

### **Bethany Bailey Grace**

Bethany Bailey Grace, a 1997 Stamford Central School Graduate was a three sport standout in soccer, basketball/indoor track, and outdoor track. She ran six years of Varsity Track, qualified for the NYS Championships 5 years, 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade. She won 19 Delaware League Championships, and 12 Class C Championship Races in her career.

Bethany still holds 5 school and 4 league records. She also competed 3 years in the National Outdoor Track Championships in Raleigh, N.C. Bethany played 4 years of Varsity Soccer, scored 85 goals, was a member of the team that won 3 League, 3 Sectional Championships, were NYS Runner-ups in 1994, and won the NYS Championships in 1995. Bethany scored the only goal in the State Championship game; she was a 3 time Delaware League All-Star, a 2 time Daily Star All-Star. She was the NYS Class D Team MVP in 1994, and a NYS All-Star in 1995.

Bethany played 2 years of Varsity Basketball, both years her team were League and Sectional Champions, losing in the NYS finals in Glen Falls. Bethany switched to Indoor Track her Junior year qualified for the NYS Indoor Championships her senior year. Bethany attended Boston University on a track scholarship, graduated in 2001 with a degree in Business Administration and Management. She resides in Irvine, Ca. with her husband Mark.

### **Richard "Rick" Balles**

Rick enjoyed a great athletic career at Johnson City High School and was a three time All STAC & MVP selection in Football (Halfback 1975 / Line-Backer 1976), and in Basketball he was a three year playmaker at Point Guard 1975-1977. Rick was Team Captain and received All State honors in Football & Basketball. In Football he played a number of positions (QB, HB, Line-Backer & Kick-Off Returnee). His teams won back-to-back STAC Championships in (75 -Undeafated in conference) and 76.

Rick had 900 rushing yards as a Running Back in his combined Jr. and Sr. years and amassed over 1,500 all purpose yards and 12 touchdowns. In Basketball, he obtained 600 points, 230 assists, and 200 steals. He earned MVP honors during a semi-final STAC Championship game by scoring 24 pts. In addition, Rick played Football for C.W.Post University as a defensive back, and was selected to Johnson City's Hall of Fame Class back in 2007.

Rick is employed by Lockheed Martin as a Sr. Staff Procurement Specialist working on the Marine One Helicopter that will fly the President of the United States.

### **Mike Bennett**

Mike was an outstanding 3 sport athlete at Elmira Notre Dame earning 12 varsity letters in Football, basketball and baseball. He was a key contributor to 4 sectional Championship teams. He was named All-Conference in each sport, twice in football and baseball. He was named All-State in both Football as a 1,000 yard rusher and in Baseball

where he hit .565 and had 18 consecutive multiple hit games and was the #1 pitcher. He was the 1991 Elmira Kiwanis Athlete of the Year.

At St. Bonaventure Mike was the only player to be named 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Atlantic 10 three times at 3 different positions. Mike played professionally from 1997-99 and he currently teaches and coaches at Edison where he led the Baseball team to the State Championship game last year.

### **Roger S. Brown**

Let us count the ways that Roger has served Unatego Central School, Section IV, and the state association (NYSPHSAA), state and national athletic administrators associations, the Mid-State Athletic conference, and former Susquenango Association. That's just a start!

In more than 30 years at Unatego, he spent 20 years as varsity baseball coach, and a combined 58 when needed as an assistant in football, wrestling, and volleyball. He served as director of athletics from 1991 until 2007 retirement.

But it's for the welfare of the 70-odd other Section IV member schools that Roger is eminent: instructor in leadership training courses, workshop presenter at state and national conferences, leagues' coordinator, award winning services to state and national Athletic Administrators Association.

The Owego schoolboy turned Otego 'contributor' speaks quietly – and effectively.

