Ben Cotter graduated from Milford Central School, a member of the Tri-Valley League, in 2002. A hard-working, diligent, humble and very accomplished individual, he was an outstanding student both academically and athletically.

Exhibiting rare and exceptional physical talents, coupled with a strong work ethic and unrelenting pursuit of excellence, Ben’s major and most noteworthy achievements came as a sprinter and jumper in track and field for the Wildcats.

Coming from one of the smallest schools in Section IV, Ben was able to reach high levels of success, competing against all schools in the section and the state. Three times he represented Milford and Section IV in the long jump at the New York State championships. As a senior, he won out against all Class C-D competitors with a first-place leap of 21-feet; 5½-inches, while placing fourth as a junior and ninth as a sophomore.

He also finished fifth in all of Section IV in the 200-meter dash and sixth overall in the 100 meters that 2002 season.

A seven-time Class D champion in the 100, 200 and 400 meters, and the long jump, Ben held five Milford records in the 100m (10.92), 200m (22.9), 400m (51.9), 4x400 relay (3:34.8) and the long jump (21-6¾) – four of which he still holds. As an 11-time T-V champion, he held four league records in the 100, 200 and 400 meters, and the 4x400 relay, and was a major contributor as Milford was crowned the 2001 Class D champions.

What made Ben’s accomplishments even more special is the fact that he did not have a track to practice on at Milford. His natural abilities, however, coupled with determination and incredible desire to achieve at the highest levels combined to make him all that he dreamed he could be.

Ben was also an excellent basketball player, using his speed and athleticism to make strong contributions to his team both offensively and defensively.
Kyle Dake

A 2009 graduate of Lansing High School, Kyle began wrestling at 4-years-old under the tutelage of his grandfather, the legendary wrestling coach and Lansing Hall of Fame member Bob Dake, and Kyle’s father, Doug Dake, who was an All-American wrestler at Kent State University.

As a four-year starter on the Bobcat mat squad, he compiled an impressive 212-14 record. Included in those victories were two New York State championships in 2007 and 2009 at the respective weights of 112 and 140. Kyle also finished runner-up in 2008 at 130 pounds and third in his first season at 96.

At the conclusion of his 2007 season, he was named Lansing’s Male Athlete of the Year, and later competed in the World Championships as a member of the United States Junior World Team in 2008.

Following high school, Kyle wrestled at Cornell University, where he became the only wrestler in NCAA history to win four consecutive NCAA titles in four different weight classes. After claiming triumphs at 141, 149, 157 and 165 pounds for the Big Red, he was honored in 2013 with the Collegiate Hodge Trophy, the equivalent of winning the Heisman Trophy in college football. Kyle concluded his collegiate career with a record of 137-4.

He continued his wrestling prowess after graduating from Cornell when he won four World Championship titles in 2018, 2019, 2021 and 2022, earning a bronze medal in 2020 and a silver in 2023. He is also a two-time Pan-American champion, capturing titles in Guatemala City and Acapulco in 2021 and 2022, respectively. He is undefeated in world wrestling competition with an unblemished 17-0 mark.

Kyle won a bronze medal at the 2020 Olympics in Tokyo, and is scheduled to compete in this summer’s Olympic Games in Paris.
Shane DuBois

A 1991 graduate of Sherburne-Earlville High School, Shane DuBois was the Marauders prominent runner on both their cross country and track and field teams for four years each. And his induction represents the first athlete, coach or contributor from S-E to be so honored.

On the fall harrier circuit, he ran to two Section IV Class C titles as a junior and senior, while adding Class B finishes of second and fifth during his sophomore and freshman seasons, respectively.

Those personal achievements sparked S-E not only to a trio of sectional team titles – two Class C (1990 and 1989) and one Class B (1987) – but a pair of New York State team championships, as well. And during those two state competitions, he compiled two runner-up finishes at Green Lakes State Park in Fayetteville (1990) and Bowdoin Park in Wappingers Falls (1989), while placing third at Lake Placid (1988).

