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Equipment Manager

Bob McIntyre
Men's Basketball

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Gerald Calabrese  Men's Basketball
Jack Curran  Baseball, Men's Basketball
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Rev. W. Graham, C.M.  Administrator
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Andrew Svoboda  Men’s Golf
Kia Wright  Women's Basketball
Inductees

Administration

Bill Esposito
*Administrator (1961-84)*
*Hall of Fame Class of 1995-96*
Esposito began his contributions to St. John's as a student-athlete on the baseball team and as a four-year student manager of the basketball team. After graduating, he went on to serve in the Korean War and later became the sports information director for St. John's and President of CoSIDA, the College Sports Information Directors of America.

Herb Hess
*Equipment Manager (1972-87)*
*Hall of Fame Class of 1993-94*
Hess was once a former coach of the football, basketball and baseball programs at St. John's Prep in 1931. Known as an outstanding teacher and leader of people, he served as St. John's Equipment Manager during the 1970's and 1980's.

Dr. Irving Glick
*Administrator (1970-1990)*
*Hall of Fame Class of 1996-97*
As the orthopedic consultant, Dr. Glick provided St. John's with more than 20 years of dedicated service from the mid-1970s through the late 1990's. A member of the United States Tennis Association Eastern Tennis Hall of Fame and New York State Medical Society, Glick was a recipient of the President's Medal, and served as a Clinical Professor of Orthopedic Surgery at NYU's School of Medicine from 1952-1977.
Rev. W. Graham, C.M.
Administrator (approx. 1950-93)
Hall of Fame Class of 1994-95
Once a student at St. John's Prep, Graham gave back to St. John's in many ways. After serving in the Korean War bringing spiritual aid and comfort to men in the Air Force, he returned to St. John's in a similar capacity for the St. John's student-athletes. He also coached swimming and acted as Moderator of Athletics, Treasurer and Vice President of Business Affairs.

Rev. Henry Honsberger, C.M.
Moderator of Athletics
Hall of Fame Class of 1989-90
Honsberger served St. John's for three decades, as a teacher, a chaplain with the United States Air Force and, on three separate occasions, Moderator of Athletics and Chairman of the Board of Athletic Control. Alternating between St. John's and the military, he was the Moderator of Athletics 1951-53, 1959-60 and 1967-72.

John W. Kaiser
Baseball Player (1947-49), Coach (1956-73),
Director of Athletics (1973-95)
Hall of Fame Class of 1986-87
The first person to ever play and coach in the NCAA College World series, Kaiser captained the 1949 St. John's squad to the program's first-ever CWS appearance and later coached his alma mater to three CWS appearances (1960, 1966, 1968). A member of the ABCA and ACBL Halls of Fame, Kaiser compiled a 367-133-2 record and made 11 NCAA postseason appearances in 18 seasons as head coach. Kaiser then served as the Director of Athletics at St. John's from 1973-1995, a time in which he contributed to the formation of the BIG EAST Conference, and currently acts as the Athletic Director Emeritus at the University.
Rev. Edward Kiernan  
*Moderator of Athletics (1957-90)*  
*Hall of Fame Class of 1997-98*  
Kiernan began his career as the moderator for the Athletic Department in 1957. He dedicated 40 influential years of his life to higher education, 33 of them at St. John's. Kiernan inspired generosity that was felt by those around him and his community. He was an avid sports enthusiast, who used his spare time to coach a CYO baseball team.

Erin McDonnell  
*Softball (1983-86), Athletics Administrator (1987-2010)*  
*Hall of Fame Class of 2000-01*  
McDonnell was a standout performer for the St. John's softball team for three seasons, with an injury keeping her off the field in 1987. During her career, she led the team in batting average (.293) and steals (16). In 1986, she won the Team's MVP as well as the Rev. Joseph T. Cahill, C.M., Award (President's Award). McDonnell was also a two-time recipient of the Rickard F. McSwiney Award representing the most outstanding female student-athlete (1986, 1987). She was also a student-athlete representative to the Board of Athletic Control (1985-86). After her playing career, McDonnell was an assistant coach for her alma mater in 1990 and 1991 and went on to serve as the Associate Athletic Director, Director of Facilities until 2010.

Walter T. McLaughlin  
*Athletic Director (1934-1973)*  
*Hall of Fame Class of 1984-85*  
McLaughlin, a Brooklyn, N.Y., native, graduated from St. John's in 1928. He returned to his alma mater as the Athletic Director, serving for 39 years before his retirement in 1973. In addition to his athletic director's duties, he coached baseball and golf and served on numerous Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) and National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) committees. McLaughlin also served as chairman of the Metropolitan Intercollegiate Basketball Association, the sponsoring group for the National Invitation Tournament.
Roger "Dutch" Ouderkirk  
*Coach, Administrator (1978-2000)*  
*Hall of Fame Class of 1999-2000*

“Dutch” served as an equipment manager and assistant to head football coach Bob Ricca, serving as an offensive coordinator for many years. He's credited with having a helping hand in the careers of St. John's Hall of Famer Dennis Bligen, as well as NFL veterans Kurt Sohn and Joe Klecko. Over the years, his coaching efforts earned him many honors including Suffolk County's “Coach of the Year” three times and “Coach of the Year” in Finland in 1987.

Rev. Robert J. Rivard, C.M.  
*Administration*  
*Hall of Fame Class of 1993-94*

Reverend Rivard was the Moderator of Athletics here at St. John's for 13 years from 1980 through 1993. He also served as the chairperson of the Board of Athletic Control and was an Associate Professor of Theology. Rivard served as the Minister for Athletics and is credited with the formation of the St. John’s Band.

Bob Sheppard  
*Announcer*  
*Hall of Fame Class of 1987-88*

A teacher by trade, Sheppard was a speech professor at St. John's University. Known as "the Voice of the Redman," his voice was once heard over the P.A. system at Alumni Hall, now Carnesecca Arena. As a student-athlete for the Redmen, Sheppard was a seven-time varsity letter winner in both football and baseball before graduating in 1932. For more than 50 years, he served as a public address announcer at Yankee Stadium and for the NFL's New York Football Giants.
Bill Ward
Track & Field Coach, Intramural Director (1947-64)
Hall of Fame Class of 1985-86
Ward started his 17-year coaching stint at St. John's in 1947, while simultaneously serving as the Director of Intramurals. During his tenure, Ward coached Metropolitan Intercollegiate Cross Country Championship teams and various local and sectional track titles. He went on to become the president of the National Collegiate Cross Country Coaches Association, the IC4A Track Coaches Association and the Metropolitan Intercollegiate Track Coaches. Ward also represented the U.S. as a representative of the Olympic Committee in Rome in 1960.
Honorary

The Belson Family
Contributors
Hall of Fame Class of 2003-04
Jerome, Maxine and Tad Belson have long given their time, talent, resources and love to a variety of endeavors at this University. Their support for a myriad of academic and athletic endeavors is readily apparent to anyone visiting the Queens campus and seeing Belson Hall, the Belson Moot Courtroom, and of course, the University's soccer facility—Belson Stadium.

The Brennan Family
Contributors
Hall of Fame Class of 2014-15
Dedicated supporters of St. John's Athletics and benefactors of some of the most prominent landmarks on the University's Queens campus, The Brennan Family has continuously shaped St. John's proud sporting tradition through decades of enduring generosity and passion for collegiate athletics. One of the founding families of the Red White Club, the premier giving society for supporters of St. John's Athletics since its inception in 1983, The Brennan Family, in an extension of their commitment to St. John's University in the mid-2000s, served as lead contributors in the transformative renovation of one of the most cherished landmarks to the St. John's community, Carnesecca Arena. Embodying the University's Vincentian tradition, the family also served as the primary benefactor in the construction of St. Thomas More Church, which opened its doors to the St. John's community on September 27, 2004.
Gil Hodges  
*Honorary Inductee*  
*Hall of Fame Class of 2000-01*

Hodges was a man of great character, dignity and courage. Across 18 major league seasons, Hodges blasted 370 home runs, and in his prime, averaged 30 homers and more than 100 RBI for 10-consecutive seasons from 1948-1957. He was selected to the National League All-Star team eight times, and he revolutionized defensive play at first base, winning the first three Gold Gloves awarded as a first baseman. Hodges played an important role for the Brooklyn, then Los Angeles, Dodgers, winning seven National League pennants and two World Series. Later on, as a manager, Hodges led the 1969 “Miracle” Mets, one of the most surprising World Series Champions ever.

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Donald and Eleanor Taffner  
*Contributors*  
*Hall of Fame Class of 2012-13*

Benefactors of the 43,000-square foot, state-of-the-art Taffner Field House men's and women's basketball practice facility, which opened in 2005 and features four full-sized basketball courts, Donald and Eleanor Taffner lived lives of quiet grace and with a deep sense of caring for family, friends and the students of St. John's University. A member of the St. John's University Board of Trustees from 1995-2010, Eleanor also served as a longtime chair of the Athletics Subcommittee. Donald, a St. John's College graduate from the Class of 1953, served as a member of the Board of Trustees' Athletics Subcommittee and Student Affairs Committee.
Men’s Sports

Baseball

Rich Aurilia
Baseball (1990-92)
Hall of Fame Class of 2013-14
Rich Aurilia burst onto the scene as a freshman in 1990 when he earned BIG EAST Rookie of the Year honors. The shortstop also earned first team All-BIG EAST accolades as part of a career in which he helped St. John's win back-to-back BIG EAST regular season titles and advance to one NCAA Tournament. Drafted in the 1992 MLB Draft, Aurilia went on to a 15-year career that spanned from 1995-2009.

