

POINT PARK

UNIVERSITY

PIONEER ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME BIOGRAPHIES

(Alphabetically by induction year)

Class of 2000

Jerry Conboy

Years at Point Park:

1969-89

Sport:

Basketball

Conboy, former men's basketball coach and athletic director at Point Park, holds the longest tenure of any head coach at Point Park with 20 years of service. Conboy is also the school's all-time leader in coaching wins with 305 career victories. Conboy directed the men's team to the post season an amazing 15 times, including 14 straight seasons. His 1978-79 and 1983-84 teams also qualified for the NAIA national tournament. Conboy was also the Pioneers' athletic director from 1973-89 and provided outstanding leadership in solidifying Pioneer athletics.

Bobby Franklin

Years at Point Park:

1973-77

Sport:

Basketball

Franklin, a four-year starting guard on the men's basketball team, remains the most prolific scorer in Pioneer basketball history. Franklin is the only Pioneer player to score over 2,000 points (2,020) in his career. He was selected an honorable mention NAIA-All American in 1975 and 1976 before earning second team All-American honors in 1977. Franklin's jersey number (#14) remains the only number in Pioneer history to be retired. He also led the team to the postseason in all four years of play. Franklin, who played under coach Jerry Conboy, also holds the school record for career steals (314).

Frank Gustine

Years at Point Park:

1968-74

Sport:

Basketball, Baseball

Gustine, a true "Pioneer," started the Point Park baseball program in 1968 and laid the foundation for one of the most successful baseball programs to date in the NAIA. Gustine coached the Pioneers from 1968-74 and posted a 103-46 record, leading Point Park to the post season four times, including District 18 championships in 1973 and 1974. His 1974 squad finished fourth in the NAIA World Series -- the second highest finish ever for a Pioneer baseball team. Gustine, a former professional baseball player for the Pittsburgh Pirates (1939-48), also coached the Pioneer men's basketball team for several seasons in the mid-1960s when Point Park was still a junior college. Frank Gustine died in 1991 at the age of 71.

Dorethia Jackson

Years at Point Park:

1990-94

Sport:

Basketball

Jackson, a four-year starter for the women's basketball team, was also a four-year Dean's List student at Point Park. Jackson excelled in all aspects of the game on the court, scoring 1,852 career points (second all-time) and grabbing 764 career rebounds (seventh all-time). After the 1990-91 season, Jackson was selected the District 18 Freshman of the Year. She also returned to the Pioneer program to serve as an assistant coach from 1994-96. Jackson graduated in 1994 with a degree in education.

Bill Jerich

Years at Point Park: 1985-88

Sport: Baseball

Jerich, a standout on the baseball team from 1985-88, was a blend of both speed and power. He hit .419 in his first season with the Pioneers after transferring from Marietta College. Jerich earned both second team NAIA All-American honors and was selected the NAIA District 18 Player of the Year in 1988. He currently is among the top 10 in almost every career offensive category in Pioneer history. Jerich's career .406 average is the second best ever at Point Park. He also holds the record for most stolen bases in a season (41 in 1988) at Point Park. Jerich played on three NAIA World Series teams and played on teams that averaged 45 wins in his three years with the program.

Jim Masserio

Years at Point Park: 1969-71

Sport: Golf

Masserio remains one of the top golfers to come out of the Pittsburgh area. He has excelled at all levels of play - amateur, collegiate and professional. Masserio became Point Park's first NAIA All-American in 1969 after finishing third at the NAIA national tournament and leading the Pioneers to a fourth place team finish. In 1969, Masserio did not lose a match and averaged a 74 score for the season. The No. 1 ranked Pioneer golfer for three years, Masserio turned professional in 1972, setting money winning and scoring records on the Florida mini-tour. His best finish on the PGA Tour was third place in the Tournament Players Championship behind winner Jack Nicklaus. At the time of his induction, he was a member of the PGA Senior Tour. Masserio is currently the golf professional at Aronimink Golf Club in Newton Square, Pa.

