

2ND ANNUAL

PORSCMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL

Athletic Hall of Fame Ceremony

Saturday, October 6, 2018



Laura Turner O'Hara '98	Doug Clark '74
Caroline Davies '84	Aaron Berman '93
Scott Burgo '76	David Platt '85
Matt Plumb '99	Julie Armor Kaull '90
Cindy Stone Silvia '88	Ellen Chilabato
Ryan Angel '93	Bobb Angel
Linda Galib '99	Bob Crudup
Drew Bickel '68	1978 Boys Soccer Team

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Message from the PHS Athletic Hall of Fame Committee,

Thank you again for being a part of our second annual induction ceremony! This event is the culmination of a community wide effort to recognize the many outstanding athletes, coaches, and supporters of Portsmouth High School athletics. We could not have pulled this off without very generous donations from several local businesses and organizations. Please take some time look through their advertisements in this booklet. But most of all, we are tremendously excited to recognize this class of Hall of Famers. We all have so much pride for our school's rich tradition. This is a very special occasion for us to see these folks enshrined in the PHS history books. Enjoy the evening and we hope to see you all again next year!

Sincerely,

John Blaess(Chairperson), Fran Blaess, Mike Lunney, Mike Stinton, Greg Gizzi, and
Shaun Horgan

Award Ceremony Program

4:30 pm—5:30 pm

Cocktail hour and refreshments

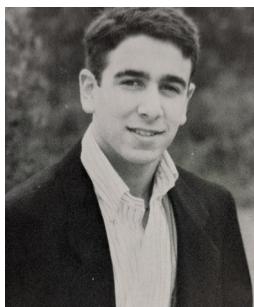
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Inductee and Team Awards

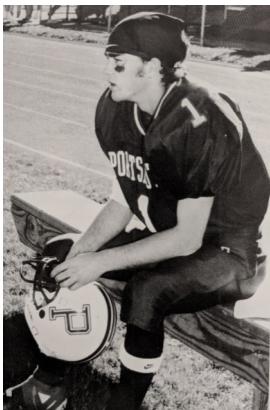


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Caroline Pimental Davies '84 — Caroline was one of the most versatile and gifted athletes Portsmouth High School had as a student in the early 1980's. She participated on an athletic team in every season during all 4 years of high school as well as being a member of the marching band. While she was an outstanding competitor in soccer, gymnastics, and track, it was soccer that brought her widespread recognition. Caroline was voted RI Soccer All State first team in her senior year, the first PHS all state selection in the girls soccer team history. She was the team's leading scorer and set a school record by scoring 5 goals in one game during the 1983 season. The National Soccer Coaches Association awarded her the 1984 RI Most Valuable Player award. During her senior year Caroline attained MVP honors in track and was voted the school's 1984 outstanding female athlete. Caroline continued with her education enrolling at the University of RI and graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree. She still plays soccer with a local women's league, is married to Dave Davies and they have 2 sons, Nathaniel (currently varsity starting goalkeeper PHS boys soccer) and Alexander.



Aaron Berman '93 — Aaron was a force to be reckoned with on the tennis courts for Portsmouth High School during the early 1990's. During his high school career, he amassed an astonishing record of 98 wins and 6 losses in singles matches. Aaron won recognition for his skill by being named to both the All Newport County and league All Division men's tennis team from 1990 to 1993, as well as 1st team RI All State in 1992 and 1993. He was the RI State Singles Champion in 1992. Aaron had an amazing work ethic, was a leader on his team, and was always helping teammates during practice sessions. He continued his tennis career playing for Division 1 Providence College and graduated Cum Laude in 1997. Aaron works in the finance industry, is married and resides in Miami, FL.

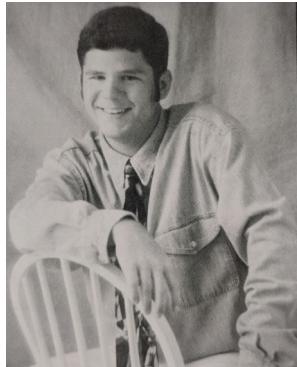


Matt Plumb '99 - The definition of a leader is "the action of an individual in leading a group of people or an organization." Matt Plumb, during his career at Portsmouth High School, was named Captain of a team in each one of his 4 years. In fact he was named Captain a total of 8 times in the sports he participated in. As a 9th grader, Matt helped captain the freshman football team to an undefeated season and the RI Freshman State Championship. In varsity ice hockey, he was the leading scorer, and in freshman baseball led his team to a RI state runner up finish. As a 10th grader, Matt in varsity football was named on the

