

Uxbridge High School  
Athletic Hall of Fame

INDUCTION  
CEREMONY

November 9, 2024  
Blissful Meadows Country Club

*Celebrating the Light Brigade and the Spartans*





# Program

Welcome

Dinner

Introduction of the Inductees

Closing Remarks




Biographies | Charles Paszkewicz

Video Coordination | Dan Deveau

Master of Ceremonies | Dr. Michael Rubin

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# The Hall of Fame

For over 100 years, interscholastic athletics have played an integral part in the lives of many young men and women who have attended Uxbridge High School. During this time, many individuals and teams have exemplified great spirit and pride as they wore the orange and black. The tradition of athletics, combined with educational excellence, has made Uxbridge High School the great school that it is today. To honor this excellence, Uxbridge High School instituted the Athletic Hall of Fame. Tonight, seven individuals will be honored, representative of several eras of athletic success. The selection process consisted of the review of many worthy nominations, after which the selection committee selected this induction class. Future nominations and selections will continue to be made. Nominations for future inductions are always welcome. Categories of nomination include student-athletes, coaches, teams, and outstanding contributors to Uxbridge High School athletics.

## The Hall of Fame Committee

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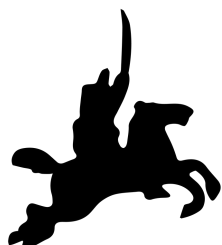
Robert "Clyde" Paul '55

Kelly Rosborough '96

Steven Saulen '04

Chris Shaw '93

Nominations are open and can be shared with the Committee via the Hall of Fame's digital nomination form. Individuals who wish to be involved with this Committee can reach out to share their interest.







# The New Inductees

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Damian Bonaventura | Class of 1994

*introduction: Dan "Dig" Clarke '94*

Justine Burgess Doyon | Class of 2005

*introduction: Coach Joe McCourt*

Andrew Groth | Class of 2008

*introduction: Tom Groth*

Stephanie Seagrave Johnson | Class of 2011

*introduction: Matt Johnson*

Joseph McCourt | Coach

*introduction: Kevin McCourt*

Sarah Paul O'Toole | Class of 1990

*introduction: Sheila Bernard '90*

Dan Tessier | Class of 2011

*introduction: Scott Nye '11*

## CURRENT MEMBERS



Carol Albin, Class of 1989  
George Anderson, Class of 1967  
John Armstrong, Class of 1932  
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Edward Blinkhorn, Class of 1949  
Sydney "Cy" Bosma, Class of 1958  
Allison Cahill, Class of 1999  
Emily Cahill, Class of 2013  
Susan Campo, Class of 1987  
Anthony Cavaretta, Class of 1947  
Greg Clark, Class of 1984  
Daniel "Dig" Clarke, Class of 1994  
Meghan Gaskell Creighton, Class of 2004  
Michael Delmonico, Class of 1984  
Robert DeOrsay, Class of 1943  
Mark Donahue, Coach & Athletic Director  
Anthony Donatelli, Class of 1949  
James Fisher, Class of 1939  
Peter Frabotta, Class of 1951  
Robert Frabotta, Class of 1982  
Hank Giardi, Coach, 1940-1952  
Leo Arthur Goozey, Class of 1964  
Carol Rae Greene, Class of 1965

William Hayes, Class of 1956  
Edmund Jerominek, Class of 1932  
Frederick "Beaver" Johnson, Class of 1967  
Keith Kearnan, Class of 1983  
Edward Kosiak, Class of 1943  
Edmund Lewcon, Class of 1945  
John Magiera, Class of 1967  
Joseph Mahoney, Coach, 1961-1996  
Sean Mahoney, Class of 1981  
Donald Maroney, Class of 1929  
Kristen Lane Martin, Class of 1996  
Sharon Underwood Manz, Class of 1987  
Nathan Moore, Class of 1994  
Jeff Parcels, Class of 1992  
Ernest O. Picard, Class of 1945  
Fay Elizabeth Pilla, Class of 1966  
Paul Poulin, Class of 1949  
Kelly Rosborough, Class of 1996  
Steven Saulen, Class of 2004  
John T. Sharkey, Class of 1947  
Chris Shaw, Class of 1993  
Norman Silbor, Class of 1958  
William Smith, Class of 1961  
Roger Wood, Class of 1940  
Boys Basketball, 1982-83



