

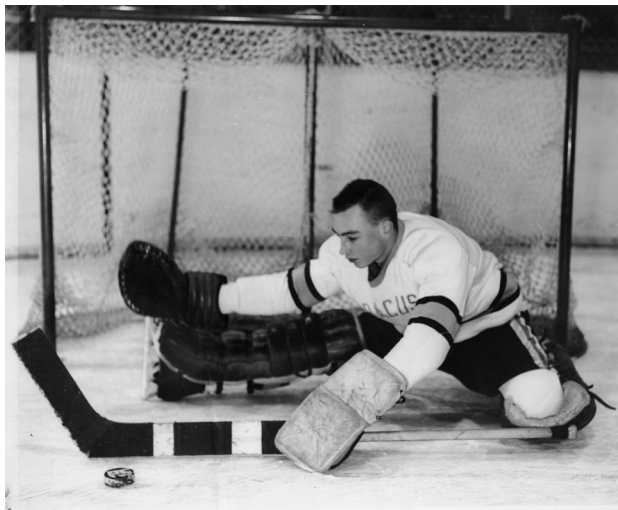


Richard (Dick) Van Winkle, SU '1963
1959-1963
Goalie, #1
Founder, Captain, Coach

Dick Van Winkle was instrumental in starting the Syracuse University Hockey Association, in which he played goalie for Syracuse during his four-year tenure there. Dick was passionate and persistent about the development of SUHA. Letters, petitions to the Athletic Board, and many pictures all tell the story of Dick, along with his teammates, building a robust hockey institution, their aspiration for University recognition and sanction, and their intention to create a sustained hockey program at Syracuse University. In 1962 Dick founded and was President of the Finger Lakes Collegiate Hockey league which endured for 17 years. His success with establishing the hockey program at Syracuse was due to the experience he gained while creating the hockey program in his hometown of Ridgewood, NJ.

While at Syracuse, Dick was also a member of the crew team and was President of Delta Upsilon Fraternity and was also part of the publication of the award winning magazine "Syracuse 10." After graduating, he co-founded Surfing East Magazine (1965-67) and was inducted into the East Coast Surfing Hall of Fame in 2014 in recognition of his work as a Media Pioneer.

Dick worked on Madison Avenue in New York City as an advertising executive for 25 years. He was a volunteer fire fighter in Midland Park, NJ for more than two decades, serving as both President and Lieutenant. He continued to play goalie in men's hockey leagues after his time at SU. His last game was in the early 80's when he took a slap shot to his forehead resulting in 144 stitches.



Dick died in April of 1992. He is survived by his wife Ellen, three children and seven grandchildren. The Van Winkle grandchildren age 18 to 6, all share some of Dick's passions including hockey, surfing and other sports. Like Dick, his grandchildren all play with immense heart, intensity and dedication to their teams.

It is with immense gratitude and honor that we induct Richard (Dick) Van Winkle as the first honoree into the Syracuse University Men's Hockey Hall of Fame. Here on to accept on Dick's behalf and that of the family are his sons Tim and Rich Van Winkle.



James "Jim" Evert, SU '1963
1959-1963
Forward, #13

Jim says he never played organized hockey until college, learning his stick handling and shooting fundamentals from a hockey book. Evert met Richard Van Winkle in 1959 and soon their shared interests had Jim joining a group of fellow students for informal ice hockey games at the Drumlins rink. Following the 1959-1960 season, Jim assisted with the establishment of an organized club called the Syracuse University Hockey Association. During that first season of 1960-1961, Jim playing forward was the leader in assists and tied with three others for second in goals and shared the honor of total points leader.

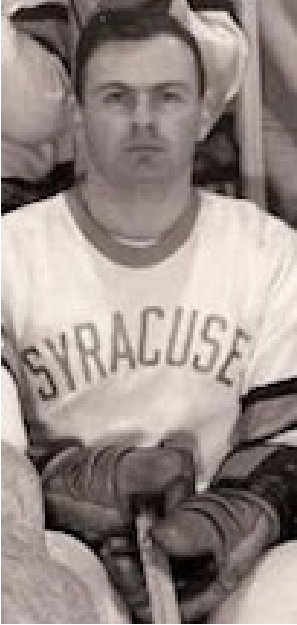
During the next two seasons, Jim played in 30 games and helped the team expand as they brought in more skilled players and were among the founding member teams of the Finger Lake Collegiate Hockey League.

Also while at Syracuse, Jim was an active student leader being elected as a class senator, serving on both the Freshman and Sophomore executive councils and serving as co-editor of the Freshman Newsletter.

