



COLUMBIA
ATHLETICS

23RD ANNUAL

Hall of Fame

CEREMONY

MAY 10, 2025

EAST GREENBUSH CENTRAL
SCHOOL DISTRICT

COLUMBIA ALL SPORTS

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 or 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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HALL OF FAME *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

Marc Dickie - Emcee

Marc has been associated with Columbia Athletics for 18 years. After starting out as a Volunteer Assistant football coach for the 2006 Section II JV Champions, he has coached at all levels in the football program including modified. Since 2006, during which his son David became a wrestler, he has served several roles as team photographer to announcing matches and tournaments. Always wanting to be a part of anything Columbia Athletics, he can be heard announcing basketball games, wrestling matches, seniors' nights, special events, and occasionally running a game clock. Recently, he has been educating the fans of the girls' flag football team on the rules of the game during its inaugural season. In his spare time, Marc is a high school football official. He is married and has four children, three of whom have graduated from Columbia, and one who is currently a junior at Columbia.

8:45 PM - Raffle Winners

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AMBER BATZOLD

Class of 2007



A 2007 Columbia High School graduate, Amber Batzold has excelled on both the basketball and volleyball courts. Lettering in basketball from 2004-2007, the 5' 10" standout forward earned recognition as a Suburban Council All-Star, WNYT 13 All-Star, and Suburban Council Senior All-Star & Captain while helping to lead the Blue Devils to a 16-6 season. Amber was also named a Suburban Council All-Star in volleyball..

Recounted by Mike Bennett as "a versatile varsity athlete and natural leader," Amber is "all over the All-Time lists for girls' basketball." Over the span of her three-year varsity career as a Blue Devil, Amber amassed an impressive 709 points (averaging 11.1 per game), 388 rebounds, 177 free throws, and 84 assists. An "emotional leader who always gave her best", Amber earned both the David Sweet and Robert D. Chipp scholarship awards for student athletes.

Following graduation, Amber continued her basketball journey as a Viking at Hudson Valley Community College. In her Freshman year, Amber hit 14 of 24 shots, netting 29 points and 12 rebounds to lift the Lady Vikings over Williams JV. Amber led the 2007-2008 women's basketball team in points per game with 17.3 (278 in 16 games played). At the time, these stats were the third-best average in HVCC history - and the best points per game average in the region. This impressive accomplishment earned Amber 3rd All-Region Team and 1st All-Mountain Valley Conference team honors that season.

Amber enjoyed further academic and athletic success at the Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences. In 2010, Amber scored a game-high 26 points and 14 rebounds in an 86-68 Panther victory over Hartwick and was later named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2013 semester.

Inspired by her mother to become a pharmacist, Amber was recognized as "Pharmacist of the Week" in January 2016 by Pharmacy News Today.

Congratulations on your induction into the Columbia High School Athletic Hall of Fame, Amber!

DOLORES (D'AMBROSI) DE THOMASIS

Class of 1983



The story of Dolores “Dodo” D’Ambrosi DeThomasis’ athletic career is also a history lesson about girls in sports. Dodo, a three-sport athlete who graduated from Columbia in 1983, did not get the attention and recognition that boys her age would have. There was hardly any media coverage of girls softball, or girls sports in general, at the time, although News Channel 10 and the Times Union did cover Dodo, those stories are now lost to history. There were no league all-stars mentioned in the newspapers back then. Recruiting videos were recorded on 8 trac tapes and mailed to colleges. Hard to believe now, in the age of the Internet, where almost anything can be found with one click. But Dodo and her amazing talent will be remembered and celebrated now, even after her untimely death from cancer late last year. In fact, this summer, Dodo will be inducted into the New York State High School Softball Hall of Fame for Section 2.

