



36th ANNUAL INDUCTION CEREMONY & DINNER GALA

Benefiting the Amateur Sports Development Fund

ABOUT THE GREATER BUFFALO SPORTS HALL OF FAME

The Greater Buffalo Sports Hall of Fame Dinner and Induction Ceremony is an exciting evening, featuring emotional stories of grit, triumph, and hometown pride, making it a must-attend event for the community. Since 1991, the Greater Buffalo Sports Hall of Fame has honored more than 400 legendary athletes, coaches, and contributors from Western New York.

By supporting the Hall of Fame Dinner and Induction Ceremony, companies and organizations not only demonstrate their connection to the history of athletic achievements in Western New York, but they also ensure the future legacy of

athletic achievement in our region through the Amateur Sports Development Fund (ASDF).

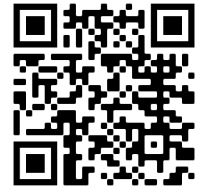
Proceeds from the Annual Induction Dinner benefit deserving WNY athletes, teams and organizations. Since its inception, the ASDF has awarded \$285,000 to 205 local organizations and individuals.

"The ASDF is our way to give back to the community and to help our area athletes, groups and teams reach their full potential in their athletic endeavors," said President Gene Kershner. "The Board is entirely volunteer, and we self-fund our

operating expenses, so no administrative dollars are spent on our fundraising efforts. That way, every dollar of profit raised from sponsors and attendees of the induction ceremony is granted through the ASDF."

The GBSHOF is on display at Dave and Adam's Card World, located at 8075 Sheridan Drive in Williamsville, NY.

This location provides the general public the opportunity to view memorabilia from all previous inductees during Dave and Adam's normal business hours.



The full list of GBSHOF inductees, our entire history, information about the ASDF, and more, can be found at our website: www.GBSHOF.com

MEMBERS OF THE HALL OF FAME



Calvin Murphy
Class of 1993

Tara VanDerveer
Class of 1999

Dominik Hasek
Class of 2003

Jennifer Suhr
Class of 2013

Rob Gronkowski
Class of 2024



THE GREATER BUFFALO SPORTS HALL OF FAME IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THE CLASS OF 2026:

- John Bennett (Veteran)** – Rowing coach of 4x national champions, 6x Royal Canadian Henley and 1956 Olympic four-oared crew.
- Corey Graham** – Turner Carroll High School standout and 12-year NFL veteran and Super Bowl Champion.
- Al Huetter (Veteran)** – Legendary NFL and AFL official – recognized as a top sports official in football, basketball, and track in WNY.
- Jim Huetter** – Nationally recognized cyclist, respected NCAA and NBA official and NFL officiating team member.
- Sid Jamieson** – Long-time men's lacrosse coach at Bucknell and Two-time Man of the Year in college lacrosse.
- Jake Kaminski** – Two-time Olympic silver medalist, and World Cup gold medalist in archery.
- Duke McGuire** – Former MLB first round draft pick and long-time ambassador of baseball for the Buffalo Bisons.
- Helen Nikiel** – Professional softball pitcher, and championship softball coach at Buffalo State.
- Jean Porter (Veteran)** – Nine-time Roller Derby all-star and member of the Roller Derby Hall of Fame.
- Bob Rosen** – Winningest hockey coach in New York State history and two-time NYS Coach of Year.
- Lester Rowe** – Buffalo News Basketball Co-Player of Year and 4-year starter for West Virginia.
- Justin Strzelczyk (Veteran)** – 9-year NFL veteran and member of the AFC Champion Pittsburgh Steelers.

Veteran indicates inductee is deceased.



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SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION

On behalf of the Greater Buffalo Sports Hall of Fame, thank you for the opportunity to present this Corporate Partnership package for the 2026 induction ceremony and dinner for your review and consideration. As part of this terrific night, the Greater Buffalo Sports Hall of Fame has developed the following partnership program designed to give your company a variety of marketing opportunities.

| | PRESENTING SPONSOR | MVP SPONSOR | CHAMPION SPONSOR | INDUCTEE SPONSOR | HOME TEAM SPONSOR |
|---|--|---|---|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| Investment | \$10,000 | \$5,000 | \$4,000 | \$3,000 | \$1,500 |
| Media Backdrop | Logo on GBSHOF media backdrop | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Press Conference Presence | Included in the Press Release announcing the HOF Class | Presenting Sponsor for the Annual Press Conference | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Ticket Invitation / Awareness Pieces | Image included on official GBSHOF invitations and awareness pieces | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| On Stage Presence | In-Event mentions by MC | In-Event mentions by MC | In-Event mentions by MC | On-Stage Presentation to Inductee | N/A |
| Podcast Program Advertising | Presenting sponsor of four podcasts and logo on YouTube production | Presenting sponsor of two podcasts and logo on YouTube production | Presenting sponsor of two podcasts and logo on YouTube production | N/A | N/A |
| Program Advertising | Full Color Back Cover | Full Page B/W | Full Page B/W | Full Page B/W | Half Page B/W |
| Event Recognition | Logo on Monitors | Logo on Monitors | Logo on Monitors | Logo on Monitors | Logo on Monitors |
| Web Advertising | Logo on all GBSHOF webpages | Logo on Sponsor Page | Logo on Sponsor Page | Logo on Sponsor Page | Logo on Sponsor Page |
| Social Media Posts (Facebook & Twitter) | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Signage at Event | Recognition on signage in high traffic areas | Recognition on signage in high traffic areas | Recognition on signage in high traffic areas | N/A | N/A |
| Event Tickets | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 5 |

The GBSHOF received financial support from the County of Erie's Cultural Grant Program and acknowledges their support.



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SPONSORSHIP FORM

Yes, we would be delighted to join with others to support the Greater Buffalo Sports Hall of Fame on the occasion of its 36th Annual Induction Ceremony.

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Signature _____ Date _____

WE PLEDGE TO BE A SPONSOR AT THE FOLLOWING LEVEL:

- Presenting Sponsor..... \$10,000
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- Champion Sponsor \$4,000
- Inductee Sponsor \$3,000
- Home Team Sponsor \$1,500
- Table \$1,300
- Full Page Ad \$500
- Half Page Ad \$350
- Patron Sponsor \$100

Check is enclosed for the amount of \$ _____

Please send us an invoice.

Unable to sponsor, enclosed is our tax deductible contribution of \$ _____

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