



Saturday, September 26, 5:30 p.m.

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2020 Northern Vermont University-Lyndon

Athletic Hall of Fame

INDUCTION CEREMONY

Agenda

WELCOME

Jennifer Kempton Harris '79

Executive Director of Development and Alumni Affairs

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Elaine C. Collins

President

Athletic Hall of Fame Inductions

PRESENTER

Chris Gilmore

Director of Athletics

INDUCTEE

Jason Gray '13

INDUCTEE

John LeMieux '83

INDUCTEE

Natalia Shams McNeill '11

INDUCTEE

Tyler Scheibenpflug '15

CLOSING

Athletic Hall of Fame.....

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME SELECTION COMMITTEE

Kyle Amadon '79

Dudley Bell, Honorary member

Eric Berry '91

Cathy Bisson '84

Sheilah Burleigh '72

Roger Cartee '65, Honorary member

Chris Gilmore, Director of Athletics

Mark Hilton '84

Bill Johnson '87

Sara Duprey Lussier '02, Director of Annual Giving and Alumni Relations

Hannah Nelson Manley '97

Skip Pound, Honorary member

Chris Ummer, Honorary member

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME CRITERIA

To be eligible for induction into the Athletic Hall of Fame, an individual must have made an outstanding contribution to the intercollegiate athletic program at Lyndon, must have participated for at least two years in the intercollegiate program at the varsity level, and must have graduated more than five years ago.

Other criteria for membership include: achievement during undergraduate and postgraduate years, including participation or involvement in athletics; sportsmanship; character; and citizenship, as a student and in later life.

An individual may be inducted as an honorary member for contributing greatly to Lyndon athletics or to the field of athletics after graduation from Lyndon State College or Northern Vermont University-Lyndon.

Athletic Hall of Fame Members

Italics indicate honorary member

Charter Members

Inducted October 6, 1984

Joseph P. Anger '54
Raymond Brooks '60
Preston Bruce, Jr. '58
Roger Cartee '65
Grant Isham '55

Philip Noll (posthumously)

Juana L. Schoff '61
Beth A. Wood '61
Eddy Woods '54

Inducted October 5, 1985

Dudley Bell

Gary B. Girard '66
Robert G. Heath '64
Marjorie Greenwood Legge '59
Debra A. Lickley '76
Gerard E. Parent '71
Donald L. Picard '69
Rickey Sutton '79

Inducted September 27, 1986

Cynthia Grieve '74
Henry D. Huntington '61
A. Richard Jarvis '61
Darrell J. Maxwell '72
James P. Roemer '81
Russell G. Simpson '63

Inducted October 10, 1987

Patricia Jacobs Faulkner '71
Gerald B. Tavares '68

Inducted October 1, 1988

L. Leonard Drew

Barbara Brown Sargent '59
Perley J. Wright '58

Inducted October 7, 1989

James P. Kelly '80
William A. Leggett '82

Inducted October 13, 1990

Edwin O. Brehaut '65
Gerry Ann Cahill '66

Inducted September 28, 1991

Cathy E. Bisson '84
Alan E. Jaffe '66
Melvin R. Schmid

Inducted September 26, 1992

Patricia Huntsman '77
(posthumously)
Burns R. Page '59

Inducted September 18, 1993

David W. Bell '86
Bettie Potter Jones '63
Mark A. Maloney '84

Inducted September 24, 1994

David B. LaRose '88
Tammy Armour Rainville '89

Inducted September 30, 1995

Wayne E. Dean '77
Skip & Connie Pound '78
Mark Weigel '87

Inducted September 14, 1996

Peter D. Bell '91
Jennifer Sullivan Boldwin '91
Robert A. MacDonald '56
Courtney L. VanKleeck '69

Inducted September 13, 1997

William P. Fitzgerald '86
V. Roland Guyette '57
Sheila Leahy Lohr '92

Inducted September 11, 1998

Wallace H. Harris '57
Peter Kellaway '84
Mark O'Brien '89

Inducted September 18, 1999

Sheila A. Burleigh '72
Mona Daughtry Garone '70
(posthumously)
Gregory S. Tosi '93

