



BEAVER COUNTY SPORTS
HALL OF FAME

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the Beaver County Sports Hall of Fame's 2026 banquet and induction ceremony!

Tonight, our Hall of Fame will induct into the Class of 2026 ten individuals who have brought recognition to Beaver County through their contributions to sports. The Hall will present the Dick Kadis Award to an outstanding college athlete, present two Special Achievement Awards, honor coaches who have won championships since our prior banquet, and recognize athletes from the Community College of Beaver County, Geneva College, and Penn State Beaver. The Hall will also honor one male and one female student athlete from each Beaver County high school. Four of these high school student athletes will receive a scholarship: the Beaver County YMCA and Tri-County Management (McDonald's) are each sponsoring a \$1,000 scholarship, and the Beaver County Sports Hall of Fame is sponsoring two \$1,000 Past Presidents scholarships.



The Hall thanks those who support our non-profit organization through our sponsorship program, listed in tonight's program booklet and online, and the Hall is grateful to Invisalign for sponsoring banquet tickets for the high school student athletes. Moreover, the Hall thanks past inductees in attendance, the news media for their coverage, representatives from local school districts and others for providing information, our vendors for their service, our community for 51 years of support, and everyone else who helps us continue our mission. And I thank each past and present member of our Executive Committee for their service, especially Secretary-Treasurer Janet Zigerell, who has worked so hard and devoted so many hours to prepare for tonight's banquet.

The Beaver County Sports Hall of Fame was founded on September 18, 1975, but the history of sports in our county extends further back than that, as illustrated in a special feature in this year's program booklet about the eight years between 1884 and 1941 in which a Beaver County team played in a professional baseball minor league. This year's program booklet also includes a feature on Beaver Countians who represented the United States in the Olympics, presented in this year of the United States' "250" Semiquincentennial celebration. In addition, a page from the Pro Football Hall of Fame showcases the seven members of our Hall of Fame who are in the Pro Football Hall of Fame and who will be among those showcased in that Hall of Fame's upcoming exhibit about Western Pennsylvania. To learn more about honorees from tonight and past years, we welcome you to read through this banquet program booklet and visit the Hall of Fame website, at www.bcshof.org.

On behalf of the Beaver County Sports Hall of Fame, thank you for helping make this a memorable evening and for supporting us in our mission to preserve and celebrate the rich sports tradition of Beaver County.

Yours in sports,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L.J. Zigerell".

L.J. Zigerell PhD

President, Beaver County Sports Hall of Fame



The Voice of the Beaver County Sports Hall of Fame

The Beaver County Sports Hall of Fame thanks Chris Shovlin, our long-time banquet emcee and past Executive Committee member, for being an integral part of the Hall's history. His professionalism, dedication, engaging personality, sports knowledge, and steadfast support for sports in our county have been invaluable to our organization. This evening, he is making his 39th appearance at the Hall of Fame podium.

A graduate of Midland High School (1972) and Westminster College (1976), Chris spent the early years of his career as one of Beaver County's favorite radio personalities, first at WMBA-AM, then at WBVP-AM and WWKS-FM, where he rose to become Vice President and General Manager. At that time, he also co-hosted the weekly "Gunner Sports Network" talk show with the legendary Pittsburgh Pirates broadcaster Bob Prince and served as an adjunct instructor of newscasting and sportscasting in the Communications Department at Geneva College. Later, Shovlin served as the TV and radio voice of the Women's Football Alliance's Pittsburgh Passion and the United Soccer League's Pittsburgh Riverhounds, and he was the chief play-by-play announcer for the Comcast High School Football Game of the Week and the Xfinity WPIAL High School Basketball Championships. From 1992 to 2015, Chris was a regarded as one of Pittsburgh's top news and sports anchors and show hosts at WISH 99.7 FM and 1320 WJAS-AM.



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Robert Morris University*

One of the longest tenured NCAA Division I play-by-play voices in the nation, the 2026-27 basketball season will mark his 40th with Robert Morris University. The Colonials' first game in the coming season will be his 1,200th at the school. Chris called RMU's trips to March Madness in 1989 (Arizona), 1990 (Kansas), 1992 (UCLA), 2009 (Michigan State), 2010 (Villanova), 2015 (Duke), and 2025 (Alabama); the NIT in 2008 (Syracuse), 2013 (Kentucky and Providence), and 2014 (St. John's and Belmont); and the CollegeInsider.com Postseason Tournament in 2012 (Indiana State, Toledo, and Fairfield) and 2019 (Cornell and Presbyterian). Chris additionally worked games for both the University of Pittsburgh and for the Princeton University basketball teams.

Chris has been "on the mike" for nearly every RMU football game since the team's inception in 1994. In 2010, he called RMU's inaugural trip to the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) playoffs (North Dakota State). Today, Colonial football and basketball home games can be viewed on ESPN+ and on Sportsnet Pittsburgh with Chris on the call. He is in his fifth year as the Chief Executive Officer of Lincoln Park Performing Arts Center and is a past President and member of the Board of Directors of the Lincoln Park Performing Arts Charter School, both in his hometown of Midland.

Over his career, Chris has received numerous honors, including three Pittsburgh Achievement in Radio (AIR) Awards for play-by-play in three different sports, and inductions into the Beaver County Sports Hall of Fame (2006), the Robert Morris University Athletics Hall of Fame (2012), the Pittsburgh Basketball Club Hall of Fame (2018), and the Pennsylvania Association of Broadcasters Hall of Fame (2024).

The Beaver County Sports Hall of Fame also thanks other emcees of past banquets: Chuck Wilson (1976), Ray Tannehill (1977, 1978), Ernie Kline (1979-1982), and Bob Barrickman (2006, 2022).



PROGRAM

Greetings Dr. L.J Zigerell
President, Beaver County Sports Hall of Fame

Master of Ceremonies Chris Shovlin

Invocation Dr. Donald D. Dinello

DINNER

Garden Salad with House Made Assorted Dressings
Fresh Baked Artisan Rolls and Butter

Surf and Turf Plated Dinner
Shadow Lakes Yankee Pot Roast and Haddock with Sweet Butter Sauce
French-Style Green Beans
Potatoes Au Gratin

White Cake filled with Vanilla Cheesecake Mousse

INDUCTION CEREMONY

Closing Remarks Dr. L.J Zigerell
President, Beaver County Sports Hall of Fame

Benediction Dr. Donald D. Dinello

— IN MEMORIAM —



Jim DeMarco

7 June 1952 • 12 March 2026

Jim DeMarco joined the Beaver County Sports Hall of Fame Executive Committee in 1989, and, over the years, made important contributions to our Hall of Fame. Jim's roles included serving as treasurer from 1993 to 2000 and banquet photographer for many years.

After graduating from Monaca High School in 1970, Jim served in the U.S. Air Force and later worked for the Social Security Administration and the U.S. Postal Service. Jim was a member of the American Legion, the Monaca Turners, the Sokol Club, the Sons of Italy, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Jim refereed football for over 30 years and served as a girls' volleyball referee and a baseball umpire.

The Hall of Fame is grateful for Jim's 37 years of service on the committee.



BEAVER COUNTY SPORTS HALL OF FAME

History of the Inductee Plaques



Thousands of persons have contributed to Beaver County sports, but to date only 506 have been immortalized by their induction into the Beaver County Sports Hall of Fame. Each inductee has a commemorative plaque to honor the inductee and tell the inductee's story.

The inductee plaques were housed at the Golden Dome of the Community College of Beaver County for 37 years, from 1976 to 2012. In 2008, the Beaver County Sports Hall of Fame website was designed and created by L.J Zigerell, but, at that time, the plaques were not included on the website. On November 11, 2012, due to the renovation of the Golden Dome, all 375 plaques were removed, with the intention of distributing them to their representing school districts. At the Golden Dome that day, Larry Zigerell mentioned to the committee members present the loss of sports history if the plaques were distributed prior to being scanned. Thus, all plaques were delivered to Larry's home, and L.J scanned and added each plaque to the website. The scans of the plaques were posted online May 10, 2013, and the plaques were donated to inductees' high schools or colleges, where many of the plaques are on display today.

The history of Beaver County sports is told by the Hall of Fame plaques. We invite you to browse the Hall of Fame website to learn more about the history of Beaver County sports.

BEAVER COUNTY SPORTS HALL OF FAME WEBSITE

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Site Designer and Webmaster

L.J Zigerell

INDUCTEES

ADMINISTRATION

Alberts, Sarge.....	Center	2012
Arbutina, Mike	Freedom.....	1996
Bocci, Don.....	Beaver Falls	2018
Darak, Dennis.....	Hopewell	2018
Fullen, Jack.....	Blackhawk.....	1996
LaSala, Chris.....	Aliquippa	2014
Ross, Bill	Beaver Falls	2015

ALL AROUND

Ashcroft, Rich.....	South Side.....	1996
Beltz, Jeff.....	Freedom.....	2008
Bernardi, Tony.....	Midland.....	2013
Bombiani, Sam.....	Ambridge.....	1991
Churovia, Bob.....	Hopewell	1995
Edwards, Bill.....	New Brighton.....	2017
Fouse, John.....	Aliquippa	1998
Gomory, Jim	Rochester.....	2003
James, George "Tookie".....	Beaver Falls	1991
Karwoski, Jim	Freedom.....	1998
Laney, Chet (Laniewski).....	Ambridge.....	2013
Mancini, Richard.....	Beaver Falls	2007
McBride, Sherman.....	Aliquippa	2014
Merriman, W Clair.....	Beaver Falls	1989
Miller, Mel.....	New Brighton.....	1998
Nadzak, Walt.....	Ambridge.....	1998
Ordich, Matt.....	Midland.....	2016
Petruny, Joe	Geneva College.....	2013
Tipper, William.....	Aliquippa	2006
Yanosich, Matt	Midland.....	2009
Zanieski, Stan.....	Rochester	1986
Zernich, Steve	Aliquippa	2002
Zielinski, Bob "Concrete".....	Midland.....	1980

AQUATICS

Baker, Frances "Skip".....	Bridgewater	1983
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ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Bemies, Charles.....	Geneva College.....	1992
Carver, Frank	Beaver.....	1980
Ford, Jerry.....	Monaca	1979
Podbielski, Ruth	Beaver Falls	2001
Radakovich, Dan	Center	2008

BASEBALL

Beggs, Joe	Aliquippa	1979
Benden, Homer	Beaver Falls	1987
Brehany, Joe	Aliquippa	1978