Larry Bearnarth
Baseball (1960-62)
Hall of Fame Class of 1984-85
A member of the 1960 College World Series squad, Bearnarth captained St. John's to a 22-2 mark in 1962. As a senior, Bearnarth also won both the Peter P. Smith Award as Team MVP and the Rickard McSwiney Award as the male student-athlete that best typifies the St. John's man. Bearnarth signed a professional contract with the New York Mets after graduating from the University and had a five-year career in the Major Leagues.

Jack Curran
Baseball/Men's Basketball
Hall of Fame Class of 1994-95
A New York City legend, Curran won more varsity basketball and baseball games combined than any other coach in the country during his time at Archbishop Molloy. He was named CHSAA Coach of the Year 25 times in baseball and 22 times in basketball, winning city titles in three different decades. Curran was also a starting pitcher for the St. John's baseball team and went on to sign with the Brooklyn Dodgers after graduating in 1952.

Sal Ferrara
Baseball (1938-40)
Hall of Fame Class of 1988-89
A catcher and the captain of the 1940 squad that posted a 12-2 record, Ferrara posted a career batting average of nearly .400 in three seasons at St. John's. Ferrara helped St. John's win back-to-back Metropolitan Intercollegiate Conference championships in 1939 and 1940.
John Franco  
*Baseball (1979-81)*  
*Hall of Fame Class of 1997-98*  
John Franco went 15-4 with three saves and a 2.42 ERA to help lead St. John's to the NCAA Tournament in each of his three seasons. The lefty went 3-2 with one save and 3.03 ERA as a sophomore to help lead St. John's to the 1980 College World Series. After posting a 5-1 record with one save and a 2.22 ERA as a junior, Franco was drafted by the Los Angeles Dodgers in the fifth round (125th overall) of the 1981 MLB Draft.

Matt Galante  
*Baseball (1965-66)*  
*Hall of Fame Class of 1985-86*  
Galante earned ABCA All-America honors and won the Peter P. Smith Award as Team MVP after posting a .399 batting average to help lead St. John's to the 1966 College World Series. The second baseman was drafted by the New York Yankees in the 63rd round (829th overall) of the 1966 MLB Draft and spent eight seasons playing in the minors before embarking on a managerial and scouting career.

John “Taps” Gallagher  
*Men's Basketball, Baseball (1924-28)*  
*Hall of Fame Class of 1991-92*  
After a four-year playing career at St. John's, Gallagher earned a tremendous reputation as a coach at Niagara University. He was given his nickname “Taps” in the 1920s, just before the “Wonder Five” days, when getting the center tap after each basket was vital. Gallagher also coached high school basketball in New York.

Bob Kaczmarek  
*Baseball (1961-63)*  
*Hall of Fame Class of 1989-90*  
Kaczmarek helped lead St. John's to a 64-11 record as well as a trip to the NCAA postseason in each of his three seasons. The third baseman posted a career batting average of .351 and also stole 51 bases in his career without ever being caught. Kaczmarek served as team captain as a senior and went on to play professionally in the Baltimore organization.
**John W. Kaiser**  
*Baseball Player (1947-49), Coach (1956-73), Director of Athletics (1973-95)*  
*Hall of Fame Class of 1986-87*

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**Frank McGuire**  
*Men's Basketball Player (1933-36), Men's Basketball and Baseball Coach (1947-52)*  
*Hall of Fame Class of 1984-85*

McGuire played baseball and basketball at St. John's under Buck Freeman from 1933 to 1936. McGuire went into coaching in the mid-1930s at Xavier Military Academy before succeeding Joe Lapchick at his alma mater. Under his administration, the Redman basketball team came within an eyelash of the national title in 1952. In 1949, under his tutelage, the Redmen baseball squad made its first trip to the College World Series. McGuire was the first coach to reach the fabled “Final Four” in two sports. In addition to St. John's McGuire went on to coach at North Carolina and South Carolina and served as the Director of Collegiate Sports at Madison Square Garden. He was elected to the James A. Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame.

**Rich Napolitano**  
*Baseball (1966-68)*  
*Hall of Fame Class of 2000-01*

Rich Napolitano, a pitcher for former Athletic Director Jack Kaiser's baseball squad from 1966-68, is the all-time leader in strikeouts per game posting an amazing 12.7 per contest at the time of his induction. He compiled a record of 13-4 with 230 strikeouts and led St. John's to the 1966 and 1968 College World Series. He was then drafted by the Cleveland Indians and played minor league baseball for two years.
CJ Nitkowski  
*Baseball*  
*Hall of Fame Class of 2014-15*  
The highest-drafted baseball player in program history, CJ Nitkowski was an All-American, a BIG EAST Pitcher of the Year and a two-time first team All-BIG EAST selection in just two seasons at St. John's. Nitkowski, who transferred after spending his freshman year at FAU, combined to go 11-7 with two saves and a 2.17 ERA in his two seasons in Queens. A BIG EAST Tournament champion, Nitkowski helped lead St. John's to the 1993 NCAA Tournament and totaled 145 strikeouts in 153.1 innings during his career. Drafted by the Cincinnati Reds as the ninth overall pick in the first round of the 1994 MLB Draft, Nitkowski made his big-league debut on June 3, 1995 and went on to enjoy a 10-year career in Major League Baseball.

Mike Proly  
*Baseball (1971-72)*  
*Hall of Fame Class of 1990-91*  
Proly went 10-4 in two seasons at St. John's, posting a pair of 5-2 records to go with a 2.02 ERA and a 1.90 ERA, respectively. The pitcher was drafted by the St. Louis Cardinals in the ninth round (213th overall) of the 1972 MLB Draft and had a seven-year career in the big leagues, including stints with the Cardinals, White Sox, Phillies and Cubs.

Michael Ricigliano  
*Baseball (1955-57)*  
*Hall of Fame Class of 2003-04*  
A three-time letter winner and three-time All-Met Selection (1955-57) for the baseball team, Ricigliano co-captained the team as a senior and led St. John's to a 21-5 overall record. He was an All-Star selection in each of his three seasons with St. John's and graduated from St. John's College in 1957. Ricigliano was also a first-team all-district selection in 1957. After graduation, he went on to complete his law degree from St. John's in 1960.
Milt Rosenbaum  
*Baseball (1939-41)*  
*Hall of Fame Class of 1992-93*  
Rosenbaum batted .360 as a senior to cap a three-year career in which the first baseman batted at least .300 in each season. Rosenbaum posted a slugging percentage of better than .500 for his career and also averaged 10 stolen bases per season.

Mickey Rutner  
*Baseball (1939-41)*  
*Hall of Fame Class of 1986-87*  
The first St. John's player to reach the Major Leagues, Rutner captained the 1941 squad to a 16-6 mark after a junior season in which the outfielder batted .460 to win the Metropolitan Intercollegiate Conference batting title. Rutner made his Major League debut in 1947 as a member of the Philadelphia Athletics.

Marty Satalino  
*Men's Basketball/Baseball (1952-55)*  
*Hall of Fame Class of 1991-92*  
A St. John's two-star athlete, Satalino was enshrined for his both basketball and baseball accomplishments. A key contributor for head coach Alfred “Dusty” DeStefano's squads, Satalino averaged 13.2 points in 20 games for the Redmen in 1953-57 and earned Team MVP honors for the 1955 baseball season.

Tom Sowinski  
*Baseball (1966-68)*  
*Hall of Fame Class of 1999-2000*  
A three-time NCAA District II All-Star and a two-time All-Met Conference selection, Sowinski went 24-3 in three seasons on the mound and helped lead St. John's to the NCAA College World Series in both 1966 and 1968. Sowinski, who holds the school-record for wins in a single-season, went 11-1 with a 1.17 ERA as a senior and twice finished in the top 10 nationally in ERA. Sowinski was 2-0 in his CWS career, including a shutout against Harvard in 1968, and was selected by the Los Angeles Dodgers in the 25th round (557th overall) of the 1968 MLB Draft.
Frank Viola
*Baseball (1979-81)*
*Hall of Fame Class of 1996-97*

The winningest pitcher in St. John's baseball history at the time of his induction, Frank Viola posted a 26-2 record and a 1.67 ERA to lead the program to the NCAA Tournament in each of his three seasons. The lefty went 10-0 with a 0.87 ERA as a junior in 1981 to earn first team All-American honors and posted a 10-1 mark and a 2.16 ERA to help lead St. John's to the College World Series in 1980. Viola was drafted by the Minnesota Twins in the second round (37th overall) of the 1981 MLB Draft.

Ed Waters
*Baseball (1967-69)*
*Hall of Fame Class of 1992-93*

A member of the St. John's squad that reached the 1968 College World Series, Waters was both a co-captain and the winner of the Peter P. Smith Award as Team MVP in 1969. Waters batted better than .300 in each of his three seasons and posted a .412 batting average in the 1968 CWS.
Men’s Basketball

Frank Alagia

*Men's Basketball (1972-76)*

*Hall of Fame Class of 1991-92*

Alagia was the floor leader for Frank Mulzoff and Lou Carnesecca and finished his career with 478 assists, which at the time of his induction, ranked third all-time in program history. At the time of his induction, Alagia was one of two St. John's players to win the Frances Pomeroy Naismith Award as the National Player of the Year for those 6-foot and under. In his four-year career, Alagia led St. John's to an 83-30 record.

