2012 Inductees

Jessica McAlear ’04
John C. Pavlos ’78
Rick Maguire ’90
Joel Rousseau ’07
Stan Szymanski ’64

Alma Mater
(Willard Hedlund ’10)

Dear Worcester Tech, our Worcester Tech,
Our praises ring to thee,
To alma mater, good and true,
We pledge our loyalty.
Long have we felt thy guiding hand,
Thy teachings broad and free,
With praises loud in every land
We’ll show our love for thee.

— Refrain —
Then here’s to good old Worcester Tech,
Come, fellows, join in our refrain,
Wave high the colors, Crimson and Gray,
For good old Worcester Tech.

As years roll on and changes bring
To all things great and small,
We still will thee in rev’rence hold
We’ll greet thee one and all.

In accents which no one may doubt
In terms so strong and bold
The world will know thy worth to us
Increases many fold

— Refrain —
1996 Maria Carvajal '88
Susan Chapman
David Durenberger '88
Evan Elkington '89
William Nem '86
Carl Simon Jr. '46
1995 Gregg Fedder '85
Eric Meerbach '87
Hugo Noridge '45
Cindy Perkins '87
John Tinker '32
1994 Joseph Bronzino '59
George Bliss Emerson '32
Philip Gerbino
Mary Jane Hall-Stimson '81
Catherine Murray '87
Frank Sannella
1993 Richard Buzinet '56
Mary Donovan '78
Patricia Graham Flaherty '75
Paul Kerrigan '57
Jack Rushion '39
William Shields '64
1992 James Baill '73
Michael Carbone '85
Mark Dupuis '72
Edward Milde '30
Andrew March '73
1991 George Ablow '53
Orville Bailey '85
Phillip Delphos '26
Robert Rounds Jr. '64
Chiaa Whalen Rubin '84
1990 James Banks (Al Baro)'
Anne Marie Foreman '80
Mark McCabe '79
Peter Sifferlen '84
1989 Alan Briggs '76
Donald Ferrari '59
Edward Griffith Jr. '69
Terese Kwiatkowski '83
Philip Pierce '31
David Wilson '80
1988 Arthur J. Knight '07
John McGrath Jr. '64
Fred Pickwick Jr. '22
Leonard Politzotto '70
Timothy Rooney '71
Ralph White '33
1987 Roy Bourgault '42
Suzanne Call Margerum '81
Richard Converse '28
Carmen Della Vecchia '67
Joseph Guidi '28
Alan King
Harold Melden Jr. '49
Donald Putnam '32
Richard Zeleny '53
1986 William Asp '32
Peter Horstmann '55
Mel Neocrooss
Cary Pululis '68
Michael Walker '78
1985 Percy "Doc" Carpenter
Fred DiPippo '50
Richard Ferrari '51
John Kozick '68
Charles Schmit '46
Elmer Scott '41
1984 Ivan "Pete" Bigler
Earl Bloom '55
William Graham '31
Donald Lutz '67
David McEwan '39
Morgan Reese '61
1983 Thomas Berry '24
Edward Cannon '68
Harry Dadman 1891
Raymond Forkey '40
Charles McNulty
Henry Nowick '56
Robert Pritchard
Albert Radavsky

*Deceased

Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet
Presented by WPI and the Poly Club

Homecoming Weekend
October 5, 2012 • 6:00 p.m. • Campus Center Odeum
Kim Landry '97, Poly Club President

Welcome
Brian Daly '91

Alma Mater
WPI Pep Band

Greetings from the University
Dennis Berkey
WPI President

Introduction of Inductees
Brian Daly

Dinner
Chartwells Food Service

Recognition of Hall of Famers
Tom Villani '82

Student Athlete Advisory Council
Shane Sampson '13 and Lauren Waring '13, Co-chairs

Induction Ceremonies
presented by Brian Daly
Rick Maguire ’90

Three-time All-New England wrestler Rick Maguire capped a standout collegiate career by winning the 118 pound title during his senior season. The native of Springfield, VT, delivered when his name was called during his freshman season. Being utilized strategically on a team that captured the 1987 New England Championship, Maguire proved he could hang with the best, posting a 4-1 mark with a pin in dual-match action.

He broke through during his sophomore season, registering a 10-1 record en route to placing second at 118 lbs. at the New England Championships hosted by the Engineers. He continued to provide his team with great performances from the lead-off weight as he compiled a 12-1 standard with his highest career pin total of 4 during his junior season. He again snagged valuable team points by finishing second at the championships.

Like most great champions, Maguire saved his best for last. He racked up 10 victories in 11 dual meets and took home the 118 pound championship at the NEWA meet hosted by Plymouth State. He was one of two Crimson and Gray wrestlers who had their arms lifted as champions and in an effort that saw Phil Grebina’s squad come within a half a point of the team title. One of Maguire’s 3 pins that season in dual meet competition came in a team-best 14 seconds over his opponent from Bowdoin.

