

AMITYVILLE HS SPORTS HALL OF FAME

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AMITYVILLE MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS HALL OF FAME 2025-26 YEAR IN REVIEW ESTABLISHED 2012

This year the focus of the Sports Hall of Fame committee has been welcoming the Hall of Fame induction back. Due to Covid and the loss of our Web master Pat Linehan, we have not had any inductions since 2018. Since Amityville has been through a rebranding of the school mascot, HS building add Ons which includes classrooms and a new Gym, we are all excited to be part of the new/new.

All the old championship banners and old historical team pictures are all stored safely, until a permanent home is established. The long-term goal is to help Amityville school district in creating an Amityville Virtual Sports Hall of Fame. The committee is also dedicated, with the support of the school district, to having all our Hall of Fame inductees' individual plaques landscaping our walls.

Once again, the committee presented two scholarships to Amityville student/athletes who have exemplified leadership, dedication, classroom work and the honor of wearing the Amityville team uniform.

Since covid, we all know the struggles that school districts have had due to financial re-structuring while trying to keep normal as normal can be. Amityville found a way to make sure that our student/athletes were able to continue to compete on a local, state and national level.

The committee is proud to welcome 3 new members. Fred Thompson, Angelique Shannon and Thomas Benymon and special thanks to one of our original members, Bruce Pescitelli for coming back and offering himself towards the continued success of the Hall of Fame vision.

The committee encourages nominations to be submitted throughout the year, with June 1st as the deadline for that particular year for possible induction. Nominations are submitted online at amityvillehssportshalloffame.org which includes all the history of the Hall of Fame, and nomination forms.

AMHS Sports Hall of Fame committee would like to thank our friends that have supported and encouraged the committee for their hard and time-consuming commitment to our long history of Amityville Sports.

Special shout out to our Athletic Director Evan Farkus and the glue to the day-to-day operation Cynthia McCarthy without them, none of this would be possible.

The committee is forever thankful to our Webmaster creator and Hall of Fame class of 2025 Travon Duncan.



ORDER OF EVENTS

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Meet & Greet

7:00 pm Opening Prayer

Introduction of Inductees

Acknowledgement of Central Administration

Opening Remarks about the History of Hall of Fame

Reynolds Hawkins- President

Town of Babylon- Presentation of Proclamations

Inductees Presentation:

William (Bill) Smith

Patrick Linehan Jr

Mark Johnson

Travon Duncan

Tehran Carpenter

Dinner

Inductees Presentation:

Andrea Drost

Emmanuel Oguntoye

Michael James

Robert Carpenter

Anthony Jordan (AJ) Price

Closing Remarks

by Evan Fargas- Athletic Director

and Mary Stephens- Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction



**THE AMITYVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME
PROUDLY PRESENTS THE
2025 INDUCTEES:**

Robert Carpenter

Tehran Carpenter

Andrea Drost

Travon Duncan

Mike James

Mark Johnson

Patrick F. Linehan

Emmanuel Oguntoye

Anthony Jordan “A.J.” Price

William Smith





ROBERT CARPENTER

Athlete

Athletic Journey

In 1977, began playing football with the Massapequa Mustangs before returning three years later to the Amityville Warriors PAL Football program. By 8th grade, advanced to Junior High Football, and in 1984 made history as one of the first sophomores to start at quarterback for Amityville's varsity football team. That same year, earned All-County honors as a sophomore—the first in school history—while also being named All-Long Island, All-State, and selected to Newsday's prestigious 25th Anniversary All-Long Island Team.

On the basketball court, excelled as well, becoming a three-year letterman and earning All-County recognition.

Collegiate Career

In 1987, signed a letter of intent with the University of Notre Dame. After one season, transferred to Syracuse University, where success quickly followed. By 1989, was named AP Honorable Mention All-American. After just two seasons at Syracuse, declared early for the NFL, departing as one of the program's top five all-time receivers—a record that still ranked in the top ten nearly three decades later.

