

Monday, September 16

Glen Sanders Mansion

Tickets are \$55

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LEGACY TRIBUTE



1959 Mont Pleasant Track & Field Team

Mont Pleasant finished undefeated * Won three dual meets * Won the Rye Invitational (defeating a field that included Archbishop Stepinac, White Plains, Oceanside & New Rochelle) & the Utica Interscholastic Track & Field Meet * Tied powerful Bishop Loughlin (NYC) for the Schenectady Interscholastic Sports Carnival title (defeating perennial powers Archbishop Molloy, Andrew Jackson, St. Francis Prep, Bayside, Boys High & many others) * Easily won the Class "A" Sectionals, winning eight of twelve events

Sectional Champions

- Don Blaha (high jump)
- Jack Edwards (180-yd. low hurdles)
- Ron Horan (880-yd run — set Sectional record)
- Wayne Leece (shot put)
- Bob Lewkowicz (mile)
- Lou Paparella (discus)
- Jim Scott (440-yd. run — set Sectional record)
- Jim Bowers, Paul Brisson, Larry Canell & Ed Russell (880-yd. relay)

State Champions

- Don Blaha (high jump)
- Jim Scott (440-yd. run; 48.8 — new State record; previous record held by world record holder & U.S. Olympic Gold Medalist, Lou Jones)
- New MPHS records were set by Blaha, Edwards, Horan, Paparella & Scott
- Horan was runner-up in the 880-yd. run at the State Meet
- Blaha (high jump) & Keigher (long jump) were Schenectady Interscholastic Sports Carnival Champions
- Blaha finished the season unbeaten
- 60th anniversary of the team's great season

1998

Bill Eddy
Sig Makofski
Larry Mulvaney
Walt Przybylo
Ray Vacca

1999

Barry Kramer
Bill Leonard
Tony Parisi
Pete Shulha

2000

Ed Catino
Bill Rapavy
Pat Riley

2001

Tommy Brennan
Billy Connors
Mack Suprunowicz

2002

Dom Denio
Al DeSantis
Norm Kitching
Steve Szumachowski

2003

Jim Barbieri
Bill Kirvin
Dick Suprunowicz
Walt Suprunowicz

2004

Mike Maietta
1954 Sch'dy Little
League World
Series Champions

2005

Bob Czub
Joe DeMeo
Marty Servo

2006

Don Blaha
Abe Feldman
Shirley Muldowney

2007

Sidney Edwards
Bill Manikas
Ron Oyer

2008

Peter Famiano
John Grabowski
Joe Loudis

2009

Dick Bennett
Mike Meola

2010

Warren Crow
Ray Trail

2011

Armand Farina
Rhonda Phillips
Scott

2012

Joe Donato
Lou Jordan
Severino Popolizio

2013

Ed Barnowski
Bob DeLuca
Lee Wallard

2014

Murray Melton
Ron Page
Ed Rimkus

2015

Rick DiCamillo
Tom Mossey
Dot Hoyt Nebel

2016

Art Allen
Randy Cross
Jack Meader

2017

Paul Della Villa
John Maurycy
Mechelle Smith

2018

Paul Bricoccoli
Gary DiNola
John Parillo

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

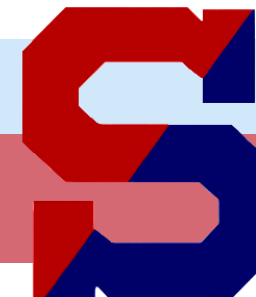


22nd Annual

SCHENECTADY

CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

*Athletic
Hall of Fame
& Reunion Dinner*



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2019 INDUCTEES

Willie Deane

Gale Knull

Billy Petrolle



Legacy tribute honoring

1959 Mont Pleasant Track & Field Team

WILLIE DEANE

- ◆ Four-year basketball starter at Schenectady HS; coached by Athletic HOF member Gary DiNola
- ◆ Averaged 23 points, 7 rebounds & 5 assists per game on the 1998 NYSPHSAA championship team (SHS finished 28-1); SHS also won the 1998 Big Ten, Section II & Regional titles
- ◆ 1998 State Tournament MVP; All-Tournament selection in the 1998 Federation Tournament
- ◆ 1998 USA Today Honorable Mention All-American; McDonald's All-American nominee; 1997-98 *Times Union* Player of the Year
- ◆ 1,500 point scorer in high school; holds SHS career scoring record
- ◆ Played basketball at Boston College as a freshman; transferred to Purdue
- ◆ Led Purdue in scoring, steals, made 3s, 3-point shooting percentage, made free throws & free throws attempted as a junior
- ◆ Led the Big Ten in scoring (17.3 ppg) in overall games (2001-02)
- ◆ Named Big Ten Basketball Player of the Week
- ◆ One of 36 players on the Senior CLASS Award Watch List
- ◆ Led Purdue in scoring as a senior (17.8 ppg)
- ◆ All-Big Ten 2nd Team as a junior (media selection) and 1st Team as a senior
- ◆ Named Purdue's John Wooden Team MVP as a junior & senior (last done by Glenn Robinson)
- ◆ Purdue advanced to the 2nd round of the 2003 NCAA Tournament (eliminated by Texas & former SHS teammate, James Thomas)
- ◆ Played in the 2003 National Association of Basketball Coaches All-Star game in New Orleans
- ◆ Selected as one of the *50 Legends of Mackey Arena* (Purdue)
- ◆ Successful 15-year career playing pro basketball overseas; won three Bulgarian championships, a Bulgarian Cup, a Gomelsky Cup, a French championship & an Italian championship; won 2 MVP awards
- ◆ Published author of a children's book titled Love

