
CPP SPORTS HALL OF FAME

MARCH NEWSLETTER



It is the month of March, which is the most exciting month of the year for the Corning-Painted Post Sports Hall of Fame. All the work, time and effort put forth by the Board of Directors culminates on the weekend of March 10-11 when we induct the Class of 2023 into the Hall of Fame.

We will be inducting 14 new members into the Hall of Fame, covering nine different categories. These inductees will be the honorary guests of the Hall of Fame at a reception on Friday evening, March 10th at the VFW on Baker St. The Board of Directors will be providing a buffet style dinner and the event is open to the public. This casual event was well received last year and we are hoping to see past members of the Hall of Fame drop by and enjoy the evening.

The main event of the weekend will then take place at 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 11 at the Corning Museum of Glass auditorium. The festivities will include the induction of the Class of 2023 preceded by the awarding of the George Bacalles Memorial Awards to four senior student-athletes.

Those four student-athletes are Logan Booker, Jackson Casey, Jenna Dinardo and Olivia Keegan. They were selected by a nomination and voting process of all the coaches in the Corning School District under the guidance of the Athletic Director, Becca Gentile.

Later in the spring, there will also be the selection of the annual Robert 'Twaz' Thompson Memorial Scholarship Award winners. Coaches will select nominees, whose names will be forwarded to the C-PP Sports Hall of Fame, Board of Directors which sponsors the scholarships. The Board of Directors will then vote for one female and one male senior student-athlete and the 'Twaz' scholarships will be awarded at the annual Scroll banquet towards the end of the school year. These scholarships are financed by the Hall of Fame with help from the Corning Lacrosse Alumni Association and donations received from individuals.

Robert 'Twaz' Thompson served on the Hall of Fame, Board of Directors for 26 years and was a Bob Box Award Winner. He was also a longtime assistant coach for both the varsity and junior varsity football and lacrosse teams at both East High and West High and Corning-Painted High School. Twaz was loved by all the student-athletes he came into contact with. A truly one of kind personality who knew how to communicate with the young student-athletes as a coach and as an educator.

Twaz passed away very unexpectedly just prior to our 2019 Induction Dinner. It was then that the Board of Directors chose to honor his legacy as a director and coach in the school district with an annual scholarship. Although the Hall of Fame was unable to have an Induction Ceremony in 2020 and 2021 due to the pandemic, they continued to award the Twaz Scholarships each year.

Previous scholarship winners:

2019 – Rianne Nickerson and Jordan Haggard

2020 –Erin Austin and Seth Hogue

2021 – Abbygale Kerwin and Ryan Hughes

2022 – Brooklyn Naylor and Ryan McNutt

The Board of Directors wishes to congratulate the Induction Class of 2023 along with the George Bacalles Memorial Award winners and the forthcoming Robert 'Twaz' Thompson Scholarships winners.