Inducted September 15, 2000

Cathy L. Phillips '77
Jennifer Warren Poljacik '95
David E. Saddlemire '69
Anna L. Wilson '81

Inducted September 14, 2001

Gerald C. Clifford '80
Eugene S. Pushee '93

Inducted September 13, 2002

Kirsten Gallagher '92
Mark Hilton '84

Inducted September 12, 2003

John T. Olinski '79
Lisa Bedor Ummer '97
Charles F. Whitaker '53

Inducted September 10, 2004

Michael Brosseau '88
Roxanne Carson Courser '82
Joyce Siok '79

Inducted September 9, 2005

Leland "Buddy" Hayford '79
Mike Whaley '84

Inducted September 8, 2006

Gary Jenness '73
John Kresser '82
Larry Pierce '82

Inducted September 21, 2007

Raymond Bailey '80
Ted Shipley '86
Dick Wagner

Inducted September 19, 2008

Kyle Amadon '79
Sean Fisher '00
Tom Tucker '72

Inducted September 18, 2009

Elizabeth Burnham '97
Marcel Choquette '86
Patricia Baumann Randall '62

Inducted September 17, 2010

Eric Berry '91
Michael Bruhn '99
Jacalyn Priestley-Smith '7

Inducted September 16, 2011

Ruth Taclof Haskell '87
James F. Nelson '01
Gordon Pierce '73 '84

Inducted September 28, 2012

Randy Feeley '04
Scott McKim '02
Jamie Owen

Inducted September 20, 2013

Chris Brown '05
Don Colby '55
Rachel Maxwell '06

Inducted September 26, 2014

Jeremiah Bias '07
Jamie Rosso Brown '05
Peter Camp '03

Inducted September 25, 2015

Lyndsay Calkins Beattie '09
Jennifer Kirchoff Layn '06
Nicholas Rowe '06

Inducted September 23, 2016

Michael Brown '92
Darcy LeBlanc '05
Gregory Rose '04

Inducted September 22, 2017

Joseph Layn '02
Kelly Warren Sutton '09
Christowpher Ummer

Inducted September 21, 2018

Jamie Eaton '99
Brian Gallagher '91
Joshua Grant '13
Susan Howe Wood '76

Inducted September 20, 2019

Jennifer Quirion Davis
Michelle Wilcox '12

Athletic Hall of Fame Bios.....



JASON GRAY '13

Jason graduated from Lyndon State College with a bachelor of science in small business management and entrepreneurship in 2013. During his time at Lyndon, Jason was a four-year member of the men's basketball and soccer teams.

In basketball, Jason earned North Atlantic Conference (NAC) honors in his final three seasons. His sophomore and junior years, he was named to the NAC All-Conference Second Team and his senior year, he was named First-Team. Jason scored a total of 1,345 points as a Hornet and had 836 rebounds, 145 assists, and 154 blocks. He led the NAC in blocks per game both as a freshman and as a senior. He was sixth in scoring as a junior and ninth as a senior. All four years, Jason was in the top six for rebounds per game, including ranking second his senior year. He was consistently one of the conference leaders in minutes played as well. Jason participated in the NAC post-season tournament his final three years, leading his team to its first NAC Championship appearance as a sophomore. He served as team captain for the 2012-2013 season.

Jason also played goalkeeper for the men's soccer team. He was named to the NAC All-Conference Second Team as a goalkeeper. As a sophomore, he led his team to a NAC Championship game appearance and Eastern College Athletic Conference Tournament.

After graduating, Jason went on to coach his favorite sport – basketball. He spent 2014-2016 as the junior varsity head coach for his local high school, Thetford Academy. In 2016, he became the varsity head coach – a position he still holds. As head coach, Thetford Academy has won two back-to-back championships.

