

*EAST GREENBUSH
CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT*

*ATHLETIC
HALL OF FAME
2009*



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ALUMNI ATHLETE INDUCTEES

A student athlete alumni whose accomplishments at Columbia High School represented the highest caliber of achievement in his/her time as well as athletes who have achieved success after graduation

COACH FACULTY/STAFF INDUCTEES

A coach or faculty member whose contributions and achievements have improved the reputation and brought credit to our school or have inspired our student athletes to achieve their own personal level of excellence. Not based solely on wins and losses and championships but determined by the degree of respect given the coach and program by other people.

THOMAS BOYLE

CLASS OF 1960

Thomas Boyle earned eight Varsity Letters while participating in five sports at Columbia High School. He is possibly the only athlete from Columbia to have lettered in five different sports.

In the fall season, Tom played soccer. His senior year, he was chosen to be the co-captain and was ready for an exciting time, but a few weeks into the season he began having shoe and foot problems. Wanting to be active in a sport, but unable to continue with soccer, Tom asked if he could switch to running Cross Country. He was allowed to do this and finished his senior fall season on the Cross Country Team. While training there, Tom was running sprints for the first time in his life and was beating all the other runners. Coach Budnowski, the spring Track coach, heard of this and invited Tom to try Track in the spring. Tom told Coach he would think about it.

During the winter season, Tom was out on the Basketball court. He was an exceptional all-round player starting on JV and playing his junior and senior years on Varsity. Tom had the great opportunity his junior year to be on the team when the Suburban Council was formed. That year, Columbia went 13-1, losing their last game. That CHS team has the distinction of being the first team to win a Suburban Council Championship. His senior year, Tom was tri-captain and again had a great season. The team went on to have 13 wins and 4 losses, with a single point loss quenching the hopes of first place again. The Times Union, Knickerbocker News, Schenectady Gazette and the Schenectady Union Star named Tom to the All-Suburban All-Star 1st team both his junior and senior years. In the record books of Columbia, Tom set records for the most points in a game with 34, twice, and most rebounds in a game with 32. He also had the record for career rebounds, with 609 in just two seasons of play. That record held for 40 years and he is still #2 on that list. Tom also lead the team with 19 points per game average and 19 rebounds per game average.

With basketball finished, it was onto Baseball and Track. In those days, athletes were allowed to play in both sports. Tom came up through the ranks of freshman, JV and varsity Baseball, playing varsity his senior year. He played the position of first base. Tom loved Baseball put it was on the Track team that he found a skill he didn't know he had. Tom ran the 440-yard dash where he broke the school and Suburban Council record with a time of 52.5 seconds. This earned him 1st place in the council. Coach Budnowski measured Tom's stride at 7'2", this no doubt helped him to achieve his successes in running. Tom also participated in the Hop, Step and Jump, now known as the triple jump. He again set the school record with a jump of 42' 1.25", which also was the best in New York State. The team was undefeated that season and went on to the NYS Intersectional Championships at West Point. Tom came in 1st in the Hop, Step and Jump and 2nd in the 440-yard dash.

Tom earned an Athletic Scholarship for Basketball and Track to the North Western State College in Louisiana. He stayed one-year before returning home. He then played semi-pro Basketball in Lee, MA. The manager would drive to NY to pick him up and drive him home after, as Tom did not have a car at the time. Tom and his wife Helen had 3 children and he now has 3 grandchildren. He worked for 35 years before retiring from the Plumbers and Steamfitters Local #7. He now enjoys his ham radio, American history, cooking, running and working out.

As his nominee states "Tom was one of the most outstanding athletes to come out of Columbia High and is most deserving to be elected in to the CHS Athletic hall of Fame."

ROBERT MOORE

CLASS OF 1967

Robert Moore earned ten Varsity Letters while playing sports all three seasons for Columbia High School. He also has the distinction of being awarded the prestigious Robert D Chipp Memorial Award for Athletics and Citizenship.