John Stuper

Years at Point Park: 1978

Sport: Baseball

Stuper, a former Pioneer star pitcher, played only one season for Point Park before quickly rising to Major League Baseball. Originally drafted by the Pittsburgh Pirates, Stuper was traded to the St. Louis Cardinals in 1979. He reached the majors in 1982 and was the winning pitcher in the Cardinals 13-1 victory over the Milwaukee Brewers in game six of that year's World Series.

Stuper pitched an unforgettable season for the Pioneers in 1978, posting a 9-0 record, 1.43 ERA, and striking out 79 batters in 69 innings. He also pitched a no-hitter against Waynesburg College on April 8, 1978 and a nine-inning complete game in the NAIA World Series for a Pioneer team that went 31-4 overall that season.

Stuper, who also played for the Cincinnati Reds, finished his major league career with a 33-28 record and a 3.95 ERA. The only Pioneer baseball player to have his jersey number (28) retired, John Stuper is now the head baseball coach at Yale University.

Class of 2001

Darlene Brusco Landstorfer

Years at Point Park: 1983-86

Sport: Basketball

Darlene Brusco Landstorfer was a standout at Point Park in every sense of the word. Though her collegiate career started at the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown on a volleyball scholarship, she made a name for herself at Point Park as an outstanding women's basketball player and student. Despite playing in an era before the introduction of the women's sized basketball or the three point shot, Brusco Landstorfer remains fifth all time on the university's scoring list with 1,401 career points. Her accomplishments in the classroom were equally impressive. With her 3.91 QPA, Brusco Landstorfer was named a 1985-86 GTE/CoSida NAIA First Team Academic All-American.

Brian Tomasic

Years at Point Park: 1990-1995

Sport: Basketball

Brian Tomasic's career at Point Park was marked by excellence both on the court and in the university community. Tomasic remains Point Park's all time leader in free throw percentage (82.3) and is second all time in assists (473). However, it was as a student Tomasic stood out most, maintaining a perfect 4.0 QPA throughout his college career. Following the 1993-94 season, Tomasic was selected as a CoSida NAIA Academic All-American and was honored as a member of the prestigious NAIA 4.0 Club. He also served as the President of the Point Park College United Student Government during 1993-94.

Kenny Walls

Years at Point Park: 1992-1995

Sport: Basketball

A three time NAIA All-American, Kenny Walls is considered to be one of the most dominant players in Point Park University men's basketball history. Despite playing just three seasons for the Pioneers, Walls ranks 2nd all-time in school history points (1,997) and rebounds (1,025). Additionally, Walls ranks fifth all time in free throw percentage (74.7) and blocked shots (96). He remains Point Park's all time leader in field goal percentage, shooting a remarkable 63.3 percent for his career. His considerable accomplishments did not go unnoticed. Walls was selected as an All-American by several prestigious basketball magazines and featured as the National Small College Player of the Week by *Sports Illustrated* and *USA Today*.

Class of 2002

Larry Anderson

Years at Point Park: 1969-1983

Sport: Basketball

Larry Anderson exemplifies the Pioneer Athletic Hall of Fame's spirit of achievement. The first recruit of legendary Coach Jerry Conboy, Anderson's distinguished playing career has kept him on several all time Pioneer lists - he is ninth in career assists (288) and ninth in career games played (98).

Following his graduation from Point Park in 1973, Anderson held several positions at his alma mater, including assistant dean of students, director of minority services and housing director. Anderson also served as Conboy's assistant coach for 10 seasons, which included appearances in the NAIA national tournament in 1979 and 1983. Larry Anderson has coached at Carnegie Mellon University, the University of Pittsburgh and Schenley High School. He is currently head boys' basketball coach at Woodland Hills High School in suburban Pittsburgh.

Dave Duncan

Years at Point Park: 1976-79

Sport: Baseball

Dave Duncan's story is one of tremendous work ethic yielding sensational results. Duncan, who served as the team's second team junior varsity catcher as a freshman, ended up as one of the best baseball players in Point Park history. Duncan twice earned NAIA All-American Honorable Mention honors - in 1978 after batting .387 and throwing out 22 of 29 base stealers, and in 1979 after batting .351. The Pioneers qualified for the NAIA World Series both years, finishing fifth in 1978 and third in 1979. Dave Duncan, who Coach Barry Hanburger once called "the most improved player in the history of Point Park University," continues to apply his work ethic in the business world. He is Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Duncan Financial Group, LLC, a retail and wholesale comprehensive financial services company.