Burkett, John.....	Beaver	2023
Carver, Virginia	New Brighton	2023
Cepull, Francis "Lefty".....	Aliquippa	1995
Clark, Jack	New Brighton	2018
Corbett, Ty	Baden	1982
Damaska, Jack	Beaver Falls.....	1985
Dessau, Frank "Rube".....	New Galilee	2022
DiMatteo, Sam	Center.....	2023
Estermyer, Wilbur "Wib".....	Beaver Falls.....	1995
Francona, John "Tito"	New Brighton	1978
Francona, Terry	New Brighton	1995
Grater, Mark.....	Monaca.....	1999
Groth, Ernie.....	Beaver Falls.....	1990
Hageman, Kurt "Casey"	Beaver Falls.....	2022
Hamilton, Clayton.....	Blackhawk.....	2026
Harvey, Ed	Beaver Falls.....	1990
Holman, Shawn.....	Ambridge	2017
Jurkowski, Cyril.....	Ambridge	1990
Kirkpatrick, Tom	Beaver Falls.....	2002
Klages, Fred.....	Ambridge	1985
Kuvinka, Scott.....	Hopewell.....	2001
Lawrence, Bob	Beaver Falls.....	2001
Liberatore, Adam	Blackhawk.....	2025
Lindsay, Chris	Monaca	1980
McCreery, Tom	Beaver	1992
Medich, George "Doc".....	Hopewell.....	1987
Mulcahy, Hugh.....	Beaver	2022
Omogrosso, Brian	Blackhawk.....	2025
Palka, Eugene L.....	Beaver Falls.....	2007
Pearson, Alex.....	Rochester	1979
Petrosky, Arthur "Tubby".....	Midland	1988
Piatt, Doug	Beaver	2008
Pyecha, Jack.....	Monaca	1994
Reed, Ralph "Ted"	Beaver	2022
Rising, Percival "Pop"	Industry.....	2022
Schepner, Joe.....	Aliquippa	2022
Shanks, Howard.....	Monaca.....	1978
Sharpless, Josh	Freedom	2025
Suder, Pete "Pecky".....	Aliquippa	1976
Toy, Jim	Beaver Falls.....	1998
Verbanic, Joe.....	Hopewell.....	1999
Woodeshick, Hal	Monaca.....	1979
Wylie, James "Ren"	Geneva College	2022
Zerilla, Jim.....	Ambridge	1992

BASKETBALL

Aloi, Nicholas	Midland	2001
Bentley, Hal.....	New Brighton	2008
Blair, Bill.....	Beaver Falls.....	1979

INDUCTEES

Bonn, Herb Aliquippa2022
 Brown, Brad..... Riverside2015
 Brown, Ron..... Midland.....2022
 Cable, Barney..... Rochester1977
 Calabria, Chad Aliquippa1986
 Calabria, Dante Blackhawk.....2012
 Cantamessa, Jim..... Blackhawk.....2026
 Clarke, Lenny Monaca2007
 Davis, Brad..... Monaca1997
 Davis, Mickey Monaca1985
 DeVenio, Dick..... Ambridge.....1985
 Durham, Jarrett Aliquippa1983
 Frank, James..... Aliquippa1982
 Fuss-Cheatham, Brandon Blackhawk.....2023
 Gaffney-Brosier, Mona Aliquippa2008
 Gibson, Alvin Beaver Falls2014
 Ginsburg, Hyman..... Beaver Falls2010
 Grant Jr, Forest Bay Beaver Falls2006
 Green, George Midland.....2004
 Hewko, Bill..... Conway2015
 Hill, Simmie Midland.....1986
 Hurley, Tom..... New Brighton.....1988
 Irons, Jim..... Monaca1992
 Jackson, Gabe New Brighton.....2012
 Jackson, Oscar..... Beaver Falls1992
 Janicki, Bernie Ambridge.....1987
 Jeter, Joy..... Beaver Falls2005
 Jeter, Lance..... Beaver Falls2025
 Johnson, Spencer "Spinny" Geneva College...2016
 Kaufman, Frank..... Ambridge.....2001
 Kinkead, Pete Monaca1983
 Lake, Herb..... Midland.....2003
 Laughlin, Bill Hookstown2022
 Maddrey, Joe..... Aliquippa1991
 Maravich, "Pistol" Pete Aliquippa1990
 Migliore, Rick..... Midland.....2015
 Miller, Archie..... Blackhawk2015
 Miller, Sean Blackhawk.....2009
 Nesmith, Troy..... Beaver Falls2013
 Peete, Dick Beaver Falls1986
 Pipkin, Chris New Brighton.....2011
 Pipkin, Bob Aliquippa2016
 Pukach, Joe..... Aliquippa1999
 Reigel, Bill Monaca1982
 Rowan, Ron..... Beaver Falls2005
 Sheffield, Cal New Brighton.....1980
 Sheffield, Don New Brighton.....2003
 Slappy, Larry Midland.....2012
 Sligh, Stan..... Hopewell2014

Stirling, Jack..... Beaver Falls.....2022
 Suder, Rick Center.....2002
 Taylor, Charlene Beaver Falls.....2018
 Thomas, John Aliquippa2013
 Tirik, Kim..... Ambridge2019
 Van Lier, Norm..... Midland1984
 Veltri, Lou..... Beaver Falls.....1984
 Vetica, Dave..... Riverside.....2006
 Vlastic, Al Monaca1983
 Walker, Myron..... Aliquippa2010
 Wuycik, Denny..... Ambridge1983
 Yukica, Stan..... Midland1986
 Zatezalo, George "Butch"..... Center.....1985
 Zernich, Mickey..... Aliquippa1987
 Zigerelli, Larry Monaca1989
 Zopf, Bill..... Monaca1988

BILLIARDS

Dickinson, Ray Rochester1980

BOWLING

Pucevich, Whitey Aliquippa1994
 Shaffalo, Bill..... Aliquippa1978

BOXING

Dunn, Charley..... Ambridge1981
 Folins, Herman..... Ambridge2001
 Grimes Jr, Patrick "Paddy"..... Aliquippa1980
 Kimbrough, Verquan Aliquippa2022
 Larrick, Johnny..... Ambridge1986
 Pelaia, Ernie..... Monaca2006
 Peluso, Eugene "Battling Terry". New Brighton2011
 Price, Carmie Baden1985
 Susnell, Frank "Young"..... Rochester2009
 Whitted Sr, John E "Skip"..... Ambridge1994
 Yankello, Thomas Beaver2014
 Yarosz, Ed Monaca1982
 Yarosz, Teddy..... Monaca1976
 Yarosz, Tommy..... Monaca1978

BROADCASTING

Barrickman, Bob Beaver2008
 Cannon, Ellis..... Midland2010
 Emrick, Mike "Doc" Geneva College..2010
 Hays, Tom..... Center.....2019
 Michael, John..... Center.....2019
 Pompeani, Bob Hopewell.....2007
 Shovlin, Chris..... Midland2006
 Wilson, Chuck..... Geneva College..1981

INDUCTEES

COACHING

Alexander, Tom	Monaca	1999	Lippe, Nate	Aliquippa	1979
Amalia, Bob	Blackhawk	2011	Lodovico, Steve	Blackhawk	2018
Anderson Oldaker, Dori	Blackhawk	2009	Loeffler, Fred	Beaver Falls	1984
Antonini, Frank	Ambridge	1992	Loeffler, Ken	Beaver Falls	1977
Aschman, Carl	Aliquippa	1976	LoFaso, Sam	Monaca	2019
Aultman, Cliff	Geneva College	1977	Lonnett, Joe	Beaver Falls	1980
Babich, Bob	Aliquippa	2010	Lyons, Mark	Central Valley	2023
Babish, Robert	Quigley	2007	Mann, Richard	Aliquippa	1999
Berdell, John	Beaver	1983	Maravich, Press	Aliquippa	1978
Berkman, Stan	Monaca	1978	Marocco, Frank	Aliquippa	1987
Bezuk, Bob	Ambridge	1995	Marquette, Clayton "Bud"	Ambridge	1978
Bianchi, Vic	Ambridge	1994	Matsook, Dan	Rochester	2006
Biega, Doug	Beaver Falls	2016	Matsook, Gene	Rochester	2009
Black, Dick	Midland	1997	McCarty, Pam	Riverside	2011
Borkovic, Terry	Hopewell	2016	McDonald, Bill	Hopewell	2000
Brauch, Sig	Beaver	2010	McMillin, Alvin Nuget "Bo"	Geneva College	1983
Bruno, Larry	Beaver Falls	1979	McNie, James "Red"	Aliquippa	1995
Ceravolo, Joe	Aliquippa	1989	Meddock, Dale	Ambridge	1986
Chan, Frank	Beaver Falls	1988	Michelosen, John	Ambridge	1976
Colella, Joe	Hopewell	1987	Milanovich, Fred	Aliquippa	1995
Cutri, Jim	Beaver	1997	Milanovich Jr, Sam	Aliquippa	2003
D'Alessandris, Joe	Aliquippa	2010	Milanovich Sr, Sam	Aliquippa	1982
DeChellis, Ed	Center	2009	Miller, John	Blackhawk	2002
DeChellis, Mike	Beaver Falls	2007	Milosh, Larry	Central Valley	2025
DeMarco, Geno	New Brighton	2005	Moore, Tim	Freedom	2026
DeVenzio, Chuck	Ambridge	2003	Nichol, Dave	Monaca	1990
Dixon, Tyrone	Center	2014	Niedbala, Rich	Western Beaver	1998
Driscoll, Ed	Quigley	2001	Oliastro, Dan	Riverside	2007
Ebersberger, Jim	Beaver Falls	1990	Olkowski, Ed	Midland	1984
Ensworth, Scott	Blackhawk	2010	Ostrowski Jr, Walt	Ambridge	2003
Epley, Gene	Midland	2022	Parker, Cliff	Aliquippa	2011
Farnan, Paul	Midland	2002	Petchel, John	Midland	1984
Florie, Karl	Riverside	1993	Pfeifer, Donna	Ambridge	1999
Frasier, Dan	Geneva College	2015	Pietrandrea, Pete	Center	2006
Gailey, Nancy	Beaver	2014	Podbielski, Dave	Beaver Falls	2013
Gazda, Terri	Hopewell	2015	Pritchard, Otto	Monaca	1991
Girardi, David	Geneva College	2025	Reddinger, Jan	Hopewell	2013
Gratty, Eddie	Conway	1991	Richey, Donna	Aliquippa	1992
Guandolo, Alan	Blackhawk	2009	Ridgley, Mark	New Brighton	2026
Hamilton, Joe	Blackhawk	1990	Ripper, Carol	New Brighton	2005
Harr, Gene	Freedom	1998	Ross, Butch	Hopewell	1994
Ingram, Jerald	Beaver	2010	Ross, Chuck	Aliquippa	1988
Johnson, Ed	Blackhawk	1987	Rubenstein, Moe	Ambridge	1977
Jula, Mark	Ambridge	2006	Schachern, Leland	Monaca	1977
Kosanovich, Bronco	Aliquippa	1993	Sciarro, Ron	Beaver Falls	2017
Kotuby, Chuck	Riverside	2019	Signore, Ossie	Center	1993
Kuzma, Hank	Midland	1981	Sirianni, Mike	Hopewell	2026
			Smartz, Joe	Beaver Falls	1993
			Smith, Terry	Aliquippa	2026

INDUCTEES

Snitger, Ed.....	Beaver.....	2006
Tarquinio, Pat.....	Beaver.....	1982
Temerario, Tim.....	New Brighton.....	1980
Ursida, Joe.....	New Brighton.....	2004
Walton, Frank "Tiger".....	Beaver Falls.....	1977
Warfield, Mike.....	Aliquippa.....	2023
Wrona, Brownie.....	Beaver Falls.....	1987
Yannessa, Don.....	Aliquippa.....	1988
Yukica, Joe.....	Midland.....	1984
Zerilla, Joe.....	Ambridge.....	1979
Zmijanac, Mike.....	Aliquippa.....	2025

CONSERVATIONIST

Anderson, Elmer.....	Beaver Falls.....	2005
Blaney, Larry.....	Aliquippa.....	1980

CROSS COUNTRY

Gordon, Walter.....	Rochester.....	1983
Kotouch Pane, Allison.....	Ambridge.....	2001

CYCLING

Bolland Tanner, Janice.....	New Brighton.....	2003
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FOOTBALL

