

COMMUNITY HALL OF FAME



Class of 2024 Induction

Enshirement Ceremony | June 1st, 2024

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Our Mission

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

BMHS
Graduation
6:30 p.m.

1st

Induction
Ceremony
2 p.m.

1st

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.

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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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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 was also instrumental in starting the school's cheerleading squad. Her mother, Bertha Mae, helped make the first-ever cheerleading uniforms worn by Billerica girls. But Virginia was far from just a pioneering athlete in town, having been extremely active throughout the Billerica community. She also served as a Den Mother for her son's Boys Scout troop.

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

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Karl Infanger



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 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.



Karl, an outstanding three-sport 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 title-winning 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

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ENSHRINEMENT CLASS OF 2022	
INDUCTEE	HALL OF FAME BRANCH
Douglas Dooley	 Howe High/BMHS Alumni Association
Jack Fay	 Howe High/BMHS Alumni Association
Barbara Hagan	 HHS/BMHS Educators Hall of Fame
Thomas Ditson	 Town of Billerica Civic Hall of Fame
Helen Potter	 Town of Billerica Civic Hall of Fame

 TOWN OF BILLERICA 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
Member



Billerica Civic
Hall of Fame

**Est.
2022**

4 Enshrined
Members

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