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Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame

15 West Third Street - Jamestown, NY 14701

December 2024

Class of 2025 Inductees

The Board of Directors of the Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame is proud to announce the inductees who will comprise the Class of 2025.

The inductees are **Jessica Anderson, Tom Anderson, Anthony Barone, Stephen Carlson, Mark Edstrom, Ron Frederes, Nick Kahanic, Aaron Leeper and Nick Sirianni.**

These nine individuals will be formally inducted at the CSHOF's 43rd Annual Induction Banquet on Presidents' Day, February 17, 2025. Tickets are available for \$50 by calling Chip Johnson at 716-485-6991.

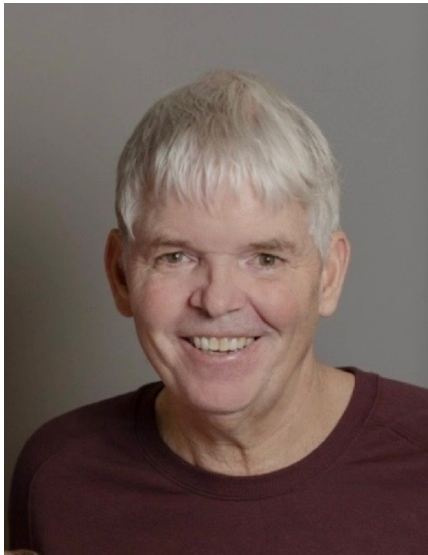
Jessica Anderson



Born 1974; graduate Mayville Central School 1992
4 yr. starter volleyball: 2X NYS Champion, 1991 NYS Class
C/D Player of the Year
3 yr. starter basketball: 2X league all-star, set school records
blocked shots & rebounds
6 yr. starter softball: 2X league all-star, .670 batting average
Mayville Central Female Athlete of the Year 1990-91 &
1991-92
Played Division I volleyball & softball at Niagara University
4 yr. starter NU volleyball: 3X MAAC League all-star, set
NU records for kills, blocks & hitting percentage
3 yr. starter NU softball; NU Most Outstanding Athlete 1997
Head volleyball coach Niagara 1997-98
Assist. coach Daemen '99-'02; head coach Daemen '02-'03

Head coach North Tonawanda HS volleyball 2003-2017
Volunteer coach Junior Olympics volleyball 1996-present
Niagara University Athletics Hall of Fame 2002
Special Education teacher; resides Orchard Park, NY

Tom Anderson



Born 1959; graduate Southwestern Central School 1976
3 yr. starter #1 tennis at SWCS: finished second in NYS tourney
4 yr. starter tennis SUNY Brockport: #1 singles 1980
23 yrs. tennis instructor at Billie Jean King Tennis Center and Lakewood YMCA
5X Jamestown City Tennis Champ; won 18 tournaments
Won NYS Over 60 Pickleball Tournament
Director Lakewood YMCA 1990-2022
Designed, built managed indoor soccer center at Y
Implemented programs for gymnastics, floor hockey, basketball, volleyball, roller hockey, racquetball, tennis, pickleball, etc.
Race director for 90+ combined Lakewood Firecracker Runs, Battle of Business Runs & Amy King Runs

Received Paul B. Sullivan YMCA Lifetime Service Award
The Lakewood Y tennis courts are named in his honor
Retired, resides in Russell, PA

Anthony Barone



Born 1979; graduate Jamestown High School 1997
Played basket ball & baseball at JHS; All-ECIC baseball; Post-Journal All-Star
1999 JCC grad; played basketball & baseball; .355 career batting average; named as one of JCC's 50 Greatest Athletes
2001 Felician College grad; baseball .352 career ave.
Assist. baseball coach JCC 2001-05
Head coach JCC 2005-2012: 207 wins, Region 3 Coach of the Year 2008
Assist. coach Cal State Bakersfield 2012-13
Head coach Wellsville Nitros (NYCBL) 2013
Manager Jamestown Jammers (PGCBL) 2015-18: 2X Coach of the Year, League Champions 2018
Hitting coach Milwaukee Milkman 2018-19
Head coach Milwaukee Milkmen 2019-present; American Association champion 2020

Assist. Coach Baseball United at Dubai (United Arab Emirates) 2023
Resides Jamestown and Milwaukee

Stephen Carlson



Born 1996; graduate Jamestown High 2015
JHS football 2011-14: 2411 yards, 134
receptions, 22 touchdowns, 1st
Team All-State 2X, NYS AA
champion 2014, Connolly Cup
winner 2014, Post-Journal Player of
the Year 2014, 2X WNY James
Lofton Award as top receiver

JHS basketball 2012-15: JHS Wall of
Fame, played on 3 Sectional champ
teams, All-ECIC First Team, Post-
Journal All-Star, 5th Team All-State
2015

Princeton University football 2015-18:
2018 undefeated Ivy League
champion, 2X All-Ivy, 125
receptions, 1632 yards, 16
touchdowns