Jim Ney

Years at Point Park:

1972-75

Sport:

Basketball, Baseball

Jim Ney may be the greatest all-around athlete in Point Park history. A two-sport star in basketball and baseball, he remains the only Pioneer athlete to be named All-American in two different sports.

A basketball standout, Ney finished his career as the Pioneers' all time leading scorer. He remains seventh on the university's all time men's scoring list with 1,300 points and third in free throw percentage with a 79.2% average. However, for all his basketball achievements, Jim Ney was even more highly regarded on the diamond. Ney, who batted a career .308 as a designated hitter, posted a 22-4 pitching record and a 2.09 earned run average, which included 16 consecutive wins and a fourth place finish in the 1974 NAIA World Series.

Ney, a Grosse Pointe, Michigan, native, was drafted into the Detroit Tigers organization following his Point Park career. Sadly, just two years after his college playing days, Ney was tragically killed in an automobile accident near his Detroit area home.

Barry Hanburger

Years at Point Park:

1970-78

Sport:

Baseball, Cross Country, Golf

Barry Hanburger was one of the most versatile and successful coaches in Point Park University history. He served as athletic director, director of intramural sports, men's soccer coach, freshmen men's basketball coach, cross country coach, golf coach, baseball coach and as the college's director of admissions.

Hanburger is credited with the recruitment and development of many of the best athletes in the university's history, including fellow Pioneer Athletic Hall of Famers John Stuper (baseball), Dave Duncan (baseball) and Jim Messario (golf).

While Hanburger was successful in a number of areas, he is best known for his baseball accomplishments. He posted an 89-28 record during his four years as Pioneer baseball coach. In 1978, his final year at the university, Hanburger led the Pioneers to a 31-4 record and a fifth place finish at the NAIA World Series, marking the first of three consecutive World Series appearances for the Pioneers.

Class of 2003

Lou Abel

Years at Point Park:

1971-74

Sport:

Baseball

In 1974, Lou Abel became just the second All-American in Point Park history. During his time at Point Park, Abel batted a remarkable .389 (sixth in school history) and is in fifth place in single season batting average (.451).

Along with fellow teammate and Pioneer Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2003 inductee Harry Westwood, Abel came to Point Park as a non-traditional student after serving in the United States armed forces. Together, "Hawk" (Abel) and "Bear" (Westwood), as they were known, formed perhaps the fiercest one-two punch in the baseball program's history.

When Abel came to Point Park in his mid-twenties after serving in Vietnam, many of his coaches and teammates dismissed him as being too old. Abel simply laughed off their derision, joking, "Scouts have been telling me I'm too old since I was 18."

At the time of his graduation in 1974, Abel owned the top spot in several major offensive categories including single season batting average (.451), career batting average (.389), hits in a season (37), career hits (189), career RBI's (129), career doubles (27) and total games (136).

Ed Haberle

Years at Point Park: 1976-79
Sport: Baseball

Ed Haberle was a natural hitter and one of the best in Point Park's proud baseball history. Former head coach Barry Hanburger once said of the lefty, "Ed Haberle could hit .300 standing on his head." Haberle's career honors included being selected for the 1978 and '79 NAIA baseball All-District 18 team, the 1978 and '79 All-Area team, the 1979 Honorable Mention All-American team, the 1979 First Team All-World Series team and the 1979 NAIA All-Star team.

Haberle was equally as adept in the field as he was at the plate. In 1978 Haberle committed only four errors in 249 chances for a .984 fielding percentage. At the time of his graduation, Haberle was at or near the top of nearly every single offensive record in school history including hits (133), RBIs (97), triples (6), doubles (29), home runs (12), and batting average (.373).

Soon after graduation, Haberle joined a small Oregon based shoe company named Nike. Today, Haberle is the Director of National Strategic Accounts at Nike Corporation, Nike's largest American sales division. This year, Haberle received the Nike Sales MVP of the Year Award.

