Ella, Reid, Shane, Willow, Claire and Davis.

Rick will be presented by Joe Harrington.



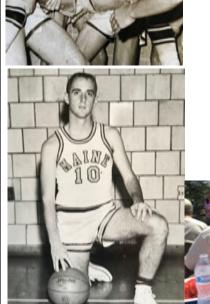
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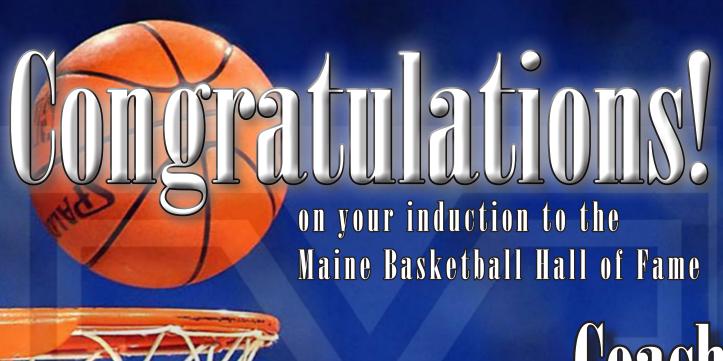


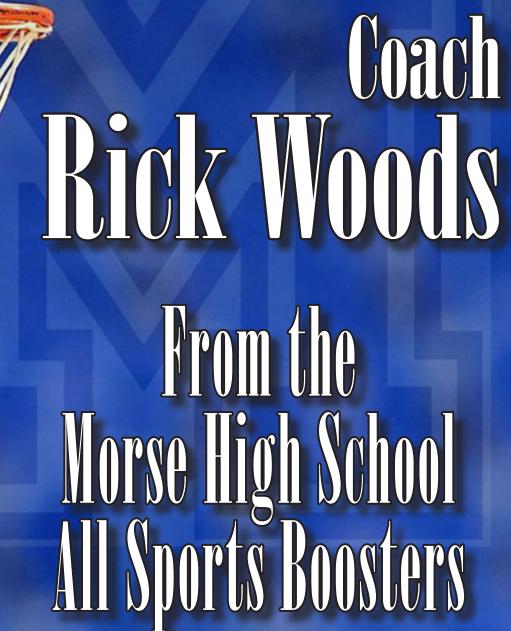


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CLASS OF 2018 **Paul Belanger**

"You played basketball?"

That's what Paul Belanger's wife, Katherine "Scottie" Belanger, asked when he shared that he was being inducted into the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame.

"I thought you played football and baseball."

He did. Played all three. Excelled at all three.

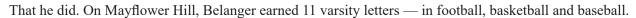
"I don't talk about it much," Belanger says humbly, adding that when he met "Scottie" he had hung up his sneakers and was attempting a professional baseball career.

At Sanford High School, though, Belanger was an All-State basketball player for the Spartans. One winter, he led the league in scoring, assists, steals and free throw percentage.

And, at Colby College, the shooting guard amassed 1,154 points in four years.

That ranks him 20th in career points on the all-time list of Mule greats. And Belanger, who graduated in 1981, played before the three-point line was instituted.

Belanger played at Colby for Maine Basketball Hall of Fame coach Dick Whitmore, who once told a media outlet that he hadn't recruited a basketball player, he had recruited an athlete.



Belanger's basketball career began in junior high at Denis Hall in Alfred. At the boarding school, he teamed with boys from Boston and New York City.

"It was my favorite sport to play. It's hard to explain," says Belanger, who often would wrap up a baseball game in the summer then head to the gym for hoops.

During the fall, he was on the gridiron. And in 1976, the Sanford quarterback won the Fitzpatrick Trophy, presented annually to the state's top senior high school football player.

Belanger calls it a team award. "Without my teammates, there wasn't a chance I would get that," he says. "Only because of the people in front of you, do you have a chance to get those stats."

He's still close with teammates, including those who were Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity brothers. Nearly 40 years after graduating, a group of about 50 brothers annually plays golf. They've also taken trips to Ireland together. And if one of the brothers is in need, others quickly step up.

Belanger says he has incredible memories of basketball at Colby, in particular learning basketball and life lessons from Whitmore.

It's those lessons that have stuck with Belanger. Lessons about leadership, playing smart and diving on the floor to get the ball.

"If you hustle and do all the basics, the rest takes care of itself," says Belanger, who runs an insurance agency in Pennsylvania and has three children — Stephanie, Aaron and Courtney.

And Scottie, who didn't know her husband had played basketball, will get a chance at the induction ceremony to meet some of her husband's former teammates and coaches and hear stories about him playing basketball.

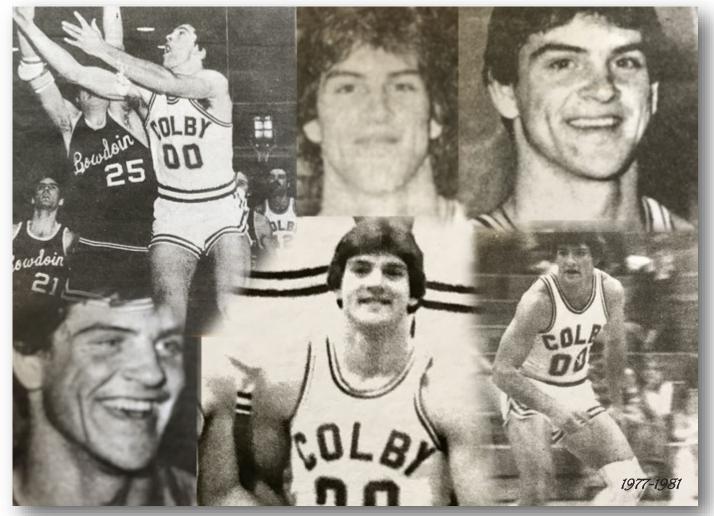
Paul will be presented by Dick Whitmore.



Paul Belanger

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CLASS OF 2018 **Peter Hamlin**

It's a long way from a dead- end street in Milo to the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame, but Peter Hamlin has made that journey with his induction today with the Class of 2018.

Peter graduated from Milo High School in 1968 after a stellar career, and then set career records with his play at Ricker College in Houlton, graduating in 1972.

Peter averaged an amazing 36 points per game as a senior in high school playing for Coach Denis Black. Despite seeing double-teams, box and ones, and other defenses designed specifically to contain him, this talented guard scored from anywhere on the court. On every Tuesday or Friday night, it was taken for granted he would get what he wanted on the offensive end. This ambidextrous guard's most productive night was a 52- point effort against Hermon High School. He scored more than 1000 points in his high school career and was a perennial All-Penquis League All-Star, as well as All-tourney selection in 1968.



Coach Denis Black said of him, "Peter was the best high school player I ever coached; and one of the best player I ever saw play in Maine."

