

CPP SPORTS HALL OF FAME

MAY NEWSLETTER



As you know, we finally and officially inducted the Hall of Fame, Class of 2020 last month. It took two years and a snow delay, but we got the job done. Over the course of that time, we've had several members of our Hall of Fame earn some well-deserved honors.

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Irene Furness was inducted into the New York State Volleyball Coaches Association Hall of Fame. Irene coached high school volleyball in New York State for 32 years. She began her career at Canaseraga High School. After one year she moved to the Corning-Painted Post area to take over the Corning West High volleyball program. It was at Corning West that Irene flourished. She was the helm of the Vikings program for 22 years before a school district merger brought West and East together to form one high school. After the merger with Corning East, Irene stayed with the Hawks program for its first nine years before retiring from coaching. While at West, she directed six teams to the state final four, reaching the finals four times. Her Corning West squad notched a state championship in 1997. Irene's combined record at Corning West and Corning-Painted Post was 352-182. Her teams captured 18 Section IV titles and she was named Coach of the Year numerous times. Irene was inducted into the Corning-Painted Post Sports Hall of Fame in 2008. She has served as a member of its Board of Directors since 2011.

Brittany Phillip was inducted into the Queens University of North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame this past spring for her accomplishments in their lacrosse program. After a four-year career at Queens, Brittney graduated from the program with a school record 168 goals. She was also second in total points with 208. Brittany graduated from Corning East High in 2008. She was inducted into the C-PP Sports Hall of Fame in 2014.

Jesika LeBarron was inducted into the Alfred University Sports Hall of Fame this past spring for her outstanding contributions to the softball program. While at Alfred, Jesika played third base her first three years before switching to shortstop in her senior season. She basically rewrote the softball record book at the University.

When she finished her four-year career she was the all-time leader in hits with 171; home runs with 23; doubles with 35; runs batted in with 123 and runs scored with 103. Jesika graduated from Corning West in 2006 and was inducted into the C-PP Sports Hall of Fame in 2012.

After retiring from work, Jeff Ayers chose to spend his first winter of retirement in Florida where he could play a little golf. Not only did he play a little golf, but Jeff also played for a Northeast based, over-60 softball team. He competed with this team, along with his brother Rocky, and their team won the Over-60 title in the International Senior Softball Associations Senior World Tournament of Champions. Not only did Jeff play a major role in his team winning the title, he was named the MVP of the Tournament. Jeff was inducted into the C-PP Sports Hall of Fame for his softball accomplishments.

Now that the C-PP Sports Hall of Fame has a much more active website, they invite news and notes about any of its members. If anyone knows of noted accomplishments by any of our members, please feel free to send that information to our secretary, Larry French, at lfrench@stny.rr.com. We will do our best to bring news of our members to you on a monthly basis. When we get everything done, we know you will enjoy browsing through it. It will be much easier to navigate and we will have more pictures than ever before, with more up to date news and information. We appreciate your patience with us as the process will take a little time!

The new website address is www.cppshof.com . Don't forget to follow us on Facebook as well at www.facebook.com/cppshof