Although Dodo also lettered in soccer and basketball (she was the starting point guard) at Columbia, softball was her game, which earned her a scholarship to several Division 1 programs, though she ultimately settled at the University of Massachusetts. She was a three-year Varsity starter as a catcher and shortstop, and was considered the premier player in the Capital Region. She was also co-captain for all sports during her senior year. Legendary coach Gary Holtz was quoted as saying, “In my 45 years of being around high school softball in many capacities, I have never seen a better or feared hitter.” A power hitter, Dodo’s batting average was always in the .550-.600 range, with many home runs. Several times in her career, she was intentionally walked with the bases loaded. A younger teammate recalls that the junior varsity girls would stop practice to watch Dodo go up to bat. Dodo was the first Columbia softball player to be offered a D1 scholarship, paving the way for many other players to follow. She was a true leader and trailblazer for girls’ sports at Columbia.

We are pleased to celebrate Dodo’s many accomplishments, as well as her contributions to girls’ sports and the Columbia community. Congratulations!

KRISTINA JENKINS

Class of 2005



Kristina Jenkins is a Columbia High School alumna whose remarkable talent and drive elevated her from standout student-athlete to nationally recognized bowler and respected law enforcement professional. A five-year varsity letter winner and two-time state qualifier, Kristina led Columbia's Varsity Girls Bowling Team to Suburban Council and Section II Championships in 2003, and a third-place finish at the NY State Tournament. She was named as an Albany Times Union First Team All-Star and earned NYSPHSAA honors for Individual High Game (2004) and High Series (2005), including a standout 248 game and 756 series. While at Columbia, she balanced bowling with three seasons a year of crew, only committing full-time to bowling when she began college.

At Hudson Valley Community College, Kristina quickly became one of the most decorated junior college bowlers in the nation. As a freshman, she was runner-up at the NJCAA Championships and Kerm Helmer All Events, and won both the Mohawk and Dutchess Invitationals. Her sophomore year was even more historic: she claimed the NJCAA National Title in Individual All Events, was named Tournament MVP, earned a second Kerm Helmer Award, and led her team to a second consecutive NJCAA runner-up finish. Kristina was ranked the top female junior college bowler in the U.S., was twice named NJCAA All-American, and was honored as HVCC's Most Outstanding Female Athlete. In 2007, she became the first bowler and first HVCC athlete ever to win the Betty Jo Graber Female Student-Athlete of the Year Award, selected from more than 18,000 NJCAA athletes nationwide—a distinction that earned her a feature in Sports Illustrated's "Faces in the Crowd." She was inducted into the HVCC Hall of Fame in 2017.

Kristina transferred to the University of Central Florida, where she helped lead the Striking Knights to a second-place national finish in 2008 and a USBC Collegiate National Championship in 2009. After earning her B.S. in Sports and Fitness, she became the team's Assistant and later Head Coach, guiding UCF to a #1 national ranking during the 2010 and 2011 seasons.

Kristina's legacy also extends beyond athletics. In 2012, she joined the Albany County Sheriff's Office and became the first woman to pass the physical and strength test for the SWAT team. She later joined the New York State Police, serving five years as a road trooper before becoming a certified instructor at the NYSP Academy. In 2021, she was promoted to Investigator and assigned to the Joint Counter-Terrorism Task Force, working alongside the FBI, DEA, and Homeland Security.

From champion bowler and coach to trailblazer in law enforcement, Kristina Jenkins represents the best of Columbia High School. We proudly honor her induction into the Columbia Athletics Hall of Fame.

SELENA LOTT

Class of 2017



A highly accomplished guard for the Columbia High School basketball team, Selena Lott boasts several career record accolades. A three-time Suburban Council All-Star from 2015 to 2017 and a News Channel 13 All-Star in those same years, Lott capped off her stellar high school career by being named the Suburban Council Player of the Year in 2017. Her impact on the program is undeniable, as she holds the school's all-time record in points in a career (1,381), rebounds in a career (721), and career scoring average (17.3 points per game). Her exceptional abilities have been recognized with prestigious awards, including being named the Troy Record's Girls Basketball Player of the Year and being named a member of the Albany Times Union AA All-Star First Team. Additionally, Selena's ranking within the top 30 players in her position nationally underscores her status as an elite talent in her class.

