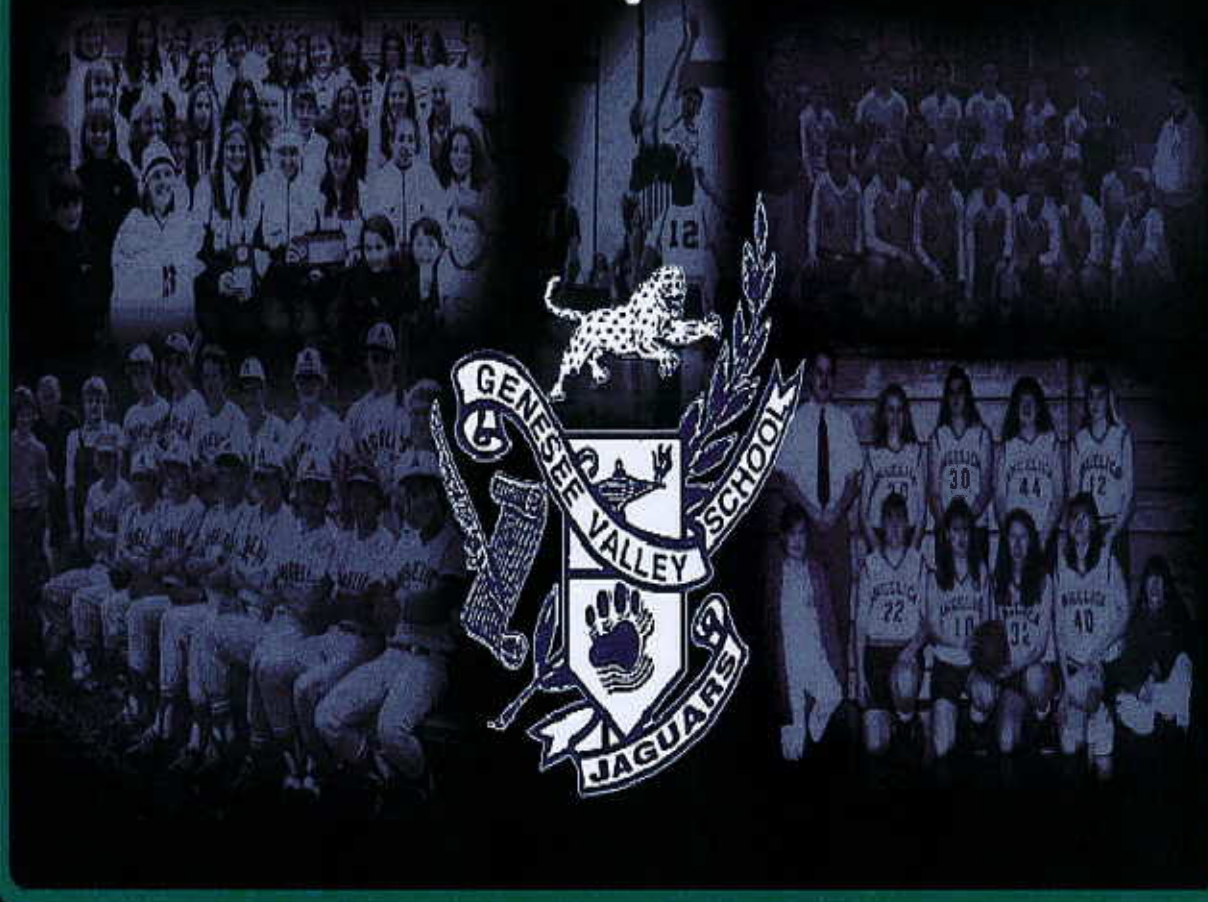




Genesee Valley Wall of Fame



*Genesee Valley Central School
1 Jaguar Drive
Belmont, New York 14813*

*2016 Induction Ceremony
Saturday, October 1, 2016*

WELCOME TO 2016 GENESEE VALLEY WALL OF FAME INDUCTION CEREMONY



I WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE FOR JOINING US TODAY, OCTOBER 1, 2016. I WANT TO EXTEND MY SINCEREST THANKS TO RHONDA SLOCUM, DAWN RENIFF, BRON NORASETHAPORN, RHIANNON BABBITT, PENNY MILLER, CHRIS GYR, JENN TURBURY, CUSTODIAL STAFF, SELECTION COMMITTEE, AND THE GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER TEAM-- IN SOME SHAPE OR FORM, THEY HELPED MAKE THIS DAY HAPPEN. I REALLY APPRECIATE THE EFFORT BY EVERYONE. I HOPE YOU ENJOY YOUR DAY. PLEASE JOIN US IN BETWEEN THE VARSITY GAMES AT APPROXIMATELY 6:15 P.M. TO BE INTRODUCED ONTO THE FIELD. THANK YOU SO MUCH!!