After graduation Jim began 30-year management career with IBM. While at IBM, Jim founded a company hockey club. From there, Jim went on to become Vice President at both Supper Computers in Wisconsin and Fujitsu in California, finishing his career as CEO of Irving Sensors in Southern California. Jim has always been deeply involved in the communities he has lived including serving as Mayor of San Clemente, CA. Though Jim is now retired and living in Florida,

Syracuse University Men's Hockey has been fortunate to be the recipient of his dedication. He was one of the first former players who was contacted concerning the Syracuse University Men's Hockey History project and has gone out of his way to assist with providing information, digging up past records, contacting former players and very importantly making contact with the Van Winkle family. This weekend and tonight owes a considerable debt to his contributions. It is with great honor and pride that we induct James "Jim" Evert into the Syracuse University Men's Hockey Hall of Fame Inaugural Class of 2019.





Fred Robinson, SU '1963

1961-1964

Forward, #20 and #6

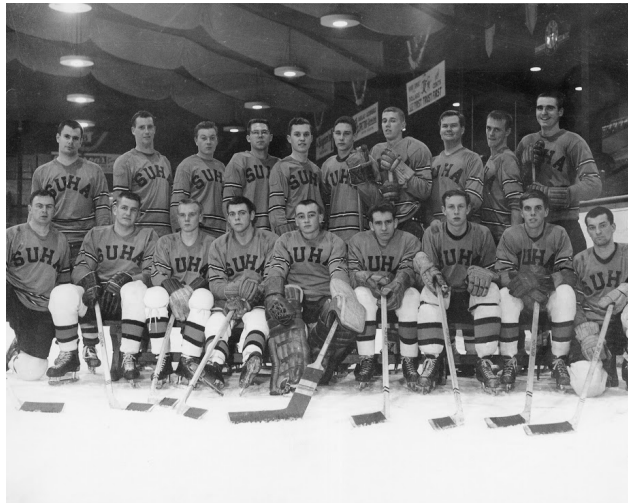
Secretary-Treasurer

Fred started out as a true hockey player, playing on ponds, where he once lost two teeth and fell through the ice. He played organized hockey in high school after which he took a hiatus from school to spend three years serving in the US Coast Guard.

Fred was an early member of the original Syracuse University Hockey Association team joining in the 1961-1962 season. He played in 36 games during his three seasons from 1961-64, the first two as an undergraduate playing right wing and the last as a graduate student playing center. Described in the press as “a name feared around the local amateur rinks,” Fred led the Finger Lakes Collegiate Hockey League in scoring his senior year, averaging two points a game. He once scored a hat trick with two goals coming shot-handed during one penalty kill.

He served as the team’s Secretary-Treasurer from 1961-1963 and as team Captain in 1962-1963. Away from the ice, he was an active student leader in the New York State College of Forestry at Syracuse University where graduated in 1963 with a degree in Entomology. He played hockey alongside two other College of Forestry students—Tom Borg and Ray Nozynski.

After graduation, Fred went on to a career as an arborist founding his own company of Fred J Robinson and Associates in 1988, which he still serves as president and as a consulting arborist. He turned his competitive energies to sailing, becoming a 3-time Sailing National Champion. Though Fred has not played hockey since college, he has been a long-time supporter of both SU Men’s and Women’s Ice Hockey teams. His enthusiasm and support is appreciated by everyone who is lucky to interact with him.



It is with honor and pride that the Syracuse University Men’s Hockey program inducts Fred Robinson into its Inaugural Hall of Fame Class of 2019.



Paul Merrell, SU '1979
1975-1979
Goalie, #1

Played Goalie with SU From 1975-1979.

Paul began his career with the Syracuse University Men's Hockey team as a freshman goalie on the club's representative team in the Syracuse Industrial Hockey League where he was 6-1-3 with 3 shutouts and a goals against average of 1.3. The following season he moved to the SU team of the Finger Lakes Collegiate Hockey League helping them secure the 1976-1977 League Championship.

Referred to as 'Bugs' by his teammates, he remembers the one opportunity his parents had to watch him play was against rival R.I.T. Paul says "RIT wins the opening faceoff, skates in and fires a slap shot, it hits me right between the eyes...after much bleeding, my game, all 5 seconds of it was over. My mother swore she would never watch me play again....ahh, Good Old time Hockey!"

After graduation, Paul went on to play semi-professional hockey from 1979-1985 while also coaching a youth hockey team of 4th-6th graders in Lockport, NY from 1980-1982. From 1994-1998, Paul joined the coaching staff of the Buffalo Bandits, a professional indoor lacrosse team of the MLL, capturing a league championship with them in 1996. When Paul moved to Orlando, Florida, he spent 1999-2017 coaching in the Orange County Youth Lacrosse Leagues, then moving up to Braveheart Lacrosse, a feeder program for Lake Highland Preparatory School.



