

## **WAYNE AMAN**

Wayne had an outstanding athletic career at Candor Central School from 1984-88. In football, Wayne anchored the offensive line as a guard and dominated other teams as a linebacker on defense.

In his three years of football he helped his team go from 1-8 to 10-0, earning an IAC and Section IV title. Wayne was the leading tackler on the squad his senior year. His coach praised him for his leadership on and off the field of play. He was a two time IAC and Section IV Division VIII All-Star. He was selected to the All Metro and All State All Star teams his senior year. In wrestling, Wayne was a tough competitor. He was a two time IAC and Section IV Class D champion. He was named the 1988 Class D Outstanding Wrestler, while taking the runner up position. His overall career record was 106-24.

Wayne went on to attend Springfield College and continued playing football and became a power lifter. He was the 2000 United States Powerlifting Federation NYC Champion at 275 lbs. and broke the NYS Bench Press Record at 600 lbs. Wayne returned to Candor to teach Social Studies and coached both the varsity football and wrestling teams. Today he is the Candor High School Principal.

## **BARRY BENJAMIN**

An explosive running back for the Purple Tornado football team, Benjamin (NHS, 1983) was a threat to take it to the house any time he touched the ball. Benjamin is the only running back in school history with back-to-back 1,000-yard seasons, and during his junior season, briefly held the Section IV single-game rushing record rushing for 324 yards and six touchdowns against Corning West.

Despite facing defenses geared to stop him, Benjamin followed that season up with a then Norwich record 1,171 yards to finish with a school-record 2,652 yards, a rushing mark that stood for nearly 15 years. As a senior, Benjamin competed on the track and field team, and became the first NHS athlete to break the 11-second mark in the 100-meter dash finishing in 10.9 seconds, a record that stood for nine years.

Benjamin resides in Norwich with his family, and was recently inducted into the NHS Sports Hall of Fame.

## **NICK BRUNICK**

Nick earned 9 varsity letters at Norwich High School, most notable were his three years of varsity basketball when the Purple Tornado went to back to back sectional championship games in 2001 and 2002, emerging victorious in the 2002 final. He also earned letters in golf (4), baseball (1) and track (1).

Nick was chosen to the STAC All Division Team as a sophomore, the STAC All Conference Team and The Press and Sun-Bulletin All Metro team as a junior and a senior and All County all three years. He finished his stellar career with 1,197 points (#2 all-time at NHS), 573 rebounds (#2), 134 made three point field goals (#2), 310 made two point field goals (#2), 152 steals (#2) and 54 blocked shots (#6). He had seven career games of 30 or more points with a career high of 37 achieved twice. He had 26 career games where he reached double figures in both points and rebounds. And he shares the school record for most three point field goals made in a game with eight. As Chenango Valley coach Bob Zanot once proclaimed, "If he was on the court he was in his range!"

## **DR. PETER CAPONE**

Dr. Peter Capone, as the high school wrestling coach at Johnson City, has compiled an over-all record of 241-69-2. During his coaching tenure at Johnson City, Doctor Capone has won three New York State High School Public Athletic Association team championships (1999, 2003 and 2006), ten Section IV championships, twelve Class A Section IV championships and 14 STAC team championships. In addition, his teams have won numerous other wrestling team championships during his 20 years of coaching.

Coach Capone has also developed many individual champions at the Section IV and New York State level including his son Peter who won the NYSPHSAA championship in 2008. On the national level, he was instrumental in developing 2 national high school champions, Joe Privitere and Sean McCormick and one of his wrestlers, Josh Glenn, won a Division I – NCAA champion at American University.

Dr. Capone practices dentistry with the Riverside Dental Associates and resides in Johnson City with his wife, Sue, a trustee for the Johnson City School Board of Education; a daughter, Emily, who is a diver on the University of Binghamton swim team and son, Peter, who wrestles at Ohio State University.

## **SUSAN CARLIN**

Sue was an outstanding athlete at Greene Central School. After college she went on to coach field hockey, basketball, and softball. It was in the sport of field hockey that she excelled, first at Maine Endwell and now at Greene. What an amazing coaching career she has accomplished. Her teams have won 14 league championships, 14 Section IV championships, and 5 state titles, 3 in class A, one class B and one class C. Her overall coaching record is 396-93-22. She was the first field hockey coach in Section IV to win a state championship, and the first to win state titles in two different schools.