# Damian *Bonaventura* Class of 1994



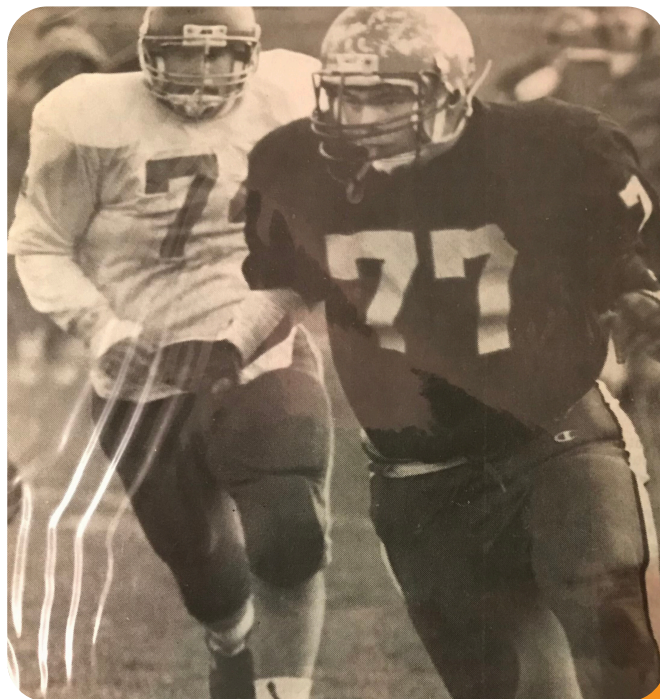
Damian's talent, energy, enthusiasm, and leadership on Uxbridge High championship teams in every sport in which he participated left a lasting legacy. Bonaventura was a key member as an offensive lineman of the UHS football team as he anchored Super Bowl victories in 1991 and 1992. He experienced only 2 losses on the gridiron during his varsity football career and never lost to archrival Northbridge. Coach Ernie Richards could always rely on his steady play on both sides of the ball but most importantly as he opened many holes for record breaking offenses and offensive players, including UHS Athletic Hall of Fame running backs Jeff Parcells and Nate Moore.

His physical presence in basketball was noteworthy on both ends of the floor with his teams recording 37 wins and just 7 losses during his junior and senior seasons. The 1992-93 team (his junior year) finished the season with a 23-1 record. That mark ranks first in the UHS record books as most wins in a season by a boys' basketball team, breaking the old record of 22 from the 1914-15 team.

Bonaventura and the Spartan basketball team under Hall of Fame Coach Mark Donahue won the SWCL, District, and Clark Tournament crowns that year, only to fall in the state semi finals at the Springfield Civic Center. Coach Donahue would comment that "Damian contributed to our team in so many ways, an excellent scorer, rebounder, and was also a great passer, always looking to hit the open man. He also had that unique personality and charisma that was evident on every team he was a part of." Damian served as team captain in his senior year on a team that finished 14-6 and again advanced to both the Clark and District tournaments.

During the spring, the starting first baseman was a leading hitter for a team which included his good friend Dan "Dig" Clarke (UHS HOF Class of 2023) that won 16 games in consecutive seasons as he captained the 1994 District champion baseball team that battled all the way to the state finals. Both the 1993 and 1994 squad under Head Coach John Raymond rank in the top three of most wins during a season by a UHS baseball team.

Damian passed away suddenly in 2018 at the age of 42. Damian is survived by his parents Patrick and Christine, both of whom are long time UHS Athletic supporters, and brother Adam, as well as a nephew Peter and nieces Claudia and Audrey, aunts, uncles, cousins and more friends that can be counted, especially his girlfriend, Stephanie Murphy.







# Justine *Burgess Doyon* Class of 2005



One of the most dynamic softball players ever to play at Uxbridge High, Justine Burgess helped pitch and bat her teams to District Tournament playoff appearances four consecutive years as well as a District Title in 2005 under Coach Joe McCourt.

