INAUGURAL HALL OF FAME DINNER

SUFFOLK UNIVERSITY ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

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Welcome to our Inaugural Athletic Hall of Fame dinner. This Centennial year at Suffolk University has provided innumerable celebrations of noted accomplishment and lasting memory. Our Hall of Fame provides a similar special opportunity as we recognize the contributions of athletic directors, coaches, student athletes, and championship teams.

The reason for our gathering tonight is well chronicled in the inductee profiles that follow on the pages of this program. We welcome the Suffolk community, our friends, and our families who join us in this celebration of a new tradition and know that you share in our pride at the accomplishments of these individuals and teams. We look forward, with you, to bestowing similar accolades on those who will follow in these remarkable footsteps in Suffolk’s next hundred years.

James Nelson
Director of Athletics

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE SELECTION COMMITTEE:

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Ellen Crotty Pistorino
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PROGRAM

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Men’s Basketball
1982–1986

REMARKS
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Dean of Students

INTRODUCTION OF THE INDUCTEES TO THE HALL OF FAME

Charles Law *
Director of Athletics
1946–1978

James Nelson
Director of Athletics
1966–present

Maureen Brown
Women’s Basketball, Softball, and Tennis
1990–1994

Robert Rauseo
Men’s Tennis
1980–1984

Ellen Crotty Pistorino
Women’s Basketball and Softball
1984–1988

George Doucet
Baseball Coach
1959–1972

Donovan Little
Men’s Basketball
1975–1979

Brian Horan
Ice Hockey
1988–1992

1990–1991
Ice Hockey Team
Accepting Bill Burns, Jr.
Head Coach

1974–1975
Men’s Basketball Team
Accepting James Nelson
Assistant Coach

* Posthumous award
When the late Charlie Law arrived at Suffolk in 1946, the University athletic history spanned five years, with basketball and baseball teams composed primarily of law students. When he retired as director of athletics 32 years later, Law was credited with building an undergraduate intercollegiate athletic program with consistently competitive and frequently victorious teams.

Born in Patrick, Scotland in 1913, Law grew up in Chelsea, Massachusetts. He graduated from Chelsea High School where he played football, basketball, and baseball. He went on to earn a bachelor’s degree at Springfield College, where despite his small stature, he lettered in football, and was on the basketball, lacrosse, and track teams.

During Law’s early years at Suffolk, the athletic program was comprised of baseball and basketball, both of which he coached; soccer and ice hockey; golf, which he also coached, and tennis were added in 1948; and sailing in 1949. Many of his athletes were World War II veterans, frequently older than Law himself.

Lack of facilities never discouraged Law. He took his 1946–47 basketball nomads to the Charlestown YMCA; from 1947–57, to the West End House on Blossom Street; and finally to the Cambridge YMCA, which served as a home court for Suffolk basketball until the opening of the Regan Gymnasium in 1991. Law’s baseball squads also had to travel from diamond to diamond throughout the greater Boston area.

Nevertheless, Law’s basketball teams compiled an overall record of 295–258, and his last two squads qualified for the NCAA Division III Regional Tournament. The 1974–75 team, 19–7, reached the regional finals, and the 1975–76 quintet, with a 19–6 record, was ranked fifteenth nationally in its division.

Law was elected president of the New England Basketball Coaches Association in 1972, and three years later, he received the Association’s highest award, the Doggie Julian Memorial Trophy, for his contributions to the sport.
For four decades, Jim Nelson has been an integral part of Suffolk University athletics. He began working at Suffolk in 1966 as an assistant director of athletics and men’s assistant basketball coach, and in 1975 was named director of athletics, a position he still holds today.

From 1976 until 1995, he was head coach of the men’s basketball team, guiding the Rams to appearances in the NCAA Division III Regional Tournament in each of his first two seasons at the helm. He coached with the same passion he exemplified as a player and taught his players valuable life lessons.

In 1960, Nelson was a Catholic League All-Star performer for North Cambridge Catholic High School, averaging 30.3 points per game. He scored 45 points in a victory over Division I powerhouse Cambridge Rindge Technical High School, a record that stood for 30 years. One year later, he led Huntington Prep to the New England Prep School Championship, and was named Most Valuable Player of the entire tournament.

