



Press Release

2018 Section V Basketball Hall of Fame Class of 2018

The class features 18 people who have earned distinction through playing, coaching, officiating and leadership during the past 97 years of scholastic competition in Section V Basketball.

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Photo by: Phil Abel

Shenise Johnson - Rush-Henrietta
Jason Amore - Friendship
Everett Babcock - South Seneca
Jessica Chapin - Honeoye Falls - Lima
Chris Connell - Wilson Magnet
Tony Douglas - Madison
Chuck Fowler - Mt. Morris
Jeff Gifford
Tom LaDelfa - Warsaw
Larry Lane - Cardinal Mooney
John Miranda - Newark
Rick Page - Official
Jack Purificato - Section V Committee
Megan Shoniker - Greece Arcadia
Demond Stewart - Greece Olympia
Mark Storm - Honeoye
John "Chip" Tatro - Palmyra-Macedon
Merrick Volpe - Clyde-Savannah

Class of 2018:

Shenise Johnson Rush-Henrietta High School Player

A three-time all-state selection, she is seventh among Section V's all-time leading scorers in girls basketball. Rush-Henrietta won three state titles during her time, before she moved on to the University of Miami.

Jason Amore Friendship High School Player

The fourth-leading all-time scorer in Section V boys basketball history with 2,332 points from 1989-93. He was 13th in state history and second-team all-state after his senior year. Member of Alfred University Hall of Fame.

Everett Babcock South Seneca High School Coach

His 2002-03 Falcons team won the Class C girls basketball state championship. South Seneca won Section V titles five consecutive years, 1999-2003.

Jessica Chapin Honeoye Falls-Lima High School Player

Honeoye Falls-Lima coach Steve Willoughby holds the 2005 Class A state championship trophy up for the crowd with players Maddy Brown and Jessica Chapin, from left, after beating Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake. First-team all-state in 2005 with the Class A state champion Cougars. She finished No. 2 all-time in Section V girls basketball in 3-point field goals (207). WBCA All-American at Brandeis University.

Chris Connell Wilson Magnet High School Coach

The first varsity boys basketball coach at Wilson, a state champion in its third season as a team in 1986. Led six Section V champions with a record of 347-262, including four state Final Four appearances.

Tony Douglas Madison High School Player

Democrat and Chronicle All-Greater Rochester team member in basketball and football during 1971 and 1972. Played at Monroe Community College, where the Tribunes were 25-3 during one of his seasons. He later played football at West Virginia State.

Chuck Fowler Mount Morris High School Player

Named to two all-state small schools teams during his three seasons, which included Section V titles in 1974 and 1975. He averaged 20 points and 20 rebounds in 1976. St. John Fisher Hall of Fame member.

Jeff Gifford Section V Boys' Basketball Committee Member

Contributed as a sponsor of Section V boys basketball for decades. Coordinated the section's Southern Tier region. Assistant coach for Prattsburgh boys and girls teams for decades.

Tom LaDelfa Warsaw High School Coach

His teams won 242 games, including Section V championships in 1997 and 1998, when the Tigers reached the state final four. The 1998 Section V Coach of the Year, an award that included all classifications.

Larry Lane Cardinal Mooney High School Player

One of the key players of the powerful Cardinal Mooney teams of the mid-1970s. Member of the 1974 AGR team. Played in Broome County at the junior college-level before going into the Nazareth Hall of Fame.

John Miranda Newark High School Player

Leader of Section V champion teams in 1978 and 1979. The 1978 team went to the state Final Four, and the following year, he was a sectional tournament MVP. Scored 46 points in a game before playing at LeMoyne.

Rick Page IAABO Official

Member of the International Association of Approved Basketball Officials for 43 years, including a role as ratings chairman. The 1992 Section V Official of the Year also worked at the collegiate level.

Jack Purificato Section V Boys' Basketball Committee Member

Founded the Section V Basketball Hall of Fame in 2000. Joined Section V boys basketball committee in 1985, was chairman from 1999-2018. Also was an assistant coach at SUNY Brockport.

Megan Shoniker Greece Arcadia High School Player

Section V's eighth-leading all-time scorer. Class AA state champion in 2004. She was the Monroe County league's all-time leading scorer when she graduated in 2007, before playing at Rhode Island.

Demond Stewart Greece Olympia High School Player

Second-team all-state after scoring his 1,000th point during the 1995-96 season. Then it was on to a career with accolades at Niagara University and professionally.

Mark Storm Honeoye High School Coach

His girls basketball teams won 405 games, including three Section V Championships. The 2006 Bulldogs went to the state Final Four. Member of the Section V girls basketball committee for 27 years.

John "Chip" Tatro Palmyra-Macedon High School Coach

The Fairport resident, who now referees girls basketball, led four Section V championship boys teams. The last, in 2005, won a state title. There were three state Final Four appearances among 399 wins in 34 seasons.

Merrick Volpe Clyde-Savannah Player

The 13th-leading scorer in Section V girls basketball history with 2,136 points. A two-time Section V tournament MVP after leading the Golden Eagles to championships in 2004 and 2005.