

A History of the North Penn Alumni Athletic Association Hall of Fame

The NPAAA was founded in the year 2000 with a mission 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 student athletes who demonstrate courage and sacrifice during their athletic careers.

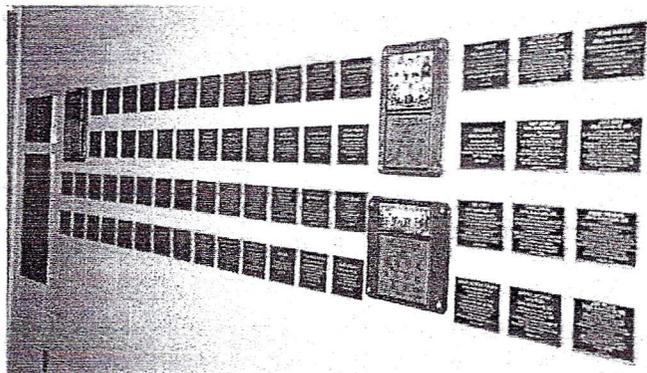
The NPAAA expanded its mission in 2004 when a decision was made by the Board of Directors to establish a Sports Hall of Fame to recognize those alumni from North Penn High School and its legacy schools who best exemplified those high standards while participating in athletics in high school.

After the NPAAA voted to initiate an athletic Hall of Fame, the Board of Directors proceeded with defining its vision. First, the NPAAA had to establish a criteria and guidelines to provide a systematic methodology for selecting inductees. Once that was established, the NPAAA established three committees: one to research, prioritize and select the inductees; a second to determine appropriate inductee awards and method of recognition; and a third to initiate a fundraising campaign to provide the monies necessary to support the NPAAA's dual mission of scholarship awards and athletic recognition.

The mission of the NPAAA is sustained by a desire to provide future generations with a historical record of the outstanding student athletes and teams representing North Penn High School and its legacy schools (Hatfield High School, Lansdale High School, and North Wales High School). This history, which provides both a source of pride and a standard to emulate, dates back to 1887.

On October 8, 2005, the NPAAA hosted its Inaugural Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony at North Penn High School. Fifty-two athletes (spanning eight decades) and one team were inducted. The ceremony was attended by several hundred people and included the enthusiastic endorsement and participation of North Penn School District Officials. A program was provided that included the history of the schools, a history of the team inducted, and profiles of the inducted athletes. An announcement was made at this event about plans to establish a permanent Hall of Fame in North Penn High School. This initiative was presented to North Penn High School District Officials and was enthusiastically approved.

A fundraising campaign was initiated immediately following the Inaugural Hall of Fame Induction Event and by mid-August 2006, the NPAAA raised sufficient funding to proceed with the creation of the Hall of Fame. A vendor was selected to provide the raised metal plaques that would be installed in North Penn High School, and plans were finalized for the Second Annual NPAAA Hall of Fame Event.



The Hall of Fame was dedicated and unveiled at the Second Annual NPAAA Hall of Fame Event on October 14, 2006. The NPAAA continues to raise funds to support the annual cost of adding the new inductees plaques to the wall.

For more information and photographs, please visit the NPAAA KnightSite at www.npaaa.org.