

Syracuse University Men's Hockey Hall of Fame and Van Winkle Award Honoree Weekend



November 5 -6, 2022



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Hall of Fame Induction Weekend
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Calendar of Events

Saturday November 5

Site: Sky Barn

12.00-pm-Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and Reception

Site: Tenuity Ice Pavillion

6.15pm-Introduction of Hall of Fame Honorees and Hall of Fame Banner

6.25pm-HOF Ceremonial Puck Drop

7.00pm-: SU vs NYU, Game 1

7.20pm: First Period Intermission – Recognition of the Champions Banner

Sunday November 6

Site: Tenuity Ice Pavillion

10.00pm

-SUMH Alumni Game

Site: Tenuity Ice Pavillion

2.00pm: SU vs NYU, Game 2

“You don’t stop playing hockey because you get old. You get old because you stop playing hockey.” – Dave Kahn, SU ‘1963, SUMH HOF

Syracuse University Men's Hockey



Hall of Fame

2022 Class

Bill Oakley '1967

Bill Gruber '1978

Michael Pace '1990

Dan Martin '1996

Marshall Hall '1998

Jon Gardner '2001

JR LaPointe '2016

Championship Team

2010-2011 NECHL Champions

Van Winkle Award

Jeff Harris '1978

This year's class of Inductees and honorees is comprised as follows: three are originally from upper New York, the Rochester-Buffalo area, three from outside of Boston, and one from Canada/Australia/USA. Two have twin brothers. Four played defense, four played forward and one played both offense and defense, five served as captain, three served as player-coaches. Four were part of a championship team, and five coached youth hockey after SU. All say the best memories are the camaraderie and lifelong friendships.

If many of the descriptions of tonight's honorees have a similar ring to them, it is because the values they hold are what make them stand out as individuals and worthy of induction - love of the game, the value of camaraderie and mutual respect, pride in wearing the orange "S", and giving their best whatever the role and regardless how difficult the situation. These are the values that have become part of the SU Men's Hockey legacy and why we are celebrating this class of honorees.

2022 Hall of Fame Bios



Bill Oakley, SU '1967

1963-1967

Left Defense, #2

Originally from Rochester, NY Bill Oakley learned hockey on “a marsh pond with snow bank boards”. When his team shared ice time with the local semi-pro team The Rochester Americans, that included players the likes of Gerry Cheevers, Al Arbour and Don Cherry, Bill had the opportunity to hone his defensive skills under the tutelage of Al Arbour.

Later in the season he played on a local all-star junior team that made it to the Nationals.

Bill's decision to attend SU was influenced first by the fact that both his parents attended SU – his father was a running back and safety on the football team in the 1930's. The second influence was seeing Dick Van Winkle and SU play RIT in Rochester, NY. He was impressed enough with Van Winkle's play and the team to want to play hockey at SU.

Bill was a member of Delta Upsilon, one of the fraternities that strongly supported SU hockey, several of its members were club members. Bill was a four-year player who earned the reputation as a tough stay at home defenseman known for blocking shots and his hard checking of opponents. His pinpoint passing to Sayre McLeod and Roy Fitzgerald assisted in several goals and his tenacious kamikaze style of play earned him the gratitude of his goalies as well as his share of injuries. In one instance in order to protect his goalie Bill stepped in front of a hard charging opponent knocking the other player over while dislocating his own shoulder. In another game he was injured while hip checking an opposing player. Bill sacrificed himself for his team.

During his final game, a hit from behind ruined his knee. At the time Bill was enrolled in the SU Air Force ROTC with an assignment on graduation to the OSI, hoping to be “the next James Bond” but after his injury he was dismissed from the ROTC. This forced a change in Bill's professional path that led him after graduation to the top of two professions. First, as a Vice President, Direct Sales for Encyclopedia Britannica, then later transitioning into Financial Services ending up a member of the Million Dollar Round Table. Yet, Bill says his most cherished accomplishment was “College Hockey Player” – it gave me toughness.”

Bill says he still has his “Tacks” (skates) from then, “they cost \$65 –that translated into significant beer money at that time.”