GALE KNULL

- ◆ Outstanding offensive lineman & hard-hitting linebacker on the undefeated 1967 Mont Pleasant HS football team (ranked #1 in New York); also a standout on the 1966 team; MP won the Class "A" League championship each year (tied with Linton in 1966)
- ◆ Thom McAn Bronze Shoe Award winner in 1966 & 1967; first junior to win the award; shared the 1967 award with teammate and AHOF member, Ron Page
- ◆ Coached by Athletic HOF members Larry Mulvaney & Tony Parisi
- ◆ 1967 *Parade* All-American High School Football Team member
- ◆ Also named to the *Coach & Athlete Magazine* High School All-American Football Team
- ◆ Undefeated wrestler as a senior at MPHS (27-0)
- ◆ 1968 Sectional & State Wrestling Champion
- ◆ Also lettered in track & field at MPHS
- ◆ Outstanding 3-sport athlete at St. Lawrence University (football, wrestling & lacrosse)
- ◆ Three-time SLU football MVP
- ◆ Team captain & Most Valuable Wrestler as a senior
- ◆ Three-time ICAC Conference wrestling champion; finished his collegiate wrestling career with a 53-1 record
- ◆ Won Coaches' Discretion Award (for exemplary conduct, leadership, character & athletic ability) in both football & wrestling
- ◆ 1972 Outstanding Senior Athlete at SLU
- ◆ Member of the St. Lawrence U. Athletic Hall of Fame & the Mont Pleasant Sports Hall of Fame
- ◆ Wrestling coach at Union College & Saratoga HS

BILLY PETROLLE

- ◆ Raised in Schenectady where he attended public school
- ◆ Started boxing as an amateur in Schenectady at age 15
- ◆ Began his pro boxing career in 1922; moved from Schenectady that year
- ◆ Known as the "Fargo Express"
- ◆ Once rated as the top challenger for the welterweight, junior-welterweight & lightweight titles
- ◆ Fought for the World Lightweight title vs. Tony Canzoneri on Nov. 4, 1932, at Madison Square Garden, losing a 15 round decision (previously beat Canzoneri)
- ◆ Had other notable fights vs. Barney Ross, Battling Battalino, Jimmy McLarnin & Kid Berg; knocked out Battalino in front of 18,000 fans at Madison Square Garden (3/24/32); defeated McLarnin at MSG on 11/21/30
- ◆ Fought ten current or past world champions, defeating five of them
- ◆ Fought 11 bouts at Madison Square Garden; also fought at Yankee Stadium, Boston Garden & Chicago Stadium
- ◆ On the cover of *The Ring* magazine 3 times
- ◆ Very popular boxer who drew large crowds
- ◆ Mike Casey (BOXER.com) described him as a "bullish, all action fighter & a great body puncher"
- ◆ BoxRec.com lists him as the 47th best welterweight of all time
- ◆ A member of the International Boxing Hall of Fame (Canastota), World Boxing HOF, Ring Magazine HOF & Minnesota Boxing HOF
- ◆ One of three fighting Petrolle brothers (along with Pete & Frankie)
- ◆ Named a Schenectady Patroon
- ◆ Mentioned in the novel Catch 22

To be inducted posthumously

TEAM MEMBERS

TEAM MEMBERS		Head Coach: Ray Vacca*	Assistant Coach: Larry Mulvaney*	
Bruce Baluch, Jr.	Gary Carmichael*	Gary Gilbert	Paul McDonald	Paul Surin
Dick Batista	Jim Crannell	Ron Horan	Doug Meyer	Jerry Symeon
Paul Battagialino	Nathaniel Croxton*	Mike Keigher	Jeff Mirate	Luciano Toffolo
Don Blaha	Jack Edwards	Wayne Leece*	Tom Nicklaw*	Jerry Vinehout*
Al Bojarski*	John Farry	Bob Lewkowicz	Lou Paparella	Gary Watrous
John Bowe	Tom Farry	Joe Mackey	Steve Pedersen	Dick Blanchard (mgr.)
Paul Brisson*	Dick Fazzino	Sal Madelone*	Ed Russell	
Jim Bowers*	Sam Ferrucci	Pat Maney	Jim Scott	
Larry Canell	Steve Furbert*	Jonell Marion	John Skibinski	

**deceased*

Vacca, Mulvaney & Blaha are

Athletic Hall of Fame members

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