All Newport County FB team, named an All Division kick/punt returner, as well as 2nd team QB. He was also named to the RI All State football second team. As a sophomore in varsity hockey, he was named 1st team Division 3 and was the D3 scoring champ. As a junior, Matt repeated his honors once again in varsity football replicating his sophomore seasons awards. In varsity ice hockey, he was named to the All Division Team and also participated on the indoor track team as a Captain. Matt's senior season was stellar as he continued to lead his teams to successful seasons. In football he captained the squad to a RI State record 13 wins and the D1 RI State Football Championship. Matt was awarded 1st team All County and Divisional honors, as well as being named RI All State D1 quarterback. He was voted the MVP at the annual RI CT football all star game. In hockey he was named 1st team D3 as well as the MVP of the D1 All Star game. In baseball, Matt captained the team to its first baseball championship in the school's history, the D2 crown and was named to the D2 all division team. Matt continued in his love for football by coaching at the college level at Salve Regina University, Bryant University, and the University of RI. He returned to help the Portsmouth High varsity football team as offensive coordinator 2010-2013 as well as a volunteer coach from 2013-2017. Matt is married to Jennie-Kay (PHS 2001) and is a father to two boys, Benson and Patton.



Ryan Angel '93 - Ryan is considered to be one of the best soccer players Portsmouth High School has ever produced. His accomplishments easily back up this claim. As a junior in 1991, he was named All County and All Division as well as 2nd team RI All State. During his senior season in 1992, he won every honor there was at the time. This included being named the MVP in the Division 1 All Star game, All Newport County team and MVP, Division 1, and RI State 1st team. Despite missing his entire sophomore year due to a medical issue, Ryan finished his PHS career with a total of 25 goals and 16 assists. He also attained All New England Soccer team status during this year as well as the Gatorade RI Soccer Player of the Year. Ryan's biggest honor was being named a National Soccer Coaches Association of America All American in 1993. Head Coach Mike Stinton stated, "Ryan was our team leader on the field for 2 years. He was very advanced in skill level and knowledge of the game. Our league record during those 2 seasons was 24 wins, 2 defeats, 7 ties and our overall record during this time period was 30-5-7. Ryan was a true gentleman on and off the field." Ryan continued his playing at Central Connecticut State University and later at the University of RI. When Ryan finished his college career he coached with Head coach Mike Stinton back at PHS, and then continued coaching at the collegiate level. He was a Head Coach for Salve Regina and the Rhode Island College women's teams, as well as an Assistant coach for the men's team at Bryant College and assisted for the women's team at Brandeis University. Ryan currently works at Harvard University in the Kennedy School of Government, is married to Stephanie and they have a son, Joshua, who plays, what else, soccer....as well as hockey and baseball.





Scott Burgo '76— Scott was a very talented athlete in two very different sports at Portsmouth High School in the mid 1970's. He wasn't a flashy athlete looking for notice, but a lunch pail, go to work kind of guy who just wanted to do his best. He would leave it all on the field, and represent his team and school to the best of his ability. Competing in football, Scott was a much respected teammate as well as opponent. Playing tackle on the offensive line and linebacker on defense, Scott won recognition throughout RI. In 1975, he was named to the RI High School Football Coaches All State team for both positions. He also was named to the RI Class B Large Division 1st team Offensive Tackle and 2nd team Linebacker. Scott was also named to the RI Football Senior Bowl in 1976. In 1976 Scott received the school's Outstanding Athlete award from the PHS Booster's Club and was also awarded the MVP award in both football and golf. Scott brought his intensity from his fall sport into his chosen spring sport, golf. Coach Joe Flood had this to say about Scott and his playing for PHS, "Scott was a fierce competitor on the golf course; he played with intensity and grit. The best thing about Scott was his sportsmanship; he treated all his opponents with great respect."



