



James Eich
~ 2015 ~

James Eich is considered one of the most outstanding names in New Rochelle rowing annals. He not only attained national recognition as an athlete but also became an outstanding coach while still competing as an adult. His accomplishments are so impressive that he was inducted into the Westchester Sports Hall of Fame in 2011. Jim Eich won the North American Schoolboy Singles Championship in 1959, was National Champion in 1960. Jim won 7 out of 8 Olympic Rowing events and every Regatta major in the United States and Canada. He was also triumphant in the following events: Metropolitan Championships, Hughes Cup, American Henley Championships, New England Championships, NYAC Open and U.S. National Championships. Jim and one other New Rochellean qualified to represent the NYAC at the United States Olympic Trial Finals in the Pairoard Shell with Joe Caminiti. James Eich's coaching career was also very successful. He coached the Blessed Sacrament High School crew team from 1966-69 where his teams won four titles. They won the Stotesbury Regatta, U.S. Schoolboy Nationals, North American Schoolboy Championship and the U.S. Youth National Championship. Jim followed his coaching career at New Rochelle High School again winning two crowns.



Fred Gallo
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Fred Gallo, the first athlete from Archbishop Molloy High School to enter professional sports. Fred caught championship games at both Ebbets Field and the Polo Grounds. During his high school career Gallo was named to the Honorable Mention teams in the World Telegram and Sun and the Journal American newspapers. Upon graduation from high school in 1958, Fred Gallo entered Iona College where he was the first catcher on the 1961 team that lost only 4 games (25-4). One of the highlights of his career was driving in eleven runs in a doubleheader against Queens College. Fred was voted MVP in his division and finished college with a terrific .375 batting average. He then signed with the Milwaukee Braves.

Fred Gallo became Iona Prep varsity baseball coach in 1983, with his teams winning 529 games through 2012. Iona Prep, under the leadership of Coach Gallo won 12 league championships, 5 Archdiocese titles and 2 Catholic League championships. Fred Gallo was selected Coach of the Year three times.



Lynne Layne
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Lynne Layne, born and raised in New Rochelle, is one of the finest track and field athletes ever to graduate NRHS. She holds several indoor and outdoor records and won many championships in high school, including 3 National Titles, 8 State Championships, and a Penn Relay Championship. Lynne was recognized for her accomplishments and was twice named Gannett Athlete of the Year. College brought more success, with a USA Championship, Pan American Junior Championship in both the 100m and the 4x100 relay. She was named Freshman of the Year and Outdoor Track and Field MVP for her university. Lynne also was a member of the winning Junior USA 4x100 relay team at the NACAC meet. She was a member of University of Tennessee Knoxville that twice won the Indoor SEC Championship and Indoor NCAA Championship. Lynne continued her winning ways with the University of Central Florida. Her teams won both the Indoor and Outdoor Conference USA Championship. Lynne was Grand Marshall of the 2006 New Rochelle Thanksgiving Day Parade. The city of New Rochelle declared November 18, 2006 Lynne Layne Day.