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Program

Reception, Cash Bar & Raffles 5:00

Welcome & Buffet Dinner 6:00

Induction Ceremony 7:00



*Congratulations
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Mission Statement



The mission of the Averill Park Athletic Hall of Fame is to recognize athletes, coaches, teams, and contributors who have made significant contributions to the Averill Park athletic program through their service, performance, dedication, commitment, and accomplishment.

Purpose

The purpose of the Averill Park Athletic Hall of Fame is to recognize and honor athletes, coaches, teams, and contributors of Averill Park athletics to:

- Establish in the hearts of our youth a motivating influence to excel in athletics as well as community.
- Foster pride, promote good sportsmanship, scholarship, and citizenship in our school and community.
- Promote the rich and storied tradition of Averill Park athletics.

Candidates for Membership



Candidates for membership in the Averill Park Athletic Hall of Fame shall be former Averill Park athletes, coaches, teams, and contributors who have met the requirements set forth in the guidelines on the following page.

Criteria for Selection



- **Athlete**

- Attended Averill Park 10 years ago or more
- Participated in varsity athletics at Averill Park
- Consideration given to citizenship and character

- **Coach**

- Coached within the district
- Served with distinction in the athletic program

- **Team**

- Accomplishment was 10 years ago or more
- Has made unique athletic accomplishments

- **Contributor**

- Went above and beyond for the athletes at Averill Park

Number of Inductees

The inaugural Class of 2018 and the Class of 2019 shall include no more than a total of 13 inductees each. The Class of 2020 and the Class of 2021 shall include no more than a total of 10 inductees. Future classes will not exceed seven inductees. Teams are separate and are not eligible for induction until 2022.

Hall of Fame Members



2023

ATHLETE

Andrew Francis Kimball | *Class of '72*
Fred Kowalik (deceased) | *Class of '74*
Amanda Pollock Bayliss | *Class of '97*
Corey Schroeder | *Class of '89*
Gary A. Wilson (deceased) | *Class of '63*

TEAM

1995 Girls Cross Country

2021

ATHLETE

Jenna Brooks | *Class of '06*
Michael Collopy | *Class of '04*
Katie Duma | *Class of '10*
Thomas Mangan | *Class of '89*
Susan Spierre Clark | *Class of '01*

2019

ATHLETE

Steven Allard | *Class of '83*
Ken Gunderman | *Class of '83*
Suzanne Ernst Howell | *Class of '96*
Abby Jackson | *Class of '04*
Jared Morine | *Class of '06*
Suzie Snyder | *Class of '00*
Mollie DeFrancesco Turner | *Class of '98*

COACH

Paula "Miss Mann" Maniscalco (deceased)
"Coach" Earl Retzlaff

2022

ATHLETE

Lindsey Haff-Phelan | *Class of '00*
Christopher Mazzeo | *Class of '91*
Mary Anne Schiermeyer (deceased) |
Class of '76

TEAM

1990 Girls Cross Country

2020

ATHLETE

Doug Childrose | *Class of '83*
Kevin L. Nichols | *Class of '81*
Rebecca Ortolano Clark | *Class of '00*
Deb Prendergast-Sanderson | *Class of '81*
Deborah Springer | *Class of '91*
Morgan Wheeler | *Class of '09*

ATHLETE/COACH

Mike Malenfant | *Class of '86*

2018

ATHLETE

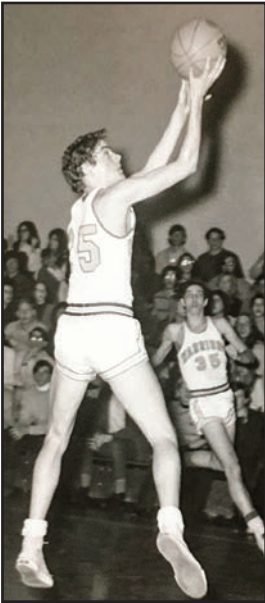
Elroy Face | *Class of '48*
Jen Fazioli | *Class of '98*
David W. Hastings | *Class of '58*
Michael McDowell | *Class of '87*
Rebecca Pollock Seidenstein | *Class of '95*
Tony R. Tanksley | *Class of '97*

