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7th Annual Induction Ceremony & Dinner

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Reception, Cash Bar & Raffles 5:00 Welcome & Buffet Dinner 6:00 Induction Ceremony 7:00





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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 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



2024 ATHLETE Don Favro | Class of '98 Kevin Kronau | Class of '60 Jonathan Rogers, Jr. | Class of '13 Rudy Winkler | Class of '13 Benjamin Wright | Class of '96

TEAM 2009-10 Girls Basketball

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

2023 Атнете

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 Атнете

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*

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

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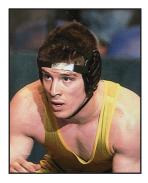
2018 ATHLETE Elroy Face | Class of '48 Jen Fazioli | Class of '98 David W. Hastings | Class of '58 Michael McDowell | Class of '87 Rebecca Pollock Seidenstein | Class of '95 Tony R. Tanksley | Class of '97

COACH /ATHLETE June D. MacGilfrey | Class of '75

COACH Richard "Coach Abb" Abbatiello "Coach" Al DeShaw (deceased)

CONTRIBUTOR lona "Bud" Cole (deceased)





Don Favro '98

Don is a 1998 graduate of Averill Park High School. He then attended SUNY Brockport, where he earned a bachelor's degree in 2003, majoring in physical education. Don resides in Watervliet with his wife Amy and their three children Kole, Jack and Fitz. He is currently employed by the Guilderland Central School District as an elementary physical education teacher at Altamont Elementary School.

At Averill Park Don wrestled for five years and played football for two years. As a wrestler Don was team captain and MVP as a junior and senior. He is a four-time Section 2 Class B place finisher, a two-time Section 2 Class B Champion and a four-time Section 2 Qualifier (placing 2nd a junior and 1st as a senior). As a senior Don went on to place 5th at the NYSPHSAA Championships. During his time at Averill Park, the wrestling team won five consecutive league championships and compiled a team league record of 45-0.

Don qualified for the Empire State Games in 1996 and was the Greco-Roman champion. In 1996 and 1997 Don was also a Greco-Roman National Qualifier. He is a four-time Empire State Game champion and a two-time Northeast Regional champion.

As a football player Don was named All-Conference defensive end as a junior and senior.

At SUNY Brockport Don wrestled for four years. His accomplishments include most team pins in 2001, a three-time conference place finisher and a two-time college state place finisher. In 2002 Don placed 7th at the NCAA DIII Championships and was the first Averill Park graduate to be named an All-American. During Don's collegiate career his team won the 2000 Dual Meet National Championship and were Empire Conference Champions in 2000, 2001 and 2003.

In addition to teaching at Guilderland Don has been on the wrestling coaching staff for 20 years and is currently the varsity head coach. He has also been on the football coaching staff for 20 years.







Kevin Kronau '60

Kevin is a 1960 graduate of Averill Park High School. He then attended the State University of New York College at Oswego and received a Bachelor of Science degree, certifying him to teach K-12 in public education. Kevin taught industrial arts at Averill Park from 1964 until 1980. He also coached boys junior varsity basketball and boys golf. During this time, he earned his master's degree from the State University of

New York at Albany. Kevin resides in Poestenkill with his wife of 60 years, Dale. They have four children (Deb, Kim, Kevin (Chip) and Mike), seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

At Averill Park Kevin was a three-sport athlete. He lettered in baseball and football for four years and basketball for two years. Kevin was part of teams that won Central Hudson Valley League championships once in baseball and twice in football. He was named Most Outstanding Athlete for the Class of 1960. As a baseball player Kevin pitched several no-hitters and went on to pitch in college where he lost only one game over a three-year period. At Oswego he was named the MVP of the baseball team in 1964. After college, Kevin pitched semi-pro with Pittsburgh Pirates affiliation.

After leaving teaching in 1980, Kevin became a successful builder, developer and realtor in residential construction. He built five different communities in Rensselaer County and was President and CEO of The Kronau Group. His company also performed gratis construction projects for several local baseball fields.







Jonathan Rogers, Jr. '13

Jonathan is a 2013 graduate of Averill Park High School. After high school he attended SUNY Brockport where he majored in journalism & broadcasting with a focus on media production. Jonathan graduated in 2017 and currently resides in Troy. He is employed by the New York State Bar Association as a video media specialist.