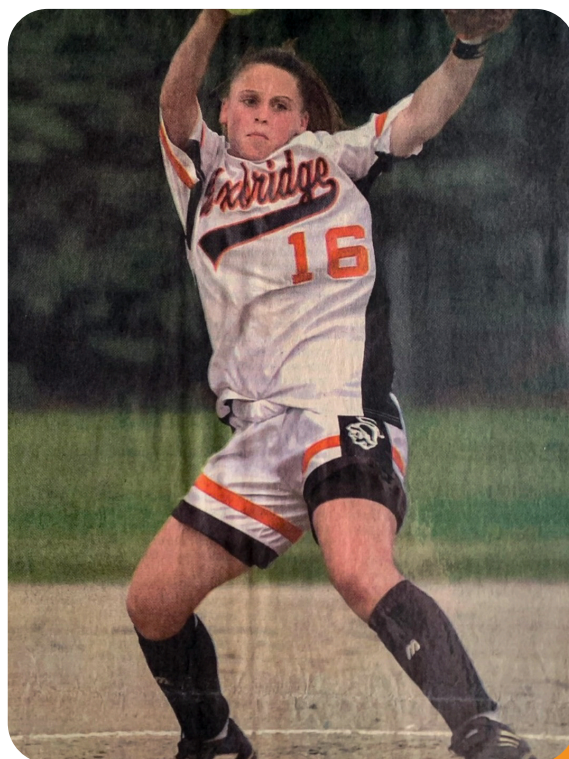
The star pitcher registered 17 victories on the mound her senior campaign (ranks 3rd all time) and amassed 44 career wins during her four years (ranks 3rd all time). She recorded 506 strikeouts during her varsity career (2nd all time) with an amazing 327 K's during her junior and senior seasons. Burgess shut out opponent hitters 29 times (ranks 1st) as well as an incredible 11 shutouts (2nd all time) during her senior season of 2005. She recorded three no-hitters during her career. The right hander also excelled at the plate as she pounded 117 hits during her varsity career (3rd all time).

The early to mid first decade of the 2000's created an awesome atmosphere and time for UHS softball as Burgess was instrumental in the success of the team. She developed a great rapport with umpires, coaches and news reporters as she was labeled by many as a classy person and not just a great pitcher as she represented herself and UHS in a professional manner.

Her senior campaign saw the talented pitcher record three shutouts in one week to clinch the SWCL title. In addition, the 2005 season was capped with a 2-0 victory over Hudson High in the CMASS Div 2 softball finals as the ace pitcher recorded her 500th career strikeout early in that game.

In addition to softball, Burgess lettered in varsity soccer (4 years), basketball (2 years) and Winter Track and Field (1 year). Justine was also a member of the National Honor Society, Leadership Club, Student Council, and won the Academic Excellence and Gatorade Athlete Will to Win Awards. She graduated in the top 10% of her class academically and received the Presidential Scholarship to Rhode Island College where she was recruited to play for the Varsity squad.

Upon graduating RIC with a Bachelor of Science Nursing degree, she worked as an Emergency and Trauma nurse for 12 years, and then completed her Master of Science in Nursing from Walden University to become a Family Nurse practitioner in 2022. She is currently working as an Urgent Care Nurse Practitioner as a part of Reliant Medical Group. Burgess has also dedicated her time to coaching and volunteering for Uxbridge Youth Softball and coaching her daughter, Aubrey, in competitive travel ball. Justine is the proud mother of three children, Landon, age 10, Aubrey, age 9, and little Jacob almost 2 years old. Jake, Justine and their children reside on Lake Manchaug in Douglas, MA.





# Andrew *Groth* Class of 2008



Andrew Groth becomes the fifth 1000-point boys basketball player to join the UHS Athletic Hall of Fame. The 6'3" 195 pound forward attained 1069 career points during his four year varsity career as he captained the 2007-08 Spartan squad to a SWCL title and a berth in the championship game in the Large School Division of the 2008 Clark Tournament.

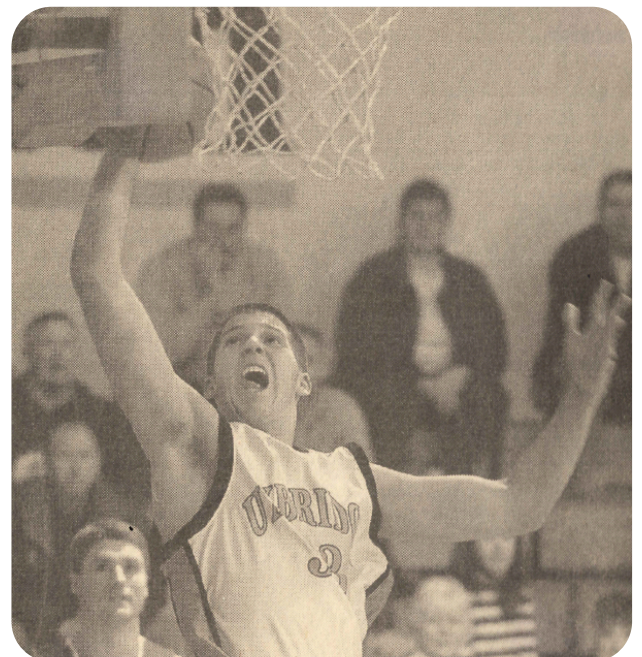
Andrew marked the milestone of 1000 points with 1:36 left in the third quarter on Senior Night in February 2008 as the Spartans defeated Oxford 65-31 to clinch the SWCL title. Groth finished with 18 points and 17 rebounds while securing the first SWCL title since 2001. His dominant scoring and rebounding against Nipmuc in his team's 62-54 triumph in the District quarterfinal earned the Spartans a meeting in the semi finals with eventual winner Tantasqua (winners of 47 games in a row at the time). His 16 points per game average ranked in the top 3 of SWCL scorers during his senior campaign.

