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at the
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Social Hour – 4:00 PM
Dinner – 5:00 PM

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Awards Ceremony Program

Master of Ceremonies	Gary Makowicki
Introductions	Gary Makowicki
Greetings	Jim Homiski
Pledge of Allegiance	Bill Sullivan
Invocation	Matt Hinchey

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***Dinner***

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Presentation of 2023 Awards

Hall of Fame Inductee Recipients

Inductee

Raymond Bernier
Kafi Davis
Tony Gizio
Jennifer Rathbun Guernsey
Robert Larkham
Danny Murphy (d)
Nate Murphy (d)
John Padgett

Presenter

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Joseph Kapteina Service Award Recipients

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Sportspersons of the Year

Sarah Ericson
Cedrick Similien
Tyson Wheeler

John Baldwin
Jim Leone
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Thamesville AC Scholarship Recipients

Caitlyn Flynn – Norwich Tech
Emma Ricketts – NFA

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Jack Lonardelli Memorial Award Recipients

DeAndre Ducael – NFA
Joshua Hanks – Norwich Tech

Laura Lonardelli
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Legends Teams

NFA Wrestling 1980's - 90's

Roy Wentworth

Norwich Sports Hall of Fame Sports League Donation Recipients

Norwich Youth Football and Cheerleading
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Norwich Youth Lacrosse Association



Raymond Bernier

Ray was born in Norwich and grew up in Sprague. He played youth sports in Sprague, Franklin, and Norwich prior to attending NFA and then onto Assumption College graduating with degrees in Chemistry and Biology. In 2003 he married his wife, Diane. They have raised two daughters, Ally age 17 and Emma age 16 who both play interscholastic sports at RHAM High school. Ray has been an educator for 24 years. For the past 20 years he has been a Principal in the Preston School system.

Ray graduated from NFA in 1993. He was a 3-sport athlete (Wrestling, Baseball, and Football). Wrestling became his forte. He was a late bloomer in wrestling but by his Senior year he excelled in the sport.

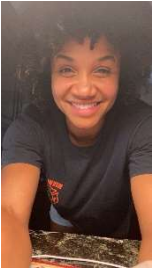
As a Senior Ray was named Captain of the wrestling team. He was a Gold Medalist at the Nutmeg State Olympics, was the State LL Champion, voted the most improved wrestler, and also was named to the New London Day all area team. In his Senior year Ray's record was 30-Wins and 1-Loss. In over 100 career matches he was never pinned. Ray also captained the baseball team his senior year.

Ray was honored with several prestigious awards upon graduating from NFA: The Varsity "N" Club Award for the most valuable wrestler, the Dr. Joseph Levanto Award to an athlete who earns 3- Varsity Letters in the same year, the Varsity "N" Club Cup to a Senior student with outstanding achievements in athletics, and the Dr. Maurice "Mace" Goldblatt Award to a Sr. member of the baseball team whose academics and character are the highest ranking on the team.

During his high school years, to satisfy his thirst for competing in organized sports after high school, Ray began taking private lessons in Jiu Jitsu, karate, judo, boxing, and mixed martial arts. Between 1992 and 1999 he competed in numerous sanctioned competitions in CT and other New England States. His hard work and dedication paid off by winning the Nutmeg State Olympic Games Gold Medal and the CT State Judo Championship in 1992. In 1995 Ray was the Massachusetts State Judo Champion and in 1999 he won a Bronze Medal in the New England Jiu Jitsu Championship competition.

Ray turned to coaching in 1999 and coached for 24 years: 1999 to 2004 Preston Middle school wrestling, 2005 to 2008 youth jiu jitsu and from 2011 to 2016 Marlborough youth soccer. He had a team that was ranked 8th in the State out of 67 teams. In 2014 he coached Marlborough youth softball, 2015 to 2019 RHAM youth lacrosse and in 2022 his daughter's lacrosse team to a championship at the Wide World of Indoor Sports in Montville, beating out 8 other teams.

Kafi Davis



During Kafi's high school career, she competed in basketball for 2 seasons, indoor track for 2 seasons and cross country and outdoor track for 4 seasons earning 12 letters.

The basketball team won the ECC regular season and ECC tournament both years and captured the state championship in 1999 finishing with a 27-0 record.

Her 4 years in the cross country program produced 4 ECC league and ECC tournament titles culminating in state championships in 1995 and 1997. Kafi earned All-Conference and All-State honors her senior year.

Kafi's 6 seasons competing in track and field is where she excelled. Her sophomore year in indoor track, she won the long jump at the ECC's earning All-Conference. At the state meet she won the long jump earning All-State while also setting a school, Class LL and state record. The state Class LL record still stands.

Over her 4 years on the outdoor track team, Kafi was the leading scorer and earned All-Conference and All-State each year. As a freshman Kafi won the 100m at the ECC's along with anchoring the winning 4X100 relay. She placed in the long jump and was part of the winning 4X100 relay. At the state open she was 4th in the long jump and again the 4X100 relay was first. Kafi had similar results during her sophomore year competing in the same events. She was the anchor of the 4X100 relay that won class LL setting a school record.

