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North Allegheny Athletic Hall of Fame

# The Joseph Drazenovich Award for Legendary Service

## Bobby Wright, 2007 Recipient



**B**obby Wright wrestled for the the NA Tigers from 1969 through 1974, and played Tiger baseball from 1972 through 1974. He is a 1978 graduate of Ohio State University.

For many years Bob has worked tirelessly in fundraising activities for Tiger athletics. He also sponsors local wrestlers to help them compete internationally, and at the Olympic level.

Bob is co-owner of the Wright Automotive Group, an ongoing friend of the North Allegheny School District and the North Allegheny Athletic Program.

Bob and Sandy (his high school sweetheart) have been married 27 years; their son Scott attends Purdue University, Tyler is a 10<sup>th</sup> grader at North Allegheny Intermediate, and Allison is an 8<sup>th</sup> grader at Marshall Middle School.

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# The Bob Miller Award for Outstanding Support of North Allegheny Athletics



Patricia Balok,  
2007 Recipient

From 1978 to 2005, Pat Balok served as the Secretary to four North Allegheny Athletic Directors, each with their own leadership and management style. During this time, the North Allegheny Athletic Program underwent a tremendous expansion. Pat had the daunting task of keeping the office running smoothly and managing the incredibly complex details and issues that were constantly cropping up. Her voice was the first you heard when you called the Athletic Office. She was the first person you saw when you walked into the office. She quickly developed the knack of fielding and answering tricky questions without having to run to the Athletic Director. Through it all Pat was the consummate professional.

During athletic events, Pat would serve in a variety of capacities - running the football scoreboard, timing soccer games, managing ticket sales for basketball and other sporting events ... and, assisting with many other jobs.

Pat has two grown children, both North Allegheny graduates, and four grandchildren. Patrice Dudo and husband John have two sons, Matthew and Michael. David and wife Adriann have two daughters, Rebecca and Jessica.

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# 2007 North Allegheny Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees



## Jessica Brungo

**Basketball and Volleyball**

**Class of 2000**

While playing Lady Tiger basketball, Jessica became North Allegheny's all-time leader in scoring (1,500+), rebounds, blocked shots and games played. In 1999, Street & Smith named her Honorable Mention All-American.

While attending Penn State, she scored over 1,000 points and ranks 16<sup>th</sup> all-time in rebounding (644), 7<sup>th</sup> in three-point field goals (117) and 6<sup>th</sup> in blocked shots (131). As a member of the Penn State team, they won the Big Ten championship her junior and senior years. In the NCAA tournament, PSU made the Sweet Sixteen and the Elite Eight those two years.

Drafted by the Connecticut Sun of the WNBA, Jessica helped her team to win the Eastern Conference Championship. They were runners-up 2 of her 3 years with the team.



## Valerie Fawcett McCormack

**Basketball, Softball and Volleyball**

**Class of 1974**

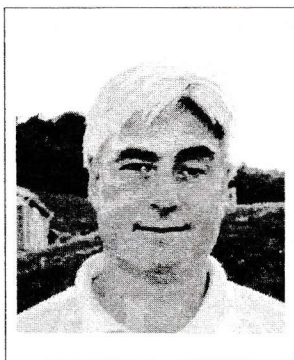
A North Allegheny triathlete, Valerie earned 4 volleyball letters as outside hitter, 3 softball letters as second baseman, and 2 basketball letters as a point guard. Her teammates elected her captain in all three sports. She was the first Lady Tiger to be named Outstanding Athlete.

In Val's senior year she led the volleyball team to an undefeated 16-0 season. The Tigers were WPIAL runner-up 3 of the 4 years that Val played. The basketball team was highly competitive during those years.

Valerie played intercollegiate volleyball at Indiana University/Bloomington, where she received her undergraduate and masters degrees. After graduation she coached girls' varsity track, tennis and basketball at Hawken School in Gates Mills (Cleveland) and ran the Hawken Sports Camp in the summertime.

Presently, Valerie serves as Executive Director of Shoes & Clothes for Kids, which distributes over \$1 million worth of new clothing and shoe gift cards at no charge to income eligible children throughout Greater Cleveland. She lives in Cleveland with her husband Tim and sons Colin, Brendan, Kerry and Dylan.

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## Tony Hindley

**Soccer**

**Class of 1978**

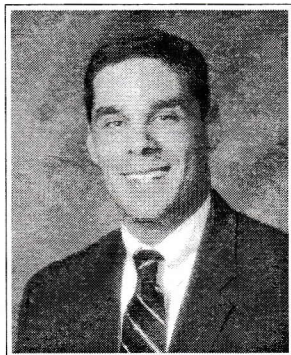
Tony was born & raised in England. In 1975, when he was 14 years old, he and his immediate family moved into our area.

He was a standout player for the Tigers, who were WPIAL Runner-up in 1975 and 1977, and WPIAL Champions in 1976. He was named All-WPIAL three times and All-PIAA twice. In 1977 Tony was named Most Valuable Player in the WPIAL, and was selected for the Regional All-American team.

At Slippery Rock University, Tony played on the first SRU team to have three consecutive seasons of 10 or more victories. He was selected All-Western Region of the PSAC three times, and was All-PSAC twice. In 1981 he was one of only 22 players to be named Division II National All-American.

After college Tony became an Open League player, and still participates. He coaches in the Seneca Valley Soccer Association at U-6, U-8, and U-10 levels; he also coaches Stars United (classic Level - U-11 and U-12.

Tony works in sales and packaging of equipment & supplies for Outside Industrial, a paper products company. He lives with wife Sheri and 12-year-old daughter Healy. His sister, Anita Ritenour, teaches 9<sup>th</sup> grade Social Studies at North Allegheny Intermediate High School.