Walter Berry

*Men's Basketball (1984-86)*

*Hall of Fame Class of 2012-13*

The 1986 recipient of both the John R. Wooden Award, as the nation's top collegiate player, and the Adolph R. Rupp Trophy, given to the college basketball player of the year by the Associated Press, Berry was also named Kodak Player of the Year by the National Association of Basketball Coaches and added Player of the Year honors from UPI, The Sporting News, Basketball Weekly and CBS/Chevrolet. Berry, who scored 828 points as a junior to shatter the school's single-season scoring record, also earned AP and UPI first team All-America honors and was named the BIG EAST Player of the Year in 1986. A second team All-BIG EAST and first team All-Metropolitan honoree in his first year with the Redmen as a sophomore in 1984-85, Berry helped lead St. John's to the 1985 Final Four and its first No. 1 ranking since 1951.

Harry Boykoff

*Men's Basketball (1942-43, 1945-47)*

*Hall of Fame Class of 1985-86*

St. John's first true big man at 6-foot-9, Boykoff guided the Redmen to the first NIT title in school history in 1943. After serving in the military during World War II, he returned and became the first St. John's player to score more than 1,000 career points. At the time of his induction, he owned the records for the second and third greatest scoring games in school history, with 54 points vs. St. Francis on March 11, 1947, and 45 points vs. St. Joseph's on Feb. 8, 1943, respectively, both coming at Madison Square Garden.
Gerard “Gerry” Bush
*Men's Basketball Player (1935-38)*
*Hall of Fame Class of 1990-91*
Bush was among one of the first players to play at Madison Square Garden for the Redmen. After graduation, Bush took his precise and detailed playing style to the AAU Midwestern teams. He began a coaching career at University of Nebraska, where his career was highlighted by a victory over Wilt Chamberlain's Kansas Jayhawks.

Gerald Calabrese
*Men's Basketball (1946-50)*
*Hall of Fame Class of 1994-95*
As a senior in 1948-49, Calabrese averaged 10.1 points per game. Labeled by head coach Frank McGuire as the team leader, Calabrese paired with leading scorer Dick McGuire guided the Redmen to a 15-9 record. He played on two other winning teams (16-7 in 1946-47 and 12-11 in 1947-48) and compiled a 43-27 record while wearing the Red and White for St. John's.

Lou Carnesecca
*Men's Basketball (1965-70, 1973-92)*
*Hall of Fame Class of 1986-87*
A member of the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame, Lou Carnesecca is a legend in both New York and college basketball circles worldwide and is synonymous with St. John's basketball after coaching at the University for 24 years. Carnesecca qualified for postseason tournament play in each of his 24 seasons at the helm, including 18 NCAA Tournament bids and six NIT appearances. One of only 30 NCAA Division I coaches to reach the 500-win mark at the time of his induction, “Looie” posted a 526-200 record in his tenure, coached his teams to 20 or more wins on 18 separate occasions and won two BIG EAST titles.
Reggie Carter  
*Men's Basketball (1977-80)*  
*Hall of Fame Class of 1987-88*  
Carter played an important role in leading St. John's to the NCAA Elite Eight in 1979. He averaged 15.0 points per game and amassed 1,061 points in three seasons with St. John's. At the time of his induction, Carter ranked 27th all-time in points scored. On Dec. 16, 1978, he set what was then the Alumni Hall scoring record with 39 points in a win over Brigham Young.

Jack Curran  
*Baseball/Men's Basketball*  
*Hall of Fame Class of 1994-95*  
A New York City legend, Curran won more varsity basketball and baseball games combined than any other coach in the country during his time at Archbishop Molloy. He was named CHSAA Coach of the Year 25 times in baseball and 22 times in basketball, winning city titles in three different decades. Curran was also a starting pitcher for the St. John's baseball team and went on to sign with the Brooklyn Dodgers after graduating in 1952.

Mel Davis  
*Men's Basketball (1970-72)*  
*Hall of Fame Class of 1988-89*  
One of the all-time great scorers and rebounders in school history, Davis made his mark in only two seasons, averaging 20.9 points per game and 15.6 rebounds for his career. At the time of his induction, Davis’ 1,130 career points and 845 career rebounds ranked 20th and sixth, respectively. He grabbed 26 rebounds in a game against Seton Hall in 1971, which at the time of his induction, stood as a Carnesecca Arena record.
Al “Dusty” DeStefano
*Men’s Basketball (1938-40, player; 1952-56, head coach)*
*Hall of Fame Class of 1994-95*
Although he played only two seasons for the Redmen, “Dusty” is well known for his contributions to St. John's basketball. He was a part-time player who was more known for his defense and agility than his scoring prowess. During his playing years he also tutored under coach Joe Lapchick and later went on to become head coach of the Redmen. He finished his career with a record of 49-38 for a winning percentage of .563.

Lloyd “Sonny” Dove
*Men’s Basketball (1964-67)*
*Hall of Fame Class of 1987-88*
One of only two players in St. John's history with more than 1,000 career points and 1,000 career rebounds at the time of his induction, Dove starred in the late 1960s, first under Joe Lapchick and then Lou Carnesecca. At the time of his induction, Dove ranked seventh in St. John's history with 1,576 career points and second all-time with 1,036 boards.

Leroy Ellis
*Men’s Basketball (1959-62)*
*Hall of Fame Class of 1984-85*
One of the greatest rebounders in school history, the wiry Ellis ranked fourth all-time with 927 boards and held the single-season mark (16.5 in 1961-62) and single-game record (30 vs. NYU in 1961) at the time of his induction. Playing for Joe Lapchick and most of his career alongside Tony Jackson, Ellis’ 1,289 career points sat 13th on the all-time scoring chart when he was inducted.

James A. “Buck” Freeman
*Men's Basketball Player (1925-27), Men’s Basketball Coach (1927-36)*
*Hall of Fame Class of 1984-85*
After a successful four-year playing career, Freeman was offered the head coaching position on his graduation day in 1927. Through a nine-year span, Freeman coached the Redmen to a 177-31 record. Popularly known for coaching the “Wonder Five” from 1927-1931, Freeman went 85-8 during that four-year span. Freeman helped lay the foundation for St. John's basketball and his winning percentage of .851 once stood as the highest in NCAA history. He was also the bench boss for St. John's first-ever game at Madison Square Garden.
John “Taps” Gallagher  
*Men's Basketball/Baseball (1924-28)*  
*Hall of Fame Class of 1991-92*  
After a four-year playing career at St. John's, Gallagher earned a tremendous reputation as a coach at Niagara University. He was given his nickname “Taps” in the 1920s, just before the “Wonder Five” days, when getting the center tap after each basket was vital. Gallagher also coached high school basketball in New York.

Jack “Dutch” Garfinkel  
*Men's Basketball (1938-41)*  
*Hall of Fame Class of 1986-87*  
A creative playmaker credited by some for the creation of the no-look pass, Garfinkel averaged 5.9 points per game under coach Joe Lapchick and led St. John's in assists before assists became an official statistic. His unselfish play and mastery of the bounce pass were instrumental in helping his teams to NIT appearances in 1939 and 1940.

Frank Gilroy  
*Men's Basketball (1978-81)*  
*Hall of Fame Class of 1997-98*  
Gilroy was a standout forward under coach Lou Carnesecca from 1978-81. Standing at 6-foot-6, Gilroy pushed his team to an 83-34 record during his four years with his impeccable shot blocking and excellent defense. He finished his St. John's career with 639 points, 306 rebounds, and 67 blocks along with three NCAA Tournament appearances, one NIT appearance and a regular season BIG EAST conference title.

Hy Gotkin  
*Men's Basketball (1942-45)*  
*Hall of Fame Class of 1986-87*  
A diminutive guard, Gotkin was the only St. John's player to be a part of both the 1943 and 1944 NIT Championship teams. A playmaker and scorer alongside Harry Boykoff, Gotkin averaged a solid 8.4 points per game across his three-year career.
Tony Jackson  
*Men's Basketball (1958-61)*  
*Hall of Fame Class of 1985-86*  
Jackson was a two-time consensus All-American for the St. John's men's basketball program and ranked sixth among St. John's all-time scoring leaders with 1,603 points at the time of his induction. In addition, he recorded 991 career boards, the third greatest mark in program history at the time of his induction. In 1958-59, his first season on the varsity team, Jackson was named the MVP of both the ECAC Holiday Festival and the Postseason NIT. His 21.1 points per game scoring average was first in school history at the time of his induction.

George Johnson  
*Men's Basketball (1974-78)*  
*Hall of Fame Class of 1992-93*  
The massive and powerful Johnson ranked first in St. John's history category at the time of his induction with 1,240 career boards. He also ranked fourth with 1,763 career points at the time of his induction, making him one of only two players in school history to score more than 1,000 points and pull down more than 1,000 rebounds. He averaged a career double-double, posting 15.1 points per game to go along with 10.6 rebounds per game.