Abee, W Conway "Conk".....	Aliquippa.....	1993
Abercrombie, Rapheal.....	Aliquippa.....	2008
Alford, Lynwood.....	Aliquippa.....	2017
Alston, Dave.....	Midland.....	1976
Baldwin, Jonathan.....	Aliquippa.....	2025
Bell, Charles.....	Beaver.....	2007
Benedict, Frank.....	Midland.....	2008
Best, Greg.....	Blackhawk.....	1996
Bischoff, Paul.....	Beaver Falls.....	1979
Boykins, LaMont.....	Quigley.....	2004
Carnelly, Ray.....	Beaver Falls.....	2022
Casp, Mike.....	Beaver.....	1986
Catanzarite, Jeff.....	Monaca.....	2009
Colella, Phil.....	Rochester.....	1977
Collins, Dwight.....	Beaver Falls.....	1994
Cooper, Sam.....	Geneva College.....	2022
Costanza, Willie.....	Aliquippa.....	1996
Covert, Jim.....	Conway.....	1996
Cox, Barry.....	Center.....	2022
Cullen, David "Ham".....	Conway.....	1981
Cutrona, Joe.....	Freedom.....	1981
D'Achille, Lou.....	Beaver Falls.....	1986
Davis, Sylvester "Red".....	Geneva College.....	2022
DeLuca, Dick.....	Monaca.....	1998
Dennerlein, Jerry.....	Ambridge.....	2022

Dennison, Glenn.....	Beaver Falls.....	1996
DePascal, Carmine "Rip".....	Aliquippa.....	2022
DePaul, Henry.....	Beaver Falls.....	1987
Ditka, Mike.....	Aliquippa.....	1977
Dorsett Jr, Anthony.....	Aliquippa.....	2022
Dorsett, Tony.....	Hopewell.....	1994
Douds, Forrest "Jap".....	Rochester.....	1976
Doyle, Richard "Skip".....	Rochester.....	1981
Edmiston, A Donald "Speed".....	Midland.....	1989
Farls, Jack.....	Freedom.....	1987
Feher, Gene.....	Aliquippa.....	2003
Fisher, Charles.....	Aliquippa.....	2022
Fisher, Kelvin.....	Ambridge.....	2016
Fitzgerald, Don.....	Ambridge.....	1998
Fleming, Bruce.....	Monaca.....	2000
Flenniken, George "Mack".....	Geneva College.....	2022
Frank, Willie.....	Aliquippa.....	1997
Galupi II, Hal.....	Ambridge.....	2004
Gaona, Bob.....	Ambridge.....	1982
Gilbert, Sean.....	Aliquippa.....	2009
Girting, Steve.....	Western Beaver.....	2008
Gnup, Frank "Knute".....	Aliquippa.....	1988
Grebb, Ted.....	Ambridge.....	2000
Griffin, Kris.....	Rochester.....	2017
Grimm, S.R. "Pop".....	Rochester.....	1981
Haley, Art.....	Beaver Falls.....	2022
Harris, Ollie.....	New Brighton.....	1985
Heckathorne, O.H.....	Beaver Falls.....	1985
Henderson, Marques.....	Aliquippa.....	2001
Heuring, Francis Edward.....	Rochester.....	1983
Hicks, Edward "Max".....	Beaver Falls.....	2022
Hill, Andrew "Jai".....	New Brighton.....	2011
Hood, Franklin.....	Monaca.....	1980
Hribar II, Frank.....	Aliquippa.....	2001
Hubbard, Robert Cal.....	Geneva College.....	1976
Hudak, Ed.....	Blackhawk.....	2013
Jakes, David.....	Midland.....	1989
James, Ron "Po".....	New Brighton.....	1982
Kamzelski, Ron.....	Baden.....	1988
Karas Jr, Michael.....	Midland.....	2013
Karcis, Adam.....	Monaca.....	1984
Karcis, John.....	Monaca.....	1977
Kisiday, George.....	Ambridge.....	2000
Klutka, Nick.....	New Brighton.....	1981
Koman, Bill.....	Hopewell.....	1978
Krivoshia, Mike.....	Midland.....	2012
Krouse, Len.....	Rochester.....	1984
Krzeminski, Tom.....	Beaver Falls.....	1998
Lavrusky, James.....	Monaca.....	2014

INDUCTEES

Law, Ty.....	Aliquippa	2011
Liggett, Bob	Aliquippa	1984
Linn Jr, Jack	Freedom.....	2017
Lucci, Mike	Ambridge.....	1979
Maglisceau, Al	Geneva College.....	2022
Makowiecki, Alex.....	Monaca	1991
McCandless, Jake	Beaver Falls	2000
McCune, Sean.....	South Side.....	2019
McKee, Paul	Beaver Falls	1981
Meyer, Ernie	W. Bridgewater.....	2022
Mills, Richard J	Beaver.....	2000
Moore, Bill "Red"	Rochester.....	1980
Moye, Derek	Rochester	2025
Mutscheller, Jim.....	Beaver Falls	1976
Namath, Joe	Beaver Falls	1982
Nixon, Jeff	New Brighton.....	2025
Nobile, Leo	Ambridge.....	1980
Odlivak, Nick	Aliquippa	1991
Palumbo, Joe	Beaver.....	2025
Parilli, Vito "Babe".....	Rochester.....	1976
Peel, Jim.....	Blackhawk.....	2004
Peluso, Lyle.....	New Brighton.....	1997
Pitts, Ernie.....	Aliquippa	1980
Pokorny, Frank.....	Center	2003
Powell, Major J "Loggie"	Aliquippa	1989
Pupi, Paul.....	Monaca	1986
Radella, Frank "Frenchy".....	Midland.....	2014
Raich, Matt	Monaca	2005
Raich, Mike.....	Monaca	2004
Rains, Dan.....	Hopewell	1994
Revis, Darrelle.....	Aliquippa	2023
Ryan, Karlin "Butch"	Beaver Falls	1985
Sakal, Tom	Aliquippa	2004
Scanlon, Kevin	Beaver Falls	2005
Sebastian, Mike "Lefty".....	Ambridge.....	2007
Short, Dan "Peep"	Aliquippa	2005
Singer, Curt	Hopewell	1999
Skorupan, John	Beaver.....	1987
Smaltz, Bill.....	Aliquippa	1984
Stala, Dom.....	Aliquippa	1997
Szafaryn, Len	Ambridge.....	1979
Taylor, Bob	Ambridge.....	1992
Thompson, Col Joe	Beaver Falls	1977
Thornhill, Claude "Tiny"	Beaver.....	1978
Toncic, Ivan	Midland.....	1999
Ulinski, Ed	Ambridge.....	1990
Ulinski, Harry	Ambridge.....	1993
Ulinski, Ray	Ambridge.....	1997
Vlasic, Mark.....	Center	1999

Wagner, J Huber.....	Monaca.....	1976
Walton, Joe	Beaver Falls.....	1977
Washington, Rocky	Beaver Falls.....	2008
Williams, Reggie	Beaver Falls.....	2015

GOLF

Antkiewicz, Jim	Ambridge	2016
Darak, John.....	Aliquippa	1993
Figley Renner, Jodi	Hopewell.....	2002
Gabal, Bill	Baden	1988
Hostetter Jr, Sherman.....	Blackhawk.....	2017
Mazza, John.....	Beaver Falls.....	1995
Mesing, Max.....	Beaver Falls.....	2004
Sabol, Nick.....	Freedom	2019
Steele, Garen.....	New Brighton	2015
Vukson, Pete.....	Beaver	1989

GYMNASTICS

Guzzetti Richardson, Luann.....	Beaver Falls.....	2018
Hult Howe, Judy.....	Beaver	1976
Ivicek, Jim	Rochester	1985
Turconi, Teri.....	Beaver Falls.....	2005

HOCKEY

Guenin, Nate.....	Hopewell.....	2019
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HORSESHOES

Blum, Ed	Darlington	1989
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MANAGER / PROMOTER

Casey, Dom	Beaver Falls.....	1982
Diaddigo, Tom.....	Aliquippa	1985
Gratta, Vince	Hopewell.....	1988
Mrvosh, George	Beaver Falls.....	1981
Scassa Jr, Alex	Rochester	2002
Scassa Sr, Alex.....	Monaca.....	1978
White, Harold M "Whitey".....	Hopewell.....	1990

MERITORIOUS

Anderson, Bill.....	Beaver	1977
Jones, John Paul	Beaver	1976
Piroli, Gino	Aliquippa	2016

MOTORSPORTS

Bolland, Kevin.....	New Brighton	2010
Shaffer, Tim	Hopewell.....	2011

OFFICIATING

Adams Jr, Sam	Geneva College ..	2017
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INDUCTEES

Bailey, Don	Monaca	1989
Court, Tony.....	Ellwood City	2015
Dionisio, Ronald "Lefty"	Rochester	2012
Greco, Vince.....	Freedom.....	1992
Leiper, Lenny.....	Blackhawk.....	2011
Merriman, David "Wills"	Beaver Falls	1991
Smith, Reggie.....	New Brighton.....	2018
Vinovich Jr, Billy	Midland.....	2017
Vinovich Sr, William "Butch"	Midland.....	1988
Vinovich III, Bill	Midland.....	2016

POLO

Watterson, Bob.....	Darlington	1992
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PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING

Douglas, "The Franchise" Shane ..	New Brighton.....	2026
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RECREATION

Heinrich, Norma.....	Beaver Falls	1991
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SHARPSHOOTER

Cramer, David J.....	Hopewell	1986
Darroch, Ken	Hopewell	2002

SOFTBALL

Belas, Charles "Chuck"	Aliquippa	1991
Kurtz Haggart, Amy	New Brighton.....	2016

SPORTS AGENT

Linta, Joe.....	Freedom.....	2014
Parise, Bill	Rochester	2012

SPORTS JOURNALISM

Bechtel, Sam	Beaver.....	2022
Bires, Mike.....	Hopewell	2013
Cook, Ron	Blackhawk.....	2012
Henry, Jack	Beaver Falls	2002
Mehno, John.....	Ambridge.....	2022
Nuzzo, Andy	Midland.....	2017
Perrotto, John.....	Western Beaver.....	2018
Rose, Ed.....	Beaver.....	2012
Tronzo, Joe	Beaver Falls	2009

SPORTS MEDIA

Klimchak, Joe	Center	2026
Lauten, Burt.....	Riverside	2022
Rebich, Mike.....	Aliquippa	2019

Vuich, Fred.....	Midland	2023
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SPORTS MEDICINE

De Luigi, Arthur Jason	Beaver	2022
Lehman, John	Rochester	2006
McMillen, Rich.....	Blackhawk.....	2004

STRENGTH COACH

Pirola, Anthony.....	Aliquippa	2026
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STRONGMAN / WEIGHTLIFTER

DiCioccio, Bill.....	Aliquippa	1989
Montini, Art.....	Aliquippa	1988
Tonti, Joe	Midland	1978
Welch, Jack.....	Aliquippa	1987

SWIMMING

Kozlina, Mike.....	Hopewell.....	2011
Marchionda, Bruce	Quigley	2007
Ujevich Bellhy, Jan	Center.....	1992

TENNIS

Caughey, Glenn	Beaver Falls.....	2000
DiTullio, Janet	Beaver	2018

TRACK AND FIELD

Butler, Bill.....	Beaver	1976
Carper, Herb	Bridgewater.....	1978
Evans, Robert "Bib"	Beaver Falls.....	1989
Harris, Woodford.....	Ambridge	1989
Jones, Roger.....	Aliquippa	1981
Law, James.....	Rochester	2019
Moore, Winfield "Winny".....	Beaver Falls.....	1981
Sipes, Jana	Beaver	1994
Smith III, Willie J	Rochester	2023
Taylor Sr, Haywood	Bridgewater.....	1981
Williams, Lauryn.....	Rochester	2019
Young, Candy.....	Beaver Falls.....	1994
Zaremba, Pete	Aliquippa	1977

TRAINER

Linkovich, Mike	Monaca.....	1983
Marotti, Mickey.....	Ambridge	2018

VOLLEYBALL

Harmotto Dietzen, Christa.....	Hopewell.....	2026
Stewart, Joy	Ambridge	2012



Jim CANTAMESSA

Basketball • Blackhawk

Basketball might have begun in the United States, but the game led Jim Cantamessa on an international path.

