



Keith Weatherbie

Keith's contributions to Maine athletics began in 1967. Prior to teaching, coaching, and athletic administration, he was an accomplished high school basketball and baseball player at Cape Elizabeth and continued his prominence in both activities at the University of Southern Maine.

For his outstanding play he has been inducted into both the USM Husky Hall of Fame and the Maine Baseball Hall of Fame. As a teacher Keith taught Chemistry, Biology and Physics as well as History, Algebra and Geometry -- living proof good teachers can teach almost anything.

Keith's tenure as an athletic administrator spanned just over two decades. During that time he has served on the MPA Cross Country, Tennis, and Ice Hockey committees and hosted state championships in Soccer, Field Hockey, and Outdoor Track. He was a valuable member of the MIAAA (Maine Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association) serving as a board member and president. That organization has honored him with the MIAAA Award of Merit, MIAAA Athletic Director of the Year, and the MIAAA Marty Ryan Award. The MPA has also honored him with the Larry LaBrie Award. Keith always brought insight and integrity into each conversation centered around either league, regional, or state play. He has been and remains an advocate for Maine High School sports. He still works at league, regional, and state events with a very high degree of efficiency and professionalism.

*It is an honor to recognize Mr. Keith Weatherbie.*



*Maine Principals' Association in partnership with Lifetouch School Portraits Recognizes the 2015*

**Maine Principals' Association  
Hall of Excellence  
Inductees**

*~ May 21, 2015 ~*

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*Peter Brown, Administrator*

*Norm Davis, Official*

*Paula Doughty, Coach*

*Richard Getchell, MPA Assistant Executive Director*

*John Huard, Athlete*

*Dwight Hunter, Athletic Administrator*

*Lisa Blais Manning, Athlete*

*Anita Murphy, Coach*

*Robert Stevens, Administrator*

*Keith Weatherbie, Athletic Administrator*

## *Program*

*6:00 p.m.*

*Reception*

*6:45 p.m.*

*Welcome and Meal*

*7:30 p.m.*

*Recognition of Inductees*

*8:30 p.m.*

*Closing and Photos*

## *Robert “Bob” Stevens*



Bob Stevens began his teaching career in 1969 quite by accident. After graduating from Providence College with a degree in History, it was suggested that he look at teaching as a way to stay out of the military. Forty-six years later, Bob is still impacting the lives of young people. After only four years of teaching, Bob took his first administrative job in the Pittsfield School District. After nine years in New Hampshire, Bob accepted the job as principal at York High School, a job that he has held for the past 37 years. From the very beginning, Bob has been active in the MPA, truly adhering to his motto of

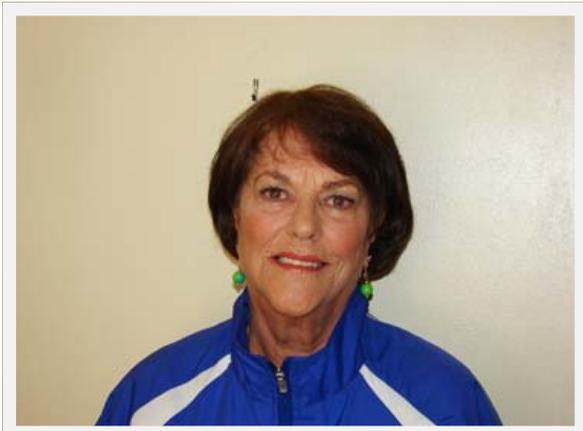
“Anything for the MPA.” He has served on the Professional and Interscholastic Management Committees numerous times, has served on the Basketball Committee, the Legislative Committee, and was President of the MPA in 2005-2006. He has served on numerous Ad Hoc committees over the years and has also been involved in numerous investigative committees. More often than not, Bob has been asked to chair any committee he serves on. He has been an integral part of the Great Beginnings Program since its inception and has served as the MPA Parliamentarian for the past 25 years.

He has been honored numerous times throughout his career with such recognition as the Governor’s Award in 1990; Milken Award Nominee in 1994, 1997, and 1998, and selected as a recipient in 1998; Maine Secondary Principal of the Year in 1999; and twice recognized by the Maine Legislature for “Excellence in Education.” In 2002, the street where York High School is located was renamed to “Robert Stevens Drive.”