For all his contributions on and off the ice as an impact player, leader and supportive alum it is with great honor and pride that we induct Bill Oakley into the Syracuse University Men's Hockey Hall of Fame Class of 2022. Unable to attend this year's induction ceremony due to a recent stroke Bill says he hopes to attend the next one.



Bill Gruber, SU '1978

1975-1978

Defense (Rushing Defenseman) #14

Assistant Captain (1976-1978)

HOF Championship Teams 1976-1977 and 1977-1978 member

Gruber, grew up learning hockey on homemade backyard ice rinks outside Buffalo, New York. He started organized hockey at age 12 and was a member of the Amherst NY Juvenile level travel team (ages 17 - 18) that went on to earn the state and national championships in 1973.

As a transfer student from Ithaca College, Gruber came to SU primarily for an Engineering degree and with the added benefit of satisfying his passion for hockey. Initially assigned to the B Team "an old man beer league where all these guys wanted to do was beat up on college kids". He soon advanced to the A Team and became a part of it's "*wealth of talent.*" Sometimes confused as being a forward, Gruber was a rushing defenseman who with 34 points was one of the team's top scorers, helping SU secure the 1977 League and Playoff Championships which also resulted in his selection to The Finger Lakes Collegiate Hockey League First Team All-Stars for 1976-1977. Gruber also contributed to the team's 75-76 Eastern FLCHL Championship, the 76-77 and the 77-78 NYCCHA Championship and as such is already a HOF inductee as a team member.

As Assistant Captain, Gruber led by example on the ice and was instrumental off the ice pulling them together as a team. Some of those events involved gatherings at Delta Phi Epsilon sorority, where he and other hockey teammates spent a lot of time, enough so he met and married his wife, (Ruth, '79) of 43 years.

After SU, Gruber made a career using his Mechanical Engineering degree working in technical sales and management positions with industrial manufacturers throughout the United States – Buffalo NY to Salt Lake UT, Minneapolis MN, Southern New Jersey, Greensboro NC and Cincinnati OH. Gruber retired this year and he and Ruth have made the move to the Orlando FL area where he now has the option of rooting for the Tampa Bay Lightning.

Gruber graduated in 1978 and continued his association with hockey. First as a men's league player "we were 'those' guys who made life rough for the college kids", second as a coach of his three sons youth hockey teams; and last as a long-suffering Buffalo Sabres fan who dreams of Patrick Kane spending his twilight years with the Sabres.

"Syracuse Hockey made a very big difference for me, it was where I met so many people, and became connected to campus life". Gruber is making his first "official" visit back to campus since graduating. He says "I look forward to seeing a game, and to seeing what the program is like now". Despite a recent knee replacement, Gruber will be standing behind the bench at the Alumni Game coaching and providing some good-natured encouragement.

For all his contributions on and off the ice as an impact player, leader and supportive alum it is with great honor and pride that we induct Bill Gruber into the Syracuse University Men's Hockey Hall of Fame Class of 2022.



Mike Pace, SU '1990

1987-1990

Forward/Right Wing, #18

Captain (1989-1990)

Mike Pace was a rough and tumble kid with a lot of energy who started skating at age five. A natural skater he trained under the legendary John "Crunch" McFall. Always being asked to play up with older teams Pace proved his talent by making the West Seneca West High School hockey team as a sophomore and went on to become the team's Captain during his senior year, the year

they won the New York State Championship. During this time he also played on both the area Junior C and B teams, Mike played a lot of hockey.

When it was time for college Mike chose SU for the education and the offerings of a large school over playing hockey. In fact it wasn't until Mike's sophomore year that he discovered SU had a hockey team. After knocking a few players on their butts during tryouts he was welcomed by then team Captain Jeff Kennedy with a growly "that's how you do it!" Teamed up with Kenny Fry and Greg Craybus, Pace's line was one of the two most productive lines during his tenure. Mike played for three years, 1987-1990, serving as Captain during his senior year when the team won both the ECHL League and Playoff Champions. Pace was a two-sport collegian playing both hockey and volleyball.

After SU, Mike continued his love affair with hockey by serving as an ambassador of the game through his continued play in men's leagues and youth coaching. Professionally he also was able to monetize his passion through his two businesses – Pace Landscaping and Ice Rinks, which in addition to landscaping, manages the installation, maintenance and storage of over 100 outdoor seasonal rinks. And through Skate AnyTime, a company that sells and distributes synthetic ice tiles for hockey throughout the entire United States and Canada.