Jason's career and professional activities have revolved around his passion for his family business, C.W. Gray & Sons, Inc. The family owned and operated business has been around for over 60 years and specializes in estate auctions, farm sales, and equipment auctions. In 2013, he started working full-time for C.W. Gray & Sons, Inc. Jason went to auctioneer school and is now a licensed auctioneer in both Vermont and New Hampshire.

Jason built a new home with his wife, Katelyn, and currently lives in East Thetford, Vt., where they are raising their two daughters Alice (3) and Nora (1).



JOHN LEMIEUX '83

John graduated from Lyndon State College with a bachelor of science in physical education in 1983 and earned a master's degree in adapted physical education from Indiana University in 1985. He also earned the certified financial planner™ designation in 2005, completed the certified investment management program from The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania in 2008, and passed the certified investment management analyst™ examination the same year. In 2010, John earned the certified divorce financial analyst™ designation.

After transferring to Lyndon in January 1981 from Castleton State College, John was a two-year member of the men's basketball team and a top runner on the cross country team. He was a basketball team captain along with fellow Athletic Hall of Fame members Bill Fitzgerald '86 and Mike Whaley '84. As a player, John was noted for two things: first his jumping ability – at 6'2" he had dunks in several games and often guarded opponents post players – and secondly his tenacity and work ethic. He knew early in his college career that he would be only as good as his training and preparation. He worked relentlessly to be in better shape than his opponents. He often says that the best thing he learned at Lyndon was "how to work hard, how to play hard, and how to tell the difference."

After graduating, John was a basketball coach for ten years. At Indiana University, he served as a volunteer assistant with the women's basketball team while completing his master's degree before becoming an assistant women's coach at Kent State University and the University of Pittsburgh. In 1987, he was named the head women's basketball coach at Division II Keene State College. In his first year at Keene, his team won the Division II Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) championship while setting a school record for wins and leading the nation in three-point field goals made per game. He was named the New England Collegiate Conference coach-of-the-year in 1988. His team also won the ECAC Championship in 1989 and broke their own record for wins in a season. He has the highest winning percentage of any Keene State College coach.

In 1989, John was named the inaugural men's basketball coach and assistant athletic director at Colby-Sawyer College, an all-women's college that was soon to admit men. In his first year of competition, playing an NCAA D-III varsity schedule with all freshmen, his team went 13-12. Since 2002, John has served as a special assistant to one of his former Colby-Sawyer players



at Southern Maine Community College. As a player and coach, he has spent 34 seasons in college basketball.

John left coaching as a full-time profession in 1993 and began to work in the investment business. In 2009, he co-founded Anton LeMieux Financial Group with offices in Maine and Florida.

After losing his left leg to cancer in 2012, John founded the Amputee Association of Maine, a 501(c)3 organization to serve amputees and their families and became very involved as a competitor in amputee golf tournaments. He is a life member of the Eastern Amputee Golf Association and, as of this writing, is the number 71 ranked amputee golfer in the country and the number 15 ranked above-knee amputee golfer. He also founded and hosts the Gorham Savings Bank Maine Amputee Open – a 36-hole tournament along with an adapted golf clinic and a corporate scramble, which is held over four days.

John and his wife, Cindy, live in Portland, Maine and Naples, Fla.



NATALIA SHAMS MCNEILL '11

Originally, from Swampscott, Mass., Natalia graduated from Lyndon State College in 2011 with a bachelor of arts in sociology and global studies. She was inducted into the Arthur B. Elliott Honor Society. In 2013, Natalia received her master's degree in diplomacy, Sigma Iota Rho, from Norwich University.

Natalia was recruited to play softball by former Lyndon head women's softball coach and Athletic Hall of Fame member, Jennifer Kirchoff Layn '06. In high school, she was a two-year captain, received the coaches' award in 2004 and 2006, was named team MVP in 2005 and 2007, and was selected as a Salem News All-Star, North East All Conference All-Star, Agganis All-Star Classic Athlete, and Boston Global All-Scholastic Athlete her senior year, 2007. She was also a member of the junior Olympic travel softball team, New England Storm.

