

SECTION II: PA SPORTS HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CLASS OF 2020/2021

Living Inductees:

1. Meredith Alexis - Basketball Player - Luzerne County - John Popple Chapter: former Bishop Hoban High School (Wilkes Barre, PA), James Madison University and WNBA Washington Mystics/Connecticut Sun basketball player, she capped her collegiate career by being named to the Colonial Athletic Association Silver Anniversary All-Star Team. Was the CAA Player of the Year for the 2006-07 season and was first player at James Madison to amass 1000 points and 1000 rebounds in a playing career.

2. Tom Bradley - Football Coach - Robert "Tick" Cloherty-Western Chapter: former Penn State Defensive Coordinator and Nittany Lions Interim Head Football Coach in 2011. During his 36 year collegiate coaching career, he developed 20 First Team All-Americans, 67 All-Conference players and coached 50+ players onto NFL rosters. He currently serves as defensive secondary coach for the Pittsburgh Steelers. He was named the Associated Press Collegiate Defensive Coordinator of the Year in 2005 and was awarded a similar honor by Rivals.com in 2008.

3. Marques Colston - Football Player - Capital Area Chapter: former Susquehanna Township High School (Harrisburg, PA), Hofstra University and New Orleans Saints wide receiver who retired as the Saints all-time leader in pass receptions, receiving yards and touchdown catches. Caught 7 passes for 83 yards in the Saints Super Bowl XLIV victory over the Colts. His 10 year New Orleans Saints career stats include 711 receptions for 9759 yards and 72 touchdowns. He is also the Saints career leader in receiving yards per catch (13.7 yds), most seasons with 100 receptions (6), most 100 yard receiving games (28) and most games played by a wide receiver (146).

4. Mary Ellen Boylan Jutca - Basketball and Tennis Player - Washington-Greene County Chapter: former Immaculate Conception High School (Washington, PA) and Villanova University basketball player who was the Philadelphia area's 3-time "Big 5" Women's MVP in 1974, 1975 and 1976. Was the first female inducted into the Villanova Wildcats Varsity Club Sports Hall of Fame in 1985. In addition to her collegiate basketball career, she was also the Wildcats 2 year tennis captain in 1975 and 1976. In her senior year, the Philadelphia Inquirer called her "possibly the best athlete, male or female in Philadelphia" and "Spires" (the University newspaper) named her "the best female athlete ever to attend Villanova".

5. Brian Milne - Football Player and Track and Field Shot and Discus Thrower - Metro Erie Chapter: former Ft. Le Boeuf High School (Erie County), Penn State University and Indianapolis Colts, Cincinnati Bengals, Seattle Seahawks and New Orleans Saints short yardage running back. In track he was a three time PIAA discus champion and his throw of 206' 3" was a 20 year state record. He also was a 2 time PIAA shot put champion and at Penn State was the NCAA discus champion his sophomore year. The Erie Times named him among the top 10 of "Erie's Best Athletes of the 20th Century".

6. John Reinstra - Football Player, Wrestler and Power Lifter - Montgomery County Chapter: former Academy of New Church High School (Bryn Athyn, PA), Temple University and Pittsburgh Steelers and Cleveland Browns football player, he was named First Team All-American Offensive Guard for the Temple Owls in 1981. Was also the NCAA Power Lifting Champion in 1981 and was a first round selection (9th overall) by the Steelers in the 1986 NFL draft, where he was a 5 year starter at guard followed by two years as a starting guard for the Cleveland Browns.

7. Jim Render - Football Coach - Robert "Tick" Cloherty-Western Chapter: retired Upper St. Clair High School football coach, he has recorded the most victories (406) in WPIAL football history during his 49 year scholastic head football coaching career. His 1989 Panthers were the first PIAA AAAA championship team to go undefeated at 15-0 and his 2006 USC team was first PIAA AAAA team to go undefeated at 16-0. Was previously inducted into the PA. High School Football Coaches Assn and the WPIAL Halls of Fame.

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8. Tim Ruddy - Football Player - Northeast Chapter: former Dunmore High School (Dunmore, PA), University of Notre Dame and Miami Dolphins offensive lineman (Center) who was selected by Sporting News as a scholastic Honorable Mention All-American, and was a four year starter at center for the Fighting Irish where he was named Second Team All-American by both The Football News and the Associated Press. At Miami he was Dan Marino's starting center for 140 games, and was a Pro Bowl selection in 2001.

9. R. J. Umberger - Ice Hockey Player - East Boros Chapter: former Plum High School (Plum Borough, PA.), Ohio State Buckeyes and Columbus Blue Jackets and Philadelphia Flyers center and left winger, he was drafted in the first round (pick # 16) in the 2001 draft by the Vancouver Canucks and played 11 seasons in the NHL. With the Plum Mustangs he scored an impressive 116 points in only 16 games. Previously inducted into the Plum High School and the Ohio State Sports Halls of Fame.

Deceased Inductees:

1. Betty Mullen Brey - Swimmer - Carbon County Chapter: former NCAA, Pan Am Games and Olympic Games champion, she was a Silver Medalist in the 400 Freestyle at the 1956 Melbourne Olympics, a Gold and a Silver Medalist at the 1951 Pan Am Games and both a Gold and a Silver Medalist at the 1955 Pan Am Games. She set a new American and World record in the 100 yard Butterfly at the 1955 NCAA Championships and was inducted into the Purdue University and Indiana University (Indiana) Halls of Fame..

2. James "Lash" Nesser - Basketball Coach - Fayette County Chapter: former Uniontown St. John's High School and Uniontown (Red Raiders) High School (Uniontown, PA) head basketball coach whose teams won 680 games between 1948 and 1976. His 1965 St. John's team won the PCIAA championship and his 1962 and 1976 teams both made the PCIAA Final Four. His 1981 Uniontown Red Raiders team won both the WPIAL (District 7) and the PIAA (State) championships.

3. Joe Solomon - Wrestler and Wrestling Referee - Washington-Greene County Chapter: former Canonsburg High School (Canonsburg, PA), University of Pittsburgh and U.S. Olympic Team wrestler, he won three straight WPIAL crowns and was the 145 pound PIAA champion in 1950. At Pitt he was the 167 pound NCAA champion in 1954 and was a four-time Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association champion. He was previously inducted into the Southwestern PA Wrestling, the Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association Officials, the Pitt Golden Panthers and the National Wrestling Halls of Fame as well as the Canon-MacMillan School; District Hall of Honor. Officiated at 5 NCAA Championship tournaments and wrestled for the USA in the 1956 Melbourne Summer Olympics.