



Introducing the 2020 Inductees into the Golden Eagles Athletic Wall of Fame

The Galway Central School District is proud to announce the 2020 Inductees into the Golden Eagles Athletic Wall of Fame. Galway's Golden Eagles Athletic Wall of Fame recognizes and honors student athletes, coaches, teams, and community members who have made significant contributions to the Galway athletic program. Individuals were nominated for their service, performance, dedication, and commitment to Galway Athletics by members of the Galway community. A selection committee then voted to induct the following athletes, community members, and teams into the Golden Eagles Athletic Wall of Fame.

The Wall of Fame Induction Ceremony had to be canceled due to COVID-19, however, the following individuals will be honored at the Wall of Fame Ceremony in 2021. Please accept our socially distant congratulations for now!

Dennis Schaperjahn

Dennis Shaperjahn, Class of 1972, was a two-sport athlete who moved to Galway CSD from Guilderland CSD during his junior year of high school. He competed in soccer and baseball. Mr. Schaperjahn is a U.S. Air Force veteran, retired teacher from Fort Edward Central Schools, and has stayed committed to the Galway community through many volunteer efforts.

Mr. Schaperjahn has committed himself to the Galway Central School District through his role as the President of the Board of Education, as well as volunteering as a varsity track & field coach for the last 17 years. Mr. Schaperjahn specialized in pole vault and coached two athletes (Patti Carol and Sara Graber) to set school records and qualify for the New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA) State Championship meet. Mr. Schaperjahn was involved in equestrian sports as well. He was the Reserve Grand Champion of NYS in 1969. Mr. Schaperjahn volunteered as a coach in T-ball, soccer, and gymnastics through the youth commission throughout the '70s, '80s and '90s while also serving as Scoutmaster for a number of years. While in the Airforce, Mr. Schaperjahn played baseball, softball, and volleyball on base overseas and was the only American to join a bushido, which is an elite martial arts organization. Upon his return to Galway, he continued boxing through the YMCA in Schenectady in the Golden Gloves division.

Deborah (Kregling) Anderson

Deborah (Kregling) Anderson, Class of 1988, was a four-sport varsity athlete, competing in soccer (5 years), basketball (5 years), softball (4 years), and volleyball (2 years). After high school, Deborah went on to play soccer, basketball, and lacrosse at Clarkson University where she graduated with a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering. During her tenure at Galway Junior/Senior High School, she was awarded Tri-Valley All-Star Honorable Mention and Section 2 All-Star in soccer, and Tri-Valley First ('86) and Second Team ('87) in basketball. While at Clarkson, Deborah earned the Most Valuable Player award in soccer ('91) and lacrosse ('91 & '92), and earned the respect of being named the team captain of the soccer team.

Bob Wood

Bob Wood, Class of 1978, played varsity basketball for the Golden Eagles. During his career, he tallied 1,597 points, which placed him in the number one spot for points scored in a basketball career at Galway. Bob's other statistics include number one in the '76-'77 season for most rebounds (career) and most rebounds in a single season. In the '77-'78 season, he earned the second most points scored in a single season, and third highest for most points averaged in a single season. He also led the team to an average of 80.3 points per game in the '75-'76 season.

Patti Carol

Patti Carol, Class of 2005, was a three-sport varsity athlete for the Golden Eagles. Patti excelled in soccer, basketball, and track & field during her high school career. In soccer, she racked up accolades including Western Athletic Conference First Team All-Star, Section 2 All-Star, and Section 2 Co-Goalkeeper of the year. Patti also scored a tremendous number of points in track and field, where she won the Section 2 small school State Qualifying meet in pole vault, and went on to represent Galway at the NYSPHSAA State Championship meet. She also won pole vault and high jump at the Class C, Section 2 championship. Patti accomplished all of this despite a devastating knee injury during the spring of her junior year.

After graduating from Galway, Patti attended Siena College where she majored in physics, with a minor in chemistry and math. Patti maintained a 4.0 GPA while completing internships studying astrophysics at the American Museum of Natural History and working in the jet propulsion laboratory with NASA. Patti played Division 1 soccer at Siena College, where she was selected to the MAAC All-Academic Team all four years, named the MAAC Defensive Player of the Week four times, and MAAC Rookie of the Week during her freshman year.



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Congratulations to the 2020 Athletes of the Year and Coach of the Year



Athlete of the Year
Hannah Hofmann

Varsity Volleyball, Cheer, Softball



Athlete of the Year
Carter Scribner

Varsity Soccer and Basketball



Coach of the Year
Kristopher Toscano

Boys Varsity Soccer and JV Basketball

Wall of Fame Inductees continued

Hal Mathias

Hal Mathias, Class of 1970, competed in varsity cross country, soccer, basketball, and baseball during his tenure at Galway Central Schools. Hal later came back to coach our Golden Eagles to two Northern Division Championships in varsity basketball after coaching four years at the JV level. During Hal's time as a Galway athlete, he scored 1,092 points in his basketball career, won the Gazette foul shooting contest as a freshman, and was selected to the Tri-Valley First Team during his junior and senior years. In 1969, Hal led his soccer team to a Tri-Valley League Championship. During his baseball career, he led the team to victory as a pitcher in 21 games throughout his three years. Mr. Mathias earned Galway's Male Athlete of the Year Honors in 1970.

Dan Anderson

Dan Anderson, Class of 1997, competed in varsity soccer, cross-country, basketball and track & field. Dan was the captain of the basketball team and played in the Exceptional Senior Basketball League game. He also placed in the top 10 in the Western Athletic Conference League Championship meet. Anderson helped lead his 1994 and 1995 soccer teams to a class CC runner-up season, and in 1996, he led the cross country team to a class C championship. He set the school record in the 4 x mile in track & field during the 1996 season.

After high school, Dan attended the Albany College of Pharmacy where he played varsity basketball all four years. As a community member, Dan has been an active member in our youth soccer program and in re-energizing our youth basketball programs. He also volunteered with our varsity basketball team and helped improve the team's success.

Legacy Member - Neil McCaine

Neil McCaine, Class of 1947, competed in varsity soccer, basketball, and baseball. Neil was a two-time captain for the varsity basketball team and scored 549 points during his sophomore, junior, and senior year collectively. There are limited records available during the years Neil was in school, but all who had the honor of seeing him play said he was a standout across Saratoga County.

Legacy Member - Ron Pesta

Ron Pesta, Class of 1968, held the record for most points scored in a single game at 46 points. As of the 1968 season, he was third for most free throw points in a single season, at 113 points, and fourth for most points scored in a single season at an impressive 431 points. He is ranked fifth for most career points at Galway at 1,229 points.

Eagle Nation Highlights

NYSPHSAA

Scholar-Athlete teams:

Girls Varsity Cross Country

Boys Varsity Cross Country

Girls Varsity Soccer

Boys Varsity Soccer

Girls Varsity Basketball

Boys Varsity Basketball

Varsity Volleyball

Varsity Golf

Varsity Cheerleading

* *No Scholar-Athlete Teams were awarded for the spring 2020 season

All-State Awards:

Julia Reedy, 1st Team All-State

Katie Kurtzner, 2nd Team All-State

Hannah Hoffman, 3rd Team All-State and NYSPHSAA State Championship

All-Tournament Team Selection

Holden Decker, 5th Team All-State