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CONGRATULATIONS
to the
2009 Alumni Wall of Fame Inductees

PRINCIPAL FATIMA MORRELL
and the
ENTIRE LAFAYETTE HIGH SCHOOL
LEARNING COMMUNITY

A Message from the . . . Alumni Association President

Tonight we have three deserving candidates for the Wall of Fame. Liz Dribben (class of 1944) was one of Buffalo’s first women to anchor the news on television and the first hostess of Channel 2. Miss Dribben’s career took her to New York City where she went on to produce and write for many famous newsmen and taught at Columbia University. Dr. Catherine Fisher Collins (class of 1960) is a member of the Buffalo Board of Education and professor at Empire College. She has been presented with numerous awards related to her community service and healthy works by local and national organizations. Our third candidate is Justice Russell Buscaglia (class of 1968) in the Court of Claims and sits as a Supreme Court Justice in Western New York. Justice Buscaglia, never forgetting his roots wanted his parents to be included in this honor.

Four years ago it was brought to the Alumni Association’s attention by Tovie Asarese, we did not have an apparent Sports Wall of Fame honoring our best athletes as so many of our area schools do. This prompted the Association to look into supporting the idea of a Sports Wall and we went on to produce one of the finest sports walls in all of Western New York. It is because of Tovie Asarese’s long unselfish devotion to youth sports that we are honoring him this evening with a space on the very wall that he inspired us to create.

Tonight we have three deserving candidates for the Wall of Fame. Liz Dribben has been the chair of the Sports Wall committee since its inception. He has worked unselfishly long hours to make sure that deserving inductees are chosen and for this reason Alumni Board of Directors thought that dedicating the Clarion System, which was paid for by funds from the 100th Anniversary was a nice way to help celebrate his work and our deepest appreciation for all that Nick has done for Lafayette.

Ramsi P. Tick re-established the Alumni Association to foster scholarships at Lafayette, to encourage continued association among LHS Alumni, and to support good relations between Lafayette High School and the community. Ramsi is the President of the Association for many years and was the inspiration for the 100th Anniversary. He was also a lover of the arts and supported many musical events in Western New York. That is the reason Alumni Board of Directors thought that dedicating the refurbished 1921 Steinway Grand Piano in the Clarion Auditorium was a great way to honor him and all of his accomplishments.

The Alumni Association supports programs and projects which enrich our Alma Mater; its legacy, its students, and the Lafayette community. This year we have started a Speaker Series. For this project we sponsor lecturers to present timely programs for the student body which affect their daily lives and futures. These programs are very popular with the students. We provide scholarships to worthy graduates each year. The Triangle which is printed and sent out during the academic year is provided by the paid members of the alumni. In the past few years we have been responsible for the lighting of the trophy cases, support of cultural events, the restoration of the piano which was a gift from the class of 1928 and replacing the Clarion System. This system is capable of playing just about any song already recorded or one that you can play from your computer. This year the Alumni Association also had the 1921 Steinway refurbished with funds raised from the One Hundredth Reunion.

Tonight we are very fortunate to have Joe Brunato, a ’58 alumni and established pianist, entertain us with a medley of tunes. This is her debut after being refurbished. The Association sponsors the Walls of Fame and this year we are going to have our first Miss Buffalo Cruise, on Thursday, July 22nd. We would love to have you join our Association. The dues are ten dollars per year or one hundred dollars for a life membership. If you feel you would like to attend any of the Board of Directors meetings, we meet every other month on the first Wednesday, 7pm. Beginning in October and our final meeting in June when elections are held and a pot luck dinner is served. The Board of Directors volunteer their time knowing that promoting Lafayette High School and supporting programs for all her students is certainly a worthwhile venture.

I hope that you have a wonderful and meaningful evening. Being back at “dear old Lafayette” brings back many wonderful memories. Just walking the halls brings back many memories of your days at Lafayette. Share your stories and your high school with your friends and relatives; but most of all congratulations to the inductees and enjoy YOUR EVENING, you have earned it.

JENNY DU BOIS DELMONT (’65), President
Alumni Sports Wall of Fame Chairman

This is our fourth Lafayette Alumni Induction Ceremony. After taking a year off in 2008, we return to honor eight more outstanding athletes. Throughout Lafayette's great sports history there have been many prominent athletes. Many are already on the wall in Alumni Hall. However, there are still many more worthy athletes to be recognized.