As one fellow administrator noted, “Bob is the best principal I have ever had the pleasure of working with! He taught me how to be an administrator.”

*It is truly an honor to be able to recognize Mr. Robert Stevens.*

## Anita Murphy



Ms. Murphy is in her 37th year as varsity girls' tennis coach at Lewiston High School. Last year she attained the milestone of her 500<sup>th</sup> victory.

Anita's impressive record includes 12 Class A State Championships, and 5 State Runner-up titles. She also had a 13 and under USTA team that won three New England championships and captured the Northeast Championship placing them in the top four teams in the country.

Anita has received many honors for her outstanding contributions to female athletics and, specifically, tennis. The KVAC has named her coach of the year three times, the Portland Press Herald named her Coach of the Year in 2008, and the highest honor the National Federation of High Schools named her the National Tennis Coach of the Year in 2008. In 2011, she received the MPA's Unsung Herione Award and further distinction with the National High School Coaches Association as the National Coach of the Year and the Maine Tennis Association's Maine Women's High School Coach of the Year. Her entire career can be measured with character and positive leadership.

Anita has been Lewiston's strongest advocate for girls' athletics and the most respected leader for all girls. She constantly promotes girls in the school, on the courts, and fields, as well as in the classroom. While her son, Ron, was coaching the boys' tennis team at Lewiston at the same time she was coaching the girls' team, the Maine Tennis Association honored them with the Tennis Family of the Year Award. Her contributions have placed her in the Auburn - Lewiston Sports Hall of Fame. This award reflects the passion and commitment she has had over her years of coaching.

*Please welcome one of Maine's most accomplished coaches impacting*

*Maine's young ladies, Anita Murphy.*

## Peter Brown



Mr. Brown is a graduate of Portland High School and the University of Maine at Farmington. He was very involved in sports playing football, soccer, basketball, and baseball. Peter began his teaching, coaching, and administrative career in 1967 at Woodstock High School. During his 38 plus year career, he demonstrated excellent communication and leadership skills. He is truly regarded as a mentor to staff and students alike.

As part of his coaching resume, he coached state championship teams in both football and baseball. As an athletic administrator he has been honored with the athletic administrator of the year award, the MIAAAA Award of Merit, the Retired Athletic Administrators' Award and then was inducted into the Maine Baseball Coaches' Hall of Fame.

He remains an integral participant with the MPA and with leagues around the Central Maine area. He served on several MPA Committees (Cheerleading, Softball, Officials' Fees, Skiing, and Interscholastic Management). He also served on two National Federation committees (Cheerleading and Softball). Currently, he still is requested to umpire state championships in softball and to run activities for the MPA. He has always been a willing participant in any MPA endeavor. During Peter's almost 25 years as an administrator, he has positively impacted many Maine students. He has reflected those values respected by his students, staff, and community. Peter closed his career at Jay High School. During this time of turbulence, (the workers' strike at International Paper) he demonstrated the ability to lead an entire community.

*The MPA is honored to recognize one of Maine's great administrators, Mr. Peter Brown.*

## Norm Davis



Norm Davis is a 1952 graduate of Edward Little High School. During his high school years he was an outstanding athlete that would later sign a professional baseball contract with the Baltimore Orioles. In 1964, Norm began umpiring softball and quickly became one of the top umpires in Maine. He worked three major national tournaments in the 1980's and in 1984 was selected as Maine's Umpire in Chief. In 1989 he was appointed to the ASA National Umpire Staff, working in more than 60 national ASA Tournaments as the Umpire in Chief. Over the years, Norm worked at more than 39 umpiring schools, traveled throughout the United States, as well as overseas, to give clinics on

softball rules and mechanics. Throughout his entire career, Norm's first love was high school and middle school softball here in Maine. He loved working with the young players in our state and valued the friendships that he developed.

Throughout Norm's career he was recognized with numerous honors. In 1987 he was selected to enter the National Indicator Fraternity, one of the highest honors bestowed on an umpire. In 1997 he was inducted into the Lewiston-Auburn Hall of Fame and he was the first Maine umpire to ever enter into the ASA National Hall of Fame. In 1998 he achieved "Elite Status" and was named as a State Commissioner in Maine.