Paul is an SUMH alumni who have generously given of his time and memories to the history project about the team. Paul is a man of mystery for we have no picture of him without his mask. It is with great pleasure and honor that we induct Paul Merrell into the Syracuse University Men's Hockey Hall of Fame Inaugural Class of 2019.



David Attardi
SU '1982
Forward
#11
Co-Captain

David's story with the SUMH team is one of determination and perseverance. After not making the team during the Fall of 1978 tryouts, he earned his place on the team for the next three seasons 1979-1982. During his first season Dave played with the SU squad in the Finger Lakes Collegiate Hockey League and on occasion in the Syracuse Industrial Hockey League, when they needed a few ringers.

During his senior year, Dave found himself in two new roles: Co-captain and moving from left wing to center. He averaged a point per game through his Syracuse career, with nearly twice as many assists as goals. Dave has always taken pride in his role as a setup man, the type of player every team needs and depends on.

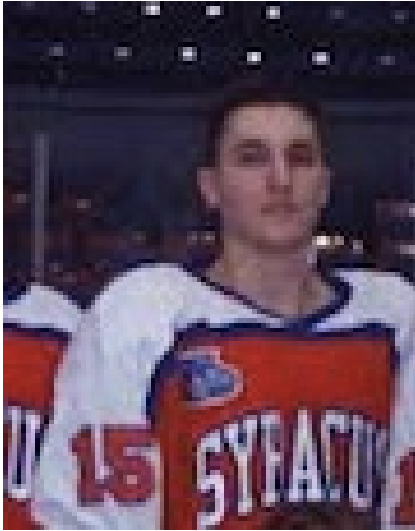
Dave worked on Wall Street, for over 35 years with some of the world's largest hedge funds and asset management companies taking him to various locations including Chicago and London. Though now semi-retired he remains active.

He and his wife have been married 27 years and have a daughter Jenna who works for a Global Visual Media Co. They spend a lot of time in the Adirondacks, Saratoga Springs and Lake Placid, a place where Dave enjoys keeping his hand in the game. In his 40's David rediscovered his passion for the game while coaching youth hockey and soccer. Ever since, he has played on several teams in all divisions, and in tournaments. One of his teams, the WawaTusi has faced off against teams from Philadelphia at such memorable venues as the Spectrum home to the Flyers' AHL Phantom team and at Wells Fargo Center, the Flyers home ice.

David has remained a faithful fan of SUMH following it via the team's social media and being a helpful resource in pulling together the history of the team.

It is with great pride and honor that we induct David Attardi as a member of the Syracuse University Men's Hockey Hall of Fame 2019 Inaugural Class.





Justin Armstrong, SU'1999

1995-1999

Defense, #15

Captain 1998-1999

Assistant Coach 1999-2000

Justin competed for four seasons from 1995-1999, picking up, in his words, “a handful of goals, a bunch of assists and quite a few penalty minutes”, helping the team make it to the league playoff semi-finals four consecutive years, under four different coaches. Justin served as the 1998-1999 Captain and then after graduation served as an assistant coach from 1999 to 2000 while working for PwC in it’s Syracuse Office.

At a time when the hockey program was struggling, Justin was part of the team leadership that helped do whatever needed to be done to keep the program going including working hard to raise the team’s level of play and strongly advocating for the construction of a rink at SU. Those efforts paid off even though he missed playing on the new Tenny Pavilion rink by a year. It was the hard work of Justin and his fellow teammates that paved the way for the facility we have today. He did get his opportunity to play on the Tenny rink when he and fellow alumni organized and played in the first Alumni Game.



Continuing his tendency to be

ahead of the curve, Justin was a double major in Finance and Accounting in the School of Management before it was known as Whitman.

After leaving Syracuse he headed for Saratoga, NY where he is currently the FP&A manager at an engineering firm that provides outage services and repairs on turbines. Justin and his family reside in Saratoga Springs, NY where he and his wife are actively involved in coaching and serving as board members on their son’s and daughters’ numerous teams including the 2 time defending (10U and 11U) NENY champs and serving as the Treasurer for their baseball league.

Justin has mentioned that he has a few stories from his days at the Ackerman Avenue Hockey House, some which maybe of Hall of Fame nature, but that is all he would say.

It is with great honor and pride that we induct Justin Armstrong into the Syracuse University Men's Hockey Hall of Fame Inaugural Class of 2019.