Following high school, Peter accepted an academic/athletic scholarship to Ricker College in Houlton, Maine. His play only improved with age and strength; Peter was named a four-year member of the All-Maine College team, at the time an honor that celebrated the ten best college players in Maine, and a career 2000 point scorer.

His senior season at Ricker he averaged a double-double, scoring 24.5 points per game and over 10 rebounds per contest. His accomplishments are even more impressive as he played the point guard position and logged nearly 40 minutes per game. He was a one- man dynamo and the player opposing teams 'game planned' to stop.

He was named Outstanding Student-Athlete his senior year at Ricker College and graduated with a 3.8 grade point average.

The Chicago Bulls selected him in the supplemental draft in 1972.

Peter continued his basketball career playing for the Griffin Club in South Portland. The legendary Eddie Griffin made the following statement at his Irish wake just prior to his death, "Peter Hamlin was the best player I ever had on my club going back more than a two decades."

Peter has been married to his wife, Christine, for forty-five years and they have three daughters, Lauren and partner Steve Abbott, Lindsay and husband Eric Hansen, and Kate. Peter and Chris have three granddaughters Lydia, Willa, and Rose.

He continues his athletic pursuits on the tennis court and golf course where he still plays to a 4 handicap.

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Your dad, and brother Michael would be so proud of you!



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Congratulations Peter

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Always a Hall of Fame brother



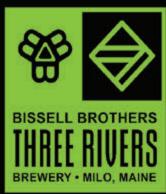
Love you: Tony, Michael, Maria, Mathew and Jensen



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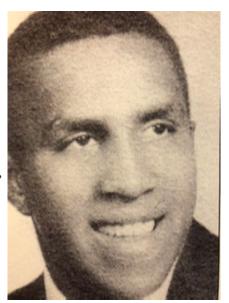
Simply put, Leroy Patterson was one of the finest athletes ever to come from Bangor High and in all of Maine high school history.

At 6-foot-2 and 200 pounds, he was a 1960's force to be reckoned with - on the basketball court, the gridiron and the baseball field.

The son of Leroy W. and Mary 'Dolly' (Francis) Patterson, Leroy graduated from Bangor in 1962.

In that senior year, Leroy was part of a Rams basketball team that finished the regular season 16-2 and seeded #1 in Class LL (1962 was the second year of the four-class LL, L, M, S divisions in high school basketball). His Bangor team beat Gardiner, Presque Isle and Caribou on the way to an Eastern Regional championship (Now North Region). Joe Harrington (MBHOF Class of '14) and his Morse Shipbuilders defeated the Rams 52-43 to win the state championship.

For his efforts, Leroy Patterson was named a BDN first team All-Tourney player and then later was named to the first team All-Maine Team. He had been named an All-Maine second teamer in his junior year.



His athletic excellence carried him to baseball where he was a terrific power hitting outfielder and got lots of looks from pro scouts.

And in football, Leroy dominated the Rams running game. He was named an All-State High School Team twice and won All-American honors.

After his Bangor high school days, Leroy accepted a scholarship to play football at the University of Cincinnati. Old Town's Dick MacPherson was an assistant coach for the Bearcats at the time and helped recruit Patterson to Cincy.

Freshmen were not eligible for varsity play back then, so Leroy did his thing for the frosh team – leading the team in rushing and touchdowns. He was named MVP of that freshman team and would have played varsity the following year.

But Leroy made the tough decision to return home to Bangor and enter the world of law enforcement.

He joined the University of Maine police force and was a fixture on the Orono campus for over three decades. If you attended a Black Bears game there was a good chance you saw Leroy Patterson there, helping anyone who had a question, needed directions or just wanted to talk.

He retired from the UMaine police force in 2010 after 33 years of service.

A tremendous athlete, and outstanding law enforcement officer, Leroy Patterson also spent time officiating games – football, basketball and even baseball. For a long period of time, if your child played youth sports in the Bangor area, there is a good chance Leroy officiated one of those games.

Sadly, Leroy Patterson passed away in January of 2012 at the age of 67, after a courageous battle with cancer.

His family includes four children, Leroy Patterson Jr., Ronnie Patterson, Erica Patterson and Ryan Weston.

Leroy will be presented by Ryan Weston.



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CLASS OF 2018 Barbara Krause

Basketball has taken Barbara Krause on an incredible journey.

A few memorable stops include a barn in Freeport, Bowdoin College, Duke University, Germany and today Bangor, Maine.

"Basketball helped me see that hard work and dedication to a team, to something bigger than myself, paid off in the most rewarding ways possible," says Krause, deputy general counsel at Appalachian State University.

"It gave me confidence in myself, and it gave me teammates (including managers) and coaches who have remained among my dearest friends. I am so grateful for the people I met and places I went because of basketball."

Krause started playing basketball with neighborhood kids in Freeport. "They had a barn, and we could play in there all winter," she says. "At some point, I convinced my Uncle Thurlow to put up a hoop on our garage, and I would shoot out there for hours. I just loved the game. I loved learning about rebounding angles. I loved that I could practice by myself yet play the games with my teammates. In basketball, especially on defense and rebounding, trying harder matters. I was all about the trying harder."



Exhibit A: For Duke Magazine, Krause recalled a childhood memory. She'd use the heel of her sneaker to dig two lines in her dirt driveway and beg her mother to time her as she sprinted from line to line.

Exhibit B: John Brogan, then the Freeport boys' hoop coach, encouraged her and a Freeport teammate to attend Joey Bouchard's summer basketball camp at the University of Maine Portland-Gorham. "I think there were only six girls in the whole camp, but I learned that I could hold my own against tough competition," she says.

Since then, she's more than held her own.

Krause is an Atlantic Coast Conference Women's Basketball Legend — so named for contributing to the prestige and tradition of ACC women's basketball. She's also in the Maine Sports Hall of Fame and the New England Basketball Hall of Fame, and was named by Sports Illustrated as one of the state's 50 best athletes.

Her most poignant basketball memory is winning the Class C Championship with Freeport High School her junior year and the ensuing parade at midnight. "It was Feb. 26, 1976. Mabel Harrison drove the bus. Fire trucks met us at the town line. There was a cold drizzle, but Freeporters lined Main Street to celebrate with us," she says.

After high school, Krause enrolled at Bowdoin College, where she averaged 22.3 points and 14.9 rebounds a contest as a first-year player for the Polar Bears. Krause craved even greater competition and transferred to Duke University, where she continued to excel. Krause says the hook shot her Uncle Thurlow taught her in the driveway turned out to be helpful as a 5'10" power forward in the ACC.

The two-time captain for the Blue Devils set (and still holds) the record for rebounds in a game (24). Her average of 9.9 boards per contest is second-best in Duke history and tied for seventh-best in ACC history.

