

Class of 2024 Induction

Enshirement Ceremony | June 1st, 2024

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The Town of Billerica Community Hall of Fame is established to honor individuals having lived in, worked in, served, or volunteered for the Town of Billerica, whose exceptional contributions have substantially enhanced the lives of its citizens or its community values.

THIRD
ANNUAL
INDUCTION
CLASS OF
2024

May/June 2024

31st

1st

1st

BMHS

6:30 p.m.

Graduation Ceremony

2 p.m.

Induction

Alumni

Banquet

5 p.m.

TOWNWIDE WEEKEND CELEBRATION!

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Steve "Duke" Purdy



One of the greatest teams in Howe/BMHS sports history was the 1983 boys baseball team, coached by Jon Sidorovich. The club featured three of the best pitchers in the MVC. One of those pitchers was senior Steve "Duke" Purdy. MVC teams feared the sight of Purdy on mound because of his blazing

fastball, which was clocked in the 90 mph range. Duke was the captain during his senior year when BMHS won the Division 1 state title. Duke was named first-team All-MVC pitcher and earned All-Conference Lowell Sun and Boston Globe All-Scholastic honors. During his senior year, he posted an 8-0 record with three wins coming in the states.

Howe High/BMHS Athletic Hall of Fame



Derek Dixon

Derek has been called the
"greatest basketball player
in Billerica Memorial High
School's storied history."
Derek played three years of
varsity basketball for Coach
Ed James and one year of
baseball in his first
year. In the heyday of the
Merrimack Valley



Conference for boys basketball, Billerica was the League Champion in 1982-83 because of Derek. The Indians had one of their all-time greatest records—18 wins, 3 losses. Derek earned Lowell Sun and MVC coaches' Player of the Year honors. He was once again selected MVC All-Star game captain and the game's MVP. Derek ultimately chose to study at Bentley College and played for Coach Brian Hammel.

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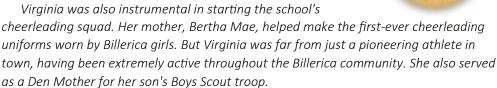
Howe High/BMHS
Athletic Hall of Fame



Virginia Finnagan-Snowden

Virginia Finnagan-Snowden and her brother, Waller, were the Jaqueline and Jackie Robinson of Billerica sports. Waller was inducted into the Howe/BMHS Athletic Hall of Fame in 2002, and now his sister joins him. Virginia was the first African American female basketball player in Billerica history.

Virginia graduated from Howe High School, Class of 1941, having played for Coach Rose O'Neil and leading the girls team to the All-Suburban championship game. In addition, Virginia was named a Lowell Sun All-Star as part of the Suburban Team of 1940. She played field hockey for Coach O'Neil as well.



Virginia worked in the electronics field at Raytheon, Sylvania, and Control Data. She married Donald Snowden, and they raised two children, Donald Jr. and Jeanne B. Wilson.

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Maryann (Meehan) Poirier



Maryann was a gifted and talented member of the Class of 1966. She was selected as the class' outstanding Female Athlete, earning nine varsity letters, and was the recipient of the prestigious Daughters of the American Revolution Award given to the the student who displays the qualities of dependability,

service, leadership, and patriotism. Maryann was a three-year starter in field hockey and softball. However, she felt most at home on the basketball court playing for Coach Barbara Hood. During her junior year, girls basketball transitioned to boys rules, and Maryann took full advantage, scoring 306 points. As a senior, she averaged 20 points per game as a MVC All-Star selection.

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Karl Infanger

Karl, an outstanding threesport athlete in the Class of 1993, earned nine varsity letters at BMHS in golf, hockey, and volleyball. He was the captain of Coach Mike Cowdery's golf team, earning the 1991 Most Improved Player Award, 1992 Coaches Award, and



1992 MVC All-Star honors. As a dominating hockey defenseman, Karl was part of four MVC titlewinning teams, two earning berths in the elite MIAA Super 8 Tournament. In the spring, he excelled on the volleyball court for Coach Karen McNulty, leading the squad to 1992 and 1993 Division I state tournament while being selected as the 1992 and 1993 Lowell Sun Player of the Year.

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Recent Enshrinement Classes

COMMUNITY TOWN I BILLERICA FAME COMMUNITY HALL IF FAME ENSHRINEMENT CLASS OF 2022		
Douglas Dooley	Howe High/BMHS Alumni Association	
Jack Fay	Howe High/BMHS Alumni Association	
Barbara Hagan	B HHS/BMHS Educators Hall of Fame	
Thomas Ditson	Town of Billerica Civic Hall of Fame	
Helen Potter	Town of Billerica Civic Hall of Fame	

COMMUNITY HALL OF TOWN FAME COMMUNITY HALL OF FAME		
ENSHRINEMENT CLASS OF 2023		
INDUCTEE	HALL OF FAME BRANCH	
Barbara (Rounds) Reinecker	Howe High/BMHS Alumni Association	
Donna (Strom) Robillard	Howe High/BMHS Alumni Association	
Jean (Kilmartin) Coppinger	Town of Billerica Civic Hall of Fame	
Daniel "Bubba" Goodwin	Town of Billerica Civic Hall of Fame	

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ABOUT THE BRANCHES



Howe High/BMHS Alumni Association

Graduates of Howe High School and Billerica Memorial High School who have made significant contributions to the success and longevity of the Alumni Association. Established in 1896, the HHS/BMHS Alumni Association is the second oldest alumni group in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Howe High/BMHS Athletic Hall of Fame

Outstanding student-athletes, coaches, and administrators whose skills, performance, and leadership enriched the Indians' reputation for athletic excellence.





Howe High/BMHS Educators Hall of Fame

The Billerica Memorial High School Educators Hall of Fame recognizes and honors Billerica Memorial or Howe High School teachers, administrators, and staff for their significant achievements and impactful contributions to the students of our high school.

Town of Billerica Civic Hall of Fame

The Billerica Civic Hall of Fame honors individuals whose exceptional contributions to our community as a volunteer, elected or appointed official, public servant, grammar or middle school educator, mentor, cleric, proprietor, employee, or resident have substantially enhanced the lives of our citizens and positively influenced our community values.



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HISTORY OF THE BRANCHES



Howe High/BMHS Alumni Association

Est. 1896

18 Lifetime HOF Members



Howe High/BMHS
Athletic HOF

Est. 1993

113 Enshrined Members



Howe High/BMHS Educators HOF

Est. 2022 1 Enshrined

Enshrined Member



Billerica Civic Hall of Fame

Est. 2022 4 Enshrined

Members

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