On the Lyndon softball field, Natalia was a four-year starter and two-year team captain. She received numerous honors including being named team MVP in 2009 and 2010, selected to the North Atlantic Conference All-Conference Second Team in 2011, and was an honorable mention in 2009.

In her 2010 season, Natalia ranked third in the conference for triples, fifth



in on-base percentage (.474), and 11th in batting average (.377). She led the team in doubles, runs-batted-in, and slugging percentage (.574). In her senior season, Natalia ranked seventh in the conference for stolen bases and eighth in the conference for on-base percentage (.470). She also ranked first in the conference and sixth in the nation, NCAA Division III for most walks in the season (22).

Natalia was part of the 2008 team that reached the USCAA Women's Softball Championship in Decatur, Ill., and is currently the only player in Lyndon softball history to start a game at every position within her career.

In the two full seasons Natalia played soccer, she recorded 192 saves in 31 games. She also ranked second in the conference for save percentage and received the coaches' award in 2008. She was nominated for the prestigious NCAA Woman of the Year Award representing Lyndon and was awarded the Athletic Department's Champion of Character Award in 2011.

Natalia was active in the Lyndon campus community and served as a resident assistant for Student Life from 2008-2011. She was a member of the Resident Hall Association in 2010-2011; Resident Assistant Advisory Board in 2010-2011; and Student Athletic Advisory Committee from 2009-2011 – serving as secretary, 2010-2011. She was also a member of the Track & Field Club prior to it becoming a varsity sport. Natalia was recognized for her on-campus community efforts and awarded with the Department of Resident Life Promise Award in 2011.

Natalia is currently a website administrator and data analyst for Cherry Bekaert LLP, one of the nation's largest certified public accounting firms. She and her husband, Stephen McNeill, and their rescue dog, George, reside in Richmond, Va. They are expecting their first child in January 2021.





TYLER SCHEIBENPFLUG '15

Tyler graduated from Lyndon State College with a bachelor of science in atmospheric sciences in 2015. As a one-season student athlete, he was able to focus all of his athletic attention toward the sport of cross country for four years, earning multiple awards and records.

As a freshman during the 2011 season, Tyler had standout performances throughout the season. The North Atlantic Conference (NAC) Championship took place at home on the Lyndon State Course. Tyler was able to run well with a

fifth-place finish, earning All-Conference honors.

The following season, Tyler was once again able to earn All-Conference honors as well as assist the team in a NAC Conference Championship title. His finish at the New England Regional Championship improved to 65th place.

Tyler's junior season started with multiple injuries. Thanks to Lyndon's incredible team of trainers, he was able to build back his strength and have a successful season. A strong showing at the 2013 NAC Championship earned him his third first-team All-Conference honor as well as another title for the team. The following few weeks were a whirlwind as his 23rd place finish at the New England Regional Championship would be enough to earn him a place in the NCAA National Championship race in Indiana, along with his teammate Kyle Powers. His race result was not great, but the experience was everything he had dreamed it would be.

The 2014 season would see Tyler take the position as team captain. He started the season with a strong showing during the Open New England race on the legendary Franklin Park course with a 23rd place finish, competing against schools from all NCAA divisions. His first and only collegiate win would come during the NAC Championship, setting a course record, and leading the team to a third straight victory. Then a 16th place finish at the New England Regional Championship would earn him another ticket to the national championship in Mason, Ohio. This time the race went very well, crossing the finish line in 42nd place, the best ever finish of any Lyndon or NAC runner, in a time of 24:46.8 setting a new Lyndon and NAC record. Tyler was named NAC Runner of the Year.

Tyler credits his accomplishments to the support of his coach, Chris Ummer, who would work tirelessly to ensure his training was executed perfectly and kept his race day mentality in check.

Tyler currently resides in Pocatello, Idaho, where he worked as a wildland firefighter on a hotshot crew and recently started a new career as a land surveyor for a private firm. He is also working to create a non-profit for local trail advocacy, while still trying to run as much as he can.

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