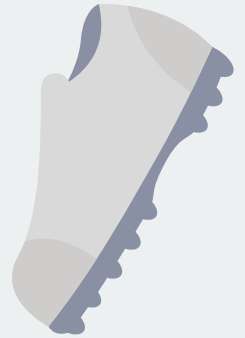
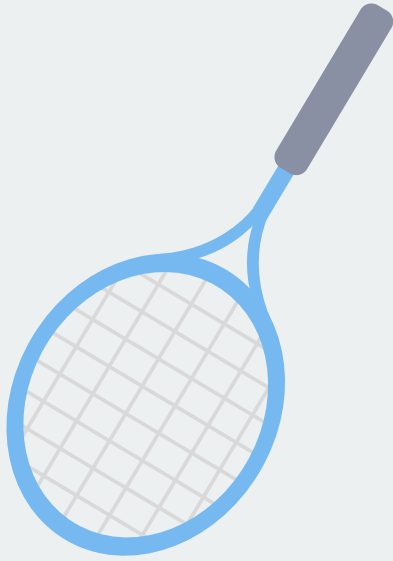




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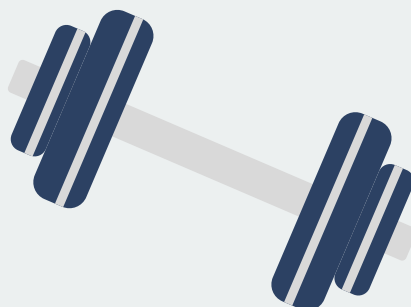
21st Annual

HALL OF FAME



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INDUCTEE CATEGORIES



ALUMNI ATHLETE INDUCTEES -

Student-athlete alumni whose accomplishments at Columbia High School represented the highest caliber of achievement in his/her time and 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 to the coach and program by other people.

COMMUNITY MEMBER, INDUCTEES A Community member whose special contributions, efforts, service and/or support have resulted in meaningful impact, opportunities, and/or enhancement for the student-athletes and athletic programs in the East Greenbush Central School District.

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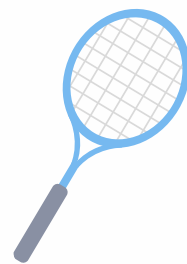




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Program



4:30 PM - Columbia High School

Hall of Fame Walkway

Introductions of Inductees and Plaque Presentations

5:30 PM - Franklin Terrace

Cocktail Hour

Raffle Sales



6:30 PM - Welcome

Ryan Jones, East Greenbush Central School District
Athletic Director



6:45 PM - Dinner

7:30 PM - Inductee Presentations

Joe Calderone - Emcee. Joe has worked in Broadcasting for 16 years. In 2006, he became the Sports Director at Capital News 9 making him the youngest Sports Director in the market at the time. In 8 ½ years at Capital News9/YNN, Joe won a number of awards and was honored by several publications. He won the "Hunter Low Media Award" in 2010 for his dedication to the coverage of High School Football in NYS. He's also won two NYS Associated Press awards for his sports reporting and a 2010 "Telly" award given out annually to "honor the very best local, regional, and cable TV commercials and programs. Joe was voted one of the area's top sports broadcasters several times by both "Metroland" and "Times Union".

8:45 PM - Raffle Winners



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Willard Clum

Staff Inductee



A graduate of Columbia High School in 1974, Willard Clum continues to have a lasting impact on Columbia students, staff and the athletic program overall. During his tenure as a student at Columbia High School, Bill was an avid football and basketball player, participated in intramural sports and was an active member of Key Club and Varsity Club. Upon graduation, Bill served his country proudly in the United States Navy aboard the USS Kitty Hawk. In 1988, Bill decided to return to his roots and obtained employment in the East Greenbush Central School District as a senior monitor at Columbia High School.

For years Bill has worked as a Senior Monitor, which included supervision of the student parking lot, and arrival and dismissal procedures for all students. For the student body, Bill was the first good morning that greeted them and the last good-bye that sent them off at the culmination of their school day. His commitment to the entire student body in his monitor position is only surpassed by his dedication to the endeavors of the athletic department in the various roles he served.

Bill has worked tirelessly to contribute to the Columbia High School Athletics Program for over 35 years. His obvious love for Columbia High School and its student-athletes, coaches and families is why he continues to show up daily and is fondly considered a pillar of the athletic community. His faithful commitment to Columbia has affectionately earned him the title, The ClumDevil. Bill's reliability to the athletic staff is second to none. As keeper of the book, scoreboard, and time clock for decades, Bill serves Columbia with dignity and pride. He provides security at football games and wrestling matches and has been the clock operator at basketball, field hockey, lacrosse, and soccer games across all levels for both boys and girls programs. In short, Bill is a constant in Columbia Athletics.