Mac Kinsbrunner  
*Men's Basketball (1927-31)*  
*Hall of Fame Class of 1985-86*  
A four-year “Wonder Five” member under coach Buck Freeman, Kinsbrunner was the squad's best ballhandler and playmaker. His dribbling ability and skills as a set-up man helped St. John's to a new level of success. The team began to attract such large crowds, it outgrew smaller venues and began play in Madison Square Garden.

Joe Lapchick  
*Men's Basketball Coach (1937-47, 1957-65)*  
*Hall of Fame Class of 1984-85*  
Lapchick coached at St. John's from 1936-1947 and then again in 1957 until his retirement in 1965. In between, Lapchick served as head coach of the New York Knicks. Lapchick won 334 games during his St. John's tenure, including four National Invitation Tournament titles (1943, 1944, 1959 and 1965). A pioneer, Lapchick helped to break the NBA's racial barrier with the signing of Nathaniel “Sweetwater” Clifton to the Knicks in 1950. He was inducted into the Naismith Hall of Fame in 1966.
Andrew “Fuzzy” Levane
*Men's Basketball (1940-43)*
*Hall of Fame Class of 1986-87*
Averaging 8.3 points per game during his senior season, Levane was a key contributor and playmaker on St. John's 1943 NIT championship team. He was the Metropolitan Haggerty Award winner as New York City's finest and went on to play and coach during a professional basketball career that spanned 65 years.

Kevin Loughery
*Men's Basketball (1960-62)*
*Hall of Fame Class of 1985-86*
A star for Joe Lapchick in the early 1960s, Loughery teamed with Tony Jackson and LeRoy Ellis to help St. John's combine for a 41-10 record across his two seasons. He averaged 13.1 points per game during those years, before going on to great success as an NBA coach and broadcaster.

Dick McGuire
*Men's Basketball (1943-44, 1946-49)*
*Hall of Fame Class of 1984-85*
A standout during the 1940s and a member of the 1944 NIT Championship team, McGuire will always be remembered for his playmaking abilities, court sense and ball-handling skills. McGuire was a two-time Haggerty Award winner, before and after serving in the military, signifying his presence as New York City's most outstanding collegiate player. McGuire was inducted into the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame in 1993.

Frank McGuire
*Men's Basketball Player (1933-36), Men's Basketball and Baseball Coach (1947-52)*
*Hall of Fame Class of 1984-85*
McGuire played baseball and basketball at St. John's under Buck Freeman from 1933 to 1936. McGuire went into coaching in the mid-1930s at Xavier Military Academy before succeeding Joe Lapchick at his alma mater. Under his administration, the Redman basketball team came within an eyelash of the national title in 1952. In 1949, under his tutelage, the Redmen baseball squad made its first trip to the College World Series. McGuire was the first coach to reach the fabled “Final Four” in two sports. In addition to St. John's McGuire went on to coach at North Carolina and South Carolina and served as the Director of Collegiate Sports at Madison Square Garden. He was elected to the James A. Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame.
Bob McIntyre  
*Men's Basketball (1963-66)*  
*Hall of Fame Class of 1993-94*  
The younger of the McIntyre brothers, his three-year playing career included three NIT appearances, the most famous of which sent Joe Lapchick off in fine fashion in 1965. During the four-game postseason run, McIntyre averaged 15.5 points and 9.5 rebounds per contest. He was tied for 15th on the St. John's scoring list with 1,349 points and 17th on the all-time rebounding chart with 665 boards at the time of his induction.

Ken McIntyre  
*Men's Basketball (1962-65)*  
*Hall of Fame Class of 2000-01*  
A consistent scorer and free throw shooter for the Redmen, the older of the McIntyre brothers was the 1965 NIT Tournament Most Valuable player, scoring a team-high 18 points in coach Joe Lapchick's final game and averaging 25.2 points per game in the postseason. His 87.8 percent free throw shooting effort as a senior in 1964-65 ranked third in school history at the time of his induction, as was his 81.9 career free throw percentage.

William McKeever  
*Men's Basketball (1937-40)*  
*Hall of Fame Class of 1990-91*  
A great passer and defender for St. John's under head coach Joe Lapchick, McKeever helped his team to a 48-13 record and two NIT appearances in three years on the varsity squad. A complete athlete, he scored 51 field goals and averaged 7.1 points per game during the 1937-40 season.

John J. “Jack” McMahon  
*Men's Basketball (1949-52)*  
*Hall of Fame Class of 1985-86*  
A standout defender and the first guard in St. John's history to score more than 1,000 career points, McMahon led Frank McGuire's Redmen to their 1952 NCAA title game appearance as a senior. His floor leadership and trademark two-handed set shot earned him All-American honors and an accomplished pro career.
Chris Mullin

*Men's Basketball*

*Hall of Fame Class of 2014-15*

A true St. John's legend and one of the great collegiate and NBA players of all time, Chris Mullin was first on St. John's all-time scoring list with 2,440 career points and one of only three players in program history to reach the 2,000-point milestone at the time of his induction. Mullin held school-records for career free throw percentage and free throws made at the time of his induction. He also ranked third in steals and fifth in assists at his induction. Mullin was a two-time All American who also garnered consensus first team All-America honors as a senior and was the only three-time BIG EAST Player of the Year in conference history at the time of his induction. As a senior, he led St. John's to the 1985 Final Four and a No. 1 national ranking for several weeks, averaging 19.8 points and a career-high 4.6 rebounds on his way to winning the John R. Wooden Award as the nation's top collegiate basketball player.

Billy Paultz

*Men's Basketball (1968-70)*

*Hall of Fame Class of 1996-97*

Known as “The Whopper,” 6-foot-10 big man Paultz averaged a career double-double of 12.0 points per game and 10.1 rebounds in his two seasons. His last-second shot downed No. 2 Davidson in overtime in 1969, and his 389 rebounds during the 1969-70 season ranked as the seventh-best single-season effort in school history at the time of his induction.

David Russell

*Men's Basketball (1979-83)*

*Hall of Fame Class of 1995-96*

Russell garnered many accolades in his four-year career with St. John's, beginning as the first-ever BIG EAST Rookie of the Year. In his sophomore and junior campaigns, he was named an honorable mention All-American by the Associated Press and took All-BIG EAST second team honors as a senior. At the time of his induction, Russell ranked fifth all-time in school history with 1,753 points and seventh with 832 rebounds.
Ron Rutledge

*Men's Basketball (player 1971; assistant coach 1978-98)*

*Hall of Fame Class of 1999-2000*

Rutledge owned a stellar playing career before becoming a long-time assistant under head coach Lou Carnesecca. His tenure lasted 20 seasons on the Red Storm bench, before he retired pursue a career in administration at St. John's, working in the Alumni Relations Office and Athletic Development Office.

Marty Satalino

*Men's Basketball/Baseball (1952-55)*

*Hall of Fame Class of 1991-92*

A St. John's two-star athlete, Satalino was enshrined for his both basketball and baseball accomplishments. A key contributor for head coach Alfred “Dusty” DeStefano's squads, Satalino averaged 13.2 points in 20 games for the Redmen in 1953-57 and earned Team MVP honors for the 1955 baseball season.

William Schaeffer

*Men's Basketball (1970-73)*

*Hall of Fame Class of 1989-90*

One of the best outside shooters in St. John's history, Schaeffer's career 56.0 field goal percentage ranked fourth all-time, while his 1,484 career points and 622 rebounds placed him ninth and 17th in school history, respectively, at the time of his induction. His 24.7 points per game average during his senior season in 1973 is a record that still stands today.

Malik Sealy

*Men's Basketball (1988-92)*

*Hall of Fame Class of 2013-14*

One of the most dynamic players and personalities ever to grace the collegiate and NBA hardwood, Malik Sealy's basketball skills only scratch the surface of what he brought to St. John's University. At the time of his induction, Sealy was one of only three players in St. John's history to score more than 2,000 points for his career. His 2,402 career points placed him second, behind only Chris Mullin, on the program's all-time scoring chart at the time of his induction. Selected 14th overall by Indiana in the 1992 NBA Draft, he played eight seasons in the league until his tragic passing in 2000. He was the recipient of St. John's University Basketball Legacy Honors in January of 2006 and his number 21 hangs permanently in the rafters of Carnesecca Arena.
Alan Seiden  
*Men's Basketball (1956-59)*  
*Hall of Fame Class of 1986-87*  
A consensus All-American in 1959, Seiden was a team captain and key member of the squad that brought home the NIT Championship. Oftentimes mentioned with his backcourt-mate Gus Alfieri, Seiden provided a solid scoring punch and averaged more than 20 points per game in two different seasons. He totaled 1,374 points for his career, which ranked him tied for 12th at the time of his induction.

Solly Walker  
*Men's Basketball (1951-54)*  
*Hall of Fame Class of 1993-94*  
The first African-American player to wear a St. John's uniform, Walker's freshman season ended with a trip to the NCAA title game under coach Frank McGuire. He led his squad in scoring (14.0 points per game) and rebounding (12.2 boards per game) as a senior in 1953-54, one year after helping the Redmen to an appearance in the 1953 NIT Championship game.