### **Barbara Cook**

Barb led her Susquehanna Valley CSD softball teams to 3 straight NYS Class B Championships (1996,97, 98). She was the pitcher on all of these teams and was named the NYS Player of the Year for her efforts on the 1997 and 1998 teams. Barb was also named to the Louisville Slugger All-American teams for both 1997 and 1998.

She had a career pitching record of 92-8 for her 4 varsity seasons with 5 perfect games and 7 no-hitters. Barb held 8 Section 4 records when she graduated – (Career wins, wins in a season, Shutouts, consecutive shutouts, perfect games and strike outs). Barb was the Binghamton Press and Sun/Bulletin's Athlete of the Year for 1998.

Barb went on to play Division 1 softball at the University of Connecticut.

### **Nicolette Davis**

Nicolette Davis, 1998 Stamford Central School graduate, was a three sport standout in soccer, basketball and softball. In soccer, Nickie was a four year starter and a member of the NYS Class D championship team in 1995 and NYS runner up team in 1994. She was a Delaware League and Daily Star 1st Team All Star for 3 years. In her senior year, she was named a NYS Class D Soccer 1st Team All Star.

As a 4 year starting guard in basketball, Nickie was known for her tenacious defense and her 3 point field goal shooting. She led all teams in steals and in 1997 was

named to the NYS Class D Final Four Tournament All Star team. A four year starter in Softball, Nickie was the team's catcher and leader.

She was named as a Delaware League and Daily Star All Star for 3 years.

### **Tom Dixon**

Tom began coaching hoops in 1965 at Beacon HS. He guided the Bulldogs to a 57-23 record in the old D.C.S.L. In 1973 he assumed coaching duties at New Berlin. Coaching the Hawks (and UV Storm) for 25 years, his teams compiled a record of 369-162. His teams won 15 Division titles, 10 League titles, 2 Sectional titles (C&D) and was 2-2 in Intersectional play.

In the mid 80's his teams went 5 years without losing a home game. He was voted Oneonta Daily Star Coach of the Year in 1988 and voted into the Tri-Valley HOF in 2003. Tom coached varsity boys' hoops for 40 years (last 10 as an assistant coach) and experienced only 2 losing seasons. Upon retirement in 1997, his 426 wins and 70% winning percentage ranked him in the top 50 of coaches in NYS.

### **Karen Cornell Funk**

Coach Funk has established the "Gold Standard" for high school field hockey coaches in Section IV, if not the state and nation. Her record of 433-131-42, at Marathon CS places her in elite company, and her record of 8 NYS Championships in 9 appearances is without parallel. Included in this record is an 87 consecutive game *winning* streak; the longest in NYS field hockey history and the second longest nationally.

Her teams have earned NYS Scholar/Athlete designations for 17 consecutive years, and several sportsmanship awards. Her efforts have helped produce: 15 National All-Academic players, 7 All-Americans, 11 Regional All-Americans, as well as literally dozens of collegiate scholarship and non-scholarship athletes.

Karen was designated the 2007 *National* High School Field Hockey Coach of the Year, the Interscholastic Athletic Conference Coach of the Year in both 1997-98 and 2001-02, is a recipient of a General Douglas MacArthur Youth Award (2000) and was inducted into the SUNY Cortland C-Club in 2002. Prior to her retirement from full time teaching at Marathon in 2006, she had also coached softball (16 years), volleyball (5) and basketball (7).

### **Robert Garbade**

Robert led his Susquehanna Valley CSD basketball teams to 2 STAC divisional titles and 2 appearances in the STAC finals during his high school career. Rob led STAC in scoring during both of these seasons while accumulating 1089 career points, the current school record at SV. Rob also averaged 15 rebounds per game. He was named to the All-STAC 1<sup>st</sup> team all-stars as a senior. Rob went on to compete on the #2 nationally

ranked Broome Community College team in 1979-80 and finished his basketball career as a 2 year starter at St. Bonaventure University where he led the team in rebounding.

