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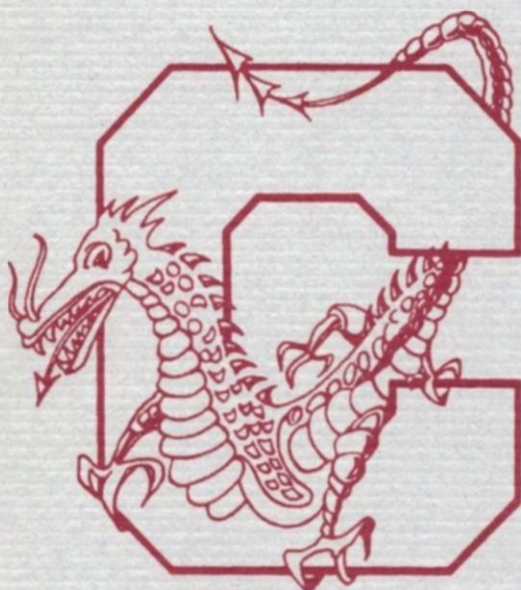
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# **Cortland C-Club**

## **HALL OF FAME**

**26th Annual Banquet**  
**October 1, 1994**



# **Cortland**

State University of New York College at Cortland



Established in 1969, the C-Club Hall of Fame recognizes Cortland alumni who competed as athletes at the College and who have since distinguished themselves in their professions and within their communities. New members have been added annually for the past 25 years. This year's ceremony will bring the Hall of Fame roster to 121 alumni and seven honorary members.

## **Invocation**

Rev. Donald Wilcox  
*Chaplain, Interfaith Center*

## **Opening Remarks**

Dr. Lee Roberts  
*Director of Athletics*

## **DINNER**

## **Hall of Fame Induction**

INTRODUCTIONS:

Dr. Dolores Bogard  
*Associate Athletic Director*

## **1994 Inductees**

Joseph Cummings '36  
Ronald Becraft '53  
Mary Tompkins Chappell '59  
Joseph O'Toole '60  
Gail Webster '72  
George Pfeiffer '73  
Reuben H. "Barney" Williams  
(honorary)

## State University of New York COLLEGE AT CORTLAND

Located atop one of the rolling hills in central New York's "City of Seven Valleys," the State University of New York College at Cortland was founded in 1868 as the Cortland Normal School, whose earliest students included inventor and industrialist Elmer A. Sperry of Sperry-Rand Corp. fame.

Over the decades, the campus expanded and in 1941, by an act of Legislature and the Board of Regents, the institution officially became a four-year college providing courses leading to the bachelor's degree. In 1948, Cortland College was a founding member of State University of New York.

Today, more than 5,400 undergraduate and 1,200 graduate students are pursuing degrees within the College's two academic divisions -- Arts & Sciences and Professional Studies. Twenty-three departments with a faculty of more than 300 offer the Cortland College student body some 100 major programs from which to choose.

The College's main campus covers 191 acres and includes 30 major buildings. Fourteen of these structures are residence halls providing on-campus housing for 2,600 students. Cortland also operates its Outdoor Education Center at Raquette Lake in the Adirondacks, the Hoxie Gorge Nature Preserve outside Cortland, and the Brauer Memorial Geological Field Station near Albany on the Helderberg Escarpment.

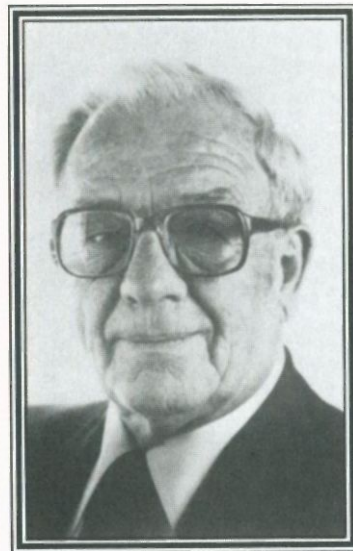
At Cortland, athletics are viewed as having an important role in the educational mission of the College. During the fall, winter and spring seasons, Cortland participates in 23 intercollegiate sports -- 12 women's and 11 men's -- in an attempt to provide a broad program which meets the needs, interests and abilities of its students.