Nelson’s impressive past also includes starring at Boston College between 1962 and 1965, under the tutelage of Eagles’ coach and pro basketball legend Bob Cousy. In addition, Nelson played professional basketball in Athens, Greece, and was a player-coach for the Cambridge YMCA team which was crowned New England YMCA Champions in 1970.

In 1992, Nelson was selected as a member of the inaugural National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) Division III Congress, a position he continues to hold, and now serves as the association’s NCAA Legislative Advisor. He also served as the National Chairman of the NCAA Division III Basketball Committee from 1997 to 1999.

A highly respected individual in his profession, Nelson was inducted into the New England Basketball Hall of Fame in 2006, and received the tenth annual Outstanding Service Award from the NABC that same year. In 2005, he was named a Sports Ethic Fellow by the Institute for International Sport, and in 1997, he received the New England Basketball Coaches Association Doggie Julian Award for Service to New England Collegiate Basketball.
During her playing days as a multi-talented basketball player at Suffolk, Maureen “Moe” Brown achieved something that most collegiate athletes only accomplish in their dreams—being named the team’s Most Valuable Player in each of her four years (1990–94).

Brown is the second women’s all-time leading scorer in Suffolk women’s basketball history with 1,458 points. The energetic backcourt ace played in 93 consecutive games wearing the blue and gold, setting a school record.

As a senior, Brown demonstrated her all-around skills, leading the team in points, rebounds, assists, steals, and blocks. She led the Northeast Women’s Athletic Conference with 21 points per game, and was a second team All-Conference selection. She was also named Most Valuable Player of the Roger Williams College Tip-Off Tournament in 1992.

Demonstrating her athletic versatility, Brown also played a key role on the women’s softball, tennis, and cross-country teams for two years. No matter what sport she competed in at Suffolk, she gave one hundred percent effort all of the time.

Upon graduating from Suffolk with a degree in criminology, Brown returned to her alma mater the following year and soon became an official member of the Suffolk Police force. She is now Suffolk’s Crime Prevention Officer and teaches a free, 12-hour, self-defense course for women.

In 2000, Brown was nominated for the award of Good Person of Suffolk University by S.O.U.L.S., Suffolk’s Organization for Uplifting Lives through Service, and was recognized as an Outstanding Woman Leader by the Suffolk Women’s Center in 1999.
A common term used in the world of sports is “in the zone.” It is often used when an athlete feels on top of the world, when every pitch, swing, or shot he or she takes is right on target, when their game appears to be controlled by some magical force.

Bob Rauseo knows what it’s like to experience such a powerful feeling. From the end of his sophomore year through his senior season, he won 19 consecutive matches playing at the number one position on the Suffolk men’s tennis team. It was a streak that is imagined by many, but realized by few.

Rauseo enjoyed a superb four-year career for the Rams, compiling a 35–6 overall record. He was the team’s captain and Most Valuable Player in each of his last three seasons, an extraordinary feat. Combining a tremendous work ethic with a competitive fire, he led by example. As a senior, he was an NCAA Regional quarter-finalist.

In 1984, Rauseo graduated from Suffolk with a degree in philosophy, and in 1990 received his MBA from his alma mater. For the past 18 years, he has worked in the Financial Aid Office at Suffolk, presently holding the title of associate director. His wife, Colleen Murphy, is a counselor in the Career Development Office at Suffolk University Law School. Keeping it all in the family, Rauseo’s father, Sal, graduated from Suffolk in 1960 and was captain of the men’s basketball team.

For the past two years, Rauseo has been the women’s varsity tennis coach at Simmons College in Boston. Under his leadership, Simmons has compiled an overall record of 27–7, 20–0 in Great Northeast Athletic Conference (GNAC) play. This year’s team has qualified for the NCAA Division III National Tournament for the first time in school history. Rauseo has been named GNAC Coach of the Year two years in a row.

He is in his first year as the girls’ varsity tennis coach at The Winsor School in Boston and was the girls’ varsity tennis coach at Mt. Alvernia High School in Newton for the 2005–06 season.
Within the athletic arena or in the classroom, Ellen Crotty certainly made a name for herself as an outstanding, two-sport student-athlete at Suffolk. She played basketball and softball all four years, serving as captain of each sport her last three seasons, and chosen Most Valuable Player of each sport her final two years.

