

2015 Inductees into the Golden Eagles Athletic Wall of Fame

The second annual Golden Eagles Wall of Fame Induction Ceremony took place on June 6, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the Galway auditorium.

Galway's Golden Eagles Athletic Wall of Fame recognizes and honors student athletes, coaches, teams, and community supporters who have made a significant contribution to the Galway athletic program.

Members of the Galway community nominated the following individuals for their service, performance, dedication, and commitment to Galway Athletics. The selection committee then voted to induct these individuals into the Golden Eagles Athletic Wall of Fame.

David Mello

David Mello is a long-standing member of the Galway Athletic Booster Club. He led the Basketball Booster Club as president until it merged with other athletic booster clubs into what is known today as the Galway Athletic Booster Club. He is committed to the booster club's success, whether acting as an officer or a volunteer.

Dave supports ALL teams at ALL levels – Varsity, JV, modified, and youth. He has always taken an active role in fundraising efforts including 50-50 raffles, half-court shots, car washes, bottle drives, and more. He is a proponent of utilizing funds raised to aid and expand athletic opportunities for children.

Dave has continued to be involved in Galway athletics long after his own children graduated. This is a true test of the commitment and support he lends the athletic programs at Galway Central Schools.

Donald Mealy

Donald Mealy was a physical education teacher at Galway Central School District, then later Athletic Director. He coached three sports (basketball, baseball, soccer) at Galway Central Schools starting in 1948 until his retirement in 1975. Donald was active in the Tri-Valley League and was very supportive when the league became independent.

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Nicole Jones

Nicole Jones, Class of 2009, was a three-sport athlete at Galway Central Schools. She competed in volleyball, basketball, and track and field. She holds the Galway school record for shot put, received the 2009 Physical Leadership Award at Galway CSD, and earned the following awards from the Western Athletic Conference (WAC):

- Volleyball: MVP, All-Star, Best Hitter in Northern Division, Northern MVP, Most Valuable Section II All-Star, Team Co-MVP, Indian Volleyball Tournament MVP, and member of the Exceptional Senior All-Star Game
- Basketball: All-Star and Leading Rebounder, member of the Canajoharie All Tournament Team, Academic Scholar Team, and the Exceptional Senior All-Star Game
- Track and Field: Most Points in Throws

Nicole continued her athletic career at SUNY Brockport, where she holds the SUNYAC Conference Record in shot put, as well as Brockport records for shot put and weight throw. She also earned the following awards:

- First Brockport athlete to win the SUNYAC Most Outstanding Female Field Athlete Award
- All-American Award with an eighth-place finish in the shot put at the NCAA Division III Outdoor Track and Field National Championships
- Brockport Outstanding Athlete Award 2013

Nicole completed her Masters in Athletic Administration at SUNY Brockport in 2014.

Patrick DiCerbo

Patrick DiCerbo graduated Galway as the Outstanding Male Athlete in the class of 1984. He was a three-sport athlete, competing in cross-country, wrestling, and track and field.

In 1982, Patrick helped the Galway cross-country team win the Sectional II title. He placed third at Sectional II Championships his senior year and went on to represent Galway and Section II at the NYS Championship Meet.

As a wrestler, Patrick was a three-time Section II finalist with a third place finish in his weight class. During his senior year, the team went undefeated in dual meets and won the league championship. He finished his wrestling career with 100 wins and 24 losses.

The Galway track and field team won the League and Section II Championship Patrick's senior year. In Sectionals, as an individual or member of a relay, Patrick won the 3,200 m, placed second in the 1600 and second in the 3200m relay.

Patrick continued his athletic career at Union College, where he lettered in cross-country as a freshman and was named Rookie of the Year. He joined the Rugby Team and won the Upstate Rugby Championship during his sophomore year as a fullback and prolific scorer.

In the fall of 1987, Patrick took an internship at Northwestern Mutual where he has worked ever since. He is currently the top Northwestern Mutual agent in the country, and is moving forward as a recruiter and public speaker for the company. He serves as the chair at the Center for Disability Services and has raised over \$1,000,000 presiding over an annual fundraising event called Aficionado. He is currently a trustee at Union College and a volunteer on the admissions committee as well as the academic affairs committee.

Brigid Horigan

Brigid Horigan, Class of 2002, was a two-sport athlete at Galway Central Schools, competing in cross-country and track and field. She was also a member of the Stratton Mountain Ski Team.

Brigid is by far the most decorated female cross-country athlete in Galway history. She had 48 consecutive Tri-Valley League wins in her career, including the Grout Run from 1996-98 and the Tri-Valley League meet from 1996-2000. She was the Section II Class C-D Champion in 1996 and won individual Section II titles from 1998-2000. She came in second at the NYS Championship meet in 2002..

As a result of her accomplishments in cross-country, Brigid was named Tri-Valley League All-Star in 1996, Galway MVP from 2000-2002, and WAC Scholar Athlete.

Brigid still holds the records in the following track and field events: 3200 Relay, the 6400 Relay, 2002 Sprint Medley, 2002 Distance Medley, 2001 steeple chase, 3000m Run, 1500m Run, and the 800m Run.

As part of the Stratton Mountain Ski Team, Brigid qualified for the Vermont State Championships (1994-2002) and for the Junior Olympics (1997, 1999). She also received the Betty Clayton Skiing Scholarship Award.

Brigid continued her athletic career at Buffalo University, where she ran Division I cross-country and both indoor- and outdoor-track.

Brigid continues to run and compete. She placed first in her age group and fourth overall in the Steamboat Springs Half Marathon for Women. She also placed first in her age group and fourth overall in the Jackson Hole Half Marathon. In 2010, she placed third in the Grand Teton 180 mile Relay, and in 2012, she finished second in the Tin Cup Marathon Relay. She also qualified for the Boston Marathon.

Ashley Agresta

Ashley Agresta, Class Of 2002, was a three-sport athlete at Galway Central Schools. She played softball, basketball and volleyball. She was the Galway High School Female Athlete of the Year (2001-02), and she was also a WTEN Student Athlete of the Week.

In softball, Ashley received WAC awards for Best Defensive Player, Best Offensive Player, Exceptional Senior, Co-Captain, and MVP. She also made the softball All-Star team.

In volleyball, Ashley earned the following WAC awards: Coaches Award, Co-Captain, MVP, and Exceptional Senior.

Ashley's basketball team won the WAC Northern Division League Championships, and she and her team competed in the Section II Semi-Finals (2002). Ashley received WAC awards for Basketball Co-Captain, MVP, All-Star, Northern Division MVP, Exceptional Senior MVP, Most Potential, and Dedication and Commitment Award for a "No Quit" attitude. She was also named Capital Region Scholar Athlete (2002) and was a member of the Section II Class C All-Tournament Team (2000, 2001, 2002).

Ashley continued her athletic career at Cazenovia College, where she continued to compete in volleyball, softball, and basketball. There she received the following awards: Female Athlete of the Year (2005-06), Courtyard Marriot Student Athlete of the week, Three-Sport Athlete (Volleyball, Softball, Basketball), and Best Defensive Player for Softball.

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In college softball, Ashley was named to the NEAC All-Conference First Team Outfield and NEAC All-Conference First Team Centerfield (2003). In college volleyball, she was on the All-Tournament Team, and in college basketball, she made the Best Western Cardinal Classic All-Tournament Team and the Buffalo State All-Tournament team (2005). She was also a member of the Cazenovia Student Athlete Leadership Team and the Alpha Chi Honor Society.

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