

2024 Athletic Hall of Fame

Brooks Norris '01/ Baseball, Ice Hockey, & Football

Brooks Norris was an exceptional, all-around athlete for the Friars who lettered three seasons in baseball, four seasons in ice hockey, and two in football. He was a two-time team captain on the baseball team and was named All-City/County as a junior and senior. In 2001, Norris was named an All-Metro selection by the Baltimore Sun and played in the prestigious Crown All-Star game at Oriole Park at Camden Yards. On the mound, the right-hander went 8-2 as a senior with a 1.84 ERA and 76 strikeouts in 65.2 innings pitched. Norris was a member of MIAA "A" Conference championship baseball teams in 1999 and 2001. He continued his baseball career at the University of Maryland. In the winter, Norris laced up the skates with the ice hockey squad and won three consecutive MIAA "B" Conference championships. He returned to his alma mater to coach baseball from 2011-2019. His squad won the 2018 "A" Conference championship, was ranked #1 in the state, and Norris was named the Varsity Sports Network and Baltimore Sun's Coach of the Year.

Nick Feurer '79/ Football, Lacrosse, & Wrestling

Nick Feurer was a three-year starter on the varsity football team playing on both sides of the ball. He was a major contributor on the 1977 Catholic League Championship team and was a captain on the 1978 team that finished second in the MSA "A" Conference. Feurer was named the Baltimore Sun's "Athlete of the Week" after an incredible performance against Mt. St. Joe when he rushed for 137 yards and recorded 15 tackles on defense. A ferocious hitter, the middle linebacker received All-Metro honors for his play during the 1978 season. Feurer was a two-year letterman in lacrosse, was an Honorable Mention All-Metro performer, and also had the honor of being a team captain. His Curley athletic career would end with being named the school's Fr. Julian Athlete of the Year in 1979. Feurer continued on the gridiron at Western Maryland College, eventually becoming an All-Conference selection as a senior in 1983.

Haywood Highsmith '14/ Basketball

Haywood Highsmith was a standout on the basketball court for the Friars leading the team in scoring two seasons. He was a two-time All-MIAA selection and averaged over 20 points per game and 10 rebounds as a senior. Highsmith continued to take a leap forward every season in college as a member of the Division II Wheeling Jesuit squad. He is in the "Top Ten" of many of the school's career statistic records. Highsmith earned MEC Conference Player of the Year honors, was an All-American, and the DII's National Player of the Year in 2018 after averaging 22ppg and 12.6 rebounds. The former Friar made his NBA debut for the Philadelphia 76ers in 2019. He joined the Miami Heat in 2021 and has appeared in 144 regular season games and 31 playoff contests for the franchise. In 2023, he was a member of a squad that faced the Denver Nuggets in the NBA Finals.

Avery Williams '12/ Football, Wrestling, & Track & Field

Former Friar football coach and fellow Hall of Fame member Sean Murphy described Avery Williams as "a player with the speed, explosiveness, and physicality that you rarely saw from a

high school player.” In his senior season, Williams rushed for 1,325 yards and had 12 touchdowns. He also recorded 76 tackles and 8 sacks as a linebacker, the position he would excel in at the collegiate level at Temple University. Following a productive 2016 season for the Owls, Williams was named to the All-AAC 2nd team. He would go undrafted but was signed by the NFL’s Houston Texans as a free agent. After being one of the team’s final cuts, Williams would go onto a career in the Canadian Football League (CFL). From 2018-22 he would star for the Ottawa Redblacks, and in 2023 he suited up for the Montreal Alouettes. Williams was named a CFL All-Star in 2021 and won the Grey Cup Championship in 2023. Not to be overlooked are his accomplishments on the mat and track for the Friars. Williams was an MIAA champion in the 220-pound weight class and an All-State selection as a grappler and a standout sprinter for Coach Gene Hoffman’s squads during the spring seasons.

Mike D’Adamo ’71/ Soccer

Mike D’Adamo had a stellar career on the soccer field as the Friars last line of defense. The goalkeeper was a two-year starter and a 2nd team All-MSA selection. He was a big part of the team’s run to the 1969 championship game. D’Adamo played his club ball for national powerhouse Casa Bianca. Post-Curley, he would become the first freshman to start in goal for Towson State University in 16 years. A four-year starter for the Tigers, D’Adamo earned All-Mason Dixon honors in 1976. He would get a taste of professional soccer with the Baltimore Bays and joined the squad for their international schedule. The keeper was also a member of the Baltimore Comets NASL reserve team in 1975. D’Adamo has continued giving back to the game serving as a mentor to players while coaching numerous teams over the years. He was inducted into the Maryland Soccer Hall of Fame in 2015.

Marty McGinty/Athletic Trainer

Marty McGinty has looked after Curley athletes for the past 24 years after serving as the Head Athletic Trainer for the Union Memorial Hospital Sports Medicine department. In this time, he has been responsible for the prevention, care, treatment, and rehabilitation of injuries of those who wear a Friar athletic uniform. However, his impact on the school is far more reaching than the athletic department. McGinty makes himself available to all members of the Curley Family seeking his advice and always goes out of his way to make sure they are well taken care of and properly treated. In addition to his athletic training responsibilities, McGinty is the Chair of the Physical Education department, teaches multiple classes, and is heavily involved in activities throughout the school. Prior to Curley, McGinty worked with numerous professional sports teams including the Baltimore Blast (soccer) and Baltimore Thunder (lacrosse). He holds multiple certifications and is a member of numerous professional affiliations.