Despite the incredible accomplishments her first 2 years, she continued to improve through her junior year. Kafi won the 100M, long jump and 4X100 relay at the ECC and Class LL championships. Her long jump distance was a Class LL state record. She was second in the long jump and 4X100 at the state open and finished her incredible season winning the 100M and long jump at the New England championships. School records were set this season in the 100M, long jump and 4X100 relay. Senior year accomplishments included winning the long jump and 4X400 relay at the state meet. The overall team accomplishments during Kafi's career include winning the ECC, ECC tournament and class LL all 4 years, winning 2 State Opens and finishing with an overall 38-0 record.

Kafi received numerous awards at the completion of her high school career including the Athletic Council Cup. She was awarded a Martin Luther King scholarship and received a full scholarship to compete in track and field at the University of Connecticut.



Tony Gizio

Over the past forty-five years NFA has had an excellent wrestling program. The 1990's produced some of NFA's strongest teams. Strong teams are made up of superb wrestlers. From 1990-1994 Tony Gizio has to be considered as one of NFA's most outstanding wrestler's the program has produced.

Tony Gizio grew up in Canterbury and began developing his skills by competing in Judo and youth wrestling. From an early age his fierce sense of competition and desire for individual achievement made Tony an ideal candidate for wrestling in high school. Entering NFA in 1990, Tony would develop and elevate his skills eventually leading him to great success.

Under coaches Carl Snitkin and Roy Wentworth, Tony wrestled as a middle-weight in the 145 lb. weight class. It would be a division that he would dominate locally, state wide, and in New England during high school years. From 1991-1994 Tony's combined record was 66-2-1. He would win two State Open titles, two New England titles and was selected as a National High School Coaches Association All-American. He currently holds four individual NFA wrestling records: The most takedowns in one season (1992-93) of 106, the most dual meet pins in one season (1993-94) of 21, the fastest pin (1993-94) of .5 seconds tying the National Record at the time (about the time it takes the referee to blow his whistle!), and the most points scored in a single match (1993-94) of 42 . While Tony was individually successful, NFA's wrestling team at the time was dominant and would be ranked as high as 18th nationally.

An unbelievably successful wrestling career has led to well-deserved honors. In the forty-five year history of NFA's high profile Wrestling program, Tony was the only three time winner of the Team's Most Outstanding Varsity Wrestler. In 2016, the inaugural class selected from Connecticut, Tony was inducted into the Connecticut Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame .

Wrestling is a tough sport requiring athletic skill. To excel at high levels demands great determination, intensity and inner strength. When you combine great skill and tenacity, wrestlers like Tony Gizio step forward. His achievements help us understand just how good a wrestler Tony was.

Tony now no longer worries about making weight and winning titles. Living in Stonington, Tony is married to his high school sweetheart Erin. Together, they have a 9 year old daughter, Eva.



Jennifer (Rathbun) Guernsey

While attending NFA, Jennifer was a three-sport student athlete, earning a total of 10 varsity letters. She was a four-year varsity player in softball and a three-year varsity player in soccer and basketball. She was the recipient of the Charles Scarlata Memorial Award for Outstanding Contribution to Girls' Basketball (1996-1997) and the Joseph Levanto Versatility Award (1997) for Outstanding Achievement in three sports. Jen also received the Wildcat Scramble Scholarship Award (1997).

The NFA Girls Basketball and Softball teams experienced tremendous success during Jen's four years. In 1997, the Softball team was one of the regular season ECC Co-Champions, ECC Tournament Champions and reached the Class LL semifinals before bowing out of the tournament. For her efforts, Jen was a two-time member of the New London Day All Area Softball Team for 1996 and 1997. The Girls' Basketball team was undefeated during the regular season for three consecutive years from 1994-1997, winning 54 straight games. During this three-year period, the team was ECC regular season and tournament champions while winning the Class LL Championship in 1995-1996 and 1996-1997. Jen was the point guard and served as team captain in 1997.

During the summers of her Freshman and Sophomore years at NFA, Jen was a member of Senior League Softball. In 1993 and 1994, her team was District 11 Champions. In 1994, the team went on to become State and New England Champions, while finishing as East Regional Championship Runner-up.

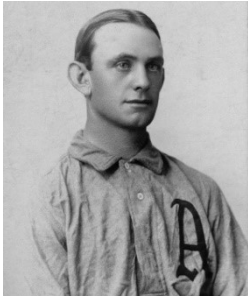
Jen continued her athletic career on a softball athletic scholarship at Division 1 Central Connecticut State University. From 1998-2001, she was a four-year starter at shortstop and second base. In 1999, Jen was selected as the Student-Athlete Most Improved Academic Player.

Jen has been a local youth recreation and school coach in soccer, basketball and softball. She coached Lebanon Boys and Girls Youth Soccer 2013-2019, earning Coach of The Year in 2015. She has been Franklin Recreation Basketball Coach for boys and girls since 2016 to the present. Jen also coached the Franklin Middle School Soccer team in 2020-2021 and the Girls Basketball Team 2021-2023. The 2021-2022 team went undefeated and was SEMSAC League and Tournament Champions. From 2013-2020, Jen was the Sprague-Franklin-Canterbury Little League Coach. In 2019, the team was District 11 Little League Softball Champions, ages 9-11. Jen is currently a third-grade teacher at Hebron Elementary school, a position she has held for the last 19 years.

