
Honoring and Preserving the Sports History of Chautauqua County



Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame

15 West Third Street - Jamestown, NY 14701

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In 2016, the Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame will celebrate its 35th year of incorporation. It is a notable time to look back, reflect on, and celebrate the accomplishments of the CSHOF over the past three and a half decades. More importantly, it is an appropriate time to plan for the future - another thirty-five years and beyond.

WHO WE ARE...

The Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame is a 501(c)(3), not-for-profit organization, incorporated in 1981, whose mission is to honor and preserve the sports history of Chautauqua County. The CSHOF is an all-volunteer group governed by a 30-member Board of Directors elected annually. Its headquarters and exhibition hall is located at 15 West Third Street Jamestown, New York.

WHERE WE'VE BEEN...



The CSHOF has experienced substantial growth and accomplishment since its early days in a small storefront at Chautauqua Mall thirty-five years ago. Among them:

- ▣ 172 Wall of Honor inductees (as of 2016)
 - ▣ Recognition of exceptional accomplishments of local high school, collegiate, and other county residents
 - ▣ 4,000 square foot exhibition hall complete with wifi service
 - ▣ Regular business hours 12:00-3:00 p.m., Monday-Friday
 - ▣ A membership program with marketing partner discounts
 - ▣ Sold out annual induction banquets featuring prominent speakers
 - ▣ An annual banquet book with 300+ local business supporters
 - ▣ A monthly newsletter
 - ▣ A digital inventory system
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- ▣ 1,000 page website – www.chautauquasportshalloffame.org
 - ▣ An individual webpage for each inductee
 - ▣ Facebook page
 - ▣ Enhanced visibility, presence and activity in community affairs
 - ▣ Increased media coverage of CSHOF activities

WHERE WE'RE GOING...

In order to prepare for the future and to ensure the long-term sustainability and financial solvency of the CSHOF, the Board of Directors has established an endowment/investment fund consisting of two components:

- ✓ RESTRICTED FUND – Interest generated by the restricted fund will be available for use at the discretion of the CSHOF Board of Directors. The investment principal of the fund will remain untouched.
- ✓ UNRESTRICTED FUND – Both the interest and investment principal of the unrestricted fund will be available for use at the discretion of the CSHOF Board of Directors.

The CSHOF endowment funds have been placed with Courier Capital, LLC, an affiliate of Five Star Bank, who will offer counseling and management of the investment portfolio.



In addition to ensuring the long-term sustainability and financial solvency of the CSHOF, the Board of Directors has several improvement initiatives it would like to undertake in the future including, but not limited to:

- Expansion of the Hall of Fame facility as needed
- Remodel the Wall of Honor to better showcase our treasured inductees
- Redesign the website to make it more mobile device friendly
- Install a security system to protect the hall's assets and collections
- Increase hours of operation
- Enhance commitment and support of youth sports

WHAT YOU CAN DO...



The CSHOF belongs to all of us who have an interest in honoring and preserving the sports history of Chautauqua County. It is our hall of fame. It celebrates our past. It will reflect our legacy in the future.

The Board of Directors respectfully asks for you to consider making a pledge to the endowment/investment fund. The gift can be made in your name, in the name of someone you wish to memorialize, or even

anonymously. Because the CSHOF is a 501 (c) (3) your gift is 100% tax deductible.

Donations are cumulative as donors reach the following levels:

- ❖ \$250 Bronze Medalist
- ❖ \$500 Silver Medalist
- ❖ \$1000 Gold Medalist
- ❖ \$2500+ Legacy Society

Some examples: The Bronze Medal can be earned with a one-time gift of \$250 or annual gifts of \$50 for 5 years. An annual gift of \$250 for 4 years will earn a Bronze Medal the first year, a Silver Medal the second year and a Gold Medal in the fourth year. Legacy Society status can be achieved with 5-\$500 gifts.

Legacy Society donors will have the option to receive naming rights to an annual award that will be presented to an outstanding Chautauqua County high school athlete at the annual CSHOF Induction Banquet. This level of giving must be achieved within a 5 years period in order to qualify for naming rights.

A permanent display will be created at the CSHOF acknowledging the gifts of donors in each giving category: Bronze, Silver, Gold, and Legacy.

The Board of Directors also encourages you to consider including the CSHOF endowment/investment funds in your will or trust plans.

For more information as to how you can leave a legacy of support for future Chautauqua County athletes, or to discuss possibilities for Legacy Society gifts, call CSHOF president Randy Anderson at (716) 640-6219.