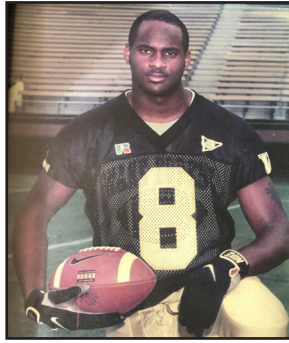
Professional Career

Played six seasons in the NFL with the New England Patriots, New York Jets, Philadelphia Eagles, and Green Bay Packers, leaving a lasting impact at every stop.

Legacy Note

In 2016, was featured as the answer to the Aflac Trivia Question during the College Game of the Week at MetLife Stadium, highlighting the unique achievement of playing for both Notre Dame and Syracuse.





TEHRAN CARPENTER

Class of 1997

Athlete

Tehran Carpenter was born at Brunswick Hospital in Amityville, raised in the community, and graduated from Amityville Memorial High School in 1997. Born with legs that required casting as an infant, once those came off, all he wanted to do was run and play with any ball he could find. Sports quickly became his passion, inspired by his uncle, Rob Carpenter, whose success set the blueprint for Tehran's own journey. By age five, he was playing tee-ball with the Amityville P.A.L., and soon after, football and basketball became his focus.

At seven, he joined the Massapequa Mustangs, where his early performances—like 35 touchdowns in a season of flag football—drew attention. Coaches predicted he would one day play Division I football, and by eighth grade, his talent was undeniable. After joining Amityville Middle School football, Varsity Coach T moved him directly to varsity as a freshman. Basketball followed a similar path; standout play at the middle school level caught the eye of Varsity Coach Jack Agostino, and by ninth grade, he achieved his goal of playing varsity in both sports for all four years. He earned All League, All Conference, and All County honors in both, with highlights including winning the Long Island basketball championship his senior year.

A member of the National Honor Society and an honor roll student, Tehran combined his athletic and academic achievements to earn a full scholarship to Wake Forest University. There, he started at free safety for two years, including a victory in the 1999 Aloha Bowl, before a neck injury ended his football career. He graduated with a degree in Sociology in 2001.

Today, Tehran is most proud of being a father to his three children—Makaylah, Taelyn, and Savieon—and of his 20-year career working with children and adults on the autism spectrum. As one of the few in New York State certified to train employees in handling behavioral crises, he finds deep purpose in seeing individuals and families he serves progress. For him, this work has become his new “bowl game,” one that is as rewarding as any victory on the field.





ANDREA DROST

Physical Education Instructor

Andrea Drost dedicated her career to shaping students' lives as a physical education instructor, coach, and mentor. A graduate of Adelphi University with both a bachelor's and master's degree in physical education, she began teaching in 1968 and went on to impact countless students across Long Island. Over nearly five decades, she taught at schools including Sylvia Packard & Southedge Junior High School, Plainedge High School, Calhoun High School, and the Cathedral School of St. Mary's, where she also served as Athletic Director. In 1991, she joined Amityville Memorial High School, where she would remain until her retirement in 2016. At Amityville, Andrea taught co-ed physical education, planned and managed intramural programs, and influenced the lives of generations of students. She also taught at the Amityville Evening Alternative High School, extending her commitment to education beyond traditional school hours.

Andrea's passion for athletics extended far beyond the classroom. She coached multiple sports across her career, most notably serving as Varsity Cheerleading Coach at Amityville High School from 1991 to 2016. She also coached JV and Varsity Cheerleading at Calhoun High School, softball at Amityville, and both cheerleading and basketball at the Cathedral School of St. Mary's. Earlier in her career, she worked as a cheerleading coach at Plainedge and Maria Regina High Schools. Through her coaching, Andrea inspired student-athletes to pursue excellence, teamwork, and resilience.

Her leadership and dedication were recognized in 2015 when she was named the Secondary Physical Education Teacher of the Year by NYSAHPERD. Beyond her daily responsibilities, Andrea served on important committees such as the Academic Eligibility and Conduct Committee for High School Sports and the Healthy Schools Committee at Amityville High School. She also volunteered her expertise at the AIESP World Sports Science Congress at Adelphi University.