John Warren  
*Men's Basketball (1966-69)*  
*Hall of Fame Class of 1986-87*  
A key contributor on both ends of the floor, Warren averaged 15.5 points per game and 7.1 rebounds across three seasons, while also contributing as his team's best defensive stopper. The Redmen made the NCAA Tournament three times during his career, including regional semifinal appearances in 1967 and 1969. During the 1968-69 season, he was integral in St. John's pair of victories over a No. 2 North Carolina squad, and then the next week's new No. 2 team, Davidson.
Bill Wennington  
*Men's Basketball (1981-85)  
Hall of Fame Class of 2000-01*  
A prolific shot blocker throughout his four years, Wennington was an integral part of the Redmen's run to the Final Four in 1985. He was ranked second in St. John's history with a .579 shooting percentage at the time of his induction and went on to win three NBA Championships with the Chicago Bulls as part of a successful 13-season professional career.

Glenn Williams  
*Men's Basketball (1973-77)  
Hall of Fame Class of 1999-2000*  
A four-year starter for St. John's, Williams ranked eighth on the all-time scoring list with 1,727 career points at the time of his induction. His most prolific season came during his senior year in 1976-77, when he captained the squad to a 22-9 record, while scoring a then-record 665 points during the campaign. Williams was fourth in school history in field goals made with 712 at the time of his induction.

James White  
*Men's Basketball (1939-42)  
Hall of Fame Class of 1992-93*  
White was a quiet contributor on the floor and outstanding athlete in the 1940s. Playing in the early years for Joe Lapchick, White set the standard as a “go-to-guy” when scoring was at a premium and averaged 9.4 points per game in his three varsity seasons. In 1939-40, White averaged 8.7 points to lead the team to a 15-5 mark. The following campaign he improved to 10.2 points, and in 1941-42 poured in 200 points for a 9.5 average.
Men’s Cross Country

Jack Carew
_Cross Country (1955-59)_
_Hall of Fame Class of 1997-98_
During Carew's four-year span, St. John's boasted a 33-3 team record, the highest ever in school history at the time of his induction. He was a member of the freshman division of the ICAA AAA National Championship title and was a nine-time varsity letter winner for indoor and outdoor track and cross country. In his post St. John's days, he went on to write a national bestseller, “You'll Never Get No For An Answer.”

Peter Close
_Track & Field (1955-59)_
_Hall of Fame Class of 1987-88_
Dominant on both track and trail, Peter Close was named a cross country All-American in both 1958 and 1959 and a track All-American in 1959. He was selected as Metropolitan New York Track Athlete of the Year in 1959, winning the coveted IC4A mile championship that year and the previous, and saw his athletic career reach its pinnacle when he represented the United States in the 1960 Olympic Games in Rome. He finished ninth in his preliminary heat of the 1,500-meter run. During his senior year, Close went undefeated in eight college cross country meets and was named St. John's top athlete both his junior and senior years.
Men’s Fencing

Andre Deladrier
Fencing Coach (1940's)
Hall of Fame Class of 1988-89
Deladrier had a 50-year tenure as fencing coach starting in the 1940's. During his tenure, he won two NCAA team championships and the IFA Championship in 1964. At St. John's, he is accredited for winning the 1942 NCAA Sabre Championship. As head coach of the U.S. Naval Academy team, he was the first coach to sweep the NCAA's in 1959. Deladrier was also the NFCAA coach of the year in 1959 and the head coach of the 1960 U.S. Olympic team.

Phil Reilly
Fencing
Hall of Fame Class of 1985-86
Reilly was the winner of All-American honors for three-consecutive years in saber at St. John's. As an amateur, he served with the U.S. Team in the 1973 World University Games as well as in the Junior Olympics. He later earned a position on the 1980 and 1984 Olympic teams. Reilly embodied spirit and sportsmanship to match his physical drive and constant attack.

Keeth Smart
Fencing (1996-2001)
Hall of Fame Class of 2012-13
A four-time All-American and a two-time individual NCAA national champion, Smart helped St. John's win the 2001 NCAA Championship. Smart, a three-time Olympian with the U.S. Men's Saber Team, helped lead the squad to a silver medal at the 2008 Games, its best-ever finish, and became the first-ever U.S. fencer to be ranked No. 1 in the world in 2003.
Football

Dennis Bligen  
*Football (1980-95)*  
*Hall of Fame Class of 1997-98*

The third all-time leading rusher, Bligen was the first player from St. John's to gain over 1,000 yards and to first to be drafted to the NFL. After stints with the New York Jets and Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Bligen served as a special consultant to head coach and fellow Hall of Famer Bob Ricca and the St. John's football program.

Bill Cimmillo  
*Football (1983-86)*  
*Hall of Fame Class of 1995-96*

A two-time All-American and a Metropolitan Conference Defensive Player of the Year, Cimmillo led the team to a 34-7 record along with four-consecutive Metropolitan Conference Championships during his four years. A two-year team captain, Cimmillo was also honored as a three-time Met Conference All-Star and two-time ECAC All-Star.

Bob Ricca  
*Football (1978-2002)*  
*Hall of Fame Class of 1996-97*

As head coach of the football team, Bob Ricca helped build the varsity program, from a club team, to Division III and then to Division I-AA status. He coached 15 winning seasons and won seven championships including the ECAC Championship with a 10-1 team in 1994. A two-time Liberty Conference Coach of the Year (1989 and 1991), Ricca earned Coach of the Year honors from the ECAC and MAAC in 1994.

Anthony Russo, Jr.  
*Football (1990-93)*  
*Hall of Fame Class of 2000-01*

At one time, Russo ranked third all-time in NCAA history for career rushing yards (5,834). He was a first team GTE Academic All-American in 1993-94, a first-time honoree for St. John's. Russo, who later became an assistant coach under fellow Hall of Famer Bob Ricca, also set the school record for career touchdowns (59).
Roger “Dutch” Ouderkirk  
*Coach, Administrator (1978-2000)*  
*Hall of Fame Class of 1999-2000*

“Dutch” served as an equipment manager and assistant to head football coach Bob Ricca as an offensive coordinator for many years. He's credited with having a helping hand in the careers of St. John's Hall of Famer Dennis Bligen, as well as NFL veterans Kurt Sohn and Joe Klecko. Over the years, his coaching efforts earned him many honors including Suffolk County's “Coach of the Year” three times and “Coach of the Year” in Finland in 1987.

Anthony Zito  
*Football (1995-98)*  
*Hall of Fame Class of 2012-13*

Named a first team All-American and the Division I-AA “Lineman of the Year” by Football News after totaling a career-best 18.5 sacks as a senior, Zito was a two-time team captain and finished his career with 259 tackles and 37 sacks. A versatile defender that played defensive end, linebacker and safety in his career, Zito had a team-best 15 sacks as a junior to help lead the fourth-best scoring defense in Division I-AA.
Men’s Golf

Mike Diffley

Men's Golf (1979-82)

Hall of Fame Class of 1992-93

Diffley, who starred at St. John's from 1979-82, was one of St. John's first golf stars. He won St. John's first individual BIG EAST title in 1981 and helped his squads win BIG EAST team championships in 1979, 1981 and 1982. Diffley has been the head professional at Pelham Country Club since 1988 and has stayed involved with St. John's men's golf.

John T. “Doc” Gimmler

Men's Golf (1952-1992)

Hall of Fame Class of 1988-89

Gimmler had spent 43 years at St. John's University holding numerous titles over the years. He took over the duties as head trainer in 1952 then 20 years later became head coach of the Men's golf team. While at the helm of the St. John's golf team, Gimmler reached many milestones. His teams won nine BIG EAST championships, 10 Metropolitan championships, five NCAA appearances, and won 14 individual golf tournaments. Gimmler also produced 24 professional golfers during his tenure as head coach.

Andrew Svoboda

Men's Golf

Hall of Fame Class of 2014-15

A four-time All-BIG EAST selection, Andrew Svoboda remains the winningest golfer in St. John's history with 14 career individual championship titles, including the 2001 BIG EAST Championship. Named a semifinalist for the 2003 Ben Hogan Award, the most prestigious honor in college golf, Svoboda rounded out his collegiate career with three-consecutive NCAA Regional appearances, including an individual selection into the 2003 NCAA East Regional where he finished tied for 58th overall. On the opening day of the 2002 McLaughlin tournament, the 2003 graduate carded a six-under 64, tied for the third-lowest round in program history, despite the cold, heavy rains brought upon by Hurricane Isidore.
Men’s Hockey

John DaSilva
Hockey (1976-1980)
Hall of Fame Class of 1996-97

DaSilva is known as the most prolific scorer in St. John's hockey history and registered the first 100-point season in school history, while leading the ECAC division III in scoring during his first year of varsity competition. The John DaSilva Memorial Award is presented annually at the St. John's Awards night to acknowledge the student-athlete that best exemplifies his unselfish use of talent.
Men’s Lacrosse

Mike Bolger
Lacrosse (1983-84, '86-87)
Hall of Fame Class of 2013-14

An elite playmaker with a knack for unlocking even the stingiest of defenses in his days, Mike Bolger tallied a then-program-record 122 assists and 219 points during an illustrious four-season career in Queens from 1983-87. One of just three players in program history to tally 100 career assists and one of two to reach the 200-point plateau at the time of his induction, Bolger averaged 2.34 assists and 4.21 points in 52 games wearing the St. John's garb. Saving his best for last, he put up 40 assists and 70 points in his final season in 1987, both program single-season records which stood 26 years before being broken in 2013.
Men’s Rifle

Frank F. Briggs
Rifle
Hall of Fame Class of 1986-87
In 1958, Briggs was presented the Haggerty Award, as the most outstanding athlete at St. John's University. He was a two-time member of the All-American rifle team and was also the New York State Gallery Rifle Champion in 1957. After graduating from St. John's, Briggs went on to become the first director for the Olympic Shooting Programs at the U.S. Olympic Training Center. He set 18 national records and was the head coach of the U.S. Air Force International Rifle Team, the Puerto Rican Olympic Rifle and Pistol Team, and the Indian and Thailand National Teams.

