

**ROBERT 'BOB' CAHILL**  
**Class of 1940**

Bob is being inducted as a contributor in many realms to the citizens of Beacon and the students of Beacon High School. Bob served in the Air Force during World War II. He parachuted from a B 17 Flying Fortress and spent ten months in a German prison camp. For his efforts in the military, Bob was awarded the Purple Heart. In 1952, Bob became interested in sports and became one of the founding fathers of Little League Baseball in the city of Beacon. He asked for permission to start a Babe Ruth League for 13-15 year olds. He became the manager of the Knights of Columbus team and during his 18 years as manager his teams won 15 league championships. He coached many All-Star teams and took them to the state and eastern regional championships. In 1968, he coached the 13-15 year old Babe Ruth All-Star team to the New York State championship. During this time, he also became one of the founders of the CYO basketball program in Beacon. He coached the 'Redmen' to numerous upstate championships. For his accomplishments, Bob is a member of the Dutchess County Sports Hall of Fame. He served twelve years as Commissioner of the New York State Bridge Authority and three years as Chairman. He was elected to the Dutchess County Board of Representatives. Bob also served two terms as Mayor of Beacon.

**JIM MARTIN**  
**Class of 1965**

Jim Martin is being inducted into the Hall of Fame for his accomplishments as a basketball player.

Jim was a member of the varsity basketball team for two years. During his senior year, Jim was a main cog for the "Bulldog's", grabbing rebounds to start the attack. He was a sharp ball handler and was among the leading scorers in the county. For Jim's efforts, he was named the DCSL Most Valuable Player.

Jim finished the 1965 season with 235 points and 306 rebounds. Jim set a school rebounding record of 25 in one game against Saugerties, a record that still has not been broken. In that game, Jim dominated the boards in less than three quarters of playing time.

Jim was a member of the 1965 basketball team, which was the highest scoring team in school history as well as setting a record of 31 straight DCSL victories. Behind the rebounding and slick shooting of Jim, the team won the DCSL and Section One Class A Championships.

Jim played on a basketball team that had tremendous speed, and with his ability to pluck the boards clean to set up the fast break he has earned the distinction of being inducted into the Hall of Fame.

**TALAYA WILKINS**  
**Class of 2003**

Talaya Wilkins is the most celebrated girls basketball player we have had at Beacon High School. Talaya began her career as an eighth grader and immediately brought energy and enthusiasm to the program. As a freshman, Talaya averaged 18.2 points per game and 8 rebounds per game while also leading the team in assists and steals. She led the team to its first winning season in years. As a sophomore, Talaya helped lead the Lady Bulldogs to a 17-3 regular season (19 -4 overall) and 2 sectional victories culminating in a berth in the Final Four at the County Center.

Unfortunately, Talaya missed her junior year due to a devastating knee injury. She returned for her senior year and was leading the team to a 9-1 record before a second knee injury ended her Bulldog career. Talaya finished her career with 1048 points and was named All-League four times and All-Section twice. As a result of her accomplishments, Talaya became the first Lady Bulldog basketball star to earn a Division 1 scholarship as she signed with Siena College where she finished her career.

**BRYAN ORTQUIST**  
**Class of 2003**

Bryan Ortquist is being inducted into the Hall of Fame for his achievements in Track and Field and Basketball.

Bryan competed on the varsity track and field team for four years. In 2003, Bryan shattered Dutchess County and Section One records in the pentathlon en route to winning a State Championship. That year he was named the team's Most Valuable Player and the Poughkeepsie Journal Male Track Athlete of the Year.

Bryan played on the Varsity Boys Basketball for three years. As a member of the 2003 team, he was a big contributor to the team's success which included a Section One Championship. Beacon beat Peekskill in the championship game on a "buzzer beater" and then went on to beat Red Hook in the Regional Finals. The next stop for the team was Glens Falls in the Final Four. Beacon was eventually eliminated in the New York State Semi Finals by Amityville. Bryan was named Co-MVP for the Bulldogs in 2003.

Bryan Ortquist had an extraordinary senior year and for his accomplishments will be remembered as one of Beacon's most outstanding athlete's.

**SCOTT TOMPKINS**  
**Class of 2004**

Scott Tompkins was a three sport athlete; soccer, wrestling and tennis. He is being inducted into the Hall of Fame for his accomplishments in wrestling.

Scott competed on the varsity wrestling team for five years. During his illustrious wrestling career, Scott broke almost every school record including; Most Pins in a season -29, Most Career Wins – 133 and the Most Career Pins – 99.

Scott earned All League honors for five years, All Section twice and was a first team Poughkeepsie Journal All Star 3 years. He was a team captain and Most Valuable Wrestler for three years. Scott was a four time divisional place winner and was a Section One runner up in 2003.

For being a scholar athlete for his entire career at Beacon High School and his wrestling accolades, Scott Tompkins is a much deserving athlete to be inducted into the Hall of Fame.

**MATHIEU 'MATT' NEVINS**  
**Class of 2004**

Matt Nevins excelled in three sports: football, basketball and baseball. He is being inducted into the Hall of Fame for his accomplishments in all of these sports.

As a junior, Matt was a member of the boys basketball team that won the Section 1 championship and advanced to the New York State Final Four in Glens Falls. In 2004, as a senior point guard, Matt was named the Most Valuable Player for boys basketball. As a football player, Matt was the quarterback who guided the team to its first bowl appearance in school history and also its first winning season in twelve years. Matt earned All-league and Honorable Mention All-Section for his accomplishments during senior season of football. It was as a baseball player that Matt earned his most prestigious accomplishments. Matt earned three varsity letters in baseball and started for each of these years. During his senior season, Matt was named All-League, All-County, and All-Section and was the Section 1 Class A runner up for Pitcher of the Year. Matt batted .471 with 40 hits in 85 at bats with 9 doubles and 5 home runs. He also had an OBA of .554, scored 30 runs and had 21 RBI's while stealing 22 bases. On the mound, Matt had 5-3 record while striking out 59 batters in 44 innings. He compiled a 2.86 ERA. As a result of his baseball accomplishments, Matt became the first Bulldog to sign a NCAA Division 1 letter of intent as he signed with Manhattan.

## 1999 Boys Tennis Team

The 1999 Bulldog tennis squad was truly a dominant team. The boys finished the season with a perfect 16-0 record which was only the 2<sup>nd</sup> undefeated season in the history of the program (the previous team only won 13 matches). In the 112 dual meet matches played, the team won 101 and lost only 11. Thirteen of the sixteen matches were won by impressive scores of 7-0 or 6-1. The team also went 44-4 in singles matches behind stellar play from Matt Sheers, Mike Faust, and Eric Cuevas. In addition, the league champions in both Singles (Sheers) and Doubles (Faust and Simjo Eddaparayile) were from Beacon. Faust tied a school record with 21 total wins for the campaign (including post-season). The team boasted 3 All-Section players and 7 of the 11 starters were named All-League. Including matches from the end of 1998, all of 1999 and the beginning of 2000, the team put together a 35 match win streak! This season was also part of a run of four consecutive league titles (1997-2000). To top it all off, the boys were named as a NYS Scholar Athlete team.

Matt Sheers  
Rashard Bennett  
Johann Jackson  
Mike Lentini  
Andrew Yaun

Mike Faust  
Simjo Eddaparayile  
Mario DiLorenzo  
Nick Gentile  
Tim Envid  
Coach: Dave Ryley

Eric Cuevas  
Tom Bosko  
Matt Ras  
Brian Boolukos  
Mike Istvan