Besides being a natural skater, Mike has proven to be a natural leader as captain of his various teams, in his professional role as a businessman, and an SUMH alumni. During his SU Captaincy Mike learned "while not everyone may not be the best, no one is more important than anyone else, everyone has an important role, you treat everyone like family and when you give your word follow through." These principles have guided Pace's leadership style as a coach, businessman and parent.

This is Mike's second induction into the HOF, he was inducted in 2021 along with the rest of the 1989-1990 Champions team at which as its captain he gave a memorable speech. For all his contributions on and off the ice as an impact player, leader and supportive alum it is with great honor and pride that we induct Mike Pace into the Syracuse University Men's Hockey Hall of Fame Class of 2022.



Dan Martin, SU '1996

1992-1996

Forward, #14

Captain (1995-1996) and Team Officer (1992-1996)

Dan Martin grew up in Medfield, MA, outside of Boston, he has played hockey his whole life from learn to skate, through youth, travel, high school and college followed by a year of semi-pro and now men's leagues. "Sports, including hockey, were something I did to get out all my pent up energy, focus my time and schedule me a little bit. It kept me on the rails and made life a little easier for my parents." In high school he was a member of the Catholic Memorial hockey team, a perennial powerhouse.

"A great hockey player" – a talented forward who was both a leading scorer and strong on defense, always on the starting line – his first two years with Lance Davis and then with Marshall Hall (HOF 2022) and Juan De la Rocha. "Danny had great hands and was an extremely good puck handler who could get around anyone. You could always rely on him if the game was close and we were in a crunch situation." While a highlight for Dan was the year SU beat the University of Rochester, he will say the most important thing he took away from Syracuse was the lifetime of friendships – "those bunch of knuckleheads!" From all the interviews of his teammates the feeling is mutual. Dan was a four-year player and for much of it an officer, then Captain of the team. A self-described leader on the ice, he worked closely with a variety of talented individuals including managers, captains and coaches who handled the office ice management. During his tenure, the program grew stronger as "the culture became more serious, and it attracted a higher level of skilled players." Another contribution was helping to initiate the tradition of the "Hockey House" and the perennial parent comment "You guys live in this dump?"



After SU, Dan spent his first year continuing to scratch the hockey itch by going to Alaska to play semi-pro with the Alaska Gold Diggers in the West Coast Hockey League. Upon return home he went to work in the field he has spent the last twenty-five years, Public Relations and Marketing. During his career he has worked with four firms rising from an Account Executive to a VP with Brodeur Partners to his current position as Executive VP Healthcare with PAN Communication.

Dan loves hockey for the competition, for the life lessons it teaches you, and most of all for the camaraderie and friendships developed. He shares this view with his children and as a youth hockey coach. Dan works to instill the philosophy that has guided him as a person, parent and coach "That it isn't the name on the back of the sweater, it is the one on the front that counts....play hard but play the right way"

For all his contributions on and off the ice as an impact player, leader, supportive alum, and contributions to his community and for serving as a living example of "It is how you approach the game that determines what you get out of it", it is with great honor and pride that we induct Dan Martin into the Syracuse University Men's Hockey Hall of Fame Class of 2022.



Marshall Hall, SU '1998

1994-1998

Forward, #7

Marshall Hall born and raised in Canada, he and his twin brother Tyson started skating at age six and they always played together at the highest levels including the Nepean Raiders and in the Ontario PeeWee AA Championship. A move to Australia saw Marshall and his brother playing in a travelling men's league. After a hockey hiatus when living in the Netherlands, they moved to the Boston area where they played their senior year at Lincoln Sudbury High School making it into the State Semi-Finals.

Marshall's first bag into the car and first bag out was his hockey gear.

Marshall was a four-year SU player (1994-1998), who played hard and was willing to go and battle in the corners. His line mate Danny Martin says, "Marshall always knew the right thing to do with the puck and the plays to make" as a result the line of Martin-De la Roche-Hall was a highly productive line racking up so many goals and assists it consistently put each of them at the top of the point leaders board every year. During his first two years he teamed up with Danny Martin and Juan de la Roche. Then during his last two seasons Marshall played on the same line as his twin brother Tyson. The Hall brothers were known for their tape to tape blind passes to each other, an instinctual skill developed from a life time of playing together on teams in Canada, Australia and the United States.