"Rick Maguire was an energetic and dynamic leader for the WPI Wrestling Team during his four years at WPI," said Hall of Fame head coach Grebina. "His energy, hustle, and technique were evident in every practice and meet. As a 118 lb. wrestler and the lead-off for every dual meet, Ricky provided a huge jump-start to the team in setting the tone of a WPI victory."

Maguire amassed an overall record of 36-4 in dual meets for a eye-popping 90 percent winning percentage, good for top five all-time in the history of the program. He also garnered valuable points for the team by totaling nine pins, a quarter of his total victories. "Ricky was one of the toughest and most tenacious wrestlers that I was fortunate enough to have as a teammate,” said fellow Hall of Famer and current head coach Steve Hall. “A great example of this is when everyone else simply walked up the five flights of stairs in Harrington after practice. Ricky would carry me on his back up all five flights. He was wrestling 118 at the time and I was 245.”

Maguire graduated from WPI in the spring of 1990 with a degree in electrical engineering. He began his professional career right here in Worcester at Analog Devices, where he worked five years as a test engineer. Currently he is working as a product design engineer at Philips Healthcare in Andover. Rick is the proud father of two lovely daughters, Katie and Jillian, and resides in Londonderry, New Hampshire.
A two-way star on the gridiron and one of the first great wrestlers during the varsity era, Stan Szymanski was, despite being under 200 pounds, the big man on campus.

Szymanski played varsity football for WPI for four years. He was an outstanding offensive guard, but his specialty was defense at middle linebacker as well as a standout on special teams making tackles on kick-offs and punts. He led the team in tackles his junior and senior year. Stan, combined with other outstanding defenders, made WPI a tough team to score against.

He and his teammates were lauded for their strong play by NFL Hall of Famer and former Coast Guard head coach Otto Graham. “Stan led our team in tackles both our junior and senior years from his inside linebacker position,” commented fellow Hall of Famer Bill Shields. “He did that while also being a stalwart on special teams and as an offensive guard—Stan was truly a 60-minute player.”

Szymanski wrestled for WPI for four years, the first two of which wrestling was a club sport, with an outstanding record against major schools in the New England Intercollegiate Wrestling Association (NEIWIA). Wrestling was named a varsity sport in Stan’s junior year. Stan, combined with other outstanding wrestlers, thus beginning a long and outstanding wrestling legacy for WPI.

He was undefeated in his junior year, posting a 9-0-1 record with a pair of pins, while leading his team to a winning record in its first year as a varsity team. He wrestled heavyweight, though he weighed less than 190 pounds, and that brought students out in droves to see him wrestle much bigger, in some cases stronger, opponents.

“Stan was a dedicated football player and a tough and talented wrestler whose work ethic and stamina were second to none,” says teammate and future All-New England wrestler Ron Tata. He was a small heavyweight at about 195 pounds and all his bouts were weight mismatches.”

“I personally led the frat brothers up the hill from Kap to see the David vs. Goliath match of the time,” comments Szymanski. “I was a small guy at 190 pounds, though I weighed less than 200 pounds, and that brought students out in droves to see him wrestle much bigger, in some cases stronger, opponents.”

Szymanski graduated from WPI in 1964 with a degree in chemical engineering, he worked his entire career at Occidental Chemical subsidiary of Occidental Petroleum. One of his most interesting and exciting responsibilities was a special assignment in Poland and Hungary during Communist times, chairing the International Chemical Association Environment Health and Safety group worldwide, which consisted of 46 countries.

He currently splits his time between the Dallas/Fort Worth area and Western New York. He and his wife, Betty, have two children and three grandchildren.

WPI Women’s Crew has enjoyed great successes in its first decade as a varsity program. Tonight we celebrate its rise as we proudly induct its first rower into the Hall of Fame—Jess McAlear.

Following a strong rookie campaign on the water in 2001, McAlear and her teammates burst onto the region- and national rowing scene during her sophomore season. The Engineers were ranked as high as fifth in the NCAA ranking, claiming the Baker Cup, placing second at the City Championships and third at the New England regatta.

McAlear and the varsity eight were sixth in the grand final at the New England Rowing Championships and first in the third-level competition at the Auyuro Collegiate Championships in West Windsor, N.J. McAlear holds the WPI record for a 2k erg (7:04) and a 6k erg (22:52). Those performances knocked on the door of International Elite standards and no WPI athlete since has come close to matching those times.

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In her senior season, McAlear powered the varsity eight to victories in the Donahue Cup against Williams and Connecticut College, the Bernie Brown Cup against Tufts, the Worcester City Championships, and a quad regatta with Brown, Bates, and Wellesley. The Engineers had their best-ever showing at the New England Rowing Championships, earning a bronze medal in the grand finals.

“Eight years after Jess’s tenure as a WPI rower, her individual and team accomplishments stand alone,” says head coach Jason Steele. “She played a key role on the most successful Women’s Varsity 8 in WPI history — Jess set a standard of excellence for this program that continues to shape us to this day.”