Andrea Drost's lifelong devotion to physical education, coaching, and student development left an enduring mark on the schools and communities she served. Her career reflects not only her skill as an educator but also her passion for helping young people grow through sports, health, and education.





TRAVON DUNCAN

Class of 2015

Athlete

Travon Duncan's journey to athletic excellence began in the spring of 2012, where he first made his mark as a short sprinter. But it wasn't until the end of his freshman year that he discovered his true passion: the hurdles. The following season, that passion quickly turned into purpose, as Travon captured the 2013 Sophomore 400m Hurdle Championship—solidifying his emergence as one of the region's top up-and-coming athletes.

Over the next three years, Travon transformed into a dominant force in both indoor and outdoor track. He expanded his repertoire to include the 55m hurdles and 110m high hurdles, collecting victories at numerous meets across Long Island. He was crowned the 55mH indoor league champion in both 2014 and 2015, and twice earned Section XI Division titles in the 400mH and 110mH outdoors. In 2014, Travon's efforts culminated in a third-place finish at the New York State Championships in the 110mH—firmly placing him among the elite hurdlers in the state.

In addition to his individual success, Travon was a vital contributor to Amityville's 4x200 and 4x400 relay teams, helping carry the program to consistent team victories. He graduated in 2015 not only as one of the top five hurdlers in New York State, but also as a scholar at the top of his academic class.

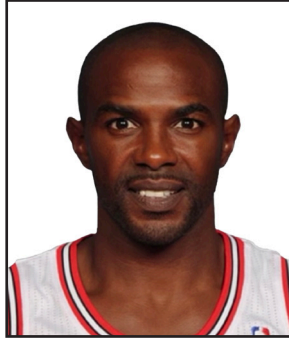
Travon went on to earn a full academic and athletic scholarship to Virginia Union University, where he continued to excel on and off the track. As a freshman, he made an immediate impact, competing in hurdle and heptathlon events, earning the conference's Rookie of the Year honor, and finishing the year with the highest GPA in the entire conference.

Sadly, a hamstring injury cut his athletic career short during his sophomore season. Yet, Travon remained committed to excellence. He doubled down on his academic pursuits, majoring in cybersecurity and becoming a proud member of the Alpha Gamma Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, where he earned the James Overton Award for maintaining the highest GPA in the province. For his senior year, he was selected by his peers to represent the university as Mr. Virginia Union.

Travon graduated from Virginia Union University, with a 3.98 GPA, earning him summa cum laude honors. As of today, he leads offensive cyber security operations for one of the world's largest financial institutions.

Travon credits his success to the unwavering support of his parents, Chris and Natasha Duncan, as well as the mentorship of Coach Hawkins and Coach Pollock. He also can't help but recognize and thank all of his teammates from the 2013-2015 era of Amityville Track and Field for all the memories and medals!





MIKE JAMES

Athlete

Mike James, a standout guard from Amityville Memorial High School in New York, carved out an impressive and inspiring professional basketball career, overcoming obstacles that would have discouraged many. Despite going undrafted in 1998, James refused to let that setback define him. Instead, he committed himself to the game he loved, taking an unconventional path to the NBA and proving that determination, resilience, and relentless work ethic can lead to success at the highest level.

After excelling at Duquesne University, where he built a reputation as a tough and skilled player, James began his professional journey overseas and in the Continental Basketball Association (CBA). These years tested his resolve, but they also sharpened his game and prepared him for the opportunity he had long dreamed of. His persistence paid off in 2001, when he made his NBA debut with the Miami Heat, achieving a milestone that seemed unlikely just a few years earlier.

Once in the NBA, James quickly made a name for himself with his scoring ability, defensive tenacity, and fearless approach on the court. Over the course of his career, he suited up for several franchises, including the Boston Celtics, Detroit Pistons, Milwaukee Bucks, Toronto Raptors, and Houston Rockets. No matter the jersey he wore, James brought the same passion and drive, earning respect from teammates, coaches, and fans alike.

