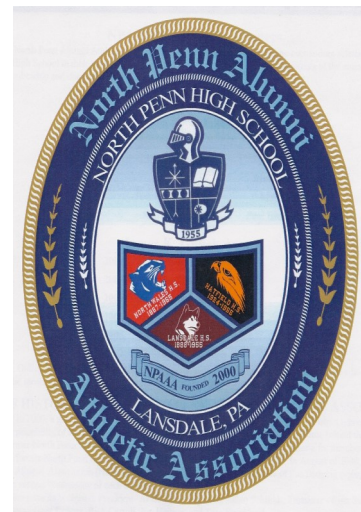


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COACH AL BRODHAG

November 27, 1929

March 14, 2017

The 2nd Annual North Penn Athletics GOLF OUTING, will be held in June 2018. Stay tuned for future updates. The North Penn Athletics Department and the NPAAA are working together to ensure the continued success of the Hall of Fame and scholarship missions.

Al Brodhag, NPAAA President Emeritus 2000 to 2003, NP teacher, friend and coach, passed away on March 14, 2017. Coach Al was a highly decorated U.S. Army veteran who served in the Korean war and was awarded the Army Commendation Medal. Prior to entering the military Coach Al enjoyed a remarkable athletic career, winning a football scholarship to the University of Delaware. While at the University of Delaware he became their first All American baseball player. After serving in Korea he completed his education, earning his M.Ed. from Penn State University. While at Penn State he met Evelyn Visocky, who became his wife of 59 years. Al & Evelyn have been major contributors to the NPAAA. In addition to serving as the first President of NPAAA from 2000 to 2003, Al and Evelyn contributed wisdom, money, time, guidance, and use of their home to the NPAAA over the years. Coach Al began his teaching career at Uniontown High School and later taught at North Penn High School for 31 years. Coach Al was head football coach from 1962 until 1970 and led his 1968 football team to the Bux-Mont League Co-Championship. He also served as assistant baseball coach for many years. He inspired countless football and baseball athletes and he was inducted into the NPAAA Hall of Fame in 2005.

[NPAAA selects its 7th "Lifetime Achievement" Hall of Fame Inductee](#)

The NPAAA Board of Directors selected its 7th "Lifetime Achievement" Hall of Fame Inductee. The North Penn Alumni Athletic Association Lifetime Achievement Hall of Fame will honor North Penn High School and Legacy School graduates who have made significant contributions to society in the Arts, Business, Education, Legal, Medical, Performing Arts, Public Service, or the Sciences fields of endeavor.

The NPAAA Selection Committee has named Brenda E. Robinson, North Penn High School Class of 1974, as its 7th Inductee. Brenda will be honored at the 13th Annual Hall of Fame Ceremony at 7:00 pm on Saturday, October 7th, 2017 at North Penn High School. Among her many remarkable accomplishments, Brenda is the first black woman to earn her wings of gold as a naval aviator. She was one of the first women to make aircraft carrier landings (115). She landed C-1A planes on the USS America. She was one of five women studying aeronautics as an undergraduate at Dowling College in New York and the first black women to graduate with a degree in aeronautics. Brenda participated in the gulf war, both Shield and Storm. She retired from American Airlines with 17 years of service and her picture hangs in the hallway of the American Airlines Flight Academy. Brenda has written a new book titled "The Very First Raven" publishing soon.

Please come out and attend the 13th Annual Hall of Fame Ceremony on Saturday, October 7, 2017 at NPHS to help recognize Brenda Robinson, eight Hall of Fame Athletes, and four PIAA State Championship teams, all of whom have distinguished themselves and North Penn High School. The Event is free and open to the public!!!!

AT THE TIME OF THIS PUBLICATION THE NPAAA HAS 480 MEMBERS: PLEASE HELP SECURE NPAAH SPORTS HISTORY BY BECOMING A LIFETIME MEMBER. WE NEED 20 MORE MEMBERS TO REACH OUR ORGANIZATIONAL GOAL OF 500 MEMBERS IN 2017. CONTACT YOUR CLASSMATES, TEAMMATES, FAMILY AND FRIENDS AND ENCOURAGE THEM TO SUPPORT THE NPAAA BY BECOMING A LIFETIME MEMBER. A LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP IS A ONETIME FEE OF \$50.00 AND CAN BE PAID VIA THE KNIGHT SITE: WWW.NPAAA.ORG BY SUPPORTING THE NPAAA YOU WILL HELP CONTRIBUTE TO the NPAAH SPORTS HISTORY & LEGACY.

NPAAA 2016 12th HALL OF FAME EVENT PICTURES

OCTOBER 8, 2016 AT NORTH PENN HIGH SCHOOL



2017 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

NPAAA Hall of Fame Ceremony to be held on Saturday, October 7th at NPHS. The Event Is free and open to the public.