The College offers its student athletes excellent athletic facilities. The Bessie L. Park '01 Center for Physical Education and Recreation, opened in 1973, features a main gymnasium with a 3,600 seating capacity; an Olympic-sized swimming pool with gallery seating for 1,500; Alumni Arena which can accommodate 2,500 spectators for ice hockey; racquetball and squash courts, a wrestling room, modern athletic training facilities and the state-of-the-art Francis Woods '56 Fitness Center.

Nearby Lusk Field House, with its tartan-textured surface, is home for the indoor track teams, varsity practice sessions and recreational activities. The Red Dragon football and lacrosse squads compete on Davis Field with its 5,000 seating capacity. Cortland soccer teams play on Holloway Field, which has lights for night contests. The College also has 50 acres of athletic fields and 24 outdoor tennis courts.

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Joseph W. Cummings '36  
(Deceased)

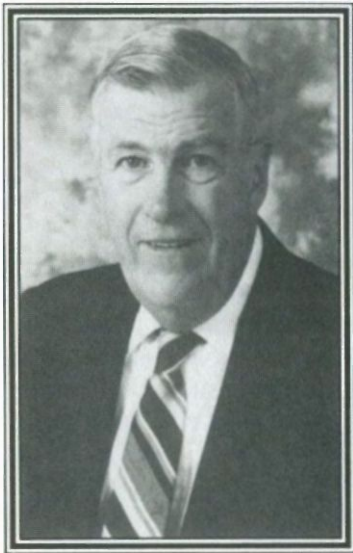
Following his senior year at Cortland, Joseph Cummings, who died Nov. 16, 1993, brought prestige to the relatively new Cortland Physical Education Department when he was chosen to represent the U.S. at the 1936 Berlin Olympics. He was one of an elite 27-member delegation of physical education students from across the nation.

Cummings lettered in football, basketball and track at Cortland. He won the Honor Award on the undefeated 1935 gridiron unit.

A Navy lieutenant during World War II, he was known as "the original Red Raider" in Fairport, NY. For 36 years, he coached nearly every sport in Fairport, where he taught physical education. He became the Fairport School District's first athletic director in 1960 and retired in 1973. Cummings founded the annual Little Brown Jug football game between Fairport and East Rochester that continued for four decades. A former Rotary President, he helped initiate a recreation program in Fairport.

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**Ronald E. Becraft '53**

*6 Homestead Lane*

*Hopewell Junction, New York 12533*

One of the greatest basketball players in Cortland history, Ronald Becraft shattered school scoring records for the Red Dragon powerhouse hoop squads in the early 1950s. A Dean's List student, he was senior class treasurer and an artist for the 1953 yearbook.

Becraft served in the U.S. Army from 1953-55, when he also won honors as an all-fort basketball forward.

A Suffern, NY, native, he excelled on local basketball teams for years and was inducted in the Rockland County Sports Hall of Fame in 1988.

Becraft taught secondary social studies from 1955 to 1962 in the Clarkstown (NY) Schools. Between 1962-69, he was a guidance counselor and later a principal in the Pearl River (NY) Schools. From 1971 until his retirement in 1987, he was assistant to the superintendent in the Pearl River Schools. Active in UNICEF and United Way over the years, Becraft has been a consultant to a New York City law firm since 1987.

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**Mary Tompkins Chappell '59**

*2540 Howe Road*

*Skaneateles, New York 13152*

Since 1972, Mary Tompkins Chappell has coached girls sports dynasties in soccer and volleyball at Marcellus (NY) High School.