## **MICHAEL ANTHONY "TONY" CLEARY**

At Johnson City High, he is popularly nicknamed "Doc", almost since his 1982 start as athletic/trainer in 31 consecutive fall/winter seasons. It became the entire school year in 1991, at conclusion of his lengthy career as Red Sox farmclubs' trainer ranging from Elmira to Triple-A level. Although traveling to road games only with JC's football varsity, for decades Tony has caringly serviced most other Wildcats teams and individuals. Particularly in wrestling and for both boys' and girls' soccer and basketball teams.

Rare, if at all, is the Section 4 school with a full-timer of his experience on its payroll. Tony's hours have lengthened recently with increased nationwide attention to possible concussions. Diagnosis remains in the school doctor's hands, but the interview and continued evaluations of JC patients are the trainer's jurisdiction.

While still a Binghamton elementary-school student, Tony became a familiar face at Windsor's Christmas Wrestling Tournament's early years, as assistant to trainer Tony Chiletto. Today, even on the afternoon of his induction, he continues to serve Section 4 when requested for sectional wrestling and basketball tournaments, and more.

Away from the job, Tony deserves nomination if a Hall of Fame exists for determined all-weather walking. On the last day of January, in winds of 50 mph, he clocked his 9,430th consecutive day (26 years) of three miles or more.

## **BROOKE DAVIS (TROTТА)**

Brooke, a 2001 graduate of Stamford Central School, was an outstanding athlete in soccer, basketball and track. She was a four-time Delaware League All Star in soccer and basketball as well as New York State Class D 1<sup>st</sup> Team All Star in these two sports. During her Track and Field career, Brooke qualified three different years for the New York State Track and Field Championships in various events.

Brooke completed her basketball career with 1,313 points as well as being tier for fourth place in the New York State Girls Basketball record book for the most 3 point field goals in a game at 8. Brooke went on to play soccer and run track at the State University of Oneonta. In 2003 the Oneonta State Red Dragons captured the school's first ever National Championship and Brooke was named the NCAA Division III Offensive Player of the tournament.

Brooke and her husband Mike live in Saratoga Springs. Brook is currently an elementary teacher at Shenendehowa Public School in Clifton Park.

## **LINDSEY DEAN**

Lindsey was a three sport student athlete at Lansing High School, earning 12 Varsity letters in basketball, soccer and softball from 1998-2001. It was in basketball, however that Lindsey made her name: she is Lansing's all-time leading scorer, boys or girls, with 1,702 points, she also is the girl's career assist leader with 418 and steals leader with 442.

In 2001 she was the NYS Class C Player of the Year, leading her team to the school's first State Championship while earning Tournament MVP honors. Additionally, she was a four-time League MVP, leading her team to four League Championships.

In soccer she was a three time League All-Star, leading her team to two Section IV Class C Championships, while earning forth team All-State honors. In softball she was a two-time League All-Star while winning a Section IV Class C Championship.

Lindsey was selected as the Kenny VanSickle Ithaca Journal Female Athlete of the year in 2001, and went on to play basketball at Cornell University and is currently a feature producer for CBS Sports.

## **BRANDY S. FERRIS**

Brandy was an outstanding two sport student athlete at Candor Central School from 1986-89. In basketball, she was the first 1,000 point scorer in Candor Girls Basketball history, finishing with 1,023 points in just three seasons. She averaged 16.6 pts per game as a sharp shooting guard who could score from anywhere. On defense, she was like a mosquito; you just couldn't shake her. She was truly an all-around player as she was also an excellent rebounder. During her career, Candor went 49-16 while claiming two IAC Overall titles. The IAC coaches named her Co-MVP her sophomore and junior years and an All-Star her senior year.

In softball she was an amazing shortstop, as well as being the team's backup catcher. She had excellent range and an accurate throwing arm, leading to her .949 fielding average. At the plate she was our leadoff hitter who had a knack of getting on base with her career .410 average and .634 on base percentage. In her Varsity career she only struck out three times. She was an IAC All-Star all three seasons. During her softball career at Candor, Brandy helped her team to a 45-13 record and three IAC Overall titles.

## **BRAD HENNEMAN**

Brad, a 1980 Greene Central School graduate, lettered twice in wrestling, football, and baseball. He was all league in baseball. As an offensive guard he was First Team All-Upstate. Second team N.Y.S. All-State Football small school. Two year All County (Chenango) and two years All League (Susquenango League).

He was a four-year letterman and three-year starter at defensive tackle for Bucknell University. He received the Stuart Smith Award, as the program's outstanding sophomore. His senior year he was awarded the ECAC Div. I-AA Defensive Player of the Week and was a third-team Kodak Division I-AA All-American. As the Bison co-captain he received the George Rieu Award as the team's outstanding lineman. He also had a free-agent tryout with the Philadelphia Eagles.