Marshall was acknowledged as a leader on and off the ice, though when offered the "C" for his jersey he'd never accept it. Instead he chose to lead by example, when he talked people listened. During Marshall's tenure, the Hockey House blossomed into two and set the standard for the future. Whenever his teammates were interviewed about the team they all said "Talk to Marshall, he'll know, he's full of stories." And they were right. The camaraderie and friendships developed at Syracuse remain paramount today and the basis for a longstanding annual February weekend reunion organized by Marshall held in Nepean known as the "Cottage Cup". According to Dan Martin, "it was an opportunity to reconnect with past teammates and make lifelong friends with others I never played with."

Upon graduation Marshall returned to Boston where he entered the software industry as a Global Account Manager with Cognos. He then joined IBM for four years and today he serves as Vice President Enterprise Sales at Salesforce. Marshall continued to

play men's league hockey until he met his future wife and had a change of priorities. Today Marshall lives in Placida Florida near Tampa Bay with his wife Melisa (Missy) and four daughters (Haley, Daisy, Abby and Maisy) all who have inherited the competitive spirit and are great athletes in their own accord -golf, lacrosse, and soccer.

For all his contributions on and off the ice as an impact player, leader and supportive alum it is with great honor and pride that we induct Marshall Hall into the Syracuse University Men's Hockey Hall of Fame Class of 2022.



Jon Gardner, SU '2001

1996-2001

Defense & Power Forward, #22

Co-Captain (2000-2001) and Team Officer (1997-2001)

Jon Gardner and his twin brother Jay grew up playing hockey together. Early on the pair earned the moniker of the “Bomb Squad” when they were on the ice because stuff would just be blowing up around them. They were standouts on the Lynnfield High School Pioneer squads that finished atop their division each of their four seasons from 1992-95. The brothers also played with Tyngsboro Huskies Junior team of the Eastern Junior Hockey League.

A defenseman all through youth hockey, high school and juniors Jon started as a defenseman at Syracuse then shifted to power forward. “Gardy” as Jon was known at Syracuse, was a member of the “Edwards” line (because all their middle names were Edward). Each year his stats improved until his senior year when he compiled 25 (Goals), 25 (Assists) for a total 50 points and a career tally of 130 points over five years. As a team co-captain Gardy helped transition the team from its new on campus quarters. He extended his undergraduate fifth year, along with a couple of other teammates, so they chance to play on the new Tennity Ice Pavilion rink. As a inaugural game he made the assisting pass to Bill Diamond first goal of the rink’s history.



After SU, Jon says “I knew I was going to be in knew I wanted to coach. After graduating SU he moved back area going to work as an ADE (adaptive phys-ed teacher Collaborative provides quality-driven, affordable educational programs and services to students with moderate to severe disabilities, Jon describes himself as “a travelling games show host, circus, my car is always filled with hockey equipment in the trunk then a bunch of other nonsense that helps me get the kids riled up and then leave them all fired up for the teachers, sort of like the **“fun uncle”**. It’s been a great journey teaching the special needs population, it is good to make them smile, make them laugh and make them run around.”

Jon has also realized his second goal, that of coaching hockey. Since graduating Syracuse in 2001 he has been coaching with his twin brother, Jay, first their old junior team, the Tyngsboro Huskies and now for the past eleven seasons at their alma mater Lynnfield High



School, “giving back to your town and the team that gave to you.” according to Jon. This past season they gave back by coaching the Pioneers to their first championship since 2005. Jon still plays men’s league using his 10’ wingspan to slow down the college kids. Hockey is a huge, huge part of my life, it led me to Syracuse where I met my “kind, beautiful, talented and most of all patient wife Jackie”. Jon is always

willing to talk hockey, especially Syracuse hockey, he still has his Syracuse jersey in his bag, because the team he coaches their color is orange. “SUMH has a rich, proud history, I’m glad it is being recognized”

For all his contributions on and off the ice as an impact player, leader and supportive alum as well as his continuing connection to hockey as a player, coach and mentor it is with great honor and pride that we induct Jon Gardner into the Syracuse University Men’s Hockey Hall of Fame Class of 2022.