### **Ken Goldberg**

Ken Goldberg has been involved in Section IV athletics, most notably boys' basketball since 1961. He began teaching/coaching at Susquehanna Valley that year, as a high school physical education teacher, and coaching both football and basketball. He became Athletic Director in 1970, and remained in that capacity for five year. During that time, he helped usher in girls' sports, as SV fielded some of the sections' premier female sports teams of that era. In 1977, Ken became assistant boys' basketball coordinator for Section IV, under Joe Farrell. He was charged with setting sites, and assigning all officials for sectional play. He remained in that position until 1997, when he became 'head' coordinator, a job he still holds today. Ken has served as a member of the NYSPHSAA boys' basketball committee during that time. Prior to joining SV, he was a graduate of Harper College, where he played basketball. Known to all – officials, coaches, administrators, and fans, Ken garners the utmost respect in the basketball community, both locally and statewide. He has truly been, for many years, the “face” of Section IV boys' basketball!

### **Stephen T. Guinan**

Steve Guinan was a 3 sport first team All Susquenango League Athlete who earned 4 Varsity letters in baseball and two each in football and basketball. In football he was an All League defensive back as a junior and All League running back as a senior. His Jr. year team was 9 and 1 losing only in the Section IV Class B Championship game. As a basketball player Steve played as a shooting guard on teams that finished a combined 41-9 with back to back Susquenango League and Section IV Class B Championships. As a Sr. he was 1<sup>st</sup> Team All League as well as the second leading scorer and assist man.

As a baseball player Steve was a 4 years starter being All Sus as an outfielder once and as a pitcher twice. He pitched 1 no hitter and 4 one hitters in his final 2 seasons. He had a career batting average of .335. As a pitcher he earned a 16 + 7 record, throwing 141 innings and registering 150 strike outs and a 1/38 ERA. After high school Steve attended and graduated from Ithaca College where he played 4 years of Varsity baseball including pitching in 2 different years of the Division 3 College World Series.

### **Jim Hoover**

Jim Hoover has been the head football coach at Walton Central School since 1976. During that time he has also served as a school administrator and track coach. Jim is a 1963 graduate of Vestal Central School and a 1974 graduate of Ithaca College. While coaching at Walton, he has accumulated a Section IV record 266 wins with 62 losses and 1 tie.

He has coached 18 divisional champions, 11 sectional champions, 2 New York State Semi-Finalists, 1 State Finalist and 2 State Championship teams. In 2007, he was named the New York State Class D Coach of the Year and the National Football Foundation Southern Tier Chapter Coach of the Year.

He was also named Coach of the Year in 1994, 2000, and 2007 by the Press and Sun Bulletin and was selected as The Daily Star Coach of the Year ten times.

### **David Kelly**

During his 43 years as Varsity football coach at Delaware Academy, David Kelly has won 247 games and the 2001 NYSPHSAA Class C State Championship. Amongst his other accomplishments are 7 league titles and 9 Section IV titles. From 1984 through 1987, the Bulldogs went on a 34 game win streak under Dave's direction. In 2001, the football field was renamed David Kelly Field. Dave was also the Varsity Boys' and Girls' Track and Field coach from 1984-1998.

During that span, his track teams won 8 league titles and 13 Section IV titles. Even after his retirement from teaching, Dave continues to be involved in athletics through his work as Midstate Athletic Secretary, Section IV football assigner, and volunteer track and field coach at Delhi.

### **Michael Lynch**

Michael Lynch, a 1986 graduate of Binghamton High School, was a starting pitcher on the Varsity Baseball team from 1984-1986. He set school pitching records in 7 categories which still stand. Michael was selected to the Southern Tier Athletic Conference All Division team in 1984 and to the All Conference team in 1985 and 1986. He was also selected to the Class A all State Team in 1986.

