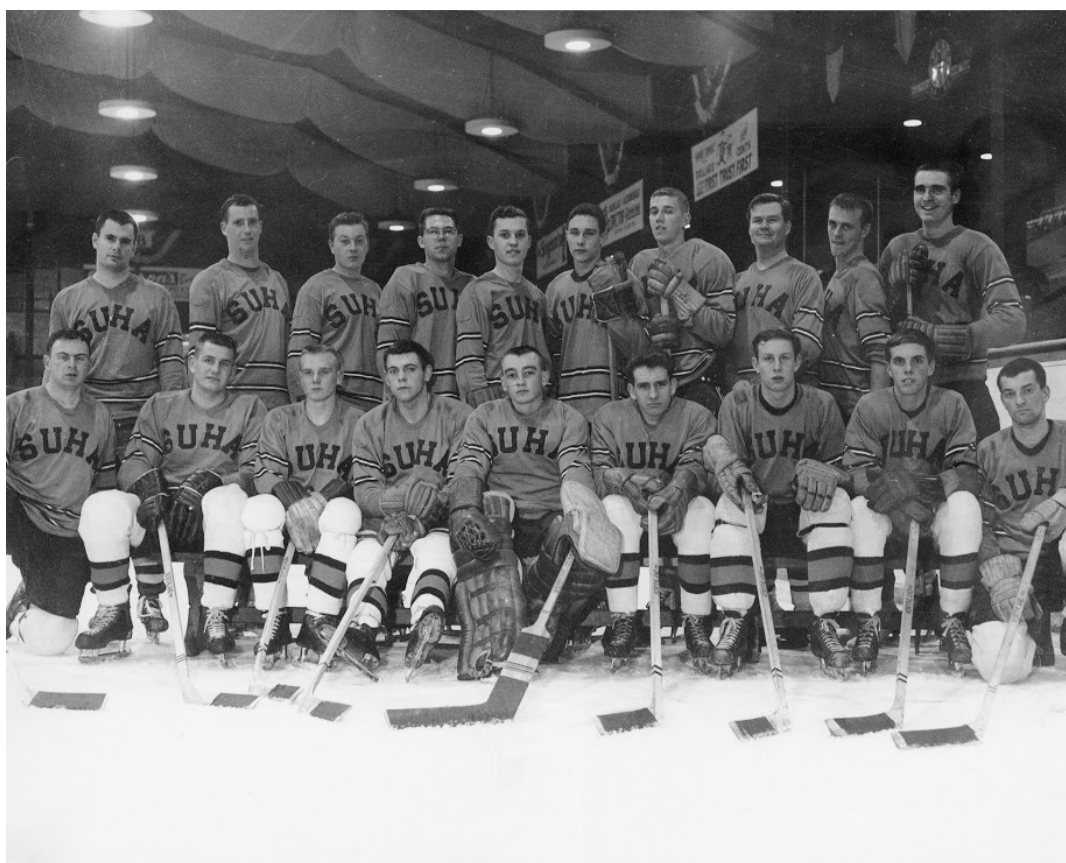




## 2025 SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY MEN'S HOCKEY HALL OF FAME & VAN WINKLE AWARD CEREMONY



SEVENTH ANNUAL ALUMNI WEEKEND  
NOVEMBER 14-16, 2025

# SYRACUSE MEN'S HOCKEY

## 7<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL HALL OF FAME WEEKEND

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS



#### Saturday November 15, 2025

1:50pm – Hall of Fame On-ice Induction Ceremony

2:00pm – Men's Hockey Game I Syracuse vs. Oswego

Site: Tennity Ice Pavillion

*-Free time between end of game and ceremony-*

#### HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CEREMONY AND VAN WINKLE AWARDS EVENT

6:00pm – Event Check-in

6:15pm-7:00pm – Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and Van Winkle Award Presentation

**-Alumni Services Welcome** – Kate Ludwig

**-State of Syracuse Men's Hockey** – Head Coach Chris Timmons

**-Introduction to Hall of Famers** – Connor Chesner, Emcee

**-Presentation of Richard Van Winkle Award** – Van Winkle Family

7:15pm-8:00pm – **Photos and Mingle** with attending friends, family, alumni, and current players. Light appetizers and refreshments will be served.

Site: Syracuse University College of Law, Dineen Hall (950 Irving Ave)



#### Sunday November 16, 2025

10:00am – Men's Hockey Alumni Game *\*last minute signups are welcome\**

(Locker Rooms and refreshments available at 9:15 am)

Site: Tennity Ice Pavillion

*"It is the same old story. My head says yes, yes, yes, but my knees say no, no, no."  
–Bobby Orr on playing in the old-timers games*

# A BRIEF HISTORY OF SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY MEN'S HOCKEY

The history of Syracuse University Men's Hockey can be divided into two distinct periods – “The Early Years” (1903 -1943) and the “Modern Era” (1959-Present). Throughout both periods the men's hockey program has worked to overcome various obstacles - some administrative, some environmental, and some financial.

During the “Early Years” the hockey program operated intermittently due to the onset of two World Wars. The club was also forced to rely on proper winter weather to practice and play on the outdoor rinks. The University also played a big role on operations –first treating the hockey team as a Varsity sport and later reducing it to a “minor sport”. During this period there were nearly twenty active teams, over one hundred players and approximately ten faculty coaches. World War II brought the end to the Early Years for Men's Hockey at Syracuse University.

During the winter of the 1959-1960 a group of hockey enthused students gave birth to the “Modern Era” of SU hockey. The initiative was led by Richard Van Winkle, who setup meetings twice a week at Drumlins Country Club for informal scrimmages. The following year they began organizing games against other teams and thus the Finger Lakes Collegiate Hockey League was born. The first of ten leagues the program would be a part of over the next several decades.

Over the past sixty-five years the program has faced nexus moments in its existence and because of Hall Of Fame leadership and player dedication it has emerged stronger. Each team has moved the SU Men's Hockey program forward, sometimes gradually other times dramatically, each in its own unique way using the resources it has had available. *The goal always to build the best program possible, always moving forward, together.* Despite vague unfulfilled promises of Varsity/NCAA status the program has persevered because of the team members love for the game of hockey, their commitment to raise their level of play, and the camaraderie which bonds them together.

Since 1959 SUMH has played over 700 games, has won 6 regular season titles, and raised 8 conference playoff trophies. During the past decade alone, the team has captured five playoff championships, three regular season titles, and has made three trips to the ACHA National Tournament. The program has also represented the University and the USA at the 2004 SELL University games in Finland. There have been over 600 players, 22 player-coaches; 34 non-player coaches, along with nearly 100+ volunteer staff, interns, managers and advisors.

## Acknowledgement

Syracuse University Men's Hockey has always been a student led and administered organization from the very beginning, but it could not have done it without the support of all the volunteer coaches – some driving over two hours for games and practices – or the team managers who handled a variety of team support tasks such as filling water bottles, washing jerseys, tracking statistics, and handling gameday operations. In recent years, a highly active and professional corps of student media and operation interns, often learning on the fly, have thrived in the SUMH organization. From creating live action multi-camera broadcasts to organizing gameday events. In recent years support from inside Syracuse University has come from the club advisors - John Petosa and Seth Gitner. The program has also benefitted from event promotion and alumni development while working with the University's Alumni Services department. A HUGE thank you goes out to all the parents, family and friends for supporting SUMH financially, as fans, game day attendees, and serving on the parent committee. Finally, we salute all of the SUMH alumni who have paved the way for today's players.