Over his illustrious career, Groth garnered 749 rebounds (2nd all time) as well as 285 rebounds during his senior campaign (2nd all time). Groth managed to average 10.4 rebounds per game with a career high 19 rebounds versus Tantasqua during his senior year (6th all time). Andrew led a team of mostly guards to success as a dominant rebounder. His 31 points versus Auburn as a sophomore ranks 6th all-time in the UHS record books.

The hardwood all-star was named to 3 SWCL all-star teams, 3 *Worcester Telegram and Gazette* all-star teams, 3 *Milford Daily News* all-star teams, and *Worcester Telegram and Gazette* super team. Fellow teammates Kyle Allaire and Derek Silbor recalled that the selfless big man was the best teammate as he would always put the team first.

On the gridiron, he secured a receiving TD in the defeat of Northbridge 25-6 on Thanksgiving in 2006. By the time he graduated from UHS in 2008, Groth had earned 10 varsity letters: basketball (4 years), baseball (3 years), football (2 years), and golf (1 year). Andrew was named Spartan Male Athlete of the Year in 2008.

He went on to the play collegiate basketball at Bridgewater State University. Groth was a contributing member on a Sweet 16 team (2009), 3 MASCAC Champion teams (2009-2011), and a captain of the 2012 team. Andrew resides in Whitinsville, MA with his high school sweetheart, Amy, and their 3 sons, Alex (5), Austin (3), and Anthony (1). He is employed by KPMG as a managing director.







# Joseph *McCourt* Coach



Joe McCourt becomes the fourth coach inducted into the UHS Athletic Hall of Fame, as he joins mentor Joe Mahoney as the second softball coach to be inducted.

With a career record of 200 - 62 spanning twelve seasons (1997-2008), McCourt's softball teams captured four SWCL titles as well as two District Championships. The 2002 and 2003 teams went 45 - 2 in consecutive seasons and his 2005 softball team were Div 2 State semi-finalists. McCourt was also an assistant coach to Hall of Fame coach Joe Mahoney for six seasons, capturing five SWCL titles and two District Championships for a total coaching career of 18 seasons of softball at UHS.

In addition to softball, the old school philosophy approach coach led the Girls varsity programs at Uxbridge in soccer (1995-2007) and Girls Tennis (1979-1983 and 2016 - 2023) attaining 422 varsity career wins in the combined three sports spanning 44 years. He was the first coach in the history of both the Girls soccer and Girls tennis programs, leading both teams to multiple SWCL titles. He continually stressed the important things in life, not just about the wins and losses.

His varsity soccer teams in 2004 and 2007 hold records at UHS with most wins in a season (17 victories both years). During the 13 years he served as Head Coach, his teams won 111 matches and captured SWCL titles four times as they reached the Division 2 semi finals seven consecutive seasons. His 2008 Spartan squad were crowned Division II District Champions.

In tennis, over the course of his two stints as Head Coach, McCourt's record was 111-82 for the eleven years capturing three SWCL titles. His 2022 and 2023 teams went a combined 37-7 as they reached the 2022 Div 4 State semi finals (Final Four) and were crowned CMASS Champions in 2023.

McCourt retired in 2009 after 35 years teaching Technology Education at UHS, where he was also the Student Council Advisor for 20 years. Joe also served as Class Advisor for the Class of 1987 and 1989.

Coach McCourt was very proud that his Student Council were four-time state champions being recognized for various clean up projects in addition to participating in fundraising events to raise money for cancer awareness as well as working with area homeless shelters. He resides in Blackstone, Massachusetts with his wife of 50 years, Claire, and their four children, Kevin, Brian, Liz, and Lauren, in addition to 11 grandchildren.