JR LaPointe, SU '2016

2013-2016

Forward, #12

Co-Captain (2015-2016)

JR LaPointe grew up in Gardner Massachusetts where he first began roller skating around his kitchen and driveway then progressed to ice skates. His youth hockey career included playing with the Lowell Lock Monsters, Central Mass Outlaws, and the Minutemen Flames. During his freshman and sophomore years of high school he was a member of the Gardner High School Wildcats and captained the team his sophomore season. JR was then recruited and got a scholarship to go to Cushing Academy for two years where he played on the Men's Varsity A team prior to his being recruited by Connecticut College. He decided to transfer to Syracuse first because of the academia joining the Whitman School of Management where he doubled in Finance and Accounting. And second, due to the culture of the hockey team - a well rounded group that were serious about their hockey and academics, as well as having fun.

During his time at SU, 2013-2016, JR became a predominate player of his time scoring 80 goals, 66 assists and 146 total points, averaging 21-24 assists a season. He had 25 career power play goals, 2 shorthanded assists and 16 Game winning goals. Playing during the Coach Perandri era, he was a member of the championship teams of 2013-2014 and 2015-2016 plus two ACHA Nationals Tournament invites as well the only game played under the Dome. As co-captain during his senior year, JR was the vocal leader on the ice and in the locker room.

JR turned a junior year internship with Boston Scientific into a full time position in Boston in their financial rotation program in Massachusetts. Several promotions that have led him to Southern California where he currently manages a sales territory for an implantable medical devise where he has the privilege of working directly with patients and physicians.



Initially, upon graduating from SU, JR played hockey in and around Boston then in California with his now fiancé Heather, a former member of the Syracuse Women's Hockey team. According to JR "Once the teams see Heather play they end up inviting her more than me to play." Recently, returning to his roots of rollerblading JR has become active in Roller Hockey winning a championship with a San Diego based team and scheduled to participate in the NARH Championships. "It is a whole different game", says JR, "I'm not one of the better players, but I still have my shot." That in itself makes him valuable to any team.

For all his contributions on and off the ice as an impact player, leader and supportive alum it is with great honor and pride that we induct John Ross (JR) LaPointe into the Syracuse University Men's Hockey Hall of Fame Class of 2022.

2010-2011 NECHL Playoff Champions



Under head coach of Brian Renna and assistant coaches Mike Hughes, Jamie and Jay Huff and club officers/captains Mike McConney, Dan Folkman, Ryan Fogg (HOF 2020) and Team Manager Jack Bretti, SUMH captured it's first NECHL League title as well as winning the 2011 NECHL Playoff Champion and in the process setting a new standard for the program that led to three league, and two playoff championships and three trips to Nationals over the next few years. Comprised of a team of talented players working unselfishly as a unit, the 2010-2011 SUMH squad compiled a season record of 23 wins and 7 losses including its league record of 11 wins and 3 losses. SUMH scored 151 goals or 5.0 average per game against their opponents 83 goals or 2.7 goals per game. The team recorded 2 shutouts and 8 games where opponents were limited to only 1 goal. And in 6 games where there was a one-goal differential SUMH won five of them.

Team Members included:

Forwards: Simon Hebert, Afif Steve El Soth, Will Baker, Alex Licorat, Daniel Folkman, Wes Rene (HOF 2021), Jesse Meyer, Mike McConney, Evan Asroff, Russell Suskind (HOF 2019), Justin Snell, Cam Cunneyworth, Mike Dillane, Henry Spalding, Brian Flynn, Aaron Witzel (HOF 2020), Gordon Jones, Adam Montgomery, and Niall Harding.

Defense: Sean Mitchell, Isaac Spinler, Christian Phelps, Marty Gottlieb-Hollis, Evan Tonkel, Scott Briggs, Jim Guida, Steven Brooks, Eli Smith, Casey Eccles, and Ryan Fogg (2020)

Goalies: Nick Ponzo, Andrew Collingham, and Conor Hurley.

HOF Members: Russell Suskind (HOF 2019), Ryan Fogg (2020), Aaron Witzel (HOF 2020), Wes Rene (HOF 2021).