Robert Larkham



Rob Larkham, Class of 1985, was a four-year member of the NFA wrestling team under legendary coach, Carl Snitkin. Rob's talent in wrestling was indisputable as early as his freshman year, weighing in at 91 pounds and earning fourth overall in the Class LL tournament. By his sophomore year, Rob became increasingly more competitive, and wrestled in the 98-pound weight class to take second overall in the Class LL tournament. By his junior and senior years, Rob's presence was well-known as he earned the NFA's "Most Outstanding Wrestler" award. At the state level, Rob finished first in the Class LL tournament and second at the State Open in his junior year at 119 pounds, with an astounding record of 15-3-1. As a senior, Rob dominated another weight class of 132 pounds, remaining undefeated in dual meets at 17-0, and thus played a significant role in his team winning the LL State Championship for the third consecutive year. Consistent with his junior year, Rob also won the Class LL tournament as a senior. More impressively, Rob won the State Open and became NFA's first State Open champion in wrestling. Rob was voted Outstanding Athlete of the 1985 Graduating Class at NFA and was co-captain of the wrestling team his senior year. Rob was also a member of the Junior National Greco Roman Team in 1985, a member of the Junior National Free Style Team in 1985, and a 2018 inductee in the Norwich Free Academy Sports Hall of Fame.



Danny Murphy (d)

Daniel Francis Murphy was born in Philadelphia in August 1876 and moved to Fall River, Mass. after living a brief time in Providence, R.I. Danny worked in a mill and played for its amateur baseball team before beginning to earn extra income by playing for semi-pro teams sponsored by athletic clubs and businesses. In 1896, he was hired by North Attleboro to play for the town's semi-pro team and was given a job in a jewelry factory. In 1900, he moved to Norwich to play on a minor league team which won the Connecticut State League Championship. Murphy was credited with being a major part of that achievement. He signed with the New York Giants later that year and played into the 1901 season. After being let go by the Giants, he returned to Norwich to play with his original team.

In 1902 two major events happened to Danny, first he was signed by the Philadelphia Athletics, and he married his Norwich girlfriend, Catherine Moriarty. Danny lived on 75 Spring Street in Norwich, later moving to her family's hotel for the better part of 20 years. He was a key player for the Philadelphia Athletics who was credited as "the heart and soul that made them champions in the World Series in 1910, 1911, and 1913." The Athletics were also American League champions in 1902 and 1905. He set an American League record for assists in a game by a second baseman, and both offensive and defensive World Series records as an outfielder. "The legendary coach Connie Mack named him the top right fielder on the teams he led during his 50 seasons." Murphy competed in 1,496 games and had a batting average of .289, while scoring 705 runs. He produced 289 doubles, 103 triples, 44 home runs, and 702 RBI's, with 193 stolen bases. He played 16 World Series games with a .305 batting average with one home run and 12 RBI's.

Initially Catherine stayed in Norwich during the season with Danny returning during the offseason. Eventually, she would join him to make a home in Norwich for the winter months. Danny was highly celebrated in Norwich with parades and other events during his playing days and for many years to come. For a time while he was playing, he owned a downtown "café" featuring cigars and liquor, and later a saloon on Bath Street. His days in Norwich came to a close with Catherine's death late in 1918 due to the Spanish Flu pandemic. He was invited by her siblings to move to Jersey City, NJ to live with them there. The couple did not have children.

After his playing days he managed a New Haven minor league team during WW1 and then acted as the captain and coach of the Athletics for

the first five years of the 1920's. It was during the latter that he became known as "the Sherlock Holmes of Baseball during his coaching years. He had an uncanny ability to understand an opposing pitcher's changes in their stance, approach, and every other factor no matter how subtle, and relay what kind of pitch he was delivering to his batter." Danny passed away in 1955 and is buried next to his wife in St. Mary's Cemetery. A special Thank You to Tom Sullivan, author of "The Sherlock Holmes of Baseball" and Steve Birt, editor of "The Day-Special edition to the Norwich Times."



1913 World Series

Murphy pictured on left with the umpires and Giants manager John McGraw. Connie Mack was manager but could not be on the field as he always wore suits, so team captain Danny took up the functions of the manager.



Nate Murphy (d)

Nate Murphy played basketball at the Norwich Free Academy from 1967 to 1971 and he did so at the highest level as he amassed over 1000 point during his scholastic career. Already a well-regarded player upon his arrival at NFA, he was good enough as a freshman to suit up and play in several varsity games.

He earned a starting spot in his sophomore year joining a squad that promised a repeat of a Capitol District Conference championship and a favorite in the year-end state tournament. Nate did not disappoint. He was a team player who could pass magically and steal the ball almost at will. He made a formidable team even better. His role as a team player coupled his skills made that team better. Nate could find an open man and the Wildcat's point men (Zeke Lanier and Bill Wendt) could deliver a basket when he fed them.

He was an essential player who could run, pass, steal the ball, feed it off or take it to the basket. His quickness made him a threat on both sides of the floor. His reedy 6'3" frame gave him wide range to steal a pass and kick off a fast break. He could score inside or outside the paint. Nate was perfectly suited for Coach Tim Ryan's "Iron Man Squad" that saw few substitutions. He had an instinctive sense of where the ball was going.

As a Junior he still carried out his role as a keen defender and a brilliant passer, yet he also transformed into a surefire scoring threat. His ability made the Wildcats a CDC powerhouse for a third-year in a row.