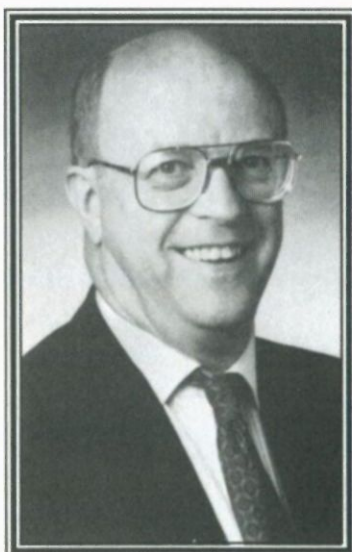
In soccer, Chappell's teams have a 294-41-16 record, including 15 league titles, 12 sectional crowns, four trips to the state finals, and the 1989 state championship. Meanwhile, Chappell's volleyball teams have posted a 306-64 mark that includes eight conference titles, four sectional crowns and a regional championship. In five years, she also directed the boys tennis team to a league title.

While at Cortland, she was president of Arethusa Sorority and competed in soccer, field hockey, basketball and volleyball. She taught and coached in Hamilton, NY, and Phelps, NY, before taking a leave of absence to raise her two sons.

A teacher for more than 28 years, Chappell has been listed in "Who's Who Among America's Teachers."

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**Joseph W. O'Toole '60**  
*644 Raven Springs Terrace  
Stone Mountain, Georgia 30087*

The athletic trainer since 1969 for the Atlanta Hawks of the National Basketball Association (NBA), Joseph O'Toole has earned the admiration and respect of his peers.

In the 1970s, he was a catalyst in the formation of the National Basketball Trainers Association, helped write its constitution, served as its chairman, and in 1983 received the first "NBA Trainer of the Year" Award. In his 25 years with the Hawks, O'Toole has worked every game — more than 2,000. In 1990, he became the first athletic trainer to receive the Society of NBA Physicians' Irwin E. Vinnick Award for contributions to professional basketball.

The Chemung, NY, native played football and ran track at Cortland. He also served as a student football coach and an athletic trainer. O'Toole earned degrees from the Mayo Clinic School of Physical Therapy and Indiana University. He was an assistant athletic trainer at the University of Wisconsin before joining the Hawks.

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**Gail Webster '72**  
*3622 North Hampton Drive  
Kennesaw, Georgia 30144*

A respected leader in the field of adapted physical education, Gail Webster is president of the National Consortium for Physical Education and Recreation for Individuals with Disabilities. She is a past chair of the American Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (AAHPERD) Adapted Physical Activity Council.

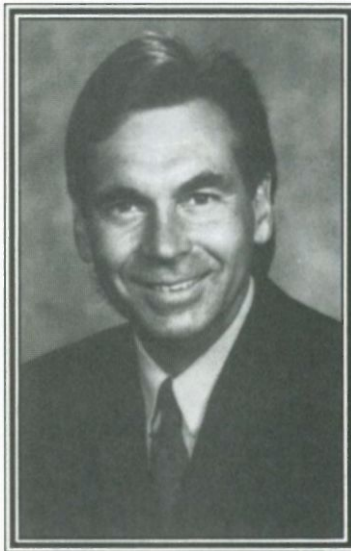
An associate professor of physical education at Kennesaw (GA) State College, she currently chairs the Consortium for Adapted Physical Education for the State of Georgia.

Webster, as a Cortland undergraduate, was a member of three Red Dragon volleyball teams that captured New York State championships. Co-captain as a senior, she was on the first Cortland volleyball unit selected to play in the national tournament. Webster also was a College representative to the National Conference on Women's Intramurals.

A native of Homer, NY, Webster earned a master's degree from Texas Woman's University and an Ed.D. in Physical Education from the University of Georgia. Between 1986 and 1991, she was an assistant professor at Northern Illinois University and Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

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**George J. Pfeiffer '73**  
*P.O. Box 2053  
Charlottesville, Virginia 22902*

As founder and president of the WorkCare Group Inc., of Charlottesville, VA, George J. Pfeiffer designs health promotion programs and products for corporations and manages care organizations that include Mobil Corp., Liberty Mutual and Blue Cross of Virginia.