Cleveland Browns tight end 2019-21: only
player in Chautauqua County
history to score NFL touchdown,
earned 5 game balls

Chicago Bears tight end 2023-present: earned 1 game ball

Mark Edstrom



Born 1954; graduate Jamestown High School 1972
Played football, basketball, track & field at JHS
JHS basketball 1968-72: 3X JHS MVP; on JHS Wall
of Fame, leading scorer in JHS history at
time of graduation 1047 points, leading
rebounder in JHS history at time of graduation
588 boards, Section 6 champions 1972 with
19-2 record

JHS football; 3 yr. QB starter
Set JHS T & F school record in 880 yd relay
Alfred University 1972-77 basketball and football
Alfred U basketball: 1356 points 3rd all-time, 2X First
Team Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference
Alfred football 1975-76 back and placekicker
Only athlete in AU history to be the top scorer on
both the basketball and football teams (1975)
Inductee Alfred University Hall of Fame 1988
Retired postmaster, resides Ludlow, MA

Ron Frederes



BB coach Jamestown High School 1993-1998
Retired teacher; resides Clayton, NC

Born 1944; graduate Jamestown High School 1963
Played baseball, basketball, football at JHS
Graduate of SUNY Brockport 1967: played baseball, football, basketball
Star pitcher for See-Zurh House fast pitch softball team; legendary pitching duels with CSHOF inductee Jim Adamczak
Inductee Western New York Softball Hall of Fame 1992
Grad assistant for basketball University of North Carolina under Dean Smith
Coached V baseball and JV basketball at Southwestern Central 1969-76
Head basketball coach Davidson Community College (NC) 1976-78
Alfred University BB coach 1978-1990: two NCAA tourney appearances
Olean Times-Herald Man of the Year 1986
Head BB coach Walsh College (OH) 1990-92

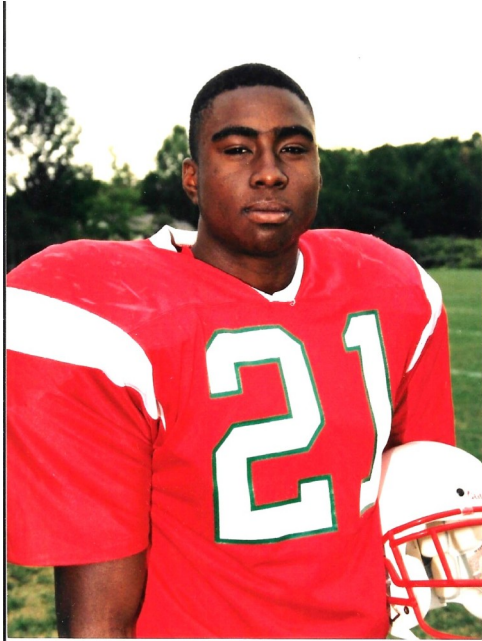
Nick Kahanic



Set 2 North American Records (Open Stone and Light Braemer); Set World Record in Open Stone; 16X All-American
Co-founder of AJ Strong a charity to support children and families
Works at Pepsi, resides in Falconer

Born 1986; graduate Falconer Central School 2004
FCS track & field: placed at state meet 2X in shot put and discus
USA Junior Olympics National Championships: second in shot 2004
Roberts Wesleyan College track & field 2004-07: shot, discus, hammer
4X NCCAA Champion, 13X NCCAA All-American; 2X NAIA All-American
Highland Games 2006-2022
5X National Champion, North American Champion, 2013
World Amateur Champion

Aaron Leeper



Born 1983; graduate Jamestown High School 2001

JHS football 1998-2000; running back and defensive back

Set WNY single season rushing record 2276 yards

Set NYS single season record 47 touchdowns

Set NYS single season scoring record 282 points

2000 NYS Class AA Player of the Year; Connolly Cup winner; Ron Pitts Outstanding Defensive Back Award

NYS Class AA Champion 2000

2X Post-Journal All-Star; P-J Player of the Year 2000

University of Buffalo: 2002 Mid-American Conference Rookie of the Year; 917 yards, 10 TDs

Supervisor in Federal Air Marshal Service; resides in Bayside, NY

Nick Sirianni



Born 1981; graduate Southwester Central 1999

P-J All-Star in basketball; All-League in football; sectional qualifier in track

Mount Union College 1999-2003: 1st Team All-Conference;

Played on 2 NCAA D-3 National Champions and 1 runner-up team

Defensive backs coach Mt. Union 2004-2005: National Champs in 2005

Wide receivers coach IUP 2006-2008

Kansas City Chiefs 2009-2012; offensive control coach; wide receivers coach

San Diego Chargers 2013-2017; offensive control, quarterbacks, wide receivers

Indianapolis Colts 2018-2020; offensive coordinator

Philadelphia Eagles 2021-present; head coach; Super Bowl LVII

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