In addition to those three top 10 state finishes, Shane scored three more top 10s (2nd, 6th and 10th) during the elite Federation Meet competition.

All told, Shane placed first in 31 of 36 (.861) meets during his final three years of cross country action, and was named a United States High School All-American by Track & Field News in 1990.

Besides its two state titles and three Section IV crowns, S-E laid claim to four consecutive Susquenango Association championships during his varsity tenure and placed first in 44 of 55 meets (.800).

His success as a hill and daler did not diminish while competing on the cinders. As a junior, Shane chalked up Section IV Class C championships in both the 1,600 and 3,200 meters, and added two more sectional crowns in the 3,200 meters during Class B action as a sophomore and junior.

During overall Section IV play, he scored a trio of runners-up finishes – twice in the 3,200 (1990 and 1989) and once in the 1,600 (1989). He lost out in all three races by a combined time of 3.7 seconds. Following that sectional activity, he placed fifth and eighth, respectively, in the 1990 and 1989 state meets.

He produced a pair of undefeated regular seasons during his junior and sophomore springs, going 17-0 in the 1,600 meters and 16-0 in the 3,200 meters.

Shane’s final spring was lost to an erroneous back diagnosis. What could have been the end of his running career was reborn, however, after matriculating at the University of Notre Dame. There he was correctly diagnosed and competed on both the cross country and track and field teams for four years. He graduated from there in 1995 with a B.S degree in Biology and is presently employed as a physical therapist in Winston-Salem, NC.

He and his wife, Kathleen, are the parents of two daughters, Olivia and Claudia.
Steve Hall

Steve Hall, who graduated from Unatego Central School in 1983, participated in varsity football for two years and varsity wrestling for another three seasons.

Wrestling became his main area of interest when, as a junior, he captured the Class D sectional championship, placed second in the Susquenango Association tournament and wound up fifth overall in Section IV at a time when there was only one division in the sport, not two like today. As a senior, Steve swept his way to three crowns at the overall Section IV tournament, the Class D sectionals and the Sus competition, while placing third at the New York State championships in the unlimited weight class. His overall record that year was 34-2 in addition to recording 26 pins and yielding only 16 total points. During his three-year grappling career, he posted a 71-19 record.

After graduating from Unatego, he wrestled four years at Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Massachusetts, and earned All-Region honors each year. Steve also served as WPI head wrestling coach from 2010 to 2018, earning 83 wins. In 2018 he was honored as New England Wrestling Association Coach of the Year and the NCAA Division III Northeast Region Coach of the Year.

He was inducted into the WPI Athletics Hall of Fame in 2008 and the New England Wrestling Association Hall of Fame in 2019.

With a degree in Mechanical Engineering from WPI in 1987, Steve has been recognized internationally as an expert in electronics manufacturing process development, and is the owner of two United States patents associated with electronics manufacturing automation.
Adrienne Matta was an exceptional three-sport athlete at Candor High School, earning 10 varsity letters before her graduation in 2004. She was a leader on and off the playing field, while displaying the ideals of sportsmanship and scholarship.

The softball diamond is where Adrienne thrived. She was a three-year starter, leading her teams in almost every offensive and defensive category throughout that time. Adrienne finished her career with a .483 batting average and a .663 slugging percentage. Behind the plate, there were not many better as she could control a game through her play and her leadership. In dealing with 332 chances during her career, she committed only 10 errors.

Adrienne was selected twice by her teammates as team captain and was Candor’s Most Valuable Player three times. She was also selected as an IAC all-star three times.

A four-year starter on the soccer pitch, Adrienne was an integral part of the three-time IAC champions as a defender. In 2002 she was honored as the IAC Defensive MVP, in addition to being named to the New York State club as a fourth-team selection. She was also a three-time IAC all-star.

On the basketball court, Adrienne was a fierce competitor. When other teams focused on Candor’s top scorers, she was there to pick up her team and contribute offensively. These contributions on both ends of the court were a key factor in Candor winning the 2004 Section IV Class C championship.