In the 1970s, he developed and managed the Xerox Health Management Program — the first mass communication based health/fitness program with a Fortune 500 corporation. Pfeiffer was a founding member and president of the Association of Worksite Health Promotion, which now numbers 3,000 members internationally. A frequent author in professional journals, he is senior editor of Worksite Health. In 1984, he was selected as one of "Ten Healthy American Fitness Leaders" by the U.S. Jaycees and the President's Council for Physical Fitness

Pfeiffer was an outstanding cross country and track runner at Cortland. He won the 1972 SUNYAC cross country title and set the school course record. The Cheektowaga, NY, native was an all-conference miler and two-miler. In 1973, he was voted the Beta Phi Epsilon Outstanding Senior Athlete. While pursuing his master's degree at Cortland, Pfeiffer helped coach the track and cross country squads.

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**Reuben "Barney" Williams (Honorary)**  
*16 Bell Drive  
Cortland, New York 13045*

Reuben H. "Barney" Williams was a professor of physical education and a coach at Cortland College for 28 years before retiring in 1985.

A native of Chambersburg, PA, he graduated in 1947 from West Chester State, where he was a standout athlete in football, basketball, tennis and track. He received his master's degree from Columbia University in 1949 and his Ph.D. from the University of Maryland in 1969. Prior to coming to Cortland, Williams taught physical education and coached basketball and tennis at Stevens Institute of Technology and Park College. He headed the Physical Education and Recreation Department at Park.

At Cortland, Williams coached tennis for 20 seasons and men's basketball for four seasons. His 1963-64 team finished with an 18-3 mark. For many years, he directed the Graduate Program in Physical Education. The long-time historian of the State University of New York Athletic Conference (SUNYAC), he was honored by the league with its 1992 Distinguished Service Award. He wrote the first history of the SUNYAC in 1979. A professional tennis player, Williams is a member of the United States Lawn Tennis Association. He is Professor Emeritus of Physical Education at Cortland.

# Cortland College C-Club Hall of Famers

## Class of 1901

Bessie L. Park (Inducted 1993)

## Class of 1916

Francis J. Moench (Inducted 1993)

## Class of 1927

William A. Class (Inducted 1977)

## Class of 1928

Ben Becker (Inducted 1993)

John Kress (Inducted 1981)

## Class of 1930

Leo Meldrim (Inducted 1969)

## Class of 1931

Allen "Chiz" Frye (Inducted 1982)

Joseph Palone (Inducted 1979)

## Class of 1932

Robert Rifenberick (Inducted 1978)

## Class of 1933

Wilbur S. Bergstrom (Inducted 1973)

George A. Brown (Inducted 1973)

Oliver E. Cook (Inducted 1978)

Dudley Hare (Inducted 1980)

Ernest J. Lalley (Inducted 1987)

## Class of 1935

Joseph P. Adessa (Inducted 1976)

Gerald McDonald (Inducted 1984)

Richard W. Ross (Inducted 1980)

Andrew C. Tei (Inducted 1975)

## Class of 1936

Charles H. Edkins (Inducted 1983)

David G. Miller (Inducted 1978)

## Class of 1937

Edward L. Carter (Inducted 1972)

Robert M. Dean (Inducted 1986)

## Class of 1939

Donald Neff (Inducted 1990)

Joseph St. Lawrence (Inducted 1970)

Anthony P. Tesori (Inducted 1970)

## Class of 1940

George Anderson (Inducted 1970)

Merlin W. Hathaway (Inducted 1969)

Leon Williams (Inducted 1970)

## Class of 1941

David Allardice (Inducted 1990)

Peter Betrus (Inducted 1983)

Robert O. Lockwood (Inducted 1977)

Carlton Petrie (Inducted 1980)

Henry "Hank" Vetter (Inducted 1980)

## Class of 1942

Laurens E. Dietz (Inducted 1977)

Gordon "Tiger" Found (Inducted 1982)

Edward J. Walsh (Inducted 1988)

## Class of 1943

Whitney T. Corey (Inducted 1969)

Richard P. McLean (Inducted 1983)

Maurice L. Page Sr. (Inducted 1980)

Robert Springer (Inducted 1979)

## Class of 1946

John Moiseichik (Inducted 1969)

Simon J. Molnar (Inducted 1984)

## Class of 1947

Gail F. Farwell (Inducted 1991)

Gerald J. Hase (Inducted 1985)

Fritz P. Mueller (Inducted 1992)

