



NHTI

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CEREMONY

**Celebrating the Inductees
of 2020 and 2021**

Sept. 17, 2021 NHTI Sweeney Auditorium

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- Please silence your cell phones.
- Please keep your mask on at all times.
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Congratulations, #NHTIHallofFame inductee! Thank you for being part of NHTI and our celebration online.

INDUCTION CEREMONY

Master of Ceremonies Steve Ambra

5:30 p.m. Arrivals, Goldie Crocker Wellness Center

6:30 p.m. Welcome, Dr. Gretchen Mullin-Sawicki,
President of NHTI

6:35 p.m. Induction, Sweeney Auditorium

Celebration of 2020 Inductees

Chris Barker

Melissa (Warner) Carter

Scott Dunlop

Ahntwan Harris

Paul Hogan

Tom Walton

Induction of 2021 Inductees

Jay Atton

Kerry Boles

Ron Kleiner

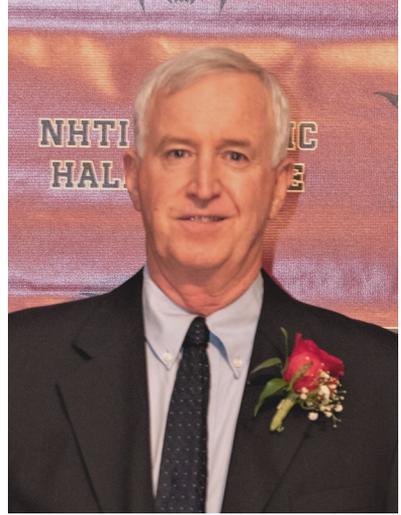
Jen Roy

Besfort Syla

Shelley Winters

NHTI 2004-2005 Men's Basketball Team

Dear 2020 and 2021 Inductees of NHTI's Athletic Hall of Fame,



On behalf of NHTI Athletics, I am pleased to welcome everyone to our annual Hall of Fame Induction celebrating the many contributions of NHTI athletes, coaches, and teams. We are excited to share memories, honor the participants, and celebrate the history of NHTI Athletics.

Our goal has always been to have the best all-around small college athletics competing at the highest level. Over the last 50+ years of competition, NHTI has enjoyed great success in every sport, offering our student athletes the opportunity to create a lifetime of memories outside the classroom.

This induction ceremony allows us to recognize our amazing student-athletes and coaches for their achievements and contributions to our NHTI community. The Hall of Fame is certainly one of the highlights on the NHTI campus every year.

Congratulations to all the inductees! We thank you for what you have accomplished at NHTI and what you will continue to accomplish in your professional lives. We encourage you to stay engaged with NHTI and NHTI Lynx Athletics.

Our hope is that you will always maintain bonds with your teammates and cherish the memories you had when you were here. Please enjoy this evening as we celebrate the many successes of the 2020 and 2021 NHTI Hall of Fame classes.

**Paul Hogan, NHTI Director of Athletics
2020 Hall of Fame Inductee**



Chris Barker

Men's Basketball

Men's Soccer

Chris Barker was a fantastic two-sport athlete at NHTI in the men's basketball and soccer programs. He was most known for his play on the soccer pitch, where he was named a two-time USCAA

All-American and two-time NNESSC All-Conference selection.

On the basketball floor, Barker was a leader, always keeping the team in check and focused on the goal. He was the 2004 NHTI Basketball Coaches Award recipient, an NNESSC and YSCC All-Conference team member, and the starting point guard for the 2005 USCAA D-2 Men's Basketball Championship team.

Barker was also awarded the 2005 NHTI William O'Clair Award as the outstanding male athlete.

Melissa (Warner) Carter

Women's Soccer
Softball

Melissa (Warner) Carter was a dominant presence on the soccer pitch for NHTI's women's soccer teams. She was a part of the soccer program from 2005-2012 as a student-athlete and assistant coach.