As the Co-Captain of the Wildcats in his senior year, his reputation was solidified. His teammates and his coaches wanted Nate to have the ball and he did not disappoint. Opponents who tried to double team Nate paid the price as two defenders could not keep him from finding an open man.

In his career at NFA Nate scored 1,013 points, only the sixth player in NFA history to do so. Being on the squad, he made his teams and its standouts even better. He developed into a player who could take control of the game when necessary. No opponents could stop him. He finished his career averaging 18.4 points per game.



John Padgett

John Padgett and his family moved to Gales Ferry, Connecticut in the summer of 1962 in the beginning of his sophomore year of high school. He attended Norwich Free Academy and became a three-sport athlete earning a total of 8 varsity letters. Football was his best sport, earning All Capital District Conference honors in 1963 and 1964. John's senior year was highlighted when he served as a co-captain and was named to the All-State Team.

The 1963 football team was one of the best in the history of NFA. The team compiled a 7-2 overall record, facing some of the best teams in the entire state. John shared the fullback position with Dennis Perry and the hard-hitting duo seemed to dominate the action. According to John, the highlight of the season was the 22-14 victory over New London High School in the 97th meeting of the two schools. In the Hartford Bulkeley victory settled at 21-6, John also accounted for 150 of NFA's 230 rushing yards. The 1964 football team again combined John with Perry on the team giving NFA the best one-two running backs in the entire conference. He would score 2 touchdowns against Hartford Bulkeley and Fitch High Schools in their meetings.

John was a varsity member of the 1964 basketball team that were CDC Champions and finished with a 21-3 record, the best finish ever by an NFA basketball team. The team made it to the state tournament quarter finals and still holds a school record with 99 points scored in a game. John also played for 3 years on coach Rene Ledoux baseball teams. He graduated from Norwich Free Academy in 1965 and attended the United States Naval Academy where he played both football and lacrosse. John moved solely to lacrosse after a football injury and proudly earned First Team All-American Defensive Man in his senior year.

After graduation in 1969, John earned an additional degree from Georgia Institute of Technology and went on to serve in the United States Navy as the Commander of the USS Omaha, served as Commoner, Submarine Squadron Eleven, was the 75th Commandant of Midshipman at the U.S. Naval Academy. Following his selection to flag rank, he held over five major Command assignments in the Northeastern United States region. His final assignment was the 30th Commander, Submarine Force in the Pacific and Indian Oceans.

Since 2003, John joined General Dynamics Electric Boat as Vice-President of Submarine maintenance and modernization and served as CEO of the Naval Submarine League. John is now retired, but doing some consulting and is living with his wife Bobbie, in Old Lyme.

Joseph Kapteina Service Award Recipient

Leonard Miller



This year's Kaptiena Award Winner was born in Hartford, CT on March 28, 1979. He moved to Norwich in 1991. Soon after he began playing basketball in junior high and playing Night Flight basketball, which was started in 1991 by Lou Allen and John Iovino.

He played basketball at NFA from 1993 to 1997. He was voted All-ECC in 1996-1997 and later attended Western CT University where he played basketball. He also attended Westfield State University for two years and received his Associate Degree from Three Rivers Community College.

Leonard coached youth football in the Norwich Youth Football League, basketball in the Norwich Rec League and AAU Teams.

In 2018, inspired by the Willimantic City Leagues Leonard, Eugene Gibson and Kara Turner restarted Night Flight Basketball. It began with a Men's Winter League and Christmas Tournament. In the Summer of 2019 Leonard began the Summer League, which consisted of Men's, Women's, Junior Boys and Girls Leagues at Jenkins Park on the West Side of Norwich. In the same year Leonard began Basketball Camps supported by the Norwich Police Athletic League.

In 2020 Leonard began a ten team Co-Ed Softball League at Kelly Field. This year's Summer Basketball Leagues will begin in June at Jenkins Park. Thursday nights are scheduled for the Women's and Junior Leagues with Friday's for the Men's Leagues.

Leonard is also Planning a Flag Football League, possibly this fall, reminiscent of the old Sunday mornings Flag Football at the Rec Field.

Over the years Night Flight Basketball has received funding help from Mayor Peter Nystrom, Police Chief Patrick Daley and State Representative Derrell Wilson. These contributions will help with Winter Leagues, the Over-35 League and Youth Basketball Camps this summer at Jenkins Park.

This summer please try to stop by Jenkins Park Thursday and Friday Nights to see for yourself the wonderful community vibe that Leonard has begun and continues for the West Side of Norwich.

Sportspersons of the Year



Sarah Ericson

Sarah began her athletic journey in the Norwich school system and NFA. In 2021 as an NFA senior, Sarah earned First Team All-State honors in both basketball and volleyball. She also was First Team All-ECC in tennis. Sarah matriculated to St. Thomas Aquinas in New York state. As a freshman basketball player in 2022, Sarah made Second Team All-East Coast Conference, Second Team All-Metropolitan Team along with East Coast Conference Rookie of the Year honors.

Accomplishments

For the 2022-2023 basketball season, as a Sophomore at St. Thomas Aquinas:

- First Team All-East Coast Conference;
- Player of the Year East Coast Conference;
- Named District 2 First Team CCA (Conference Commissioners Conference) All-East Region; First Team All-Metropolitan and MET Player of the Year.
- Averaged 12.9 ppg and led league in rebounding with 9.9 rebounds/game.
- After her first two seasons at STAC she has amassed 665 points, 465 rebounds, 196 assists and 83 steals.