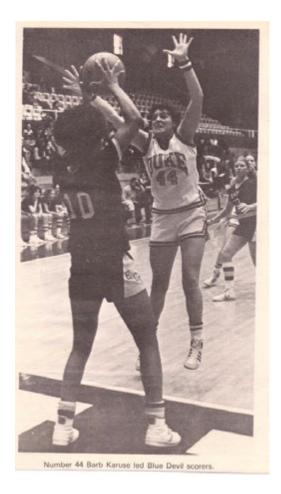
Krause says beating the University of Carolina at Chapel Hill for the first time in program history, and celebrating with teammates and coaches, is a wonderful memory of her time in Durham, North Carolina.

The philosophy and German major graduated Phi Beta Kappa in 1981 from Duke then played professionally for two years in Germany in the Basketball Bundesliga League. "Having the opportunity to live in a different country, to become fluent in a different language, and to travel on my own and see some of the world — those experiences gave me perspectives that I value to this day," she told Appalachian Today.

When Krause returned to the U.S., she earned her J.D. at Cornell Law School. "I've been fortunate to have a fabulous career as a lawyer and administrator in higher education. I've loved working with and on college campuses and cheering on a new generation of student-athletes," says Krause, who was in high school when Title IX became law.

"I spend more time these days playing golf than playing basketball. (Golf is a game where trying harder does NOT necessarily pay off.) I am humbled by the honor of induction into the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame and thrilled to be able to share the day with my sisters, other family, the Brogans, (former) Duke basketball coach Debbie Leonard, and other friends and fans."

Barbara will be presented by John Brogan.



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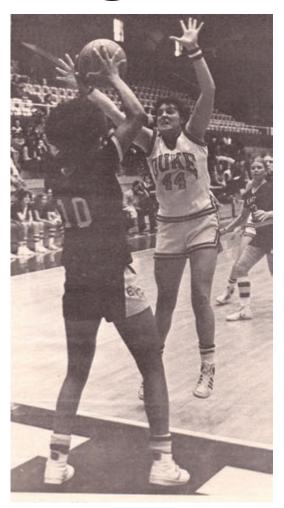
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During a game against East Carolina University (ECU), Barbara Krause, wearing No. 44 for the Duke Blue Devils women's basketball team, defends an inbounds pass by an ECU player. Photo courtesy of Krause

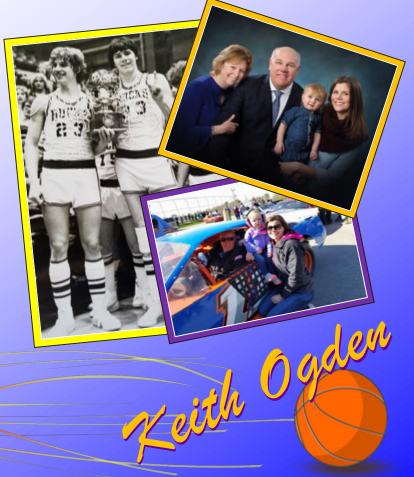




As a boy for whom basketball was just a game, to a young man who learned the importance of second chances, to the family man you are today — basketball and this honor has brought your life full circle.

You lead by example helping others to succeed in overcoming obstacles in their lives. You inspire us every day. We are so very proud of you.

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CLASS OF 2018 Keith Ogden

Perhaps the best way to describe Keith Ogden, the basketball player, is like this. He was one of the best big men with the softest shooting touch ever to play hoops in Maine.

He is also the oldest of the seven Ogden boys.

Born in Portland, the Ogden family moved to Bucksport in his early teens. The 6-foot-8 power forward helped lead his Bucksport High School teams to two state titles and then had a standout college career at Husson University.

Ogden and his Golden Bucks had quite a two year run in 1978 and 1979. An overall record of 39-5 and two Class B state championships under coach Gerry Kane.

In '78, Ogden and company entered the Eastern Maine Tournament as the #3 seed (14-4). The Bucks beat Fort Fairfield in the quarterfinal. The team scored 90 points in a memorable win over rival Ellsworth in the semi and then a win over Orono in the regional title game. The Bucks scored 95 field goals in that regional tournament and that record still stands today. The season finished with a 63-60 state championship win over Mexico.



In '79, Ogden and his Bucks went into the tourney ranked #1 (17-1) and defended their title. Wins over Orono, Schenck and Foxcroft in the East, followed by a 45-43 state championship win over Medomak Valley.

In both years, Ogden was selected to the Bangor Daily News All-Tourney Team. He was also a BDN All-Maine Third Team pick in 1978 and a Second Team pick in 1979.

He was inducted into the Bucksport High School Sports Hall of Fame in 2013.

Ogden took his game from Bucksport to Bangor and played three seasons at Husson University for Bruce MacGregor (MBHOF Class of 2015) and carved out a school Hall of Fame career. He was a three-year letter winner from 1981-83. In 80 collegiate games, Ogden totaled 1,235 points and 774 rebounds. Perhaps most remarkable, he shot 61.1% from the floor.

His senior year was special - 534 points, 332 rebounds, averaging a double-double. His efforts earned him NAIA All-District and Maine Men's Basketball Coaches and Writers Association All-State honors.

The Braves (now Eagles) were 64-19 during his time at One College Circle, including the 1983 NAIA District title which put Husson in the NAIA National Championship Tournament.

Ogden was inducted into the Husson University Sports Hall of Fame in 2003.

"I'm the lucky one getting inducted into the MBHOF. If I could. I would share this with all my coaches and teammates, as without them, I would not be receiving this honor. Basketball is so much a team game."

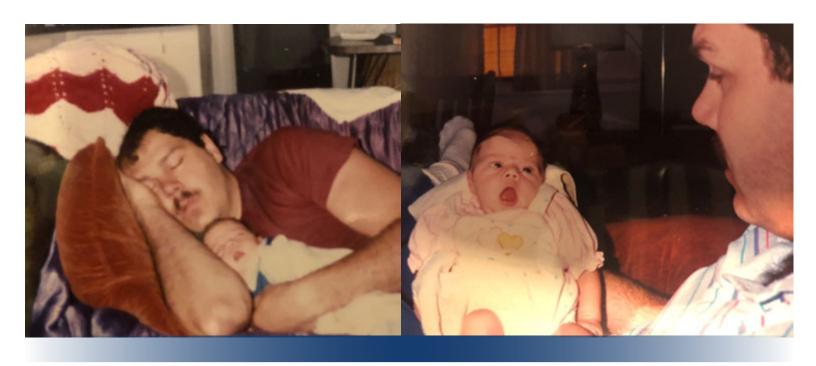
Ogden spent several years coaching hoops. He was the Calais High School boys coach for three years.

These days Ogden is a residential administrator for MERT Enterprises in Bangor, overseeing homes serving adults with intellectual disabilities. He is a certified Maine Special Olympics basketball coach.

