

**BEACON HIGH SCHOOL
HALL OF FAME**

2003 Boys Basketball Team

The 2003 boys basketball team won the Class B Section One Championship and eventually went on to the basketball team's first ever New York State Final Four appearance in Glens Falls.

The team started the 2002-03 season 9-0 in route to winning championships in the Dutchess County and Terrance Wright Tournaments. Despite a third place finish in the league behind Peekskill and Lourdes and a second seed in the sectional tournament, the Bulldogs went on to have one of the most memorable and exciting finishes to any season.

Their magical post season run began with an exciting 74-72 win over Sleepy Hollow and then a 60-49 quarter final win over Pearl River earning the Bulldogs an appearance in County Center. They then beat Fox Lane 67 -52 in the semi-finals and a championship match up with rival and defending state champion, Peekskill, who had beaten the Bulldogs twice during the regular season. This time the Bulldogs beat Peekskill with a twelve foot buzzer beater by Josh Fullerton, giving them a Class B Championship.

The team then went on to beat Red Hook 74-61 in the regional finals and a trip to the New York State Final Four against defending state champion, Amityville. Although the Bulldogs led 25-24 and Roberto Macklin poured in 23 points, Amityville won the game 65-59.

The team was led all season by the slick play of Roberto Macklin, the rebounding of Bryan Ortquist , the leadership of Collin Powers and the shooting of Josh Fullerton. Roberto was named the Class B Section One Tournament Most Valuable Award and Bryan was named to the All Tournament team.

Roberto Macklin
Collin Powers
Josh Fullerton
Darnell Randolph
Bryan Ortquist
Coach Brian Soltish

Stephon Aniff
Matt Nevins
Ryan Powers
Jarred Smith
Coach Randy Casale
Coach Sam Way
Head Coach Tom Powers

Bryan Morse
Wilson Nivar
Regille Sims
Teron Wright
Coach Ron Pagliaro
Manager Devlin Hinson

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**Edward J. Pietrowski III
Class of 2000**

Edward Pietrowski is being inducted into the Hall of Fame as a tremendous three sport athlete who went on to play college and professional football.

Eddie played varsity football (4 years), baseball for three years and basketball for two years as a student at Beacon High School. He earned numerous All League, All Section, All County and Most Valuable Player awards during his high school career. Eddie was also named captain to the football and baseball teams because his of excellent leadership ability.

After high school Eddie played four years of Division One AA football at Siena College. In 2002 and 2003 Eddie earned the Don Hansen All American honors as a defensive end and was also named the team Most Valuable Player. Eddie took his football skills to the NFL European League where he played linebacker for Cologne Centurions and the Frankfurt Galaxy for two seasons.

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**LaQuasia Wade
Class of 2003**

LaQuasia is being inducted into the Hall of Fame for her accomplishments in girls basketball.

LaQuasia was a member of the varsity basketball team for five years, where she was known for her toughness. LaQuasia dominated opponents with a combination inside/outside game that was very difficult to stop. LaQuasia was a four time All League player and earned All Section and Poughkeepsie Journal honors. As a sophomore, she set a single game scoring record with 38 points against Somers. It was as a sophomore that LaQuasia led the Lady Bulldogs to a long awaited appearance in the Section One semi-finals at County Center. During her junior year, she became only the third girls basketball player to score over 1000 points. LaQuasia completed her career as the most prolific scorer in the history of Beacon girls basketball, as she scored 1474 points.

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**Al “Satch” Griffin
Class of 1960
Post Humous Induction**

Alvin “Satch” Griffin is being inducted into the Hall of Fame as an outstanding three sport athlete in football, basketball and track.

“Satch” earned a football scholarship to Elizabeth City State College in North Carolina. “Satch” graduated Elizabeth City with degrees in physical education and English. After finishing his college football career, “Satch” went on to play football in the United States Air Force, where he won numerous awards. “Satch” also played semi pro football in the Empire Football League.

“Satch” coached varsity football for Beacon High School in the 70’s and then went on to coach at Hudson Valley Community College. “Satch” spent many of his post high school years outside of Beacon but always managed to stay connected with his home town by attending Beacon High School sporting events.