His most memorable season came in 2005–06 with the Toronto Raptors, where he etched his name in franchise history. Averaging over 20 points per game, James became the first Raptor ever to reach that scoring mark while also dishing out more than 5 assists per contest in the same season. His performance that year showcased not only his ability to score but also his leadership and versatility on the court.

James' journey from the gymnasiums of Amityville to the bright lights of the NBA serves as a powerful example of perseverance and determination. His story continues to inspire young athletes who dream of making it to the professional level, proving that setbacks can be stepping stones to greatness. To this day, Mike James remains a source of pride for his hometown, embodying the values of hard work, toughness, and resilience that Amityville holds dear.





MARK JOHNSON

Class of 2005

Athlete

Born in Bayshore, NY, Mark Johnson moved from the Longwood School District to the Amityville School District in 1998. While attending Edmund W. Miles Middle School, he discovered his passion for sports, playing basketball, football, and track. Mark's enthusiasm for basketball notably intensified when he learned about the championships that the Amityville Varsity program was beginning to win, inspiring him to aspire to become one of the best players.

Mark entered high school in the 2001-2002 season, playing Junior Varsity for Coach Chris Agostino. He played a crucial role in leading the JV team to a league championship and earned the MVP award for the season. During this time, Mark received tutoring from Jason Fraser, the number one player in the country, which further refined his skills.

In his sophomore year (2002-2003), Mark stepped onto the Varsity team under Coach Jack Agostino. Coming off the bench, he provided a vital spark to help the team secure its fourth consecutive New York State (NYS) championship. Mark's impressive performance earned him a spot on the All-Tournament Team, along with All-League and All-County honors.

As a junior, Mark helped lead the team to its second Long Island championship and the school's fifth straight Long Island championship, as well as an appearance in the fifth consecutive NYS championship. He received additional accolades, including All-League, All-County, Newsday Second Team All-Long Island, and Third Team Class A NYS recognition.

During his senior year, Mark continued to excel, leading his team to a sixth straight Long Island championship and a sixth consecutive NYS Final Four appearance. By the end of his senior year, he was once again awarded All-League, All-Conference, and First Team Newsday All-Long Island honors. Mark also received McDonald's All-American nominations and was named to the Second Team All-NYS State Team. He concluded his illustrious career at Amityville with over 900 points, 800 rebounds, and 150 blocks.

After graduating, Mark attended Southwest Community College in Iowa for one year before transferring to Blinn College in Brenham, Texas, where he studied psychology.

Today, Mark Johnson resides in Queens and is a proud father of three sons: Jaaron, and twins Braydon and Bryson. He has dedicated the last 12 years to education and is currently the Assistant Dean of Behavior at the Quad Preparatory School in Manhattan, where he has worked for nine years.





PATRICK F. LINEHAN, JR.

Raised in Queens, Pat attended the Archbishop Molloy High School and then St. Johns University earning a degree in Education. He became a Math teacher at Jerusalem Avenue Jr. High in the Bellmore-Merrick School District. He coached Soccer, Lacrosse and also Refereed. During the summer, Pat was a Lifeguard at Robert Moses and was also the President of the New York State Lifeguard Union.

Married in 1967, Pat and his wife, Jane, moved to Amityville. They have three children, Patrick, III, Colleen, and Erin. All three children attended Amityville schools and participated in various sports. All three graduated as Valedictorians of their class.

Pat continued to teach until 1985. When he retired, Pat took courses and became a Financial Planner. A success at this also, he developed amazing computer skills. When the Hall of Fame Committee was formed, it was decided that it needed to be brought up to date. Pat was asked if he would develop a Website for the organization. He happily accepted the challenge and the Amityville Hall of Fame was online! Pat continued to keep it running, updating when necessary, for eleven years until his death in 2016.

We thank him for his help and contributions to the Amityville Hall of Fame.





EMMANUEL OGUNTOYE

Class of 2017

Athlete

Emmanuel Oguntoye was born in Brooklyn and raised in Long Island, NY, proudly carrying his Nigerian roots with him everywhere he goes. A first-generation Nigerian and natural-born athlete, Emmanuel found his way to the track in middle school, starting with high jump and long jump. Triple jump wasn't love at first hop—but destiny clearly had other plans. What started as “just trying it out” became his best event, earning him the title of #1 freshman in New York and leading him to dominate as an All-County and State Champion at Amityville High School, where he still holds the school record in triple jump. Emmanuel's school gave him the unforgettable nickname “The African Assassin,” proudly calling it out over the morning announcements as he built his legacy one jump at a time.