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Linda Galib '99 - Linda Galib's participation and performance in Portsmouth High School athletics as well as academics was stellar. She participated in varsity soccer and softball for four years as well as indoor track for one season. In soccer she played on two championship teams and earned the team's sportsmanship award for the 1996 and 1998 seasons. Head Coach Bob Campion said, "On the soccer field Linda demonstrated her ability to lead by example. She played on the varsity squad for four years

and I constantly was moving her all over the field. She handled every assignment wonderfully and without complaint." As a varsity softball player, Linda was one of the premier pitchers in RI. She finished her freshman season with a record of 8 wins and one loss, with 50 strikeouts. She lead her team to a runner up finish in the Division 1 State Softball finals. During her junior year in 1998, she led the Patriots to a first place tie during the regular season with one loss. As a senior, Linda pitched 7 no hitters (career record 12 no hitters) which included 3 in the playoffs. During one of those playoff games she pitched a perfect game. She finished as a pitcher her senior year allowing only four earned runs for a total ERA of 0.25 as well as a batting average of .400 leading Portsmouth to an 18-0 record. Linda approached her academics in high school with these same traits maintaining a 3.8 GPA in honors and advanced placement classes. Linda's athletic and academic awards include 1st team RI All State as a senior, All Division her entire softball career, three time Newport Daily News softball player of the year, All Tournament teams in 1996, 1997, and 1999 as well as the PHS senior scholar-athlete award. She participated in the 1999 Scholar Athlete Games at the University of RI. Linda graduated from Ithaca College with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Exercise Science, as well as a Masters Degree from the University of Michigan. She is currently employed by Urban Initiatives in Chicago as a research and program evaluation manager. This organization works to empower disadvantaged youth in the Chicago public schools through sport and play.



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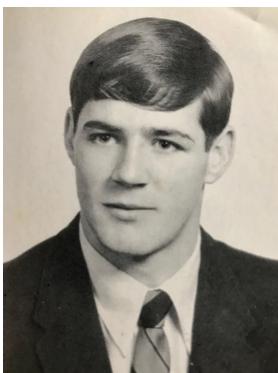
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Drew Bickel '69— Drew arrived in Portsmouth for his junior year in 1967 and



was a varsity athlete in 3 sports, and his athletic accomplishments in football, basketball, and baseball are numerous. In football, he was chosen as first team member for Newport County, all Class C, and the RI all state team in 1968. As Captain of the 1969 Class C state champion squad, he completed 75% of his pass attempts and threw for 12 touchdowns and rushed for 7 TD's. In basketball, Drew was on the Newport County first team as well as the all Class C team in 1968 and 69. He scored in double figures in every game he played for the

squad. Drew had a career average of 22.9 pts. per game and scored a total of 1,031 points in just 2 years at PHS. During his senior year he led the state in scoring an average of 25.4 points per game. In addition to his athletic exploits, he maintained a high academic record and was a member of the National Honor Society. Drew attended the University of Connecticut from 1969 to 1973 where he played football and basketball. He continued his passion for athletics by starting a youth basketball program in Fairfield, CT 25 years ago, and 7 years ago expanded the program to include a unified team. He has been married for the past 44 years to Susan and they have 3 children and twin granddaughters. Drew states "I am privileged to have had great teammates at PHS as well as Hall of Fame coaches, a remarkable faculty and supportive family. I attribute my successes as a direct result of those people and I am honored to share this award with them all."

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David Platt '85— David is considered to be one of the best athletes to ever wear the red, white, and blue of Portsmouth High School. He was a “traditional” competitor in the sense that he participated in football, basketball, and baseball during the early 1980's earning 11 varsity letters in the process. As a senior he was the Captain of each team. Starting for 3 years on the varsity football team, David amassed a total of over 3,000 yards rushing and scored over 30 touchdowns playing QB as well as tailback. He played safety on defense and still holds the school record of 5 interceptions in one game. He was named 1st team on the Newport County and RIIL All Division teams during his junior and senior year. He was also awarded team's MVP both of those years. Former Asst. and Head Coach Joe Narcizo says “David is one of the best football players I have ever coached.” In varsity basketball, David not only made the PHS squad as a freshman, but started for the team. During his junior and senior seasons, David averaged 19 points per game and he was named the team's MVP both years as well as 1st team Newport County and RIIL All Division teams. He led all of Aquidneck Island in scoring during his senior year for the 1984-85 season. During this his senior year the basketball team won the RIIL Class C Basketball Championship. The Patriot Head Coach at the time, Al Sweet, states, “Platt is and should be considered one of the best basketball players to ever come out of Portsmouth!” During the spring in baseball, David had a batting average of .350 or better for his entire 4 year career as a Patriot. He was named the team's MVP during his last two high school years. At the end of his PHS career David won the school's Outstanding Athlete award, and attained an athletic scholarship from the VFW, as well as the senior class superlative pick of “Most Athletic.” David continued his athletic career attending The Citadel and playing Division 1 baseball. He currently resides in New York City where works as a Lawyer and CPA. He is married to Jessica and has two grown daughters, Caroline and Ellie.