Adrienne continued her softball career as a four-year player at Cornell University, from where she earned a B.S. degree in Psychology. She later added a Master’s and a PhD degree in the same field from St. John’s University.
Olivia May

Olivia May is one of the best softball players to come out of Section IV. A 2013 graduate of Elmira Notre Dame High School, she was named first-team Class C All-State four times, an accomplishment that has been achieved only three other times in the section. Twice she was honored as the New York State Class C Player of the Year.

In 2011 she led the Crusaders to a 26-0 record, a state championship and a National Fastpitch Coaches Association ranking of #30. During that spring season, Olivia threw 17 shutouts with an ERA of 0.33. The NFCA selected her a first-team All-East pick three times and was named an NFCA second-team All-American. All told during her six seasons as a varsity starter, END won six IAC championships and a total of 125 games.

She is currently in 10 different record categories for pitching and hitting in New York State. Her overall record is 90-11, which includes 46 shutouts, 12 no-hitters, 1,138 strikeouts and a career ERA of 0.77. As a hitter, Olivia swatted 26 home runs, produced 178 RBI, tallied 245 runs, amassed 239 base hits and ripped 57 doubles, while being intentionally walked 82 times.

Olivia was also an outstanding basketball player. She led her team to a sectional title in 2012, was named to the Section IV Elite 10 squad and was tabbed an All-State selection twice.

Besides softball and basketball, she played tennis for three seasons. As a senior she finished runner-up and as a junior third in the Class C-D tournament. During that senior campaign, the Crusaders won the sectional crown.

Post high school Athlete of the Year honors were bestowed upon her by Elmira Notre Dame, Elmira Kiwanis Club, The Star-Gazette (Elmira) and The Daily Review (Towanda). Last year, she was inducted into the New York State Softball Hall of Fame.

Olivia went on to compete in softball for Cornell University and earned her degree in Biology. She is currently attending medical school at Ross University in Miramar, FL.
Ryan Seward

Ryan Seward was a standout three-sport athlete for Milford Central School, graduating in 1997. During his time as a Wildcat, Ryan accumulated 12 varsity letters, playing soccer, basketball and baseball.

On the soccer pitch, Ryan was instrumental on two Tri-Valley League championship teams in 1993 and 1996. He progressed through the years, eventually becoming a first-team league and second-team Oneonta Daily Star all-star following his senior campaign. In 1996 he helped the Wildcats capture the T-V crown, as Milford posted a 17-2 record, while not losing a league contest that fall.

While a member of the baseball team, Ryan had tremendous success from the outset of his career. He was named a T-V all-star as a freshman, while helping the Wildcats win the league crown. And, in that championship tilt, he went 4-for-4, with three RBI and three runs scored. By the end of his senior season, Ryan had led Milford to two T-V titles, and finished his career with a .411 batting average, and 234 strikeouts and a pair of no-hitters while on the mound. He was honored as a league all-star four times, and a Daily Star first-teamer at the conclusion of the 1996 spring and a second-teamer in 1997.

For all his accomplishments on the soccer pitch and baseball diamond, Ryan was best known for his basketball prowess. During his tenure on the varsity, he led the Wildcats to a 62-6 record, that included two T-V crowns and the Section IV Class D-2 championship in 1997. At the completion of his storied career on the hardwoods, Ryan tallied 1,080 points, was a three-time first team T-V all-star and a two-time Daily Star first team pick.

All said and done, Ryan was the ultimate winner. His Milford teams went a combined 176-51 during his time as a Wildcat, including an astonishing 53-6 league record, not having lost a T-V game until the spring of his senior season. And those achievements during his senior year resulted in him being named Player of the Year for the Cooperstown Crier coverage area in 1997.

Following graduation from Milford, Ryan enrolled in Elmira College and eventually graduated from Clark University in Worcester, MA with a degree in Business Management in 2002. He lives in Watertown, MA with his wife Kelly, and is employed as a real estate agent by Coldwell Banker.
Kareem Spencer

Kareem Spencer led the Lumberjacks to unparalleled success during his three varsity years at Deposit Central High School. A 1996 graduate, he was instrumental in leading the Lumberjacks to Section IV Class D championships in both football and basketball.

