



Western Mass Chapter Hall of Fame Class of 2015

- Kathy Parker Tomassetti
 - Larry Briggs
 - Vin LoBello
- Malcolm Lester
- Dick Garber



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Kathy Parker Tomassetti



- Played Lacrosse at Bridgewater State University
- Became a lacrosse official in 1978
- Became the first Longmeadow High School's Girls Head Lacrosse Coach in 1982 when the program started.
- Coached Longmeadow High School from 1982 – 2006
- Continues to officiate Collegiate and High School Games to this day
- Beginning her 38th season as an official



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Larry Briggs

- Varsity Coach Amherst HS 29 years
- 141 Wins
- Western Mass Champions 2003, State Champion runner-up 2003
- US Lacrosse Coaches Association – Century Club Award 2003
- Russ Andrews Award 1982
- Don Johnson Sportsmanship Award 1997
- Western Mass Lacrosse Man of the Year 1998
- Western Mass Coach of the Year 1999 & 2004
- WMLOA Sportsmanship Award 2004



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Vin LoBello



- Member New England Lacrosse Hall of Fame, inducted 1997
- For 30 years Mr. LoBello was the district “Chief Referee” in the New England and also made all the college, prep school, and high school game assignments for the New England area. Mr. LoBello also officiated games in NE at the highest levels.
- A sportsmanship award in his name is presented to a deserving New England lacrosse team each year.
- Mr. LoBello was the Chief Referee of New England from 1962 - 1992.
- Officiated North / South All- Start game in Amherst, Ma 1967. Other North / South All Star Games, 1963, 1964.
- Vin worked 3 Army / Navy games. Last one in 1982 with Frenchy Julian and Joe Oliva. Of note in that game, Frenchy took objection to the Army band director when he had his band play “3 Bind Mice” at times during the game.
- Officiated all big games in New England in the 60’, 70’s, and early 80’s, including UMass, UNH, Brown, Dartmouth, Yale, and Harvard.
- **Honor:** A sportsmanship award in his name is presented to a deserving college lacrosse team each year. 1980 to present.

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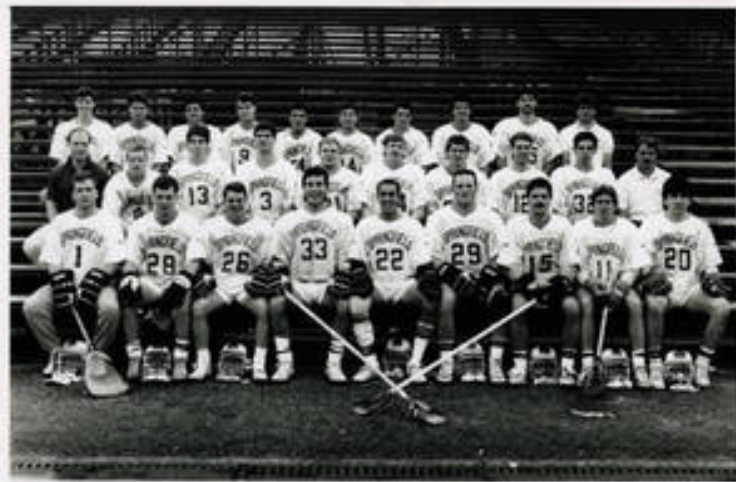
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Malcolm Lester



- Football, ice hockey, lacrosse letterman at Amherst Regional High School, Class of 1985, Played for Larry Briggs at Amherst, Lacrosse Team Captain, 1985
- All-Western Mass First Team, 1985
- Inaugural inductee in Amherst Regional High School Athletics Hall of Fame, 2010
- Lacrosse Team Captain, 1989
- All-Colonial League/All-New England, 1987, 1988, 1989
- 1989 team won ECAC championship, finishing with 14-2 record & 13 game winning streak
- Selected as Colonial League rep for National North-South Game, 1989 (Divisions I—III); scored goal for North squad in 13-9 victory held at Homewood Field at Johns Hopkins
- United States Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association All-American, 1989; selected to 2nd Team, the first time a Springfield College player was selected to the 2nd team
- At time of graduation, held SC midfield record for goals in career (61), points in career (116), points in season (59), and assists in season (36). Still on SC all-time scoring list in some categories.
- New England East-West All-Star Game team MVP, 1989
- USILA Academic All-American, 1st Team, 1989
- GTE/COSIDA Academic All-American, 2nd Team, 1989
- Selected as Springfield College Scholar-Athlete of the Year, 1989

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- Head Lacrosse Coach, St. Albans School, Washington, DC, Fall 1991—Spring 2012
- Inductee in US Lacrosse Potomac Chapter Hall of Fame, 2013
- Washington Post All-Met Coach of the Year, 2007
- National Interscholastic Lacrosse Association Coach of the Year, 1994, 2007
- National Interscholastic Lacrosse Association Man of the Year, 2002, 2012
- Founder, DC Lacrosse Classic, 2009 (now in its 8th year)
- Founder, DC Lacrosse Coaches Association
- Founder, Lacrosse on the Hill (Capitol Hill) for boys and girls ages 5-12
- Founder, Sticks Lacrosse, organization putting on camps and clinics for boys and girls in Washington, DC area
- Presenter at US Lacrosse National Convention, Maryland State Lacrosse Coaches' Clinic, and US Lacrosse-Potomac Clinic.

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Dick Garber



- Springfield College - All-New England
- Garber became the varsity lacrosse coach at UMass-Amherst, a position he retired from in 1990.
- His overall coaching record was 300 wins and 142 losses. He was the first collegiate lacrosse coach to win 300 games. Seventeen of his teams ranked in the top 15 nationally with a highest ranking of fourth. Since 1976, nine of Garber's squads appeared in the NCAA Tournament. His teams have won 13 New England Championships.
- Twice Garber was selected as the Coach of the North teams in the Intercollegiate North/South Games. His North teams won both times.
- More than 100 of Garber's athletes attained All-New England status. Forty-two were selected to play in North/South All Star Games. Eighty-two of his players received All-American honors. Garber coached three men who played in the Federation of International Lacrosse World Championships; one was named Best and Fairest Player. Garber taught physical education and in 1969 was presented with the Distinguished Teacher Award by UMass-Amherst.

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- Over the years, Garber conducted numerous workshops in coaching, officiating, and youth lacrosse. As a result of his efforts, 15 of his players were employed by schools in New England as teachers or coaches and started lacrosse programs.
- Over 40 athletes became lacrosse officials and formed the nucleus of the New England Lacrosse Officials Association. Garber has also contributed to athletics through involvement in several professional organizations.
- He served a four-year term as President of the New England Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association. He was Chief Administrator of the North/South Intercollegiate Lacrosse Game. He spent 10 years as an Executive Board Member of the U.S. Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association (USILA), chairing its Film and Game Promotion Committee. A member of the committee to establish the FIL World Championship, he served on the committee to transform the USILA championships to an NCAA tournament. Garber was New England Coach of the Year nine times and College Lacrosse Coach of the year twice.
- He was inducted into the National Lacrosse Hall of Fame in 1985 and has received Division I NCAA Coach of the Year Honors. Upon his retirement in 1990, Garber was named Man of the Year by the USILA and received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree by UMass. He is the only coach to receive such an honorary degree. Garber passed away in 1994.

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