“Our big rival was Buffalo during my senior year, they were one point ahead of us in the standing so the goal differential would be the difference maker. We had to basically beat them in points that final weekend - beat them in one of the games and the overall goal differential by two goals. In the first game we tied it with a minute left. There was a face off in our end and they scored with 5 seconds left to win by one in the first game. The result just made us more determined for the next game. Coming into the second game, trailing and the underdog, led by twelve seniors on that team who really wanted to get to nationals, never having been there before. There was a kind of a will power thing more than anything else, we played with “a motivating desperation” that drove us for 60 minutes coming from behind and the winning the League Championship exactly by the two goals needed. It made winning the League Playoffs a bit more relaxed and fun because knew we were going to Nationals”.

It is with great honor and pride that we induct the 2010-2011 NECHL Playoff Championship team into the Syracuse University Men's Hockey as members of it's Hall of Fame Class of 2022.

Van Winkle Award Honoree

Jeffrey Harris (HOF 2020)

1974-1978

Defense; #3

Co-Captain (1975-1976)

President and Player-Coach (1975-1978)

NYCCHL co-organizer/founder/league chairman (1976-1978)

1976-1977 & 1977-1978 Champions HOF Team member



Jeff Harris, HOFer Class of 2020, known as “Wolfman”, was a part of the amazing talent pool of Syracuse players of the mid-70’s. During his first year he made his presence felt on ice as a highly skilled defenseman. He was the team’s MVP in 1975-1976. During his sophomore year he started being just as impactful off the ice as a team leader, first as a co-captain and then during his junior and senior years as team President, Captain and a player-coach. Jeff is credited with finishing the transformation of the program begun by Dave Hadlow, 1972-1975, by helping put SUMH on better financial footing, raising the team’s visibility, navigating the folding of one league (FLCHL) while co-founding another (NYCCHA) and leading the team to two championship titles, FLCHL 1976-1977 and NYCCHA 1977-1978 teams who on their own merit were inducted into the 2020 Class HOF and as a member of the HOF Championship Teams of 1977 and 1978.

Jeff’s unique leadership spread across all areas of the program from negotiating an increase of financial support from the university, serving as a player-coach to even media technician. “I wasn’t a coach in the traditional sense.” says Jeff, “We all worked together. I organized practices, led the drills and planned travel details for upcoming games. During the games, I’d make adjustments that needed to be made, set the line-ups and discuss the ongoing game plan between periods. To make it more like a professional game, I had a tape recorder with a mix of classic rock bands like Boston, so when we came out of the locker room we played it at the beginning of the game, then I would run over to the penalty box and turn it off before the face off.”



During Jeff’s tenure a proposal was submitted to the SU Board to lift SU Club Hockey to Varsity status. While unsuccessful it did result in broad local news coverage of the team and included footage of the team practicing at the Fairgrounds along with a featured interview with the TV reporter.

During the 1976-1977 season Jeff secured funds for new uniforms with a new "S" logo design (designed by Jeff’s brother an art student). It was the first time in years that jerseys, socks and pants were provided by the club. Then, during Jeff’s senior season (1977-1978), when SUMH won the NYCCHL championship Jeff successfully lobbied the administration to provide funding and support to play the championship game at the War Memorial. SU approved the funds to rent the ice time as well as providing bus transportation from main campus for students going to the game.

A man of many talents with a true passion for the game and commitment to SU Men’s Hockey continued existence and advancement. His dedication to the program is one of the critical influences that have insured the continued existence of SUMH and given it its legacy of constantly striving for excellence in the face of adversity.

After graduating with a Bachelor’s in Science Education Jeff continued playing hockey into his early thirties. He came to realize that his real passion was food thus taking him into the restaurant management field, owning his own restaurant and catering business for a few years,

and then settling in to Senior Living Food Service Management industry where he was a Regional Director of Operations for 30 years. Jeff says “running the SU hockey program for three years taught me valuable skills and provided me with a sense of pride.... I believe that my experience with the hockey program helped instill a drive and ambition to be successful at whatever I do.” We couldn’t agree more, so it is with honor and pride that the Syracuse University Men’s Hockey program presents Jeffery Harris the 2022 Richard Van Winkle Award.