McAlear became a fixture at the WPI Athletics banquet. In 2002 she took home the Carolyn McCabe Award given to the sophomore female athlete who best exemplifies the high standards expressed in “The WPI Athlete.” A year later she was honored with the Poly Club Award given to the top junior female athlete with outstanding academic records along with campus involvement of a non-athletic nature. She capped her career by winning the Varsity Club Award, presented to the female senior athlete for her achievements, contributions, character, leadership, sportsmanship, and promotion of school spirit during her years at WPI.

Her accomplishments in rowing did not end with graduation. McAlear has earned distinction both nationally and internationally, winning a bronze medal at the Head of the Charles, competing at the Women’s Henley Regatta, and claiming a pair of German University Championships.

A double major in biology and biotechnology and international studies, McAlear graduated from WPI in 2004. The NCAAW Woman of the Year nominee and Two Towers Award winner has coached collegiately at St. Lawrence and Clarkson.
John C. Pavlos ’78

John Pavlos may have spent only two years playing on the soccer field for Hall of Fame coach Alan King, but he certainly had a memorable impact on the program’s history.

After arriving from Dutchess Community College, Pavlos quickly became a force in Division III Men’s Soccer. He netted 14 goals and handed out 8 assists as WPI finished the 1976 regular season 10-2-1.

Pavlos was even better in the postseason as the Engineers stunned New England’s top-seeded Westfield State 4-3 in a penalty kick shootout after four sudden death overtimes on the Owls’ home AstroTurf field. The epic game took nearly three hours and 45 minutes to play and, according to the Westfield State yearbook, saw 100 cars ticketed because all the parking spaces had been taken early for the overflow crowd.

The Engineers went on to the second round of the NCAA Tournament, where they lost to eventual national champion Brandeis 6-5 in sudden death overtime. Pavlos posted three goals and added two assists during WPI’s magical postseason run.

“Coach King was very fortunate to have such a prolific and energetic scorer as John Pavlos on his roster in the late ’70s,” remembers former sports information director Steve Racynski. “John was like a man possessed, like a man among boys, with his ability to bust by defenders.”

A year later he kept scoring at a jaw-dropping rate, collecting 17 goals while doling out 4 assists on an Engineers squad that posted a 7-5-1 overall record.

Pavlos’s two-year totals on Boynton Hill included 34 goals and 14 assists for 82 points. At the time of his graduation, it ranked the forward third all-time on the WPI points list, despite wearing the Crimson and Gray for only two seasons. For his efforts, he was selected All-America in both 1976 and 1977.

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Pavlos was drafted by the NASL in 1978 to play for the Houston Hurricanes. He continued to be active in the sport by coaching the local LaGrange Youth Travel Soccer Teams from 1995 to 2005. He and his wife, Donna, and their children, Chris and Angela, live in Poughkeepsie, where John currently owns a family business.

Joel Rousseau ’07

The name Joel Rousseau is literally all over the WPI swimming and diving record books. The eight-time All-America held 13 school records at the time of his graduation (eight individual and all five relays) and still holds five individual school standards.

As a freshman, Rousseau made huge splash in college swimming circles. He guided the Engineers to the first of three straight Worcester City Championships, captured the 2004 NEWMAC title in the 100-yard butterfly, and participated in his first NCAA Championships.

He earned his first All-America award as a sophomore, placing third at the 2005 NCAA Championships in the 100 butterfly, an event where he posted the fastest time recorded all season in Division III. During his junior season, he was named National Swimmer of the Week by CollegeSwimming.com, regained his NEWMAC 100-yard butterfly title, and swam in the finals at the NCAA Championships in the 100-yard butterfly (fifth) and 100-yard backstroke.

“Joel was draft odds on to win the 2005 USA Swimming Swimmer of the Year Award after touching the wall first in the 100-yard butterfly and 100-yard backstroke at the conference championships at Wheaton. Rousseau again brought home All-America honors after placing third in the 100-yard butterfly and sixth in the 100-yard backstroke.

“I think if you ask him what his favorite moment in his career was, it may not have been earning All-America status or qualifying for senior nationals,” continued Bennett. “It was probably anchoring our men’s 400 freestyle relay to a come-from-behind victory over Brandeis, a team WPI hadn’t beaten in 60 years of swimming.”

The Pittsfield native certainly left his mark on WPI swimming. He was a four-time NEWMAC champion and six-time all-conference performer. Rousseau participated in four NCAA Championships, earning eight All-America awards, and he still holds the WPI school records in the 50-yard butterfly (22.39), 50-yard backstroke (24.20), 100-freestyle (46.63), 100-yard butterfly (49.09), and 100-yard backstroke (51.23).

Since his graduation in 2007, Rousseau has worked as both an assistant project superintendent and an assistant project manager for Whitinger-Turner Construction Company’s Boston Division. Several of the local construction projects that he has worked on include the Burlington mall renovation, the Worcester and Nashua Target renovations, Logan Airport Terminal B renovation as well as a 150,000-square-foot, five-story office building for Oracle.

Rousseau is currently working as an assistant project manager on a data center development for a major search engine company in Iowa. He currently lives in Omaha with his girlfriend, Alisa.