Cedrick Similien

Cedrick spent the first five years of his life in Haiti living with a large extended family under one roof. However, his parents made the sacrifice to move his family to Norwich to provide a better life for Cedrick. He then emerged as a top basketball player at Kelly Middle School. In 9th grade, he came to Saint Bernard School and started as a freshman on the team.

He surpassed 1,000 career points his senior year. He achieved the personal milestone in a career robbed of at least 10 games because of the COVID-19 shortened 2020-21 season. He averaged about 17 points per game his senior year.

Accomplishments

- CIAC Division II Boys' Basketball State Champion 2022-23
- All-ECC three times
- ECC regular season championship
- ECC tournament championship two seasons
- The Day's 2023 All-Area Boys' Basketball Player of the Year
- All-Eastern Connecticut Conference Division I team
- 1,000 point scorer
- CT High School Coaches Association All-State Academic Team
- CT High School Coaches Association All-State Basketball Team



Tyson Wheeler

Tyson grew up in Norwich and came to Saint Bernards in grade 7. As a high school freshman, he was starting on the basketball team.

Accomplishments

- CT High School Coaches Association All-State
- All-ECC three seasons
- New Haven Register Third Team All-State
- ECC tournament championship two times
- 1,000 point scorer
- ECC regular season championship three seasons
- ECC All-Area
- CIAC Division II Boys' Basketball State Champion 2022-23

Sports Hall of Fame & Thamesville Athletic Club Scholarship Recipients

Emma Ricketts

Norwich Free Academy



Caitlyn Flynn

Norwich Technical HS



Jack Lonardelli Memorial Award Recipients

DeAndre Ducael

Norwich Free Academy



Joshua Hanks

Norwich Technical HS



Joseph Kapteina Service Award

1991 – Jack Lonardelli	2008 – Leslie Christie
1992 – Donald Rivest	2008 – Donald Sikorsky
1993 – John London	2009 – Fran Durga
1994 – Anthony Lonardelli	2009 – Norma Parrish
1995 – Philip Booker	2010 – Mark Campbell
1995 – Ray Stewart	2010 – Thomas Szfranski
1996 – Manual Cardoza	2011 – Todd Guertin
1997 – M. Garfield Rucker	2012 – Salvatore Colonna
1997 – Dennis Riley	2013 – Kelley Schmidt LaCombe
1998 – Bernard Enright	2014 – Maynard Strickland
1998 – Robert Spayne	2016 – Mike McCullough
1999 – Jerry Murphy	2017 – Johnny L. Burns, Jr.
2000 – John Sikorski	2017 – John Leone
2001 – Richard “Lefty” Rothstein	2017 – Lou Kirstein
2001 – Kevin Crowley	2017 – Peter R. Przekop
2002 – Glenn Carberry	2018 – 50 th Anniversary
2003 – Michael Goldblatt	2019 – Yamil Dip
2004 – Tim Smith	2019 – Charles Whitty
2005 – Dave Winkler	2022 – Barney Caulfield
2006/2007 – Charlie Spellman	2023 – Leonard Miller

Sports Persons of the Year

1968 – Dorothy O’Neil	1982 – Darryl MarcAurele
1969 – James Euell	1983 – Jayne Ledoux
1970 – Timothy Ryan	1983 – Judy Pemberton
1971 – Eugene McGrath	1984 – Patricia Vandervelde
1972 – Robert McPhail	1984 – John Fields
1973 – Richard Fontaine	1985 – William Connor
1974 – Richard Cipriani	1985 – Paul Giardi
1975 – Judy Fontaine	1986 – Greg Keith
1976 – Norman Rioux	1987 – Kathy Wodka
1977 – Charles Whitty	1987 – John Newson
1978 – John Caulfield	1988 – Carrie Plourde
1979 – William Khron	1988 – Robert Larose
1980 – Robert Schaefer	1989 – Dee Passarello Osypuk
1981 – Carl Snitkin	

Sports Persons of the Year

(Continued)

1989 – Christopher (TJ) MarcAurele
1990 – Steve Gambeski
1990 – Gary Makowicki
1991 – Ellen Mahoney
1991 – Sherry Way
1992 – Norinne Nadeau
1992 – Chad Johnson
1993 – Jill Akus
1993 – Tony Gizio
1994 – Robert Potter
1994 – Matthew Way
1995 – Susan Dutilly
1995 – George Brzezinski
1996 – Marci Glenney
1996 – Bill Scarlata
1997 – Sue Hopkins-Terrell
1998 – Scott Chiasson
1998 – Joey Kochanski
1998 – Major Williams
1999 – Howie B. Dickenman
2000 – Tim Lafayette
2000 – John Ward
2001 – Saona Chapman
2001 – Mark Jones
2002 – Krista Rappahan
2002 – Steve Robichaud
2003 – Courtney Gomez
2003 – Andrew Carignan
2003 – James Justice
2004 – Kathryn D’Auria
2004 – Myles Bradley
2005 – Leah Rubega
2005 – Eric Campbell
2006/2007 – Jessica Sullivan
2006/2007 – Robert Briones
2006/2007 – Neal Curland
2006/2007 – Nicholas Murphy
2008 – Myles Bradley
2008 – Lindsay Makowicki
2009 – Kimberly Johnson
2009 – Matt Shaughnessy
2009 – Kara Kochansky-Vendola
2010 – Sarah Eagan
2010 – Jennifer Escobido
2010 – Kastine Evans
2010 – Kaylan Pickford
2011 – Anthoney Facchini
2012 – Brittany Grabill
2012 – Brianna Lenehan
2012 – Mia Lynne Park
2012 – Dyshelle Pemberton
2013 – Brianna Lenehan
2014 – Aidan Karam
2014 – Marcus Outlow
2015 – Khaleed Exum Strong
2016 – David Burnett
2107 - Beth Fleming
2017 - Dyshelle Pemberton
2018 – 50th Anniversary
2019 – Paige Martin
2019 – Noah Rak
2022 - Robert Kearney
2023 - Sarah Ericson
2023 - Cedrick Similien
2023 - Tyson Wheeler