Bob began his freshman year playing Soccer as a starter on the varsity team earning his first Varsity Letter. He then switched to varsity Football his sophomore year and went on to earn three Varsity Letters. Bob was a starter for the team and received an All-Suburban Honorable Mention for his efforts. He had two more great years as a junior and senior earning 1st Team All-Suburban and 1st Team All-Capital Land his senior year, where he was a tailback and safety, and team co-captain. Being the leading rusher in Section II helped Bob be picked as Capital Land Offensive Player of the Year. He also set a new school record with 67 points for the year and kicked the first field goal in Columbia's history at 37 yards.

Starting on the freshman Basketball team where he was leading score and rebounder, Bob moved up to varsity his sophomore year and earned three Varsity Letters for Basketball. He was the starting guard and jumped center all three years. His junior year, Bob was picked to the All-Suburban Honorable Mention Team and 1st Team All-Suburban his senior year. That year, he was also the high scorer with 207 points and leading rebounder. The Knickerbocker News called the Columbia team "the stingiest defensive team in the area" allowing the lowest average points per game.

For spring sports, Robert started in 9th grade playing freshman Baseball where he hit over .400. But his sophomore year he switched to Track and earned three Varsity Letters. That first year, he earned the Baton Award (given to the best Track Athlete.) His senior year, Bob again won the Baton Award. He ran the 220 and 180 hurdles, where he set a new school record. He also ran relays and participated in the long and triple jumps.

Robert was also involved in the Key Club where he was Vice President his senior year. He earned a Regents Scholarship from NY State. Bob was offered multiple Division I Scholarships in both Football and Basketball but decided to attend Dartmouth College in the Ivy League, playing football and rugby.

At Dartmouth, Bob had a great football career. He was a three-year letterman (freshmen were ineligible to play) as a linebacker and roverback. His junior year the team won the Ivy League Championship. In his senior year, they were again Champions, only besting the previous year by going undefeated. Dartmouth was ranked 14th in the nation and also won the Lambert Trophy, given to the top team in the East. Playing rugby his junior and senior years, Bob helped the team win the Ivy League Championship both years.

After graduating with a BA in Mathematics, Bob continued his education to earn a Masters in Computer Science from the University of Colorado, where he also played rugby. He has worked as a math teacher at Deerfield Academy in New England, where he also coached varsity Football, Tennis and Recreational Skiing. Bob then took advantage of the start of the computer age working at Hewlett Packard as a marketing manager. He went on to Daisy Systems, Valid Logic, Cadence Design Systems, and CoWare as a Vice President of various departments. He started his own company, Interactive Water Systems, and helped in the starting of Praesagus.

Bob is now semi-retired. He works at Squaw Valley, CA, doing ski patrols and at Disabled Sports USA teaching the disabled how to ski. He and his wife Kathy have two children and 2 grandchildren, with another one on the way. In his free time, Bob enjoys golfing, running, hiking and mountain biking.

SUSAN YUND HORST

CLASS OF 1998

Susan Yund Horst participated in three sports during her years in the East Greenbush Central School District. Starting in eighth grade on the JV Field Hockey team and ending as a senior playing varsity Field Hockey, Basketball and Lacrosse. In total she earned ten Varsity Letters.

On the Hockey Field during the fall season, Sue played JV in 8th and 9th, being moved up to varsity during 9th grade and ending as co-captain her senior year. She played right wing offense. Her freshman, junior and senior years, the team was Gold Division Champions in the Suburban Council. Sue had the honor of being picked 1st Team Suburban Council All-Star and All-State during senior year.

During the winter, Sue would be on the basketball court. She started on the freshman team and moved up to JV that year. She played varsity her junior and senior years. She was a guard on the team and co-captain her senior year. During her junior year the team had an impressive .769 league winning percentage with a record of 10-3 in the Suburban Council Gold Division.

Lacrosse was Susan's spring sport where she played as a mid-fielder. She has the distinction of being the first Columbia athlete to be named to the 1st Team High School Girls Lacrosse All-American. This was during her senior year when she was also co-captain and honored as 1st Team All-Area All-Star.