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**Eric Jones
Class of 1979**

Eric Jones is being inducted into the Hall of Fame as a three sport athlete who excelled in football, basketball and track.

Eric was an outstanding running back on the football team. He broke James O’Leary’s 1962 Beacon High School record of 51 points scored during the 1978 season and those 51 points came before a season ending injury. Eric also scored 24 points in one game against Saugerties.

Eric’s greatest accomplishments were in track and field. Eric participated in track for five years and was captain three of those years. In 1978 he was the Section One Class A high jump runner up with jump of 6 feet – 4 inches. He tied the eventual champion’s height but lost on few misses. In 1979 he was a section runner up in the 800 Relay, the 4 x 4 Relay and the 100 meter dash.

Eric Jones earned DC SL (Dutchess County Scholastic League) honors in all three sports.

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**Nick McPartland
Class of 2002**

Nick is being inducted for earning eight varsity letters during his high school career (football 2, basketball, 2 and baseball 4). While he earned All League in football for his senior season, Nick's induction is primarily based upon his baseball accomplishments.

Nick was a four year starter on the baseball team as a centerfielder and pitcher. He was the team captain for two seasons, was All League three times and All Section twice and was the League Most Valuable player during his junior and senior seasons. Nick was also All County twice and Pitcher of Year in Dutchess County in 2002. During his senior year, Nick set a school record of .70 earned run average. He completed his stellar career by being named 5th team All State.

Nick played collegiately at Cortland State, where he became their closer and was named team captain in 2006. During his junior year at Cortland, Nick closed out the national semi- final game, putting the Dragons into the national championship. In 2008 Nick became an assistant coach for Cortland.

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PATRICK KERR

Patrick Kerr is being inducted into the Hall of Fame for his devoted community involvement in soccer. His contribution to soccer has been a key factor to the success of the high school boys and girls soccer programs.

Pat was born in Belfast Northern Ireland and came to the United States on April 11, 1970. In 1974, Pat started a soccer team in Beacon and competed in a league in the East Fishkill Soccer Club. During that same year, Pat went to the Beacon Recreation Commission about starting a youth soccer league. His dream became a reality in 1976 when four teams formed the inaugural Beacon Soccer Club. Within the next three years the league expanded to 32 teams and nearly 500 players. Pat was league founder, coach, mentor, league president for 11 years, and has refereed games since the beginning; a task which he continues today. As a result of his efforts, Pat was inducted into the Dutchess County Soccer Hall of Fame in 1979. In 1982, Pat invited a team of All-Stars from Germany to Beacon to play an all star team from Beacon. In 1983, the field at Sargent was dedicated the Patrick Kerr Soccer Field. In 1988, Pat started the Beacon Soccer Club travel program with 5 teams. In 1990, he coached a team to the New York State Cup championship game. Pat also coached varsity boys and girls soccer for Beacon High School.

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**Vernon R. Way
Post Humous Induction**

Vernon R. Way is being inducted into the Hall of Fame for his community contributions to football.

Vernon Way, known to most as “Vernie” but to some as “Popeye” was a 1944 Beacon High School graduate. Upon graduation he served in the United States Navy during World War II from 1944 to 1947. “Vernie” was a detective in the Beacon Police Department and then served as Beacon’s Commissioner of Safety and Public Works.

In 1965 “Vernie” fulfilled a longtime dream and founded and organized the Beacon Pop Warner football league. Through his legendary persistence, fortitude and dedication, he rallied numerous volunteers and businesses to construct a football complex in Memorial Park. The football complex earn accolade from near and far and stands as a testimonial to “Vernie”.

Since 1965, Beacon Pop Warner as provided a stellar opportunity to over 5000 youngsters to play the great game of football, many of whom would not have been introduced to football were it not for the efforts of “Vernie”. Pop Warner has been a valuable source in the development of Beacon High School football players. Pop Warner student/athletes have progressed through the system, from Pop Warner to Beacon High School and beyond. The success of former Pop Warner players has come, in part, through the organized structure and discipline afforded them by the dedication and community spirit of Vernon R. Way. He will forever live on through the Beacon Pop Warner Football League and the youth of Beacon.