



BASKETBALL LEGENDS

The Rhode Island Interscholastic League is proud to announce its 8th annual Basketball Legends Recognition Ceremony. These individuals were selected based on their outstanding contributions and accomplishments as former Rhode Island Interscholastic League student-athletes, coaches and officials.

BRENDA GINAITT MORRISON, WARWICK VETS HIGH SCHOOL

A member of both the Warwick Veterans Memorial High School Athletic Hall of Fame and the New England Basketball Hall of Fame, Morrison was an All-State basketball and softball player at Warwick Vets High School. The 1985 Words Unlimited R.I. Schoolgirl Athlete of the Year, she helped lead the Hurricanes to appearances in both the 1983 and '84 Class A State Championships. Morrison received a full scholarship to play at St. John's University, where the 6-foot-3 center went on to earn all-conference honors, helping the Express capture the 1988 Big East Championship.

KELLI FAY-WOLFE, CUMBERLAND HIGH SCHOOL

A 1987 Converse All-American and 1987 Naismith R.I. Player of the Year, Fay-Wolfe was a two-time All-State, All-Class A and Northern All-Division selection at Cumberland High School, where she helped lead the Clippers to the title game of the Class A Championship in 1985, '86 and '87. Finishing her high school career with 1,073 points, she set nine school records, including free-throw shooting percentage (.720). The 1987 Words Unlimited R.I. Schoolgirl Athlete of the Year, Fay-Wolfe also starred in track and field, becoming the first girl to win four individual titles at the outdoor state meet and also leading Cumberland to the State Championship that year. She went on to have an extremely successful track career at the University of Pennsylvania.

BRITTANY WILSON, ST. MARY ACADEMY-BAY VIEW

The 2008 R.I. Gatorade Player of the Year, Wilson was a three-time All-Stater at Bay View, leading the Bengals to the 2006 State Championship and earning tournament MVP honors. Concluding her high school career as Bay View's all-time leading scorer, the 5-10 guard then played two seasons at Northeastern University, earning third-team All-Colonial Athletic Conference honors in 2010 before transferring to La Salle University. A two-time All-Big 5 First Team selection there, Wilson finished her collegiate career with 1,476 total points. She played basketball professionally in Germany, France and the Czech Republic from 2013 through 2016 and is currently an assistant coach for the Community College of Rhode Island women's basketball team.

JIM PSARAS, ROGERS HIGH SCHOOL

Psaras' long and successful coaching career began shortly after he graduated from Rogers High School. Head coach of the Vikings' varsity boys basketball team from 1988 to 2014, he compiled a record of 421-245, guiding his alma mater to 12 division crowns, six state final appearances and three Division I State Championships in 1990, '91 and '93. The 1991 Words Unlimited R.I. co-Schoolboy Coach of the Year and a Coaches' Association Divisional Coach of the Year 12 times, Psaras has also shared his love of the game with Newport County Youth through his Vikings Hoops Youth Basketball Summer Camp and Psaras Skills Academy.

ERNIE DEWITT, ROGERS HIGH SCHOOL

DeWitt scored 1,545 points in his three years at Rogers High School, from 1975-77, and remained the school's all-time leading scorer for 42 years – a record that was only just broken a few weeks ago by current senior Izzy Booth. A member of the Bryant College Athletic Hall of Fame's first class of inductees, DeWitt went on to become the first Rhode Island college player to score 2,000 points and grab 1,000 rebounds, earning National Basketball Coaches Association All-America honors three times. The 1981 ECAC Division II Player of the Year finished his career as Bryant's second all-time leading scorer with 2,266 points.

JIM DICKINSON, LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL

An All-State player at Lincoln High School, the 7-foot center led the Lions to the 1989 Class B State Championship and went on to receive a basketball scholarship to Seton Hall. Playing professionally in Europe and China for several years after graduating from college, Dickinson then returned to R.I. to teach and coach. Coaching the Barrington boys basketball team from 1997 to 2008 (the first year as an assistant), he was named the Words Unlimited R.I. Schoolboy Coach of the Year after guiding the Eagles to the 2001 Division II Championship.

BILL MCCAUGHEY, WARWICK VETS HIGH SCHOOL

A first-team All-State selection in 1961 at Warwick Vets, where he also was an All-State javelin thrower, McCaughey was twice selected to the All Class A-Metropolitan team while playing for the Hurricanes. He went on to produce a Hall of Fame career at Rhode Island College, where he is one of only three former Anchormen to score over 1,000 career points and grab over 1,000 career rebounds. A member of RIC's All-75th Anniversary Team, McCaughey ranks 13th all-time in scoring with 1,229 points and third all-time in career rebounding with 1,129. He still holds the all-time record for most rebounds in a season with 554, set during the 1964-65 season, and is second all-time for rebounds in a game with 31.