The Class of 2009 does not disappoint. This year's class is well represented reflecting many decades of excellence. The versatile Tom Leous of the early forties, a powerful lineman/punter who also was a great hitter on the baseball diamond for the Violets leads off our roster. He is followed by the diminutive but mighty long distance runner of the early fifties, Don Moffit. His endurance and hard work set him apart from many athletes of a much larger stature. Arguably one of the Violets' greatest chuck athletes, Sam Ciffa of the sixties enhances tonight's list. His three run homer with two outs in the bottom of the seventh inning against Riverside carried the Violets to the Cornell Cup Game in 1964. He is also credited with a few legendary half court shots at the buzzer to help LHS reach Yale Cup berths.

The seventies was an exciting era in sport for the Violets. Two formidable athletes that played football and basketball during this decade were Earl Holmes Jr. and Wes Carmack. Earl led the Violet cadgers, as a center, leading in rebounding and was the second leading scorer. In football he was an excellent defensive and tight end playing on both sides of the ball. He went on to Marist College and was a standout in the ECAC All Conference Team. Wesley Carmack was a fine receiver and safety on the gridiron. He dominated the Yale Cup Basketball League in 1974 leading in scoring. He once scored 53 points in one game. He later went on to Virginia Commonwealth University and was their second leading scorer and helped them advance to the football season our next inductee, Kelly Funderburk, helped lead the Violets to a Harvard Cup Championship at Harvard Stadium in 1964. He is also credited with a few legendary half court shots at the buzzer to help LHS reach Yale Cup berths.

Tonight this remarkable group joins an elite list of outstanding athletes on the Wall in Alumni Hall. However, we know the list is by no means complete. If you know of any Lafayette alumni worthy of this honor please let the committee know. We are eager to hear from you. So sit back and have a wonderful evening basking in the glory that these athletes bring to our Alma Mater and reminisce in the environment of your high school days.

— RALPH DELMONT

LAFAYETTE ALUMNI SPORTS WALL OF FAME COMMITTEE

RALPH DELMONT, Chairman BOB CARNEVALE
DR. THOMAS SCHWOB DENNIS PATTERSON JENNY DELMONT, Alumni President

2009 LAFAYETTE HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI
DISTINGUISHED AND SPORTS WALL OF FAME

Program

Pledge to the Welcome ......................................................... RALPH DELMONT
Chairman of LHS Alumni Sports Wall of Fame

Introduction of Dignitaries

Jenny Du bois Delmont ......................................................... President, LHS Alumni Association
Joe Broncato ................................................................. Popular Pianist 1968 LHS Graduate
(Running LHS's refurbished 1921 Steinway)

Denise Clarke ................................................................. Lafayette Assistant Principal
Renate Buechler Yuhnke ........................................................ Vice President, LHS Alumni Association

Presentation of Alumni Distinguished Wall of Fame Inductees

ELIZABETH "LIZ" DRIBBEN, Class of 1954 ................................. Angie Coniglio
DR. CATHERINE COLLINS, Class of 1960 .................................... Renate Buechler Yuhnke
JUSTICE RUSSELL P. BUSCAGLIA, Class of 1968 .............................. Susan W. Buscaglia

Presentation of Alumni Sports Wall of Fame Inductees

THOMAS LEOUS, Class of 1944 ............................................................. Tom Schwob
DONALD MOFFAT, Class of 1952 ....................................................... David Mather
PASTOR SAM CIFFA, Class of 1965 ............................................... Kenneth Siciliana
EARL HOLMES JR., Class of 1972 ..................................................... Bob Carnevale
WESLEY CARMACK, Class of 1974 .................................................. Andrew Terranova
KELLY PUNDERBURK, Class of 1977 .................................................. Dale Stevens
TINA SHARENO, Class of 1982 ......................................................... Dennis Patterson
CHRIS MENDOLA, Class of 1988 ....................................................... Bob Carnevale

LHS Alumni Sports Wall of Fame Special Contributors Awards

TOVIE ASARESE, Lafayette and West Side Booster

Closing Remarks ................................................................. RALPH DELMONT, Class of 1965

Singing of Alma Mater

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**Lafayette Alumni**

**Distinguished Wall of Fame**

**ELIZABETH L. DRIBBEN**

Class of 1954

Elizabeth L. Dribben, Class of 1954, is a seasoned broadcaster who has worked in multiple areas of Radio and Television, network and local, commercial and public. In 2001 Liz was inducted into the Western New York Broadcaster’s Hall of Fame. She began her career at the University of Buffalo’s Radio Station WBFJ. She went on to become the first woman broadcaster on Buffalo Television (WKBW-TV, Ch. 7) along with co-hosting “Dialog for Dollars” a daily, 90 minute interview-audience participation program. She was also a guest clown with all the major circuses.