# MEET THE HALL OF FAMERS – CLASS OF 2025

## SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY MEN'S HOCKEY



### HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2025

David Backhurst '68  
Al Fecteau '78  
Jeff Kennedy '89  
Stephen Bell '99  
Carter Hansen '05  
Richie Carlston '10  
Peter-Owen Hayward '20

### CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM

2016-2017 NECHL League Champions  
and ACHA Tournament Participants

### VAN WINKLE AWARD

Coach Nick Pierandri

### This year's class of 8 individual honorees is comprised as follows:

- 6 players including 5 forwards and 1 goalie
- 2 were part of the 2016-2017 championship team
- 4 served as SU Team Captains
- 2 were player-coaches
- 1 is a non-player journalist – the first of his kind to be inducted into the Hall of Fame
- 6 are Syracuse University graduates
- 3 are from New York State and the rest evenly distributed between Connecticut, Colorado, New Hampshire and Vermont
- 1 has twice been recognized as "Coach of the Year"
- 4 went on to coach hockey after SU, 3 went into teaching, 4 into business, and 1 into the biomedical field of prosthetics.
- All say the best memories are the camaraderie and lifelong friendships

All of tonight's honorees have a similar set of values that make them stand out as individuals and have made them worthy inductees – they love the game, they value camaraderie and mutual respect, they have pride in wearing the orange "S", and they give their best whatever the role and regardless situation. These are the values that have become part of the SU Men's Hockey legacy.

### Appreciation Awards

A HUGE thank you goes out to all the parents, family, and friends who support Syracuse Men's Hockey. Whether it be showing up as fans at Tenny, cheering on the Orange from afar on the SU Hockey Network, purchasing gear from the team store fundraiser, or donating meals on the road your backing is appreciated!

A special Recognition this year goes out to Candace Caddo and Jim Parker. **Candace Caddo** has served on the Parent Communication Committee as "The Team Mom" since 2016 during the time that her sons Luke and Sean have played on the team. She has always been one of the loudest and most supportive fans while organizing tailgates, planning team meals, helping with the Hall of Fame initiatives, and much more. Thank you Candace – we are all excited to show up to the next Caddo Beach Party!

Behind the scenes **Jim Parker** was the team's primary game photographer from 2016-2020 and has continued to serve as the key photographer for HOF Weekends from 2019-2023. Jim has captured thousands of stunning photos of Syracuse Men's Hockey players, alumni, and fans. It has taken a whole unit of photographers to do what Jim did on his own. Thank you, Jim Parker!

Though recognized for his contributions last year we again want to extend our gratitude to **Kelly Johnson**, Tenny Ice Pavilion Manager. Kelly will be moving on at the end of the 2025-2026 season. Kelly has made it possible for SUMH to improve its visibility and upgrade its facilities. We wish him success in his future adventures and his presence will be greatly missed.



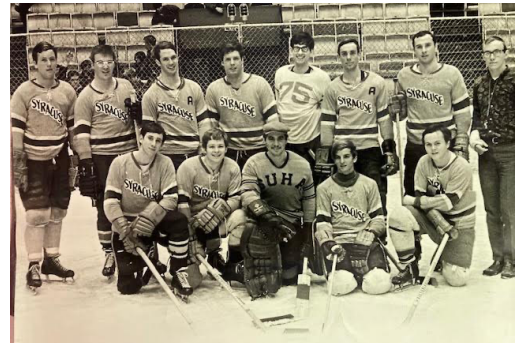
Backhurst start in hockey was informal – growing up in New York City he would skate at Rockefeller Center, on the pond in Central Park, or he would escape to the country for some pond hockey. His real introduction to organized hockey came when his family moved to Buffalo, NY where he attended the Nichols School – a big-time hockey school. From ninth grade on he developed his skills. Backhurst also excelled as a soccer player in high school and during his freshman year at Wilmington College, a small school in Ohio with no hockey program.

David transferred to Syracuse University at the start of his sophomore year during which time he “rushed” the Delta Upsilon fraternity, a long-time bastion of SU hockey players. He then joined the hockey club in his junior and senior years (1966-1968), where he became an impact player, a winger responsible for several multiple point games (although statistics from this period are fairly non-existent).

Backhurst was tapped to be team President and Captain when Sayre MacLeod, the outgoing team president “dumped everything in his lap” which consisted of some jerseys and some long-lost paperwork. According to George Mechem, “David was like a player & GM who juggled the scheduling, recruitment, roster, and the and role of sports information director as well dealing with reps from the other schools of the fledgling Finger Lakes Collegiate Hockey League”.

Support from the Syracuse Administration at this time was limited to the use of the university’s name and other than that says Backhurst said “We just went ahead and did our own thing.”

Graduating from SU with a major in History, Backhurst found himself in the Army but instead of Vietnam he was sent to Fairbanks, Alaska where he helped resurrect an obsolete ice rink shoveling off several feet of snow and, since no one had skates, established a competitive broom ball league. Two years later he attended UMass-Amherst earning a master’s degree. After he earned his master’s, he accepted what he assumed would be a short-term teaching assignment at a private school in Michigan in 1972. David went on to have a 43-year career at University Liggett School in Grosse Pointe, Michigan. He first taught middle school while



coaching the soccer and ice hockey teams. In 1979, he moved to the upper school and became history department Chair and the Varsity soccer coach. He led the Knights to five state championships, won 396 games as the coach of the boy’s soccer team and another 301 as the girl’s (soccer) coach. In 2001, he was a finalist for the National High School Athletic Coaches Association

coach of the year award. In 2013, Backhurst was Inducted into the Michigan High School Soccer Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

Backhurst continued playing hockey in a men’s league based out of the rink at Liggett School. One of his teammates was Bill Ford of Ford Motor Company. David, now retired, lives in Grosse Pointe Park with his wife of 56 years and maintains his connection with the University Liggett School and its sports programs by serving as a volunteer school bus driver.

As David Backhurst has proven to be a Hall of Famer as an educator, coach, and administrator we are proud to expand that list to include his induction into the Syracuse University Men’s Hockey Hall of Fame Class of 2025.



Al Fecteau was described by his Syracuse University Men's Hockey friends as "The Grandfather of SU hockey Journalists". Al grew up in Exeter, NH where he attended Philips Exeter Academy for four years. It was at Exeter where he first encountered Hardy Green (SU '79, HOF '20) – his future SU roommate and liaison to the men's hockey team.

At Exeter Fecteau played a couple intramural sports at Exeter including hockey, claiming "neither one of us (he or Green) were varsity level players."

Originally slotted to attend the University of New Hampshire at an in-state student tuition rate, he was persuaded by an Air Force recruiter to enroll in the ROTC program at any school of his choice on a full scholarship! Syracuse University, known for its journalism program, became his immediate choice. He and Green, who had also decided on SU, requested to be roommates. The duo went together to tryout for the hockey team – though scoring a goal earlier in one of the sessions, Al crashed into the end boards and broke his kneecap which quickly ended his chances at playing collegiate hockey. His roommate went on to make the roster, becoming one of the team's stars and an eventual SU Men's Hockey Hall of Famer - Class of 2020.

Fecteau continued to pursue his passion for journalism and secured a position with the University newspaper – the Daily Orange (DO). While in a cast recovering from his tryout injury, he started writing articles covering the hockey team. "Dig through the DO from 1975-1977 and you'll see that a lot of my bylines were about hockey" says Fecteau.

