

COMMUNITY HALL OF FAME



Class of 2026 Induction

Enshrinement Ceremony | June 6th, 2026

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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.

FIFTH ANNUAL INDUCTION CLASS OF 2026

June 2026

5th

BMHS
Graduation

6 p.m.

6th

Induction
Ceremony

3 p.m.

6th

Alumni
Banquet

5 p.m.

TOWNWIDE WEEKEND CELEBRATION!

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Lillian (Smith) & Angelo DeBenedictis

***Howe High/BMHS
Alumni Association
Hall of Fame***



For more than 20 years, Lillian (Smith) and Angelo DeBenedictis have dedicated themselves to the Howe High/Billerica Memorial High School Alumni Association through their faithful service on the Board of Directors. Their unwavering commitment, leadership, and countless hours of volunteer service have helped preserve the traditions, values, and mission of the Alumni Association while ensuring its continued success for future generations.

Lillian and Angelo have also made a lasting impact through their involvement with scholarship efforts, serving on committees and helping to raise funds for the Mary Jo O'Mahoney Colburn Memorial Scholarship. Through their commitment and generosity, they have helped provide meaningful opportunities for deserving students and have continued the tradition of giving back.

Together, Lillian and Angelo DeBenedictis exemplify the very spirit of service, loyalty, and pride that the HHS/BMHS Alumni Hall of Fame was created to honor.



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Miriam J. Buckley



Miriam J. Buckley gave 35 dedicated years to Billerica Memorial High School, shaping the mathematical minds of countless students from 1967 through 2002. Her guiding philosophy — "You take a student from where they start and bring them along." — captured her

unwavering belief that every student has the capacity to grow. She held high expectations across all levels of learners, bringing an enthusiastic energy and a genuine sense of humor to her teaching that made even the most challenging material approachable. Miriam Buckley did not just teach mathematics — she built futures, mentored colleagues, and devoted herself fully to the Billerica school community she loved.

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Educators Hall of Fame*



Anthony Coletti



Anthony Coletti was, quite simply, one of a kind. Over the course of 37 remarkable years in the Billerica Public Schools, he distinguished himself not only as an outstanding educator but as a genuinely extraordinary human being. A master of history and world cultures, Mr. Coletti had a rare gift for bringing the past to life in ways that resonated deeply with his students. His ability to communicate, connect, and inspire set him apart in every sense. But beyond his teaching excellence, it was his character that made the greatest impact. He led by example, demonstrating integrity, kindness, and a sincere investment in the young people in his care.

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Athletic Hall of Fame*

Mike Granfield.



Mike Granfield wore the green and white of Billerica Memorial High School for more than half his life, first as a student-athlete, graduating in 1964, and then as a BMHS teacher, coach, and athletic director.

As a student-athlete, Mike played football and ran track for two Hall of Fame coaches, Chuck Lampson and Roger Sampson, and then went on to Boston State to run track for legendary coach Billy Squires. Mike returned to BMHS in 1969 as an English teacher and as the head coach of the girls and boys track teams. Mike eventually taught for 34 years with his last five years at BMHS (2003-08) serving as the athletic director.

Mike coached cross country, indoor and outdoor track from 1969 to 2003, only interrupted by leaving to coach cross country at UMass Lowell (1981-87). However, during those years, Mike maintained a positive influence on BMHS athletes as the faculty manager and assistant athletic director from 1987-2003. In all, Mike coached 28 total seasons at BMHS. He is embedded in BMHS history as a student, athlete, teacher, coach, and administrator and even served as the first chair of the BMHS Athletic Hall of Fame.



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Civic Hall of Fame*

William “Bill” Egan Jr.



When the league names the championship trophy after you while you’re still coaching, it’s an undeniable sign that you’ve made a lasting impression on its hundreds of young athletes, not to mention the organization itself.

William “Bill” Egan Jr. stood tall in the Red Sox dugout at the Pollard Field for more than five and a half decades. But his role as assistant coach and eventual manager for the 9- to 12-year-olds Major League club has extended far beyond the foul lines for the Billerica Little League.

Bill volunteered teaching life lessons through youth baseball in Billerica from 1970 to 2025, influencing multiple generations of boys and girls in town through his knack for identifying talent and then fine-tuning it, all while keeping the importance of winning in perspective.

A local business owner, having established Burns & Egan Realty Group with his daughter Erin in 2004, Bill managed two of his sons, two nephews and seven of his 17 grandchildren in Red Sox uniforms, keeping meticulous rosters and statistics for all seasons since 1977.



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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**

22 Lifetime
HOF Members



Howe High/BMHS
Athletic HOF

**Est.
1993**

120 Enshrined
Members



Howe High/BMHS
Educators HOF

**Est.
2022**

4 Enshrined
Members



Billerica Civic
Hall of Fame

**Est.
2022**

6 Enshrined
Members

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