



# NASHUA ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME

Nashua High School North  
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Nashua Senior High School

Nashua High School South  
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Nashua, NH – The Nashua Athletics Hall of Fame is pleased to announce the following eleven individuals who will be inducted into the Hall of Fame on Saturday May 9, 2020. This will be the first Hall of Fame induction in nearly twenty years.

This Hall of Fame is a continuation of the Hall of Fame of Nashua Senior High School from 1991 to 2000. This Hall of Fame will recognize individuals from any one of the Nashua public high schools: Nashua Senior High School, Nashua High School North, and Nashua High School South.

The Nashua Athletics Hall of Fame Class of 2020:

Farley Gates – contributor and student-athlete

- 1981 graduate of Nashua Senior High School
- Member of the 1980 Class L championship basketball team earning several accolades
- Earned a basketball scholarship to the University of San Francisco
- Chick Fil A Holiday tournament director and supporter
- Constant supporter of all Nashua Athletics programs
- Resident and business owner in Nashua

Al Savage – contributor

- Help found the NH Decathlon in 1957
- Founded Elks Crusaders football in 1969
- Founded the NH girls Heptathlon in 1977
- Active member of the Nashua Elks
- Has been involved with the Decathlon and Heptathlon banquets since their inception

Bob DeMello (posthumously) – coach

- Began his coaching career at Algonquin Middle School in Algonquin, Illinois
- Coached football at Nashua Senior High School from 1975-1985 then at Bishop Guertin from 1999-2001.
- Head coach for winter and spring track teams at NHS from 1983-1997 winning 10 state championships between the two seasons
- Physical Education and Health teacher at Fairgrounds Junior High School
- Passed away at age 54 in May 2002

Mark Russell (posthumously) – student-athlete

- 1966 graduate of Nashua Senior High School
- Excelled in football, baseball, winter track, and basketball playing for some of Nashua's most notable coaches
- After high school played football and ran track at Bordentown Military Academy then football at UMass.

Kole Ayi – student-athlete

- 1997 graduate of Nashua Senior High School
- Participated in football, indoor track, and outdoor track in high school
- Played football at UMass then professionally for two years for the New England Patriots and the St. Louis Rams earning a Super Bowl ring in 2002
- Member of the UMass Hall of Fame

Amy Ruston – student-athlete

- 1999 graduate of Nashua Senior High School
- Participated in Cross Country, indoor and outdoor track
- Continued both cross country and track at Lehman University
- Holds several school and state records

Laura Gerraughty – student-athlete

- 2001 graduate of Nashua Senior High School
- Shot put thrower for both indoor and outdoor track teams
- 9-time high school state champion, 2-time national high school champion
- Ranked #1 in the country her senior year in high school
- Full scholarship to the University of North Carolina where she earned a national championship
- She was USA National Champion and a US Olympian in 2004

John Schroeder – student-athlete

- 2006 graduate of Nashua High School North
- Distance runner for cross country, indoor and outdoor track teams
- Class L and state champion

Kendall Reyes – student-athlete

- 2007 graduate of Nashua High School North
- Played football in high school
- Played football at the University of Connecticut
- Played professionally for the Chargers, Redskins, and Chiefs
- Currently coaches at UNH and constantly gives back to the Nashua community

Brad Zapenas – student-athlete

- 2008 graduate of Nashua High School North
- Three sport athlete playing football and basketball but most known for baseball
- 2008 NH Gatorade Player of the Year
- Continued baseball career at Boston College and played professionally for the Cubs

Trevor Knight – student-athlete

- 2014 graduate of Nashua High School South
- 12-season athlete competing in football, basketball, and outdoor track
- 2013-14 NH Gatorade Player of the Year for football
- Earned a scholarship and played four year at the University of New Hampshire
- Currently playing professionally for the Canadian Football League in Winnipeg

Hall of Fame festivities will begin by recognizing the inductees at the North vs South baseball game on Friday May 8, 2020 at 7:00 pm (weather permitting). The Hall of Fame induction will take place at an afternoon reception at the Courtyard Marriott in Nashua beginning at noon on Saturday May 9, 2020.

For anyone wishing to attend the induction, ticket information is available at the Hall of Fame page on [www.NashuaNorthAthletics.com](http://www.NashuaNorthAthletics.com) and [www.NashuaSouthAthletics.com](http://www.NashuaSouthAthletics.com).