During his tenure at SU, Fecteau had nineteen attributed bylines on the team as well as several un-credited contributions to the "DO Sports Shorts". He also wrote several other hockey articles providing SUMH some of its best and most prolific newspaper coverage that the program had up until that point. His reports were positive and thorough – providing players names, scoring details, and game highlights. Fecteau helped promote the team and efforts to gain Varsity status which nearly succeeded when Ned Harkness made it known he was interested in coaching at SU. He credits his access to the team to his roommate, Hardy, and team Captain Jeff Harris who encouraged and supported his efforts. He even joined the team on a few road trips. "It was really a lot of fun to cover them" says Fecteau.

During his background interview with the team's historian, Fecteau provided several insightful and amusing stories related to campus life and sports related events – Included "oiled" goal posts. "Going to Syracuse made me look at the big picture of sports" says Fecteau "not just I want my team to win type of thing, but all the business aspects including recruiting, marketing, scholarships, and operations".

After graduation Fecteau spent the next twenty-five years in the US Air Force. "They put me in what was called public information" says Fecteau "that is where all the military journalists go, it's a very rewarding career field in the military."

His various deployments assignments involved being the managing editor of the base newspaper. Al got to enjoy the perks of travel, free training, and tuition (he earned three advanced degrees – one in Law, one in Sports Management and one in Criminal Justice).

We are grateful to Al Fecteau for his early in-depth coverage of SUMH hockey, helping to raise the teams visibility, exposure, and for setting an example for future Syracuse Men's Hockey media members. It is with honor that we induct Al Fecteau into the SU Men's Hockey Hall of Fame Class of 2025.





Steve Bell is the guy every team wants on the bench, in the locker room, and at the post-game festivities. A self-proclaimed ringleader with a “you only live once—go for it!” mindset, Bell brought energy, grit, and just the right amount of mischief to every team he touched.

A Rochester, NY native and the youngest of seven, Steve credits his large, close-knit family with shaping his values and his hockey dreams. His brother, Keith, led the way and Steve followed – lacing up his skates and practicing with the Cardinal Mooney varsity squad as a sixth grader. Steve went on to star at Aquinas Institute, sharing the ice with future NHLer and Stanley Cup Champion, Brian Gionta.

His college journey began at Broome Community College, where he played both hockey and lacrosse while earning a degree in Criminal Justice. Known for his heart and hustle, he was awarded the prestigious Higgenbottom Award for “dedicated and unselfish play.” That gritty style caught the eye of Syracuse University Head Coach Tom Reynolds, and soon Bell—and two teammates Aaron Nardoza and Shawn Pease – were Orange-bound.

At SU, Bell centered and played wing on the 'Green Line' known for relentless hustle, sharp ice vision, and tough, hard-nosed play. His efforts earned him the right to wear Syracuse's legendary #44 during his senior year. Teammates called him “a good, clean player who could control the play,” while Coach Reynolds put it more succinctly: “A GOOD player—maybe a little wacky, like a lot of good hockey players” (His end-of-first-period ritual of tossing his cookies earned him his own personalized bucket on the bench and added to that reputation).

While not a founding member of the legendary Hockey House, Bell helped shape its character in the early days—alongside a few wild New Yorkers, some fearless Canadians, and a group of “Boston Beauties”. His final semester abroad in Australia included winning a lacrosse tournament with the University of Queensland Gold Coast team.

Originally destined for a career in law enforcement, Bell pivoted to Business Marketing, partnering in a successful ATD franchise before moving into the pharmaceutical world. He credits his parents, John and Kathleen, for his love, his siblings for his toughness, and hockey for the discipline and drive that made everything all possible. “I owe a lot to hockey,” he says.

Back in Rochester, Steve is raising three great kids – Lily, Stevie, and Connor – and still suits up for men's league games at Lakeshore Arena, the same rink where learned the game. He's also an avid outdoorsman, with a Whitetail Buck that is in New York State record-book and a SCI world-record impala taken in South Africa.

Tonight, we proudly induct Stephen Bell into the Syracuse University Men's Hockey Hall of Fame—for his relentless drive to be his best and help others achieve theirs; for honoring and building the club's traditions on and off the ice; and for the laughter, loyalty, and leadership he's shared with teammates, friends, and family every step of the way.





Jeff Kennedy grew up in Andover, MA and played forward for the Orange from 1985-1989. He started skating at the age of seven when his father, who was an All-American collegiate goalie, told him “You are going to play hockey!” - which Jeff did all the way up through his time at Andover High School where he was Captain his senior year. He also excelled as a mid-fielder in soccer helping lead his school to a Massachusetts State Championship.

Jeff headed off to SU with his sights set on the Newhouse School. He dreamt of being a sports broadcaster since 7<sup>th</sup> grade, that is until he heard himself talk on camera with “such a heavy Boston accent”. This made Jeff change his career aspirations and focus on the production and directing side of performing arts.

Another change came when a collegiate career in soccer turned into a four-year hockey commitment. Admitting to “not having the speed or puck handling skills of the others” what Jeff did have was intensity. Physicality was a big part of his game and how Kennedy became thought of as the team’s enforcer. Jeff’s teammate Mike Pace said “He was wild! He was a high energy guy, he like to see good hits. When I leveled a player at tryouts, he came up to me and in a growly voice and exclaimed ‘*THAT’S HOW YOU DO IT! THAT IS WHAT WE WANT TO SEE. THAT IS THE WAY WE WANT TO HIT*’”.

Loud and vocal by his own admission he would do anything to distract the other team and motivate his own. Jeff was “a hard-nosed winger who contributed offensively and was definitely a physical presence in all 3 zones. Crowds loved it when he came on the ice, they knew something was about to happen” Mike added.

Other teammates of Kennedy remember him as “a fun guy” and “a funny character” – the type you love having on your team. “On the ice, in the locker room, during a road trip...no one was a bigger supporter, advocate, and cheerleader for our hockey team”.

No statistics were kept in the era that Kennedy played and even if they were they wouldn’t reflect his commitment to the organization. During his junior and senior years, he co-led the team with Ben Potenza working hard to raise the profile of the program. In those days, the team would wear matching jackets and sweatshirts around campus, sponsor parties, and do anything it took to help build a positive reputation for the hockey team.

Jeff literally left a good portion of himself on the ice for Syracuse Hockey. His on-ice hockey career ended during his senior season when he snapped his vertebra during an on-ice scuffle. Even while in a body cast for several weeks Jeff still found ways to contribute to the team.

Kennedy came to SU already a leader and someone who enjoyed being an active part of the community. In high school he was class president twice, Captains of both the hockey and Soccer teams, member of pep club, SADD, Homecoming Committee and was voted class “Heartbreaker”. At SU he was also prone to breaking things – he broke his back on the ice; he cracked his skull during a Halloween party incident and broke a few hearts (no statistics available for the latter).

Kennedy graduated from Syracuse in 1989 with a Bachelor’s Arts Degree in Visual and Performing Arts. Kennedy has risen from assistant producer working for other companies to leading his own production company – Kamp Kontent. Kennedy’s award-winning career has taken him around the world shooting in over 20 countries at last count. His extensive work features all genres such as commercials, branded content, music videos, print, episodic and feature films. His first music video was of himself rapping “Yo! Spring Break” which made it on to MTV. The video features a guest appearance from teammate and fellow Hall of Famer, Ben Potenza. Since then, he’s worked with celebrities, companies, and sports figures such as Snoop Dogg, Lauryn Hill, ESPN, Levi’s, the NBA, Boomer Esiason, Maria Sharapova, Jennifer Garner, Kevin Hart, and Will Smith amongst others.