Tito Balestrieri
Rifle (1940s)
Hall of Fame Class of 1988-89
Few names mean more to St. John's winning tradition in athletics than that of Balestrieri, who long served his alma mater as a student, coach and administrator. Balestrieri began his collegiate career in the early 1940's. After serving his country in World War II, he returned to his alma mater and served as a student coach. After graduation, he was named the head coach where he led his teams to 17-consecutive championships in the Metropolitan Intercollegiate Rifle League. Balestrieri's legacy also includes his service on many committees and associations geared to ensuring safety in the sport of target shooting and an advocate of the proper use of firearms.
Men’s Soccer

1996 Men's Soccer Team

*Men's Soccer Hall of Fame Class of 2003-04*

The first St. John's team to win an NCAA National Championship, the 1996 men's soccer team won the BIG EAST regular season title and defeated FIU, 4-1, in the national championship game to put an exclamation mark on a 22-2-2 season. Led by head coach Dave Masur, who earned both National Coach of the Year and Northeast Region Coach of the Year honors, the team featured a high-powered offense that held school-records for goals (80), assists (88) and points (248) in a single-season at the time of induction. The team featured one NSCAA All-American, six NSCAA All-Region honorees, six All-BIG EAST selections, including four first team honorees, and both the BIG EAST Offensive Player of the Year and the BIG EAST Rookie of the Year.

Fred Bischoff

*Men's Soccer (1979-82)*

*Hall of Fame Class of 2013-14*

A standout soccer player for St. John's, Fred Bischoff was a two-time first team Tri-State men's soccer player and an All-New York State honoree as a senior. One of just two St. John's players all-time to register at least three-career hat tricks, Bischoff graduated with a program-record 48 goals as well as a program-best 115 points, with both records until 1994. At the time of his induction, Bischoff ranked second all-time in goals and tied for second in points.
Huey Ferguson
Men's Soccer (1991-94)
Hall of Fame Class of 2012-13
A two-time third team NSCAA All-American, a three-time first team NSCAA All-Region selection and a three-time first team All-BIG EAST honoree, Ferguson was the all-time career-leader in both goals with 50 tallies and points with 130 at the time of his induction, and also ranked second with 30 assists. The first player in conference history to earn back-to-back BIG EAST Offensive Player of the Year accolades, Ferguson helped St. John's win three-consecutive BIG EAST Tournament Championships.

Dr. David Masur
Men's Soccer (1994-present)
Hall of Fame Class of 2003-04
A two-time National Coach of the Year and a three-time BIG EAST Coach of the Year, Dr. Dave Masur has guided St. John's to one NCAA National Championship title in 1996, the first for the school in any sport, as well as three trips to the NCAA College Cup (2003, 2001 and 1996), and 13 NCAA Tournament appearances at the time of his induction. The head coach has also led the Red Storm to a six BIG EAST Tournament crowns as well as five BIG
Men’s Swimming

Peter Toennies
Swimming (1967-70)
Hall of Fame Class of 1989-90
Toennis had one of the finest swimming careers in St. John's history. He captained the swim team his senior year and was a four-time All-American in the backstroke and varied freestyle events. After St. John's, Toennis went on to serve our country for over two decades in the United States Navy.

Richard J. Krempecki
Swimming (1961-85)
Hall of Fame Class of 1995-96
As head coach of both the men and women's swim team at St. John's, Krempecki won 10-consecutive Metropolitan Collegiate Swimming Championships. Krempecki also coached 10 All-American swimmers and five NCAA qualifiers, and also served as the Assistant Vice President for Student Athletics in Academic Support.
Men’s Track & Field

Steve Bartold
*Track & Field (player 1953-57, coach 1961-80)  
Hall of Fame Class of 1991-92*

Both a star runner and celebrated coach at St. John's, Steve Bartold graduated in 1957 as a two-time school record holder (440-yard dash, 440-yard sprint medley), multiple-time metropolitan intercollegiate champion and a member of St. John's winning sprint medley relay team at the famed Penn Relays as a senior. As a coach, Bartold led St. John's to the Metropolitan Cross Country Championship in 1961 and 1965 and guided his team to the No. 13 national ranking in 1986. Bartold also won a pair of Metropolitan indoor track titles and an outdoor track championship as a coach and mentored two-time Olympian and one of St. John's greatest middle-distance runners, Tom Farrell.

Peter Close
*Track & Field (1955-59)  
Hall of Fame Class of 1987-88*

Dominant on both track and trail, Peter Close was named a cross country All-American in both 1958 and 1959 and a track All-American in 1959. He was selected as Metropolitan New York Track Athlete of the Year in 1959, winning the coveted IC4A mile championship that year and the previous, and saw his athletic career reach its pinnacle when he represented the United States in the 1960 Olympic Games in Rome. He finished ninth in his preliminary heat of the 1,500-meter run. During his senior year, Close went undefeated in eight college cross country meets and was named St. John's top athlete both his junior and senior years.
John Duenzl  
Track & Field (1950-54)  
Hall of Fame Class of 1985-86  
Considered one of the most versatile track & field athletes in St. John's history, Duenzl at the time of his graduation in 1954 held school records in the high jump, 60-yard high hurdles and 120-yard high hurdles, while also starring as a standout long jumper and flat sprinter. Duenzl won the high jump at the famed Penn Relays as a sophomore, and as a senior was awarded the Lt. Frank G. Haggerty Award as St. John's overall MVP and the Rickard F. McSwiney Memorial Award as the senior that best exemplified "the St. John's man." becoming the first non-basketball athlete to win the later and the first person to win both awards in the same year.

Tom Farrell  
Track & Field (1961-66)  
Hall of Fame Class of 1984-85  
One of the most decorated athletes in St. John's history, Farrell set a world record in the 880-meter and 600-meter race and was a two-time NCAA and IC4A 800-meter champion. He represented the United States at the 1964 and 1968 Olympics, placing fifth in the 800 meters at the 1964 games, as well as winning the bronze medal in the same event at the 1965 Mexico City Olympics. In 2000, Farrell returned to his alma mater, where he served as a volunteer assistant coach and mentor.

Dr. Carl Fields  
Track & Field (1938-42)  
Hall of Fame Class of 1988-89  
Dr. Carl Fields was the first African American student to be offered an athletic scholarship at St. John's, and the first to captain an athletic team at the university. After graduating from St. John's in 1942, Fields went on to become the first African American dean of an Ivy League university, assuming the position of assistant dean of the college at Princeton University in 1968. Before passing away in 1998, Fields, who also served on his alma mater's President's Advisory Council, received the St. John's University Distinguished Achievement Award, the University's President's Medal and the Medal of Honor.
Timothy Hanlon  
*Track & Field (1970's)*  
*Hall of Fame Class of 1990-91*

Hanlon was a two-time (1977, 1980) NCAA All-American track & field honoree for the 400 intermediate hurdles, as well as an IC4A team member in the same events. He was the 1980 BIG EAST Champion in the 50, 110 and 400 hurdles and the Metropolitan winner in the indoor 500-meter dash. He was also a member of the BIG EAST Champion 400-meter relay and the winning shuttle hurdle relay at the Rutgers Relays. After graduation, Hanlon worked as part of St. John's Sports Information Office.

Joseph J. Schneider  
*Track & Field (1979-1981)*  
*Hall of Fame Class of 1989-90*

Arguably the greatest decathlete in St. John's history, Joe Schneider was twice named an All-American and finished the 1979 and 1980 outdoor track seasons ranked in the national top five. Schneider was a three-time Intercollegiate Association of Amateur Athletics of American decathlon champion and two-time BIG EAST champion in the multi-event discipline, adding individual conference titles in the pole vault and javelin. He also won the pentathlon title at the famed Penn Relays. Schneider graduated St. John's as the school record holder in the decathlon, pole vault and javelin.

Joseph Lang  
*Track & Field (1960-1965)*  
*Hall of Fame Class of 1992-93*

A former track & field star turned coach, Lang was a Metropolitan Champion in cross country and set five school records in three sports: cross country, indoor and outdoor track & field. He went on to coach track & field at the high school and collegiate level, coaching IC4A champions, 30 All-Americans, five NCAA record holders and several Olympians. Lang also was the Athletic Director at Georgetown University and was inducted into the Hoyas' Hall of Fame in 2008.
Bartholomew Nnaji  
*Track & Field (1976-80)*  
*Hall of Fame Class of 1994-95*  
A BIG EAST Champion and school-record holder, Nnaji ranked first all-time at St. John's in the men's indoor long jump (24-6 ¾) at the time of his induction. Nnaji also ranked second in the men's outdoor triple jump (51-6 ½) and third in the men's indoor triple jump (49-6 ¾). Nnaji became a professor after receiving his Ph.D. in Engineering.