Keith's favorite hobby these days is stock car racing and has won a mini-stock division championship at Speedway 95.

He lives in Dedham with his significant other, Melinda Ward. Keith has one daughter, Alyssa and one granddaughter, Aalyiah.

Keith will be presented by Bruce MacGregor.



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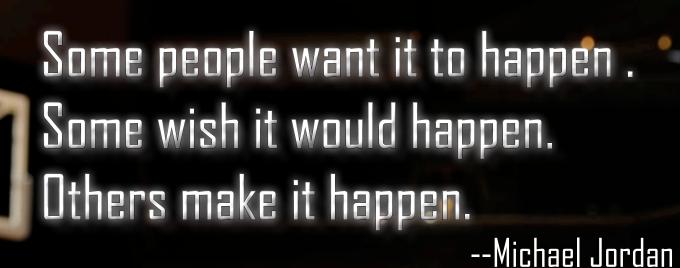
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CLASS OF 2018 Jim Bessey

In 2012, a few months after concluding his nearly five-decade career as a high school boys' basketball coach, Bessey joined the University of Maine at Farmington men's staff. He assists coach Dick Meader (a 2015 Maine Basketball Hall of Fame inductee) with game strategy and player development.

Bessey knows quite a bit about both. In his nearly 40 years as a varsity coach, he amassed 479 victories. In two stints at Mt. Blue, he racked up 421 wins. And in four winters at Madison Area Memorial High School, he and the Bulldogs earned 58.

His first coaching job was in 1966 — with the boys junior varsity at Farmington High School. He took the reins of the varsity squad in 1972-73. In the mid-80s, Bessey guided the Madison Bulldogs to the 1985 Western Maine Class C championship, then returned to Mt. Blue, where he led the team to 21 tournament appearances in his final 26 seasons (and the Eastern Maine semifinals five of the last six). The Cougars captured the regional Class A crown in 1997. During his high school reign, Bessey earned Coach of the Year honors six times.



In his last high school season, the 14-4 Cougars bested Brunswick and Edward Little of Auburn in tourney play before top-ranked Hampden Academy nipped the Cougars 46-44 in the EM Class A title game.

Two of his many fond memories include Mt. Blue's first tournament win over Presque Isle and when his son J.D. drained two free throws to halt Morse's 39-game win streak.

He most appreciates friendships he's forged. Bessey told the Bangor Daily News that it's important for him to impact "players as individuals so that they would carry away from the experience some life lessons they would benefit from in the future." And he told the Sun Journal that players still call him "when their first child is born [and they] stop by the house after coming home from military service."

As a youth, Bessey built a wooden court outside his house, where friends gathered to play. He had successful careers at the former Williams High School in Oakland and at Farmington State Teachers College, now UMF. After he earned a master's in history (magna cum laude) at Appalachian State, Bessey came back to Maine to teach and coach.

He's proud of the long list of his players who earned all-state honors. Several include his former longtime Mt. Blue assistant Chris Brinkman, John Kohtala, and Edward Little boys' coach Mike Adams. His coaching tree has a lot of strong branches. In addition to Adams, there's Jeff Hart at Camden Hills, Ed Kohtala at Orono High School, Gavin Kane at University of Maine at Presque Isle, and Bob Wilder at Old Dominion (football), to name just a few.

Bessey thoroughly enjoys studying the constantly evolving game. He calls friends to ask questions, watches tutorials on the computer and takes notes while watching college games on TV. He then draws up plays, which sometimes find their way into the UMF playbook. "I care about the game," he says. "I respect it. I'm humbled by this (induction), for sure."

Bessey and his wife Marty have five children: Jeff, Dan, Anna, J.D., and Jennifer.

Jim will be presented by Mike Adams.



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CLASS OF 2018 Cindy Blodgett

"I really loved playing for the love of the game," says Cindy Blodgett. "No other reason."

Blodgett discovered her passion for the game early in life. After an organizer told a very young Blodgett that she couldn't play in a local Police Athletic League, her dad Thayer put up a hoop in the family's yard and told her that she could play anytime she wanted. Turns out the teaching moment for Thayer was a pivotal moment for Blodgett. She wanted to play a lot.

Blodgett appreciates that getting to play a game she loves has provided her with amazing opportunities. "It paid for my college education, I got to play in the NCAA Tournament, I was coached by Joanne Palombo-McCallie, and I've met a lot of people who have impacted my life," she says. "I have nothing but gratitude."



And fans statewide are grateful they got to witness the magic. While Blodgett's prowess drew considerable media attention, she was focused on winning. "The only thing that mattered was the success of the team," she says. "I didn't care if I scored 10 points or 50."

The Clinton native averaged just shy of 30 points a game (29.5) at Lawrence High School as the four-year All-State player led the Bulldogs to a four-year, 84-4 record and four-straight Class A State Championships (1991-1994). Along the way, she became the state's all-time high school scoring leader with 2,596 points. She was a three-time Gatorade Player of the Year and was named Miss Basketball in 1994.

After games, Blodgett still wanted to play. In "Playing Like a Girl," author Tabitha King wrote that on an away game pit stop, Blodgett came out of a bathroom stall dribbling a basketball.

At the University of Maine, the All-American guard and two-time captain directed the Black Bears to their first four NCAA women's appearances (1995-1998). In doing so, she poured in 3,005 points (25.4 per game), twice led the nation in scoring, was a two-time America East Player of the Year, broke 20 school records and inspired thousands of youth and adults. She's still the 13th-leading scorer in NCAA women's basketball history, just behind Maya Moore, Chamique Holdsclaw and Cheryl Miller.

The Cleveland Rockers picked Blodgett sixth in the 1998 WNBA draft. After a four-year career in the WNBA, and a career abroad, Blodgett transitioned from player to coach and has guided teams at Boston University, UMaine, Brown University and Rhode Island.

Today, she loves being with her 2-year-old son Owen. "Life is a little slower now," she says. "We live a mile and half from the beach. I enjoy family and time with friends. Nothing too extraordinary."

Owen, she adds, enjoys basketball.

Cindy will be presented by Joanne McCallie.

