

James O'Connell
Class of 1951
Presentation by: Jim O'Connell, Jr.

James O'Connell played in a time often called one of the "Golden Eras of PHS Athletics". During Jim's four years at PHS, he started three years in football, three years in basketball and all four years in baseball. At 6'2" and 175 pounds, Jim showed a versatility rarely seen in that time. He played both end positions in football, center and forward in basketball and remarkably played second base in baseball. The football team won the CVL in Jim's junior year, two basketball titles in '49 and '51 (undefeated) and three baseball titles. The 1949 baseball team, when Jim started as a freshman, is often described as the best PHS team ever. In later years, Jim played for the legendary Plattsburgh Falcons, a semi-pro team made up of local players, who traveled through out Canada and the Norheast. Upon graduation, Jim served in the U.S. Navy as a Military Police Officer. Jim returned home and married Mavourneen (Yetty) and they had six children, Beth, MaryAnn, Jim, Erin, Kerin and Danny.(All PHS graduates.) Jim retired from the NYS Department of Corrections in 1989 after 33 years of service.



David J. Baroody Class of 1996

David Baroody led the Hornet basketball teams to back-to-back Section VII Championships in 1994-95 and 1995-96. During those two years, Dave led the CVAC in scoring in both the 1994-95 and 1995-96 and was also selected as a Press-Republican All-Area and CVAC First-Team All-Star. Dave was also selected to the Class B All-New York State Teams in both his junior and senior seasons. As a captain of the 1995-96 team, that won a school record 22 games/ Regional (Class B) Championship. Dave set the PHS single-season record for points with 531 and he graduated in 1996 as Plattsuburgh's all-time leading scorer. Dave went on to further success at Plattsburgh State where he was a SUNYAC All-Star leading the Cardinals in scoring and rebounding in 1998-99. Dave graduated from SUNY Plattsburgh and recieved his Master Degree from SUNY Oswego and taught business. He was also the Girls' Varsity Basketball Coach at South Glens Falls and Peru. After receiving his CAS in Educational Administration he has returned to his alma mater (PHS) and is currently the Assistant Principal/Athletic Administrator. He is married to PHS alumus, Lindsay (Ward), and they have a fouryear old daughter, Charlotte.



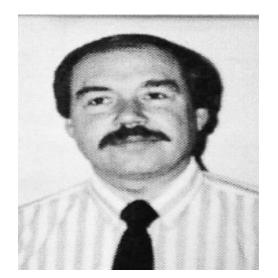
Laura Phillips Nutt
Class of 2001

Laura Phillips Nutt made major contributions in all three of the sports she played while at PHS. A fouryear member of the girls' soccer program, Laura led the team in scoring her senior year. In track, she qualified for States in the pentathlon, one of the most difficult events in that sport, but basketball was her claim to fame. Laura averaged 13.7 points a game as a sophomore, 14.1 as a junior and 16.6 as a senior. During her senior year she led PHS to a Section VII title, averaging 19.3 points over the last 12 games. Laura was the first basketball player (boy or girl) in PHS history to score over 1,000 points. Laura was a CVAC All-Star in both her junior and senior year, being selected All-CVAC in her senior season. In that same year she was recognized by NYS as a Class B All-Star. Laura continued her exploits at Fulton-Mongomery Community College, where she made All-Conference, played at Adelphi University, where she participated in the Div. II NCAA Tournament, and completed her career at Plattsburgh State, where she led the team in scoring. Laura was selected Black Letter winner her senior year and also was chosen as Most Outstanding Senior Female Athlete. Laura is currently a special education teacher at Northern Adirondack, and she and her husband, Shawn, have a one year old daughter, Rielyn



Lawrence "Jeff" Carpenter
Class of 1976
Presentation by: Scott Carpenter

eff Carpenter was an outstanding three-sport athlete at Plattsburgh High School in the mid-70's, during an era when PHS athletics was experiencing great successes in all sports. Jeff was an outstanding pitcher for the baseball team, which won a Section VII and CVAC title during his tenure. In basketball, he was a solid contributor for some of the ledgendary Ray Holmes' teams that featured three other Hall of Famers. It was football, though where Jeff really made his mark. Jeff was an unprecedented three-time CVAC All-Star as a linebacker. He was selected by the Press-Republican as a Second-Team All-Star as a sophomore and First-Team All Star as a junior and senior. Regarded as a hard-hitting linebacker in his day, Jeff proved to be the complete defensive player by finishing his career with eight interceptions, tied for most overall in PHS history. Jeff continued playing football for two years at Norwich University and also played fours years of rugby. After graduating from the Norwich's ROTC program in 1978, he received his BS in Business Administration. Jeff and his wife, Lori(Petit), have three daughters, Amanda, Megan and Kelsey, along with one granddaughter, Gianna.



Clifford "Joe" Staves, Jr Administrator Presentation by: Mike Flynn

Clifford "Joe" Staves served the Plattsburgh City School District as the Director of Physical Education, Athletics and Health Services for 25 years. Prior to his tenure at PHS. Joe was a teacher/coach/adminstrator at Mount Assumption Institute for 14 years. Joe was selected CVAC coach of the year in boy's basketball twice in his seven years as head coach while at MAI. While at PHS, the number of modified sports increased dramatically and his collaboration with staff members and the Booster Club developed a state of the art wellness center at the Senior High. While working with the Booster Club over his career, the Booster Club has provided over \$400,000 to the School District. Joe was the CVAC Executive Secretary for over 15 yers and has been a member of the Section VII Athletic Council for the past 20 years where he continues to serve. Joe also serves on the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee, of which he has represented Section VII for the past 12 years. Joe is married to Christina Coryea and has a daughter, Katrina, two stepsons, John and Steve Coryea, their wives, Rebecca and Jamie, and two grandchildren, Gianna and Benjamin.

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