During his three-year career in football, Deposit posted a 25-4-1 record, winning two Section IV titles, a pair of Regional crowns and two New York State semifinal berths. While on the gridiron, he was a threat to score whenever he touched the ball, averaging 30 yards a catch and producing 15 touchdowns and 900 receiving yards. He also charted 10 interceptions.

In addition to being named to the all-state team in both his junior and senior seasons, he was honored as the Defensive MVP following the state semifinals in 1995, and was a three-time All-Susquenango East selection.

On the basketball court, the Jacks were 62-12 during his three years, with a 23-2 record his senior season. During his junior and senior campaigns, Deposit captured a sectional crown, two Sus East titles and reached the NYS quarterfinals.

As the captain of the Jacks for three years, he was more concerned with his passing than he was with individual scoring. Regardless, he still rang up 1,007 points and excelled in the assist department. A two-time all-state pick and Deposit MVP twice, Kareem averaged 15 points, eight assists and two steals a game as another coach on the floor.

After high school, he played basketball for two years on the college level before injuries curtailed his career.

Just as he did during his high school days, he continues to help others. He is currently a Senior Family Life Specialist for Devereaux Behavioral Health in Georgia. In his free time, he trains and coaches youth basketball.
Taylor Szwec truly exemplified a student-athlete while attending Candor High School. She lettered in four different varsity sports, and she was valedictorian of her 2010 graduating class.

Basketball was Taylor’s primary sport. As an eighth grader, she made five 3-pointers and finished with 22 points in her first varsity contest. From the very start of her cage career, she faced opposing defenses designed to limit her scoring. Despite that, she led the IAC in scoring the 2008-09 season with a 24.6 average and again in 2009-10 with a 23.4 mark.

Taylor concluded her Candor career with 1,792 points, and was named the New York State Class D Co-Player of the Year following her senior campaign. She was also tabbed a first-team all-state selection by the NYS Sportswriters Association.

She excelled in other sports as well. As a freshman, Taylor was part of Candor’s Section IV championship 4x800 relay team. And in 2007, as a sophomore, she qualified to represent the section in the NYS cross country championships at Norwood-Norfolk High School in Section X. Taylor joined her fourth varsity sport as a senior when she played soccer. Despite any previous experience in soccer, she was selected as a second-team all-star.

Taylor continued her basketball career at Keuka College. Her four years of action there included two trips to the NCAA post-season tournament. During her time at Keuka, she was voted the team’s Most Valuable Player her senior year, and led her club in minutes played her sophomore season.

Today, Taylor works as an occupational therapist for Arnot Hospital. She and her husband, Michael (Kilpatrick), and their son, Cain Anthony, reside in Lowman, NY.
In September of 1969 Steve began his athletic career at Vestal High School by joining the cross country team. Under the guidance of coach Ron White, he ultimately became the premier distance runner in Section IV until his graduation in 1972.

During the 1970 and 1971 cross country seasons, he placed first in all his races, both dual and sectional invitational meets – establishing course records on five occasions. This number could have been much larger if not for what one coach described as a “gentlemanly gesture” to let his teammate(s) tie for first place with him, thus limiting his chances for additional course records.

He won back-to-back Section IV Class A titles during this period, and finished second in the New York State Intersectional in 1971. This finish allowed Section IV to win the Class A championship, an honor only achieved once before in 1962.

Steve also excelled in track and field, and in 1972 set Vestal, STAC and Section IV records in the 880 (1:56.5), as well as a STAC record of 4:18.5 in the mile. Those two record-setting numbers came on the same day in what was described as “one of the greatest doubles in New York history.” He later became the first Section IV individual champion since 1965 when he captured first place in the mile run (4:19.2) at the state intersectional meet. Steve also placed fourth in the 880, while matching his best time and sectional record of 1:55. Most of these Vestal school records are still in place today more than 50 years later.

Upon graduation, Steve was appointed to the United States Naval Academy where he participated in the track and field program, graduating in 1976 with a B.S degree in Physics. He then served our country aboard a nuclear submarine.

