2018 GVCS WALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

Bob Baker
Ryan Smith
William Ross
1978 Belmont Central Girls Softball Team
2004 GVCS Girls Cheerleading Team

Each inductee will be presented with a plaque to commemorate their achievement and there will be permanent plaques on display in the trophy hallway outside the high school gymnasium. Congratulations to all inductees!
Bob came to Belmont Central School in 1957, hired as a Physical Education Instructor. He coached both JV and Varsity Boys Basketball from 1957 to 1962 as well as the baseball coach for his last few years.

The boys basketball team started 0-14 his first season which at the time, he was fresh out of college. Second season was 5-10, third season 12-4, fourth 13-4 and his fifth and final season was 13-4, won county championship over Friendship and got to the semi-finals in Rochester. Side note: Belmont Central actually played up in Class C due to Professor Strait’s wise decision – should have been in Class D.

Bob went to Alfred-Almond Central where he lettered in 4 sports (Soccer, Basketball, Baseball, Track and Cross-Country). He later attended Springfield College and played soccer 4 years (3 year varsity starter) and participated in the first NCAA soccer playoffs. While at Springfield, Bob also played JV Basketball and JV Baseball for one year.

In 1962, Bob was hired as the Head Men’s Basketball Coach at Alfred University and the Men’s Tennis Coach where he coached for 16 years (62’-78’). In 64’-65’ won the ICAC conference title and was named Coach of the Year. In the 1970’s, the men’s soccer program was started and he coached the team for the first 2 seasons.

Following Bob’s coaching career, in 1978 he began a 33-year career with Community Service Systems were he retired and currently resides in Alfred, NY.
Ryan Smith is a 2000 graduate of Genesee Valley Central School. Ryan excelled in two sports at GVCS including soccer and basketball for 4 years each. After an excellent high school career, Ryan played basketball at Houghton College for 4 years. His athletic honors included 1999 Allegany County 1st team All-Star in soccer and was 1999-2000 Allegany County 2nd team All-Star in basketball.


He also spent numerous hours throughout his high school coaching years volunteering his time with players to improve their skills in basketball during the offseason. These included individual practices, team camps, and team leagues.

Ryan resides in Seoul, South Korea with his family.
William (Bill) is a 1966 graduate of Angelica Central School. He was a tri-sport athlete competing in soccer, basketball and baseball. He was a four-year member with the soccer, basketball, and baseball teams.

During his high school years, Bill was on 3 championship basketball teams where he was the team’s manager in 1962 and was a player of the 1963 and 1964 championship teams. In 1965, he was named second team Allegany County All-Star and 1966 was named first team Allegany County All-Star. He was also honored as the Olean Times Herald MVP for Class D in 1966. Other notable accomplishments include leading scorer for Allegany County in 1966, as well as the third all-time leading scorer for the Big 30.

Bill is a retired 50-year member of Local 832 (International Union Operating Engineers). After retirement, he continues to work as a crane instructor for Local 832.

Bill resides in Angelica, NY and has a daughter Kasey Riley and son Darryl Ross.
1978 BELMONT CENTRAL SCHOOLS
SOFTWARE SECTION V CLASS D CHAMPIONS

PATH TO THE CHAMPIONSHIP

SEMI-FINALS: Belmont 5, Arkport 3

FINALS: Belmont 9, Alfred-Almond 5

Belmont upset #1 seed Arkport to move on to the Class D finals against Alfred-Almond. Belmont struck early with three runs in the first inning. Pat Mitchell drove in two runs and Anne Tompkins had the other RBI. In the finals, the Belmont Golden Bears rallied for seven runs late to go ahead and claim the Class D softball title.

The team roster included: Paula Patrick, Barb Stuck, Fran Gambino, Janet Swarthout, Pat Weber, Lynn McGillivary, Louise Clark, Pat Mitchell, Anne Tompkins, Julie Orians, Simone Neves, Kelly Haskell, Mary Beth Tompkins, Kathy Sheehan, Linda Rahr, Mary Jo Feldhauer, Becky Bliven, Melinda Waite, and Coach Judy Bliven.

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Softball sectionals

Belmont wins crown

Belmont rallied for seven runs in the late going Saturday to beat Alfred-Almond, 9-5, at Beloit and capture the Section Five Class D softball title.

In the Class D championship game Wednesday in Mentor, Alfred-Almond was powered by Danville, 13-2.

Belmont won the Class B title by beating Rome, 4-7, and Naples, 10-1.

In the Class C championship game Saturday in Danville, Alfred-Almond beat Campbell, 19-3.

Belmont upset Danville, 12-1, to clear the way to its championship victory.

Belmont-Mendon 12

Davidson

Livingston County champion

Danville took it on the chin. Wednesday at

Victor.
The 2004 girls cheerleading squad upset the defending Class DD champions from Batavia Notre Dame 302-298 to capture the school’s first sectional cheerleading title. The victory also was the first time Genesee Valley has placed in the top five in the competition since the Angelica-Belmont merger in 1996.

The sectional title capped off a very successful season for Genesee Valley Central Schools. The girls went to Wellsville and finished 1st place, just 3 points from winning Grand Champion for this competition. They finished 2nd place in Geneseo and took 1st place at the County Competition.

The team roster included: Crystal Planell, Katrina Case, Larissa Bainbridge, Meghan Miller, Beth Glass, Carrie Gelser, Lindsay Bliven, Brittany Fanton, Serena Szabo, Katie Haggstrom, Melinda Powers, Ira Vyaznikova, Jenna Nelson, Haley Hart, Melissa Clancy, Lacy Young, and Coach Karen Bliven.