COACH

Richard "Coach Abb" Abbatiello
"Coach" Al DeShaw (deceased)
June D. MacGillfrey | *Class of '75*

CONTRIBUTOR

Iona "Bud" Cole (deceased)



Andrew Francis Kimball '72

Andrew is a 1972 graduate of Averill Park High School. After graduation he attended Loyola College of Montreal and then Hudson Valley Community College where he graduated with an Associate of Arts in 1974. He then went on to Fort Lewis College and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in 1976. In 1983 Andrew graduated with a Master of Science from Colorado State University. Andrew resides in Fort Collins, Colorado and is employed by the Adams County School District 14 as a science, math and reading teacher. He has two children, Zachary James and Mary Teresa (deceased).

At Averill Park Andrew was a three-sport athlete. He played basketball and football for three years and outdoor track & field for four years. Andrew was the basketball team MVP and leading scorer in 1970, 1971 and 1972 and 1st team all-conference in those years as well. In 1971 and 1972 he was a Greenbush Area News All-Star. In outdoor track & field Andrew was the team MVP in 1971 and 1972 and won the conference championship in the 400m dash and the mile relay.

At Loyola College of Montreal Andrew competed in the basketball Final Four of Canada in 1973. Upon returning to Hudson Valley Community College he played basketball and golf and placed 5th in the golf regionals in 1974.

Andrew is a member of the Colorado Education Association Hall of Fame. He has coached basketball, soccer and track & field at Adams City Middle School. Andrew has also been a mentor in the University of Colorado teacher preparation program.





Fred Kowalik '74 (deceased)

Fred was a 1974 graduate of Averill Park High School. He then attended Ithaca College and as a sophomore played in the Division III World Series as Ithaca finished 2nd in the nation. He completed his college career at Coastal Carolina University where he played for Averill Park graduate Larry Carr. At Coastal Carolina, Fred earned a degree in physical education and competed in the 1st NAIA World Series for the school. After college Fred returned to the area and coached at Watervliet and Tamarac. His last job was as the transportation supervisor for the Berlin Central School District.

At Averill Park Fred was a three-sport athlete. He played baseball for three years, basketball for two years and football for two years. He was co-captain of the football team his senior year. In baseball Fred was selected as a Central Hudson Valley League all-league catcher and to the Troy Record All-Star team in both 1973 and 1974. During those two years Averill Park won Central Hudson Valley League championship and finished as the Section 2 Class B finalist both years.

In 1976 he was on the team that won the Stan Musial NYS Semi-Pro Championship. Fred was also a perennial all-star from 1976-1986 in the Albany Twilight League, one of the top semi-pro baseball leagues in the country. He was named league MVP in 1983. Fred was selected to the Albany Twilight League Hall of Fame in 1998 and at the time of his retirement ranked 5th in home runs (53), 8th in RBIs (203) and compiled a .319 career batting average.

Unfortunately, Fred passed away on June 18, 2020. His survivors include his sister Linda Stevens and brothers John, Thomas, Robert and Michael.





Amanda Pollock Bayliss '97

Amanda is a 1997 graduate of Averill Park High School. After high school she attended Clemson University where graduated in 2002 with a BS in Marketing and a MS in Exercise Science. Amanda and her husband Trevor have 3 children; Everett, Charles and William and reside in Williamstown, Massachusetts. She is employed by Berkshire Medical Center where she is a cancer and exercise specialist and an integrative health coach.

At Averill Park Amanda competed in cross country and outdoor track & field for four years and indoor track and field for one year. In cross country she was a major part of four consecutive Section 2 Class B championship teams, two of which won NYSPHSAA championships (1995 and 1996) and two of which were NYSPHSAA championship runners-up (1993 and 1994). In all four NYSPHSAA championship meets Amanda placed in the top 20, including her best finish of 4th in 1993. She was a four-time Colonial Council all-star and a four-time Troy Record all-star. Amanda was also captain of the 1996 state championship team. In outdoor track & field she captured a NYSPHSAA championship in the 1600m intersectional relay for Section 2 and still holds two Averill Park records as part of the 3200m relay team and 4x1500m relay team.