He resides in the San Francisco Bay area with his family, and is semi-retired from his career of technical management and consulting in the “Silicon Valley” region.
Coaches

Dave Cody

For nearly half a century of seasonal work, Dave Cody has called the shots at Binghamton High School as the Patriots’ cross country, indoor track, and track and field coach – 47 as the head man and 40 more as an assistant.

While coaching the Binghamton harriers, the Patriot girls captured Section IV titles in 1985 and 1987, and the boys in 1992 and 2008, with both the boys’ and girls’ teams representing Section IV in the New York State Federation championships in 1985. That 2008 boys’ team placed fifth during state competition.

Dave’s greatest success on the track cinders came in 2016 when the Binghamton boys swept their way to the Class A sectional title and the STAC conference and divisional crowns. The girls, meanwhile, finished runner-up in Class A action and fifth overall in STAC.

During that storied spring, Alexis Daniels set a still-standing state record of 50-feet; 7½-inches in the girls’ shot put – the only current state track and field record held by a Section IV athlete. She was not alone as nine other Binghamton athletes advanced to the state meet, as well.

As far as indoor track is concerned, 2015-16 was Cody’s best season as the Patriots laid claim to 10 sectional championships, established three Section IV records and captured three state titles in boys and girls competition. The boys enjoyed another banner season the next year, winning sectional titles in the 55, 300 and 600 meters; the 4x200 meter relay, the long jump and weight throw. At the state meet, they set a Section IV record in the 4x200 relay of 1:32.33. Of the four Section IV records set by Binghamton over the 2015-16 and 2016-17 seasons, only the 600-meter record has been broken.

Under Dave’s tutelage, his athletes have amassed 57 Section IV championships, five New York State crowns and four Federation titles.

In addition to all his athletic success, Dave has always demonstrated exemplary characteristics of a standout coach. He is beyond committed to his athletes and his program. His extensive knowledge of his sports is well known throughout the area, but he also leads his athletes with a contagious passion to learn more about running. He is actively engaged in the lives of his current and former athletes – keeping in contact and sharing the successes of those who have moved on from his program.

Dave takes pride in modeling a professional demeanor with colleagues, opponents and athletes. All consider him a mentor and role model.

A graduate of Binghamton North (1970) and Binghamton University (1975), he has been the STAC cross country chairperson since 2011.
Bart Guccia

After playing baseball and football and earning Outstanding Athlete of the Year from Hobart College, Bart Guccia returned to his alma mater, Union-Endicott, where he worked as a chemistry teacher and served as a football, boys’ lacrosse and girls’ softball coach for the next 34 years.

Best known as the Tigers football coach, Bart’s teams earned five Section IV titles in 1993, 1995, 1999, 2000 and 2003. He was twice honored as Section IV Coach of the Year in 1996 and 2000, as well as New York State Co-Coach of the Year in 1996. And in 1995, he served as head coach of the NYS Governor’s Bowl team versus New Jersey.

Prior to becoming U-E’s head coach, Bart was freshman coach in 1971-72 and assistant varsity coach from 1975-92. It was during those latter years as an assistant that the Tigers were cited as NYS champions in both 1979 and 1989.

Bart was also the first coach of the U-E lacrosse team. Taking over in 1986, his team captured the Class A title in 1999. He was honored as the Southern Tier Lacrosse League Coach of the Year in 1990, 1993 and 1999, as well as the United States Lacrosse Coaches Association Coach of the Year that latter season.

In 1996 he was the first Section IV coach to be named head coach of the NYS Empire Games Central Region lacrosse team, winning a silver medal. He also coached Empire teams three more times, earning two gold medals and another silver. He returned to U-E in 2016 to fill a vacancy and was feted as Assistant Coach of the Year for his work with the junior varsity.

Besides football and lacrosse, Bart was also a very successful softball coach. En route to a 109-27 record over his seven springs at the U-E helm, he directed the Tigers to a pair of STAC championships and one Section IV title.