Jonathan was a three-sport athlete at Averill Park. He

was a member of the outdoor track & field team for three years, the indoor track & field team for two years and the football team for two years. In outdoor track & field Jonathan ranks 3rd in school history in the discus with a throw of 162'2". As a junior he finished 1st in the discus at the Section 2 Group 2 Championships and 2nd at the Section 2 State Qualifiers. As a senior Jonathan placed 1st in the discus at the Suburban Council Championships, the Section 2 Group 1 Championships and the Section 2 State Qualifiers. In addition, he finished 2nd in Division I at the NYSPHSAA Championships and 3rd in the NYS Federation.

In football Jonathan was selected as a 1st team Section 2 Class A offensive lineman as a senior.

Jonathan went on to have an outstanding career at Brockport, where he posted 36 victories, including 21 in the shot put, 9 in the discus and 5 in the weight throw. Three of his wins in the shot put came at SUNYAC Championship Meets and two were in ECAC Championships. He was also the SUNYAC discus champion once. Jonathan was a two-time team MVP and was an NCAA DIII Championship Meet qualifier in the shot put four times, earning All-American status twice in 2017 where he placed 4th in the nation in indoor and 3rd in outdoor.

Jonathan was named the Brockport Men's Athlete of the Year as a senior, as well as the John Izzo Leadership Award recipient as a sophomore and junior. He currently holds the Brockport school record for the outdoor shot put (17.28 meters) and was named to the SUNYAC Men's Track & Field All-Decade Team (2010's).

After graduation, Jonathan pursued a career in coaching the throws events at Roberts Wesleyan University and then RPI.







Rudy Winkler '13

Rudy is a 2013 graduate of Averill Park High School. Rudy graduated from Cornell University in 2017 where he majored in information science and earned his Master's of Business and Science with a concentration in cyber security from Rutgers University in 2019. He currently resides in Washington, DC with his fiancé Olivia Foster. Rudy is a professional track & field athlete.

At Averill Park Rudy was a member of the outdoor track & field team for four years and the indoor track & field team for three years. As a freshman Rudy established a new school record of 160'2" in discus. He was the Section 2 Group 2 and Section 2 State Qualifier champion in discus and went on to place 9th in Division I at the NYSPHSAA Championships. In addition, he placed 2nd in shot put at the Section 2 Group 2 Championships. In his sophomore year Rudy was the New Balance High School National Champion in both the weight throw and the hammer throw. This qualified him for All-American status in both events. He established the current school discus record of 183'5" (NYS sophomore record & 7th all-time in Section 2 history). Rudy won the prestigious Eddy Meet in both shot put and discus. He was Section 2 Group 2 champion and Section 2 State Qualifier champion in shot put and discus and ultimately the NYS Federation champion in discus. He represented the USATF in the World Youth Championships in Lille, France.

As a junior and senior Rudy competed independently. As a junior he was the New Balance High School National Champion for weight throw and hammer throw, achieving All-American status for both. He represented USATF in the World Junior Championships in Barcelona, Spain. As a senior he again was the New Balance High School National Champion for the weight throw and repeated his All-American status. Rudy established a new United States High School All-Time #1 mark (currently #2) in the hammer throw. He won the USATF Pan Am Games Qualifier to represent USATF and finished 2nd at the Pan Am Games.





At Cornell Rudy was recognized as a 1st team All-American four times. As a sophomore Rudy was named MVP of the field events at the Ivy League's Indoor Track & Field Championships and earned USTFCCCA All-Academic and Academic All-Ivy honors. Rudy won Ivy League championships in both the weight throw and hammer throw. He broke the school record in the hammer throw and qualified for the USATF Outdoor Championships.

He finished his junior season by winning the 2016 United States Olympic Trials with a heave of 251'10" and competed in the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Olympics, where he finished 18th. Rudy won the Ivy League championship in the hammer throw and was the NCAA DI runner-up. He was named 1st team All-Ivy, MVP of Field Events and Northeast Region Field Athlete of the Year. Rudy also took the weight throw title at the Ivy League Championships. He earned USTFCCCA All-Academic and Academic All-Ivy honors.

As a senior Rudy won the NCAA Division I Outdoor Track & Field championship in the hammer throw following a toss of 243'2". He was the Ivy League champion in both the weight throw and hammer throw. Rudy placed 4th in the weight throw at the NCAA Division I Championships. In the summer he placed 4th in the hammer throw at the USATF Championships and qualified for the IAAF World Championships.

Rudy's collegiate career continued post-graduate at Rutgers University. He won the Big 10 championship in the hammer throw with a mark of 242'3", breaking the Rutgers record for a third time and setting a Big 10 Championship record in the process. This performance earned him 1st team All-Big 10 status. In addition, Rudy was named the USTFCCCA Mid-Atlantic Region Field Athlete of the Year.