Born in Beaver Falls, PA, Jim attended Blackhawk High School, where he was a standout player on the court under the leadership of Beaver County Sports Hall of Famer John Miller. In the 1990s, during Blackhawk's dominant era in basketball, Jim helped lead the Cougars to a WPIAL title in 1996 and PIAA titles in 1995 and 1996. Jim led Blackhawk with 24 points in the WPIAL 1996 title game, scored 12 points in the 1995 PIAA title game, and scored 30 points in the 1996 PIAA title game. Jim also made the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette's 1996 Fab Five team.

Following his impressive high school career, 6'-8" Jim was a star for the Siena College men's basketball team from 1996 to 2000, scoring 1,316 points and compiling 535 rebounds and 229 assists across 120 games. Jim was All-MAAC second team as a sophomore and All-MAAC third team as a junior and senior, plus MAAC All-Tournament as a junior and senior. As of 2022, Jim is still in the Siena men's basketball record book: first all-time in season 3-point percentage (.564), second all-time in career 3-point percentage (.449), and sixth all-time in total 3-pointers (197). In 1997, Jim had the highest 3-point shooting percentage in the NCAA (.564) among qualifiers who had an average of at least two 3-pointers per game.

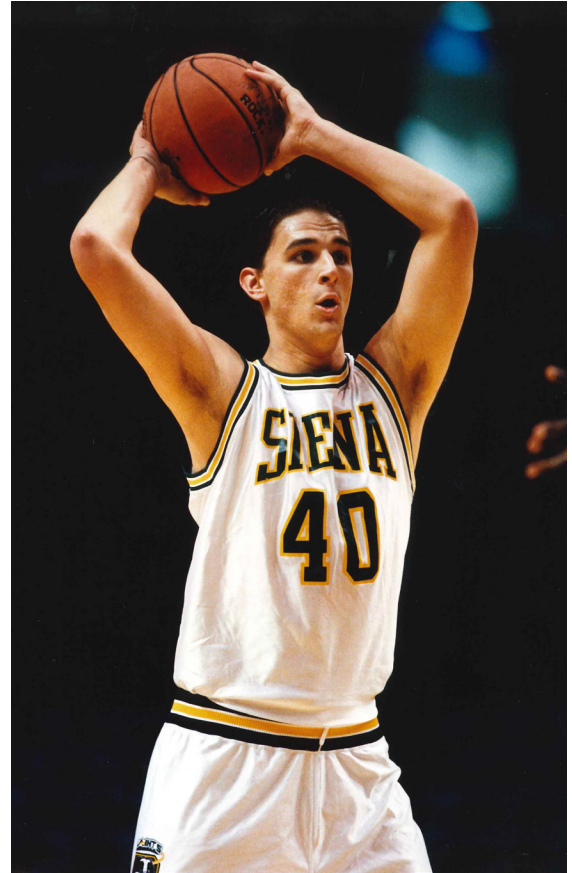


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After graduating from college, Jim played basketball professionally in Europe from 2000 to 2008, for Rouen in France, FC Porto in Portugal, s.Oliver Würzburg in Germany, Reims Champagne Basket in France, and Euphony Bree and Dexia Mons-Hainaut in Belgium. In 2005, Jim helped Bree to their first-ever league title, which qualified Bree for the FIBA Supercup for the first time in the team's history. In 2008, Jim was selected for the FIBA EuroCup All-Star Game.

In 2010, Jim transitioned his playing excellence into a leadership role as a coach at Greensboro College and, for the next 13 seasons, he was instrumental in improving their men's basketball team, first as an assistant coach, then as associate head coach, and for four seasons as the Pride's head coach. Jim also served as Greensboro's head men's golf coach for seven years, leading his team to three NCAA Division III tournament appearances.

Since 2023, Jim has been the assistant men's basketball coach at Eckerd College. Jim is married to Kara Bitar, who is also from Beaver Falls, and they live in St. Petersburg, Florida.



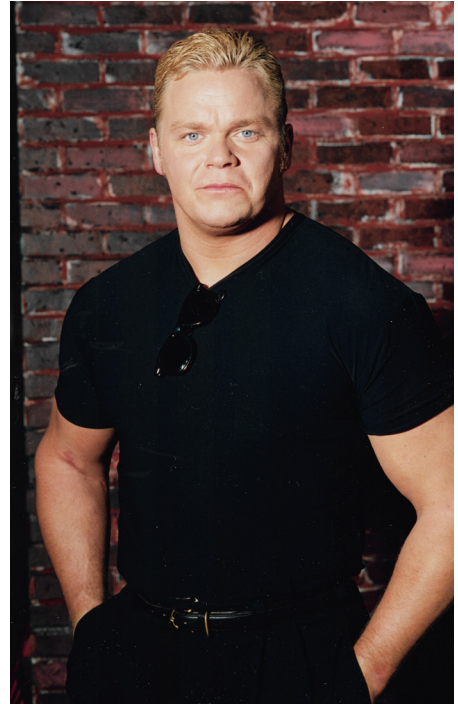
Shane DOUGLAS

Professional Wrestling • New Brighton

Professional wrestling boasts a rich history of legends who blend athletics and entertainment. One of these is champion Troy Allan Martin, better known by his ring name of "The Franchise" Shane Douglas.

After graduating from New Brighton in 1982, Shane began wrestling professionally, in part to help pay for college. Shane trained weekend with Professional Wrestling Hall of Famer Dominic DeNucci. Unbeknownst to Shane, Shane's parents had asked Dominic to train Shane only if Shane stayed in college. Dominic agreed. Shane graduated cum laude from Bethany College in 1986 with degrees in history and political science. Shane later received an offer to join the Saba University School of Medicine, but he declined.

In 1987, Shane won the Universal Wrestling Federation (UWF) Television Championship title. At the Clash of the Champions XXI in 1992, Shane partnered with Ricky "The Dragon" Steamboat to win the unified World Tag Team titles for the National Wrestling Alliance (NWA) and its World Championship Wrestling (WCW) affiliate, with a successful defense at the next Clash of the Champions.



From 1993 to 1995, Shane wrestled for Eastern Championship Wrestling, adopting "The Franchise" nickname to reflect his importance to that promotion. Shane won the ECW World Heavyweight title on September 9, 1993, and successfully defended the title against the Sandman and JT Smith, before losing the title to Sabu. Shane regained the title on March 26, 1994. On August 27, 1994, Shane defeated 2 Cold Scorpio to win the NWA World Heavyweight Championship Tournament, but he threw down in rejection the NWA belt and instead declared himself "the new ECW Heavyweight Champion of the world", an act consistently cited as one of wrestling's top five most notable acts in history. It is that moxie that has defined Shane's entire career. Eastern Championship Wrestling was replaced with Extreme Championship Wrestling, and Shane helped ECW grow into a national phenomenon. Shane headlined many events for ECW, including its premier pay-per-view "November to Remember" events in 1996, 1997 and 1998.

Over his career, Shane has won some of the most prestigious titles in the wrestling world, such as the UWF World Television title, the ECW World Television title, the ECW World Heavyweight title, the WCW U.S. Heavyweight title, the WWF (now WWE) Intercontinental title, and the NWA World Heavyweight title. Overall, Shane has been a five-time singles world champion, once with the NWA and four times with the ECW, and he has held the NWA and WCW tag team titles. In 2014, Shane was inducted into the Hardcore Hall of Fame.

Today, Shane remains active in the wrestling industry, hosting his own podcast and offering select independent bookings and motivational speaking engagements to promote his brand. Shane is the father of two sons: Connor and Caden.



Clayton HAMILTON

Baseball • Blackhawk

Oftentimes the best stories are the most unlikely ones. After being cut from the baseball team in 8th grade, Clayton wasn't sure if his future was in baseball. Then, after suffering two knee injuries early in his senior year, baseball seemed like an afterthought. However, he overcame those obstacles and led the Blackhawk Legion team to the State championship game and National Tournament his senior summer.

After playing baseball at Blackhawk High School, the 6'5" right-hander was a walk-on turned 4-year starter for the Penn State Nittany Lions, winning Big Ten Pitcher of the Week on three occasions. After his junior year, Clayton was drafted by the Pittsburgh Pirates in the 21st round of the 2003 Amateur Draft. Clayton decided to go back to PSU to finish his degree, and a year later was drafted by the San Diego Padres in the 17th round.

In 2004 and 2005, Clayton pitched in the minor leagues with Padres affiliates in A and AA. He had a standout tenure with the Fort Wayne Wizards in 2005, compiling a 9-6 win-loss record with a 2.88 earned run average across 122.0 innings. That year, Clayton was named the Wizards Pitcher/Prospect of the Year and was selected for the Eastern Division's All-Star team in the Midwest League All-Star Game.

Clayton was traded to the Pittsburgh Pirates and pitched with their affiliates for two seasons. In December 2007, the Texas Rangers selected Clayton in the Rule 5 draft, and the next three years Clayton pitched in AA and AAA, posting a 4.06 ERA in 81 appearances within the Rangers organization.

In 2011, Clayton signed with the Yokohama BayStars of the Nippon Professional Baseball League in Japan. Shortly after Clayton completed spring training in Okinawa and returned to Yokohama, he faced an unforeseen obstacle: the Great Tohoku Earthquake and Tsunami that struck Japan on March 11. American players were permitted to return to the United States while the league decided the fate of the season. Several players decided not to return, but, after discussing with his family, Clayton accepted the challenge and returned to Japan, making his debut appearance and tossing 3 innings for the BayStars on April 13. Clayton made 27 appearances for the BayStars over two seasons, including a 6-inning scoreless gem against the Nippon Ham Fighters on May 23, 2011. In 2012-13, Clayton finished his baseball career with the Leones de Ponce in the Puerto Rico Winter League, posting a 2.25 ERA in 11 appearances.

Clayton grew up in Chippewa Township. He married his wife Michelle just before they went to Japan, and they have three children: Cade, Elle, and Mila. They now live in Mars, PA, and Clayton owns and operates a medical device sales company in the greater Pittsburgh region.



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2011-2012



Christa **HARMOTTO DIETZEN**

Volleyball • Hopewell

In Beaver County, Christa Harmotto is a name synonymous with excellence in women's volleyball.