Michael went onto Rollins College on a full athletic and academic scholarship where he set many pitching records which still stand. He went on to play professional baseball in the Milwaukee Brewers and Boston Red Sox organizations. After his playing days were over he spent time as the pitching coach at Union College the Assistant Athletic Director at the University of Miami and to the present day where he is the Athletic Director at Boston University.

### **Jim McCloe**

Jim McCloe guided his alma mater's wrestling program for 31 years leading the Waverly Wolverines to 14 team sectional titles and 7 runner up finishes. During his tenure Coach McCloe coached 7 state champions, 7 All Americans and 50 Section IV Champions. In 2005 and 2007, Mr. McCloe guided the Wolverines to the NYS Sportswriters team championship.

Mr. McCloe tallied 435 team victories in his coaching career and this past summer was named to the USA Wrestling Hall of Fame. Before graduating from East Carolina University with his B.S. Mr. McCloe graduated from SUNY Delhi in 1970 where he was a NCAA wrestling champion.

### **Patricia McGrail Kallen**

Patricia McGrail Kallen was a three sport standout for Stamford Central School in soccer, basketball and softball. Patti has the distinction of being the only female athlete to participate in all 5 New York State Final Four tournaments that the Stamford soccer and basketball teams qualified for. Patti was named the NYS Final Four Tournament Most Valuable Player in soccer in 1995 as well as being named a Delaware League and Daily Star 1st Team All Star for 3 years.

In basketball, Patti dominated the Delaware League, scoring a career 1063 points and also being named as a 1st Team All Star in the Delaware League, Daily Star, Binghamton Metro and NYS Final Four Tournament All Star team. During Patti's 6 year Varsity Softball career she became only the 2nd girl in the school's history to pitch a No-Hit game in 1996. Patti continued her athletic success in college, where she was a 3 sport athlete for St. Thomas Aquinas College in New York City.

### **Richard Mokay**

In baseball, basketball and football Richard Mokay had an exceptional career as a high school athlete at the Delaware Academy and Central School in Delhi. Rich was a 1st Team Susquenango Association All-Star four times in baseball with a career batting average of .383 over four varsity seasons. Additionally, he was the Susquenango East MVP in his 1994-1995 basketball season, and a 1st Team Sus All-Star in the 1995-1996 basketball season. He averaged 13.6 points per basketball game over three varsity seasons, 1993-1996.

In football, Richard rushed for a total of 46 touchdowns and carried the ball 404 times for 2733 yards over three years. Rich was the Oneonta Daily Star Player of the Year and Binghamton Press & Sun Bulletin All Metro Selection in Football in 1995. After high school, Richard went on to excel in lacrosse and football in college at the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

### **Harry Nissen**

Harry was a teacher and coach for 32 years. He was instrumental in building the Girls Basketball Program at South Kortright Central School as well as advancing Girls Basketball throughout the Delaware League, serving as Girls Basketball Chairperson for 27 years.

His teams won 6 division championships, 3 Delaware League titles and 3 sectional titles. In 2005/2006 SKCS captured the NYSPHSAA Class D title in Harry's last coaching season en route to 335 career wins. He was and is a very respected teacher

throughout the school community. The contributions Harry made to South Kortright Central School are numerous and truly appreciated.

### **Ray Preston**

Ray has been a loyal and dedicated pioneer of girls' athletics for 30 years. During his tenure as Varsity Basketball and Soccer coach at Charlotte Valley Central School, Ray's teams have won 41 League Championships, 11 Sectional Championships, and have appeared in two State Championships. In 2006, Ray eclipsed the 500-win mark in basketball, making him 2<sup>nd</sup> among girls' coaches in NYSPHSAA. This milestone also included winning 101 consecutive Section IV basketball games over a 6-year span in the 1980's. His current record as Varsity Basketball coach is 548-143. In 2008, Ray won his 350<sup>th</sup> career soccer game. Ray has also served as Athletic Director, Varsity Softball coach, Varsity Golf coach and Varsity track coach while at CVCS.