William "Bill" Diamond, SU '2002
1998-2002
Defense, #6
Captain, President

Bill played Defense for four seasons 1998-2002. Never shy to play an offensive style, he relayed a story in which he and his fellow defensemen found themselves on the attack behind the opposing team's goal, looking up and seeing each other and wondering "who is playing Defense?"

Bill served as Team Captain, President of the Syracuse University Men's Hockey Team, and a Member of the Syracuse University Club Sports Advisory Board. His commitment to his fellow teammates and the team in general drove him to take responsibility for helping put SU hockey in position for success. Bill led the team during a transition period in which one coach quit before the end of the season and was responsible for hiring another coach before the start of the next season, that new coach happen to be Mike Moracco. He was a part of the SUMH era when its league joined the ACHA and the team moved from their State Fairground Coliseum environs "where it was dark, we had to take our showers in the stalls where they washed the horses" into the newly built Tennity Pavilion. Bill scored the first goal in the rink, in a game against Liberty. Bill says Syracuse provided him a place to play and think about how to build teams and programs.

While at SU, he was an instructor for 200 level PE Ice Hockey class and had worked camps in upstate NY and Minnesota. By his senior year, he knew that he wanted to return to prep school to coach and teach.

Currently Bill is the chair of the history department at Kimball Union Academy. This is his second stint there. He coached hockey with the boy's team from 2002-2006 and then from 2015-2018. KUA is one of New England's most successful programs. This past season, he coached the KUA girls' team alongside former Dartmouth Head Coach and Team USA assistant Mark Hudak.

Bill has been one of the alumni who has gone out of his way to contribute to the Syracuse University Men's Hockey History project with countless stories, pictures and reaching out to other former players on the project's behalf. For all his contributions and leadership, it is with great pride and honor that William "Bill" Diamond is inducted into the Syracuse University Men's Hockey Hall of Fame Inaugural Class of 2019.





Russell Suskind SU '2014
2010-2014
Forward, #15
Alternate Captain, Captain

Played forward for four seasons from 2010-2014. During that time he was a member of the 2010-2011 Playoff Semi-finalists and 2011-2012 NECHL Playoff Champions. He served as an Alternate Captain for the 2012-2013 season and then Captain 2013-2014 of NECHL Regular Season and Playoff Championship team. During his career at Syracuse, Russell played in 114 games notching 49 Goals and 84 Assists, totaling 133 points and averaging 1.167 points per game. Among Syracuse all time players, Russell ranks first in assists, fifth in goals and points scored and 6th in games played and penalty minutes.

Away from the rink, Russell served as a US Retail Trading Desk intern with UBS Wealth Management, and co-founded Fannation—a phone app for seating upgrades. Since graduation, Russell has served a 2-year fellowship with Ventura for America, an organization that places college grads into start-ups within rebuilding American cities. He also co-founded two e-commerce mattress companies and is currently in charge of Brand Partnering at goPuff, a digital convenience retailer delivery service in Philadelphia, PA.

Russell was also one of the first to step up to provide technical assistance with the History Project. It is with great honor and pride that we induct Russell Suskind into the Syracuse University Men's Hockey Hall of Fame Inaugural Class of 2019.



The First Teams 1960-1962

The initial club team of the modern era was known as the Syracuse University Hockey Association (SUHA) formed early in 1960 involved eight players and a total of six games between 4 teams.



The next season 1960-1961 the club expanded to 15 players and pulled together an informal federation of seven teams that played a schedule of 14 games.

The 1961-1962 season brought the first recognition from SU when they

approved that faculty member, Dr Richard A Johnson, was permitted to serve as club advisor and first non-player coach. It was on this team that Richard Van Winkle, Jim Evert and Fred Robinson played together. The season was crucial in demonstrating that there was interest in forming an official collegiate league comprised of area teams, resulting in April of 1962 with the establishment of the Finger Lakes Collegiate Hockey League with Richard Van Winkle elected to be it's first president.



The 1962-1963 season was the first year of official league play. Since then Syracuse Men's Hockey program has been a part of 7 leagues, won 12 regular season league and play-off titles with at least one in each of the six decades and over the past ten years has earned three national playoff invites, won 3 League regular season championships, and made it to 6 league playoffs winning three playoff championships including last season's ESCHL Playoff Championship..

It is with great pride that we recognize the initial dedication, effort and leadership of those first three teams that set the tone and create the legacy upon which the Syracuse University Men's Hockey program has grown into today by inducting them as the first teams Of the 1960, 1961 and 1962 into the Syracuse University Men's Hockey Hall of Fame as part of the Inaugural Class of 2019. Accepting on behalf of those first classes are Jim Evert and Fred Robinson.