In 1972, Liz joined CBS News in New York after overlapping free-lance stints at The Associated Press and ABC News. For 21 years, primarily in Radio as a Senior Producer, Producer-Writer-Reporter, her principal correspondents were Mike Wallace, Dan Rather, Charles Osgood, Ed Bradley, Diane Sawyer, Lesley Stahl, Douglas Edwards and the late Charles Kuralt. As part of the producing part of CBS News for the major breaking stories during her tenure, she covered the news running the gamut from the killing of the Israeli athletes at The Munich Olympics to the American evacuation in Viet Nam to Watergate to the Iranian Hostage Crisis, to the Bi-Centennial to the falling of the Berlin Wall to Gulf War One.

Liz served as a Contributing producer to the “CBS Evening News” and “Sunday Morning.” Additionally at CBS News, she created and managed the first Satellite Radio Unit in the industry. As Talent-Producer she conducted and aired over 1500 long-form in-depth interviews with newsmakers and celebrities (E.C. Caroline Kennedy Schlossberg, Norman Mailer, Hank Aaron, Julie Andrews, George Burns, Alan Alda, Helen Hayes, Carl Rowan, Judas Priest’s Glenn Tipton, Chicago’s Robert Lamm and the confessed killer of James Hoffa who was on the phone from Attica Prison.)

Her broadcasts have received numerous awards some of which include: The American Historical Society Bruce Catton Award, The Writers Guild, The Peabody, The du Pont, Ohio State University, Overseas Press Club, and The International Radio Festival, The Gabriel and The Headliners.

For nine years Liz worked on the Adjunct Faculty of The Graduate School of Journalism at Columbia University. She also was involved in working in Columbia’s Radio Program where it became one of the most respected in the country.

Quote from colleague Mike Wallace: “Liz Dribben is tenacious, inquiring and above all—a superb listener. She has a knack for drawing people out with a firm but delicate touch. Irrevocably the listener comes away from Liz Dribben interview enlightened, entertained and sometimes even moved.

**Quotes from the Studio Guest Book signed by Interviewees:**

“Viva Liz!”—William F. Buckley, Jr.

“So easy and so wonderful.”—Annie Leibovitz

“Liz, it is always a pleasure to be interviewed by you. YOU READ!”—Gordon Parks

“A great interview; it’s better than therapy.”—Judith Ivey.
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2009 Sports Wall of Fame

THOMAS LEOUS
Class of 1944

• Tom was a 4 sport star in the 40's at LHS, where he lettered in crew, football, basketball and baseball.
• Tom captained the football team and earned All High as a Junior and Senior at tackle.
• He was also the punter and played on both sides of the ball.
• Tom was an outfielder for four years on the LHS baseball team, where he batted over .400. He was selected for the City of Buffalo Cornell Cup Baseball All High Team as a Senior.
• He played football and rowed for the crew team.
• After graduation, he entered the US Navy, where he played football for Coach Lt. Commander James Crowley, one of the famous “Four Horseman of Notre Dame”
• After four years of service to Williams College, Tom was chosen to receive the Outstanding Alumni Award and “The Copeland Award.”
• Tom is retired after careers in private business and banking.

DONALD MOFFAT
Class of 1952

• Don was an outstanding long distance runner for the Lafayette cross country and track team for four years.
• He was undefeated in individual meets against other high schools culminating in making the All High X-Country Team. It was many years since a LHS runner made the X-Country All High Team.
• Don also played tennis where he was on the first doubles team.
• He finished first in the one mile run and one mile relay boys 16 & 17 years old at the Junior Olympics in 1952.
• Don attended Canisius College where as a freshman, he won the New York State X-Country Championship. For two years, Don was the number one X-Country and track long distance runner.
• He was named “Outstanding Buffalo Athlete” in 1952 by the West Side Kiwanis Club.
• Don spent 20 yrs in the military (10 Navy, 10 Army) where he won many titles in tennis, table tennis, X-Country and Track.
• In 1974 he retired honorably with the rank of Major.
• Don is retired after a long career in Law Enforcement in Florida.

SAM CIFFA
Class of 1965

• Sam starred in baseball and basketball for the Violets.
• He co-captained the LHS baseball team and he was a two time All High selection as an outfielder, batting over .400.
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• His youth baseball career was legendary due to pitching many no hitters, and in addition, at an All Star Tournament at Cooperstown, NY. Sam became the first 15 year old player to hit a ball out of the park.
• He was President of the Sophomore, Junior and Senior class.
• Sam is Pastor at the Bethesda Full Gospel Tabernacle in Tonawanda.