LISA SCOTT-SCHNEIDER

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR, GVCS

2016 GVCS WALL OF FAME INDUCTEES



2005 GVCS Wrestling Team

Bill Beckwith

Griffin Gyr

Arleen Jennings

Mandy Ostrander

Jessica Schmidt

Each inductee will be presented with a plaque to commemorate their achievement and there will be permanent plaques on display in the trophy hallway outside the high school gymnasium. Congratulations to all inductees!



2005 GENESEE VALLEY WRESTLING

The team started as a club that was allowed to practice during the 1996-97 school year. Belmont or Angelica didn't have a program prior to the merger, as Belmont dropped its program in late 80's. The club became a team in 1997-98. They used the old wrestling mats from Belmont and the only place to practice was at the Angelica campus in the cafeteria. The kids had to catch a shuttle bus to Angelica at 3:15 to practice every day and they couldn't host any matches, so trying to keep the interest level rising was a challenge itself. However, the commitment and dedication exhibited by the wrestlers began during the infancy stages. As the program developed, the momentum kept gaining. The team was moved to the Belmont building finally and home matches became a reality. When the new school was built, the big cafeteria became the practice place, and the new mats were wheeled there every day to compete. Students were recruited at an early age to wrestle, as young as 5th, 6th, 7th graders to start at the club levels and keep developing. The core group of this team began at a very young age. Many of the core group, wrestled in 7th or 8th grade at the varsity level, and stayed with it 5-6 years to reach this Sectional Championship Title. The Championship was held at Keshequa, and the team brought home the following individual awards: Most Outstanding Wrestler (lightweight and heavyweight) Daniel McGillivray and Caleb Olcott, Sportsmanship Award—Caleb Olcott; Section V Coach of the Year—Matt

Hopkins who also won Expressway Conference Coach of the Year and Times Herald Big 30 Coach of the Year. The team also crowned three individual champions at their respective weight classes - Daniel McGillivray, Caleb Olcott, and Chad McCaslin. Five other GV wrestlers placed 2nd or 3rd — Max Evans, Gary Preston, Chris Waite, Chris Green, and Shawn Biddle. Over the years, many lessons were taught in character, civic responsibility, healthy lifestyles, and family values. This team should be very proud of its' accomplishments. Members of the team are Chris Harrington, Shawn Biddle, Corey Presutti, Caleb Olcott, Terry Lunn, Max Evans, Gary Preston, Chris Green, Craig LeClair, Dan McGillivray, Andrew Sweezy, Chris Waite, Caleb Swann, Chad McCaslin, and Jeff Robbins. Lance Pecone from C-R. Coaches: Matt Hopkins, assisted by Ron Fanton, Mark Pecone, Bruce Garfield and Bill Shipman.





BILL BECKWITH

Bill Beckwith is a 1974 graduate of Angelica Central School. Bill went on to Genesee Community College and Brockport State receiving his Bachelor's degree in Physical Education with a concentration in Athletic Training.

Bill was a multi-sport athlete at Angelica, competing at the varsity level in soccer, basketball, baseball, and golf. Bill was best known for basketball and for being a member and co-captain of the Section V championship team his senior year. He came back from a broken leg he suffered in soccer season, to help lead his team to victory. He achieved all-star status in basketball and soccer as a junior and as a senior, he was named MVP of the inaugural Angelica Christmas tournament held at Alfred University. Bill was a member of league championship teams in soccer, basketball and baseball.

Bill then went to GCC and was a two-year starter on the basketball team, where he was co-captain, leading scorer and voted MVP his second season of playing. Bill was also the Head Basketball Coach at GCC for the 1979-80 season.

Bill started playing rugby with the Rochester Aardvarks in 1980. Bill moved to Charlotte, NC in 1982 and continued his rugby career with the Charlotte Olde Originals RFC. Bill was a key member of the team as they won the North Carolina State Championship 7 out of the 8 years he competed. Charlotte reached the Final Four in the Easter Rugby Union in 1984.

From 1988-1997 Bill coached college rugby at UNCC, Pitt, and UB. Bill also coached many youth sports through the Town of Hamburg Recreation Department and in 2007, he was honored as the "Character Coach of Year" for Flag Football.

Bill has enjoyed a 30-year career in the fitness equipment industry and is currently the National Accounts Manager in Canada for Octane Fitness. Bill is married to Penny and has three children; Shelly, Sarah and Jess and resides in Lake View, NY.



GRIFFIN GYR

Griffin is a 2009 graduate of Genesee Valley Central School. Griffin was a three sport athlete, competing in soccer, basketball and track and field. Griffin was an Allegany County All-Star selection and was named to the prestigious Big 30 All-Star Team. He was a leader on the defense, which held their opponents to only 11 goals his senior year. That is a remarkable feat to accomplish.

Griffin helped his basketball team to the Section V Championship in 2009, with a major ankle injury all season long. Griffin's mental strength powered him through the adversity. He was the leading scorer for the team and

was selected as an Allegany County All-Star and the Section V All-Tournament team, playing every minute of the final game. In Griffin's own words: *"Looking back, I am most proud of winning the sectional championship in basketball. There were a lot of low points that season. No one believed in us and I'm not sure we believed in ourselves. Being able to end the season with a great success after starting so poorly was a great feeling. That season taught me the value of persistence and has been a lesson I have reflected on since"*.