Rudy maintains an active competition schedule as a full-time athlete competing in the hammer throw. He competed in the 2020 Tokyo Olympics where he placed 7th and it was at the United States Olympic Trials where Rudy established a new all-time United States record of 82.71 meters in the hammer throw. Rudy was inducted into the Greater Capital Region Track & Field and Cross Country Hall of Fame as part of the inaugural Class of 2018.







Benjamin Wright '96

Benjamin is a 1996 graduate of Averill Park High School. After graduation he went on to attend the University at Albany where he graduated with a degree in finance in 1999. Benjamin also graduated from Wake Forest University Law in 2005. He resides in St. Paul, Minnesota with his wife Sara and his children Priscialla, Marshall and Juliet. Benjamin is currently employed by NeueHealth as an attorney.

At Averill Park Benjamin competed for four years in cross country, indoor track & field and outdoor track & field. As a junior and senior, he was captain and MVP of the cross country team. He is a four-time NYSPHSAA Championship Meet qualifier and a three-time NYS Federation Championship Meet qualifier. As a senior Benjamin placed 1st in the Section 2 Class B Championship race. He is a four-time Colonial Council All-Star, Section 2 All-Star and Troy Record All-Star. In addition, Benjamin was named 3rd team All-State as a junior and 2nd team All-State as a senior. As a senior he was named Section 2 Runner of the Year.

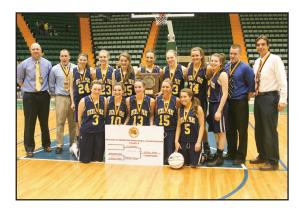
In outdoor track & field Benjamin is a three-time Section 2 Class B 1600m champion and placed 2nd at the NYSPHSAA Championships as a senior. As a senior he placed 11th in the 800m at Nike Nationals. Upon graduation Benjamin held and/or was a part of five outdoor track & field school records and is still part of the team that holds the school record in the 3200m relay.

In indoor track & field Benjamin was the Section 2 champion in the 1000m as a senior and placed 2nd at the NYSPHSAA Championships and 3rd in the Federation. Upon graduation Benjamin held three indoor track & field school records and still holds the school record in the 1500m and is still part of the team that holds the school record in the 3200m relay.

At the University at Albany Benjamin competed in cross country, indoor track & field and outdoor track & field for three years. He was the New England Collegiate Conference Track & Field Rookie of the Year in 1997. Benjamin was twice named team MVP for cross country and was also named indoor track & field team MVP in 1999.







2009-10 Girls Basketball Team

The 2009-2010 girls basketball team girls basketball team, ending the regular season at 19-1 and as Suburban Council champions, defeated the Academy of the Holy Names 55–36 to earn the program its third Section 2 Class A championship. The next week, the Lady Warriors won the program's first NYSPHSAA Class A Regional championship after earning a decisive 53–35 victory over Malone. Supported by the passionate AP Goldmine, who packed Hudson Valley Community College, the team earned the program's first NYSPHSAA Class A championship by defeating Lakeland 53–46. Finally, the Lady Warriors defeated St. Anthony's of Melville 60–48 at the Glens Falls Civic Center for Averill Park's first Federation title in any sport and the first for a Section 2 girls basketball team since 2001. The 26–1 Lady Warriors earned the distinction of maintaining a #1 ranking in Class A by the New York State Sportswriters Association for the entire 2009-10 season.

Players:

Bridget Carney Finkeldey, Katie Duma Sharpley, Amber Dushensky, Amanda Fitzgerald Benson, Katie Hawes, Alison Nunziato, Lauren Nunziato, Brittany O'Shea, Brooke O'Shea, Michela Ottati, Molly Streb, Alise Weisberg

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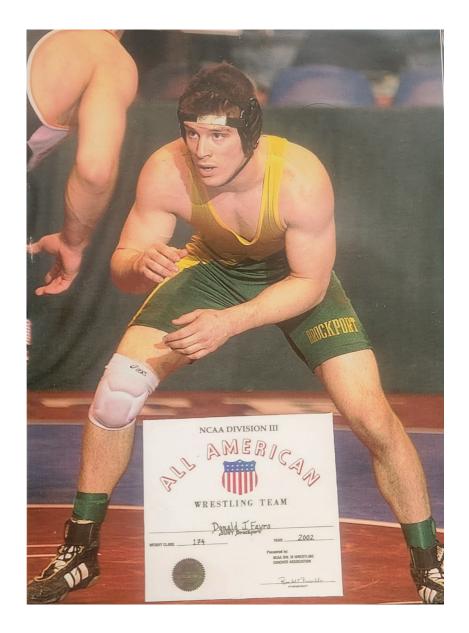
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From Averill Park Wrestling



The Averill Park Girls Basketball program would like to congratulate all the inductees of the 2024 class to the Averill Park Athletic Hall of Fame, with special recognition of the 2010 Girls Basketball Team. Congratulations Ladies! New York State and Federation Champions!