In her junior season, she led the team in scoring—20.4 points per game, ranked 26th nationally in Division III—and rebounding—9.2 boards each contest. Her ultimate highlight was a 45-point performance in a 79–73 victory over Emerson College—a single-game, women’s basketball scoring record at Suffolk. On that special night, Crotty shot 19 of 36 from the floor, grabbed 18 rebounds, and blocked four shots. Not surprisingly, she was named Eastern College Athletic Conference Player of the Week for her memorable performance.

During her senior season, 1987–88, Crotty, a 5’10” center, was the Rams leading scorer with 24.3 points per game, ranked second nationally in Division III—and rebounder—11.6 caroms each contest—as well as being named a New England All Star. She also posted a 3.4 grade point average as a business major.

Crotty is the third women’s all-time leading scorer with 1,346 points.

Her athletic prowess was not limited to the hardwood floor. Crotty was a standout pitcher and shortstop on the Suffolk women’s softball team, doing whatever she had to do for the good of the team. In addition, she played on the women’s tennis team and was as a member of the school’s cross country squad for one season.

Crotty was the recipient of the coveted Charles Law Outstanding Student Athlete Award in 1987 and 1988, a tribute to her athletic and academic success.
In his role as head baseball coach at Suffolk, George Doucet was a colorful, tobacco-chawing, spirited character, almost as entertaining as the action on the field. He knew how to motivate others, usually with a memorable one-liner, like “Stop standing around, you’re killing the grass.”

During his 14 seasons patrolling the sidelines for the Rams, Doucet compiled an overall record of 102–76, including five consecutive winning seasons. He achieved all of this without a home field on which to practice or play games.

Perhaps his greatest victory was a stunning 8–7 triumph over Boston College in 1960, shortly before the Eagles played in the College World Series in Omaha, Nebraska. Suffolk scored four times in the eighth inning to break a 4–4 tie, and BC came back with three runs in its half of the inning, but the Rams held on for the win.

Doucet played basketball and baseball for Revere High School. He was a good enough left-handed pitcher to sign a minor league contract with the old Philadelphia Athletics. Due to an arm injury his career was cut short four years later.

At that time, Doucet, who received his undergraduate degree from Suffolk in 1959 and his master’s degree in 1962, was asked to coach the Rams’ baseball team. He accepted the job and enjoyed a successful career before retiring in 1972 to devote more time to his teaching duties at Revere High. While at Suffolk, he was assistant coach of the men’s basketball team during various intervals.

Doucet, whose knowledge of baseball was unmatched, always preached the importance of academics and discipline to his players. He had the respect of his student-athletes and taught them about team work and sportsmanship—values that have remained with them to this day.
Watching Donovan Little play basketball was a thing of beauty. He performed with style and grace, each creative move and subsequent basket bringing audiences to its feet. He was a star, and the court was his stage.

Little ended his brilliant four-year career as Suffolk men’s basketball all-time leading scorer with 2,033 points. No other Ram player has ever reached the 2,000-point plateau. What makes Little’s achievement so spectacular is that he accomplished it at a time when the game had no three-point line or shot clock.

A native of Jamaica, Little moved to Dorchester with his family when he was 13. He did not play basketball until he came to this country—soccer was his game. However, by his senior year at Boston Tech, he was a good enough roundball player to earn several all-city and all-state honors.

Little, a 6’4” forward, came to Suffolk relatively unnoticed, but it didn’t take him long to catch everyone’s eye. He broke into the starting lineup as a freshman on a talent-laden 1976 team when a senior was sidelined with a virus.

As a senior in 1979, Little averaged 24.6 points—ranked eighth in the country in Division III)—and 10.4 rebounds per game, both team highs. He also led his squad in steals (83) and blocked shots (61). In the end, he had a career scoring average of 21.4 points per game. His all-around play helped Suffolk qualify for the NCAA Division III Regional Tournament in each of his first three seasons.

Little received many accolades throughout his illustrious career including: All-American—Basketball Weekly Magazine; All-New England—United Press International, National Association of Basketball Coaches, and the Eastern College Athletic Conference; New England All Star—Boston Herald; and All-Star—New England Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame.
Suffolk has produced many top-notch hockey players over the years, but there is one individual who stands out above the rest. He is Brian “Scorin” Horan, and he is in a class by himself.