At Clemson University Amanda was a four-year member of the cross country and track & field teams. In 1999 she was a member of the Clemson team that won the ACC track & field championship and she was an Academic All-ACC award winner.

After college Amanda competed in the Disney Marathon, Nashville Marathon, Philadelphia Marathon and Mohawk-Hudson Marathon where she placed 8th in a time of 3:18.

Amanda has been involved in the health and wellness industry for over 20 years as a collegiate strength and conditioning coach and cross country and track & field coach. As a collegiate strength and conditioning coach at Dartmouth College and RPI Amanda has trained Division I and Division III National Champions in swimming & diving and track & field, as well as Ivy League championship teams and individual All-Americans.





Corey Schroeder '89

Corey is a 1989 graduate of Averill Park High School. After graduation he attended SUNY Morrisville and majored in business administration. Corey has four children; Isabelle, Sophia, Cora and Jack and he resides in St. Regis Falls. He is currently employed as a manager with East Management.

At Averill Park Corey participated in wrestling for five years and football for three years. As a junior and senior Corey was captain of the wrestling team. He has over 100 career wins and was a Section 2 champion in 1988 and 1989. In 1989 Corey placed 4th at the NYSPHSAA Championships. He was Varsity Club President and voted "Most Athletic" in his class in 1989.

Corey was also a significant contributor to the wrestling program's five Patroon Conference Championships. As a senior Corey was also the football team captain and an all-area running back/linebacker/punter.

At SUNY Morrisville Corey placed 1st at regionals in 1990 and 2nd in 1991. He then went on to compete at the NCAA Tournament.

Throughout his career Corey wrestled and competed in Greco-Roman and Freestyle. In 1986 he was the Cadet National Champion (Greco-Roman). In 1988 Corey was 5th and in 1989 he was 4th in Junior Nationals (Greco-Roman). In 1989 Corey was 3rd at Espoir Nationals and in 1990 he was 5th at Espoir Nationals. In 1999 at the age of 29 Corey competed in the Empire State Games and placed 1st in Greco-Roman and 2nd in the Open Division.





Gary A. Wilson '63 (deceased)

Gary was a 1963 graduate of Averill Park High School. After graduation Gary enlisted in the United States Air Force. After serving his country, he received an honorable discharge and came back to reside in Rensselaer County. Gary is survived by his brother Carl, his son William John and his longtime companion Leota Geerholt.

At Averill Park Gary was a three-sport athlete. He played basketball, football and baseball. He was voted "Most Athletic" in his class by his peers. He was a member of Student Council as a sophomore, was Varsity Club Vice President as a junior and senior and a member of the yearbook staff as a senior. Many of Gary's accolades came as a basketball player. Gary was co-captain his senior year and an all area team member. Most noteworthy, he is currently the 3rd all-time leading scorer in Averill Park boys basketball history with 1,284 points.

Gary died suddenly in 2004. At that time, the school district was faced with enormous budget cuts. Gary's family directed that all memorial contributions be made to the Averill Park Athletic Booster Club. These contributions to the Averill Park athletic program epitomized Gary's life mantra "life without sports is not life."





1995 Girls Cross Country Team

The 1995 girls cross country team won the second state championship in Averill Park history. Mollie DeFrancesco '98, Suzanne Ernst Howell '96 (co-captain), Jen Fazioli '98, Loren Fickies '97, Beth Filuta Houser '97, Sarah Gagnon Stevenson '96 (co-captain), Libby Phelps Reilly '00, Amanda Pollock Bayliss '97 (co-captain), Kelly Sheehan '99 and Katie Sheehan-Lopez '97 comprised the team coached by Mark Mindel and assisted by Ray Ruby.

The team finished unbeaten in the Colonial Council with a 7-0 record in dual meets, winning the Colonial Council championship for the 4th time and capturing a 10th league title overall. The team won the Section 2 Class B championship for the 3rd consecutive year and a 6th sectional title overall. The team went on to win the NYSPHSAA Class B championship for the 2nd time and placed 5th at the New York State Federation Meet. The team finished ranked 1st in the state in Class B.

Individually, Fazioli was the NYSPHSAA Class B champion, the New York State Sophomore of the Year and a Foot Locker All-American.