Legend Team Recognitions

2012 – Wonder Bar Basketball Teams
(Early 1970's – Late 1980's)

2013 – Norwich Free Academy Girls Track & Field Team
(1990-2001)

2014 – Straub's Men's Softball

2016 – Thamesville AC (Polish Falcons)

2017 – Cip's Touch Football

2018 – 50th Anniversary Inductees

2019 - Lefty's Gang

2023 – NFA Wrestling Teams 1980's – 1990's



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- 2004 – Jesse Burns & Kelsey Borner
- 2005 – Alysia Jarmon & Leah Rubega
- 2006/2007 – Lacey Depolito & Jonathan J. Merjuste
- 2008 – Amy Loser & Adam Sawyer
- 2009 – Shea Lauren Ryan & Jaclyn Sullivan
- 2010 – Cassandra Hunter & Patrick McKeon
- 2011 – Marie Bianca Saint Sume & Brian Duggan
- 2012 – Rebecca Smolenski & Ashbow O. Sebastian
- 2013 – Morgan Deschamps & Kyle Young
- 2014 – Camille McKenzie & Douglas Babbitt
- 2015 – Olivia Lane & Calvert Senesac
- 2016 – Christina Konstantinidis & Alexandra Smith
- 2017 – Ransford Darby & Qameron Mendez
- 2018 – Shea Gendron & Erin McBride
- 2019 – Riley Rieverts & Jonathan Synott
- 2022 – Jasmyn Bransford & Camren Topkin
- 2023 – Caitlyn Flynn & Emma Ricketts

JACK LONARDELLI MEMORIAL AWARD

- 2017 - David Hernandez & Jake Huff
- 2018 – Brendan Maher & Emily Cherwin
- 2019 – Genevieve Buckridge & Kellsey Gumbs
- 2022 – Dangelo Aristilde & Jake Darras
- 2023 – DeAndre Ducael & Joshua Hanks

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Jack Lonardelli

*Hall of Fame 1976
Kapteina Award 1991*

Anthony Lonardelli

*Kapteina Award 1994
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Tony & Janice Orsini
Cindy Shea
Bill Sullivan

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Alexander Abraham	1970	Bill Cholawa	2009
Donald Abraham	1988	Robin (Willett) Christian	2011
Raymond Abraham	1982	Stephan Cimikowski	1976
Erwin Adamcewicz	1981	Frank Cipriani	1984
Chris Adams	2015	Jack Clabby	1985
Kenny Adams	1980	James Clabby	1968
Ted Alex	1981	Dr. David Coletti	2009
Robert Alves	1989	Claude Combies	1978
John Anthony	2019	Raymond "Pop" Congdon	1968
Francis Archambault	1997	Mike Cosentino	1988
Stephen Armstrong	1972	Michael Courter	2006
Mechelle Artis	2016	Robert Courter	2004
Filmore Avdevich	1984	Barbara Craigen	1999
Tom Baillargeon	1997	Kevin Crowley	2013
John Baldwin	2003	Harold Cummings	1977
William Baldwin, Msqe.	1969	Neal Curland	2013
Joseph Banas	1997	Arden Curtis	1996
Ralph Bargneski	1987	Bill Davignon	2001
Leo Bawza	1996	Jemal Davis	2016
Al Beauregard	1968	Fred Debarros	1988
Richard Beauregard	2005	Joseph DeBarros	1978
Joseph Belair	1968	Ronald Delgado	1995
Judith (Pemberton) Bell	2007	Michael DeLucia	2014
Doris Berlepsch	2004	Robert "Bull" Demars	1995
Richard Biloa	1999	Ronald Demars	1992
Mike Bohara	1981	Louis Depina	2003
Seymore "Bucky" Bohara	1996	Nick Depolito	1986
Thomas T. Boharo	2017	Raymond Deptulski	1998
Mike Bontempo	2013	Elmer Deshefy	1989
Nick Bontempo	1988	John Destefano	2000
John "Bull" Borsa	2009	Howard Dickenman	1968
Gil Bouley	1968	Howie D Dickenman	1994
Laurent Bouley	1970	Ralph Dobiejko	1983
Larry Bouley, Jr.	2001	Edward Donat	1993
David Bourbeau	2007	Jack Driscoll	1998
Linda Tardiff Briggs	2014	Mike Driscoll	1999
Aubrey Brown	1999	Augustine "Lefty" Dugas	1968
Jean Brown	2002	Fred "Chip" Dugas	1968
Norine Nadeau Brown	2015	Barbara Duncan (Bourbeau)	1984
Randel Bumgarner	2007	John Durham	2006
Dr. Robert Bundy	1993	Joseph Eccles	1984
William Burelle	1990	Kate Giardi Erickson	2014
Edmond Burke	1993	James Euell	2014
Edward Butkiewicz	1991	Joseph Falcone	1983
John Butler	1997	Kim Farrell	2019
Henry Butova	1968	John Fearn	1981
Hugh Campbell	2006	Lemuel Feilding	1968
Joseph Caprilozzi	1979	Tom FitzGerald	2013
Thomas Carey	2004	William Fitzgerald	1969
Tom Carey	2003	Robert Fletcher	1968
James Caulfield	1988	Richard Fontaine	1979
James Caulfield	1994	Peter "Finn" Franeski	1971
John Caulfield	1983	Jay Friedman	2016
Gene Caulkins	1985	Gerry Gagnon	2014
Barry Chasen	1996	Omer Gagnon	1980
Phillip Chasen	1994	David Galligan	1993
Gerry Chester	2000	Beth Curran Garver	2014
Roland Chinatti	1992	Edgar Gates	1992
		Wilfred Gauthier	1973
		William Gauthier	1982