## **DAN "DANNY" HODACK**

Danny Hodack was a very accomplished 3 sport athlete, class of 1986 at Windsor Central School. As a 3 year starting offensive end in football he played on a Section IV Division 4 championship team in 1983. His teams combined for a 3 year record of 20 and 8. In 1984 he caught 25 passes for 443 yds. (17.7 yds.catch) and 4 TD's, and named a Division 4 All-Star and All Metro by the Binghamton Press & Sun Bulletin. As a Senior in 1985 he caught 37 passes (3<sup>rd</sup> all time at Windsor) for 667 yds (18.0 yds./catch) with 5 TD's and was again named to the All Division and All Metro Teams.

As a 2 yr. basketball starter his teams were a collective 31 and 12 and he was selected on the 1985 Windsor Invitation All Tournament Team and All Susquenango West Division All Star Team in 1985-86 averaging 12 points and 7 rebounds per game.

In baseball Dan was a 3 year letterman who played on teams that collected a 43-24 record including a Section IV Class B Championship in 1986. He was selected as First Team All Sus. As a Junior and 2<sup>nd</sup> Team as a Senior. 3<sup>rd</sup> baseman in 1986, hitting .317 for his final campaign. Dan also played offensive end for SUNY Albany as a 4 year lettermen who finished as the 10<sup>th</sup> all time leading career receiver for the Great Danes.

## **BONNIE J. JACKSON**

Bonnie was an excellent three sport student-athlete at Candor Central School from 1984-88. In Cross Country she was the leading runner on the team for three years. Bonnie helped the team to three IAC Championships, a Sectional title in 1986, and trips to the NYSPHSAA Championships in 1986 & 1987. Bonnie participated in basketball during the winter. She was a sparkplug on offense and defense. She was one of the leaders in steals and assists. During her career, Candor went 49-16 with three IAC Overall titles. She was an IAC All-Star her junior and senior years.

In Track and Field, Bonnie's running talents shown brightly. She participated in sprints and hurdles along with the short relay teams. Bonnie set two Candor records, the 100M Hurdles at 17.1 seconds - that was just broken this past year, and in the 400M Hurdles 68.4 seconds - a record that is still intact today. She qualified for the NYSPHSAA Championships in 400M Hurdles her senior year. She helped her team win two IAC Small School Championships.

Following high school, she attended Fredonia and played basketball before finishing her education at Cornell University.

## **JAMES R. "JIM" JOHNSON**

As a Union-Endicott athlete, Jim Johnson dropped out of football and basketball after his freshman year, choosing to concentrate on baseball. As a sophomore, he became the varsity third-baseman and did limited pitching. Thereafter he played first base and pitched much more - a 22-5 career, as a senior 8-1-1, with 75 strikeouts in 55 2/3 innings and Tigers leading batter and slugger. He completed his high-school career by leading U-E to its first state championship and Johnson's selection as Class A first-team all-state pitcher. In the 2001 tournament, Jim was warming up as starter in an 18-1 midweek quarterfinals romp over Kingston when informed he'd

just become Baltimore's fifth-round draft selection. In the semis at Utica, he hurled both a complete-game 7-3 elimination of Long Island's Longwood High and, later in the day, the championship pitch against Rochester's 28-and-0, nationally-ranked McQuaid High. Trailing 9-7 in the final inning against U-E's third pitcher, McQuaid put the tying runs on second and third with two out. Joining a conference at the mound, Johnson strode over from first base: "He said that he'd close it out and who was to argue with Jim!" U-E coach Ed Folli has recalled. A weak fly ball ended it. Thus, the big 17-year-old righthander's final high-school pitch provided a save. Talk about on-the-money forecasts of his future!

Last year, his first full season as Baltimore's closer, "JJ" led the major leagues with 51 saves. The runnerup had 48, nobody else within eight of Johnson. Since converted from starter upon 2008 promotion to the majors, each of his regular-seasons of 54, 64, 69, and 71 appearances is believed the most by Section 4 schools' alumni since before 1900.

### **ASHLEI KENCHEN**

Ashlei, a 2001 graduate of South Kortright, was an outstanding two-sport athlete, playing both soccer and basketball. The basketball court is where Ashlei dominated. She was a four time Delaware League All-Star, three-time Oneonta Daily Star All-Star, Daily Star Player of the Year, NYS Class D All-Star, and All-State.