> Bridget Carney Finkeldey Katie Duma Sharpley Amber Dushensky Amanda Fitzgerald Benson Katie Hawes Alison Nunziato Lauren Nunziato Brittany O'Shea Brooke O'Shea Michela Ottati Molly Streb Alise Weisberg



The Averill Park Track & Field programs would like to congratulate all the inductees of the 2024 class to the Averill Park Athletic Hall of Fame, with special recognition of three of our own, Ben Wright, Jonathan Rogers, Jr. and Rudy Winkler.

Congratulations Ben, Jon, and Rudy!



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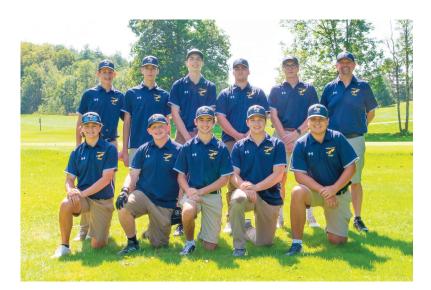
The Averill Park Baseball program would like to congratulate all of the inductees of the Class of 2024 to the Averill Park Athletic Hall of Fame.



The Averill Park Golf program would like to congratulate all of the inductees into the 2024



Averill Park Athletic Hall of Fame!



The Averill Park Girls Soccer program congratulates all of the Hall of Fame inductees!



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2024 Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees



~From the 2024 Varsity Softball Team and Coaches



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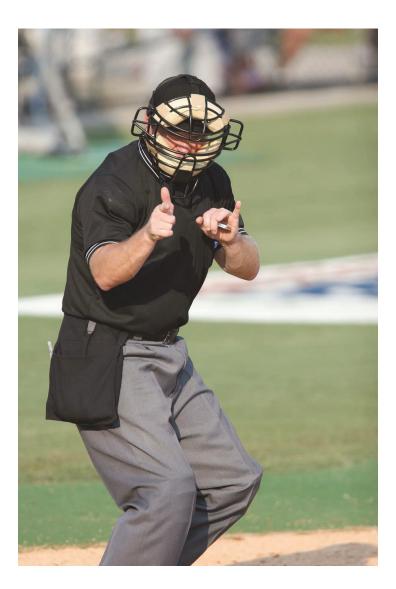
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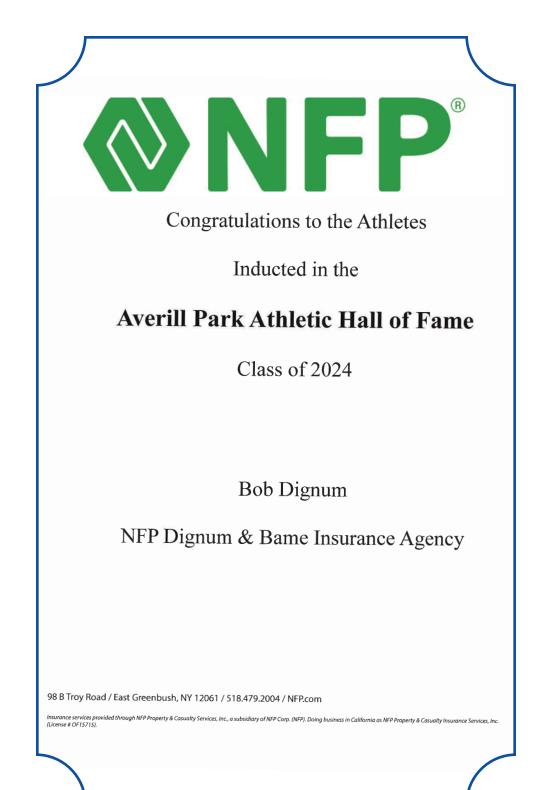
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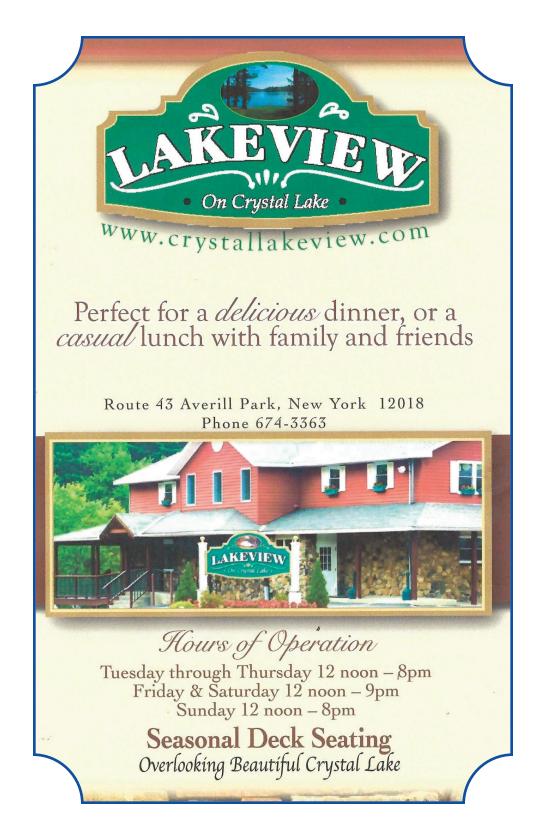