# Sarah *Paul O'Toole* Class of 1990



A dominant field hockey player, Sarah Paul O'Toole joins the UHS Hall of Fame as one of its premier female athletes of the late 1980s. A true team leader under field hockey Coach Bonnie Dimmick, her perseverance and allegiance to the Uxbridge High sports program was top level. Excelling in both academics and sports, the unanimous all-star in field hockey was selected by the *Milford Daily News*, *Woonsocket Call*, *Worcester T&G*, and *Blackstone Valley Tribune* to their all-star squads.

The talented midfielder and senior tri-captain was the top scorer in the SWCL in 1989, leading the team to a 14-2-3 record. She earned a Silver medal in the 1989 Bay State Games and played in The Best of 24 Field Hockey Senior Classic at Springfield College. In college, Sarah helped capture an Ivy League Championship for the Brown University Field Hockey team in 1991.

In addition to field hockey, Sarah played varsity basketball for 2 years under Coach Joan St. Andre as a point guard and was team co-captain her senior year. She was also a member of the 18 - 2 Spartan softball team under Hall of Fame Coach Joe Mahoney that went to the 1988 State finals. Her junior and senior seasons she played Center Field under Coach St. Andre. She was named an all-star her senior year by the Blackstone Valley Tribune. She earned 9 Varsity letters in her Uxbridge career.

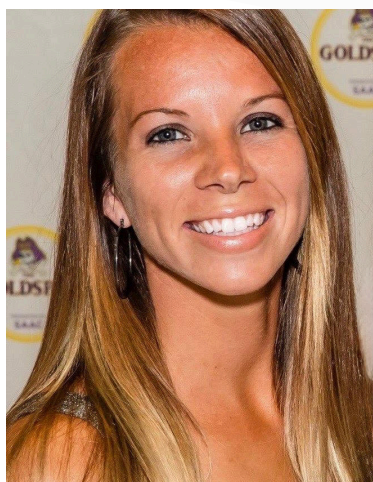
O'Toole was named Spartanette Athlete of the Year in 1990 and was awarded the 1990 Field Hockey Coaches Award. Sarah was President of her class and a member of both the National Honor Society and Student Council.

Sarah lives in Douglas, MA with her husband of 23 years, Larry, and their two children Michael, 20 and Sadie, 16. She is employed by MAPFRE Insurance in Webster, MA as a Business Intelligence Analyst and holds an MBA from George Washington University as well as a Bachelors degree in Economics from Brown University.

Sarah continues to support athletics and has been the Treasurer of the Douglas Athletic Boosters for 5 years. Both of their children have excelled in soccer at Douglas. Michael was a 3 year all-star and captain of the soccer team. He reached the Massachusetts State finals in 2021. Sadie is currently a junior on the soccer team and was a soccer all-star for both her freshman and sophomore years. She reached the Massachusetts State semifinals in 2023.







# Stephanie

## *Seagrave-Johnson*

### Class of 2011



Arguably the best soccer player in the history of UHS Athletics, Stephanie broke the school record her freshman year for most goals in a season (31) and most points in a season (40). During her sophomore campaign, she broke the school record for most goals in a career (66) and most points in a career (90). She holds the record for most goals in a career and most points in a career after finishing her high school stint with 113 goals and 157 points.

A four-year starter and two-time captain for Coach Joe McCourt and Pam Seagrave, Stephanie's strength was obviously as an offensive striker, but could play every position on the pitch and excelled defensively playing midfield, sweeper, and even goalie. Stephanie recorded her 100th career goal in a 1-0 victory over David Prouty, as her talents were recognized through various all-star achievements (SWCL, CMASS, All State, *Milford Daily News*, and *Telegram & Gazette* Super Team).

Stephanie led her soccer team to the 2007 SWCL title and 2008 CMASS Div II crown, the first in Spartan history. In addition to soccer, the two-time soccer Coaches Award recipient earned 12 varsity letters, participating in softball, basketball and Indoor Track and Field.

In basketball, the senior co-captain scored a game high 24 points in a 58-33 triumph over Grafton during her senior year as she returned to the hardwood, after successfully competing the previous year for a record setting Indoor Track and Field team. During her sophomore season, her basketball squad received recognition for the MIAA Sportsmanship Award.