Christa's athletic talents blossomed in junior high under Beaver County Sports Hall of Fame coach Terry Borkovic. At Hopewell High School, Christa earned two letters in basketball and three letters in volleyball. She set Hopewell volleyball records for hitting percentage (.595) and blocks (186) in a season and led the Vikings girls' volleyball team to a 59-0 record against WPIAL opponents, three WPIAL titles, and a PIAA title. Christa's accolades include being named All-Section, All-WPIAL, and All-State, Gatorade Pennsylvania Girls Volleyball Player of the Year in 2004, and Female Athlete of the Year in 2005 by the Beaver County Times, the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, and the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review. She was also selected for the USA Junior National Team as a junior and senior and won gold at the 2004 NORCECA Junior Continental Championships in Winnipeg.

At Penn State, as middle blocker, 6'-2" Christa earned All-Big Ten honors all four years, plus Big Ten Player of the Year as a junior in 2007. She was named American Volleyball Coaches Association All-America honorable mention as a freshman, second team as a sophomore, and first team as a junior and senior, helping her team to the 2007 NCAA championship while being named to the NCAA Final Four All-Tournament Team.

As a senior, Christa led the Nittany Lions to a 38-0 record and a repeat NCAA championship, finishing with the highest Division I hitting percentage that year (.486) and with the second highest Division I career hitting percentage (.433). In 2008, she was named ESPN The Magazine's Academic All-American of the Year in the University division. Christa graduated in 2009 with a degree in elementary education following her student-teaching experience abroad at the Yapton Elementary School in southern England.

From 2009 to 2016, Christa played volleyball internationally, in China, Italy, and Turkey. During these years, she also represented the United States in international competitions on Team USA, winning silver at the 2012 Summer Olympics in London, bronze at the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, gold at the 2014 FIVB World Championship in Italy, and gold four times at the FIVB World Grand Prix. Christa served as captain for the 2014 and 2015 FIVB teams and the 2016 Olympic team.

Christa and her husband, Derek, along with their two sons, five-year-old Waylon and three-year-old Maverick, reside in Orange County, California.



Photo courtesy of USA Volleyball



Joe KLIMCHAK

Sports Media • Center

At age 7, Joe Klimchak attended his first Pittsburgh Pirates game, and, upon hearing the voice of the public address announcer Art McKennan, Joe knew what he wanted to be when he grew up. Today, Joe's dream has come true, as he welcomes fans to PNC Park at each Pirates game.

Joe was born in Aliquippa and graduated from Center High School in 1987. He began his journey in sports media at Grove City College, where he earned a communications degree and where he served as a public address announcer and on the radio staff in roles such as sports director, news director, and morning show host.

As Joe told the Our American Stories podcast, by this time, Art McKennan was in his 80s and was the Pirates' backup public address announcer. Undeterred, as a senior, Joe sent the Pirates a letter offering to serve as the backup to their backup public address announcer. The Pirates declined the offer, but Joe created an opportunity for himself after he heard that PNC Park would be hosting high school baseball games on Sundays after a Pirates game. He volunteered to announce the games, and, after hearing Joe's demo tape, the Pirates offered Joe the role of unpaid announcer for the games.

Later, the Pirates let Joe know that the backup public address announcer position was available, and, after his audition, Joe was offered the position. On May 26, 1994, Joe announced his first Pirates game, but over the next seven seasons, he had filled in as public address announcer for only seven games. Looking to help more, from 2001 to 2004, Joe served as one of the racing pierogies and operated the button that produced smoke from the Pepsi bottle after a Pirates home run.

Joe's next break came in 2005 when the club made him the In-Game Host at PNC Park, the role he continues to hold today. As ballpark host, Joe emcees pregame ceremonies from the field and a variety of features and contests shown on the videoboard between innings. He has interviewed dozens of all-stars and hall of famers, honored hundreds of dignitaries, and introduced numerous platinum award-winning bands at post-game concerts.

In addition, Joe hosts WPXI-TV's Take 5 show and spots for West Shore Home, and he has served as a motivational speaker for youth and a corporate keynote speaker. Joe has hosted Major League Baseball's Little League Classic, Arnold Palmer's 80th Birthday Celebration, Downtown Pittsburgh's Light Up Night, the Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre's Annual Gala, the Chuck Tanner Awards Banquet, the Clint Hurdle Hot Stove Dinner, and the 2016 "Boxing on the Bridge" event between boxers from Pittsburgh and Cuba.

Joe and his wife, Jennifer, both Grove City College alums, live in the North Hills of Pittsburgh. They have two daughters.



Photo courtesy of the Pittsburgh Pirates



Tim MOORE

Coaching • Freedom

Many accomplished players have transitioned from a successful playing career to success on the sidelines, including Tim Moore.

At Freedom High School, Tim excelled at basketball, being named all-tournament his junior and senior years and, as a senior, being selected for the Quigley Classic All-Star Game in 1996. For the next two years, Tim played for Penn State Beaver, receiving the Robert J. Miklos Memorial Award for scholarship, leadership, team play, and dedication to Penn State Beaver basketball.

After earning an education degree from Slippery Rock University in 2002, Tim began his coaching career at his alma mater, serving as the Freedom boys' junior varsity head coach and assistant varsity coach. From 2003 to 2006, Tim served as assistant girls' basketball coach at Monaca High School, where his defensive game plans helped the Lady Indians to appearances in three WPIAL playoffs and a PIAA playoff, and a WPIAL section championship in 2006. That year, Tim took over as head girls' basketball coach, leading the Lady Indians to two WPIAL playoff appearances.



In October 2008, Tim started as assistant women's basketball coach for Penn State Beaver, and, three years later, was named head women's basketball coach. Tim led the Lady Lions to Pennsylvania State University Athletic Conference (PSUAC) championships for four straight seasons, from 2013 through 2016, plus two USCAA Division II Final Four Appearances and a USCAA Division II National Championship in 2015. Tim has coached ten USCAA All-Americans, two USCAA National Tournament MVPs, and several PSUAC All-Conference players and All-Academic student athletes.

Tim took over as head women's basketball coach for Carlow University in 2017. His Celtics made the 2018-19 USCAA National Tournament, beat #25 ranked University of Rio Grande in 2019, and beat rival Point Park in 2018 for the first time in 21 games.

In 2019, Tim returned as head women's basketball coach for Penn State Beaver, where he has led the Lady Lions to PSUAC championships in 2020, 2022, 2024, and 2025, with USCAA Division II Final Four appearances in 2020 and 2023, and a USCAA Division II National Championship in 2020.

Tim's many accolades include PSUAC Women's Basketball Coach of the Year in 2015, 2020, 2024, and 2026, and USCAA Women's Basketball Division II National Coach of the Year in 2016, 2020, and 2024.

Tim has two sons: Cameron and Paxton. He is currently a high school life skills teacher at the Pennsylvania Cyber Charter School.



Anthony PIROLI

Strength Coach • Aliquippa

Success in sports requires a strong commitment to hard work and discipline that is instilled by strength and conditioning coaches such as Anthony Piroli.

Anthony graduated from Aliquippa High School and majored in exercise science at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, where he began his coaching career in 2007 as head strength and conditioning coach. For the next two years, Anthony served as a graduate assistant strength and conditioning coach at the University of Pittsburgh and earned a master's degree in exercise science.

In 2010 and 2011, Anthony worked in the private sector as a sports performance coach at the Power Train Sports Institute in Pittsburgh. From 2011 to 2013, Anthony served as co-owner and director of sports performance at the Evolution Sports Institute, where he worked with athletes and coaches.

In 2013, Anthony joined The Ohio State University as a volunteer strength coach under the leadership of Beaver County Sports Hall of Famer Mickey Marotti. The following season, Anthony served as assistant strength and conditioning coach at Mississippi State University, which was the first season that the Bulldogs won ten regular season games and a season in which the Bulldogs spent five weeks at No. 1 in the AP Poll and three weeks first in the College Football Playoff rankings.

From 2015 to 2017, Anthony was the assistant strength and conditioning coach and the first director of sports science for the NFL's Arizona Cardinals. Anthony returned to Mississippi State University for the 2018 season, as director of strength and conditioning.

From 2019 to 2026, Anthony was the head strength and conditioning coach for the NFL's Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Under head coach Bruce Arians, for the 2020 offseason during the covid-19 pandemic, Anthony and his staff created a comprehensive virtual workout program, which included individualized workout plans that factored in equipment availability. In his tenure with the Buccaneers, Anthony worked with many elite NFL athletes, including Super Bowl LV MVP quarterback Tom Brady, who led NFL in passing yards (5,316) in 2021, and tight end Rob Gronkowski, who caught two touchdowns in the Bucs' Super Bowl LV victory.

Anthony and his wife, Justine, have a son, Augie.



Photo courtesy of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers



Mark RIDGLEY

Coaching • New Brighton

For two decades, Mark Ridgley's coaching experience has been associated with multiple teams across college, the NFL, and overseas to acquire his impressive and well-traveled resume.

Mark played football for New Brighton High School. Playing both wide receiver and defensive back, Mark earned all-conference honors as a first-team wide receiver. After graduating high school in 2004, Mark coached football at the University of Pittsburgh, where he served the Panthers for four years as an undergraduate student manager and two years as a graduate assistant. At Pitt, Mark was a defensive assistant coach who worked with the defensive backs.

Mark continued work on the defensive side of the ball at Central Michigan University, where he coached the defensive backs and defensive line during the 2010 and 2011 seasons.

Starting in 2012, Mark coached for the NFL's Chargers franchise, working with head coaches Norv Turner, Mike McCoy, and Anthony Lynn. Over eight seasons with the Chargers in San Diego and Los Angeles, Mark started as a coaching administrative assistant, then was promoted to newly created positions of special assistant to the offense and special assistant to the head coach. Mark also served the Chargers as offensive assistant coach, assistant offensive line coach, and running backs coach, with a backfield that included Austin Ekeler and Melvin Gordon. During his tenure with the Chargers, Mark also coached running backs for the East team in the 2020 East/West Shrine Bowl.

Starting in 2024, Mark has coached in Europe, as special teams coordinator and defensive line coach for the Madrid Bravos, and, in 2025, as head coach of the Hungarian-based Fehérvár Enthroners in the European League of Football. In 2026, Mark was hired as head coach of the Düsseldorf, Germany-based Rhein Fire for their inaugural season in the American Football League Europe.

Mark has received tremendous family support throughout his coaching journey, especially from his wife Casey and his two daughters, Carson and Charlotte.



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the Los Angeles Chargers*



Mike SIRIANNI

Coaching • Hopewell

Mike Sirianni has become part of a family football coaching dynasty.

Excelling as an athlete at Southwestern Central School in Jamestown, NY, Mike earned four letters in track and field, three letters in basketball, and two letters in football. His athletic success continued at Mount Union College, where Mike compiled 99 receptions for 1,746 receiving yards and 25 touchdowns, helping the Purple Raiders to a NCAA Division III national championship in 1993. As a junior and a senior at Mount Union, Mike also won the Ohio Athletic Conference triple jump four times, twice indoors and twice outdoors.

After graduating from Mount Union in 1994, Mike served as a graduate assistant football coach at Ithaca College, while earning his master's degree in exercise and sports management. Mike then coached wide receivers at his alma mater for three seasons, during which the Purple Raiders won the NCAA Division III title in 1996 and 1997. Mike next served for a year as offensive coordinator at Wilkes University and another three years as offense coordinator and quarterbacks coach for Washington & Jefferson College.