Griffin was a varsity track and field participant for four years. He holds the record for the pentathlon, tied for high jump, and is second in shot put for GVCS. Griffin placed second in Section V Championships twice for pentathlon.

Griffin was a two-year track and field participant at University of Rochester. During this time, he competed in the decathlon and pentathlon and qualified for the NYS Division Three Championships in the previous mentioned and the high jump. Recurring injuries made for an early retirement but the desire was still there. Griffin graduated *cum laude* from University of Rochester with a degree in Economics. He now lives in Boston, MA and works for Waterstone Retail Development as a Financial Analyst.



ARLEEN STALKER JENNINGS

Arleen is a 1978 graduate from Angelica Central School, but is representing Belmont Central School because of her stellar career at BCS until she transferred to Angelica for her senior campaign. This is a unique situation as Arleen joins her daughter Karen in the Wall of Fame, becoming the first mother/daughter combination to be inducted.

Arleen was a four sport participant, collecting letters in soccer, volleyball, basketball, and softball. Arleen had 32 goals for Belmont soccer under the direction of Judy Bliven.

Arleen was best known for her basketball prowess. She was an Allegany County All-Star three years in a row; sophomore, junior, and senior seasons. She was named the County MVP her senior year. In her sophomore year, Arleen was chosen for the Section V All-Tournament Team. Arleen ended her career amassing a total of 1,459 points, a feat that is not done very often, especially since there were no three point arcs in her tenure. Amazing statistic!

Arleen played softball also, ending her career with a .480 batting average for Belmont.

Arleen went to Genesee Community College and participated in three sports there. She played Field Hockey, started on the team, and won the Region 3 Championship and had the opportunity to play in the Junior College Nationals. She also started for the basketball and softball teams at GCC.

Arleen is married to Ron, and has five children; Karen, Stephen, Jessica, Brian and Colleen, who all graduated from GVCS. Arleen is a published author also, Created to be Creative. She and Ron still reside in Angelica.



MANDY OSTRANDER

Mandy graduated from Genesee Valley in 2004. Mandy was not only an outstanding athlete for Genesee Valley Central School, but the picture of a true student-athlete. Mandy was a role model for all athletes at GV, demonstrating great sportsmanship and her calm, cool demeanor on whatever playing surface she was on. Mandy was a three sport standout for her tenure here at GVCS, excelling in soccer, basketball and softball.

Mandy played varsity soccer all four years of high school. She was a three time Allegany County All-Star, ending with 86 career goals, and leading the team to two Section V titles, in 2000 and 2003. Mandy was awarded first team All-State in 2003 for her prowess on the pitch.

Mandy was an All-County All-Star choice for the basketball team too. Mandy was the point guard guiding Coach Furlong's team to a County Championship in 2003. For a team to be successful, you have to have the right person directing the team, and Mandy was perfect for the mold. Mandy was also a Great 8 selection her senior year.

Softball was the third stellar sport for Mandy to compete in. She played a mean third base, to round out the great infield for Coach Clark's squad. Mandy was one of the reasons the talented team won a County Championship in 2004. Mandy's junior year, they lost in the sectional finals to Alfred-Almond in an amazing game to watch. Mandy was awarded the Outstanding Senior Athlete Award for GVCS.

Mandy went to Nazareth College and competed one year for them on the soccer squad. She then transferred to SUNY Binghamton, earning a Bachelor's of Science in Industrial Engineering. She now lives in Boston, Massachusetts and works for Smith and Nephew as an Industrial Engineer.



JESSICA SCHMIDT MONIN

Jessica graduated from Genesee Valley in 2004.

Jessica was a phenomenal soccer and softball player, while also participating in cheerleading in the winter season. She was a natural athlete, a big bang in her little body and an athlete that was a joy to watch.

Jessica's main love was soccer. She helped guide Coach Stack's team to County Championships and the 2003 Section V Championship. She was named the Section V Class DD Outstanding Player of the Game in the championship loss to HAC in 2001. Jessica was named the Section V Class DD Player of the Year her senior year, and also garnished the All- Tournament Team award for the championship win over J-T, needing the shoot out to advance to next level.

Jessica was named as a two time Allegany County All-Star her junior and senior year. Jessica was also named All-State her senior year.

Jessica played the very demanding position of catcher for Coach Clark's softball team. And she played it very well. Jessica was a three time Allegany County All-Star, her sophomore, junior and senior years. She also won the GVCS Sportsmanship Award for two years. Jessica was awarded the GVCS Athlete of the Year her senior year.

Jessica went to Gannon University and competed one year of soccer for them. She graduated in 2009 with a Masters' degree for Physician Assistant. She is now married to Brian Monin, and has two children, Mason and Harper. She works for Buffalo Medical Group and floats between Millard Fillmore Suburban, Sisters of Charity and Garden Gate for Post Hospital Care.