Bill never had children of his own, but his understanding and empathy for the experiences of high school kids are unparalleled. Decades of East Greenbush students have looked to him for guidance, and mentoring and credit him for steering them down the path to success. Known for his brutal honesty, Bill is always present to lend an understanding ear and share constructive criticism related to life, sports, and the daily challenges of being a high school student. Students crave Bill's praise for a job well done as well as his beneficial analysis of what happened on the court or field the day before.

Bill has been a part of over three generations of Columbia athletes' careers. Many former athletes who return to school for games and events are in awe when they see faithful Bill still working the event. They seek him out to rehash old memories of their days at Columbia. Bill is often asked why he is still working after all these years. His response says it all..."I bleed Columbia blue."

Congratulations on your Hall of Fame induction, Bill Clum!

Jamie Carr Ferrari

Class of 2000



Jamie is a 2000 graduate of Columbia High School who excelled in Soccer as well as Indoor and Outdoor Track & Field.

On the soccer field, Jamie was not only a member of the starting team for four years but was the captain of the Team for her Sophomore, Junior, and Senior year seasons. She made numerous all-star teams in the Capital District, none the least of these was the Suburban Council All-Stars. The first time was an honorable mention but then received the prestigious award two years in a row.

Jamie's speed on the Track brought her many more accolades, records, and titles. She qualified for the New York State Track and Field Championships an impressive 4 times during her High School career and was ranked 12th in the State for the 400-meter dash.

In her Junior year, Jamie placed 2nd in the 200M and 1st in the 4X400 relay team in the Suburban Council Championships. She also placed 2nd in the 400M and 4X100 relay that same year in the Section 2 Championships. During her Senior year, Jamie placed 2nd in the Section 2 300M Championship and 1st in the 400 and 4x400 relay in both the Indoor and Outdoor seasons. She also set the Columbia High School record for the 400M and 4X400 relay that year, which stood unbroken for over a decade.

After graduating from Columbia High School, Jamie went on to play Division 1 Soccer for Wagner College. She continued her on-field successes and just like her days at Columbia, Jamie was made the Seahawks' team captain for three straight years. Division 1 competition also added to Jamie's accolades being named Player of the Week numerous times and earning an Honorable Mention from the Northeast Conference.

Returning to the Capital District after graduating from Wagner, Jamie immediately focused on the next generations of student-athletes. Her coaching career began with Columbia Girls JV Soccer team in 2004 followed by Columbia Girls Indoor and Outdoor Track teams through the spring of 2006. The fall of 2006 saw Jamie transfer her coaching skills to South Colonie High School where she coached the Girl's Soccer team for three seasons and the Girl's Indoor and Outdoor Track teams for nearly a decade. During her tenure, the Lady Raiders saw their own successes in Section 2, Suburban Council not to mention multiple State and National Championship competitors.

Currently, Jamie continues her teaching career at South Colonie High School helping her students to reach their full potential. She continues to coach, but her focus now is on the youth of the Clifton Park Soccer Club. She and her husband live in Clifton Park where they are raising their children.

Congratulations on your Hall of Fame Induction Jamie Carr Ferrari!

Brendan Morgan

Class of 2012



Brendan Morgan, a graduate of the class of 2012, was a champion on and off the wrestling mat. Brendan was a 6-year varsity letterman and starter for the Blue Devils wrestling team who earned 142 varsity career wins. In his time as a wrestler on the Columbia High School Varsity wrestling team, Brendan earned various Section and Class Championships, while cementing his name in the Columbia High School history books.

Brendan was a significant contributor as a starter on 3 of Columbia's SSC Division Championship & Class A Finalist teams, as well as Columbia Wrestling's 2011 Virginia Duals National Tournament Championship Team in the American Division (Columbia was the 1st large school in NY State history to ever win this event). He was a 3-time Section 2 Wrestling Division 1 place finisher. Brendan was recognized by the NYSPHSAA as a Scholar Athlete for his 4 years in Columbia High School.

Some of Brendan's other significant accomplishments while wrestling at Columbia High School are being named Section 2 Division 1 Class A champion in 2010 by the New York State Public High School Athletic Association. He was a New York State Public High School Athletic Association Section 2 Division 1 Finalist in 2011, he was a team leader in wins in 2012, with 43 wins in a season. Brendan set, and still holds a Columbia High School wrestling record with 392 career back points!