When Kennedy isn’t on the road, he resides in NYC and frequents his mountain home in the Catskills where he has built a “photo barn studio” on the property so he’s already to shoot.

Jeff Kennedy is a multi-dimensional, versatile, fun, energetic, all-in person. Whether he is playing a sport, directing a film, or being interviewed he is 100% committed. He is the leader working alongside you, willing to do whatever needs to be done. We are proud to welcome Jeff Kennedy into the Syracuse University Men’s Ice Hockey Hall of Fame Class 2025.



CONGRATULATIONS TO

**JEFF KENNEDY**

SU CLASS OF 1989 | HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2025

“**BRACE YOURSELF #13!**  
**YOU’RE IN THE HALL OF**  
**FAME!**”

-BEN POTENZA, TONY DONATO, ROB LANDEL,  
GREG SGROMO, TOM SCUDERI, MIKE URBACH,  
MATT DEGEN, MICHAEL HEARD, AND BRIAN UY





Carter Hansen was the middle child of three hockey playing boys that got into the sport at a very young age. Growing up in the Aspen, CO hockey community, Hansen excelled by leading his teams in goals and points each season throughout his career which helped him gain state recognition along the way. Carter was named to Colorado' All-state teams, Rocky Mountain District Team, and Team Colorado. He also led Aspen High School to the State championship in his senior year. During his high school years, Hansen had the privilege to play with both his older and younger brothers on different teams. He and his younger brother, Reid, played on the same line – members of a trio that became one of the highest scoring lines in the state. The state and local news media celebrated the success of the scoring duo by dubbing them “The Hansen Brothers” - a homage to the hockey classic film “Slap Shot”.

Coming out of high school Hansen considered the possibilities of playing NCAA Division I hockey, but it was SU that offered what he was seeking academically, socially, and gave him the ability to explore both hockey and soccer. He quickly realized that the hockey team was where he would commit himself for the next four years.

During his freshman year, Hansen, a forward, was put on a line with Syracuse Hall of Famer Jeremy Bovay and never looked back. Hansen led the team in goals and points in three of his four years at Syracuse. Even with some incomplete statistics from 2001-2005 there is agreement among Hansen's teammates to his ability. "Carter was the best offensive player (center) on the team." says Charlie Garnsey. "He was a strong, skilled player who played bigger than his small frame."

Sean Conaway added "Carter was our top scorer for multiple seasons, putting up huge numbers. He was a ball of energy".

Andrew Miller and Nick Toth succinctly described Hansen respectively as "a hell of a player" and "a strong forward that scored a lot."

Fellow Hansen Brother, Reid, joined Carter at Syracuse for his final two seasons, reigniting their unstoppable on-ice connection. Hansen took the second semester off to travel abroad. Upon returning, even with missing the bulk of the season, he continued to lead the team in goals and was second on the team in points – only behind linemate Pete Bollman who edged Hansen out by one point in the final game of the season.

Hansen quickly found himself joining the club's leadership group as a sophomore. Helping with off ice administration responsibilities and eventually rising to team Captain in 2003-04. "He pushed us to take the team more seriously and to get us to the next level. Carter led by example and with his voice" one teammate recalled.

During May-June of 2004 Hansen was part of the only SU squad that has traveled to Europe. There the team competed against Russian, Estonian, and Finnish collegiate and semi-pro teams and represented America in the Collegiate Games in Finland.

Upon graduating from SU with a degree in International Relations, Hansen headed for Los Angeles where there is already a strong contingent of former SU hockey players. He continued playing hockey in LA for the next 14 years. Professionally Hansen now serves as the CMO for Step, a FinTech company working to improve the financial future of the next generation. Prior to Step, he worked in the film and television industry, producing movies and TV shows such as The To Do List, Blue Mountain State, Wild Hogs, Meet Dave, Sonny With A Chance, and A Thousand Words. He was also part of the founding team of AwesomenessTV, the first digital media company in Hollywood. Hansen is married to Vanessa, and the proud Dad to three children – Peyton, Keaton, and Presley.

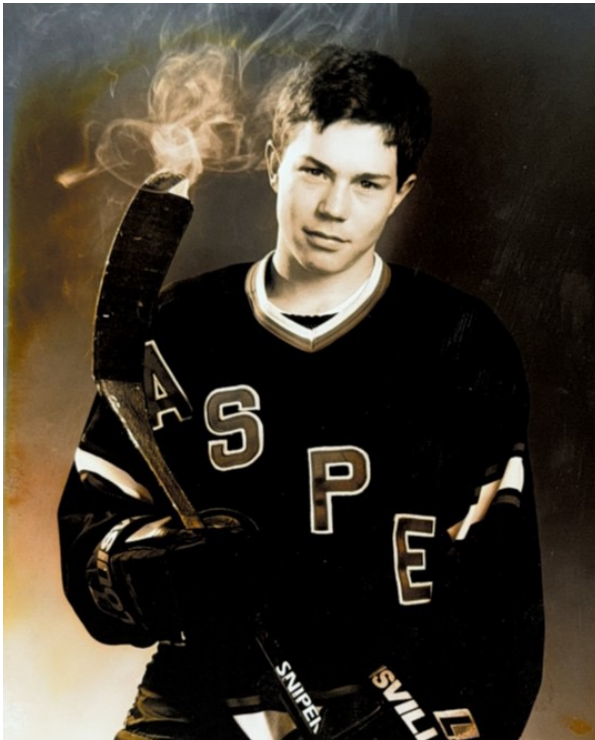
For the contributions he has made to the team as a player and leader we are proud to induct Carter Hansen in to the Syracuse Men's Hockey Hall of Fame Class of 2025.



# CONGRATULATIONS TO **CARTER HANSEN**

SU CLASS OF 2005 | HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2025

“**ALWAYS SETTING  
YOUR WORLD ABLAZE**”



**WE LOVE YOU!** ❤️

MOM & DAD, VANESSA,  
PEYTON, KEATON,  
& PRESLEY



# CONGRATULATIONS, CARTER!

It's been a pleasure  
watching you  
become the **Hall of  
Famer** you are today.  
Ducks fly together.

*-Khudor, Carter  
& Mazen*



## SYRACUSE MENS HOCKEY **LINKEDIN ALUMNI NETWORK**



# CONGRATULATIONS, CARTER!

Oh Captain! Our Captain! From Colorado to 'Cuse to CCCP to California, and everywhere in between – you have been a Hall of Famers in our books for years.

With love – Pete, Conaway, Charlie, Brian & Woody





Richie Carlston's time with Syracuse Men's Hockey was limited to just one season, but the impact he left on the program and his teammates has lasted much longer.

Born and raised in Fairport, NY, Carlston was active in the Perinton Youth Hockey program. He was the Fairport High School goalie that helped the team reach the state semi-finals and in 2009 was selected to the Greater Rochester All-Star Hockey Team. He was described by his coach as "the backbone of the team, the glue that kept us together."

At Syracuse University Richie was a Political Science major and was a rising star with the hockey team. Teammates and coaches remembered him as someone who was a dedicated player who made the team whole better. "One of the best goalies I've ever played with." says Jon Boc, 2009-2010 team captain and club president "He just had the ability when the team was really relying on him to kick it into an extra gear."

Mike McConney, who was Captain during the 2010-2011 season, said "He was one of those people you had to meet in person". McConney recalls one practice where Carlston let another player score during a shootout so the player would be able to start the next game. The coach noticed Carlston had let the opponent score and had Carlston and those playing with him skate up and down the rink fifty times.