As busy as Norm was with his umpiring, he always had a true sense of family and lovingly referred to his wife Elaine as "the wind beneath my wings!" Unfortunately, we lost Norm on December 29, 2013.

*It is a pleasure to be able to recognize Mr. Norm Davis this evening.*

## Lisa Blais Manning



Ms. Manning was truly an outstanding athlete that drew much attention across our state and country. She attended the Westbrook Schools and graduated from Westbrook High School in 1981, (That was at a time when Westbrook was considered as one of the Big Five—Portland, Deering, South Portland, Cheverus, and Westbrook. She was instrumental in leading a number of girls' teams at Westbrook. Her dominant performances are summarized in seven state championships covering four different sports (Field Hockey, Track, Softball, and Basketball). Lisa was the pioneer of female athletes right after the recognition of Title IX. Likely the most significant female athlete at that time.

Right after high school Lisa attended Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia. In her four years at Old Dominion, the basketball team competed in the post season all four years. In her senior year Old Dominion was the National Champion, a team that she served as the Captain.

Of particular note, she received the Edward McMann Award given by the officials at the Western Maine Basketball Tournament as the Outstanding Player Sports person both in 1978 and 1979. In 2010, her daughter, Christy, was the recipient of the same award. The Southern Maine Activities Association has named an award in her honor - the Lisa Blais Manning Award - given to the League's Outstanding Player who represents these qualities (athleticism, scholar, community service, and character); traits exemplified by Lisa throughout her career.

*Please welcome to the MPA Hall of Excellence, one of  
Maine's great female athletes and person, Lisa Blais Manning.*

## *Dwight Hunter*



Mr. Hunter graduated from Presque Isle High School and attended both Aroostook State Teachers College and the University of Maine at Orono before beginning his career at Caribou High School where he remained for 41 years, 36 as an athletic administrator. Under his tutelage many programs were instituted while he was at Caribou. Eastern Maine had many larger schools in his earlier days and he was instrumental in developing “The Big East” a conference which provided schedules for the greater Aroostook schools. As an athletic director for almost four decades, Dwight became the voice and the gentleman that his peers held in high respect - he was the face of Maine Athletic Directors - everyone knew Dwight

Hunter and he literally knew everyone!

He was involved in the origination of, what was then called, the Maine Interscholastic Athletic Directors Association (MIADA) and later served as its president when it became the Maine Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (MIAAA). He has been honored many times for his outstanding contributions to interscholastic activities such as the Athletic Director of the Year Award, State Award of Merit, MIAAA Achievement Award, and a National Federation Citation Award. He has also been inducted into the Hall of Honors by the Maine Sports Legends. He led a very distinguished and honored career.

*It is with pride that I welcome Mr. Dwight Hunter into the MPA Hall of Excellence.*

## *Paula Doughty*



Ms. Doughty has been teaching and coaching at Skowhegan Area High School for more than 39 years. She is an outstanding classroom teacher who carries that teaching into being one of the finest high school coaches in Maine. She has been the varsity field hockey coach at Skowhegan Area High School for 34 years and has achieved an overall record of 473-83-18 over that time. During her tenure as coach, her teams have won 14 league championships, appeared in 23 regional championships, winning 20 of these, and have amassed 15 state championships. From 2001-2008, her teams won eight consecutive state championships and have won 12 out of the last 14 championships.

She is extremely proud of the 80+ athletes that she has coached that have gone on to play field hockey at the collegiate level. She has had 13 players nominated for Miss Maine Field Hockey and currently has a number of her former athletes coaching the sport.

She has been recognized as the *Maine Sunday Telegram* and *Central Maine Sentinel* Coach of the Year on numerous occasions, was chosen as the National High School Coaches' Association Coach of the Year in 2004, and in 2008 was selected as the NFHS National Field Hockey Coach of the Year. In 2010, she was inducted into the Maine Legends Hall of Fame and in 2011 she was selected as the Northeast Regional Field Hockey Coach of the Year. In 2013, she entered into the Maine Sports Hall of Fame.

With all of the success that Paula has had as a field hockey coach, one only needs to speak with her for a brief time to realize that it is the relationships that she has developed with the athletes she coaches that mean the most to her.