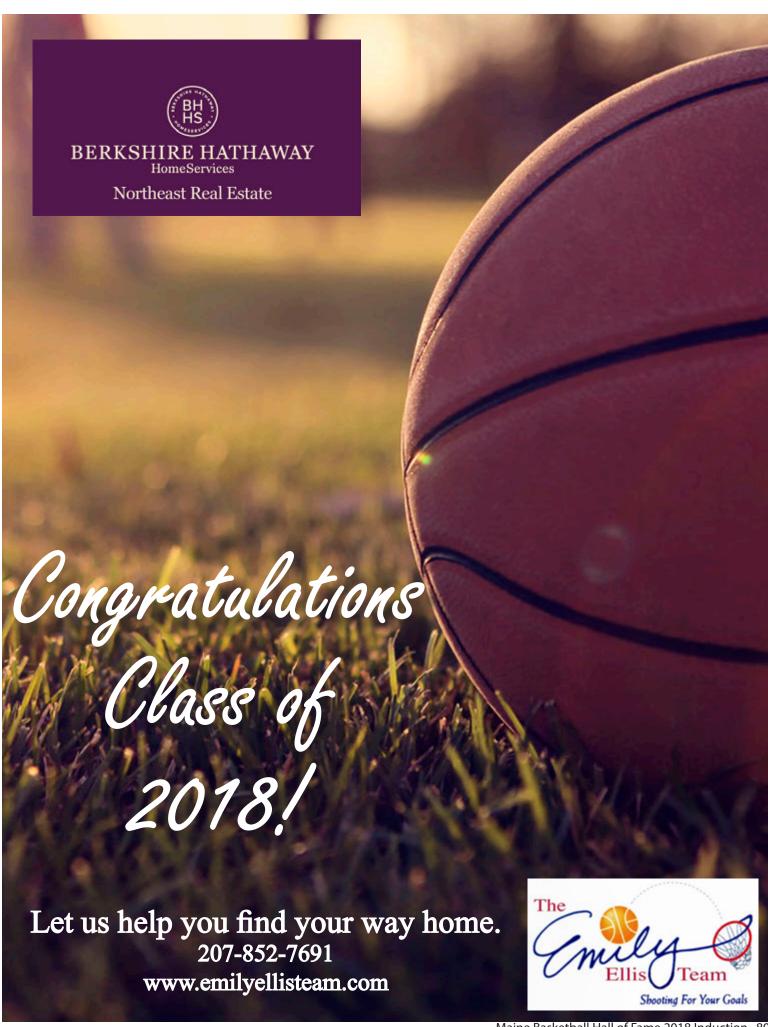
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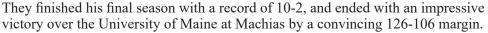


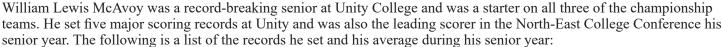


CLASS OF 2018 William "Billy" McAvoy

It is virtually impossible to talk about Sherman High School, Katahdin High School and basketball without talking about Billy McAvoy. Billy has been a fixture in his community since he was old enough to pick up a basketball. Back in the days of his junior year, before the schools consolidated, he and his brother Ricky led Sherman High School to the State Class D Title, defeating Strong 63-58. The following year for Katahdin basketball, the team went 18-0 but lost their first game in Bangor to Searsport.

From 1968-1972, Billy went on to play for the Unity College Rams. The first year in the North-East Conference, Unity could not compete for the title, but went on to win the North-East Conference Title the next three years in a row. During Billy's sophomore year, Unity had to play Fort Kent for the Conference Title at Ricker College. The gymnasium was packed and the entire town of Sherman was there watching Billy take on his brother Rick. It was a very close game the entire way, but......UNITY for the win!!





Most Points in One Season: 716; Games Played: 25; Average: 28.6 points per game; Most Points in Career: 1909; Most Field Goals in One Game: 21 vs. University of Maine at Machias; Most Free Throws in One Game: 27-30 vs. U. of J. at Fort Kent; Most Points in One Game: 53 vs. University of Maine at Machias

The 53 point game came in his last college game vs. University of Maine at Machias, which was a perfect ending to his college career.

Billy was not known for being an outside shooter, he was a driver, taking most of his shots in the lane. If he can't get the shot, he will almost always draw the foul, and sometimes he did both. Many people don't know that Billy wasn't playing in the best of health his senior year as he had broken his back during the summer and had complications with a sinus problem, yet he had the best year of his career.

Billy was elected to the All Maine team all four years and elected to the All Conference team for 3 years.

In 2008, Billy was elected to the Hall of Honors, for which he was veryhonored.

Billy McAvoy has spent 33 years as a varsity basketball coach accumulating 440 wins and with all of the above achievements, one of the more important accomplishments in Billy's life has not only been as a player, but as a coach to hundreds of kids through his career. Billy was not only their coach, he was their mentor, their friend, their support system, and in many instances, their only supportsystem. Billy always made each and every kid that he coached feel important and they all knew that he had faith in each and every one of them. There have been many times that Billy provided money for meals on away games, and if the truth be known, he gave out more money than his stipend ever covered, just because he cared about each and every one of them. Billy truly believes that he has probably learned more from the kids than they ever learned from him.

Billy is married to his wife Susan and together they raised one son, Ryan McAvoy, who resides in Bangor with his wife Meaghan.

Bill will be presented by Ryan McAvoy.



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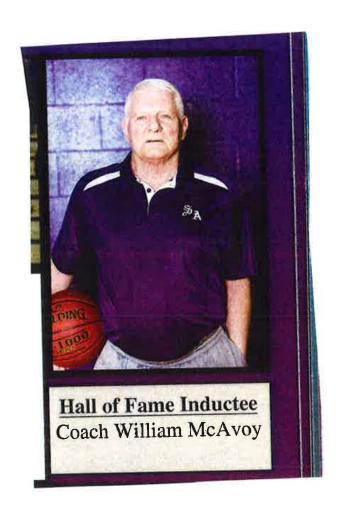
Your lifetime dedication to the game of basketball, your teaching passion goes beyond the court and is recognized as life lessons. You have always been a beacon of hope, love, and support for our family. We are so very proud of you and all you accomplishments.

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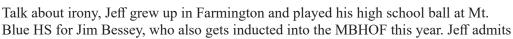
CLASS OF 2018 Jeff Hart

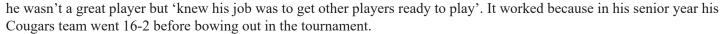
For Camden Hills High School coach Jeff Hart, the month of February 2018 turned out to be one special month.

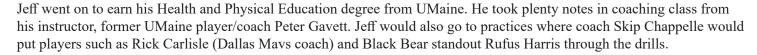
First came news that he would be inducted into the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame Class of 2018. And then later in the month, his Windjammers team defeated Morse High School, giving Jeff his 500th victory as a high school coach.

How rare is 500 wins in Maine high school history? Only five boys coaches belong in the 500 win club (I.J. Pinkham, Roger Reed, Dave Halligan, Ordie Alley) and only nine coaches, adding in the girls coaching ranks (Dick Barstow, Gavin Kane, John Donato, Rick Clark).

"I can't describe it," Hart said of his thoughts on hearing the news of MBHOF induction. "What an honor. Hard for me to believe actually. To be mentioned with some of the greats who have been inducted is just unbelievable."







All along, Jeff Hart knew 'coaching was exactly what he wanted to do'.

He got his chance in the 1981-82 school year when he coached the Ellsworth High School jayvee team under varsity coach Bruce Lindberg.