Carlston's former high school hockey coach, Chris Moretter, described Carlston as someone who always had a smile on his face and was looking for harmless fun. "Richie was someone who just loved life. He didn't take things for granted and he wanted to share his happiness with others." He also said, "personal success was not something Carlston took lightly, he was a leader on and off the ice, and he acted as a mentor and behind the scenes coach for the younger players."



Richie Carlston was tragically killed in a car accident in July 2010, the summer between his Freshman and Sophomore years at SU. The team honored Carlston's memory by inviting Carlston's family to the inaugural home game of the 2010-2011 season where Carlston's number #1 was retired. His jersey permanently hangs at Tenny Arena behind the scoreboard end goal. The team also dedicated the 2010-2011 season to Richie – a year that ended in league and playoff championships. Senior forward Mike Dilliane said at the time "Winning the first championship for Syracuse will be memorable, but winning the championship for Richie Carlston will be timeless".



Richie's name was added to the NECHL Memorial Cup that year. The team also established *The Richie Carlston Award* – chosen by the coach every year to the player that "best embodies what it means to be an SU player."

"He was a very uplifting kid to be around", says former teammate Wes Rene "one of those guys in the locker room that you can't ever replace."

It is with honor that we continue to recognize the legacy of Richie Carlston with his induction into the Syracuse Men's Hockey Hall of Fame Class of 2025.



# CONGRATULATIONS TO RICHIE CARLSTON

 Congratulations to an incredible hockey player, teammate, friend, and brother! *The mark Richie left on Syracuse Hockey is unforgettable and one of a kind.* He was a tremendous talent that used his length to steal saves and keep us in games all season long. He was a great goaltender, but a far better person that we all feel fortunate to have encountered. Thank you for your friendship and your relentlessly fun attitude that lit up our locker room on a daily basis. Richie was the quintessential reminder that the game itself pales in comparison to the people we are blessed to meet while playing the game. Richie, we carried you with us all 4 years, whether it be hanging your jersey on the bench every game, permanently posting your picture in the locker room, or simply keeping you in our hearts. *In our humble opinion, nobody deserves this honor more than you!* 



## WE LOVE YOU!



**-2009-10 Team &  
Graduating Class of 2013-**



Peter-Owen Hayward, or “POH” as most of his teammates and friends call him, is grew up in Brattleboro, Vermont, where he was active in many sports including hockey, baseball, lacrosse, soccer, track and golf. Hayward played youth hockey with the Brattleboro Hawks (VT), Springfield Pics (MA), and the Green Mountain Glades (VT) and was selected to represent Vermont in the USA Hockey New England Festival and Player Development Camp from age 11 through 16.

Hayward attended Northfield Mount Hermon (NMH) for high school, where he earned 3 varsity letters in hockey, 2 in lacrosse, and 1 in golf. During this time, he also played ‘split-season’ hockey with the Springfield Rifles, capturing a Massachusetts State Championship and in the fall of his senior year appeared on the NHL Central Scouting Players to Watch list as a class C prospect.

After graduating from NMH in 2015, Hayward joined the Boston Junior Bruins in Worcester, MA for the 2015-2016 season. That Spring, he visited Syracuse the weekend that SU’s basketball team made a Final Four appearance against University of North Carolina. By the fall of 2016, he had enrolled at Syracuse University as a dual major in the Whitman School of Management and the Newhouse School of Public Communications.

Over the next four years Hayward excelled in the classroom and on the ice – eventually graduating Magna Cum Laude with degrees in Finance and Advertising, earning selection to the ACHA All-Academic Team, while serving as a 3-year Captain and club officer, and setting multiple program scoring records.

In the 123 games that Hayward played between 2016 and 2020 he set program records for career points scored (198), career goals (111) and career assists (87), he also tallied 37 powerplay Goals, added 25 powerplays assist, and had 13 game winning goals. His competitiveness and willingness to stickup for teammates also earned him the record for most career penalty minutes (255). During his freshman season he led the ACHA Division 1 in goals (38) and was third in the country in points (64 – an all-time SU record). This earned him NECHL Player of the Year, Rookie of the Year, and a selection to the ACHA All-Rookie Team.

Often getting a critical goal for the team when needed Hayward has been described as a “Good all-round player, always knew where to be on the ice, though a hard driving forward, he knew when to drop back and help or to allow a defensemen to attack.”

A two-time selection to the ESCHL Second Team, a two-time team MVP and an Offensive Player of the Year, Hayward was also a member of both the 2017 NECHL league championship and the 2019 ESCHL playoff. He also helped the Orange reach their third ACHA National Tournament in 2017.

As a sophomore Hayward was elected by his teammates as an Assistant Captain and co-officer for the club. Over the next three seasons he led with passion and intensity on the ice while off the ice he helped manage the club’s budget, assisted in a coaching transition and helped develop the club’s student operation staff team which expanded to include gameday operations, broadcasting, and digital media.

Professionally, Hayward began working with GE Capital Financial Services as an intern. Upon graduation, he entered GE’s Financial Management Program assigned to the Gas Power Division. Following that he moved to GE Vernova - GE’s new energy company. He also participated in advanced training as part of the OFOLP, working as part of an international consultation unit for in-company and outside clients. Recently he has accepted a new assignment as FP&A Leader for steam power services for GE Vernova. Hayward has returned to SU over the past five years as a volunteer recruitment representative for GE.

POH married fellow SU grad, Courtney Pulicella, in 2024 – the two became connected through SUMH. Hayward and his wife live in Boston surrounded by several college friends and former teammates. Hayward has actively kept up his game playing in a weekly Boston area men’s league – his team, The Crates, now features 6 SUMH alumni. We are proud to induct Peter-Owen Hayward, for all his achievements and contributions on an off the ice and as one of the most impactful players in SUMH history, into the Syracuse University Men’s Hockey Hall of Fame Class 2025.



# CONGRATULATIONS TO PETER-OWEN HAYWARD

HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2025



-From  
Tripp & Bill Franzese

# CONGRATUALTIONS!

**PETER-OWEN HAYWARD, #17**

**FROM MITE-Y LITTLE PLAYER, TO MIGHTY BIG STAR  
YOUR JOURNEY ON SKATES HAS BROUGHT YOU FAR**



**WITH LOVE & PRIDE  
DAD, MOM, & COURTNEY**

**ALONG WITH THE REST OF YOUR FAMILY – NORTH, SOUTH, EAST, & WEST!**





# “THE POWER OF POH”



**CONGRATULATIONS PETER-OWEN!**

**FROM, THE JACOBS FAMILY**



## Championship Team 2016-17 NECHL Champions & ACHA National Tournament Qualifiers

The 2016-2017 season cemented the impression of Syracuse University Men's Hockey as a dominate program in the NECHL with back-to-back league championships and a return trip to the ACHA National tournament – the team's third appearance in four years.

Led by Head Coach Nick Pierandri, Assistants Connor Treacy and Andrew Wolinski, and Goalie Coach John Parks SU Men's Hockey compiled a 28-9 record. They outscored their opponents 190 to 121 and earned another top 20 national ranking.