In 2003, Mike took over as head coach for Washington & Jefferson and has become one of college football's most successful head coaches and the winningest football coach in W&J history, leading the Presidents to the postseason in 20 of his 23 seasons, including 13 Division III playoff appearances. Through the 2025 season, Mike's teams have compiled a .805 winning percentage (202-49), never finishing worse than 6-4 in any season. Under Mike, the Red & Black have won or shared the Presidents' Athletic Conference football title ten times, with Mike receiving PAC Coach of the Year honors seven times, with another co-coach of the Year award. In 2017, Mike was named Region 2 Coach of the Year by the American Football Coaches Association, and, in 2021, was named South Region Coach of the Year by D3football.com.

Mike was inducted into the Washington Greene Chapter of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame in 2024. Moreover, Mike, his father Fran, brother Nick, and brother Jay have each been inducted into the Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame.

Mike has resided in Hopewell, PA, for the past 19 years. He and his wife, Jennifer, are the parents of two daughters: Jenna and Jordan.



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Washington & Jefferson College*



Terry M. SMITH

Coaching • Aliquippa

Joe Paterno once said that "I hope they write I made Penn State a better place". That can also be said about Terry Smith.

Born in Aliquippa, Terry grew up in a suburb of Pittsburgh. He was safety and kick returner for Gateway High School as a junior, when the Gators tied North Hills 0-0 in 1985 to share the WPIAL 4A title. In a 1986 rematch, Terry quarterbacked the 13-0 Gators to the WPIAL 4A title. In Terry's senior year, he was named to the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette Fab 22 team and was selected to play in the 1987 Big 33 Football Classic.

Terry followed in the footsteps of his father and attended Penn State University. Terry was a standout receiver for the Nittany Lions, with 108 receptions for 1,825 yards and 15 touchdowns. In 1991 as a senior, Terry served as team captain and set the single-season record for Nittany Lions receptions at 55.

The Washington Redskins drafted Terry in the 11th round of the 1992 NFL draft, but he was waived before the start of the regular season. Terry caught passes for the Shreveport Pirates in the Canadian Football League in 1994 and 1995 and the Albany Firebirds in the Arena Football League in 1996.

Terry started coaching in 1996 as an assistant for Hempfield High School and spent the next four years as passing coordinator for Duquesne University. Terry returned to Gateway High School as offensive coordinator in 2001 when the team went 3-7. In 2002, Terry took over as head coach, leading the Gators to a 9-3 season and a section title. That year, Terry was named the Times Express Football Coach of the Year and the Quad South Coach of the Year. Over 11 seasons as head coach of the Gators, Terry compiled a 101-30 record, made the WPIAL playoffs each year, and won seven section or conference titles, with four WPIAL 4A runner up finishes. In 2013, Terry served as wide receivers coach for Temple University.

Since 2014, Terry has coached at Penn State, starting as defensive recruiting coordinator and cornerbacks coach. Terry ranked as a top recruiter in the Big Ten, helping secure 12 straight top-25 classes. Terry added a role as assistant head coach in 2016 and as associate head coach in 2021. In the middle of the 2025 season, Terry was promoted to Penn State's interim head coach, leading the team to a 4-3 record and a victory in the Pinstripe Bowl against Clemson. In 2026, Terry resumed his role as associate head coach and cornerbacks coach.

Terry was named one of the Men of Excellence by The New Pittsburgh Courier in 2010, and he was inducted into the Gateway Sports Hall of Fame in 2001, the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame East Boros Chapter in 2009, the WPIAL Hall of Fame in 2018, and Pennsylvania State Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2026.

Terry is married to Alison and has a son, Justin King, and a daughter, Haley Smith.



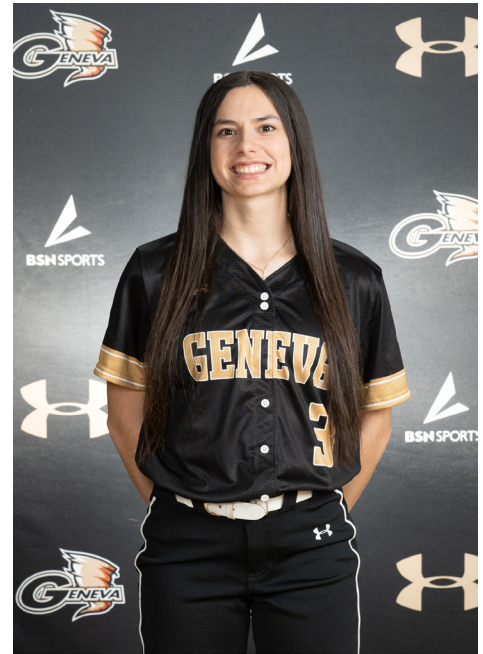
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The 2026 Dick Kadis Award

LEXI ZANIC

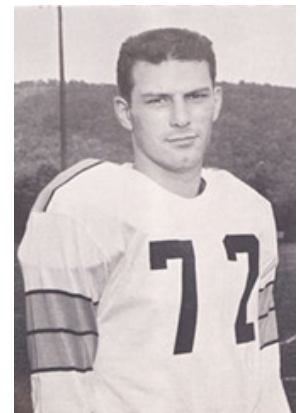
Beaver Falls High School • Geneva College

Lexi Zanic wrapped up her standout career for the Geneva College softball team, earning All-Conference honors for the third straight season, including last season when she was Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) Softball Player of the Year while batting .416 with a .491 on-base percentage. Lexi finished her career with a .365 batting average, a .438 on-base percentage, 183 hits including 31 doubles, four triples, and a home run, 90 RBIs, and 45 stolen bases. Lexi was named a National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA) All-American in 2025 while excelling in the classroom, where she's been named PAC Academic Honor Roll and College Sports Communicators Academic All-District multiple times. Lexi was a four-year starter and a key part of one of the most successful stretches in program history, including the past three seasons in which the team won at least 30 games each season, a first in program history. She helped lead Geneva to back-to-back NCCAA World Series appearances during her sophomore and junior seasons, and the program qualified for the PAC postseason all four of her years, earning a top four seed or better in the conference tournament.



The Dick Kadis Award

On the evening of September 29, 1956, the Geneva College Golden Tornadoes traveled to Waynesburg College. During the course of play, 21-year-old Dick Kadis recovered a fumble, and, after rising from the bottom of the pile, left the game and did not return to action. While boarding the bus for the trip home, Dick collapsed, falling into a coma. Doctors later determined that he had suffered a massive brain hemorrhage. Dick eventually came out of the coma, but he was left in a semi-paralyzed state. Dick's mother and father, Pauline and Charles Kadis, cared for their son until August 1978, when they both suffered heart attacks. Dick was moved to a hospital and then to a nursing home, where at age 43, he died on October 18, 1979.



Tonight, as we have each year since he left us, we remember Dick Kadis.

CCBC AWARD

Trey Armstrong • Men's Basketball

Hopewell Township's Trey Armstrong was a two-year starter and team captain for the CCBC men's basketball team. He was named All-Region 20 Honorable Mention as both a freshman and a sophomore. During the 2025-26 season, Trey averaged 18 points per game while making 41 percent of his three-point shots (85 of 209). Over his career at CCBC, Trey scored 892 points with a 15.4 points-per-game average.

Trey is a business major with the goal of creating a successful business. He will be attending Bowie State University, where he will continue his academic and athletic career.



GENEVA AWARD

Wil Dunda • Men's Soccer

Wil Dunda had one of the most decorated soccer careers in Geneva history: four-time All-PAC, PAC Newcomer of the Year as a freshman, first-team All-PAC his last three seasons, three-time United Soccer Coaches All-Region, three-time All-NCCAA, and NCCAA All-American as a sophomore. Wil was a key part of Geneva's 2023 PAC Championship team and helped guide the Golden Tornadoes to the postseason all four years at Geneva, advancing to at least the PAC semifinals each year. Wil started all 81 games during his Geneva career, with 19 goals and 25 assists, which is third in program history.



PENN STATE BEAVER AWARD

Brandon Rue • Men's Basketball

A 2007 graduate of Beaver Falls, Brandon has been a four-year member of the Penn State Beaver men's basketball team. He has been a steady role player and an amazing defender, and he has turned into a leader on the team, helping make them a conference championship contender. Brandon has also been exceptional in the classroom, with a 3.8 GPA and Dean's List all three semesters since his return to school after ten years. What makes Brandon's story so exceptional is that he has done so well academically and athletically while raising four children and working three jobs. He has been an amazing role model to the entire Penn State Beaver community.



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The Beaver County Sports Hall of Fame is proud to recognize the deserving Beaver County high school senior student athletes listed below, who were nominated by their schools and best represent the athletic and academic programs at their schools.

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Since 1978, the Beaver County Sports Hall of Fame has recognized student athletes from our Beaver County high schools. Below is a passage from our 1978 program booklet announcing our tradition of honoring high school student athletes:

Hall of Fame banquets tend to be dominated by old-timers whose stories get longer as their memories grow shorter. But we should not forget that sports are for the young. Jesse Owens remarked during a speech at Geneva College several years ago that his performances in the 1936 Olympics were so phenomenal that they would earn him a place on almost any top-notch high school track and field team today.

Tonight, the Beaver County Sports Hall of Fame starts a new policy of inviting a group of outstanding high school athletes (and a few coaches) to our annual banquet. They are not receiving awards, but simply are being recognized for their major contributions to sports in our county.

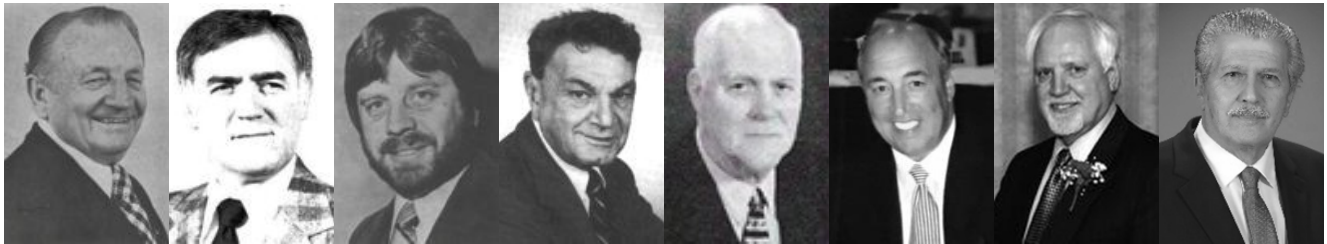
No one pretends that these are all of Beaver County's top scholastic athletes. Some, like swimmer Jan Ujevich of Center High School, couldn't be with us because of competition or other commitments. But the young athletes here tonight represent all sections of the county and a wide variety of sports. Since large-scale banquets of this type are expensive to put on, tickets for these special guests have been donated by local sports organizations and fans.

These fine young athletes will not be eligible for nomination and election to the Beaver County Sports Hall of Fame until five years after they finish their competitive careers. Judging by their performances to date, some of them are sure to be inductees at future Hall of Fame banquets.

The Beaver County Sports Hall of Fame proudly congratulates this year's winners of the Past Presidents Scholarships



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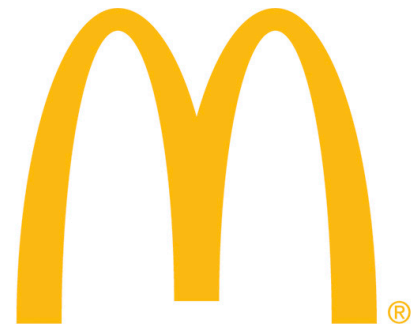
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SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Zach Hare Riverside Baseball

Beaver County Times Baseball Player of the Year 2025

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette Baseball Player of the Year 2025

TribLive HSSN Baseball Player of the Year 2025

34 consecutive no-hit innings in the playoffs

Pitched the first perfect game in WPIAL championship history (21 Ks)

Joshua Pratt Aliquippa Boys' Basketball

Pennsylvania Sports Writers Class 3A Player of the Year 2024-25

MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL IN BEAVER COUNTY

Beaver County minor league baseball began nineteen years after the end of the Civil War, when the Wild West was nearing its end. In 1884, a team from New Brighton, simply called **New Brighton**, joined the Iron and Oil Association, a six-team independent professional league that had teams based in Pennsylvania and Ohio and which lasted only one season.