*It is an honor to be able to recognize Ms. Paula Doughty.*

## Richard Getchell



Richard Getchell graduated from Skowhegan Area High School in 1948 and from Bowdoin College in 1953. He went on to teach Biology and History at Westbrook High School from 1956-1961. In 1961, he was appointed as the assistant principal at the school and moved into the principalship in 1967. He served as Westbrook High School's principal for the next 17 years before becoming the district's curriculum director in 1984. In 1987, Dick moved into what was then known as the State Principals' Association as the Assistant Executive Director.

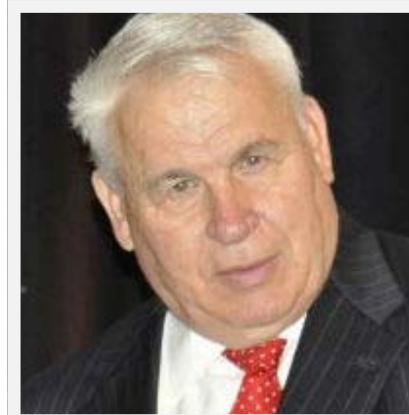
Dick was instrumental in orchestrating the merger of the State Principals' Association into what it is today known as the Maine Principals' Association. Over the years he served on many committees including basketball, football, and track. He was a member of the Executive Committee and served as the president of the association in 1983-1984.

Throughout his career, Dick was involved with the NEASC Public School Commission, serving on their Executive Committee as well as the chair of the committee. He had over 20 school visits of schools across Maine and New Hampshire. Through his early and innovative use of technology, Dick was invited to become a member of the Westinghouse Learning Corporation Advisory Board.

At the MSSPA, Dick oversaw many of the interscholastic activities that were in place and quickly became the "go-to" person in the office. He worked hard to develop relationships with school administrators from across Maine. He strongly supported the role that principals played in their schools and saw the value that quality co-curricular programs could play in a young person's life. In speaking with administrators that had an opportunity to work with Dick, they stated that he was a strong advocate for young people who went about his work with integrity and civility.

*It is an honor to be able to recognize Mr. Richard Getchell this evening.*

## John Huard



Maybe one of the finest athletes to ever come from Maine is John Huard. John attended Waterville High School where he was an outstanding three sport athlete. After graduating from Waterville, John spent a year at the Kents Hill School where he continued to excel in football, basketball, and track & field. Following his year at Kents Hill, John entered the University of Maine. While at Maine he was selected as an All-American Football Player in both 1965 and 1966. He was also selected as the MVP of the Tangerine Bowl in 1965. In 1967 John was drafted by the Denver Broncos where he quickly became the starting middle linebacker.

He would later move on to the New Orleans Saints and finished his career in the Canadian Football League. After his playing career John went on to a stellar coaching career where he guided Acadia University in Wolfville, Nova Scotia to national championships in 1979 and 1981. He also coached at Maine Maritime Academy, with the CFL's Toronto Argonauts and with the USFL's Chicago Blitz. John has received many honors over the years including being the first football player inducted into the University of Maine Sports Hall of Fame and the inaugural inductee into the Alford Stadium Ring of Honor. He has been inducted into the Maine Sports Hall of Fame and in 2014 he was inducted into the National College Football Hall of Fame.

John grew up in Waterville playing pick-up games with his older brother and his friends. He quickly learned how to be tough because they allowed him to play with one condition, "first time you cry, you are going home." At Waterville High School he had outstanding coaches and teachers. Football coach John Theriault and basketball coach John "Swisher" Mitchell provided him with the guidance and direction that continues to serve him well to this day. He recalls the summer that Coach Theriault gave him a blocking bag to work on over the summer. He tied the bag to his mother's clothes line and every day would work on his blocking technique with the bag. After graduating from Waterville, John moved on to the Kents Hill School for a year of preparation and maturation. John recalls that while at Kents Hill he met the best teacher that he ever had. "Mr. Tomarus taught me an appreciation for the love of learning. I carry that love with me to this day." Today John is the president of Northeast Turf and is active with the National Football Foundation, the Boys' and Girls' Club and the Susan Curtis Foundation.

*It is a pleasure to be able to recognize Mr. John Huard.*