

2017 Inductees into the Golden Eagles Athletic Wall of Fame

Gregory Birbilis, an inspiring coach and teacher at Galway for numerous years.

Galway Achievements: Mr. Birbilis taught Physical Education at Galway from 1975—2006. He also served as the Physical Education Chairman for a number of years and was also the Athletic Director/Assistant Principal for a while.

While at Galway, Mr. Birbilis developed and coached Galway's first ever varsity Track & Field Team and varsity Wrestling team. Mr. Birbilis coached numerous state ranked teams, he coached the wrestler with the most wins in Section II & 5th most wins in NYS history. He sent many wrestlers to the NYS qualifiers and had two NYS place finishers. Greg also coached Girls modified soccer in Galway and he developed Galway's 5th grade Outdoor Education program.

Other accomplishments: Mr. Birbilis was also the head varsity Ballston Spa soccer coach where he coached his team to two Class AA sectional semi-finals, the team manager and assistant coach for Clifton Park premier Girls Soccer, the co-coach of the Shenentaha and Allycats girls premier soccer teams, and the Ballston Spa assistant varsity and modified track coach.

Mr. Birbilis enjoys travel, cooking, weight training, kayaking, skiing, camping, fishing and golf.

Justin Daino, Class of 2004

Galway Achievements: Justin Daino was a three-sport athlete while attending Galway. He played soccer, ran cross country and track and field.

Mr. Daino received the "Most Outstanding Runner" award for three consecutive years in Cross Country. He also qualified as an individual for the State Championships for three consecutive years. Justin was the League MVP in 2003 and the Section II Class D Champion in 2002 and 2003.

In Track & Field Mr. Daino received the "Determination and Service Award", the awards for "Most Team Points"

Other accomplishments: Mr. Daino received a four-year scholarship from Siena College for Cross Country. He finished in second place for his team at the National Catholic Colleges & Universities Championships.

Justin Daino received a BA in Psychology with a minor in Criminal Justice from Siena College in 2008. He is a volunteer at the Galway Fire Department and is a full-time professional fire fighter and certified paramedic with the Saratoga Springs Fire Department.

Gary Kalinkewicz, Class of 1968

Galway Achievements: M. Kalinkewicz was a three-sport athlete while attending Galway. He played soccer, basketball and baseball. Gary Kalinkewicz was the high scorer in both soccer and basketball his senior year and was named "Senior Athlete of the Year."

Mr. Kalinkewicz coached varsity golf for 22 years, modified basketball for 5 years and junior varsity soccer for 4 years.

Gary Kalinkewicz led his golf team to 85 consecutive wins (which was a state record at the time). He also led his team to win eleven Suburban Council Divisional Championships and eight class A championships. Mr. Kalinkewicz coached two individual State Champions as well.

Other accomplishments: Mr. Kalinkewicz was inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame in 2016 and he has also had a long career in officiating both basketball and soccer games. In his 40+ years as an official, Gary has officiated over 3000 games.

Gary Kalinkewicz has devoted his life to athletics as an athlete, coach, physical education teacher and official.

Karennna martin, Class of 2011

Galway Achievements: Ms. Martin was a three-sport athlete while attending Galway. She played volleyball, basketball and softball. Ms Martin's volleyball achievements include Team Captain, WAC overall MVP, WAC MVP hitter, two times 1st team all-league Capital District 2nd team (all classes), team most valuable player and team most valuable defensive player. The volleyball team was undefeated WAC champions and Section II Class C finalists in 2010.

In basketball some of Ms. Martin's achievements include Team Captain, two times 1st team all-league, second leading scorer in school history, all time leading shot blocker in school history, team most valuable player, best offensive player and best defensive player.

In softball Ms. Martin was the Team Captain, 1st team all-league and team best defensive player.

Other accomplishments: Karena Martin was awarded the top female scholar-athlete in the Capital District (75+ high schools) by the Albany Sports Foundation. She was a two-time nominee for Capital District Girls Basketball Scholar-Athlete Award and the winner of the Overall WAC Scholar-Athlete Award. Ms. Martin graduated magna cum laude as the Valedictorian from Princeton University in 2011 where she was the captain, coach and president of Princeton's women's club basketball team.

Karena Martin currently plays basketball and softball in leagues in New York City.

Richard Sherman, Class of 1957

Galway Achievements: Mr. Sherman was a three sport athlete while attending Galway High School. He played soccer, basketball and baseball and was the president of the Galway Athletic Association for a number of years.

As a senior Richard Sherman was named one of the top five scorers for basketball. Mr. Sherman was also selected to play in the All Stars senior game at Gloversville.

Other accomplishments: Richard Sherman was a player as well as the manager of The Innkeeper Softball League for a number of years. Mr. Sherman has always been very involved with and supportive of athletics within the Galway community. His children attended Galway and played sports as well. Currently Mr. Sherman's grandson, Chad Sherman, is a senior at Galway High School and is a great athlete competing in both cross country and track.

1996 Girls varsity cross country team

The 1996 Girls Varsity Cross Country Team was the Tri Valley Northern Division Champions, Tri Valley Overall Meet Champions, Section II Class C Champions and the New York State Public High School Athletic Association's Team Runner-Up for Class C, a race held at St. Lawrence University in Canton, NY. The individual team members were:

Brigid Horigan— Honorable Mention All-State
Hannah Horigan—2nd Team All-State
Carol Grinter
Jennifer Albarelli
Randi Cowper
Ryan Cowper
Rebecca Pedniotti-Anderson—2nd Team All State
Sara Immel
Victoria Atkins
Brianna Hanley