Susan also played for the NY Empire State Games on both the Field Hockey and Lacrosse teams her junior and senior years. Sue helped the team earn a silver medal in one of those years. In Lacrosse, Sue was co-captain of the team her senior year and helped bring home the gold medal. Sue was named MVP for the team that year. She also found time to be involved in other activities while at Columbia. The 1998 yearbook lists her participation in National Honor Society, Math League, Peer Leadership, SADD, Student Council, yearbook committee and a student athletic trainer program.

The University of New Hampshire in Durham, which is in the American East Conference, gave Sue an Athletic/Academic Scholarship for Lacrosse. Her high school accomplishments carried over into her college years. All four years she played, the team went on to the conference championships. Her senior year she was co-captain and the team was undefeated. For the first time in the school's history, they captured the regular season title. Both her junior and senior year, the team was ranked 20th nationally and 2nd nationally in defensive, while she played mid-field left defensive wing. Sue ended her UNH career with 80 goals and 20 assists, becoming the 20th athlete in her school to record 100 career points. Sue also earned the honor of being named Defensive Player of the Week numerous times. Her sophomore year she was chosen for the All-Conference Honorable Mention Team and the All-Conference 1st Team both her junior and senior years. Sue also found time to be on the dean's list and graduate with a 3.5 GPA. She was also involved in the UNH Student-Athlete Bible Study and Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.

Earning her degree in Psychology, Sue went on to also earn a Masters of Education in Counseling at UNH in 2004 and became a Certified Holistic Health Counselor in 2008. During all this time, Sue has found the time to coach a 5th grade Girls Lacrosse team in Colorado and a JV Girls Lacrosse in New Hampshire. She also worked as the Academic Advisor/NCAA Compliance Assistant for Student Athletes at Siena College. Sue now has her own business, Nourish and Flourish Wellness, in Saratoga. She keeps herself busy hiking the Adirondacks with her husband Tim and their yellow lab Moose. She also loves to cook and run. She has run in the Marine Corp Marathon in San Diego and the NYC Marathon, which she completed with a time of 3 hrs, 39 minutes. Her next goal is to become an Adirondack 46.

CRAIG FORTH

CLASS OF 2001

Craig Forth played Basketball and Volleyball at Columbia. He also was a high honor student. This undoubtedly was considered when he won the Robert D Chipp Memorial Award his senior year. This award is given to the student who has demonstrated outstanding athletic performance and practiced good citizenship.

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Off the school court, Craig was a member of the United States National 18 and Under team. They traveled to the World Championships in France, which the US team won. Craig also participated in the Nike Derby Festival and Baltimore-Charm City Challenge games. Craig played for the Adirondack Team in the NYS Empire State Games four years. He helped the team win a Bronze medal in 2000. Besides Basketball, Craig played JV Volleyball his sophomore year. He also volunteered his time to the Miracle League, a league for disabled and severely ill children.

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DOROTHY MASIELLO

COACH

Dorothy Masiello, or Dottie as she is best known, has been a part of the East Greenbush Central School District in many capacities. As a student graduating in 1980 from CHS, Dottie was also an athlete, playing on the Field Hockey, Volleyball, Softball and Spring Track teams. She also swam competitively in the Albany area during her high school years. This was the seed for a career that would make Dottie a teacher, coach and mentor. As one of her nominees states... "She is a caring, dedicated coach who likes to challenge her players to become better athletes as well as people."

Dottie attended Division III Gettysburg College in PA where she had an Academic Scholarship. She earned her degree in Biology and Education in December of 1984. While at Gettysburg, she swam all four years, was captain her senior year and was chosen All-American.