In addition to being an elite basketball player in her high school tenure, Selena left her mark on the Columbia High School Volleyball and Track and Field programs, as well. As a volleyball player, Selena was named a three-time Suburban Council All-Star in 2014, 2015, and 2016. She holds impressive stats in kills and digs in matches, seasons, and her overall career. As a member of the Columbia Track and Field team, Selena was a three-time Suburban Council All Star in 2014, 2015, and 2017 and was named as a first team Albany Times Union All Star in 2015 for her performance on the 4x100m relay team. Selena was the sectional champion for the 400 meters in 2017 and was a member of the championship 4x400 meter relay team, as well.

By dominating the hardwood at Columbia High School, Selena earned an athletic scholarship to Marquette University, paving the way for her continued success on the basketball court at the collegiate level. Selena was a dynamic and versatile guard who made a significant impact on the Marquette Golden Eagles Women's Basketball program. She holds the honor of being among the top 25 in career points (1,193), top 15 in career three-pointers (332), and top 10 in career assists (383) and steals (223). Selena was named Big East Co-Defensive Player of the Year 2020-2021 and Big East All-Academic Team for two consecutive years. She was also named to the All-Big East First Team in 2020-2021. Known for her exceptional athleticism, court vision, and tenacious defense, Selena was acknowledged as Big East Player of the Week twice as well as College Madness Big East Player of the Week. A true playmaker, she possessed the ability to drive to the basket, create scoring opportunities for her teammates with pinpoint passes, and knock down crucial shots.

Throughout her high school career at Columbia High School and her college career at Marquette University, Lott demonstrated remarkable growth and leadership. Her competitive spirit and unwavering dedication made her a fan favorite and a key contributor in high-pressure situations. Off the court, she was recognized as a dedicated student-athlete and a positive influence within the Marquette community. Selena Lott's accomplishments in her years beyond high school ignited passion in those who followed her as a college player and invoked a sense of pride in all who applauded her many successes in college and beyond.

AARON LOZIER

Class of 2006



Four-year letter winner in Indoor Track, Outdoor Track, and Cross-Country. Two-year captain in all three sports. All-America honors and First Team All-State laurels in the 800m and 1000m, for both Indoor and Outdoor Track. Having amassed an impressive catalog of records, accolades, and achievements, we welcome Aaron Lozier into the 2025 Columbia High School Athletics Hall of Fame.

The current CHS record holder for the 800m in both Indoor and Outdoor Track, Aaron, at one point held the NYSPHSAA Section II record in the Outdoor 800m – having broken the record previously set by fellow Columbia Athletics Hall of Famer James Westman, '79. Aaron also recorded what was at the time, the second-fastest Indoor 800m in Section II history, and is a former school record holder for the 600m.

Aaron's CHS junior year Indoor Track performance is notable for Section II Championship and State Qualifier wins in the 600m, a fourth-place State Championship finish in the 1000m, and a 15th-place National Championship finish in the 800m. His invitational triumphs that year included winning the 1000m at the Engineer Games and victories at the Dartmouth Relays and the Yale Invitational. In Outdoor competition, Aaron came in third in the 800m at the Eddy Meet and sixth at the New York State Meet.

Aaron's momentum continued into his Senior year, propelling him to an Indoor Suburban Council Championship victory in the 600m and a second-place finish in the 1000m, a fourth-place 1000m finish at the State Championships, and a fifth-place finish in the 800m at the National Championships, earning him All-American honors. Other notable Indoor accomplishments include a second-place 800m finish at the Yale Invitational, first place in the 600m at the Engineer Games, and a winning time at the Dartmouth Relays, which remained best in the nation for over a month. Outdoors, Aaron placed fourth in the 800m at the State Championships, helping the Columbia team to a seventh-place finish.