Bart has been fortunate to influence numerous players from all three sports as they furthered their athletic careers, participating in athletics at the Division I, II and III levels. Many of these athletes received athletic scholarships, have pursued coaching careers and several players went on to play professional football, even participating in Super Bowls.
Joe Hughes

For 38 years Joe Hughes has called the shots that have made Oneonta High School one of the outstanding baseball programs in Section IV. During that long tenure as the Yellowjackets coach, he has tabulated an enviable record of 560-223.

Included in those hundreds of victories are a New York State championship in 2012, a pair of Regional titles, five sectional crowns and nine league championships. Joe was named NYS Coach of the Year in both 2012 and 2020, and, in that latter year, was honored as the Northeast Region Coach of the Year in addition to being nominated for the National Coach of the Year. He was also selected as The Daily Star Coach of the Year numerous times.

Joe has proven to be an exemplary role model both on and off the field. His positive attitude, strong work ethic and willingness to lead, help and mentor his athletes continues to create a positive impact on Oneonta’s overall program dynamic. That coaching expertise has led nine of his former players to play professional baseball, and many others have continued their baseball careers by coaching high school and college baseball.

Prior to becoming a successful coach, Joe was a three-sport athlete at Oneonta, lettering and captaining his soccer, basketball and baseball teams. He was a STAC all-star in all three sports besides being named Oneonta High School Athlete of the Year in 1976.

After graduating from Oneonta, Joe played baseball for Florida International University in Miami. At FIU, he captained his team to the college world series and was named first-team All-American at third base in 1980. Following his senior year, Joe was drafted by the Baltimore Orioles, playing two seasons of pro ball, including a year in the Venezuelan Professional Baseball League. While in Venezuela, he was chosen for the All-Star team and set a league record by hitting three home runs in three consecutive at bats.

Besides coaching at Oneonta, Joe also led the athletic department as AD for 21 years and has been inducted into the Oneonta High School Athletic Hall of Fame.

As of 2024, Joe is still coaching at Oneonta and is enjoying time with his wife, Jane, and their three children, Joey, Tyler and Beth Ann.
Jim Kenyon has embodied the spirit of Worcester Central School for his entire life. From his outstanding athletic career for the Wolverines to his time as a teacher, coach, administrator and Athletic Director, he has served his school and community with pride and dignity. It is only right that “JK” be the first person to be inducted to the Section IV Hall of Fame from WCS.

Jim has been coaching for the Green and White for over 40 years. He has more than 500 career victories as a girls’ soccer (241) and boys’ basketball (283) coach. It is also estimated that he has well over 600 total victories when you consider his time involved with softball, track and field, baseball and golf programs. He also served as AD from 1997 to 2022.

His girls’ soccer teams captured two Section IV titles in 1989 and 2003 and reached the NYS Class D Final Four during that latter season. As head of the boys’ basketball program, the Wolverines won three Tri-Valley League championships and have made numerous deep sectional runs. He was honored in 2022 when the school named its basketball court “The James Kenyon Court.”

Besides his many years as a coach, Jim has served the TVL and Section IV in various capacities as a committee member and officer in several positions. He is also a member of the Tri-Valley League Hall of Fame.

Although he is retired, he still continues to teach and coach today, and give back to the school that has always been a major part of his life.
Contributors

Andy Anderson

Andy Anderson is a 50-year member of the Southern Tier Football Association and 37-year member of the Southern Tier Lacrosse Officials Association. That is a lot of games and meetings combined with rules study.

He is a premier official in both sports and leads by example. Andy has officiated in the New York State finals three times in both football and lacrosse, and his sectional and intersectional assignments are too numerous to count.

Andy is the prototypical sports official with regards to temperament and personality. He is level-headed and easy-going with a no-nonsense approach. Never one to avoid making the “tough” call regardless of an outcome, Andy has an on-field presence that helps him interact with athletes and coaches alike. He is not afraid to address a player or coach with an explanation or flag as needed. And Andy treats every game the same, whether it be a state final or a modified contest.