As head wrestling coach Anthony Servidone said Brendan was a significant contributing starter on Columbia Wrestling's Championship years and was amongst the first group ever of wrestlers from Columbia to send 5 to the NY State Championships. Brendan and his teammates earned many respects from the league and section 2 coaches, in addition to the media naming Brendan as one the wrestlers in the "murders row" that Columbia would roll out in their potent section of their lineup.

Brendan excelled not only on the mat but also in the more important academic classrooms. While participating in wrestling at the highest-level Brendan was also maintaining high honor grades each season that he was a member of the wrestling team. Coach Servidone stated "that Brendan consistently carried out fine athletic performances and work habits on and off the mat for his entire career in the Columbia Wrestling program". Coach Servidone also stated "I have personally witnessed Brendan Morgan become a fine respectful young adult through the sport of wrestling".

It was Branden's Columbia High School success that caught the eye of the Springfield College Wrestling coaching staff. The Springfield wrestling coaching staff ultimately recruited Brendan at the end of his senior year. While attending Springfield College, Brendan lettered in wrestling all 4 years. He graduated Springfield college in 2016 with a Bachelor's of Science degree in Sports Biology.

He is currently employed as a senior biology technician with Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, and scheduled to get married this summer.

Congratulations Brendan!

Bill Neumann

Coach Inductee



"His knowledge of bowling is immense. His love of the sport is even bigger". So says the Athletic Hall of Fame nomination form recommending Bill Neumann, long-time Columbia bowling coach. Bill's impact on the Columbia bowling program is undeniable-since he started as a volunteer coach with the program in 1998, both the girls' and boys' teams have excelled, with numerous Suburban Council and Section 2 championship seasons. During his tenure as assistant and head coach, the boys' team alone has accrued more than 170 wins, and has had winning records 13 out of his 17 coaching years. In addition, Bill has also taken on the role of Section 2 bowling coordinator. He organizes and runs the sectional tournaments and has coached the Section 2 All-Star team at the state tournament.

It's clear that Bill lives and breathes bowling, as a player and a coach. He is in the Albany Bowling Hall of Fame and is a senior PBA (Professional Bowlers Association) bowler himself, with more than seventy 300 games (and counting!). Bill's expertise on the technical elements of the game is unmatched. Questions about adjustments, moves to be made or balls needed to be changed were always directed to Bill. Saturday mornings will find Bill at East Greenbush Bowling helping all the junior bowlers which include 3 of his grandchildren who are also taking up the game. Even when he is bowling recreationally on his own, he can be found giving tips to total strangers. Bill also will provide bowling lessons to new bowlers and most of the time is only charging enough to cover the cost of bowling.

Teaching, coaching, and helping kids is clearly Bill's passion, and not just in bowling, though he did coach his own kids' travel bowling teams. He retired in 2005 after 33 years as a math teacher for Albany City Schools, and coached baseball and softball when his children played, as well as serving on the board for the EGGSL (East Greenbush Girls' Softball League). He is now teaching bowling at the College of St. Rose, and has been the official and unofficial coach of the local junior bowling programs in East Greenbush.

As an educator, Bill is a champion for academics, often tutoring athletes before and after practices and games, leading to multiple years of Scholar Athlete Team Awards. In addition, Bill stresses the importance of each player's personal, academic, and emotional growth as an individual, as well as an athlete. In bowling, the right equipment is paramount, and Bill is an advocate for making sure players have what they need to be successful. This often leads to him providing equipment himself.

In 2015-16, the Columbia girls' team brought home the state title after a 15-1 record during the regular season, as well as Suburban Council and Section 2 championships. Although not the coach, Bill was considered the "brains" behind the win, especially since the Columbia community feeder program breeds a talented athletic pool, which Bill has nurtured for years.

During Bill's 25 year coaching tenure with Columbia, both the girls' and boys' teams have consistently reached the highest levels of competition in the Suburban Council and Section 2. The boys' 2016-17 team had an undefeated season, and were Suburban Council Regular Season champs. During the 2020-21 season, both girls and boys had undefeated seasons, but were not able to compete in sectionals due to COVID. From 2018-2021, the boys' varsity team boasted a record of 41-1, with two undefeated seasons. Bill has been the Section 2 Boys All-Star Team coach, with 14 athletes who made the Section 2 state team.

As mentioned in his glowing nomination, Bill is very deserving of this award; "his record is impressive, and his overall dedication is unparalleled".

Congratulations, Bill!

Todd Romer

Community Member Inductee



It is fitting that a nominee in the Community Member category would have an impressive 11 letters of recommendation proudly written to share the impact of his service on Columbia Athletics. Todd Romer (Class of 1986) is widely regarded as a selfless volunteer, whose innate understanding of the intricacies of the game of basketball has left a lasting impression on student athletes and the community as a whole.