## Jason Lammers

**Hockey**

**Class of 1994**

Jason played Tiger Varsity Hockey 4 years, serving as captain in 1993 & 1994. He received the May (MVP) award both years. He made two All-Star teams, and was named Pittsburgh Penguins AAA High School Hockey Player of the Month in November of 1993. The following year he was named to the Post-Gazette Top Six. He played defenseman for the Junior B Amateur Penguins Travel Team 3 years, and was selected to participate in the prestigious Chicago Showcase event.

Jason went to the State University of New York/Genesco and played 4 years of hockey for the Ice Knights. He was named co-captain as a sophomore & junior, and captain his senior year. He made the 2<sup>nd</sup>-team All-SUNY Athletic Conference Team and received the Players' Player award.

Jason played 2 years in the West Coast League. He helped the Phoenix Mustangs win a league championship in 2000. He has coached at Clarkson University, Hobart College, Alaska University/Fairbanks, and Princeton University. After returning to SUNY/Genesco in 2005-06, Jason coached his team to its first-ever championship of the New York Athletic Conference. Jason is presently a member of the Ohio State University Coaching Staff.



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## Maureen O'Hare Cygnarowicz

**Basketball, Soccer and Track**

**Class of 1992**

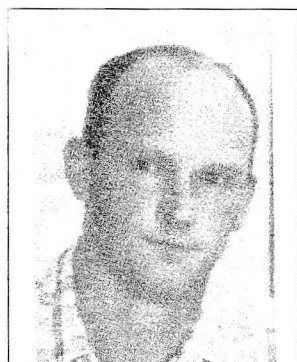
As a 4-year basketball starter, Maureen scored 1,316 points, pulled down 515 rebounds, and was All Section 3 years. In 1989, the Tigers won the Section 2 title and reached the WPIAL semi-finals, with Maureen leading the team in scoring. The following year she was named Press North All-Star and Fabulous 5 North All-Star. The Tigers made the Final Four that year with Maureen leading the team in scoring and in steals. She was the high scorer in 17 games. In her junior year, the Tigers reached the WPIAL semifinals and the PIAA Final Eight. In 1991-92, Maureen was named to the Press North 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Star, Press Scholastic Terrific 20 and the Fabulous Five. She earned North MVP honors in the Roundball Classic. That year the Tigers played in the AAAA Finals, and Maureen earned the North Allegheny Athlete of the Year Award.

As a 2-year soccer starter, she led the Tigers in scoring and was named to the Press North All-Star Second Team. The Tigers were Section 2 Champions and WPIAL semifinalists. A rare participant in both track and field events, Maureen participated in the 4 x 100 meter relay, the long jump and the triple jump.

Maureen earned a 4-year basketball scholarship to Robert Morris University. She was a 4-year starter and averaged 14 points per game. She led the team in blocked shots and steals during her junior year.

From 1989 to 1992, Maureen played for the Pittsburgh Pride, an elite soccer team. She was named Camper of the Week at the 1988 Pitt Basketball Camp.

Maureen, her husband Jack and son Declan (born 2004) live in Cranberry Township. In 2003 Maureen received the prestigious Chairman's Award from Acosta/Matchpoint Marketing, where she is Director of Client Services. Maureen helps to organize and host the annual Christ-mas party for the retired nuns of the Holy Family of Nazareth.



## Ryan Tolhurst

**Football and Track**

**Class of 1997**

Ryan lettered in Tiger football for 3 years and earned 4 track letters before going on to the University of Richmond, where he participated in both sports. The Tigers were 2-year AAAA North football champions, and played in the 1997 WPIAL Championship Game. He was team Co-Captain in 1996. He was a member of the AAAA North All-Conference team as a multipurpose offensive back. He received North Hills News-Record All Area honorable mention and honored by the Post-Gazette making the All-Conference First Team Offense in 1996.

The Tiger track team won the WPIAL championship all 4 years. He set NA records in the 200 and 400 meter dash, and was named the 1997 Fox 53 Sport Star awardee for track. He placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 1995 Butler Invitational 400 meter dash, anchoring the 3<sup>rd</sup>-place 1600 relay. The next year he won the gold in both events, and was named MVP for the meet. In 1997 he won the 400 again, adding a record-setting gold medal 200 meter dash and a 4<sup>th</sup> place in the 4 x 100 meter relay. At WPIAL championship meets, he took firsts in the 1996 & 1997 400 meter dash, the 1996 200 meter dash, and the 1997 1600 meter relay. In PIAA meet competition, he took a 6<sup>th</sup> in the 1996 1600 meter relay, a 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 1996 400 meter dash, and in a 2<sup>nd</sup> place in that event the following year.

Ryan received a full football scholarship to the University of Richmond where he was a Sports Science major. While there, they won the Atlantic-10 Conference championship in 1998. He was named to All-Conference in 1999. He ran indoor track in 2001, setting a University record in the 200 meter dash. His 4-year grade point average of 3.0+ earned him all academic honors from 1998 through 2001, and his 3.76 GPA in the spring of 1999 put him on the Dean's List. He volunteered with the Special Olympics, participated in the University's Arts & Sciences Symposium, was inducted into the Golden Key National Honor Society. He achieved a 4.0 GPA in the fall of 2000, and he represented the University at the annual meeting of the American College of Sports Medicine. He was a Scholar-Athlete in 2001, and graduated with Intermediate Honors Standing.

In 2002, Ryan was invited to the Blue-Gray Football Game, attended the Parisi NFL Combine Training Program and excelled at the NFL Scouting Combine. He played wide receiver for the NFL Carolina Panthers for two consecutive years. Currently, he plays for the Montreal Alouettes of the Canadian Football League.

He has been a volunteer for the LifeSpan Circle School for children with developmental problems and the Read Across America Program.