From 2005-2007, Carter was the lead defensive back for the Capitals and was named a two-time USCAA 1st Team All-American, a USCAA Honorable Mention All-American, a two-time YSCC All-Conference selection, and the NHTI William H. O'Clair Female Athlete of the Year award recipient in 2008. She was a star in the classroom as a two-time USCAA Academic All-American.

Carter had team success as part of three conference championships and three USCAA National Championship appearances. She returned to NHTI as an assistant coach, where the Lynx would win two more conference titles.

Carter also won a conference championship as a member of the 2005 softball team in the only season she played.

2020

CLASS OF 2020 INDUCTEE



Scott Dunlop

Men's Basketball

Men's Soccer

Baseball

Scott Dunlop expertly competed as a three-sport athlete at NHTI in the early days of athletic competition. His main forte was on the soccer field where he was

named All-American, All Conference and All-Tournament teams.

Dunlop was also a member of the baseball and basketball teams. He won two conference titles in basketball and soccer and was part of the NLCAA Nationals runner-up team in 1988.

After his playing days, Dunlop returned to NHTI in 1995 as an assistant coach before transitioning to head coach of the Concord High School boys' soccer team, a position he continues to hold today. As the head coach of the Crimson Tide, his coaching record is 240-130-42 and his teams have won three state championships (2005, 2015, and 2017).

Ahntwan Harris

Men's Basketball

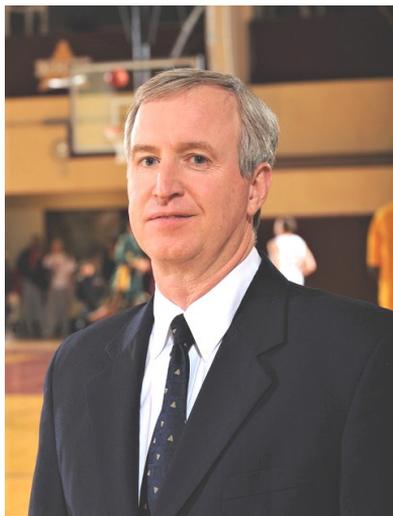
Ahntwan Harris brought highlight plays to the Goldie Crocker Wellness Center in the 2012-13 season, while also playing a two-game stint in 2016-17.

Harris was a dominant force, dunking the basketball over players and hitting three-point shots from anywhere on the floor. In his career, he averaged 18.7 points, 5.2 rebounds, 1.6 blocks, 1.4 assists, and 1.4 steals per game.

Harris had an amazing season in 2012-13: He was named a USCAA 1st Team All-American and a YSCC 1st Team All-Conference member.

In 2005, Harris was awarded the NHTI William O'Clair Award as the outstanding male athlete.





Paul Hogan

Head Coach –
Men's Basketball

Paul Hogan started his coaching career as an assistant coach at Plymouth State University in 1985 and took over the helm at his alma mater in 1990, where he won the Little East Coach of the Year award in 1990 and 1998.

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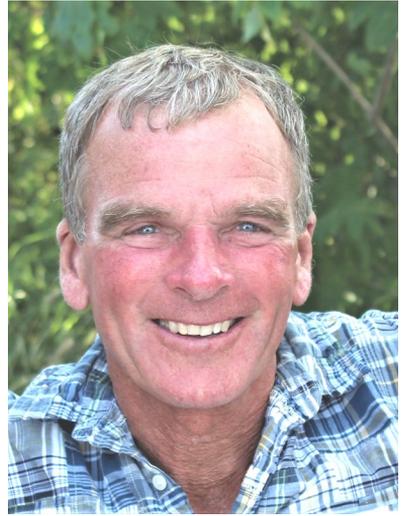
Hogan came to NHTI in 1999 as the director of Athletics, chair of the Sports Management department, and head men's basketball coach. NHTI has enjoyed amazing success with 489 wins under Hogan, seven YSCC Championships and two USCAA National Championships including 2005 and 2020.

Hogan has received numerous awards including the USCAA Athletic Director of the Year in 2014, Plymouth State University Hall of Fame in 2007, Walter Smith Coaches Hall of Fame in 2010, and the prestigious James Desmarais Award in 2018.

