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Tuesday

September 10th

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ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME
MEMBERS

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Mack Suprunowicz (2001)

The purpose of the Athletic Hall of Fame is to honor those individuals who have made significant contributions to the history & tradition of sports in the Schenectady City School District.

Please visit the lobby just outside the gym at the Pat Riley Sports Center at Schenectady High School to view the Athletic Hall of Fame Wall. The wall is adorned with bronze plaques honoring each member of the Hall of Fame. The trophy case across the hall contains Hall of Fame collages and memorabilia.

The **Fifth** Annual
Schenectady
City School District
**Athletic
Hall of Fame
& Reunion Dinner**
Tuesday
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2002 Inductees

**Dom Denio
Al DeSantis
Norm Kitching
Steve Szumachowski**

ABOUT OUR 2002 INDUCTEES

DOM DENIO

- ◆ Respected teacher & coach at Linton High School
- ◆ Taught business education at Linton for 23 years
- ◆ Head baseball coach at Linton from 1960—1973; overall record 140-82-2 (.631)
- ◆ Undefeated Class A league champions in 1965
- ◆ Had 13 consecutive non-losing seasons
- ◆ Assistant football coach at Linton
- ◆ President of the Class A League for two years
- ◆ Outstanding high school, college, & semi-pro official
- ◆ Football official for 46 years
- ◆ Basketball official for 25 years
- ◆ President of the Capital District Football Officials Organization
- ◆ President of the Capital District Basketball Officials Organization
- ◆ Member of the St. Bonaventure Athletic Hall of Fame (football & basketball)
- ◆ Member of the Ed Picken Hall of Fame @ Troy H.S.
- ◆ Member of the LaSalle Institute Hall of Fame
- ◆ Member of the Emerald Athletic Club Hall of Fame
- ◆ Annual Dominick Denio Award (Business Ed.) named in his honor (Schenectady City School Dist.)
- ◆ Rensselaer County legislator for 16 years
- ◆ Father of 18, grandfather of 46 & great-grandfather of 3

AL DE SANTIS

- ◆ Graduate of Mont Pleasant High School
- ◆ Played semi-pro baseball throughout New York State and Canada in the early 1930's
- ◆ Became a sportswriter at the Schenectady Union Star after years as a correspondent
- ◆ Became the youngest sports editor of a major daily newspaper in the U.S.
- ◆ Sports editor at the Union Star for 3 decades
- ◆ Featured sports columnist @ the *Middletown Times Herald Record* for 20 years

- ◆ Won over 50 national writing awards.
- ◆ Won the John Hervey Award for the best U.S. harness racing story in 1970
- ◆ Nominated for a Pulitzer Prize for a story he wrote on the death of Jackie Robinson in 1972
- ◆ President & founder of Northern Enterprise's Inc., a sports and entertainment promotions company
- ◆ Largest promoter in the world of the Harlem Globetrotters during a 40-year working relationship
- ◆ Promoted many sites in the U.S. with Jack Kramer's World Pro Tennis tour featuring such greats as Pancho Gonzales & Pancho Sagura
- ◆ Promoted several golf matches & exhibitions throughout the U.S. for Arnold Palmer
- ◆ Main promoter of Eddie Feigner's King and His Court for over 30 years
- ◆ One of the largest pro wrestling promoters in the NE
- ◆ Promoted "Wrestlemania I" throughout NYS
- ◆ One of the original promoters for closed circuit boxing beginning with the Clay Liston fight in Lewiston, ME
- ◆ In the early 1960's, he owned or had options on most of the closed circuit boxing rights east of the Mississippi River
- ◆ Founder and president of the highly successful Schaefer Brewers semi pro basketball team
- ◆ Schenectady County Sports Polio Fund chairman
- ◆ Organized & chaired many fund raising efforts to assist local athletes who had a turn of misfortune
- ◆ Member of the Schenectady Baseball Hall of Fame
- ◆ Member of the Newburgh, NY, Bowling Hall of Fame
- ◆ Member of the Hall of Fame of the Trotter in Goshen, NY
- ◆ His "Facts and Folks" and "Time Out" columns brought a great sense of community to Schenectady
- ◆ Helped many high school athletes get scholarships to colleges
- ◆ Named a "Schenectady Patroon" for service to the city & community by Mayor Malcolm Ellis

NORM KITCHING

- ◆ Graduate of Springfield College
- ◆ Teacher & coach at the original Schenectady H.S. & Mont Pleasant H.S.
- ◆ Head cross-country coach at M.P. from 1931—1948
- ◆ Coached the individual X-country national champion in 1932, 1933, 1935 & 1936

- ◆ Coached track at M.P. from 1932-1948
- ◆ Coached 5 winning relay teams at the Penn Relays
- ◆ Taught swimming to World War II inductees
- ◆ Annual Norm Kitching Award named in his honor (Schenectady City School District)

STEVE SZUMACHOWSKI

- ◆ Graduated from Mont Pleasant H.S. in 1934
- ◆ Ran X-country & track at M.P. for N. Kitching
- ◆ Finished second in the 1931 national scholastic X-country championship (sophomore year)
- ◆ Won the 1932 national scholastic X-country championship by 30 yards in record time (jr. year)
- ◆ Won the 1933 national scholastic X-country championship (senior year)
- ◆ Undefeated X-country runner as junior & senior
- ◆ Two-time winner of the following prestigious meets: Harvard, Manhattan, Villanova, Johns Hopkins, Gustavas T. Kirby
- ◆ Set numerous cross-country records
- ◆ Ran on three winning teams at the Penn Relays: 1933 & 1934 Interscholastic Medley Championship of American; 1934 Interscholastic Two-Mile Championship of America
- ◆ Represented the U.S. in 1934 Polish Olympics in Warsaw, winning the 1500 & 5000 meter runs
- ◆ Received athletic scholarship to Notre Dame
- ◆ Ran X-country & track at Notre Dame
- ◆ Won 20 of 25 X-country dual meets at N.D.
- ◆ Cross-country All-American at N.D. in 1938
- ◆ Finished 5th in National Collegiates as a senior
- ◆ Graduated from Notre Dame in 1939

Guest Speaker

PAT RILEY

- ◆ All-American basketball & football player at Linton
- ◆ Basketball All-American at Univ. of Kentucky
- ◆ First round NBA draft pick
- ◆ Won NBA championships as player (1), ass't coach (1), head coach (4)
- ◆ Coach of the Miami Heat; has also coached the Lakers & the Knicks
- ◆ Second winningest coach in NBA history; winningest coach in playoff history
- ◆ Member of the SCSD Athletic Hall of Fame