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The Averill Park Baseball program would like to congratulate all of the inductees of the Class of 2023 to the Averill Park Athletic Hall of Fame, with special congratulations to Gary A. Wilson and Fred Kowalik.

Congratulations Gary & Fred!



The Averill Park Track & Field programs congratulate all of the Hall of Fame inductees with special recognition to our own.

Amanda Pollock Bayliss



The Averill Park Girls Basketball program congratulates the Class of 2023. Thank you for representing our school and community in such a positive way. Each of you have set a great example for future generations of student-



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1995 Girls Cross Country



~From the 2023 Softball Team and Coaches

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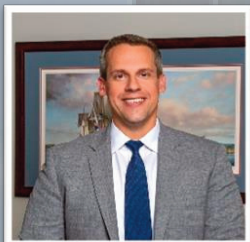
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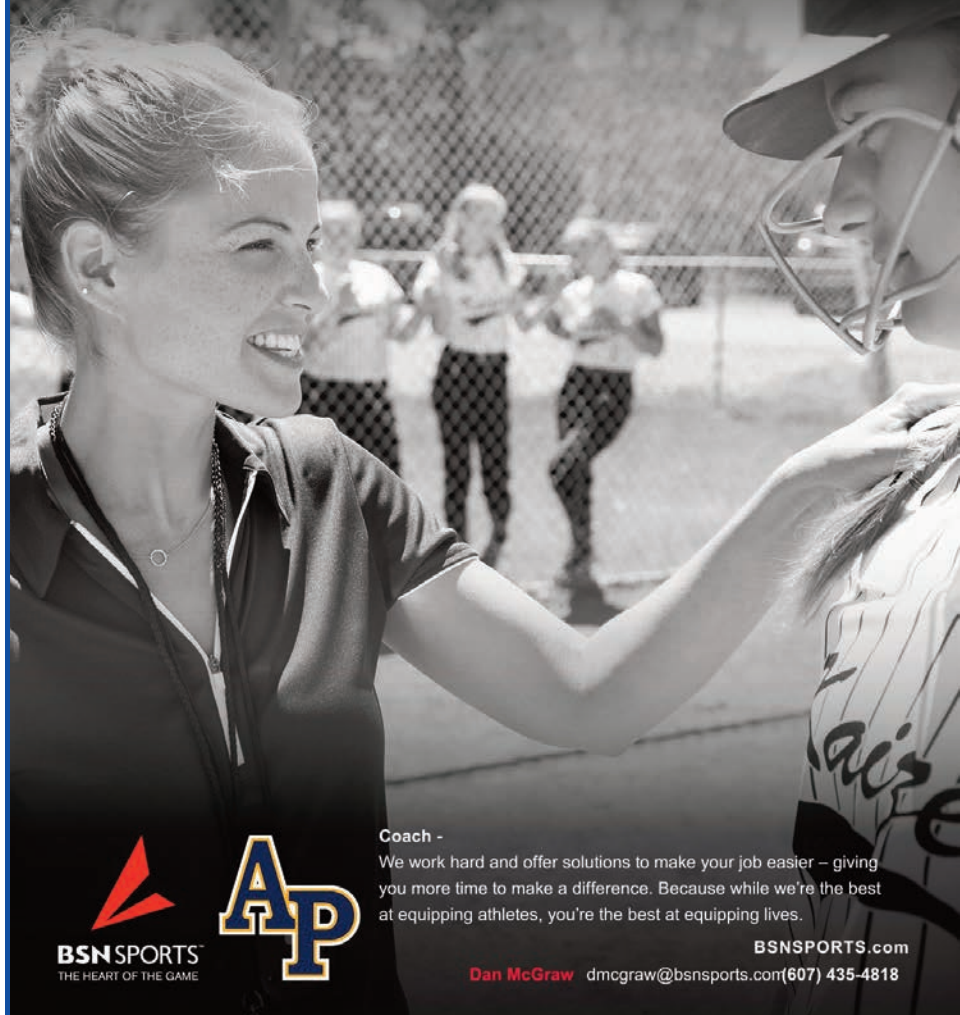
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