

5th Class of the Curley Athletic Hall of Fame Inducted October 19, 2019



Michael Boettcher '98
Wrestling, Football & Track

Michael Boettcher recorded 143 career wins as a wrestler for the Friars. His stellar performance on the mat and leadership as team captain was a driving force in Curley winning its 1st State Championship in 1998. Boettcher was a 4-year letterman in wrestling, 3-time MIAA champion, and two-time state champion. He was honored by both the Baltimore Sun and Catholic Review as their Athlete of the Week and was also an All-Metro selection. On the football field, Boettcher led the Friars in interceptions, was second in receptions, and was the team's Scholar Athlete winner. In 1998, he was named Curley's Fr. Julian Athlete of the Year. Boettcher would continue his wrestling career at the US Naval Academy and is currently a pilot and Commander in the United States Navy. He has served our country abroad in Afghanistan and Iraq.



William "Bill" Dawson
Athletic Director

This Hall of Famer is not being recognized for his impact on a single sport but rather his influence on the entire athletic program and school community. Serving as Curley's Athletic Director for 27 years, Bill Dawson oversaw an athletic program that won 40 varsity championships during his tenure and numerous under squad titles. Dawson also pitched in as a coach for varsity lacrosse and the fresh-soph soccer team. While running a successful athletic department was his focus, Dawson was widely known by athletes, coaches, the student body, and the larger Curley Family as a person more concerned with the well-being of the individual rather than the wins and losses.

Dawson, who was recognized as Teacher of the Year in 2003, taught a variety of courses over the years and was a mainstay in the Business Department. He retired from Curley in 2015 but remains a friend & supporter of the school.



Charles Devaud '03
Track & Field, Indoor Track, Soccer

Charles Devaud dominated the metro area in indoor and outdoor track during his Curley athletic career. Among his most impressive accomplishments was being named The Baltimore Sun's 2003 All-Metro Athlete of the Year in indoor track for the winter season and to the publication's All-Metro outdoor track team in the spring. The squad's MVP and captain earned these honors coming off a season where the Friars won the MIAA Indoor Track Championship. He was an integral part of the team's success through his 1st place finish in the 55 meter hurdles and pole vault and a second place finish in the triple jump. In the MIAA outdoor Track Championships, the senior also won the pole vault event and held the school record in this event at the time.

Devaud would find similar success at UMBC, capped off by his winning the America East Conference's (AEC) Decathlon in outdoor track in 2006 & 2007, setting the school record in this event in the process. In 2006, he finished second in the AEC in both the Heptathlon and Pole Vault for indoor track. Devaud was also voted a team captain for the Retrievers and was the recipient of their Unsung Hero award.



Dan Rose '85
Soccer, Golf, Football, Wrestling & Track

Dan Rose donned athletic jerseys in multiple sports over his four-years at Curley but it was on the soccer field where he truly excelled. A 4-year starter for fellow hall of famer, Coach Mario Scilipoti, Rose earned All-Metro, All-South, and All-American honors for his prowess roaming the midfield. He was also included on The Baltimore Sun's 20th Anniversary All-Metro team. The next stop for the soccer standout would be Loyola College where he was part of a Greyhound team that boasted a 30-game unbeaten streak and consecutive appearances in the NCAA tournament quarterfinals. After his playing career, Rose found much success as a youth soccer coach with Fewster FC, guiding the squad to three Maryland State Championships, a region 1 title, and a national championship appearance.

Rose left his mark on other sports at Curley serving as the kicker for football, the #1 for the golf team, while also hitting the mat for the wrestling squad and running a year of track. In 1985, he was honored as Curley's Fr. Julian Athlete of the Year. A fitting honor for an individual who earned 12 varsity letters in his tenure. tenure and numerous under squad titles. Dawson also pitched in as a coach for varsity lacrosse and the fresh-soph soccer team. While running a successful athletic department was his focus, Dawson was widely known by athletes, coaches, the student body, and the larger Curley Family as a person more concerned with the well-being of the individual rather than the wins and losses. Dawson, who was recognized as Teacher of

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Phil Skalniak '78
Lacrosse & Football

Phil Skalniak was a two sport standout in the Bowl for the Friars. In the fall, he served as the team's quarterback and was named a captain his final season. The 1977 squad finished as Catholic League champions and the #3 ranked team by The Baltimore Sun. The senior was named to the All-Metro 2nd Team for his ability to lead the offense. Skalniak lettered four years in lacrosse as a midfielder and was a member of consecutive championship teams in 1977 and 1978. He was also a team captain and once again an All-Metro selection. In his senior lax season, Skalniak received the Ensign C. Markland Kelly award for being the top midfielder in the MSA "B" Conference. His high school athletic career culminated with being named Curley's Fr. Julian Athlete of the Year.

Skalniak would continue playing lacrosse at the collegiate level at the US Naval Academy. He participated in three NCAA D1 tournaments with the Midshipmen. In 1983, he was named the team's "Most Outstanding Midfielder" and was also a 3rd Team All-American.



Joe Valis '79
Lacrosse, Football & Wrestling

Joe Valis was a difference maker in lacrosse during his years at Curley. A two-year starter on attack and a co-captain as a senior, Valis was a thorn in the side of opposing defenses in the Maryland Scholastic Association (MSA). He would continue his lax career at Swarthmore College and evolved into a prolific scorer recording 132 career goals (tied for 1st in school history) and 221 points (2nd all-time). Honors included earning Middle Atlantic Conference All-Star recognition all four seasons and being named a USILA Honorable Mention All-American in 1983. Swarthmore won the MAC league title in 1982. Valis remained active in the lacrosse community, studying and playing at Oxford University, and has also coached for Kelly Post and Maryland Lacrosse Club. In 2016, Valis was inducted into Swarthmore's Garnett Athletics Hall of Fame.

Valis excelled on the football field as well and was an All- Metro punter at Curley (also played safety & fullback) and a 3-year member of the Swarthmore gridiron squad. In 1979, he was Curley's Scholar Athlete recipient.