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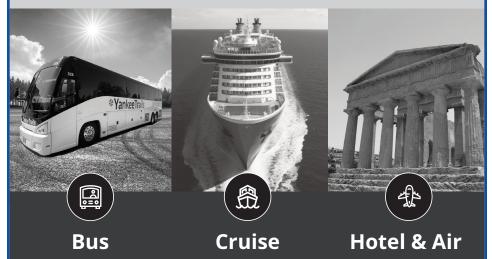






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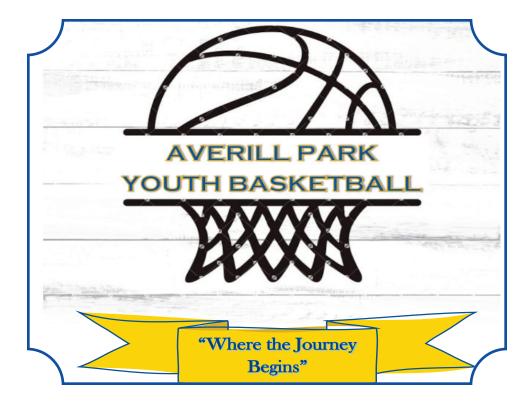
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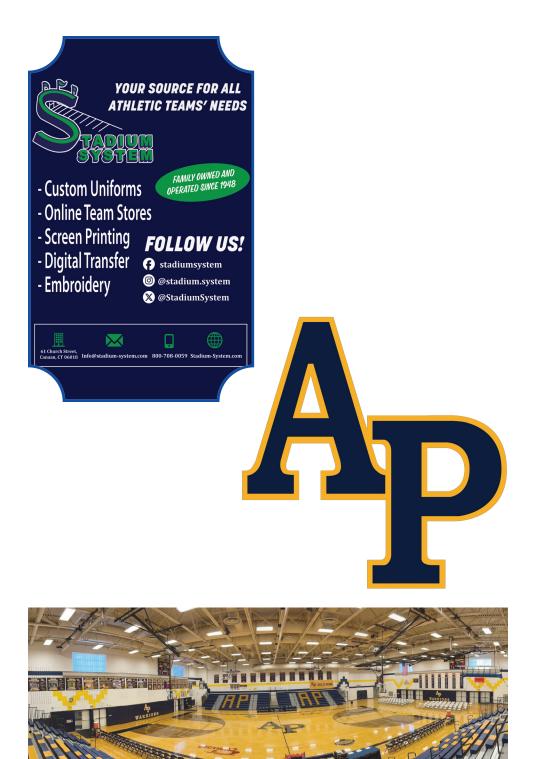












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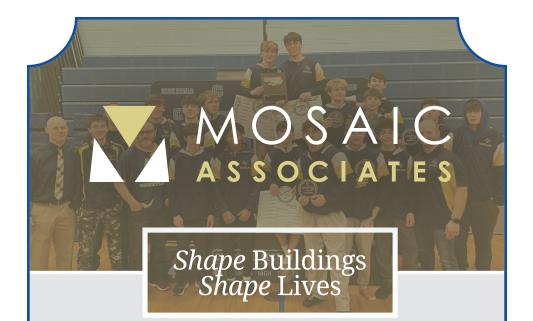
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