While officially belonging to the Northeast Collegiate Hockey League (NECHL) SUMH also played teams from the CHMA, ECHA, GLCHL and ESCHL (a conference they would move to the following season). The team went on a 16-3 romp during the first half of the season including an 8-game win streak and a sweep of their competition at the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Buffalo Meltdown Tournament. The latter part of the season saw the team amass a 13-5 record which included a three-game road trip to face Colorado State University and the University of Colorado. After falling in the semi-finals of the NECHL Conference Playoffs, SU's capture of the Regular season league title was enough to propel them to the ACHA National Tournament in Columbus, Ohio. The team suffered SU's broadcast team of Cogan and Gray impressed the tournament organizers so much that they were asked to stay and provide the live-stream broadcast for the rest of the tournament



Captained by Matt DiVietro, the strength of the team was built on an experienced group of veterans and a strong rookie class that stepped in to fill the void of the previous season's graduating seniors. The team was led by up front by freshman forward Peter-Owen Hayward's 64 points (38-26-64), veteran "Tripp" Franzese also put up 45 points that season and Keith Lambert had 41 points. The team also benefited from the scoring power of Robbie Van Raamsdonk, Connor McNamara, Alex Aguirre and Matt Jacobs. On the backend 3 offensive minded defenders

led the way – Luke Caddo, Pat Corcoran and Ben Ferro combined to add 44 additional points. Jacob Patalino, Will Gebbie, Pat O'Connor, Andrew Wales, David Rosen, and Stephen Bressi strengthened the defensive unit in front of the solid goaltending from starters Zachary Shapiro (13-2; .898 SAV%) and Michael Cuozzo (11-5; .878 SAV%), who were backed up by Freshman Eric Parker and Evan Christian.

### Team Members

**Forwards:** Keith Lambert, Connor McNamara, Alex Aguirre, Rob VanRaamsdonk, Matt Jacobs, Adam Ganley, Zach Bunick, Peter-Owen Hayward, Connor Rotenberg, Joseph Pucciarelli, William "Tripp" Franzese, Ben King, Mackenzie Connor, Owen Herrington, Christian Van Hecke, Matt DiVietro, (Captain); Brandon Peters

**Defense:** Jacob Patalino, Luke Caddo, Will Gebbie, Pat O'Connor, Andrew Wales, Pat Corcora, Benedict Ferro, David Rosen, Stephen Bressi

**Goalies:** Zachary Shapiro, Evan Christian, Michael Cuozzo, Eric Parker,

**Staff:** Nick Pierandri (Head Coach); Connor Treacy (Assistant Coach); Andrew Wolinski (Assistant Coach), John Parks (Goaltending Coach), John Petosa (Advisor)

# CONGRATUALATIONS

## 2016-2017 NECHL CHAMPIONS!

“ A R E A L H A L L O F F A M E T E A M ”



WE CELEBRATED YOUR VICTORY THEN...



AND WE CELEBRATED YOUR RECOGNITION NOW...



*-ON BEHALF OF ALL THE 2016-17 FAMILY & FRIENDS-*



**Nick Pierandri**  
**Head Coach 2013-2018, HOF Class of '23**



Coach Nick Pierandri was inducted into the Syracuse University Men's Hockey Hall of Fame in 2023 for his outstanding coaching record (103-43-4), three ACHA National Tournament appearances (2014, 2016, 2017), his three regular season NECHL League championships (2014, 2016, 2017), his 2017 NECHL conference tournament championship, and his four straight, 20+ wins seasons at Syracuse. He established SU as a perennial top 20 team in the country on his way to earning 2 NECHL Coach of the Year Awards (2014 and 2017). This year we are honoring him with the Richard Van Winkle Award for his contribution in advancing the Syracuse Men's Hockey program to new heights and establishing a higher standard for the club.

Pierandri came to SU in May 2013 with the intent of building a nationally recognized program. His focus went well beyond putting winning teams together, he reshaped the organization and created a whole new program – advancing SUMH to a new level of professionalism both on and off the ice. Pierandri's legacy includes the expansion of the program's off-ice components of marketing, operations, broadcasting, financial administration, and Alumni relations primarily run by student leaders and hungry self-directed volunteers working together with the team's coaches and the faculty advisor. He also helped transform the recruiting process by hiring Assistant Coach Andrew Wolinski to lead a vigorous search for talent from across the northeast.

Russell Suskind, one of the three of the team leaders that helped recruit Pierandri in 2013, says "Pierandri was Incredibly passionate about hockey." Aaron Witzel added "he came in to help ramp things up and get more systems in place". And Nino DiPasquale shared "we felt he could bring some order and civility to a program that didn't really know where it was going".

Another former player, JR LaPointe, added "Coach Pierandri set a pretty high expectation, he wanted us to be successful, he wanted to create a successful program". Former captain Peter-Owen Hayward remarked "Coach P was very good at running the program and he was good at building the program. He was very tenacious about pushing after that, he took it seriously, held people accountable and that is good for a club program".

The teams record and increased strength of schedule help draw a better quality of players from different regions of the country. Under Nick, fourteen players received All-League awards, and a few moved on to the semi-pro leagues.

Pierandri says "I had the vision in terms of how to structure everything, I definitely had a hand in organizing things, how we were going to operate, we sort of had a protocol established. We wanted attendance to go up, we wanted the players to feel good about what they were doing every day. To communicate that, as we built the program, we kept trying to add pieces to it – a marketing team, a communications team – we really built that whole thing up from the ground" Pierandri goes on to add "I remember saying we need interns, we need people that are young and hungry and want an opportunity within the university to learn something new and we can give them a lot of autonomy, flexibility to build their own vision for what it is going to mean for game day operations, the broadcast or what it will mean for the marketing team." Pierandri concluded "I got to run a college program, I got to administer the program, I got to really bring something to a new level and I feel proud about that, I feel good about that and I got to see a program that is now ready to continue to succeed, I think that is really cool!"

Pierandri was an All-Prep School first-team selection who went on to play at Boston College under legendary Hall of Fame Coach Jerry York. He competed in two Frozen Four Tournaments and was a Coaches Award recipient. He was also named to the 1995-1996 NCAA Hockey East All-Academic Team before graduating with a BA in Economics. Pierandri has been coaching hockey at all levels since 2008 working in youth, travel, high school, and junior programs. So far SUMH has been his only venture into collegiate hockey. "I like teaching kids the game; bringing the experiences I've had to them," he said. "There is nothing more exciting than coaching a bunch of good kids, seeing them push themselves or fail and then succeed and triumph."



Outside of hockey Pierandri has more than twenty years of experience in capital markets and financial services and currently serves as Vice President of the Technology Division at American First Equipment Finance – experience that helped when he was looking to transform the SUMH program.

His commitment to the SU Men's Hockey program was reflected in Coach Pierandri's 1.5-hour commute from Fairport, NY – a Rochester suburb – for every practice, game and league meeting. Coach P did this while balancing family life – raising three children (Sam, Dorothy and Jameson); a dog; and two cats; and sneaking in some free time for surfing, fishing and golf.

Pierandri says, "I wanted people to recognize Syracuse Hockey and that these guys were student athletes and they were successful. There is satisfaction that comes with building a program."

Coach Pierandri accomplished his mission; not only as a coach who can motivate his players to be part of winning teams and successful graduates after hockey but also as a true transformative builder who can guide a program to its next level of professionalism development leaving it stronger and more resilient. It is therefore with honor that we present Coach Nicholas Pierandri with SUMH's 2025 Richard Van Winkle Award for his "the *significant contribution to the development of the team and the maintenance of its legacy.*"





*The Richard Van Winkle Award is presented to the Syracuse University Men's Ice Hockey player, alumnus, or staff member "who has demonstrated leadership on and off the ice, has made significant contribution to the development of the team and the maintenance of its legacy".*



**Richard Van Winkle, SU '63** was the founder of Modern Era Hockey at Syracuse University in 1959. He recruited players, negotiated rink space and ice time, raised operating funds, and served as the club representative to the University. He also co-founded the Finger Lakes Collegiate Hockey League. It was because of his efforts that the Syracuse University Men's Hockey fought itself into existence despite numerous and constant obstacles. He set the example and tone for the club and its future leaders.