His on-field record is dwarfed by his dedication and accomplishments off the field. Between the two organizations, he has been president, rules-interpreter and assignor. Andy has always felt that it is important that officials give back to the game. His biggest contribution to officiating may be the time he spends training and mentoring new officials. He has a way of teaching rules and officiating techniques, so the new officials do not feel or get overwhelmed.

Sports officials are measured by their character and competence. Andy Anderson has been a success on both accounts.
Julie Stimik Bergman

Julie Stimik Bergman is an experienced school administrator and instructional leader who has demonstrated a wealth of passion for student success and achievement. Over the course of her 30-plus years in administration, she has held multiple positions at several Section IV schools.

Currently, Julie is the PreK-12 Principal at Hancock Central School. There she oversees contract administration representing the district for three-unit negotiations as well as curriculum development implementation, including Essential Standards and Next Generation Learning Standards to name just a few roles she is involved in instrumentally.

Prior to her time at Hancock, she served similar capacities at Franklin Central (2015-18), Walton Central (2011-15) and Delaware Academy (2006-11). Julie also headed the athletic department at Delhi from 2000-06 and served as the Regional Summer School Elementary Principal for DCMO BOCES in Norwich between 2005-09.

Since beginning her educational career as a secondary physical education teacher at Delaware Academy, she has steadily advanced within the state. At the outset of her career, Julie participated on several committees and because of her contributions at that level was selected to be the female representative from Section IV for the NYSPHSAA Central Committee.

After serving in that capacity with class and distinction, she was nominated and selected as President of NYSPHSAA (2020-22). She is presently serving as Past President of that organization.

Julie has always put the interest of Section IV and NYS student-athletes first. She has served on appeals committees with fairness and good results for all concerned.
Al Brunetti began his career in 1972 as a physical education teacher in the Owego-Apalachin Central School District. And that is when his road to the Hall of Fame and his imprint on Section IV athletics also began.

From track to football, he inspired many athletes, and led great teams such as the undefeated 1986 Owego football team, the best in school history. That unblemished run resulted in him being named the *Press & Sun-Bulletin* Coach of the Year.

After 20 years of coaching, Al moved into the administrative side of athletics and success continued to follow. From an athletic director, mentor, friend and leader, Al has recorded many accomplishments – member of the New York State High School Football Coaches Association (1999-2007), NYSPHSAA Football Committee (2001-07), Section IV Football Chairman (2001-07), Section IV Lacrosse Coordinator (2001-05), Section IV Lacrosse Man of the Year (2002), NFL Foundation Man of the Year and College Hall of Fame (2007), Section IV and NYSSAAN Administrator of the Year (2006), NYSSAAA Hall of Fame (2018) and Field Turf Representative (2007-12).

To this day, Al is still impacting Section IV by helping new athletic directors and coaches as the mentor for the section in 2021-22, and a consultant back to where it all began at Owego-Apalachin between 2021-23.

Al has always demonstrated his ability to stay focused on what is important and have high expectations. He genuinely has a passion for education and interscholastic athletics. He has worked tirelessly to create an environment where staff, students and the community members have many opportunities to excel and feel like they are part of something bigger. And that environment is filled with a positive attitude and a contagious energy.
Jamie Harter

Jamie Harter has devoted nearly 40 years to motivating and developing the skills of countless young athletes. It all began with a decision to pursue a degree in physical education, one which he achieved when he graduated from SUNY Brockport in 1987. He continued his education at Ithaca College, where he received his master’s degree in Sports Psychology and Education.

Shortly after moving to the Ithaca area, he began his Section IV coaching career as track and field coach at Odessa-Montour. He also coached boys’ and girls’ swimming at Lansing, while studying for his masters degree.

The year 1989 was a pivotal one for Jamie as he began a full-time teaching career at Watkins Glen. After teaching physical education and coaching for 11 years there, he decided he could help students even better from an administrative role. Subsequently, he completed his School District Administrator certification at Canisius in 1996. While at Watkins Glen, he coached a variety of sports and eventually assumed the position of Athletic Director.