Horan, a gutsy 5’8” center, completed his spectacular career as Suffolk men’s hockey all-time leading scorer with 302 points—169 goals, 133 assists. He led his Suffolk team each of his four years in goals, assists, and total points.

Putting the puck in the net came easily for Horan even at an early age. During his junior and senior seasons at Somerville High School, he was the leading scorer on the hockey team, and was a Greater Boston League All-Star selection in each of those years.

At Suffolk, Horan’s name is at the top of the list in almost every individual scoring category, including most three-goal hat tricks in a season (11) and career (30).

While his offensive statistics speak for themselves, Horan was also a productive defensive player. His all-purpose play spurred the 1990–91 Suffolk team to its greatest season in school history—compiling an overall record of 22–5 and reaching the finals of the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Division III North Tournament. As a senior, he led the nation in total points (104), was voted ECAC North Player of the Year for the second time in three years, and was named to the ECAC All-Star team for the third consecutive season.

Horan was head coach of the Suffolk hockey team from 1999 to 2004. Under his guidance, the Rams reached the ECAC Northeast Division III playoffs in 2004 for the first time since 1993.
The 1990–91 Suffolk ice hockey team opened the eyes and captured the hearts of everyone with a season for the record books. The Rams compiled an overall record of 22–5, the most wins in Suffolk hockey history, and became a finalist in the ECAC Division III North Tournament, losing to Fitchburg State College, 10–8, in the championship game.

Suffolk was the most explosive team in ECAC play during that super season, with 175 goals scored. The Rams were so offensive-minded that center Brian Horan—with a nation’s best 104 points—and forwards Brian Gruning (59 points) and Sean O’Driscoll (53 points) were the top three scorers in the division.

One of the highlights of the season was Suffolk capturing the Chowder Cup Tournament title, defeating Bentley College and Tufts University. The Rams were a fun, exciting, and talented team throughout the year, providing their fans with plenty to cheer about.

Bill Burns, in his first year as head coach at Suffolk, was assisted by his brother, the late Larry Burns. They were credited with instilling renewed spirit into the hockey program.

**1990–1991 Ice Hockey Team**

Russ Eonas  
Chris Mullen  
Jon Comeau  
Mark Wall  
Dean Tramontana  
Brian Donahue  
Sean O’Driscoll  
Sean Milne  
Gregg Nolan  
Merek Franklin  
Scott Cutliff  
Michael Pearson  
Darrin Gold  
John O’Toole  
Mike Cotter  
Brian Horan  
Dan Cuddy  
David Brown  
Matt Mansfield  
Brian Gruning  
Chris Levy  
Jim Fitzgerald  
Kevin Cicchese  
Steve Morris  
Bob Hadad  
Jeff Allen  
Jim Ignazio

**Head Coach**  
Bill Burns, Jr.

**Assistant Coach**  
Larry Burns, Sr. *

**Managers**  
Larry Burns, Jr.  
Shannon Ellingwood  
Mike Lightbody

*Posthumous award*
The 1974–75 Suffolk men’s basketball team made school history by becoming the first squad to ever receive a post-season tournament invitation. The Rams defeated Boston State College, 80–75, in the first round of the NCAA Division III Regional Tournament before losing to Brandeis University, 89–77, in the championship game.

What made this team so special is the journey it had to follow. After losing four of its first six regular season games, the Suffolk quintet bounced back to win 15 of its last 17 contests, an inspiring display of teamwork, perseverance, and pride.

The Rams, directed by head coach Charlie Law and assistant coaches Jim Nelson and Tom Walsh, defeated three Division II schools in the Merrimack College Holiday Tournament—Bryant College, St. Anselm’s College, and Merrimack College—and completed this memorable campaign with an overall record of 19–7.

Traveling on the MBTA’s Red Line to the Cambridge YMCA each day for practices and games brought this 14-member team closer together, and that united effort was reflected in the way it performed on the court throughout this unforgettable season.
Suffolk University’s athletic teams were originally known as the Royals. In the 1950s, the Suffolk student body showed up with a sheep for a pep rally believed to be for the University’s men’s basketball team. At that point Gleason Archer, Suffolk’s founding father, decided that the sports teams would henceforth be known as the Rams. He also named the new mascot after his brother Hiram.