His senior year became a turning point—he hit a mark that proved he had what it took to compete in college, and he capped it off by earning All-American honors. That performance earned him a scholarship to Virginia State University, where he competed at a high level and became team captain for two years. Emmanuel helped lead his squad to four conference championship titles and became a two-time CIAA Triple Jump Champion.

While making strides on the track, Emmanuel also excelled academically as a Computer Science major, showing the same focus and discipline in the classroom that he brought to competition.

Outside of competition and coding, Emmanuel's personality has always left a mark.

Emmanuel isn't just about the track—he's got rhythm, too. A passionate musician, he plays piano and drums and has a deep love for Afrobeats, the soundtrack of his culture and drive. Known for his easygoing charm, sharp wit, and ability to make anyone laugh, he was the kind of teammate who could lift spirits on tough days and push others to be their best. Whether on the runway, in the weight room, or in everyday life, Emmanuel brings leadership, positivity, and a sense of fun everywhere he goes.

Today, Emmanuel Oguntoye stands as a testament to hard work, resilience, and passion—a record-breaker, leader, and inspiration—rightfully earning his place in the Hall of Fame.





ANTHONY JORDAN “A.J.” PRICE

Born October 7, 1986, in Orange, New Jersey, A.J. Price became a standout star at Amityville Memorial High School, where he scored 1,394 career points, knocked down 130 three-pointers, and led the Warriors to three straight Long Island titles and two New York State championships. Twice named Newsday Suffolk County Player of the Year, he was ranked as a four-star, top-30 national recruit in 2004.

Overcoming Adversity

Shortly after enrolling at the University of Connecticut, Price suffered a life-threatening brain hemorrhage caused by an arteriovenous malformation. His rehabilitation lasted more than 14 months, marking one of college basketball's most dramatic medical recoveries.

UConn Career

Price returned to the court in 2006 and quickly established himself as one of UConn's leaders. As a junior, he emerged as the team's second-leading scorer (14.5 PPG) and top playmaker (5.8 APG), earning USBWA Second-Team All-America honors, First-Team All-Big East, and recognition as a finalist for both the Wooden and Oscar Robertson Awards. Highlights included a 24-point, 10-assist performance to force overtime against Gonzaga and a career-high 36 points in a win over No. 8 Marquette that secured Coach Jim Calhoun's 800th victory. He finished the season averaging 14.7 points, 4.7 assists, and shooting 40.2% from three, and was named West Region Most Outstanding Player for leading UConn to the Final Four.

NBA Career

In 2009, Price was selected in the second round of the NBA Draft by the Indiana Pacers. He went on to play six seasons in the league, bringing the same resilience and leadership that had defined his college and high school careers.

Through his journey—from surviving brain surgery to excelling on basketball's biggest stages—A.J. Price exemplifies courage, accountability, and perseverance. His story is a reminder that Hall of Fame legacies are built not only on numbers, but on the resilience and character that inspire others far beyond the court.





WILLIAM “BILL” SMITH

Raised in the Village of Amityville, Bill attended the Amityville Public Schools kindergarten through 12th grade. In High School he was very active in sports playing both basketball and football.

It was in Football where Bill excelled. Bill was one of twenty-four players chosen for the All County Team. He was also named to the Suffolk All Scholastic Team. In 1950, Amityville won the Suffolk County Championship and the Rutgers Cup which was awarded to the top Long Island Team.

After graduation, Bill joined the US Marine Corps and served 1951–1954 stationed in Japan during the Korean War.

In 1956, Bill joined the Amityville Police Department and retired after 34 years as a Lieutenant. He also worked for the Post Office and was a member of the Amityville Fire Department for 10 years. For fourteen years at Christmastime, Bill could be seen making everyone smile riding on a sleigh as our village Santa Claus.