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Bill Ward  
*Track & Field Coach, Intramural Director (1947-64)*  
*Hall of Fame Class of 1985-86*  
Ward started his 17-year coaching stint at St. John's in 1947, while simultaneously serving as the Director of Intramurals. During his tenure, Ward coached Metropolitan Intercollegiate Cross Country Championship teams and various local and sectional track titles. He went on to become the president of the National Collegiate Cross Country Coaches Association, the ICA Track Coaches Association and the Metropolitan Intercollegiate Track Coaches. Ward also represented the U.S. as a representative of the Olympic Committee in Rome in 1960.
Men’s Tennis

Ed Bertram
Men’s Tennis (1960-64)
Hall of Fame Class of 1991-92
As a four-year tennis team captain, Bertram went nearly undefeated in four years of play, losing only his final collegiate match. Bertram stayed involved in tennis after his college career and coached tennis in Great Neck, N.Y.

Erik Scharf
Men’s Tennis (1997-2001)
Hall of Fame Class of 2014-15
One of the top tennis players to ever compete at St. John's, Erik Scharf graduated as the all-time winningest player in program history with 120 wins. Scharf, a four-time team MVP, shined most noticeably in BIG EAST play, never losing a match during his four years and compiling 60 wins against league opponents. In 2000 and 2001, Scharf accomplished something that no other St. John's men's player had ever done, earning an invitation to the NCAA Division I Men's Singles Tournament. During both of those seasons, Scharf earned a top-50 NCAA Division I singles ranking.

George Seewagen
Tennis Coach
Hall of Fame Class of 1984-85
Seewagen dedicated 49 years as tennis coach for St. John's. He was named the Eastern's Junior Cup coach and the National President of the U.S. Professional (Lawn) Tennis Association from 1948-53 and again in 1963. He was also president of the Eastern division for 12 years. He also taught free tennis clinics for the tri-state area. As an undergraduate student, he not only lettered in tennis and basketball, but also earned All-American honors as a soccer goalkeeper for the national intercollegiate championship team.
Women’s Sports

Women’s Basketball

Cozette Ballentine
Women’s Basketball (1988-92)
Hall of Fame Class of 2003-04
The 1991 Preseason Player of the Year, Ballentine had a 45-game streak of scoring in double digits. She finished her career with 1,739 points, second all-time in the St. John's record books at the time of her induction. Ballentine, an All-BIG EAST first team honoree in 1991 and a second team member in 1992, held the record for points (42) and field goals (19) in a game vs. Providence on Feb. 13, 1991 when she was inducted. She also held the single-season record, at the time of her induction, for scoring average (22.4 ppg) from the 1990-91 season.

Debbie Beckford
Women’s Basketball (1979-83)
Hall of Fame Class of 1991-92
A member of St. John's first-ever NCAA Tournament team, Beckford was named the Most Valuable Player of the 1983 BIG EAST Tournament as well as the 1983 BIG EAST Player of the Year. At the time of her induction, she held the record for most points (705) and most field goals (314) in a season (1982-83) and was second on St. John's all-time career scoring list with 1,753 points. Beckford led St. John's to its first BIG EAST regular-season title and BIG EAST Tournament Championship and was also named the Lady Niagara Player of the Year, given to the top player in New York State.

Sue Bretthauer
Women’s Basketball (1974-78)
Hall of Fame Class of 1987-88
The first St. John's women's basketball player to score 1,000 points in her career, Bretthauer was St. John's Team MVP as a freshman in 1974-75 as well as the 1975 New York State Tournament for the Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women MVP. In 1976-77, she led St. John's to their first NYSAIAW Tournament title. At the time of her induction, Bretthauer was third all-time in points with 1,399 and held three records for steals in a game (11), a season (173) and for her career (329).
Dolores Dixon  
*Women's Basketball (1984-88)  
Hall of Fame Class of 2012-13*  
A 1988 second team All-BIG EAST honoree and a two-time BIG EAST All-Tournament Team selection, Dixon scored 21 points in the 1988 title game to help St. John's win the BIG EAST Tournament championship. Dixon, who was part of the first women's basketball team to win an NCAA Tournament game, ranked 18th in program-history with 1,026 points and 10th with 634 rebounds at the time of her induction.

Dorothy “Dottie” Pace Giordano  
*Women's Basketball (1974-75)  
Hall of Fame Class of 1997-98*  
Giordano was the first recipient of a St. John's scholarship for women's basketball. She was only the second women's basketball player to amass 1,000 points for her career, finishing with 1,043 points. At the time of her induction, Giordano ranked No. 10 on St. John's all-time scoring list. As a junior, she was given the Jimmy Murphy Memorial Trophy as the MVP of the St. John's vs. St. Francis game.

Ling Ling Hou  
*Women's Basketball (1976-1979)  
Hall of Fame Class of 1986-87*  
A 5-foot-9 forward from Taipei, Taiwan, Hou totaled 1,950 points during her illustrious four-year career to become the all-time leading scorer in St. John's history at the time of her induction. She also held the career-record for field goals made with 882. In 1980, she recorded her 1,827th career point, becoming the No. 1 scorer, male or female, in the University's history at the time. During her career, she was named to the Kodak Division IA All-Regional team, was the MVP in the New York State All-Star game, the annual Big Apple All-America Basketball All-Star game and the Converse Shoot-Out Champion.
Sabrina Johnson  
**Women's Basketball (1986-90)**  
**Hall of Fame Class of 1999-2000**

Johnson, a 5-foot-10 guard/forward, was the MVP of the 1988 BIG EAST Tournament after averaging 18.7 points and 5.3 assists over three games. She was nominated for the Kodak Women's All-America basketball team and was a two-time All-BIG EAST first team honoree. Johnson ranked fourth on St. John's all-time career scoring with 1,431 points and fourth on the career rebounding with 661 boards at the time of her induction.

Kathleen Murphy Meehan  
**Women's Basketball (1974-75)**  
**Hall of Fame Class of 1990-91**

Kathleen (Murphy) Meehan was the first member of the St. John's women's basketball team to obtain a diploma. A member of the first NCAA Division I basketball team in 1974-75, Meehan won the first Outstanding Female Student-Athlete Award in 1975. Meehan has served her alma mater for more than 35 years and is currently the Associate Vice President for Athletics and the Senior Women's Administrator. In addition to her Hall of Fame induction in 1991, Meehan was recognized in 2012 as one of the first four Women of Distinction at St. John's Inaugural Golf and Tennis Classic.

Janet Roos  
**Women's Basketball (1981-85)**  
**Hall of Fame Class of 2013-14**

A member of the University's prestigious President's Society and of St. John's elite 1,000-Point Scorer Club, Janet Roos exemplified what it means to be a St. John's student-athlete. At St. John's, Roos saw action in 118 contests, averaging 8.5 points, 2.9 rebounds, 4.5 assists and 2.0 steals per game over her career. During her career, Roos was selected to the All-BIG EAST First Team, Second Team and consecutive BIG EAST All-Tournament teams. At the time of her induction, her name was throughout St. John's record book as she ranked in the top five of four different categories, including second all-time in career assists with 530.
Jackie Smith
Women's Basketball (1982-86)
Hall of Fame Class of 2000-01
Smith was part of back-to-back BIG EAST Tournament Championship teams and two-straight NCAA Tournament bids. During her senior season, she became only the eighth player in school history to score more than 1,000 points. An all-BIG EAST first team member in 1986, she graduated as the sixth-highest career scorer for St. John's with 1,298 points.

Kia Wright
Women's Basketball
Hall of Fame Class of 2014-15
One of the most dynamic guards in the BIG EAST during her era, Kia Wright ranked fifth on St. John's all-time scoring charts with 1,536 points at the time of her induction and was the only player in program history to record 1,500 points and 400 assists in a career. Wright burst onto the national scene as a sophomore, earning first team All-BIG EAST and All-Met accolades after averaging 14.8 point per game and leading St. John's to the NCAA Tournament for the first time in 17 years. Wright, who led the BIG EAST with 5.5 assists per game as a junior, held the program record for most free throws made in a career and ranked top five all-time in 3-point field goals made, free throw percentage, assists and steals at the time of her induction.
Women’s Fencing

Joe Brodeth  
**Fencing (Early 1970's-1995)**  
**Hall of Fame Class of 2000-01**  
As head fencing coach, Brodeth posted 10 winning records along with a 260-149 winning record. He was named NCAA Coach of the Year in 1984 after his team won the National Intercollegiate Women's Fencing Association Championship.

Tina Loven  
**Fencing**  
**Hall of Fame Class of 2014-15**  
Born and raised in Turku, Finland, Tina Loven's athletic career in Queens was highlighted by a landmark performance at the 1995 NCAA Fencing Championships, as she claimed gold in the epee as a junior to become the first woman fencer in St. John's history to win a national title. Loven won 21 matches at the NCAA Championships on her way to the '95 women's epee title in the first-ever year of NCAA competition in the discipline, earning All-America status while helping St. John's to a second-place finish in the team competition, at the time tying the 1942 team for the program's highest-ever finish at the national championships.

Randi Samet  
**Fencing (1980s)**  
**Hall of Fame Class of 1994-95**  
Runner-up in the 1978 National Junior Olympic Championships and winner of the Empire States Games Scholastic Championship, Samet was once ranked 12th in the nation. Samet placed 10th in the NCAA Championship and won third place in the World Maccabiah Games in Israel as well as the U.S. National Sports Festival.