A year later, Jeff began his teaching and coaching career with the Windjammers. He's been the face of basketball at Camden-Rockport/Camden Hills ever since. 36 years with the same school.

With the three plus decades of Camden-Rockport and now Camden Hills hoops, Jeff Hart teams to six gold basketballs. State titles in 1999, 2001, 2002, 2005, 2009, 2011. Three of those state championship years his team went undefeated.

Add in 10 regional titles and 13 Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference (KVAC) Class B titles, a multi-time McDonald's Senior All Star Game coach, a coach for the National High School All Star Game in Denver, Colorado and you can see why he is a Hall of Fame coach.

Jeff spent several years as Camden jayvee, then varsity baseball coach. He also spent time as JV softball coach and also helps other teams in support roles such as a clock operator or whatever help is needed for a Windjammers home game.

He was inducted into the New England Basketball Hall of Fame in 2009. The Mid-Coast Sports Hall of Fame opened its doors to Jeff in 2010.

Jeff and his wife, Melissa, live in Rockport with their daughter Julia. Jeff has three adult kids, Nicole, Morgan and Daniel.

Jeff will be presented by Morgan Hart Tolin & Daniel Hart.



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Congratulations on your induction into the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame, Jeff.

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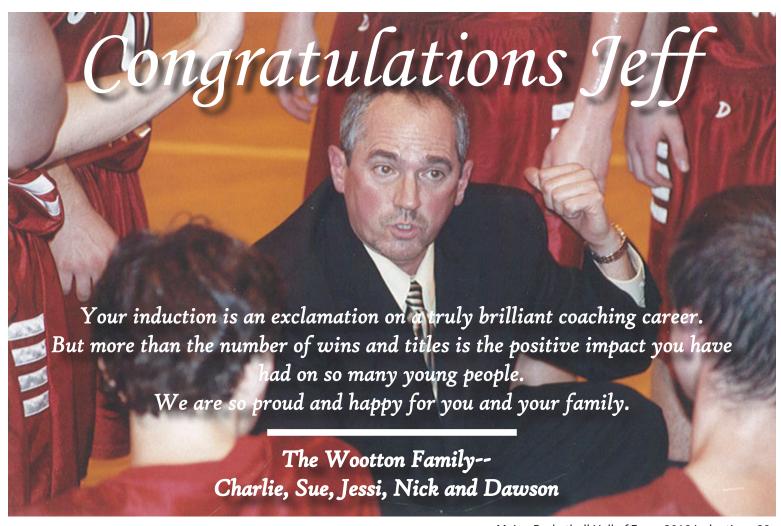
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CLASS OF 2018 **Joe Russo**

Simply put, 2018 Maine Basketball Hall of Fame inductee Joe Russo is one of the most successful coaches not only in Portland High School history but one of the most successful coaches in Maine - period.

His basketball career has taken him from Munjoy Hill in Portland to UMaine Presque Isle in Aroostook County and back to Portland as Bulldogs coach.

"Joe has become an icon in Maine basketball," says MBHOF chairman Tony Hamlin. "To see the kid from Munjoy Hill make the journey to the Hall of Fame is pretty impressive."

Joe wore #10 as a three-year point guard at Portland High School for coach John McGuire and graduated in 1975. In his senior season, the Bulldogs went 18-0 in the regular season, one of two 18-0 teams in Class A West (Rumford also finished 18-0)).

Then it was off to the University of Maine at Presque Isle to study health and physical education. He played for the late Frank McGrath at UMPI. In his senior season, Russo led the Owls to a 14-5 record (1978-79). He dished out 90 assists that season and scored 126 points. In fact, in his final two years at UMPI, Joe totaled 114 assists.



He was inducted into the UMaine Presque Isle Sports Hall of Fame in 1996.

Joe coached at Bonny Eagle High School for three seasons and when the Portland job opened Russo called it 'his dream job' and returned to his alma mater in 1990.

He's never left.

For almost three full decades, Joe Russo has been synonymous with Portland success. 429 career high school wins means he's in select company. Only 23 coaches, active or retired, have 400 or more wins.

Russo has led the Bulldogs to Class A state championships in 1999, 2004 and 2014. He led Portland to Class AA crowns in 2016 and 2017. Two other seasons, his teams played a lost in a state final. That's five state titles and seven regional crowns.

People who know basketball best say this about Joe Russo – his teams are legendary for getting dramatically better as a season goes on. Russo told 'TheForecaster.com', "I've had wonderful players, great relationships. My coaching staff has been outstanding. We've always been team first. That's worked for us. I'm still enjoying it."

Standout players Joe has coached for the years include Josh Longstaff, who has gone on to be a head coach in the G-League and recently was named an assistant coach with the NBA's Milwaukee Bucks. Robert Pillsbury, a 1,000 point scorer at both Portland HS and at Husson University. And, Terion Moss, who will start his college career as a UMaine Black Bear this fall.

Joe lives in Portland with his wife, Donna. They have three children, Scott, who lives in Falmouth, Anthony, who lives in Lisbon, and Trisha, who lives in Falmouth.

Joe will be presented by Mike Johnson.

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And with all that you do, you always find time to spend with us.

We Love You!! Donna, Scott, Janice, Anthony, Sunny, Trisha, Steve, Ron, Philomena, Joanne, Don, Mary, Ron, Mike, Sue, Margaret and your loving grandchildren--Giana, Capella, Avia, Solaya, Mia, Cole, Joseph, Lucas and Nicholas

And, your biggest fan of all, Mom, who is shining down on you today!



Congratulations, Coach Russo!

"Congratulations Dad on this well-deserved honor. I've seen first hand all the time and effort you have put into building a great basketball program at Portland High, always putting the school and players before yourself. Today is for you, enjoy it." -Anthony Russo '99

"Russo was not just a coach, he was a father figure for me. Through basketball he was able to teach me life lessons. The day I graduated from Portland High School he told me, 'Translate the work ethic and success you've had on the basketball court to your school work, job, friends and family, and you will be successful, Coach Russo's basketball resume and longevity is because he give it his all and he understands the kids. I am forever grateful to have called you my Coach. Congratulations!"

- Robert Pilsbury '99

- Joey Giordano '99

"Your passion for the game of basketball and teaching young people is remarkable. To do it for as long as you have is a testament to all the hard work and commitment that you instilled is us as players. Thank you for all the incredible support on and off the court. Thank you for all the incredible memories. Congratulations Coach!" - Adam Waxman '99

"Congratulations on your induction into the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame. The impact you have had on Maine Basketball is unmeasurable but it can't compare to the lives you have touched at Portland High School, I speak for many of us Bulldogs when I say thank you for being a mentor, teacher and a great friend. Enjoy your moment." - Josh Longstaff '99

"Coach Russo, the impact you have made on the lives of those who played for you could never be measured. Congratulations!"