Two players from the New Brighton team later played in the American Association major league: **Steve Toole** (P-1B-OF) for the Brooklyn Grays (1886-87), the Kansas City Cowboys (1888), and the Brooklyn Gladiators (1890), and **James Madison Toy** (1B-C-OF) for the Cleveland Blues (1887) and the Brooklyn Gladiators (1890). Jim Toy was born in 1858 in Beaver Falls, PA, and was inducted into the Beaver County Sports Hall of Fame in 1998.

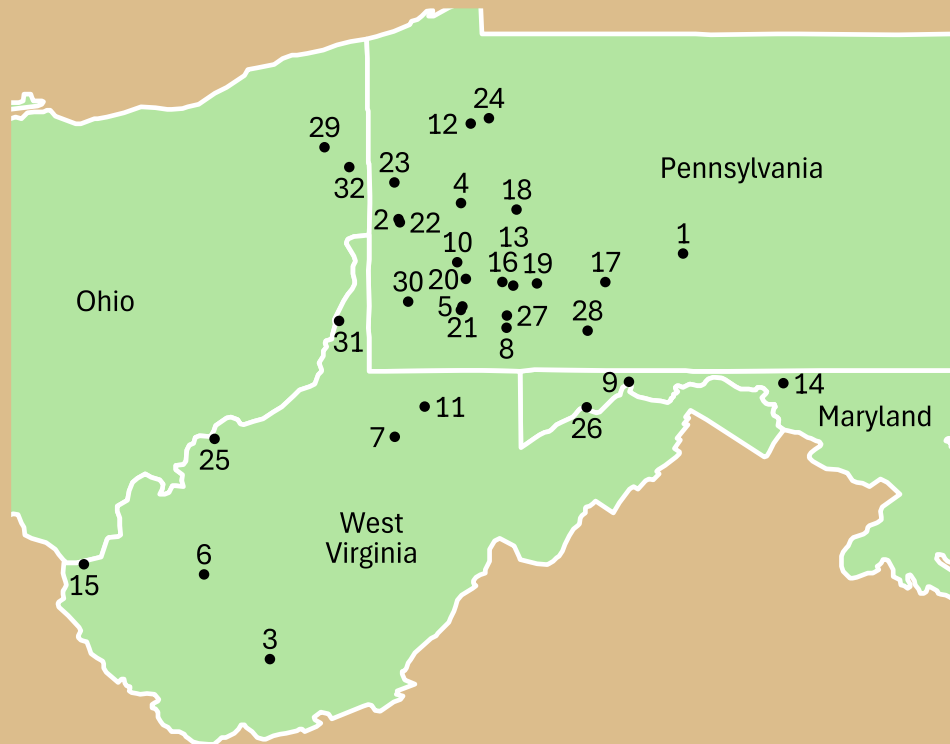
Beaver County had professional minor league baseball teams for eight seasons across four leagues: **New Brighton** in the 1884 Iron and Oil Association League (no classification), the **Beaver Falls Beavers** in the 1907 Western Pennsylvania League (Class D) and the 1931 Middle Atlantic League (Class C), the **Beaver Falls Bees** in the 1937 Pennsylvania State Association (Class D), the **Beaver Falls Browns** in the 1938, 1939, and 1940 Pennsylvania State Association (all Class D), and the **Beaver Falls Senators** in the 1941 Pennsylvania State Association (Class D).

The **Pennsylvania State Association** was a Class D minor league created by Elmer M. Dailey for drafting players into the Class C Middle Atlantic League minor league. The Pennsylvania State Association operated from 1934 through 1942 and was the last minor league system that had a baseball team in Beaver County. In 1942, the Pennsylvania State Association suspended operations until the end of World War II, and Elmer M. Daily continued to pay the Pennsylvania State Association's dues to the National Association, but the Pennsylvania State Association did not resume operations after the war.

The 1937 Beaver Falls Bees were affiliated with the National League's **Boston Bees** (nka Atlanta Braves). In 1938, the Boston Bees pulled their support, and the American League's **St. Louis Browns** (nka Baltimore Orioles) agreed to support the team, with the team renamed to the Beaver Falls Browns. In 1941, Beaver Falls was able to get a working agreement with the Eastern League's Springfield Nationals, who had an agreement with the **Washington Senators** (nka Minnesota Twins).

The **last professional minor league baseball games in Beaver County** were played in 1941 on the Beaver Falls High School Field, with a season-ending two-day series in which Beaver Falls beat the Oil City Oilers 9-7 on Saturday, August 23 and 4-3 in an eleven-inning game on Sunday, August 24.

TEAM NAMES AND LOCATIONS



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|--|--|
| 1 Altoona (PA) Engineers 1931 | 16 Jeannette (PA) Jays 1931 / Bisons 1937 |
| 2 Beaver Falls (PA) Beavers 1907 1931 / Bees 1937 / Browns 1938-40 / Senators 1941 | 17 Johnstown (PA) NA 1884 / Johnnies 1931 1939-41 |
| 3 Beckley (WV) Black Knights 1931 | 18 Kittanning (PA) Infants 1907 |
| 4 Butler (PA) White Sox 1907 / Yankees 1937-41 | 19 Latrobe (PA) NA 1907 |
| 5 Charleroi (PA) Governors 1931 | 20 McKeesport (PA) Tubers 1937-38 / Little Pirates 1939 / Little Braves 1940 |
| 6 Charleston (WV) Senators 1931 | 21 Monessen (PA) Cardinals 1937 |
| 7 Clarksburg (WV) Bees 1907 / Generals 1931 | 22 New Brighton (PA) NA 1884 |
| 8 Connellsville (PA) Cokers 1907 | 23 New Castle (PA) Nashannocks 1884 |
| 9 Cumberland (MD) Rooters 1907 / Colts 1931 | 24 Oil City (PA) NA 1884 Oilers 1940-41 |
| 10 East Liberty (PA) Stars 1884 | 25 Parkersburg (WV) Parkers 1931 |
| 11 Fairmont (WV) Champions 1907 / Black Diamonds 1931 | 26 Piedmont (WV) NA 1907 |
| 12 Franklin (PA) NA 1884 | 27 Scottdale (PA) Giants 1907 / Cardinals 1931 |
| 13 Greensburg (PA) Red Sox 1907 / Green Sox 1937-38 / Senators 1939 | 28 Somerset (PA) NA 1907 |
| 14 Hagerstown (MD) Hubs 1931 | 29 Warren (OH) Redskins 1940 / Buckeyes 1941 |
| 15 Huntington (WV) Boosters 1931 | 30 Washington (PA) Red Birds 1939-41 |
| | 31 Wheeling (WV) Stogies 1931 |
| | 32 Youngstown (OH) NA 1884 / Tubers 1931 |

Notes: States are in parentheses. NA indicates no team name or no known team name.

LEAGUE STANDINGS

1884 Iron and Oil Association	
Franklin	31-8
New Brighton	19-16
Johnstown	
New Castle	20-24
Youngstown	18-23
East Liberty	10-27
Oil City †	18-18

1907 Western Pennsylvania League	
Fairmont	68-36
Butler	58-44
Scottdale	48-49
Clarksburg	50-54
Greensburg	42-50
Connellsville	44-59
Beaver Falls †	41-36
Latrobe	
Cumberland	16-36
Piedmont	
Somerset †	
Kittanning †	2-5

1931 Middle Atlantic League	
Charleston	82-44
Cumberland *	82-46
Beckley	81-49
Scottdale	78-55
Johnstown	73-54
Huntington	68-62
Fairmont	65-60
Clarksburg	66-63
Hagerstown	
Parkersburg	56-65
Youngstown	
Wheeling	50-77
Charleroi	30-92
Jeannette	
Altoona	32-96
Beaver Falls	

1937 Pennsylvania State Association	
Butler *	62-35
Greensburg	54-45
Beaver Falls	48-45
Monessen	35-64
Jeannette †	13-11
McKeesport †	7-19

1938 Pennsylvania State Association	
Butler *	55-43
McKeesport	53-43
Beaver Falls	51-50
Greensburg	37-60

1939 Pennsylvania State Association	
Butler	67-43
Washington *	64-45
Beaver Falls	58-52
Johnstown	50-60
McKeesport	49-61
Greensburg	41-68

1940 Pennsylvania State Association	
Johnstown	65-44
Butler *	65-44
Beaver Falls	52-56
McKeesport	51-57
Oil City	
Washington	49-59
Warren	42-64

1941 Pennsylvania State Association	
Johnstown	70-39
Butler *	63-47
Washington	53-56
Oil City	53-57
Warren	46-62
Beaver Falls	42-66

Notes: Some teams moved midseason; for example, in the 1931 Middle Atlantic League, the Jeannette team moved to Altoona on May 31 and then moved to Beaver Falls on July 18.

† Team withdrew before season ended.

* Playoffs / Finals winners: See the next page.

LEAGUE PLAYOFFS

1884 Iron and Oil Association: No playoffs.

1907 Western Pennsylvania League: No playoffs.

1931 Middle Atlantic League: Cumberland beat Charleston 4 games to 2 for the title.

1937 Pennsylvania State Association: Butler beat Beaver Falls 4 games to 3 for the title.

Game 1	Aug 31	Beaver Falls Bees 1	at	Butler Yankees 10
Game 2	Sept 1	Butler Yankees 0	at	Beaver Falls Bees 7
Game 3	Sept 2	Beaver Falls Bees 4	at	Butler Yankees 11
Game 4	Sept 3	Butler Yankees 4	at	Beaver Falls Bees 5
	Sept 4, 5	Rain		
Game 5	Sept 6	Beaver Falls Bees 0	at	Butler Yankees 4
Game 6	Sept 7	Butler Yankees 2	at	Beaver Falls Bees 3
Game 7	Sept 8	Beaver Falls Bees 8	at	Butler Yankees 11

1938 Pennsylvania State Association: Butler beat McKeesport 4 games to 1 for the title.

1939 Pennsylvania State Association: Butler beat Beaver Falls 3 games to 1, Washington beat Johnstown 3 games to 2, and Washington beat Butler 3 games to 0 for the title.

Game 1	Aug 29	Beaver Falls Browns 4	at	Butler Yankees 12
Game 2	Aug 30	Butler Yankees 2	at	Beaver Falls Browns 3
Game 3	Aug 31	Beaver Falls Browns 8	at	Butler Yankees 14
Game 4	Sept 1	Butler Yankees 9	at	Beaver Falls Browns 8

1940 Pennsylvania State Association: Johnstown beat Butler 9-7 in a one-game playoff for first place, Butler beat Oil City 3 games to 1, Beaver Falls beat Johnstown 3 games to 1, and Butler beat Beaver Falls 3 games to 0 for the title.