Bill was honored by both the American Legion and the Rotary Club.

He married Ellen Marie Lyons and they were the proud parents of Bill, Kathieann, Mary Ellen, James, Patrick and Patricia.



CONGRATULATIONS
to all the honorees that are
being enshrined into the
Amityville HS Class of 2025 Hall of Fame

It is a distinct honor to be recognized
from some of your past accomplishments
And we are proud to honor and say
“Thank You” Class of 2025.

Amityville Hall of Fame Committee

Jerry Pollock

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Tina Lowe

Angelique Shannon

Fred Thompson

Thomas Benymon

Reynolds Hawkins



TRAVON DUNCAN EMMANUEL OGUNTOYE

Congratulations So Well Deserved

Both of you have laid the blueprint of what hard work on both the athletic field and classroom looks like. It is my honor to have coached you both and watch you grow into the proud young men you both are. And proud to have played the role in your choice of attending and graduating from an HBCU Institution of Higher Learning.

Respectfully, Virginia Union & Virginia State

Coach Reynolds Hawkins

PATRICK F. LINEHAN, JR.

Congratulations to my dear father whose support, whether from the stands, the sidelines or elsewhere, always gave me strength, taught me resilience and kept sports fun. I'm proud to have had you as a father!

Patrick, Maya, Patrick-Helios, and Cameron



PATRICK LINEHAN

Congratulations on your induction to the
Amityville Sports Hall of Fame.

Your many contributions as the Hall of Fame
computer “guru” were greatly appreciated.

The Pollock Family

CONGRATULATIONS PATRICK F. LINEHAN, JR.

Amityville HS Sports Hall of Fame Inductee

“Always so proud”

With love,

Jane Linehan



PATRICK F. LINEHAN, JR.

Congratulations to Dad and Grandpa who has always been our biggest cheerleader and always supported the Amityville Athletic community.

We miss you so much.

Love – Erin and JP

PATRICK F. LINEHAN, JR.

In loving memory of **Pat F. Linehan Jr.**, whose passion for sports, dedication to excellence and love for his community continue to inspire us. We are so proud to celebrate his induction into the **Amityville High School Sports Hall of Fame**. Forever in our hearts.

Colleen, Pat, Riley, PJ, and Brecka



CONGRATULATIONS
Rob “Bobby” Carpenter
on your well-deserved induction into the
Amityville Memorial High School
Sports Hall of Fame

A Warrior is fearless in the face of danger and adversity, showing great courage and a willingness to endure pain. You are the true definition of a Warrior!

With Great Admiration,
Brigide Shannon-Brown
AMHS Class of 1987



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2025 INDUCTEES

The Amityville Athletic Department proudly congratulates the newest members of the Amityville High School Athletic Hall of Fame:

Robert Carpenter - Tehran Carpenter - Andrea Drost- Travon Duncan
Mike James - Mark Johnson - Patrick F. Linehan- Emmanuel Oguntoye
A.J. Price - William Smith

We honor their accomplishments and thanks them for continuing to inspire our current athletes to pursue excellence.

Sincerely,
Evan Farkas, Director of Athletics

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2025 AMITYVILLE HS HALL OF FAME



Reynolds Hawkins
President

RESPECT AND HONOR to the Original Members of the Hall of Fame Committee

Reynolds Hawkins
Claude Byer
Jerry Pollock
Bruce Pescitelli
Jessica Bernius



*Congratulations to
Amityville Memorial High School Sports Hall of Fame Inductees!
Thank you for your contributions, hardwork and dedication
to an athletic program that I continue to be proud of.*



Angelique L. Shannon, Chief Executive Officer

Michelle Lloyd, Chief Financial Officer

Claude Byer, Board Member

Tanya Turner Williams, Board Member

Shanique Ware, Board Member

We are not just a dance program we are a family and an EXPERIENCE.



Angelique L. Shannon, Owner

Amityville Memorial High School C/O 1992

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THE AMITYVILLE HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE

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The Amityville Community
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AMITYVILLE MEMORY LANE

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