"Coach Russo has always been there for me Regardless of the situation. He helped me develop into a better player but more importantly a better human. Congrats Coach on this great award." - Griffin Foley '18



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"Coach Russo taught me true character is always being my best at all times both on and off the court." - Joe Esposito '16

"Coach Russo made an immediate impact on my life when I transferred to Portland High School my sophomore year. He was and is one of the most influential mentors in my life and it was a blessing to have had his guidance in both basketball and my life outside the sport."

- Charlie Lyall '17



"Coach, congratulations on the Hall of Fame honors. Not only has your coaching career been Hall of Fame worthy, but so has the person beyond the hardwood. The commitment and dedication you gave to me and every player that came through your program provided us with the skills to succeed not only on the basketball court, but in life. I am honored to have had the opportunity to suit up, for you and share in the accomplishments we had."

- Eric Shone '04

"One of the best Maine has seen."

- Rocco Toppi '04

"CONGRATULATIONS COACH, Well deserved. Making quality and consistency synonymous with Bulldog Basketball."

- Emmons Brothers (Colby '02 & Tyler '05)



"You can always put your faith in Coach Russo because he has your back on and off the court and also because you know he wants to win just as bad as you do. Congratulations Coach Russo,"

- Justin Zukowski '14

"Congratulations!" - Matt Talbot '14

"Coach Russo knew how to get the best out of each player! As he motivated us to fight with our hearts! And live in the moment 22-0." - Jayvon Pitts-Young '14



"You're a Hall of Fame Coach and a hall of Fame human being. You've set the bar for excellence on the court with your ability to get your teams to improve during the season and be at the best in the biggest games and your a wonderful molder of young men. Some of the most memorable games I've ever covered, most notably the 2004 Class A state final and the 2016 Class AA state final, features your teams.This is a well-deserved honor!" - Michael Hoffer, Sports Editor for The Forecaster

"Congratulations Coach Russo on your Induction into the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame..! Our relationship over the last 25 plus years has had a profound impact on my life. As a player, your assistant coach, and also as an opposing coach, you always brought out the best in me. You always create a sense of "Family" and belonging, allowing players coaches and everyone around you to feel

> confident and help them to be their best. I am extremely grateful for our friendship and all you have done for me, and Maine high school basketball. Thank you again and congratulations!" - Dan LeGage '91

"Coach Russo, congratulations on your Hall of Fame Induction. Over the last 28 years I've either played for you, coached against you or sat next to you on the sideline. I've always admired that your first priority was making sure your players had a roof over their head and they were fed. You've provided clothes and sneakers when kids were in need year after year. These are the details that few know and for me it is what's separates you from the rest. Thanks Coach." - Joe Johnson '92

> "Joe, congratulations from your friends at Windham High School Basketball." - Chad, George and Peter

"Coach Russo has had a tremendous impact on me as a coach, player, and person. I am truly honored to be a small part of his journey both as a former player and now coach. Congratulations Coach." - Dylan Goodman '08

> "CONGRATS COACH RUSSO, Joe Congratulations on your induction into The Maine Basketball Hall of Fame. I have enjoyed our professional and personal interactions throughout the years. Best of luck and congrats again on a fantastic achievement!" - Mark Karter

"Congratulations!" - Coach Wing

"Coach Russo, Congratulations on your induction into the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame. It's been an honor and privilege to be your assistant coach these last 25 years. It's been special watching you all these years on how you work with all of our student athletes on and off the court, you have touched so many over your long career. Once again CONGRATS on the wonderful honor, it's well deserved! I'm honored to call you Coach but most of all a true Friend." - Coach G '75 (PHS alumni and teammate)

"Working with and for Coach Russo is simply a joy and pleasure."

Carmine Rumo

"I have cherished the opportunity to have coached against you for much of your career. More importantly, I am grateful to the friendship these many years. You have always done it the right way. You are a tremendous coach and even better person. Congrats." - Kevin Millington (SPHS)

"Joe, Congratulations! Thanks for allowing me to have a front row seat." - Drew Juris



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Prior to 1962 the New England Basketball Championships included all six state champions. Connecticut was the first state to pull out in 1962, but before this happened a group of outstanding athletes from Lewiston High School, led by legendary coach Nat Crowley, rolled into the Boston Garden after defeating Brewer High School 81-64 for the Maine State Championship.

Lewiston enjoyed the talents of three outstanding players, John Doyle, Paul Fortin, and Dick Terriault, all members of the 1960 BDN All-State team. Playing a high- octane brand of basketball, the skill level Lewiston displayed was equal to any group of players in Maine history. Their magical season resulted in a 24-0 record as they represented Maine in the New England's.

Although Wilber Cross of Connecticut defeated the Blue Devils, the 1960 Lewiston team secured its place in Maine folklore as one of the best teams ever to represent the state.

They are being inducted into the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame today; joining their rightful place in our state's historical record.















LEGENIDS OF THE GAME

Dwight Hunter

It would take several pages to list all of Dwight Hunter's awards and explain his legacy to the people of Maine and Caribou. The younger brother of Hall of Fame coach Gene Hunter, Dwight grew up in Presque Isle where he played varsity basketball for three years and was named to the All-Aroostook Team each season. Following high school, Dwight went on to play hoops at Aroostook State College (UMPI) for two years; before he transferred to the Univ. of Maine at Orono to major in physical education; a program UMPI didn't offer.

Dwight has been inducted into the UMPI Hall of Fame, as well as the Maine Sports Legends Hall of Fame. In addition, he was awarded the Jim Defrederico Award by IAABO 111, and the Bob Brown Contributor Award by the Maine Association of Baskethall Coaches.

Dwight has served on the Maine Basketball Commission and the MPA Basketball
Committee. He coached varsity basketball at Caribou High School for 5 years. He served
as the Athletic Director at Caribou High School for 41 years. The school placed a permanent monument to Dwight's
dedication at the Caribou Athletic Facilities in his name.

Very few athletic leaders have left a legacy as rich as Dwight Hunter's. His personal and professional life are testimony to his integrity, work ethic, and character. His career was truly legendary.

Dwight and his wife of 55 years, Nancy have three children, Scott, Shelley, and Stacey. They also enjoy their 9 grandchildren. The Hunters continue to live in Caribou.

Arthur "Artie" Warren (Posthumous Inductee)

Artie Warren enters the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame as a Legend posthumously, having passed away in 2013. This outstanding athlete was born June 23, 1941, in Brunswick and soon made a name for himself as one of the best schoolboy basketball and baseball players in the state. After graduation, Artie continued his education and athletic careers at the University of Maine, Orono, where he played basketball for Brian McCall, captaining his senior team and setting a rebounding record that lasted for nearly two decades. Artie also pitched for the Black Bear baseball team under legendary coach, Jack Butterfield, before finishing his collegiate athletic career as a broad jumper and triple jumper for the track and field team.