Paul Giardi	2004	John Kirker, Jr.	2001
Ralph Gibbs	1988	John Kirker, Sr.	2002
Marty Gilman	1971	Joe Kobelski	1986
Jeff Glenn	2012	Kara Kochanski-Vendola	2017
Marion Glowski	1968	Carrie (Plourde) Krapf	2012
Ree Goldbert	1977	Bill Krohn	2009
Dr. Maurice Goldblatt	1972	Kathleen (Durga) Kuvalanka	2010
Anthony Gomes	2005	Peter Labenski	1978
Glenn Gordon	2008	Harold Lacey	1991
Beverly Goulet	1994	Roger LaFrance	1971
Renee Goupille	2010	Hervey Laliberte	2001
Albert Grandy	1977	Charles Lamoureux	1984
John Gribbin	1980	Ennis "Zeke" Lanier	1997
Jonathan Gruber	2011	Tamara Lanier	2008
Casmir Grygorcewicz	1993	John Lapkowski, Jr	2005
Francis Ham, Jr.	1978	John Lapkowski, Sr.	1981
Edward C Hamill	1969	Gilbert Lapointe	1998
Ned Hanlon	1968	Todd Lathrop	2015
Chris Hansen	2013	Leonard Leblanc	2002
Louis Heller	1992	Ronald Leblanc	1983
Orrin Hertz	1987	Gary Ledoux	1999
Erik Hilinski	2015	Mark Ledoux	2000
Lloyd Hinchey	1973	Rene Ledoux	1975
Matt Hinchey	1995	Ron Ledoux	1998
Paul Hinsch	2004	Andy Lee	2011
James Hoffman	1974	Stephen Lee	2005
Frank Homiski	1979	Jim Leone	2017
Henry Homiski	1968	John Leone, Jr.	1984
Douglas Howard	1992	Albert Levitt	1989
Robert Howard	1988	George L'Homme	1989
Leon Howard, Sr.	1993	Janet Lindell	2008
Kristine Huber	2007	Erik "Rik" Little	2016
Bob "Scrooge" Hughes	2012	Phil Lobacz	1990
Robert Huntington	1990	Ed Loisiewski	1975
Joseph Iacoi	1984	Anthony "Tony" Lonardelli	1996
John Iovino	2005	Jack Lonardelli	1976
Tom Izbicki	2005	Joe Lonardelli	2000
Joe Jackson	1977	Raymond Lord	1977
Leo Jacques	1968	Howard Ludlow	1969
Paul Jakubieiski	1995	Raymond Lukasiewicz	2008
John Jakubowski	1993	Dick Lussier	1986
Lloyd Jarvis	1971	Jack Luty	2013
Leonard Jaskiewicz	1992	Nicholas Macarchuck	1970
Amy L. Jeffers	2015	Ellen Mahoney	1995
Teresa (Allen) Jefferson	2010	Gary Makowicki	2003
Daniel Jenkins	1983	Mel Makowicki	1973
Daniel Jenkins	1995	Sue Makowicki	2002
Lou Job	1979	Dino Malogrides	1975
Marcus Job	1989	Darryl MarAurele	2014
Severn (Ted) Johanesen	1985	Richard Marien	1981
Chad Johnson	2016	Roger Marien	1971
Ralph Johnston, Jr.	1999	Burchard Marshall	1987
Marvin Jones	1994	William Marshall	1993
Charlie Jukiewicz	1981	Laurelynn (Glass) Martin	2012
Richard Kane	1990	Pepper Martin	1990
John Kapinos	1974	Jody Hull McCabe	2014
John Kapteina	1979	Richard McCarthy	1976
Gregory Keith	2010	James McDonald	1982
Jack Kelly	1980	Clement McGrath	1991
William Kelly	1972	Gene McGrath	1992