Hogan developed NHTI's Sports Management curriculum.

Tom Walton

Head Coach –
Cross Country



Tom Walton helped create the NHTI cross country program from scratch in 2006. Since then, the cross country program has become a conference and national powerhouse, competing at the USCAA Nationals almost every year.

Walton was the head coach from 2006-2016 and had numerous YSCC Championship teams. He coached Heather Searles, the 2009 USCAA Women's Cross Country National Champion.

Walton was recognized as the Carl A. Lundholm Memorial Award winner in 2013 for contributions for the community and athletics. He spearheaded the creation of the Capital Area Race Series and the NHTI-Delta Dental 5K benefit road race, which gives scholarships to NHTI students.

2021

CLASS OF 2021 INDUCTEE



Jay Atton

Men's Basketball

Men's Soccer

Men's Volleyball

Baseball

Jay Atton was a superb four-year student-athlete most known for his contributions across campus.

“The Mayor” participated in talent shows, residence hall special events, and charity events in addition to NHTI athletic events.

Atton played four years for the basketball team and was part of the 2005 USCAA Division II National Championship team. He played three years of men's soccer mostly as a 6'7" goalkeeper and was recognized as a NNESSC All-Star in 2003. He also participated in four years of men's volleyball and a single season of baseball.

Over his career, Atton notched 11 conference championships and numerous trips to national championships across the four sports. In 2006, the NHTI Student Senate recognized him with the Capital Award during commencement.

Kerry Boles

Men's Basketball

Men's Soccer

Baseball

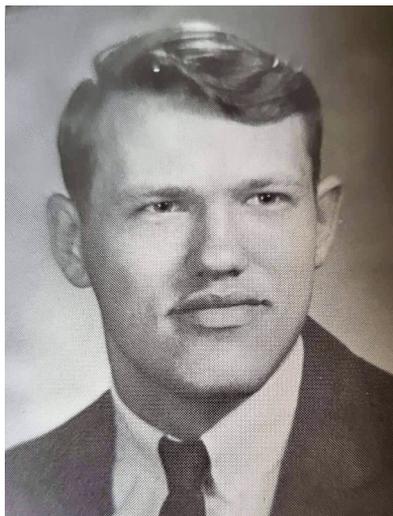
Kerry Boles was an impressive three-sport student-athlete at NHTI. He was a point guard in basketball and a catcher in baseball, but he is known for

his exploits as the lead striker for the soccer team. In his final year at NHTI, he scored 20 goals and was an All-American selection.

After leaving NHTI, Boles became the head coach of Pinkerton Academy, where in his tenure he has won five state titles and 300+ wins.

In 1997, Boles was awarded the NHTI William O'Clair award as the outstanding male athlete.





Ron Kleiner

Men's Basketball

Men's Soccer

Baseball

Ron Kleiner was a stellar athlete in the early days of NHTI from 1965-1968. He was on the first-ever soccer and basketball teams in 1965 and was the first student-athlete to compete in three sports in the same year.

Kleiner was co-captain of the soccer team and played the left wing position. He was also solid on the diamond, hitting for an average of .350 on the baseball team. An all-around athlete, Kleiner's versatility was a key ingredient for NHTI athletic success in the early days.

In the early of days of NHTI Athletics, Kleiner contributed in many different ways to lay the ground work for our NHTI athletic program.

Jen Roy

Women's Basketball Softball

Jen Roy was a star two-sport athlete in softball and the women's basketball team. On the hardwood, she averaged 16.6 points, 9.7 rebounds per game over her career.



Roy was a two-time USCAA All-American and was named the YSCC Player of the Year twice. She holds the program record in points, scoring just under 1,400 in her three seasons. On the softball field, she was named to the All-Conference team twice.

In 2021, Roy was the only player selected to multiple YSCC Twin All-Decade Teams, making both the softball and women's basketball teams.

Roy was awarded the NHTI William O'Clair Award in 2007 as the outstanding female athlete.