Todd volunteered as a basketball coach at various levels until 2005, and has been instrumental in fundraising events for the Columbia basketball program, and the All Sports program from the early 1990s to the present day. During trying financial times in the early 1990s, when budgets were sparse, and assistant coaching positions were eliminated except for a few, Todd stepped in and coached the freshman team at his Alma Mater unpaid. This act of selflessness and dedication to a program would carry on for another 15 years. Todd wanted to give back to his high school, and the program he was so proud of playing for as a former student athlete under the esteemed Coach Bob Smith in the 1990s. While Todd had tremendous responsibilities running his family business, Clear View Bag, Co. with his father, Bill, and his brother Trent, he would race from the office to the gym for practice each day. He worked tirelessly with the entire team but most notably with the "big guys," the team's post players, and brought infectious energy to the gym each day.

Todd is fondly credited by players for instilling confidence on and off the court, and shaping future community leaders. Noted for his knack at pushing the right buttons - being stern when necessary and offering a listening ear and a pat on the back when the moment called for it, Todd knew how to get through to his players, building character alongside their athletic skills. He had an unparalleled chemistry with his players, striking the delicate balance between the use of humor and professionalism to cultivate a sense of self-respect in his student athletes. While simultaneously pushing and respecting his players, Todd knew how to pull the best performances from his young athletes.

Todd spent countless hours with the basketball team over the years. His involvement with skill development, game planning in practices, and on the fly adjustments to game strategy benefitted both players and coaches alike. If a coach needed a scouting report, Todd could be counted on to drive great distances to gather invaluable information. He readily adjusted his work schedule to meet the daily scheduling demands of a high school team. His knowledge and insight were integral parts of the teams' successes over the years including, 1992 Class A Finalist- Suburban Council Champions, 1993 Suburban Council Gold Division Champions, 1995 Class A Champions-Suburban Council Champions, 1998 Suburban Council Gold Division Champions, 1999 Suburban Council Gold Division Champions, 2000 Suburban Council Gold Division Champions and 2001 Class A Finalists-Suburban Council Champions. The years that Todd was on staff will go down as some of the most successful years in the Columbia Basketball Program's history.

Todd's philanthropic endeavors are innumerable to the Columbia High School Athletic program. As President of Clear View Bag, Co. Todd's unending generosity is immeasurable. In addition to volunteering his time over the years as a coach, Todd has been the co-director of the Columbia Basketball Golf Scramble Fundraiser for over 25 years. His family business has sponsored the All Sports Hall of Fame since its inception by taking out full-page ads in the CHS Almanac, and funding the CHS boys and girls program yearbooks each year. Clear View Bag, Co. was one of the initial donors to the trophy cases, which encase the individual plaques in the Athletic Hall of Fame Walkway, where Todd's own plaque will now and forever reside.

Congratulations, on your Hall of Fame induction, Todd Romer!

Stephen Sayre

Class of 2002



Steve is a Columbia High School Class of 2002 alum who excelled competing for the Blue Devils in both Football and Baseball. On the gridiron Steve not only made the Varsity team as a Freshman, but he went on to be a starter for the team in his Sophomore, Junior, and Senior year seasons. A solid member of the team his outstanding efforts had him named in 2001 to the Exceptional Senior Team.

It was on the diamond that Steve truly shined. Here too he was a three-year starter for the Blue Devils Varsity team. Playing third base his efforts both on the field and in the batter's box helped the Blue Devils win Suburban Council Championships in both 2000 and 2003. They won Section 2 Championships in 2000 and 2001. Additionally, the 2000 team finished their season in the final four of the New York State Championships. In 2002 Steve received two well-deserved awards. First, he was named to the Troy Record's All-Area Team and he was also named Columbia High School's 2002 MVP.

After graduating from Columbia, Steve began his college academic and athletic career at Hudson Valley Community College. In 2004 his team set a HVCC win record with a season record of 42-10 which concluded with HVCC winning the Mountain Valley Conference Championship. Steve was also named National Junior College Athletic Association Region III and Mountain Valley Conference Player of the Year. Additionally, he was named a 1st Team College Vision All-American player.

Steve's next stop would be the University at Albany and playing for the Great Danes. In 2005 Steve's batting average would rank him ninth in the America East and see the first of two times Steve would be voted Player of the Year. Steve served as the Team Captain and led the team to their first-ever American East Title and NCAA berth.

Congratulations on your Hall of Fame Induction, Stephen!

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