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Laura Turner O'Hara '98—Laura moved to Portsmouth from Bermuda and enrolled at the high school just before her sophomore year in 1995. No one knew at that time that this young girl would soon become an easily recognizable name in the cross country and track community not only in RI but across the United States. When her high school career ended she was a 9 time RI All State selection and 7 time State Champion in cross country and outdoor track events. During her high school career, she also proved to be a competitor in the classroom being named the high school's valedictorian. During her years at PHS, she individually held 11 school records as a runner and set 10 RI state records. She

was a force in running track events and could not be beat in any running competition from the 400 meter dash to the 2 mile run. In cross country she was the RI state champ in 1996 and 1997, as well as a Footlocker National Cross Country finalist in those years. Laura earned All American honors by placing 13th in the 1997 Footlocker Nationals. She was named both the RI Words Unlimited Schoolgirl Athlete of the year as well as the Gatorade RI Track Athlete of the year in 1998 and inducted into the RIIL Hall of Fame in 2013. Laura, as you can imagine was highly recruited by colleges and chose Stanford University. She ran cross country as well as track during her time there. When she finished her collegiate career, she had participated in 6 Pac-10 championships and 5 NCAA national championships in cross country and outdoor track. She also was a 2002 NCAA Outdoor Track and Field All American in the 3000 meter steeplechase. While a college student Laura was named to numerous All Academic teams by her college conference the Pac-10 as well as the NCAA. Laura continues to run competitively and has run 4 sub 3:00 marathons; she has competed in the Boston Marathon three times posting a time of 2:54:35 in 2010 and placing 47th. She plans to run in the 2019 Boston Marathon. Laura is married to David O'Hara and they have a 4 year old daughter named Greta. She has worked at the National Archives, moving to the U.S. House of Representatives in 2004 where currently she works as the manager of web content/digital projects for the Office of the Historian.



Julie Armor Kaull '90— In the late eighties, Julie Armor was one of the best scholar athletes in Rhode Island. Competing in three sports, she attained RI All State honors in all of them. During the fall season, Julie ran cross country for PHS. She was a four year member of the team, and was named RI All State 1st team in her senior year and 2nd team her junior year. During the winter season, she competed on the gymnastics team for three years, winning RI All State 2nd team honors in her senior year. In the spring, Julie turned her attention to track and field and helped her team to a record of 22 wins and 9 losses in the Class B Eastern Division. She competed in middle distance events as well as the high jump. In her senior year at the RI State Championships, Julie placed 1st in the high jump, 2nd place in the 800m run and 3rd place in the 1500m run. For this effort she was awarded both 1st and 2nd All State team honors. Academics were always just as important for Julie during her time at PHS. In 1990, her senior year, she was awarded the State of RI top Scholar Athlete Award by the Providence Journal. Julie earned a 4.0 grade average and was named Portsmouth High School's Valedictorian of her class. Julie continued her education at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill and was a member of the women's cross country, indoor and outdoor track teams. She was named to the 1994 All Atlantic Coast conference (ACC) Indoor Track team and received the UNC Athletic Director's Scholar athlete award in 1993 and 1994. Julie won the prestigious ACC Senior Scholarship Award for excellence in scholarship and academics in 1994. Currently she works as a dietician for the Visiting Nurse Home & Hospice Agency in Portsmouth, RI. Julie is married to PHS alum John Kaull and mother of three amazing daughters, Abigail, Jane, and Alexandra. Above all her accolades, she considers her children to be her most rewarding accomplishment.