Game 1	Aug 29	Beaver Falls Browns 3	at	Johnstown Johnnies 1
Game 2	Sept 1	Johnstown Johnnies 3	at	Beaver Falls Browns 0
Game 3	Sept 2	Beaver Falls Browns 8	at	Johnstown Johnnies 4
Game 4	Sept 3	Johnstown Johnnies 1	at	Beaver Falls Browns 2
Game 1	Sept 4	Beaver Falls Browns 2	at	Butler Yankees 5
Game 2	Sept 5	Butler Yankees 6	at	Beaver Falls Browns 2
Game 3	Sept 6	Beaver Falls Browns 2	at	Butler Yankees 3

1941 Pennsylvania State Association: Washington beat Johnstown 3 games to 0, Butler beat Oil City 3 games to 2, and Butler beat Washington 3 games to 1 for the title.

MAJOR LEAGUERS ON BEAVER COUNTY MINOR LEAGUE TEAMS

Several players or managers from Beaver County minor league teams played, managed, or umpired in the major leagues: **1884 Steve Toole** (Brooklyn Grays, Kansas City Cowboys, Brooklyn Gladiators) and **James Madison Toy** (Cleveland Blues, Brooklyn Gladiators, the first Beaver County native to play Major League baseball) **1907 Bill "Duke" Kenworthy** (Washington Nationals, Kansas City Packers, St. Louis Browns) and **Ed Kusel** (St. Louis Browns) **1931 Rags Faircloth** (Philadelphia Phillies) and **Red Nonnenkamp** (Pittsburgh Pirates, Boston Red Sox) **1937 George Barnicle** (Boston Bees, Boston Braves), **Chet Ross** (Boston Bees, Boston Braves), **Bill "Whitey" Wietelmann** (Boston Bees, Boston Braves, Pittsburgh Pirates), **Bill Strickland** (St. Louis Browns), and **Lou Lucier** (Boston Red Sox, Philadelphia Phillies) **1938 Howie Shanks** (Washington Nationals, Boston Red Sox, New York Yankees, Beaver County Sports Hall of Fame Class of 1978), **Augie Donatelli** (National League umpire who appeared on the cover of the first issue of Sports Illustrated, Aug 10, 1954), and **Jim Russell** (Pittsburgh Pirates, Boston Braves, Brooklyn Dodgers) **1939 Nick Goulish** (Philadelphia Phillies) and **Earl Jones** (St. Louis Browns) **1940 Nick Goulish** (Philadelphia Phillies) and **Frank Ocek** (MLB coach for 15 years for the Pittsburgh Pirates and Cincinnati Reds, coached third base when Mazerowski hit his walk off home run in the 1960 World Series) **1941 Bob Barr** (Brooklyn Dodgers), **Bill Burgo** (Philadelphia Athletics), **Sam Carrigan** (American League umpire), and **Saul Rogovin** (Detroit Tigers, Chicago White Sox, Baltimore Orioles, Philadelphia Phillies).

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Looking Back: 2001

Looking back 25 years on the Beaver County Sports Hall of Fame Class of 2001



At Midland, **NICHOLAS ALOI** was a basketball star: Section 8 MVP, All WPIAL, and All State. Nick coached Midland and was named PA Small School Coach of the Year. At East Liverpool, Nick won 300+ games and was named District Coach of the Year seven times, twice winning Ohio Division Big School Coach of the Year.

At times across 28 years, **EDWIN DRISCOLL** served as Quigley High School's athletic director and coached its football, baseball, and wrestling teams. Quigley renamed its stadium in Ed's honor.

Born Armando Folino in 1909 Italy, **HERMAN FOLINS** came to Ambridge, USA, at age 10. He compiled boxing records of 40-5 as an amateur and 121-14-3 as a pro.

MARQUES HENDERSON lettered three times for Aliquippa's basketball team and, in football, was All State and twice Fabulous 22. At Penn State, Marques earned All East honors and won the CBS Toyota Leadership Award.

In 1943, Norfolk of the Dixie Pro League "loaned" Aliquippa's **FRANK HRIBAR II** to the Washington Redskins when World War II depleted many NFL rosters. Frank later became an All Star in the military leagues. He was inducted in the Aliquippa Sports Hall of Fame.

FRANK KAUFMAN was a key member of the 1967 Ambridge High School state basketball champion squad, but he also won three WPIAL championships in the high jump and in 1967 held the state record and was named Scholastic

Coach Magazine All American. Frank later coached at the collegiate and high school levels.

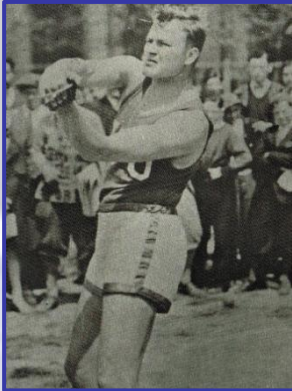
Ambridge's **ALLISON KOTOUCH PANE** won the WPIAL girls' Class AAA 1600m in 1982, 1983, 1984, and 1985, and was state champion as a junior. At Eastern Kentucky University, she was named All Ohio Valley Conference All Star in cross country and track and field each year from 1986 through 1989, winning the Ohio Valley Conference cross country title and 5,000m title as a freshman.

Playing baseball at Hopewell, **SCOTT KUVINKA** earned All State honors and a Section MVP. At Ohio University, Scott was an NCAA Division I All American. Scott played three seasons in the Pittsburgh Pirates' minor league system.

Beaver Falls' **BOB LAWRENCE** was selected to the Hearst U.S. All Star Team as junior. Bob signed with the Boston Red Sox organization and played minor league ball and was MVP of his Army baseball team at Fort Chaffee. He returned to Indiana University in 1965 and coached the baseball team until 1980.

Beaver Falls' **RUTH PODBIELSKI** was the associate director of athletics at Indiana University of Pennsylvania from 1970 to 1987. During her tenure, IUP started ten women's varsity sports. Ruth was inducted into the Indiana County Sports Hall of Fame and the Slippery Rock Hall of Fame, and was a charter inductee of the Indiana University of Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame.

Beaver Countians in the Olympics



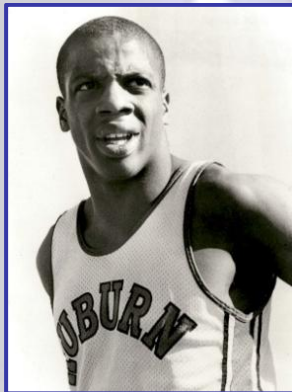
PETE ZAREMBA
Bronze: Hammer Throw
1932 Summer Games



JUDY HULT HOWE
Gymnastics
1956 Summer Games



JIM IVCEK
Gymnastics Alternate
1972 Summer Games



WILLIE SMITH III
4x100 Relay Alternate
1976 Summer Games

400m
1980 Summer Games *

Gold: 4x400 Relay
1984 Summer Games



CANDY YOUNG
Hurdles
1980 Summer Games *

* Scheduled to represent the United States, but did not participate due to the U.S. boycott of the 1980 Summer Olympics in Moscow



LAURYN WILLIAMS
4x100 Relay · Silver: 100m
2004 Summer Games

4x100 Relay · 100m
2008 Summer Games

Gold: 4x100 Relay
2012 Summer Games

Silver: 2-Woman Bobsled
2014 Winter Games



CHRISTA HARMOTTO DIETZEN
Silver: Volleyball
2012 Summer Games

Bronze: Volleyball
2016 Summer Games

Non-Competitive Connections to the Olympics

CLIFF AULTMAN Member of the executive committee of the U.S. Olympic Committee 1964 · **RON COOK** Covered on site the 1988 Summer Games in South Korea for the Pittsburgh Press and the 1992 Winter Games in France, the 1992 Summer Games in Spain, and the 1996 Summer Games in Atlanta for the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette · **MIKE LINKOVICH** Trainer for the 1980 Winter Games and the 1980 Summer Games * · **CLAYTON "BUD" MARQUETTE** Member of the U.S. Olympic gymnastics coaching staff in 1956, 1960, 1964, 1968, and 1972 · **BOB POMPEANI** Covered on site for KDKA-TV the 1998 Winter Games in Japan · **MIKE REBICH** Cameraman for ABC for the 1968 Winter Games, the 1976 Winter Games, and the 1976 Summer Games, filmed Bruce Jenner circling the track with the American flag around his shoulders



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The Hall of Fame's upcoming exhibit highlights the players, coaches and communities from Western Pennsylvania who shaped professional football and the NFL, including the seven in the Beaver County Sports Hall of Fame.

HALL IN THE FAMILY

The Beaver County Sports Hall of Fame is scattered with successful lineages. We present these family connections below.

Researched and compiled by Larry Zigerell

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HALL IN THE FAMILY

GRANDFATHER AND GRANDSON

Ernie Pitts (1980) • Charles Fisher (2022)
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MOTHER AND SON

Joy Jeter (2005) • Lance Jeter (2025)

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Nominate someone for the Beaver County Sports Hall of Fame!

Nominations are due on or before September 1 for consideration for the next banquet. Nominations are kept on file for five banquets. To be eligible for induction, a candidate must have a reasonable connection to Beaver County, the candidate must have made an outstanding contribution to sports or sports-related activities, and 35 years must have elapsed from the candidate's date of birth. For a nomination form, see our website at www.bcshof.org. Contact 724-561-3226 or zigerell@gmail.com with questions.

51-Year Retrospective

- 1975** The Beaver County Sports Hall of Fame founded September 18
- 1976** The Hall of Fame holds its first banquet and induction ceremony
- 1977** Special Achievement Awards begin
- 1978** High school student athletes begin to be honored
- 1978** High school coaches begin to be honored
- 1979** Dick Kadis Award begins
- 1982** Geneva Award begins
- 1983** College coaches begin to be honored
- 1984** Nick Crivelli Chevrolet sponsors two scholarships for the next 26 years
- 1984** CCBC Award begins
- 1984** Penn State Beaver Award begins
- 1988** Inductee Judy Hult Howe sponsors high school student athletes for the next 14 years
- 2004** Ameriprise sponsors high school student athletes for the next 5 years
- 2006** Hall of Fame Past Presidents scholarships begin
- 2008** The Hall of Fame website (www.bcshof.org) goes online, created by L.J Zigerell
- 2011** Wright Automotive Group offers a scholarship for the next 9 years
- 2012** Beaver County YMCA begins to offer a scholarship
- 2013** Hall of Fame inductee plaques are posted on the Hall of Fame website
- 2015** Tri-County Management (McDonald's) begins to offer a scholarship
- 2020** The Hall of Fame banquet is canceled due to covid-19
- 2021** The Hall of Fame banquet is canceled due to covid-19
- 2022** The Hall of Fame inducts 20 forgotten "pioneers", researched by Larry Zigerell
- 2023** The Hall of Fame sponsorship program initiated by Janet Zigerell and L.J Zigerell
- 2025** The Hall of Fame celebrates its 50th anniversary
- 2026** Invisalign sponsors high school student athletes



Over our first 51 years, the Beaver County Sports Hall of Fame inducted 506 persons across 39 categories, recognized 1,806 high school and college student athletes and coaches, and awarded over \$107,000 in scholarships to local high school student athletes with generous help from our sponsors.

— Researched and compiled by Larry Zigerell

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There can be no dispute that, since the beginning of humanity, those persons making outstanding contributions to history are traditionally celebrated and remembered by their peers and those who follow them. Sports are part and parcel of the fabric of history. Sports heroes should be celebrated by that history. It is in this light, then, that the Beaver County Sports Hall of Fame attempts to celebrate and honor select persons who have heroically contributed to the sports world with integrity, sportsmanship, and character.

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