

Brian Mehan

Class of 2005

Presentation by: James Manchester

Brian Mehan was a graduate of the Plattsburgh High School Class of 2005. While attending PHS, Brian participated in four years of football and baseball, as well as two years of indoor track. He was very gifted at track and field, and qualified for the state championship meet his Junior and Senior season.

He was also an exceptional football player, however, baseball was where he left his mark. Brian was a two-year starter as catcher and first base for the Hornets. His junior season he hit .477; batting in 22 runners, hitting 21 singles, five doubles and six home runs. During a postseason loss that spring, Brian hit two home runs against Beekmantown and was named a CVAC all-star.

He hit .714 in the postseason of his senior year. During the sectional semi-final game Brian hit a walk-off homerun to win the game in the 7th inning.

During the championship game against Saranac, Brian scored the Hornets' first run of the game and knocked in another. He ended his senior year as a team captain and black letter award winner. He was named a first team CVAC All-star. The team finished as CVAC (11-5) Champions and section 7 Champions.

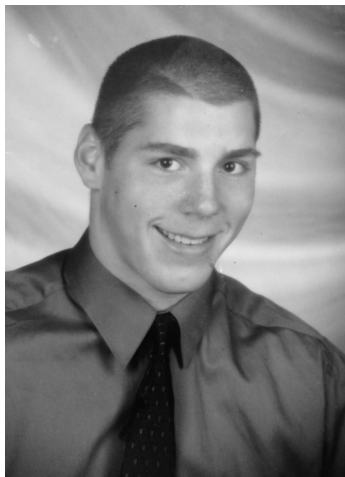
He finished with a lifetime .495 batting average, 39 singles, 11 doubles, 2 triples (1 post season), 12 home runs, (3 postseason), 1000% slugging percentage, and a .555 postseason batting average, a CVAC championship, CVAC title, two-time CVAC first team all-star, chosen as the Black Letter Award recipient his senior year by his teammates, and was named Most Outstanding Athlete of the Class of 2005.

His success on the diamond led Brian to Plattsburgh State where he was slotted to be Coach Doorey's catcher of the future. However, during the start of his sophomore season Brian was diagnosed with germ cell cancer. Over the next year and a half Brian confronted the disease head on, beating it into remission once, but ultimately succumbing to the disease on March 2, 2008, just 18 days prior to his 21st birthday.

He was an exceptional young man, inspiring all who came in contact with him during the final weeks and days of his life. Brian never hid his passion for life or his love for his friends, family, and yes, baseball.

Since his passing, over \$15,000 has been given out in the form of scholarships and donations to local families, who are in need of financial assistance while a loved one goes through medical treatment, in Brian's name.

Through the Brian Mehan Memorial Foundation, along with the Brian Mehan Be the Match Game and Bone Marrow Drive, which is an annual event put on by the Plattsburgh State Baseball Team, Brian continues to impact the Plattsburgh Community.



Plattsburgh High School

**Welcomes you to the
Plattsburgh High School Athletic Hall of Fame
Ceremonies honoring the 2017 Inductees**



Saturday, Sept. 16, 2017

6 p.m., the Elks Club, Cumberland Ave.

Master of Ceremonies: Kevin Daugherty

Gordon Grass Class of 1957

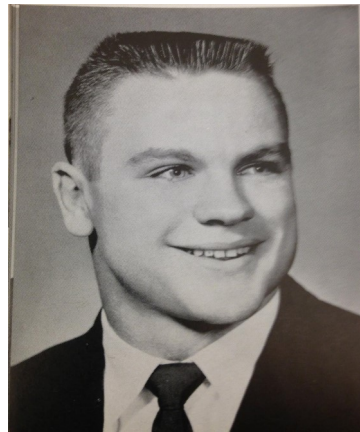
Presentation by: Bob Heins

Gordon (Gordie) Grass moved to Plattsburgh in 1955, as a junior. He made an immediate impact on the sports program as a co-captain of the 1956 Hornet Football team. He also was the catcher for the 1956 and 1957 baseball teams.

After graduation, he attended Hobart College where he was a three-sport athlete in football, wrestling, and baseball. In 1959, he was awarded the Most Valuable Player Award for Football and he co-captained the team in 1960.

He met his wife, Alice, while in college and they married in 1962. After graduation, Gordie became an educator and coach for Orchard Park Central for the next four years.

After several career changes, he spent 29 years as a regional sales manager for an industrial manufacturing facility out of Switzerland. His facility was located in Massachusetts. He has been enjoying retirement since 2006. Gordie and his wife now reside in Flowery Branch, Georgia. They have three children and six grand-children ranging in age from 13 to 25.



