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Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame

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EDITOR'S NOTE: CSHOF inductee Lori Franchina was inducted into the eastern Connecticut State University Athletics Hall of Fame on October 16th, 2021. The following story written by Scott Kindberg appeared in the Jamestown Post-Journal July 27, 2000.

Franchina Earns ECSU HOF Berth



When Lori Franchina was a youngster, she enjoyed accompanying her father, Tony, to the Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame, which in those days was housed in a storefront at one end of Chautauqua Mall in Lakewood.

The plaques and photos of the inductees mesmerized her.

"The people ... were some of my idols," Lori said.

Imagine then how she felt when she joined that fraternity as a member of the CSHOF Class of 2017 after a standout career in both softball and basketball at Falconer Central School and, later, at Eastern Connecticut State University. Fast-forward to earlier this month when Lori's resume gained another impressive entry in her athletic resume when she was named one of five individuals to comprise the ECS Athletics Hall of Fame Class of 2020.

"It's incredible," she said last week. "I never imagined (that it would happen) when I was playing back then," she said. "I wanted my teams to be successful and we WERE successful through all our hard work."

How good was Lori?

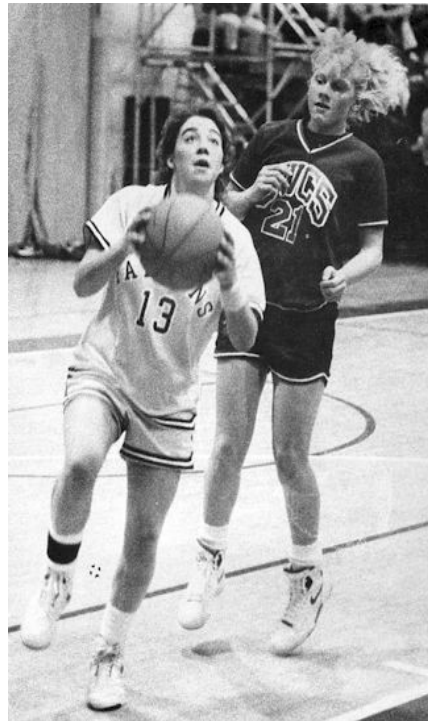
Check out her biography, which was compiled by the ECSU sports information office:

“Recovering from a horrific softball injury in the spring of 1992 to earn softball All-America honors the next year might have been enough to put Franchina into the Alumni Hall of Fame. But as a key player on eight postseason tournament teams in two sports, there was more, much more.

“In softball, the four-year starter in center field and at shortstop was named to eight All-New England teams by three different associations. She was honored twice as a freshman in 1991 and one year after sustaining 32 fractures in her face after being hit by a thrown bat early in the spring of 1992, returned to be named All-New England by all three organizations as a sophomore in 1993 — as well as to the NFCA All-America third team — and junior in 1994. Inexplicably, she did not receive regional or national honors as a senior in 1995 despite leading the team in 10 offensive categories, including a career-high .388 batting average.

“For ‘courage, motivation and relentless determination and serving as an inspiration to all,’ the two-sport captain was awarded the prestigious ECAC Award of Valor in 1994. Including her aborted 1992 season when she started seven of the eight games in Florida prior to the injury, Franchina played on four NCAA tournament teams under three different head coaches. She batted .337 in her career and ranks among the all-time top 10 in hits, runs, at-bats, stolen bases and walks.

On the basketball court, she never missed a game in three full seasons as a 5-foot-4 inch point guard, helping the Warriors to postseason tournaments each year, including consecutive NCAA Final Four berths as a freshman and sophomore, and to the program’s first two Little East Conference regular-season titles and first LEC tournament championship.”



“I dedicated my time making sure the game felt ‘right,’” Lori said. *“(Growing up) I was able to watch the Kilmartin brothers, Joe Mistretta, my father and all his friends play the way the game looks on TV. ... It’s that skill and smoothness. I always tried to play with that integrity.”*

Now living in West Warwick, Rhode Island, Lori, 48, is a delivery service driver in Providence.

“I felt if I pushed and did my job, I’d be successful, and that’s absolutely true,” she said.