Since the club's establishment a number of committed individuals have worked ceaselessly to protect, promote, and grow the legacy of Syracuse University Men's Hockey. The Richard Van Winkle Award was established as the highest honor by which SU Men's Hockey could recognize the contribution of these persons.

The Van Winkle Award (VWA) honoree is selected by a committee of former recipients based on evidence provided and is presented by a member of the Van Winkle Family.

***Past Richard Van Winkle Award Recipients***

*James Evert, 2019 • David Hadlow, 2020 • Lance Davis and Amy Morris Davis, 2021 • Peter W. Hayward, 2021 • Jeff Harris, 2022 • Glenn A. Schual, 2023 (pictured below) • William Diamond, 2024*

***Van Winkle Award Honorees - 8***

*Forwards– 3 (37.5%), Defensemen – 2 (25%), Goalies – 1 (12.5%) and Non-players – 2 (25%)*



# HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

<p><b><u>Class of 2019</u></b>  Richard Van Winkle '63  James Evert '63  Fred Robinson '63  Paul Merrell '79  David Attardi '82  Justin Armstrong '99  William Diamond '02  Russell Suskind '14</p> <p><b><u>Teams (Founders)</u></b>  1960-1961, 1961-1962,  1962-1963</p>	<p><b><u>Class of 2020</u></b>  George Mechem '69  David Hadlow '75  David Schenkel '76  Jeffery Harris '78  Hardy Green '79  Chris Healy '90  Jamie Stasko '01  Ryan Fogg '13  Aaron Witzel '14</p> <p><b><u>Championship Team</u></b>  1976-1977 (FLCHL)  1977-1978 (NYCCHA)</p>	<p><b><u>Class of 2021</u></b>  Brian Fitzgerald '62  David Kahn '63  Michael McTigue '79  James Veale '83  Erick Krug '91  Lance Davis '94  Wes Rene '13  Nino DiPasquale '16</p> <p><b><u>Championship Team</u></b>  1989-1990 (ECHL League &amp;  Playoffs)</p>
<p><b><u>Class of 2022</u></b>  Bill Oakley '67  Bill Gruber '78  Mike Pace '90  Dan Martin '96  Marshall Hall '98  Jon Gardner '01  JR LaPointe '16</p> <p><b><u>Championship Team</u></b>  2010- 2011 (NECHL Playoffs)</p>	<p><b><u>Class of 2023</u></b>  Brian Christie '65  Vic DiMaria '79  Glenn A. Schau '87  Ken Fry '91  Juan de la Rocha '98  Jeremy Bovay ESF '02  Jaime Ketchabaw '16  Nick Pierandri, Head Coach</p> <p><b><u>Championship Team</u></b>  2013-2014 (NECHL League &amp;  ACHA Tournament Participant)</p>	<p><b><u>Class of 2024</u></b>  Jack Braim '62  Neil Kovnat '78  Ben Potenza '89  Aaron Nardoza. '99  Kelly Park '01  Nolan Metzler '16</p> <p><b><u>Championship Team</u></b>  2015-2016 (NECHL League &amp;  ACHA Tournament  Participant)</p>
	<p><b><u>Class of 2025</u></b>  David Backhurst '68  Al Fecteau '78  Jeff Kennedy '89  Stephen Bell '99  Carter Hansen '05  Richie Carlston '10  Peter-Owen Hayward '20</p> <p><b><u>Championship Team</u></b>  2016- 2017 NECHL Champions</p>	

## Hall of Fame Inductees – 46

Forwards – 29 (63%), Defensemen – 11 (24%), Goalies – 5 (11%), Coaches – 1 (2%)

## Teams Inducted – 9

1960's – 3 (33.3%), 1970's – 2 (22.2%), 1980's – 1 (11.1%), 2010's – 3 (33.3%)

## In Memoriam

*Remembered here are those members (players, coaches, advisors, program staff and supporters) of the Syracuse University Men's Hockey family that have passed on.*

***"May the ice always be perfect, the passes tape to tape and every game better than the one before."***

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***Richie Carlston 2009-2010 • Coach Doug Elithorpe 1992-1993 •***

*Peter R. Eisenhower Jr 1992 • Christopher T. Lyle 1999 • Adam Geier 1998-1999 •*

*Sid Wolf 1998-1999 • Erick J Krug (HOF) 1989-1990 • Pat Scully 1984-1986 •*

*Tyrone Humes 1981-1983 • Peter Silverstein 1978-1979 • Peter Bliven 1977-1979 •*

***Bob Ghani 1976-1979 • Robert "Chip" Barber II 1976-1977 • Michael J McGuire 1974-1975 •***

*Bruce Bullock 1976-1977 • George A. Warren 1968-1972 • John A. "Jack" Pierce III 1968-1972 •*

*Robert "Rob" Neumeier 1968-1972 • Michael T Johnson 1964-1966 • Bob Thaisz 1969-1970 •*

*Terrance A Orlick 1967 • Edward "Ned" Fitzsimmons 1966-1967 • George Hebard 1964-1966 •*

*Richard "Rick" Sparrow 1964-1967 • Royden Fitzgerald Jr 1964-1967 •*

*William "Bill" Oakley (HOF) 1963-1967 • William "Bill" Miller, Jr 1963-1964 • Richard Chmura 1963-1964 •*

*Coach Babe LaRose 1962-1969 • Coach Jake Curran 1962-1966 • Howdy Davis 1962-1963 •*

*John Shilling 1962-1963 • Peter Gibson 1962-1963 • Gerry Glichenhauser 1960-1961 •*

*Coach Royden Fitzgerald Sr 1960-1962 • Frank E. Kiernan 1960-1961 •*

*Coach Dr Richard Johnson 1960-1962 • Mark Roadarmel 1960-1963 •*

*Richard Van Winkle (HOF) 1959-1963*

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**In Memory of Bob Ghani** - It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Bob Ghani on August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Though we posted a notice on the Friends of Syracuse Hockey Facebook page at the end of October, 2024 it was not in last year's HOF program memorial section. We would like to take this opportunity to recognize the loss to the SUMH community.

Wearing #30 and a Plante style mask, Bob was one of the team's goalies from 1976 to 1979 and was a part of two championship HOF teams – the 1976-1977 FLCHL Champions and the 1977-1978 NYCHL Champions. In addition to hockey, Bob played on the SU club Baseball squad alternating as a pitcher, short stop, and third baseman. He remained a lifelong baseball fan to the point of participating in two NY Mets Fantasy Baseball Camps.

Bob was a great supporter of the SUMH history project, providing some great stories about the teams and fellow players. He also attended the 2019 Inaugural HOF weekend. His wife, Janet, said Bob spoke often of how great it was playing hockey at Syracuse and spoke highly of the guys on the team.

Bob grew up in New Jersey where he played pond hockey and became a lifelong NY Rangers fan. After graduating SU in 1980 with an Engineering Degree he showed his preference for the warmth of California where he lived and worked most of his life. He kept his skates on the ice by playing men's league and coaching youth hockey. After being diagnosed with Merkle cell carcinoma Bob underwent year long treatment before succumbing to the cancer. Darius and Devon plus his mom, brothers and wife, Janet, were with him before he peacefully passed. Our condolences to his family.