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Doug Clark '74— In the history of Portsmouth High School athletics, it is rare that an athlete during his time at school later becomes a Head Coach at the same school. Doug is one of a handful of athletes that have accomplished this at PHS. Doug excelled in 5 different sports during his time at PHS and earned 9 varsity letters as well being named “Most Athletic” by his 1974 senior class. At the end of his senior varsity football season in ‘73 he was named to the All Newport County and RIIL Class C Division 1st team as quarterback. In varsity basketball he was named the MVP in both the ‘73 and ‘74 seasons, playing the point guard position. He was also named All Newport County and RIIL Class C Division County 1st team. Doug divided his time during the spring at PHS, participating on the varsity baseball team as a sophomore and junior winning All Newport County honors. In addition to baseball in his junior year Doug participated on the varsity track team in the high, long, and triple jump events earning a varsity letter. As a senior, Doug made and started on the varsity golf team earning him another varsity letter. Doug began his coaching career in basketball at Portsmouth during the ‘82-‘84 seasons as an Assistant Coach to Al Sweet. The teams were very successful during this time winning the 1984 RIIL Class C-2 Division and finished as runners up in the RIIL Class C State Tournament. Head Coach Clark took over the program during the ‘85-‘87 seasons winning the Class C-2 Division once again in 1985. Doug left coaching and later became a respected basketball official refereeing at Newport County schools from 1988 to 1996, and later becoming a RI board certified referee officiating games throughout the state until 2010. Doug has worked at General Dynamics/Electric Boat since 1976 in the engineering and shipbuilding field. He is married to Susan Dias Clark and has two daughters, Erin and Tricia, as well as 2 grandchildren, Mary and Maeve.





Cindy Stone '88—Cindy was a very gifted athlete competing for Portsmouth High School in three sports in the mid 1980's, tennis, basketball, and softball. She is known as one of the best competitors to play at the high school. Cindy was a standout softball player and the team qualified for the league playoffs her entire time as a member. She was a four year starter at the shortstop position and named team MVP twice during her career as well as Captain her senior year. As a junior, Cindy was named 2nd team RI All State, and 1st team All State in her senior year. In basketball, Cindy played all four years, the last three as the team's starting point guard. She was named captain of the team her senior year as well as the team's MVP. Playing four years as a member of the varsity tennis team, she was named Captain of the squad in her senior year and was named All Division her junior year as she led the team that year to the 1987 Class B Division title. She was voted the senior class superlative Most Athletic and received Portsmouth High School's Senior class Outstanding Athlete Award. Cindy continued her education receiving her Bachelor of Arts degree in economics at Bryant College (now University), playing both softball and golf for the school. She was a four year starter for the softball team playing outfield and shortstop. Cindy was also a member of the women's golf team for four years representing Bryant in matches at the Yale and Penn State tournaments and more. She resides in Portsmouth and is married to PHS alum BJ Silvia, and is the owner operator of Happy Paws Pet Service.



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1978 Boys Soccer Team RI State Champions— At the beginning of the season, head soccer coach, Mr. O'Hara, made the statement, "We are where we belong," when asked about the soccer team's promotion to Division 1A, the best division in the state. The team had captured two Suburban East crowns in the four years the team was in that smaller school league, so the promotion seemed justified. But fans were a bit apprehensive about the team's chances against the very best soccer teams in the state. Well, the Patriots got off to a good start and quickly settled into third place behind state powers, East Providence and Bristol; while showing everyone they were capable of playing and beating the best. Besides overpowering defending state champion, Barrington, twice, the Pats also knocked off #1 ranked East Providence, 2-1, in perhaps the biggest league victory of the season. So after compiling an excellent 11-3-2 record in the top league under the able leadership of senior tri-captains, Steve Souza, Todd Chaplin, and Jim Melvin, the Patriots were headed for the state championships playoffs. It was to be two other seniors, namely, goalkeeper, John Carlone, and center forward Mark Goulart, who led the team past first round opponent Mount St. Charles, 1-0, in overtime. In the state semifinals, Gary Vieira's defensive efforts and Steve Midas' midfield play were largely responsible for the 3-2 win over Burrillville. Now only Westerly was left to stand between Portsmouth and the state title.



