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# Hall of Fame to Grow

The North Penn Alumni Athletic Association is pleased to announce that 12 individuals and two teams will be welcomed to the Hall of Fame during the Fifth Annual NPAAA Induction Ceremony on October 10, 2009.

"We are pleased and honored to welcome such a fine class to the Hall", said Thomas F. Strickland Jr., President of the NPAAA. That evening, the NPAAA will honor the accomplishments of individuals and teams which span five decades of sports excellence at North Penn.

This years program is especially important because we are awarding three new scholarships in the memory of Andy Kusma, one of this year's inductees. These scholarship reward those athletes who demonstrate courage and sacrifice during their athletic careers.

"This year's Hall of Fame, like those of the previous four classes, represent individuals and teams which demonstrate excellence through sacrifice, dedication, courage, hard work, and commitment" according to Strickland.

Please plan on joining us to honor this years class during the award ceremony on Saturday October 10, 2009. The program begins at 7:00 pm at



# 2009 Scholarship Winners

**Scholar Athlete Award** 

Gabrielle Pakhtigan Robert Zinsmeister

James K. Gulick Award Brian Quintrell

Andy Kusma Memorial Award

Matthew Albaugh

Samuel Bergy

Brandon Rothenberger

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# North Penn High School Sports Most Valuable Player

#### Fall 2008

#### Cross Country (men) - Brad Miles Cross Country (women) - Christy Cohick

Field Hockey- Elizabeth Fedele
Football- Ronnie Aiken
Golf- Tyler Flagler
Soccer (men) - Derek Swope
Tennis (women) - Deborah Choi
Water Polo (men) - Jack Else
Water Polo (women) - Heather
Fellmeth

Volleyball (women) - Miranda Sergas

#### Winter 2009

#### Basketball (men) – Derek Brooks Basketball (women) – Shakia Robinson

Bowling (men) – Kevin Varell Bowling (women) – Janine Rybarczyk

Swimming (men) – Nick Ortlieb

Diving (men) Zak Nees

Swimming (women) - Nicole

Dibonaventura

Diving (women) – Julia Tate Indoor Track (men) – Sean Gentry Indoor track (women) – Heather

Selheimer

#### Spring 2009

Baseball - Eric Ruth

Lacrosse (men) – Paul Reutmann Lacrosse (women) – Alyssa Culp and Lauren McDermott

Soccer (women) - Gabrielle Pathtigian

Softball - Kellianna Bradstreet
Tennis (men) - Sri Srinivasan
Track (men) - Sean Gentry
Track (women) - Kayla Charles
Volleyball (men) - Kyle Sinding
Special Olympican - Timothy

Lawrence

# Our Mission

The mission of this Association shall be to uphold the standards and prestige of the North Penn High School athletic program and to encourage and promote higher education through scholarship awards to those athletes who demonstrate courage and sacrifice during their athletic careers. In addition, a hall of

fame has been established to recognize those alumni from North Penn High School and its legacy schools who best exemplified those high standards while participating in athletics in high school.

There are over 40,000 alumni of North Penn and its legacy schools.

If you are interested in joining the NPAAA.

Please visit our website at www.npaaa.org for a membership application.

## Andy Kusma Memorial Golf Tournament Schedule

On October 3, 2009 Hickory Valley golf course will host the first Andy Kusma Memorial Golf Tournament.. Net proceeds benefit the Andy Kusma NPAAA Scholarship Fund and the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, with 50% of proceeds going to each.

The NPAAA Andy Kusma Scholarship fund was established in 2008 to award those athletes who demonstrate courage and sacrifice during their athletic careers. On October 10, 2009 Andy Kusma will be inducted into the North Penn Sport Hall of Fame for his lifetime accomplishments in athletics.



Andy passed away December 25, 2007 after losing his battle with pancreatic cancer. He is survived by his wife, Renea, his children Shawn and Jessica, two brothers Jaak and Pete a sister Malle and his grandson Braden.

For more information about sponsorships or participation, contact: Jessica Kusma at 267-718-8487, jessica-kusma@hotmail.com or visit the NPAAA website.

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## **Hall of Fame**

Class of 2009

Bill Berardelli, NPHS, Coach Jerry Bonfigilo, NPHS, 1962 Alissa Moser Gorman, NPHS, 1998 Julie Krail Evans, NPHS, 1993 Andy Kusma, NPHS, 1969 Douglas Pauls, NPHS, 1976

Otto Bohmueller, NPHS, 1960
Donald Delp, Hatfield High School, 1948
Sharon (Sherry) Fuss Hare, NPHS, 1960
Tim Kulig, NPHS, 1984
Bill Muller, NPHS, 1976
Brian Wethey, NPHS, 1984

Girl's Pennsylvania State Championship Softball Team, NPHS, 1981 Girl's Pennsylvania State Championship Softball Team, NPHS, 1985

## Membership Continues to Grow!

The NPAAA is pleased to announce that membership has surpassed 350 for the first time in the history of the organization. Please pass along the newsletter and membership information to your friends, families and neighbors as we continue to grow in support of North Penn High School athletic programs! Please go to our website www.npaaa.org for membership information.

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# Banner Year for North Penn Sports Teams

During the 2008—2009 school year, the North Penn High School sports programs enjoyed one of the best years in recent memory. Three Pennsylvania State Championships trophies were awarded to teams from North Penn.

During the fall season, the men's **Cross Country** team winner their second consecutive P.I.A.A. team championship. Coach Jaros guided the Knights through their campaign to become only the second team since 1939 to repeat as state champions.

The women's **Water Polo** team capped off a 28-2 season by winner the 2008 state title.

The Maidens placed 6 girls on the All-State Team. Coach Bartle returns seven letterwinners and should complete for the title again this year.

Not to be outdone, the **Baseball** team ended their dream season by winning North Penn's first ever baseball championship. Lead by skipper Bob McCreary, the team went on a late season tear which will go down as one of the most exciting season in North Penn history.