EARL HOLMES, JR.
Class of 1972

• Earl was a basketball and football star for the Violets, during his years at Lafayette.
• Earl’s teams played in the Yale Cup Championship game and the Harvard Cup “Turkey Day” Championship Football game.
• Earl co-captained the basketball Violets, was leading rebounder, second leading scorer and was selected for the All High team as a center.
• In football, he was defensive end and tight end for the Division Champion Mighty Violets who lost to Seneca in the Thanksgiving Day Title Game.
• Earl went on to college at Morrisville Community College and then Marist College.
• At Division I Marist, he average nineteen points and twelve rebounds per game and was selected to the ECAC All Conference Team.
• Earl was selected as Marist College “Athlete of the Week” three times as a senior.
• Earl presently works for the Charlotte, Va. Transit System.

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WESLEY CARMACK  
Class of 1974  
- Wes was one of the finest athletes to play at Lafayette.  
- He was an All High selection for two years in both Football and basketball.  
- As a Wide Receiver and Safety, he led the Violets in receptions and interceptions and played in the "Who's Who" All Star game, winning the sportsmanship award.  
- In basketball, Wes was the Yale Cup League scoring Champion with a 29.9 points per game average. He once scored 53 points in one game. Wes led LHS to the Section VI Class BB Title game.  
- He went on to Jamestown CC and Virginia Commonwealth where he played basketball. At Jamestown, he averaged 26 points per game leading the team to two consecutive Junior College National Championship Tournaments.  
- At Virginia Commonwealth University, Wes was the second leading scorer averaging twenty points per game. In 1978 they advanced to the National Invitational Tournament after beating Georgetown in an ACC playoff game.  
- Wesley is presently an Atlanta-Fulton Co. Deputy Sheriff.

KELLY FUNDERBURK  
Class of 1977  
- Kelly was a four year letterman in football (1973-76) for the Violets.  
- Kelly started at fullback for three years and earned All High Honors in his Senior year.  
- He helped lead the Violets to a 1976 Harvard Cup Co-Championship with a record of 8-0-1.  
- He received a football scholarship to Central State University (Ohio) where he started at running back for three years.  
- In 1981 he was selected to the All-District NAIA Division II Football Team.  
- In 1982 he graduated from Central State with a BS in Education and had a free agent tryout with Buffalo Bills.  
- In 1983 and '84 he had free agent tryouts with New England Patriots.  
- Kelly was inducted into the Harvard Cup Football Hall of Fame in 2007.  
- He taught Physical Education and Health in the Buffalo Schools for seven years.  
- Kelly worked for the Department of Corrections from 1982 to 1989.  
- Presently, Kelly is employed with the NYS Division of Parole as a parole officer.

TINA SHARENO  
Class of 1982  
- Tina was a three sport star for the Violets for four years.  
- She helped lead Lafayette to the Buffalo Public School Championships in basketball and softball.  
- Tina also co-captained each team with Robyn Silver.  
- In softball she caught, played first base and pitched.  
- Coach Sharon Czemerys said about Tina, "Tina was one of the finest athletes I ever coached."  
- She was selected to the All High Teams in volleyball, basketball and softball.  
- Tina played softball in College at Buffalo State with Robyn Silver.  
- She made All-Conference as a catcher and also played first base.  
- Tina is presently a teacher in the Buffalo area at the Falk School.

CHRIS MENDOLA  
Class of 1988  
- Chris starred at Quarterback for the Violets Football team and as an outfielder for the baseball team.  
- He was also on the swimming team.  
- He was a three year starter at QB earning All High Mention as a Senior. Many times during his tenure, Chris threw for over a hundred yards and numerous touchdowns.  
- Chris was captain during the football and baseball seasons.  
- He was an outstanding hitter and outfielder for the baseball Violets. Chris earned an All High berth as an outfielder in his Junior and Senior years.  
- He led the team in batting while making many spectacular defensive plays in the field.  
- Chris attended Edinboro State University of Pa., he played baseball.  
- Presently, Chris is a City of Buffalo Police Officer.
Special Contributors

TOVIE ASARESE

The original impulse and idea for the Lafayette High School Alumni Sports Wall of Fame came from Tovie. For over fifty years, he has been an icon of business and sports on Buffalo’s West Side. Tovie has devoted his life to providing sports opportunities to boys, girls and young adults. Baseball, basketball, softball and hockey are just some of the activities he sponsors and organizes, to this day.

The value of this West Side Athletic Historian and Caretaker is legendary. We are fortunate and thankful that Tovie saw that Lafayette High School was missing something and he provided the impetus necessary. Tovie was cognizant of the rich history of Sports at LHS due to his more than fifty years of coaching many Violet athletes. We thank you very much for your desire to create the wonderful place we call the LHS Alumni Wall of Fame.