After studying at UConn and Hudson Valley Community College, Aaron resumed competition, running NCAA Division I track for the State University of New York at Albany Great Danes while majoring in Accounting with a Minor in Business Administration. Aaron's Albany accomplishments include finishing 12th in the 1500m and 29th in the 800m at the America East Conference Outdoor Championships. Indoors, at the IC4A Championship, he broke the school record in the preliminary race for the mile (4:05.16) before placing tenth in the finals after sustaining a mid-race injury. He also broke the program standard in the mile (4:09.77), which had stood for 17 years, and ran the opening leg on the winning Distance Medley Relay (9:42.99), setting not only a school record but a meet and conference record, provisionally qualifying for the NCAA Championship. Aaron capped off his collegiate athletic career by winning the 800m at the America East Championship and is a three-time America East All-Conference selection.

DREW ROMANOWSKI

Class of 1992



To say that Drew Romanowski has devoted his life to sports would be an understatement. His accomplishments—as a player, coach, teacher, and volunteer—are remarkable. A proud member of the CHS Class of 1992, Drew continues to serve the East Greenbush community through his teaching and volunteer efforts.

A positive role model with great character and quiet confidence, Drew's leadership was evident as co-captain of the 1991 CHS football team. That year, Drew helped turn around a struggling program—leading the team to a 6-3 season and the Metroland Conference Division 4 championship after an 0-9 season the year before. He caught a touchdown in the championship game, earned multiple All-Conference honors, and was selected for the Exceptional Senior All-Star Game. He was also a National Honor Society member and lettered in basketball, lacrosse, and track.

In college, Drew played football at SUNY Cortland, helping the Red Dragons win the 1994 ECAC championship and travel to France in 1995. That year, Cortland was nationally ranked and defeated top-ranked Washington & Jefferson. Drew, again a captain, led the team in sacks and tackles for loss. He graduated in 1996 with a degree in business and the Cortland State Senior Award for Football. He also earned a bronze medal in handball at the 1993 Empire State Games.

Drew went on to coach at the college and high school levels, including stints at Plymouth State, Springfield College (where he coached future WWE star John Cena), Holyoke Catholic, and South Hadley High School, where he helped lead the team to a 2005 MIAA Division 4 Championship. During this time, he earned a Masters in Education.

In 2007, Drew returned to Columbia to teach Social Studies and Economics. He served in many roles with the East Greenbush Teachers Association, including as president from 2017–21. He also coached Columbia football through 2010 and continues mentoring athletes today. Drew has also coached youth basketball and baseball, and volunteers in the community through blood drives and the YMCA Thanksgiving Basket Brigade.

Drew was inducted into the CHS Alumni Hall of Fame in 2017, and we're proud to honor him tonight for his athletic achievements. Congratulations, Drew!

CURRENT MEMBERS OF THE

Athletic Hall of Fame

ALUMNI ATHLETE CATEGORY: (IN ORDER OF YEAR OF GRADUATION)

ROYAL HERRINGTON (1942) *
JOHN MARKS (1948)
PETER B. ASHBY (1949)
DONALD BINS (1949) *
HOWARD FULLER (1950) *
CHRISTOPHER ASHBY (1951)*
JOHN OBERMAYER (1951) *
TED BUREK (1952)*
MILTON GRAHAM (1952) *
DOUG CANFIELD (1953) *
RICHARD ALOISE (1954)*
ROBERT FEDERCHUCK (1954)
ROGER HOWARD (1954)
RICHARD NEAD (1954)*
JOHN TULLAR (1954)
JAMES CLIFFORD (1956) *
FRANCIS CLIFFORD (1958)
CLARENCE SEEBERGER (1958) *
RALPH BLAIR (1959) *
THOMAS BOYLE (1960)
WILLIAM GLEASON (1960) *
HENRY ROMER (1961)
WILLIAM ROMER (1962)
DAVID HOFFSIS (1966)
MICHAEL M. MAHAR (1966)
GERALD ELLIOTT (1967)
ROBERT MOORE (1967)
BILL MACKEY (1968)
PAUL THOMPSON (1969)
ALBERT RAUSCH (1973)
LOIS (BUCKHOUT) BLEAU (1977)
ROBERT HELLWIG (1977)
MARK NARDACCI (1977)
BARBARA OESTERLIN (1977)
ERICA (BERGMAN) PUENTES (1977)
MICHAEL REGA (1978)
INGE (STOCKMAN) AIKEN (1979)
JAMES WESTMAN (1979)
JOSEPH DIBELLO (1980)
SCOTT PLADEL (1980)
GARY TREMBLAY (1980)
LISA COLPOYS (1982)
DONNA GIRTLEIR (1982)
PETER HOWE (1983)
RUSSELL HILTON (1984)
JOSEPH ROMER (1984)
RICHARD ROMER (1984)
HOLLY CHASE (1985)
BARBARA (FINKE) SAUTER (1985)
LYNNE (MAURA) FITZGERALD (1986)
JOHN KELLER (1986)
GLENN PASSMAN (1987)
ZACHARY SHEA (1987)
ROBIN (ROMER) CHUDY (1988)