Tom Maston Class of 1989

Presentation by: Kevin Daughtery

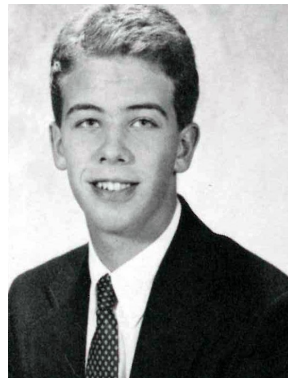
Tom Maston is a 1989 graduate and two-sport athlete, where he excelled in both basketball and baseball for the Hornets. Maston was selected as PHS Outstanding Male Athlete of 1989.

Tom was an instrumental part of the 1989 Baseball State Championship team and was selected as the Champlain Valley Athletic Conference Most Valuable Player following the 1989 season. He was awarded the Black Letter Co-MVP for baseball that year. That season, Tom posted a remarkable 9-0 record on the pitching mound, including two no-hitters.

On the way to the State Championships, he threw a three-hit, 7-0 shutout in the Regional win vs. Mexico and a two-hit, 10 strikeout game over a 28-1 Port Chester team in the State Semi-Final. On the hardcourt, Tom was the 1989 Co-Captain, point guard and Black Letter winner for the Hornets basketball team. That team finished the season with a disappointing sectional final loss for the second straight season.

After graduation, Maston played baseball at the College of Saint Rose in Albany. In his four year career at St. Rose, he finished with a record of 14 wins against only three losses. He played for St. Rose teams that won four District and Regional Championships.

Tom was a member of the 1990 College World Series team that was inducted into the St. Rose Athletic Hall of Fame in 2010. He graduated from St. Rose with a B.A. in Public Communications in 1993. Tom currently lives in McKinney, Texas and is married to his wife Kelly (Brennan, PHS '90) and has two daughters, Quinn and Katie, and a son Jack.



Alan Rowison Class of 1962

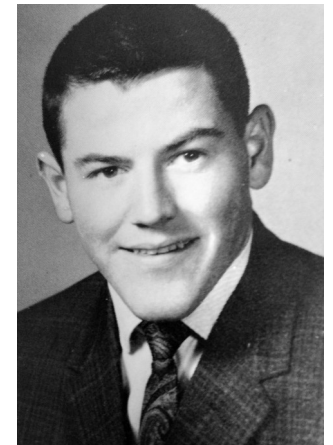
Presentation by: Chris Rowison

Alan Rowison graduated from Plattsburgh High School Class of 1962. He played football (3 years), basketball (4 years) and baseball (4 years) for the Hornets. He was a key member of the Hornets 1961 C.V.L. Football Co-Champs, the 1962 Section 7 Class A basketball champs (17-4) and the 1962 Class A Champion Hornets baseball team. In addition, he served as Senior Class Treasurer.

Rowison served in the USMC as an Infantry Platoon Sergeant for three years, including a Mediterranean Tour, a Guantanamo Bay (Cuba) Tour and combat duty in Vietnam, where he was wounded in action three times. While there, he saw many North Country athletes from neighboring high schools, who were also serving.

Alan earned a B.S. in Mathematics from Plattsburgh State University, while playing both football and baseball for the Cardinals. He later earned his M.S. in School Administration from California State University-Fullerton. He taught, coached, counseled and was an administrator in Southern California inner city high schools for 38 years, retiring as Assistant Principal at Lynwood High in 2009. Later in life, he earned an M.A. in Theology at Fuller Seminary in Pasadena, Calif.

In retirement, Alan volunteers in the Meals-to-the-Home Program, the local Food Bank and teaches the Bible in a weekly Men's Group. He and his wife Elva live in Huntington Beach, Calif. They have a blended family with son Jason, daughters Claudia and Elva, as well as nine grandchildren.



The Athletic Hall of Fame

The Plattsburgh High School Athletic Hall of Fame was started in 1993, and inducted its first class in October 1994. Individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the PHS athletic program and, in some cases, at both the college and professional levels through their participation as athletes, coaches or administrators, are inducted annually at an Induction Dinner as part of the Homecoming Weekend every fall.

If you have any questions about the Hall of Fame, please email the Hall of Fame Committee: admiral0147@yahoo.com

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Nominations are now being accepted for next fall's induction class – the nomination deadline is June 1. A nomination form in pdf format can also be found on the district website: www.plattscsd.org. Please mail the completed form as instructed on the form. Inductees will be announced in August and a gala induction ceremony will be held in conjunction with the annual fall homecoming weekend.