2017 INDIVIDUAL HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

- ◆ Barbara Davis Cuthbert Burnett, NPHS, 1959
- ◆ Nick Fanslau, NPHS, 2003
- ◆ Christopher Hasyn, NPHS, 2008
- ◆ Matt Henderson, NPHS, 2003
- ◆ Mary Ann Kempf, NPHS, 1978
- ◆ Matt Krystopa, NPHS, 1992
- ◆ Pat Thompson, NPHS, 2002
- ◆ Jenny Collins Vela, NPHS, 2005

2017 HALL OF FAME PENNSYLVANIA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS

- ◆ 2006 NPHS BOYS WATER POLO PIAA STATE CHAMPIONS
- ◆ 2007 NPHS BOYS WATER POLO PIAA STATE CHAMPIONS
- ◆ 2008 NPHS GIRLS WATER POLO PIAA STATE CHAMPIONS
- ◆ 2009 NPHS GIRLS WATER POLO PIAA STATE CHAMPIONS

2017 LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE:

- ◆ Brenda E. Robinson, NPHS, Class 1974

NPAAA 2017 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD RECEIPANTS

NPAAA LANSDALE WAREHOUSE NPAAA SCHOLAR ATHLETE AWARDS AND THE NPAAA SCHOLAR ATHLETE SCHOLARSHIPS.

NPAAA Lansdale Warehouse

1. Andrew Lombardo
2. Uchechi Nwogwugwu

NPAAA Scholar Athlete

1. Robert Dean
2. Rijshabh Pudhota
3. Seema Sajjan

ANDY KUSMA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS.

1. Noah Kwortnik
2. Udit Patel
3. Joseph Urban

NPAAA JAMES K. GULICK MEMORIAL SCHOLAR ATHLETE

1. Kyle Hayashi

NPAAA KEN SCHMIDT MEMORIAL AWARD

1. Richard Henning III
2. Jessica Huber

NPAAA DON RYAN SCHOLAR ATHLETE AWARD

1. Danjiel Drop Jr.
2. Allison Elechko

NPAAA ED KLAVON SCHOLAR ATHLETE AWARD

1. Colin Shannon

NPAAA LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT PAST INDUCTEES

- ◆ Ed Kneeder, JD, NPHS CLASS 1963, Inducted 2011
- ◆ Gerson "Gus" Rosenberg Ph.D., NPHS CLASS 1962, Inducted 2012
- ◆ Stephen G. Somkutl, M.D., PhD., F.A.C.O.G., NPHS CLASS 1978, Inducted 2013
- ◆ Greg Moyer, NPHS CLASS 1971, Inducted 2014
- ◆ Patricia W. Henry, NPHS CLASS 1967, Inducted 2015
- ◆ William Scott Moyer, NPHS CLASS 1981, Inducted 2016
- ◆ Brenda E. Robinson, NPHS CLASS 1974, INDUCTED 2017



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2017 NPAAA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Membership: **[MEMBERSHIP STANDS AT 480. HELP THE NPAAA REACH THE MILESTONE 500!!](#)**

As you know, the NPAAA depends on memberships and donations to support its mission.

The fact is North Penn High School is one of the largest high schools in Pennsylvania and graduates around 1,000 students each year. The NPAAA which was founded in 2000 and currently has **[480 members](#)**. Given the size of the school and the unbelievable success of the athletic program, we should have at least 1,000 members by this time. I have determined that one of the issues is awareness. A great percentage of our graduates do not even know we exist. This is the result of factors beyond our control, such as demographic issues. After graduation our alumni move away for any number of reasons and lose contact with NPHS and their classmates and teammates.

The one possible solution is for our existing membership, of which we are very proud, to get involved and reach out to classmates and teammates, tell them about the NPAAA, and ask them to become lifetime members. **[The lifetime membership is a one time \\$50 fee.](#)**

The fact is we need to increase our Lifetime Membership each year by around 50 to generate enough revenue to support the mission. The annual budget for the scholarships, Hall of Fame, and operating costs is roughly \$6,500.00.

In the 17 years since our founding in 2000, including 2017, the NPAAA has provided [116 scholarships for a total of \\$63,753](#), inducted [164 individual athletes](#), [36 championship teams](#), [7 Lifetime Achievement Inductees](#), [16 Special Recognition Teams](#) and [1 Special Recognition Individual](#).

The NPAAA was founded with the mission of helping our student athletes by providing scholarships to help them with their future; the Hall of Fame was established to honor and document the history of our outstanding athletic accomplishments of the past. By establishing this tradition, which has been built by student athletes, coaches, teachers, parents, etc., we have created not only a source of pride but a standard of excellence for current students to emulate.

Please consider helping the NPAAA continue this important mission with financial support, membership recruitment, and if possible personal involvement in the work of the organization.

TOM STRICKLAND, PRESIDENT NPAAA