Arnold Rist (Inducted 1987)

Walter Schumacher (Inducted 1977)

## Class of 1948

Charles T. Button (Inducted 1971)

Emilio DaBramo (Inducted 1971)

Jean Chapin Dolat (Inducted 1978)

A. Hugh Jack (Inducted 1972)

Jack Kobuskie (Inducted 1974)

Ernest Luongo (Inducted 1983)

Patricia M. Peterson (Inducted 1984)

Francis "Red" Redmond (Inducted 1982)

Walter R. Suess (Inducted 1977)

Arthur F. Thompson (Inducted 1977)

Nicholas F. Troisi (Inducted 1982)

John C. Tuthill (Inducted 1971)

## Class of 1949

Anthony DiBenedetto (Inducted 1991)

Marion J. Fricano (Inducted 1972)

George C. Fuge (Inducted 1976)

Anthony B. Grandinette (Inducted 1985)

Earl R. Keefer (Inducted 1977)

George J. King (Inducted 1973)

Marcus J. Martone (Inducted 1975)

Walter J. Przybylo (Inducted 1972)

Otis Sennett (Inducted 1986)

A. Henry von Mechow (Inducted 1991)

Robert H. Young (Inducted 1984)

## Class of 1950

John Halloran (Inducted 1985)

John F. Reardon (Inducted 1978)

## Class of 1951

Edward Bosse (Inducted 1989)

Milton "Dutch" Hess (Inducted 1989)

## Class of 1952

Robert F. Riedel (Inducted 1982)

John L. Sciera (Inducted 1987)

## Class of 1953

Mary Morgan Hosking (Inducted 1987)

Robert Wallace (Inducted 1979)

Sally Yeager Wallace (Inducted 1979)

## Class of 1954

Joseph V. DiPace (Inducted 1992)

John Glinski (Inducted 1969)

Allan Van Nostrand (Inducted 1989)

## Class of 1955

John H. Arcaro (Inducted 1982)

Robert Hoppey (Inducted 1987)

Donald Quinn (Inducted 1984)



**Class of 1956**

R. Bruce Allison (Inducted 1988)

George Breen (Inducted 1969)

T. Richard Terry (Inducted 1988)

**Class of 1957**

Anna Boserup Rush (Inducted 1981)

**Class of 1958**

Herman Druckman (Inducted 1980)

**Class of 1959**

Joseph Cuzzo (Inducted 1993)

Nancy L. Langham (Inducted 1986)

Stanley C. Nevins (Inducted 1992)

**Class of 1960**

Leo J. Johnson (Inducted 1981)

**Class of 1961**

James L. Cranfield (Inducted 1990)

**Class of 1962**

Barbara DiPalma (Inducted 1983)

John Eden (Inducted 1985)

Judith Forrest Risher (Inducted 1988)

Patricia Cole Rogers (Inducted 1985)

**Class of 1963**

Paul Fardy (Inducted 1974)

Patricia J. Mihalko (Inducted 1985)

William Yelverton (Inducted 1993)

**Class of 1964**

David Bleau (Inducted 1974)

**Class of 1965**

Judith E. Rink (Inducted 1988)

**Class of 1966**

Michael Messere (Inducted 1985)

**Class of 1967**

Betty Burfeindt (Inducted 1974)

John W. Cooper (Inducted 1990)

Sandy Weeden (Inducted 1987)

**Class of 1968**

Barbara Southwick (Inducted 1989)

**Class of 1970**

David Urick (Inducted 1986)

**Class of 1971**

Patricia Price Genovese (Inducted 1990)

Deborah A. Wuest (Inducted 1991)

**Class of 1972**

Kristine E. Terrillion (Inducted 1992)

**Class of 1978**

Sara Daggett (Inducted 1993)

Kathy Solano (Inducted 1993)

**Honorary Members**

Carl A. Davis (Inducted 1973)

T. Fred Holloway (Inducted 1973)

John W. Morgan (Inducted 1984)

M. Louise Moseley (Inducted 1985)

Rol Randall (Inducted 1989)

Robert J. Weber (Inducted 1986)