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

Hall Of Fame Members

<p><u>Class 2019</u> Richard Van Winkle, SU ‘1963 James Evert, SU ‘1963 Fred Robinson, SU ‘1963 Paul Merrell, SU ‘1979 David Attardi, SU ‘1982 Justin Armstrong, SU ‘1999 William Diamond, SU ‘2002 Russell Suskind, SU ‘2014</p> <p>Teams (Founders) 1960-1961 1961-1962 1962-1963</p>	<p><u>Class 2020</u> George Mechem, SU ‘1969 David Hadlow SU ‘1975 David Schenkel, SU ‘1976 Jeffery Harris, SU ‘1978 Hardy Green, SU ‘1979 Chris Healy, SU ‘1990 Jamie Stasko, SU ‘2001 Ryan Fogg, SU ‘2013 Aaron Witzel, SU ‘2014</p> <p>Teams (Champions) 1976-1977 (FLCHL Champions) 1977-1978 (NYCCHA Champions)</p>
<p><u>Class 2021</u> Brian Fitzgerald SU ‘1962 David Kahn SU ‘1963 Michael McTigue SU ‘ 1979 James Veale SU ‘1983 Erick Krug SU ‘1991 Lance Davis SU ‘ 1994 Wes Rene SU ‘2013 Nino DiPasquale SU ‘2016</p> <p>Teams (Champions) 1989-1990 (ECHL League) 1989-1990 (ECHL Playoffs)</p>	<p><u>Class 2022</u> Bill Oakley, SU ‘1967 Bill Gruber, SU ‘1978 Mike Pace, SU ‘1990 Dan Martin, SU ‘1996 Marshall Hall, SU ‘1998 Jon Gardner, SU ‘2001 JR LaPointe, SU ‘2016</p> <p>Teams (Champions) 2010-2011 (NECHL Playoffs)</p>

A Brief History of the Syracuse University Men's Hockey

The Syracuse University Men's Hockey program got its start during the winter of 1959-1960. "At first we were only a group of interested university students who met twice a week at Drumlins Country Club" said club organizer Richard "Rip" Van Winkle, who continued "At the end of our first season we felt that hockey would find its place on the list of Syracuse University sports." And continue they have for the next 60+ years growing into one of the country's top twenty American Collegiate Hockey Association (ACHA) club teams.

During the past sixty years each decade has seen the program face nexus moments in its existence and thanks to truly Hall Of Fame leaders and player dedication emerged stronger and more determined than ever to raise the standard of their team. Despite Syracuse University's vague unfulfilled promises of varsity/NCAA status the program has persevered because of the players love for the game of hockey and the camaraderie of each other.



SUMH has belonged to 10 leagues helping establish four of the leagues has won 6 regular season and 8 playoff championships During the past decade alone, it has captured five playoff and three regular season titles, made three trips to the ACHA Nationals and represented Syracuse and the USA at the 2004 SELL University games in Finland. There have been over 600 players, 22 player-coaches; 34 non-player head coaches and assistant coaches, along with nearly 100+ volunteer staff, interns, managers and advisors.

The Challenge

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 had/has available. The emphasis is always on leaving the program in a better place for the next team, better organized, better financed, more competitive, well coached, greater support from the local community, university, alumni, families and friends. *The goal is always to build the best program possible, always moving forward, together, past and present toward the future.*

Acknowledgement

The SUMH has always been a student led and administered organization but it could not have done it with out 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 from filling water bottles, washing jerseys, tracking statistics to game day operations. In recent years a highly active and professional corps of students media and operation interns learning on the fly about creating live action broadcasts and organizing game day events. In recent years support from inside Syracuse University has come from the club advisors - John Petosa and Seth Gith, event promotion and alumni development from the Alumni Services, financial support from Recreational Service Club Sports and Kelly Johnson and his crew of the Tennity Ice Pavilion. Also a huge thank you goes out to all the parents, family and friends for supporting the SUMH financially, as fans and game day attendees, and serving on the parent communication committee. And finally to our SUMH alumni who paved the way and continue to cheer us on.

Thank you all! Go "Cuse Hockey! Go Orange!

Pins and Banners

Each year the SUMH History Project has worked with the HOF Event Committee and the SUMH program to recognize and increase the awareness of the program's history.