As for any advice she would give to a young athlete, Lori was direct and to the point.

“Don’t give up,” she said. *“Find somebody to help you with the dream.”*

Huckno Receives Dick Gallagher Legacy Award

CSHOF inductee and Board of Directors member, Wally Huckno, received the Dick Gallagher Legacy Award at the October 13, 2021 Induction Banquet of the Greater Buffalo Sports Hall of Fame. Huckno, the winningest coach in Jamestown High School football history, led the Red Raiders to three New York State championships during his notable tenure.



Huckno was inducted into the GBSHOF in 2005. His latest honor from that organization is named in honor of Huckno's friend, Dick Gallagher, a social worker by trade who was known for his work in addiction treatment. But Gallagher had a passion for high school sports. He was devoted to promoting scholastic football and other sports. He began publishing a weekly tabloid, Western New York High School Sports, in 1983 and continued until 2010. He was often used as a source by local media to comment about scholastic athletics. Gallagher, who was affectionately known throughout Western New York as "Mr. Football" died in 2020. The Greater Buffalo Sports Hall of Fame created the Dick Gallagher Legacy Award in his honor the following year.

Bailey Honored at Denison University



Denison University's Varsity D Association has announced that Cheryl Bailey has been inducted into its Hall of Fame. Bailey served as Denison's women's athletic director from 1983 until 1990 overseeing 12 women's varsity athletic programs. She also served as the first head women's soccer and women's track & field coach at Denison. As the head women's soccer coach she compiled a career record of 86-52-12 and led the Big Red to an NCAC Championship in 1984. She was a three-time NCAC Coach of the Year and in addition to starting the program at Denison, her squad was also the first women's collegiate varsity program in the state of Ohio.

Bailey led the Denison women's track & field team from 1981 until 1988. In 1990 she left Denison for the University of Wisconsin where she became Senior Associate Athletic Director for the Badgers from 1990-2005. In 2001, Bailey led the Wisconsin athletic department to gender equity compliance and in 2004 she was named the chair of the NCAA Women's Basketball Committee. After Wisconsin, Bailey was named the General Manager of the United States Women's Soccer National Team in 2007, a position she held until 2011. Under her watch, the United States won gold at the 2008 Olympics and took silver at the 2011 World Cup and bronze at the 2007 World Cup. She was a founder and executive director of the National Women's Soccer League (NWSL) from 2012-14. Bailey graduated from Southwestern Central High School in 1973, Slippery Rock in 1977 and went on to earn her master's degree from Ohio State in 1983.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Lou Deppas has been a member of the CSHOF Board of Directors for the past thirteen years.

Lou Deppas is Jamestown Community Service Award Recipient

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When extraordinary things are accomplished it is always because of the people driving projects. In the Jamestown area we are fortunate that so many people fit that description. That includes Lou Deppas, the recipient of this year's Community Service Award from the Jamestown Community Chamber of Commerce.

Lou Deppas has been deeply involved in the community in a variety of ways over many years. As a long time member of the Board of Directors of the National Comedy Center, he was among those who helped to first create a vision for the attraction, and then saw it through the construction, opening, and launch.

As a member of the Boards of Directors for the Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame and the Jamestown YMCA, he has also been instrumental in working to further the missions of the organizations.

Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame President Randy Anderson noted, "Lou always has the best interests of the community in mind. He enjoys being involved and always has good instincts. Not only is he a great ambassador for our community, as a businessman he has created jobs here. He's a pleasure to work with."

In addition to his community involvement, Lou Deppas is a local businessperson providing jobs in the community and service to residents. As a certified retirement counselor with



The Legend Group, he manages five investment professionals locally.

Before he was known for financial planning, Lou Deppas was serving the community in a very different way. As director of the Jamestown High School Marching Band from 1980-2000 he made a difference for countless students in the instrumental music program at JHS. During his tenure the band represented New York State at the Festival of States in St. Petersburg, Florida twice and at the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City three times. They also performed in the Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, California.

Lou and his wife Melissa have three grown daughters.

The Jamestown Community Chamber is proud to recognize the accomplishments of Lou Deppas with this award.