Blessed with great speed and exceptionally quick hands she controlled the top of SK's pressure defenses. She finished her career with 1327 points. She led her team to three Delaware League championships and a Section Four championship her senior year.

After high school Ashlei went onto a successful college career at Fulton-Montgomery Community College, where she earned first team honors for All-Region, Mountain Valley Conference, Region 4 MVP, and NJCAA All-Tourney. She finished her collegiate career as the second all-time point career leader at FMCC.

### **CHRISTOPHER MALLETTE**

Chris was a three sport stand-out while attending Thomas A. Edison High School. He received letters and was captain of the football, basketball, and baseball teams. Chris is the only athlete ever to be awarded the Ernie Davis Award in football, the Star Gazette All Twin Tiers Player of the Year in Football, and the Star Gazette Elmira Metro Basketball Player of the Year.

In his senior year he was named NYSPHAA 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All State in football. Chris still holds school record in for most touchdowns in a single season with 22 and the school record for most career points scored in basketball with 1069.

Chris was recruited to attend many colleges for either basketball or football; however in the end Chris attended Ithaca College where he was a member of the men's basketball team. Currently, Chris spends his time working for a local business in Elmira and also has been a very successful coach of Thomas A. Edison's High School JV Basketball Team.

## **BRANDON MALLETTE**

Brandon was a three sport athlete in Cross Country, Basketball, and Track. While at Thomas A. Edison High School he led all teams he participated on with his leadership and skills. Brandon helped his team to a second place finish in the 2000 NYSPHAA Class C-D Cross Country Championships.

In every year that Brandon participated in Cross Country he led his team to league and sectional team championships and was awarded league and sectional all- star status. His basketball career was mark with league MVP honors and Star-Gazette All Twin Tier 1<sup>st</sup> Team honors. In Brandon's senior year he averaged 20.9 points and 9 rebound per game. Similar to Cross Country, Brandon success in track and field was marked with league MVP's and Sectional All Star Honors. Competing in middle distance and distance events, Brandon holds school records in the 1600m, 800m, 6400m Relay, and 4x800m relay.

Brandon attended Ithaca College where he was twice received All-American Honors in Indoor Track. He also holds Ithaca College records in the 4x400m relay and Distance medley relay teams. Brandon is once again a student at Cornell University finishing his M.B.A.

## **MICHELLE "MICKY" MALLETTE (PIASECKI)**

Micky, like her brothers Chris and Brandon, was a standout athlete at Thomas A. Edison High School. She participated in Cross Country, Basketball, and Track. In each year she participated she was captain of her teams and received league, section and NYS honors for both achievement and academics. During her senior year she led the Lady Spartan basketball team to a perfect 18-0 regular season. She is the 3<sup>rd</sup> overall leading scorer in school history and 2<sup>nd</sup> in rebounds. She holds school records in track for the 400m, 1,500m and 4x800m relay team. She finished 6<sup>th</sup> place overall in 200m at the NYSPHAA Track and Field Championships.

Micky, is best known as being the first female from Elmira Heights to be recruited and play four years of basketball at a Division One School. In 2002, Micky was accepted at the United States Military Academy West Point. Micky was a member and eventually captain of the Army Women's Basketball Team. She helped lead the "Black Knights" to the first Patriot League Championship and NCAA Division 1 Tournament berth. Micky was a player for and dear friend of the famed and late Coach Maggie Dixon.

Micky is also back school at Albany University where she is finishing her Law Degree. Micky lives in Albany with her husband Todd and daughter Maggie.

## **KYLE MEEKER**

Kyle Meeker Class of 1990 at Windsor Central School earned 7 Varsity Letters as a 4 year member of the baseball team and 3 year starter on the basketball team. As a baseball player Kyle played on teams that combined for a 66 and 30 record and was named as a Susquenango West All Star outfielder in 1989 and 1990. Kyle was recognized as an outstanding basketball guard for 3 years at Windsor where his teams were a collective 48 and 20, Susquenango West Champions in 1988 and Section IV Class B runner-ups in 1990. His 3 year career 3 point shooting was 120 for 257 Or 47% and 3 year free throw mark was 144 of 173 for 83%.

As a sophomore his 26 of 52 from 3 point range or 50% was 3<sup>rd</sup> all time at Windsor and his 54 of 61 free throws for 89% as a junior in 1989 is 2nd best all time for the Black Knights. He was also the 8<sup>th</sup> leading all time season scorer as a senior with 433 points (18.0/game) in 1990 and 11<sup>th</sup> all time career scorer with 858 points in his 3 year career. Kyle was named 2<sup>nd</sup> All Susquenango West in 1989 and League MVP, All Metro and 9<sup>th</sup> team All State as a senior in 1990.