RALPH DELMONT
Class of 1965

It is plain and simple. It is without a doubt. Ralph Delmont is the driving force for the beginning and continued excellence of the Lafayette High School Alumni Sports Wall of Fame. From the Inaugural Class of 2004 to the present, Ralph took on the task of the Chairmanship. He spent countless hours creating the concept of the Sports Wall. He nurtured the progressive idea, created a committee who established definite criteria to evaluate candidates. Through his hard work and determination, Ralph was the engine that makes the Sports Wall of Fame the success that it is today. Ralph looks at the Lafayette Wall as a labor of love. Love for his Alma Mater and long treasured history of her finest athletes and leaders. In addition, as the catcher of the 1964 Championship Baseball team, he helped lead the Violets to their first Cornell Cup in over thirty years. It is with utmost appreciation and respect that we dedicate the honor of Special Contributor to Ralph Delmont.

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JOE BRONCATO
Class of 1968

Joe is an accomplished musician in the Buffalo area. He is a respected educator in Western New York and active as a tutor/evaluator at Empire State College. He has recorded two CDs on the QQS label, When I Fall In Love and Broadway Revisited. In addition, Joe is also featured as co-leader on the “Hidden Treasures” CD released from the Dave Schiavone/Joe Broncato Quartet. Joe performs all styles of music. In addition to Joe being a fine pianist, he was a fine athlete while attending Lafayette. He played football and baseball for three years and made second team All High in both sports his senior year. He quarterbacked the Violets to the Harvard Cup “Turkey Day” consolation game against Seneca. Tonight Joe will be playing our 1921 Steinway piano that has just been refurbished with Alumni funds. Joe has been so kind as to play for us tonight and show off this fine instrument that was a class gift from the class of 1928.

In Memory of
Nick Greco

He will be sorely missed by the Lafayette Alumni & Friends.
His tireless dedication and unwavering loyalty to Lafayette High School is unsurpassed.

THE LAFAYETTE HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
CONGRATULATIONS
to all of the
2009 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES
with whom I am appreciative,
blessed and humbled to be included.
In the world of our memories and experiences,
all of us who went to Lafayette High School
are part of a history and tradition
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Best regards with
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Your wife Sue and all of your Family

In Memoriam

JOE SERAFIN ’66
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You were a treasured teammate, classmate and friend.
You were feared by opponents and loved by your teammates.
As a famous sports commentator once said,
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On your induction into the Lafayette High School Alumni
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A Tribute to . . .

PASTOR SAM CIFFA
Our Man in the Clutch

The outlook wasn't brilliant for the Violet nine that day. The score stood seven to five but with an inning left to play. When Wyatt died at second and McKenna did the same, a sickly silence fell upon the West Side patrons of the game. But Fazio let drive a single to the wonderment of all. And the much feared Serafin tore the cover off the ball. When the dust had lifted and they saw what had occurred, Joey was safe on second and Faz was a huggin' third. Suddenly there was hope for the purple and white. For to the plate stepped their shining Knight. They thought if only Sammy could get a whack at that Eddie Miranda was taking even money now with Ciffa at the bat. Now Lefty twists and turns to deliver his first pitch. And Sammy takes a mighty swing that misses by an inch. The white sphere soared through the air as if shot from a gun. Behind the catcher the cowering umpire yelled, "Strike one!" Now the odds of winning dwindled just a bit. But Lafayette's loyal fans knew Sam could get a hit. The confidence that Sam displayed in his powerful stride, is just the thing that every Lafayette man shows with perpetual pride. And now the wily southpaw offered up his next throw. Sammy just ignored it and simply let it go. Passed the sturdy batsman the spheroid flew. The umpire raised an arm and yelled, "strike two!" "Fraid," cried the loyal fans, Walker and Long, "Kill him, kill the umpire," they shouted from the stands. And it's likely they would have killed him if not Sammy raised a hand. Now Lefty Dryja holds the ball and then he lets it go. Now the ball is shattered by the force of Sammy's blow. The ball hit the mound on Delaware three. And Sammy crossed the plate to victory. The "Comeback Kids of '64" won the game with an eight-seven score. They were lifted upon the shoulders of a mighty man. Simply known as Pastor Sam.

— RALPH DELMONT '65
Congratulations

DONALD MOFFAT

On your induction into the Lafayette High School Alumni Sports Wall of Fame to the Class of 2009

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DON MOFFAT
Class of 1952

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OF NOT ONLY YOUR FAMILY, BUT ALSO THE
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