Arlene Stevens  
**Fencing (1999-2003)**  
**Hall of Fame Class of 2012-13**  
A four-time All-American and a member of the University's President's Society, Stevens earned an individual silver medal to help the St. John's fencing team capture the 2001 NCAA National Championship title. The youngest fencer named to the U.S. Olympic Team at the Sydney Games as a 19-year old, Stevens finished 32nd in the women's epee to register the highest finish by an American in the event.
Cristin Burtis  
*Women's Soccer (1991-94)*  
*Hall of Fame Class of 2012-13*  
The 1994 BIG EAST Tournament Most Valuable Player, Burtis also led St. John's to its first-ever BIG EAST Tournament title and earned first team NSCAA/adidas Northeast Region All-America honors as a senior to cap her career as a four-year starter. A four-time BIG EAST Academic All-Star, Burtis was the single-season record-holder in both goals (17) and points (41) and ranked second all-time in both goals (37) and points (84) for her career at the time of her induction. In addition to her prowess on the soccer pitch, Burtis was a four-year member of the softball team from 1992-96, batting .317 as a sophomore, .352 as a junior and stealing 11 bases as a senior.

Adriana Burke Viola  
*Women's Soccer (1988-92)*  
*Hall of Fame Class of 2013-14*  
An explosive offensive talent throughout her four-year career, Adriana Burke graduated as the program's all-time leader in both goals and points. Burke put together the finest statistical season of her career as a sophomore scoring 15 goals to go with four assists in 14 starts. She finished the year with 34 points, a single-season program record at the time. On September 1, 1989, Burke set the single-game point record with eight against Florida International, a record she held alone until it was matched in 2013. In total, Burke tallied 91 points on 40 goals and 11 assists at St. John's, averaging close to two points per game for her career.
Softball

Erin McDonnell
Hall of Fame Class of 2000-01

McDonnell was a standout performer for the St. John's softball team for three seasons, with an injury keeping her off the field in 1987. During her career, she led the team in batting average (.293) and steals (16). In 1986, she won the Team's MVP as well as the Rev. Joseph T. Cahill, C.M., Award (President's Award). McDonnell was also a two-time recipient of the Rickard F. McSwiney Award representing the most outstanding female student-athlete (1986, 1987). She was also a student-athlete representative to the Board of Athletic Control (1985-86). After her playing career, McDonnell was an assistant coach for her alma mater in 1990 and 1991 and went on to serve as the Associate Athletic Director, Director of Facilities until 2010.

Courtney Fitzgerald
Softball (2000-04)
Hall of Fame Class of 2012-13

The winningest pitcher in St. John's softball history at the time of her induction, Fitzgerald totaled 59 wins and capped a four-year career by earning both first team NFCA Division I Mid-Atlantic Region accolades and second team All-BIG EAST honors. The pitcher also held the program-record for games started (102), innings pitched (711.2) and shutouts (21) when she was inducted.
Women’s Swimming

Lynn Burke Hederman
Swimming (1960-64)
Hall of Fame Class of 1984-85
Hederman came to St. John's already a highly decorated athlete as she won two gold medals at the 1960 Rome Olympic games in the 100-yard backstroke and as part of the medley relay. She had also competed in the 1959 Pan-American games. Despite not having a varsity swim team for women, Hederman helped serve St. John's by lending a hand at varied meets and tournaments.

Richard J. Krempecki
Swimming (1961-85)
Hall of Fame Class of 1995-96
As head coach of both the men and women's swim team at St. John's, Krempecki won 10-consecutive Metropolitan Collegiate Swimming Championships. Krempecki also coached 10 All-American swimmers and five NCAA qualifiers, and also served as the Assistant Vice President for Student Athletics in Academic Support.

Nancy Midwinter
Swimming (1975-78)
Hall of Fame Class of 1985-86
An eight-time All-American, Midwinter was named the Team MVP for the St. John's swimming program three times during her career. At the time of her graduation, she held 10 individual school records and was a member of four record-holding relay teams. At the end of the 1978 Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (AIAW) Championships, she held records in four different events (200 breast, 100 IM, 200 IM, and 400 Medley Relay).
Women’s Track & Field

Kim Thomas Lane (Carter)
Track & Field (1977-80)
Hall of Fame Class of 1989-90
One of most decorated women's sprinters in St. John's history, Lane was named a Track Athletic Congress All-American in 1978. Before the end of her career, she represented the United States in eight international competitions, including the 1980 Summer Olympic Games as a member of the 4x400-meter relay. Lane graduated as the school record holder in five different events, the indoor 200-meter, 400-meter and 500-meter dashes and the outdoor 400 and 800. In 1978 and 1980, Lane also earned All-ECAC recognition in the 400-meter dash.

Virginia Young Coleman
Track & Field (1986-90)
Hall of Fame Class of 1996-97
Young set three BIG EAST records, won seven BIG EAST titles, set six Metropolitan records, won nine individual Metropolitan Championships and was a two-time ECAC champion and record setter as part of the St. John's track & field team.

Oneitha “Neni” Davis
Track & Field (athlete 1978-82, assistant coach 1983-85)
Hall of Fame Class of 1990-91
One of the greatest throwers in St. John's women's track & field history, “Neni” Lewis, formerly Davis, was the indoor and outdoor shot put school-record holder at the time of her induction. As a senior in 1981-82, Lewis earned AIAW All-American accolades and became the first St. John's women's varsity athlete to appear in an international track competition, when she represented the United States at the World University games in Bucharest, Romania. Lewis participated in both the NCAA Championships and U.S. Olympic Trials and returned to her alma mater as an assistant coach for two years starting in 1983. Continuing to compete as a masters athlete, Lewis set two new world records and two new U.S. records at the 2010 USA Masters Throws Championships, setting world records in the throws pentathlon and 16-pound weight throw and U.S. marks in the 25-pound super weight throw and the ultra-weight pentathlon.
Sonja Fitts  
*Track & Field (1988-92)*  
*Hall of Fame Class of 1999-2000*

As an 11-time BIG EAST Champion and nine-time Metropolitan Champion for both indoor and outdoor throwing events, Fitts remains one the greatest track & field athletes at St. John's. She was the Olympic Trials Champion in the hammer throw and the world's No. 1 contender in 1992. Fitts also excelled academically, as a member of the BIG EAST and ECAC All-Academic Teams.

Youree Spence  
*Track & Field (1984-88)*  
*Hall of Fame Class of 2012-13*

The marquee BIG EAST women's sprinter of her era, Spence totaled 11 BIG EAST individual titles and was twice named the Most Outstanding Performer at the BIG EAST Conference Championships. A five-time All-ECAC selection and a three-time St. John's Track & Field MVP, Spence ranked in the program's all-time top-10 in six different events and was the school's record-holder in the 300-meter dash at the time of her induction.

Constance Darnowski Stoll  
*Track & Field (1951-1954)*  
*Hall of Fame Class of 1993-94*

Stoll was an All-American in track & field from 1951 to 1954 and won two National Championships (1952, 1954). A member of the U.S. Olympic team and was finalist in the 1955 Pan American Games in Mexico City, Stoll also broke the record in the 1956 U.S. Championship.

Maryanne Persan Torrellas  
*Track & Field (1977-80)*  
*Hall of Fame Class of 1992-93*

Her record-setting 1,500-meter and mile times helped developed track and field at the collegiate level at St. John's University. Torrellas pursued race walking, after a stress fracture ended her running career, where she went on to win countless championships and set numerous world records.
Women’s Tennis

Barbara Perry

*Tennis (1972-76)*

*Hall of Fame Class of 1995-96*

As a member of the first two St. John's women's tennis teams, Perry, led the squad to a 28-12 record. Perry was a President's Award honoree and was a winner of the 1975 Women's Tennis Outstanding Player Award with an 8-1 record. She served as the Senior Vice President and General Manager of the Philadelphia Freedom of World Team Tennis. Perry was recognized in 2012 as one of the first four Women of Distinction at St. John's Inaugural Golf and Tennis Classic.

George Seewagen

*Tennis Coach*

*Hall of Fame Class of 1984-85*

Seewagen dedicated 49 years as tennis coach for St. John's. He was named the Eastern's Junior Cup coach and the National President of the U.S. Professional (Lawn) Tennis Association from 1948-53 and again in 1963. He was also president of the Eastern division for 12 years. He also taught free tennis clinics for the tri-state area. As an undergraduate student, he not only lettered in tennis and basketball, but also earned All-American honors as a soccer goalkeeper for the national intercollegiate championship team.
Volleyball

Wioleta Leszczynska
Volleyball (2006-08)
Hall of Fame Class of 2013-14
A three-time AVCA honorable mention All-American and the 2008 BIG EAST Player of the Year, Leszczynska was also a two-time first team All-BIG EAST selection (2007-08) as well a second team honoree in 2006. The 2007 BIG EAST Female Scholar of the Year set the single-season program-record with 1,760 assists as a junior and also ranked third on the all-time list with 4,374 career assists at the time of her induction. She led the Red Storm to three-straight BIG EAST regular season titles as well as the 2007 BIG EAST Championship, while guiding St. John's to its only two NCAA Tournament appearances at the time of induction.
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