# MAKE A GIFT

## TO SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY MEN'S HOCKEY

### THE CAUSE

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY MEN'S HOCKEY IS SEEKING DONATIONS TO HELP PLAYERS COVER THE COSTS OF TRAVEL, ICE TIME, HOTELS, PLAYER EQUIPMENT, TEAM SUPPLIES, AND THE ANNUAL HALL OF FAME EVENT. THESE COSTS ARE PRIMARILY COVERED BY PLAYER DUES.

### THE GOAL

THE SYRACUSE MEN'S HOCKEY CLUB PROGRAM IS AIMING TO REDUCE PLAYER DUES WHICH WILL IMPROVE AFFORDABILITY AND ATTRACT MORE TALENTED PLAYERS TO SYRACUSE.

### HOW TO DONATE

- BY CHECK, WRITTEN OUT TO *SYRACUSE MEN'S HOCKEY CLUB*
- BY VENMO, @SYRACUSEACHAHOCKEY
- MAKE A DONATION AT THE HOF REGISTRATION TABLE AT TONIGHT'S EVENT
- SUPPORT THE HOF ALUMNI WEEKEND RETRO JERSEY AUCTION
- PURCHASE GEAR DURING SYRACUSE MEN'S HOCKEY HOME GAMES

*-Syracuse Men's Hockey*

THANK YOU FOR YOUR **S**UPPORT

# THE TEAM BEHIND THE SCENES:

## MEN'S HOCKEY STUDENT OPERATIONS STAFF

In recent years, the Syracuse Men's Hockey Operations & Communications team has emerged to become a vital part of the program. Although they are not the ones on the ice or the ones who often receive the recognition, they have become an important piece to the program's status, exposure, and growing professionalism. The student staff are all volunteers and use the opportunity to hone their craft and build their resumes. Many student staffers have gone on to higher profile roles at SU and in the professional world. Syracuse Men's Hockey and the Hall of Fame committee would like to thank this year's student operations staff for their continued efforts and hard work!



**Leadership:** *Maria Kaffes-Dir Communications/Photographer; Maddy Goodstein-Dir Social Media; Arnav Pokhrel-Dir Broadcast Production; Margaux Fitzgerald-Dir Game Day Production; Linc Zdancewicz-Dir Game Day Production; Isabella Cucci-Dir Beat Writing/Head Beat Writer*

**Broadcast Team:** On air talent: Brooke Kilgore, Josh Solomon, Spencer Buley, Joe Simile, Jacob Erlbaum, Eddie McCarthy, Jazaleen Salinas, Caitlin McDonough, Evan Harrington Production staff: Abigail Weiss, Jack Knight, Ben Clements, Carter Masterson, Baylor Detjens, Adam Toubes, Joseph Sottile, Sammy Weinstein

**Game Day Production:** Angel Rooks-Orton, Zach Brett, Giulia Petti, Caitlin Kelly, Ally Ferretti, Abbey Zaletel

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**Video & Photography:** Ian Rempe, Gino Capicchioni, Matt Parry

**Game Day Operations:** Statistics: Harry Clark, Alex Rahn, Lorenza Calcagno, Miles Mittentag, Georgia Tashjian PA Announcer: Rowan Mastrangelo Scoreboard operator: Evan Swinehart.

**Beat Writers:** Brian Piendel, Sophia Volz, Harry Robbins, Matthew Gray, Amir Mehrtash, Natalie Symonowicz, Benjamin Lefkowitz, Shira Mandell



# 2025-26 SYRACUSE MEN'S HOCKEY ROSTER



## FORWARDS

2	Gabe La Porta	Niskayuna, NY
3	Aiden Emery	West Hartford, CT
6	Chris Fanning	Bethlehem, PA
7	Brendan Duffy	Queensbury, NY
9	Mathew McEnroe	Moon Township, PA
10	Tanner Cole	Falmouth, ME
12	Kade Cook	Fort Covington, NY
13	Jack Wren	Saratoga, NY
15	Brayden Sainato	Shrewsbury, NJ
16	Quinn Wimer	Syracuse, NY
17	Jack McCormick	Baiting Hollow, NY
18	Nathan McLean	Toronto, ON
19	Cameron Gaffney	East Greenwich, RI
20	Henry Pendleton	Annapolis, MD
21	Jack Alecia	Fairfield, CT
28	Omar Wang	Taipei, China
29	Eli Pendergrass	Saco, ME
37	Ben Brant	Ottawa, ON

## COACHING STAFF

Chris Timmons	Head Coach	West Islip, NY
Jordan Alhart	Assistant Coach	Rochester, NY
Jon Lauer	Assistant Coach	Camillus, NY
Zach Goldenberg	Grad Assistant Coach	Boca Roton, FL

## DEFENSEMAN

4	Carter Rugg	Hingham, MA
8	Ryan Thomas	Chicago, IL
11	Jacob VonTersch	Luverne, MN
14	Jake Brown	St. Louis, MO
22	Jack Duffy	Walpole, MA
23	Connor Chesner	Aspen, CO
24	Robby Cibotti	Pembroke, MA
25	Sean Caddo	Chester, NJ
27	Robbie Murphy	North Conway, NH
44	Hamilton Nordwind	Alexandria, VA
46	Dan McCarthy	Ridgewood, NJ
55	Ryan Williams	Denver, CO

## GOALTENDERS

30	Bryce Miller	Upton, MA
31	Cash Lawrence	Steamboat Springs, CO
33	John Angelino	Marblehead, MA
40	AJ Finta	Branford, CT

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## 2025 MENS HOCKEY SCHEDULE 2026

FRI SEPTEMBER 19	PENN STATE	6:00PM
SAT SEPTEMBER 20	PENN STATE	7:00PM
FRI SEPTEMBER 26	WEST CHESTER	8:30PM
SAT SEPTEMBER 27	WEST CHESTER	6:30PM
FRI OCTOBER 3	NIAGARA	7:30PM
SAT OCTOBER 4	NIAGARA	2:00PM
SAT OCTOBER 11	IUP	8:00PM
SUN OCTOBER 12	IUP	2:00PM
FRI OCTOBER 17	ADRIAN	7:05PM
SAT OCTOBER 18	ADRIAN	1:05PM
FRI OCTOBER 24	MISERICORDIA	6:00PM
THU OCTOBER 30	OSWEGO	8:15PM
FRI NOVEMBER 7	PITTSBURGH	7:20PM
SAT NOVEMBER 8	PITTSBURGH	6:20PM
FRI NOVEMBER 14	OSWEGO	6:00PM
SAT NOVEMBER 15	OSWEGO	2:00PM
SAT NOVEMBER 22	STONY BROOK	7:00PM
SUN NOVEMBER 23	STONY BROOK	3:30PM

FRI JANUARY 9	DELAWARE	7:00PM
SAT JANUARY 10	DELAWARE	12:30PM
THU JANUARY 15	OSWEGO	7:30PM
FRI JANUARY 16	ROBERT MORRIS	8:30PM
SAT JANUARY 17	ROBERT MORRIS	3:30PM
FRI JANUARY 23	DELAWARE	6:15PM
SAT JANUARY 24	DELAWARE	5:30PM
FRI JANUARY 30	RHODE ISLAND	7:00PM
SAT JANUARY 31	RHODE ISLAND	4:00PM
SAT FEBRUARY 7	STONY BROOK	6:00PM
SUN FEBRUARY 8	STONY BROOK	2:00PM
FRI FEBRUARY 13	PITTSBURGH	6:00PM
SAT FEBRUARY 14	PITTSBURGH	2:00PM
FRI FEBRUARY 20	NIAGARA	7:00PM
SAT FEBRUARY 21	NIAGARA	2:30PM