The 2011 Spartanette Athlete of the Year Susan Campo Memorial Award winner was also a member of the Girls Mass State Relay champion 4x400 relay team her junior year, as her squad captured the 2010 SWCL championship and went undefeated (15-0) in dual meets. Stephanie also competed in the 300m dash and long jump placing in the top five both in District and State relays.

On the softball diamond, the shortstop led her team to two SWCL championships and earned SWCL All Star and Coaches award twice.

Stephanie went on to play collegiate soccer at East Carolina University. A two-time captain for the Pirates, Stephanie finished her career with 9 goals and 7 assists. While competing at the Division I level, she achieved her bachelor's degree in criminal justice. She currently resides in Longs, South Carolina with her husband Matt, where she is employed as a detective with the North Myrtle Beach Police Department.







# Daniel *Tessier* Class of 2011



Dan Tessier joined the elite 1000-point basketball club as the second highest scorer in Spartan boys' basketball with 1,161 career points during his four-year varsity career. A dominant player under Hall of Fame Coach Mark Donahue, Tessier captained the 2010-11 squad to a 19-4 season, winning the SWCL East division, a Clark Tournament and earned the top seed in the CMASS Div 2 basketball District Tourney. Tessier was a *Telegram and Gazette* Super Team selection his senior season and a two-time SWCL East All Star.

Dan appears in the UHS record books (ranked 8th all time) with a 19.1 points per game average in a season. Tessier reached the 1,000-point plateau against Millbury in early February 2011 during his senior year. Dan had 18 points, 13 rebounds, 4 assists, and 3 steals as he led the Spartans to its fourth Clark Small School Tourney Championship (the first since 1993) as Uxbridge defeated Quaboag in the finals. The two-time Coaches Award winner was the center of a huge defensive play with under 25 seconds remaining in the Clark Championship to preserve the win.

Not only successful on the hardwood, Tessier excelled in both football and baseball. On the gridiron, the talented quarterback was named a Central Mass All Star his Junior and Senior year while earning Offensive Player of the Year recognition for his team in 2008 and 2009. Dan was the Thanksgiving Day MVP in 2009. The ever-versatile player was tasked with playing Quarterback, Defensive Back, and various Special Teams positions throughout his career.

On the baseball diamond, the lanky shortstop was the Captain and Coaches Award winner of Head Coach Peter Rice's squad in 2011. Tessier led a late season surge for the Spartans to earn a berth in the CMASS District playoffs as his team needed a win, his game winning home run over Leicester clinched a spot for the postseason. Tessier hit clean-up with a team high .456 batting average and helped the Cinderella team with an RBI single in a 1-0 victory over the #1 Seeded Littleton, and a District Championship game tying two-out RBI single, before the Spartans eventually fell to Hopedale.

Dan was named the Spartan Athlete of the Year his senior year, the three sport captain received 11 varsity pins during his high school career. Tessier went on to play four years of collegiate basketball at Westfield State University where he earned a Bachelor of Applied Science in criminal justice. He captained the 2015 Owls to a 20-7 record, leading his team to win the school's first Mass State College Athletic Conference Tourney Championship and its first trip to the NCAA Tourney since 1993. Dan moved to Connecticut after college and works as a Detective for the Town of East Windsor's Police Department.



From our family here at Uxbridge Auto:

To another special group of inductees composed of shining stars, Uxbridge Auto congratulates you. As standout athletes and coaches within our community, individually you don't just fit the mold, you break the mold. You have busted the mold wide open. You raise the bar. You break records. You lead your team. You put words into action. You are calculated. You are dedicated. You are a role model. You are special. Uxbridge Auto is proud of you. This community is proud of you and proud of what you have accomplished. Continue to shine!

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Your talent, dedication, and effort inspire  
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Spartan athletes. We are proud of the  
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contributions of the Hall of Fame  
inductees, who have been and continue  
to be a significant part of the Spartan  
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Kevin – 2003

Jeffrey – 2005

Jill – 2008



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to Andrew Groth and all  
of this year's UHS Hall of  
Fame inductees**





## Uxbridge Athletics Hall Of Fame 2024 Congratulations to all new inductees and welcome to the Hall Of Fame



# About UHS



UHS has been a pillar of this community for more than a century. We strive for academic excellence and for our students to become well-rounded citizens who can contribute to our community long after their time as Spartans. Our exceptional faculty and staff are committed to providing a safe and nurturing learning environment for all students. We partner with families and community alike and inspire our students to achieve, in the classroom, on the playing field, and in extracurricular pursuits.

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