Edward McKay	1968	Lawrence Rice	1998
James McKenna	1982	John Riley	1971
Gerald McKeon	1976	Norm Rioux	1980
Lynn H. McLean (Heather Rubin)	2019	Richard Rogalski	1987
Bob McPhail	2003	Joe Romanski	1980
Marlin McPhail	2000	Daniel Rose	2007
Walter Melnichuk	1994	Jeffrey A. Rose	2017
Rob Mileski	2010	Jerry Rosen	1976
Richard Miller	1987	Gerald Rousseau	1991
Sharon Miller-Wolfe	2017	Howard Rubin	2016
Alden Miner	2007	Daniel T Ruffo	1982
Theodore Montgomery	1997	Nancy Ruszyk	1979
James Monti	1996	Timothy Ryan	1984
Dr. James Moore	1972	Harold Sabrowski	1995
James "Babe" Moran	1985	George Sakowich	1986
Henry Morin	1968	Bill Scarlata	2001
John Morosky	1985	Walter Scepanski	1992
Daniel Murphy	1968	Stephen Schaffhauser	1978
Jeremiah Murphy	1989	Donald Scott	1983
Joseph Murphy, Jr	1983	John Serafin	1982
Eugene "Chick" Nafie	1969	Rick "Rich" Serafin	2015
Walter Navick	1991	Arnold Seybolt	1985
Atty John Newson	2011	Doug Sharples	1989
John Nolan	1983	Tricia Roberts Shatley	2015
Carol A. Oat	2017	Cindy Shea	2016
Dorothy O'Neil	1974	Sarah Jane Shearer	1996
William O'Neil	1986	Mathew Sheridan	1990
Anthony Orsini	2000	Father Al Sienkiewicz	1980
Dr. Deirdre (Passarello) Osypuk	2011	Pete Signore	1995
John Paesani	2001	Calvin Silverman	1986
Brian Papp	2002	Greg Sinay	1998
Raymond Anderson Papp	2007	John Skelly	1974
Charles Parker	1978	Joseph Skindzer	1976
Clyde Parker	2000	Dawn Smith	2013
Joseph Parker	1982	Holman Smith	2002
Paula Passarello	2008	Linda (Grant) Smith	2012
Chester Pavlak	1973	Timothy Smith	1987
George Peay	1991	Carl Snitkin	1987
Raymond Peccini	1990	Joseph Stafford III	1982
James Pedace	1973	Myles Standish	1968
Bobby Perkins	1997	Jack Steinman	1975
Melissa Perkine-Banas	2017	Stephan Stephanou	1981
Melissa Perry-Russell	2009	Raymond Stewart	2003
Charles Piechowski	1977	Daniel Stockwell	1997
Charles Pieniadz	1986	Samuel Stockwell	1988
Louis Pingalore	1973	George Strouse	1974
Ronald Pires	1994	Fr. Maurice Sullivan	1975
Robert Pirie	1995	William "Bill" Sullivan	1999
Tom Pirie	2000	Chris Tamborra	2011
Russell Plant	1991	John Tedeschi	2002
Lucien Plante	1974	Sue (Hopkins) Terrell	2001
Anthony "Jack" Podurgiel	1997	Joan Thompson	1998
Chris Portelance	2011	John (Jack) Thompson	1978
Bob Potter	2016	Jonathan Torres, MD	2015
Peter Przekop, Sr	1990	Lillian Tringe	2003
Michael Pusateri	1987	James Troland	1968
Lewis Randall	1970	Anne Twomey	1992
Sam Raymond	1975	Anthony Vanchu	1985
Fred Renaldi	1972	Frank Vasington	2004
Jayne (Ledoux) Rice	2011	Russ VerSteege	2019

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Edwin Walczak	1970
Donald Wallace	1995
Matt Way	2017
Charles Weiss	1985
William Wendt	1991
Anthony "Tony" West, Jr.	2007
Anthony "Tony" West, Sr.	1968
Joseph Wilk	1972
James A Williams	1969
Joseph Wojcik	1996
Christine Wood	2009
Jeanette (Kotowski) Yaworski	2012



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Gil Bouley
Ray "Pop" Congdon
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Augustine "Lefty" Dugas
Nick Marcarchuck
Eugene 'Chick' Nafie
Lewis Randall
Jimmy Williams

1971 - 1980

Lloyd Hinchey
Llyod Jarvis
Lou Job
Jack Lonardelli
James 'Babe' Moran
Dorothy O'Neil
Lucien Plante
George Strouse

1981 - 1990

Ted Alex
Robert Alves
John Leone
John Morosky
Don Scott
Tim Smith
Carl Snitkin
Charlie Weiss

1991 – 2000

Robert Bundy
Howie Dickenman
Bev Goulet
Leonard Jaskiewicz
Ellen Mahoney
Clem McGrath
Marlin McPhail
William Wendt

2001 - 2010

Judy Pemberton Bell
Jean Brown
Bill Chowela
David Coletti
Bill Krohn
Sue Hopkins Terrill
Frank Vasington
Chris Wood

2011 - 2017

Norine Nadeau Brown
Kate Giardi Erickson
James Euell
Chad Johnson
Darryl Marcaurele
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Deirdre Passarello Osypuk
Chris Tamborra

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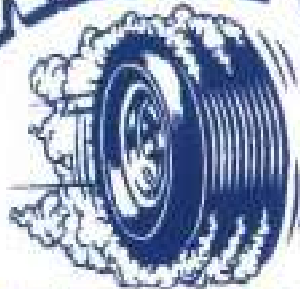
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