Jamie relocated to Whitesboro in 2002, but returned home in 2006 when he became Director of Athletics and Physical Education at Waverly.

He believes his greatest impact on athletics in Section IV was during the year 2007-08 when he started girls’ golf with a handful of other coaches. Since that time, girls’ golf has grown from six sections to now where all of New York State’s 11 sections participate, with over 2,000 girls statewide.

In 2009 Jamie was appointed NYSPHSAA state coordinator for girls’ golf, a position he still holds today. Part of this role includes overseeing the state championships every spring.

Besides his golf position, he has served in a variety of capacities throughout Section IV and New York State. Some of these include membership on the section officials negotiating and football committees. He has also worked diligently as the coordinator of Section IV bowling and girls’ golf.

He is presently a member of the section’s Executive Committee and the NYSPHSAA Championship Advisory Committee, where he represents all the individual sports that participate throughout the state. As if that was not enough, Jamie was on the executive board of NYSAAA as Resolution Chair for eight years.

Jamie retired from Charlotte Valley Central School as Superintendent and Delaware League President in 2022. He is the proud father of two former Horseheads athletes, Kendall and Kasey.
For over four decades, John Rockefeller has been an outstanding basketball official for both the Schohanna Board and the Oneonta Women’s Board.

During his career, he has officiated numerous sectional, regional and state championships. To his accomplishments are many men’s and women’s finals at Glens Falls and Hudson Valley, five junior college New York State championships and five national games. He was honored as the IAABO Official of the Year following both the 1988-89 and 1996-97 seasons. One of the highlights at the start of his career was officiating an Army-Navy game during his time of service in Vietnam.

John has also been a major contributor and supporter, coach and friend of the South Kortright Central School athletic department and school communities. Since 1983, he has volunteered his time assisting with varsity and modified basketball, baseball and American Legion Baseball. But his biggest contribution is behind the scenes as he has held numerous fundraisers to help the youth programs and those less fortunate.

There are few officials that can match his demeanor and judgement while officiating a game. He is one of the most respected officials in Section IV and at the junior college level.

Beyond his illustrious officiating career, John was a remarkable athlete while a student at South Kortright. A 1968 graduate, he excelled at soccer, basketball and baseball.
Marshall Schlosberg

Marshall Schlosberg served as both a respected and knowledgeable wrestling official and a highly successful and admired wrestling coach.

As a wrestling official from 1977-2008, he was Section IV’s state interpreter and worked at every sectional final championship during his career. Furthermore, Marshall was the head official at many of these events and helped resolve almost every appeal that cropped up. Additionally, he worked the NYSPHSAA championships on numerous occasions, and was always rated as one of the very best at each tournament.

The only reason that he did not officiate more state tournaments is that he was working an Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association tournament or a Divisional NCAA tourney somewhere else.

Marshall officiated 16 EIWA events (the oldest collegiate wrestling conference in the country), three Division III NCAA championships and two Division II championships. He also had the honor of being the only Section IV official who officiated at a Division I NCAA tournament. From 1987-2003, he served as the Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Officials Association (EIWOA) rules interpreter and was also president for many years beginning in 1997.

In addition, Marshall was a very successful high school coach at Newark Valley from 1977-84. He turned around a struggling program and molded it into a wrestling power renowned throughout the section. His first team went 1-11, his second 9-6 and his third 12-3. But things changed at the dawn of the new decade when his Cardinal teams captured three IAC titles (1980-82) and three Class C championships (1981, 1983 and 1984), while finishing second in the IAC in 1983 and 1984.

Those first two 1980’s teams both produced 14-0 undefeated seasons to go along with a 29 straight dual meet win streak going into 1982. Over his eight seasons at the Newark Valley helm, he guided his wrestlers to 49 place winners in IAC competition, including 12 champions; 50 place winners in Class action, including 22 title winners; and 14 Section IV Division I place winners, including two champions.

Marshall has previously been inducted into several halls of fame – the Upstate New York Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame, the EIWOA Hall and the New York Intercollegiate Coaches Association Hall.