After graduating from the University of Maine in 1963 with a B.S. in education. Artie remained in Maine and began a 45-year career as a teacher, school administrator, and coach, first at Winthrop High, where his teams consistently appeared in the post-season tournaments, before moving on to Gardiner Area High School in 1967 to coach basketball, tennis and cross country. As head basketball coach at Gardiner, Artie had several strong teams, the best of which was the 1974, 17-1, Eastern Maine tournament team. He also spent several summers coaching with Boston Celtics Hall of Famer Sam Jones at his basketball camp in Massachusetts. Artie also continued to play basketball as a member of the semi-pro Augusta Area All-Stars.

Artie retired in 2008 and not surprisingly, he returned to the coaching ranks in the final years of his life, serving as an assistant and scout for Gardiner High School head coach., He spoke often and with great pride about the character and heart of the players on those teams and was thrilled to be on the sidelines at the Bangor Auditorium as the 2011-2012 team played for the State Championship, the first Gardiner team ever to do so.

Artie and his wife of 51 years, Catherine had three sons, Barrett, Brian, and Brett.

Jim Beaudry

Long time St. Francis College basketball coach and Athletic Director Jim Beaudry is a legend in the Saco-Biddeford area. Jim is a graduate of Cheverus High School where he played for Hall of Famer Dick Whitmore's dad in 1941. A gifted athlete, Jim was a multi-sport star playing football and baseball.

However, his time at St. Francis (now New England College) was the pinnacle of his career. A kind and committed man, Jim mentored countless men and women over his career. He was an educator who knew the mark of a successful professional was not measured by money, but rather by the difference one can make on the lives of young people.

His teams at St. Francis were often outmatched physically, but they were always prepared and fundamentally sound. They won many games while over matched; a real testament to coach Beaudry's leadership. Besides basketball, Jim coached baseball, soccer, cross country, and golf at St. Francis.

Jim is a member of the New England Basketball Hall of Fame and the Sports Legends Hall of Fame and New England College Hall of Fame.

His influence on the New England College campus was recognized with the establishment of the James A. Beaudry Award given annually to the UNE student – athlete who has not only demonstrated exemplary sportsmanship, but also made a significant contribution to the Athletic Department and to campus life at the University.

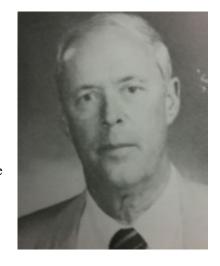
One would be hard pressed to find a nicer man than Jim Beaudry; his gentle nature, and desire to serve others his entire life make today's induction into the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame a richly deserved honor.

Bill Fletcher

The 87-year-old Milo native, a longtime high school teacher, coach and administrator whose stops included Falmouth, Mattanawcook Academy of Lincoln, Penobscot Valley of Howland, Dexter and Brewer. As a player for Milo High School in 1956, Bill was on the team that won the first Eastern Maine Class "M" tournament game in the recently closed Bangor Auditorium.

Bill Fletcher's easy- going demeanor and quiet, steady leadership were hallmarks of his coaching days. As the long-time coach at Mattanawcook Academy in Lincoln, Bill's teams in the 60's and early 70's were perennial tournament contenders. His teams played with the same poise Bill modeled on the side-line. He's could be seen sitting with legs crossed, casually calculating the game as it unfolded in front of him.

Bill received the Bob Brown Contributor's Award in 2005 and his teams won 220 games during his coaching tenure. He also was awarded the MPA Larry LaBrie Award for Outstanding Contributions in 2005.



Perhaps Bill's greatest contribution to Maine basketball is his leadership as the Director of the Eastern Maine basketball tournament for 26 years, beginning in 1986 and Director of the Regional Cheerleading Championship for 10 years. His work was an extension of his coaching days; the Bangor tournament was well organized, accommodating to fans and participants, and upheld the standards of the Maine Principal Association.

Bill was inducted into the Maine Sports Legends' Hall of Honors in 2011.

Generations of basketball fans in Eastern Maine have been warmly received and greeted like an old friend by Bill Fletcher. He is a man of professionalism, integrity, and character; he is most deserving of today's induction into the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame.

Bill and his wife Arlene live in Bangor. Between them they have five children, Jim, Mike, Sarah, Charles and Michael.

Elwood "Bimbo" Pinkham

Bimbo Pinkham is one of the ironic names in Maine Basketball; the Sumner High School graduate led his school to four Eastern Maine Championships and the 1973 State Championship where he scored 38 points for the Tigers. That team set the state record for points scored in a state championship with 106 points!

Bimbo was named the the Eastern Maine All-tourney team and 2nd team All-State by the Bangor Daily News.

Bimbo started a 42- year coaching career in 1977 at his local high school. For decades, anytime an athlete wanted an open gym, he and his wife Joan would be there. He has coached youth teams, school teams, church teams, varsity teams at Jonesport-Beals, Sumner, and Narraguagus high schools.

His Narraguagus team won the Eastern Maine Sportsmanship Award and Bimbo has won several DAR Coach of the Year Awards.

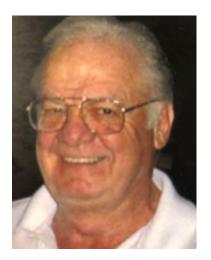
Bimbo was inducted into the New England Basketball Hall of Fame in 2015

Bimbo and his wife Joan live in Stueben, they are the proud parents of two children and also enjoy spending time with their three grandchildren.

Thaxter Trafton

Thaxter graduated from Morse High School in 1955 where he was an outstanding player for the Shipbuilders. He attended Husson College and played basketball there for Del Merrill, graduating in 1961. After college, Thaxter coached basketball at John Bapst for four years, from 1961-'65, leaving to become the Executive Director of Bass Park in Bangor. In 1985 Thaxter's career took him to Cleveland where he served as President and Head of Basketball Operations for the Cleveland Cavaliers from 1985 to 1989. Beyond his experience in Clevelnad, Thaxter remained close to basketball when he served as President and Commissioner of the International Basketball League, the precursor of today's NBA "D" League.

Since moving back to Maine, he has served in state government, primarily at the Dept. of Economic and Community Development in Augusta. Thaxter continued to give back to the state and its athletic community by serving as the Exec. Director of the Maine Sports Hall of Fame. He was inducted into the Maine Sports Hall of Fame in 2003 and the New England Basketball Hall of Fame in 2006.



Thaxter and his wife Linda recently retired from their many commitments and enjoy a relaxed lifestyle in Rockland. They have seven children and their grandchildren occupy their time and energy.

Thaxter Trafton's contributions to basketball over a fifty year career are legendary; he is most deserving of today's recognition by the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame.



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