Besfort Sylja

Men's Basketball

Besfort Sylja was a tremendous point guard for the NHTI men's basketball team. He controlled the pace of the game and had the tremendous ability to hit a shot from anywhere on the floor.

Sylja was dynamic and creative, finding the open man while being sneaky on the defensive end. He was known for his signature wrap-around steals. He was a four-time YSCC All-Conference selection from 2009-2013 and was part of the 2010-11 YSCC Championship team.

Sylja's inspiring story of coming to America as a refugee from Kosovo made him a true success story at NHTI.

Shelley Winters

Head Coach –
Women's Basketball
Assistant Coach –
Women's Volleyball



Shelley Winters was an outstanding coach for the NHTI women's basketball program and assistant coach for the women's volleyball team. She is a two-time YSCC Coach of the Year and made five USCAA National Championship appearances.

In 2006-2007, Winters led the women's basketball team to a YSCC Basketball Championship; she also won two NNESSC championships and two YSCAA championships. She finished her career with an overall record of 179-97.

Winters teams were known for their gritty tough defense, physical play, and the all-for-one team attitude.



2004-2005 NHTI Men's Basketball Team

The incredible 2004-05 NHTI Men's Basketball team brought the state its first-ever men's basketball national championship. They finished the season with a 31-3 overall record and won the USCAA Division II National Championship in the Goldie Crocker Wellness Center on NHTI's campus.

The team members are Calvin Akers, Jay Atton, Chris Barker, Jesse Bopp, Zach Hall, Kevin Harrington, Unjum Khalid, Chris Lawes, Joel Phillips, Matt Spanos, Nate Stanton, Jason Szidat, Nate Truncellito, athletic trainer Kyle Battis, assistant coach Justin Gorham, assistant coach Chuck Lloyd, and head coach Paul Hogan.



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NHTI Athletic Events '21-22

YSCC Championships

Oct. 9-10	YSCC Fall Softball Tournament at CMCC
Oct. 9-10	YSCC Fall Baseball Tournament at SMCC
Oct. 16	YSCC Golf Championships at GBCC
Oct. 17	YSCC Volleyball Championships at NHTI
Oct. 23-24	YSCC M/W Soccer Final Four Championships at NHTI
Oct. 30	YSCC M/W Cross Country Championships at VTC
Feb. 27	YSCC M/W Basketball Championships at NHTI
May 7-8	YSCC Softball Championships at CMCC
May 6-8	YSCC Baseball Championships at SMCC

Fall '21 Home Events

Sept. 29	Baseball: GBCC at NHTI Sept. 29
Sept. 29	Softball: GBCC at NHTI Sept. 29
Oct. 2	Men's Soccer: Roxbury CC at NHTI
Oct. 2	Women's Soccer: Word of Life at NHTI
Oct. 2	Cross Country: at Gordon College
Oct. 9-12	Golf: at USCAA at Penn St.
Oct. 9	Volleyball: Tri-Match (SMCC/NECC)
Nov. 5-6	Men's Basketball: Edward Jones Tap Off Festival at NHTI
Nov. 7	Women's Basketball: NHTI vs. Navy Prep at SMCC
Dec. 4-5	Men's Basketball: NHTI Holiday Festival
Dec. 4-5	Women's Basketball: GBCC Holiday Festival
Jan. 8-9	Men's Basketball: New Year's Classic at NHTI
Jan. 8-9	Women's Basketball: New Year's Classic at NHTI

Nominate an Athlete for a Future NHTI Athletic Hall of Fame Induction

The NHTI Athletics Hall of Fame was founded to honor those individuals who have shown leadership, sportsmanship, commitment, and achievement during their time at NHTI as an athlete, coach, or supporter of our teams and our rich athletic tradition.

- Nomination forms are available year round on the NHTI Athletics page.
- The selection process is in June. Nominees are contacted in late June.
- The Hall of Fame induction shall have a minimum of three inductees and a maximum of 10 inductees per year with possible exceptions for extenuating circumstances.
- The committee chair can designate a substitute in absence.

To read all of the Hall of Fame nomination rules, visit
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