The Pats responded to the ultimate challenge by scooting by the surprised Bulldogs, 3-2, on some fine all-around team play and by scoring a heroic goal with just five minutes left to play by junior forward, Jim Burton. Mr. O'Hara and assistant coaches, Mr. Sabourin and Mr. Thibault, can be justifiably proud of the team - our team. The soccer team made PHS sports history by giving the school its first state championship ever in any sport on the varsity level. Congratulations are in order to the young men who worked and trained so hard to realize their dream - what every high school athlete dreams of - a State Championship. - Quoted from the 1979 PHS Yearbook



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Richard Thibault, Assistant Coach, Ray Sabourin, Assistant Coach

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John Caralone, Keith Cory, Lance Hebert, Mark Goulart, Matt Poniatowski,

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in Newport, RI that same year. Bobb has remained at WADK for what is now more than 51 years, and it is believed that no one in RI radio history has had a longer tenure at one station. Around 1970, he created WADK's Sports Department. Over the years he has strived to broaden the station's local sports coverage and heighten community awareness of our local high schools' athletic activities. In addition to airing sportscasts several times a day on air of local and national sports, he is the play by play voice of local football, boys and girls basketball, baseball, girls softball, and hockey. There is no arguing that Bobb is the radio voice of all Newport County high school sports. Over the course of his long and distinguished career in broadcasting, Bobb has received a number of awards and recognitions. He has been inducted into the RI Radio Hall of Fame, as well as the Athletic Halls of Fame by the RI Interscholastic League, Words Unlimited, Rogers High School, and the City of Newport, RI. Bobb has been named the RI Sportscaster of the Year 7 times. He has also received a number of media awards from interscholastic associations and his play by play work and sports coverage in general have garnered awards from the Associated Press. Bobb currently resides in Portsmouth and is the father of two grown children, Ryan (PHS HOF '18) and Shannon, and the grandfather to Gabrielle and Josh.



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Ellen Chilabato PHS Athletic Hall of Fame Coach

Inductee— The PHS HOF committee is truly proud that it's inducting this year an individual who spent 33 years working with the youth of Portsmouth as a teacher and a coach, Ellen Chilabato. Ellen grew up in North Adams, MA and graduated from Drury High School. She then continued her education at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst and graduated in 1971 with a degree in Health and Physical Education. Ellen began the task of looking for a teaching job and soon she found as she says, “the job of my dreams,” at Portsmouth Middle School. In her first year of teaching, she began coaching

when fellow teacher Sandy Reynolds (PHS HOF '17) asked her if she would be interested in coaching the elementary gymnastics team with her. Soon after, the junior high school team was added and in 1974, Portsmouth High School added gymnastics as an interscholastic league sport. Ellen became coach and for the next ten years, her teams enjoyed success at the state level. During this time her teams finished in 2nd place in the RI State Meet twice and had multiple top four finishes. Many of her talented gymnasts went on to win RI All Division and State honors. In 1984, Ellen started the middle school Track and Field club, and in 1992 after joining the interscholastic league, coached the boy's team to a Junior High RI state title. She coached middle school track until 1998. In 1979, girls cross country was added as a RI interscholastic league sport at PHS and Ellen would become the program's head coach for 26 years until she retired from teaching and coaching in 2005. During this time, the girls' program at Portsmouth High would achieve numerous team titles, including the Newport County Championship, Class and Division Championships, and a Freshman State Championship. Many Portsmouth runners coached by Ellen went on to win All County, All Class and Division, and All State honors. She also had the privilege to coach an All American, Laura Turner (PHS HOF '18). Coach Ellen has lived in Portsmouth for 34 years with her husband, Oscar. They have 3 children, Lauren, Patrick, and Joseph, who all attended Portsmouth schools and enjoyed participating in a variety of athletics.



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Bob Crudup PHS Athletic Hall of Fame

Booster Inductee— Bob Crudup was known as "Portsmouth's #1 fan" for many years. From the day he broke ground in 1960 for the family home at 76 Education Lane, there wasn't much that went on at PHS that he missed. One of the charter and longest living members of the Portsmouth Boosters, he steadfastly supported all of the students and athletes at the school, attending practices, games, scrimmages and awards

events to encourage and celebrate students' efforts both in the classrooms and on the athletic courts and fields. Bob was "Portsmouth Proud" on many fronts. His home was filled with plaques, trophies, jackets, and sweatshirts presented to him by grateful members of Portsmouth sport's teams. For many years he rode the school buses to games, and when he could no longer do that, departing buses would frequently slow down as they passed by his house so he could wave them off with a big thumbs up! The first events on the calendar each month were PHS games. Three of his children ended up in California, and no amount of begging could get him there for Thanksgiving. Missing the PHS - Middletown football game was not an option. As much as he is being honored for what he did for PHS, his family will be forever grateful for what the students and staff at PHS did for him over the years. A scholarship has been created by his family and is presented each year to a student heading to higher education who exemplifies "The spirit of Portsmouth".

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