LISA (DANIELS) FISHELL (1988)
KRISTEN RANDALL (1988)
JUDITH (FINKE) VITALI (1989)
SHAY HARRISON (1990)
KURT RANDALL (1990)
MARC WILLIAMS (1991)
JOHN LYONS (1992)
CHRISTINE (NALLEY) ROANE (1992)
MATTHEW THOMPSON (1992)
JULIE FREZON (1994) *
DOUG KEENHOLTS (1995)
NANCY NICSEVIC (1995)
JAMI SERVIDONE (1996)
BECKY SNOW (1996)
MICHELE GOSH (1997)
SAMUEL GRECO III (1997)
JAMES MATARESE (1997)
MELISSA (ROY) BASIUK (1998)
SUSAN (YUND) HORST (1998)
MATTHEW LAPORTA (1998)
IAN LOCKE (1998)
KATHLEEN (SMITH) RUSSELL (1998)
JENNIFER (AMYOT) SCHNEIDER (1998)
BONNIE KENNA (1999)
JAMIE CARR FERRARI (2000)
ELIZABETH (ELLIOTT) PALUSHAJ (2000)
CRAIG FORTH (2001)
ANDREW ROSE (2001)
DR. CHELSEA CORR (2002)
CASEY HALLORAN (2002)
CHRISTOPHER ROSENBAUM (2002)
STEPHEN SAYRE (2002)
DR. CHRISTA WITTMANN (2002)
THOMAS ARCIDIACONO (2003)
STEPHANIE (ARANGO) ESTREIDGE (2003)
THOMAS GENOVESI (2003)
LYNDSEY (MARQUIT) LUTZ (2003)
DR. LINDSAY PIEPER (2003)
ERIC FERGUSON (2004)
KEITH GLASSER (2004)
JUSTIN HELLWIG (2004)
JOHNATHAN NICOLLA (2004)
KYLE SMITH (2004)
SARAH HAYES (2005)
KYLE MEYER (2005)
BRYAN ROSE (2006)
KAYLYN SMITH (2006)
ALEXANDER ZAMPIER (2006)
MARK HERRINGTON (2007)
EMORY PARSONS (2007)
ZACHARY CRAIN (2008)
CASEY BALZER (2009)
HILLARY FAAS-LI (2010)
JENA SERVIDONE (2010)

JAKE ALVIENE (2012)
MATTHEW L. GREENE (2012)
TYLER HART (2012)
BRENDAN MORGAN (2012)
EVAN WALLACE (2012)
CAITLIN COOPER (2013)
CHRISTOPHER SMITH (2013)
ANGELO KRESS (2014)
KEVIN SMITH (2014)
GABRIELLE CHILDROSE (2015)

COACH/STAFF MEMBER CATEGORY:

DENNIS BARRETT *
JAMES BERRIER
NICHOLAS BUDNOWSKI *
PETER CITROLO
WILLARD CLUM
EDITH COSGROVE *
ROBERT CRAIN
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FRAN PUGLIESE
RICHARD RANDALL *
HARRY RAPENSKE
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ANTHONY SERVIDONE
ROGER SEYMOUR*
ROBERT SMITH *
STEVE TAYLOR
HENRY WY SOCKI

COMMUNITY MEMBER CATEGORY:

TODD ROMER
DICK DORAN *
JAMES FINKE *

*Deceased