

DEREK DIXON HHS/BMHS ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2024



Derek Dixon has been called the "greatest basketball player" in Billerica Memorial High School's storied history. Derek grew up on Eastview Avenue, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Dixon, along with his brother, Todd, and sister, Sherry.

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 Dixon. During his junior year, the Billerica Indians compiled a record of 12 wins and 7 losses. Derek earned Lowell Sun first team and MVC Coaches' first team honors. He was captain of the MVC All-Star team and named MVP of the league All-Star Game. He was also a Boston Globe All-Scholastic honorable mention selection that season.

In the summer of 1982, Derek attended the prestigious Howie Garfinkel 5-Star Camp in New Jersey and played so well was invited





back for the college coaches' week. From that experience, Derek's career blossomed even further. During Derek's senior year at BMHS, the Indians had one of their all-time greatest records—18 wins, 3 losses. Derek earned Lowell Sun first team and MVC Coaches' Player of the Year honors. He was once again the MVC All-Star Game captain and selected the game's MVP. He was also named to the Boston Globe All-Scholastic second team.

With so much attention on the BMHS Indians and Derek, college coaches filled the bleachers. Derek ultimately chose Bentley College and played for Coach Brian Hammel. His accolades at Bentley included being eighth on the all-time Bentley scoring list with 1,642 points, All-Northeast 10 team selection in 1986 and 1987, All-New England Division 2 first team selection in 1987, Bentley Athlete of the Year in 1986 and 1987, and a member of the Bentley University Hall of Fame.

Beyond the basketball accomplishments, you will not find a better person or family man than Derek Dixon. Derek works as national sales manager for KTP and lives in Asheville, N.C., with his wife, Rami, and his daughter, Emma.

