
Honoring and Preserving the Sports History of Chautauqua County



Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame

15 West Third Street - Jamestown, NY 14701

February 2025

2025 Induction Banquet February 17th

The Board of Directors of the Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame will enshrine nine individuals at its 43rd annual Induction Banquet, Monday, February 19th, at the Lakewood Rod & Gun Club.

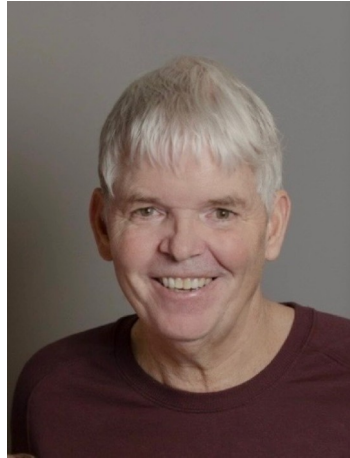
The inductees are Jessica Anderson, Tom Anderson, Anthony Barone, Stephen Carlson, Mark Edstrom, Ron Frederes, Nick Kahanic, Aaron Leeper and Nick Sirianni.

The event is **sold out** at 400 tickets.





Jessica Anderson



Tom Anderson



Anthony Barone



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Mark Edstrom



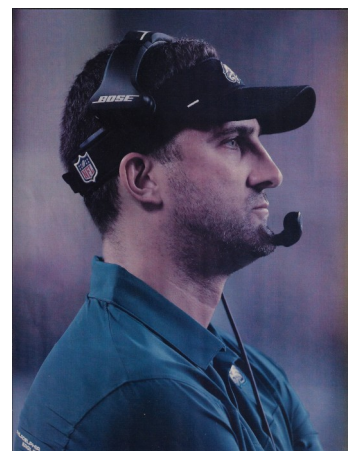
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Swanson, Crist, Johnson To Section 6 HOF

CSHOF inductees Mel Swanson (2015), Chuck Crist (2015) and Bruce Johnson (2023) were inducted into the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Section 6 Hall of Fame on December 6, 2024 in Buffalo.

Swanson was selected based on his prolific basketball coaching career, particularly girls teams, at Sherman Central.

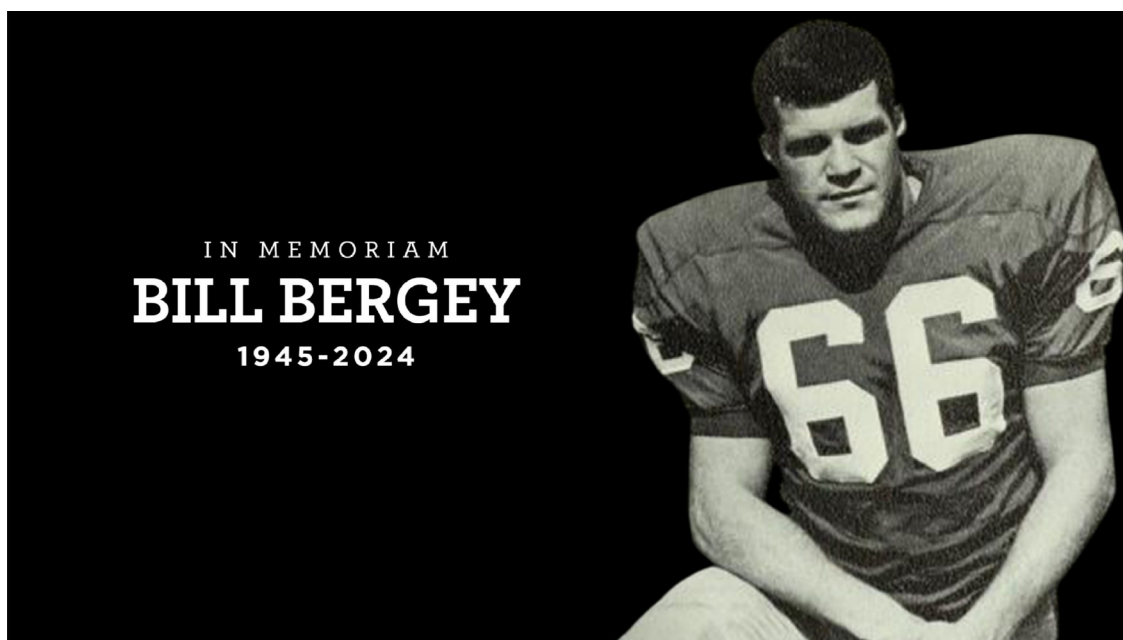
Crist was chosen as a result of his outstanding career as a 4-sport star at Salamanca High School and as a 7-year NFL defensive back.

Johnson was enshrined for his record-setting career as the boys and girls swimming coach at Frewsburg Central.

Other CSHOF inductees previously selected to the Section 6 Hall of Fame are Jenn Suhr, Tom Priester, Wally Huckno, Cheryl Bailey, Bob Barlette, Bill Bergey, Jehuu Caulcrick, Tim Nobles and Walt Thurnau.



**Mel Swanson, Patti Crist, accepting for her late husband Chuck,
and Bruce Johnson**



1989 CSHOF inductee **Bill Bergey** died on Christmas Day after a courageous fight with oral cancer.

Bergey was an outstanding athlete at Pine Valley Central School graduating in 1964. He received a partial aid scholarship to Arkansas State where he blossomed into an All-American linebacker for the Red Wolves.

Cincinnati selected Bill in the second round of the 1969 NFL/AFL joint draft. He played for the Bengals through 1973. Philadelphia acquired Bergey in 1974 after compensating Cincinnati with two first-round and one second-round draft picks.

He was a 5-time Pro Bowl performer for the Eagles and became the highest paid defensive player in the league.

He started 79 straight games before suffering a serious knee injury in the third game of the 1979 season. He had surgery and made a comeback in 1980 by leading the team to the Super Bowl. The Eagles lost the Super Bowl to the Oakland Raiders and that turned out to be Bill's last NFL game.

Following his playing career, Bergey served as a color commentator on radio broadcasts of the Philadelphia Eagles from 1982 to 1983, and did pre-game and post-game radio and television commentary for the team during the season for over 20 years

In addition to the CSHOF, Bergey was named to Arkansas State Hall of Fame, the Philadelphia Eagles' Hall of Fame, the Greater Buffalo Sports Hall of Fame, the NYSPHSAA Section 6 Hall of Fame and the Philadelphia Sports Hall of Fame.

Bergey is survived by his wife of 55 years, Micky, three sons – Jason, Jake, and Josh, 10 grandchildren, and two siblings – his brother, Bruce, and sister, Sylvia.