Banners

This year we are proud to add two banners celebrating the past successes of the Syracuse University Men's Hockey club program one that recognizes the League and Playoff Championships and the other, the years of participation in the ACHA National Tournament. These banners serve as recognition of the pride we have in our past champions and as a reminder to our current and future teams of the programs legacy.



Pins

Also this year, we have undertaken to expand the manner we honor our alumni, Hall of Fame Inductees and Van Winkle Award Honorees by having pins recognizing those achievements created and to be distributed during the HOF and Van Winkle honor ceremony. All current and past honorees will receive recognition pins.



Alumni pins will be distributed to all alumni (players, coaches, staff and student operations/ media support).



Wear them with pride of your contribution to the Syracuse University Men's Hockey Program.

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ACHA MENS 2022-23 schedule DIVISION I

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	TYPE
FRI SEPT 23	KENT STATE	7:00PM	HOME
SAT SEPT 24	KENT STATE	2:00PM	AWAY
FRI SEPT 30	STONY BROOK	7:00PM	HOME
SAT OCT 1	STONY BROOK	2:00PM	AWAY
FRI OCT 7	DREXEL	7:00PM	HOME
SAT OCT 8	DREXEL	2:00PM	AWAY
FRI OCT 14	DELAWARE	6:15PM	HOME
SAT OCT 15	DELAWARE	5:30PM	AWAY
FRI OCT 21	BUFFALO	7:30PM	HOME
SAT OCT 22	BUFFALO	2:00PM	AWAY
THU OCT 27	OSWEGO STATE	8:30PM	HOME
FRI OCT 29	OSWEGO STATE	7:00PM	AWAY
SAT NOV 5	NEW YORK	7:30PM	HOME
SUN NOV 6	NEW YORK	2:00PM	AWAY
FRI NOV 11	VILLANOVA	8:45PM	HOME
SAT NOV 12	TENN	12:00PM	AWAY
FRI NOV 18	RHODE ISLAND	7:00PM	HOME
SAT NOV 19	RHODE ISLAND	2:00PM	AWAY
FRI DEC 2	PITTSBURGH	9:20PM	HOME
SAT DEC 3	PITTSBURGH	3:00PM	AWAY
FRI JAN 13	DREXEL	7:40PM	HOME
SAT JAN 14	DREXEL	2:45PM	AWAY
FRI JAN 20	ROBERT MORRIS	7:00PM	HOME
SAT JAN 21	ROBERT MORRIS	2:00PM	AWAY
FRI JAN 27	RUTGERS	8:00PM	HOME
SAT JAN 28	RUTGERS	2:00PM	AWAY
SAT FEB 4	NIAGARA	8:30PM	HOME
SUN FEB 5	NIAGARA	2:30PM	AWAY
SAT FEB 11	DELAWARE	7:30PM	HOME
SUN FEB 12	DELAWARE	2:00PM	AWAY
FRI FEB 18	RHODE ISLAND	7:00PM	HOME
SAT FEB 19	RHODE ISLAND	4:00PM	AWAY
MAR 3-MAR 5	ESCHL CONFERENCE PLAYOFFS		

HOME AWAY

SUMH 2022-2023 Team Roster

Forwards

21 Jack Alecia	3 Zach Goldenberg
15 Brock Alvers	26 Sam Hutchinson
44 Isaac Arnold	27 Anthony Larkin
19 Vincent Barone	4 Patrick O'Hara
5 John Coggiola	10 Zachary Schwartz
16 Timothy Cook	29 Alexander Oakes
18 Matt Fanning	24 Anthony Solt
8 Connor Flanagan	9 Evan Vassilovski
6 Max Gargurevich	13 Jack Wren

Defense

25 Sean Caddo
20 Marty Castner
23 Connor Chesner
2 JD Florio
17 Timofei Kouzimine
7 MacKenzie Murphy (C)
29 Alexander Oakes
22 Lucas Skolnick
28 Jared Topf
46 Luke Wong
11 Matthew Zarb

Goalies

33 John Angelino
30 Jordan Edelstein
40 AJ Finta
37 Nikolaos Manousos
31 Chris Spano

Coaches

Christopher Timmons *HC
Jordan Alhart *AC