Kyle's basketball career continued with great success as a 4 year letterman at the University of Rochester where his Jr. & Sr. year teams were in the Division III Final 4 and he was in the top 5, 3 point shooters by percentage in the Country.

### **JASON MORRIS**

Jason earned 7 varsity letters at Norwich High School from 1989-1992; three in track and field, and two each in basketball and football. Jason was very instrumental in the resurgence of athletics at his alma mater as his outstanding athletic achievements helped raise the bar of success for future NHS athletes.

Jason's junior year, 1990-91, saw him named to the All County teams in football and basketball and track saw him win both the STAC and Section IV 100 meter dash championships on his way to competing at the state meet, but it was his senior year where Jason really caught everyone's attention. The 1991 football season saw Norwich win its first football championship since 1970. Jason rushed for a then school record 1,388 yards, averaging 12 yards a carry!! And of his 20 touchdowns, 13 covered more than 30 yards. That winter saw Jason score 232 points as Norwich (16-5) won their first STAC division championship since the 1972-73 season.

Track brought Jason repeat championships in the STAC and Section IV 100 meter dash and another trip to the state meet. He graduated holding school records in the 100m and 200m dashes and the 4x100m relay. Jason was named the Press and Sun-Bulletin Athlete of the Year for 1991, the first, and to date, only Norwich athlete to win that award. He was also part of the inaugural class for Norwich High School's Sports Hall of Fame in 2011.

### **JOSH MORRIS**

Josh earned 8 varsity letters at Norwich High School from 1991-1994; three in football, two each in baseball and basketball and one in track and field. Josh's two seasons of basketball resulted in a 56-2 overall record and included an overall 37 game winning streak and a 44-0 record against teams from Section IV, as well as back to back NYSPHSAA Class B State Championships and one NYS Federation Championship.

As the point guard on those two outstanding teams, Josh led the Purple Tornado attack to averages of 78.4 and 76.8 points per game even though many teams would try to "slow it down" as there was no shot clock yet. He finished his career with 338 points, 283 assists (#5 all-time at NHS), 139 steals (#3) and 39 blocked shots (as a point guard!!). He also shares the school record of nine steals in a game. He was named STAC All Conference, Press and Sun-Bulletin All Metro and All County in 1994. His three seasons on varsity football resulted in a 27-4-1 record and included a 20 game winning streak.



As a junior he was selected to the Section IV Division III and All County teams as a defensive back. As a senior, averaging 10 yards per carry, he was selected to those same teams as a running back.

### **BRENT RIDER**

Brent earned 12 varsity letters at Tioga Central High School, 3 in football, 4 in baseball and 5 in wrestling. He also captained all 3 teams as a senior. Brent was a 2 time IAC divisional all-star in football. As a quarterback, he led Tioga to a thrilling 20-7 victory over a previously undefeated Waverly squad in week 8 of the 1999 season.

Brent was a 3-time IAC baseball all-star as a pitcher and a shortstop. His outstanding senior season featured a batting average of .517 with 45% of his hits going for extra bases. Brent achieved his greatest individual success as a wrestler. He was a 3 time Section IV Champion (1998, 1999 & 2000), a NYS Champion in 1999 a 140 pounds, and a NYS runner-up in 2000 at 140 pounds. His career record was an outstanding 188 wins and 18 losses.

Brent wrestled at both Virginia Tech and SUNY Cortland after his graduation from Tioga. While attending Cortland, he was a 2 time Division III All-American wrestler. Brent served 7.5 years in the United States Marine Corp, leaving active duty with a rank of Captain.

### **THOMAS STODDARD**

From 1989-1993 Tom Stoddard overcame a severe hearing disability to become an outstanding athlete at Norwich High School. Twice elected captain in football and in wrestling, once in track and field, he was Section IV wrestling champion twice and state runner-up to an Olympian when wrestling was one division. In football he was twice All-Metro and selected 1<sup>st</sup> team All-State his senior year. Finally Tom was chosen as a Bigger Faster Stronger All-American twice.

After selection as Norwich's best male athlete in 1993, Tom went on to start for four years as a defensive lineman at Hartwick College. Upon his graduation, he began teaching and now is teaching and coaching several sports at Norwich with emphasis on his expertise in strength training.