Being hired as a Biology teacher at Columbia in September 1985, Dottie also started coaching the Girls JV Field Hockey team. The next year, 1986, she took the Head Varsity Field Hockey position. That year was not one of the best in records with only two wins. Undaunted, four seasons later, Dottie brought the team to Gold Division Champions. Since then, Dottie and her girls have seen eleven Gold Division Championships, one Suburban Council Championship and three Section II Championships. In 1991, the team had a 13-1 league record, the best under Dottie's leadership, and went on to be Regional Champions and State Semi-Finalists. This has earned her eleven Coaches of the Year Honors in the Suburban Council. Coaching a total of 24 seasons, Dottie is still the Head Varsity coach; she has brought much recognition to the Columbia Field Hockey Program from one that was mediocre to one that will compete for the championship.

Columbia Girls Lacrosse was started in 1990 as an Intermural Program with the efforts of Dottie and Cindy Taylor. It became an Interscholastic Sport in 1993. Dottie was Varsity coach for several of the early years. The program has continued to grow and has sent several CHS athletes to playing at the collegiate level. Dottie also has helped out with the Girls Volleyball program, where she was an assistant.

Dottie is a resident of East Greenbush. She has two children, Helena and Cameron. Outside of school, Dottie has volunteered as a Suburban Council Representative and has enjoyed being involved in many different levels of coaching, from youngsters to Empire States. She coached the Empire State Girls Field Hockey team for three years, leading the team to a bronze medal. She was involved for ten years with the National USA Field Hockey Futures, a program that evaluates and identifies talented young athletes with the potential to become future Olympic level players. Dottie has also coached youth swimming teams in both Albany and Burnt Hills. She currently coaches third and fourth graders in the East Greenbush Girls Youth lacrosse Program. She also enjoys vacations at the beach, reading, and going to movies.

CURRENT MEMBERS OF THE ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

ALUMNI ATHLETE CATEGORY:

(IN ORDER OF YEAR OF GRADUATION)

ROYAL HERRINGTON (1942)
JOHN MARKS (1948)
DONALD BINS (1949)*
PETER B. ASHBY (1949)
HOWARD FULLER (1950)
CHRISTOPHER ASHBY (1951)
JOHN OBERMAYER (1951)
MILT GRAHAM (1952)
ROBERT FEDERCHUCK (1954)
JOHN TULLAR (1954)
RICHARD ALOISE (1954)*
ROGER HOWARD (1958)
FRANCIS CLIFFORD (1958)
RALPH "HUCKEY" BLAIR (1959)
HENRY ROMER (1961)
WILLIAM ROMER (1962)
MICHAEL M. MAHAR (1966)
GERALD ELLIOT (1967)
PAUL THOMPSON (1969)
ALBERT "ROCKY" RAUSCH (1973)
ROBERT HELLWIG (1977)
MICHAEL REGA (1978)
INGE STOCKMAN AIKEN (1979)
SCOTT PLADEL (1980)
DONNA GIRTLER (1982)
RICHARD ROMER (1984)
RUSSELL HILTON (1984)
JOSEPH ROMER (1984)
BARBARA FINKE SAUTER (1985)
HOLLY CHASE (1985)
LYNNE MAURA FITZGERALD (1986)
JOHN KELLER (1986)
ZACHARY SHEA (1987)

GLENN PASSMAN (1987)
ROBIN ROMER CHUDY (1988)
LISA DANIELS FISHELL (1988)
KRISTEN RANDALL (1988)
KURT RANDALL (1990)
SHAY HARRISON (1990)
MARC WILLIAMS (1991)
CHRISTINE NALLEY (1992)
JULIE FREZON (1994)
DOUG KEENHOLTS (1995)
BECKY SNOW (1996)
MICHELE GOSH (1997)
KATHLEEN SMITH (1998)

COACH/STAFF MEMBER CATEGORY:

NICHOLAS BUDNOWSKI*
PETER CITROLO
EDITH COSGROVE
RICHARD RANDALL
ROBERT SMITH
THEODORE A. ROMANOWSKI
HARRY RAPENSKE
JAMES BERRIER
GEORGE CZERNO
GARY HOLTZ
DENNIS BARRETT
JAMES MCHUGH

COMMUNITY MEMBER CATEGORY:

DICK DORAN

*DECEASED