### **Scott D. Scofield**

Scott Scofield "Scooter" was a 10 time Varsity letterman for the Black Knights. In football he was a 3 year starter, All Susquenango 3 times, All Meto and 3<sup>rd</sup> Team All State as a Sr. His Jr. year the team was 9 & 1 and the Section IV Class B runner-up. As a 3 year Varsity basketball point guard his teams combined for a 60-12 record including 3 straight Sus. West Championships and back to back Section IV Class B crowns. He is fifth all time in career assists, 3<sup>rd</sup> in steals and shot 71% from the free throw line over his 3 year career.

He was also a 4 year starter at shortstop for the baseball team. He was First Team All Sus. 3 times and led the team in hitting twice. He is third all time in career stolen bases and his team was 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Sus. West 3 straight times. Scott was a captain of all 3 teams, a sign of his respected leadership. Scott attended and graduated from Cornell University where he played and started all 4 years in lightweight football, serving as Captain as a Senior.

### **George A. Seiler**

Coach George Seiler has had a career that spanned parts of six decades. The first part of that career was spent in South New Berlin (1959-1967), coaching basketball, baseball and football. He compiled a 29-19-0 record in football, and in 1960 had an undefeated championship season. George coached in New Berlin from 1968-2001, and also served as athletic director until his retirement from teaching in 1992.

In football, he compiled a 123-25-6 record, which included 12 Tri-Valley League championships and nine undefeated seasons. During one seven-year stretch his teams lost only two games. He was named Coach of the Year at the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Binghamton Football Clinic.

He was also very successful as a coach of JV boys basketball, baseball, track and girls basketball. During his tenure as a coach and athletic director, he served as Tri-Valley League football chairman, Section IV Representative, and two-time Tri-Valley League President.

### **Fred Seither**

Fred is an Ithaca College graduate where he played both football and lacrosse. He has made his mark in this area as a swimming and track & field coach. As the track coach at Horseheads High School he captured 1 Sectional Team Championship along with 6 runner-up finishes. He has a career record of 134-61. Fred served as the Boys Varsity Swim Coach at Watkins Glen High School from 1969-79 winning 3 IAC Championships and as the Boys Varsity Swim Coach at Horseheads High School from 1980 until 2003 where his teams won 12 Class A Championships along with 10 Class A runner-ups. His teams won 17 STAC titles and he coached 13 individuals or teams that have won the New York State Championship.

### **Joel Stephens**

Joel is considered to be one of the greatest athletes to come out of the Elmira area. When Joel graduated from Elmira Notre Dame, he was Section IV's all-time leading rushing, carrying the ball 607 times for 4,715 yards. He has the single game rushing record of 352 yards. In football Joel was named 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-State (twice), N.Y.S. Class "C" Player of the Year, N.Y.S. Gatorade Player of the Year, Eastern Parade H.S. All-American, USA Today All-American and Eastern Blue Chip All-American.

In basketball Joel averaged over 18 points per game and was All-Twin Tier. In Baseball he was a 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-State Selection and the N.Y. S. Player of the Year. He was named to the USA today top 50 baseball team. Joel played professionally in the Baltimore Orioles organization until he passed away from a rare form of colon cancer in 1998.

### **Steve Stone**

"Stoney" was one of the finest basketball players to ever wear the Black and Gold. He was a 3 year starting forward who's teams combined for a 60-12 record, 3 Susquenango West and 2 Section IV Class B Championships. He was All Sus. Three times, including the Leagues M.V.P., All Metro and 2<sup>nd</sup> team All State as a Senior. He is 6<sup>th</sup> on the career scoring list with 969 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> in All Time Rebounds with 708, including a school record 22 in one game. He is 1<sup>st</sup> in career blocked shots with 162 as well as the career field goal percentage leader at 57% making 401 of 701 attempts. He also registered the all time highest evaluated individual season score of +732. Steve also played 2 years on very successful teams at Broome Community College.