Dan Moriarty

Years at Point Park: 1969-72
Sport: Cross Country

Dan Moriarty is arguably the finest cross country runner in Point Park history and the only runner in the university's history to win the NAIA District 18 Championship (1969). However, Moriarty's story is about so much more than his college cross country career.

Moriarty, never one to back down from a challenge, faced his greatest obstacle when a 1977 boring machine accident resulted in the amputation of his left arm. The accident was so debilitating that doctors were unsure if Moriarty would survive the accident much less ever run again.

However, Moriarty, years away from returning to the sport, only sharpened his resolve and provided time for rehabilitation so that he could again run competitively. He hasn't stopped since.

He has run a number of five-kilometer races and has competed four marathons, including the Pittsburgh Maraton, where his time qualified him for the Boston Marathon.

Moriarty also won the Shining Example award by the Pagoda Pacers, a running organization based in Reading, Pennsylvania. He has also earned dozens of medals for place categories in his age group.

Melvin Paul

Years at Point Park: 1976-80
Sport: Basketball

Melvin Paul is the fourth leading scorer in Point Park history with 1,605 career points, one of just 10 Pioneers to record 1,000 career points. What makes this statistic all the more remarkable is that Paul was considered a defensive player during most of his time in a Pioneer uniform.

Paul's rare combination of tenacity and agility in and around the basket made him a legitimate scoring threat every time he touched the ball and allowed him to dominate play on the defensive end of the floor.

A cat-quick defender with a knack for disrupting passing lines, the forward recorded an incredible 85 steals during his sophomore year. He followed that with 86 steals during his junior year, including a Point Park single game record 11 steals against La Roche College on January 13, 1978. Paul ranks second in all time steals (291).

Paul also sits atop the Pioneers all time rebounding list (1,208), some 23 years since his graduation. He ranks just above his nephew, Kenny Walls, in that category.

In fact, at the time of his 1980 graduation, Paul ranked in the top ten in five of the six published all time Pioneer records. Paul was first in rebounds and games played, second in scoring and field goals, third in field goal percentage, sixth in assists, and eighth in free throw percentage.

Harry Westwood

Years at Point Park: 1972-75
Sport: Baseball

Harry Westwood was one of the best offensive players in Point Park baseball history. He remains at or near the top of many offensive categories. He also was the two-time NAIA RBI leader (1972 and 1973).

Like many players of that era, Westwood was an ex-GI who had come home from the war overseas and still wanted to give college baseball a try. Westwood came to the Pioneers in 1972 and led the NAIA in RBIs his freshman year (1.65 per game) and the following season as a sophomore (.57 per game). His primary method of run production was the long ball. His four-year home-run total at Point Park was 23, which was first all time at the time of his graduation. That averages out to a remarkable one home run one for every twelve at bats.

Westwood finished his storybook career at Point Park with a batting average of .352 and still remains near the top of the all time home run list (2/23).

Class of 2004

Ed Josefoski

Years at Point Park: 1967-71
Sport: Basketball

Ed Josefoski was an original Pioneer. He played basketball for the Pioneers from 1967-71, starting in all 90 games played in those four seasons.

Josefoski was Point Park's first 1,000/1,000 player, scoring 1,136 career points and collecting 1,002 career boards. More than 35 years after his final collegiate game, Josefoski remains in the top ten in both categories (ninth in scoring and third in rebounding). Josefoski also led the team in rebounding during three of his four seasons, led the team in free throw percentage in 1970 with .719, named team Most Valuable Player in 1969-70 and 1970-71 and one of the team's top career leaders in field goal percentage (9.467) and free throw percentage (.651).

Jack Yard

Years at Point Park: 1988-91
Sport: Baseball

Jack Yard was an outstanding all around player at Point Park. A three time All-American and the 1991 District 18 Player of the Year, Yard recorded 883 career putouts (second all time) and was one of the most productive offensive players in school history.

It is notable that at the time of his graduation, Yard held a top three ranking in seven of eight major offensive statistical categories. Today, he still holds a prominent spot in the Pioneer career record book with 177 RBIs, 54 doubles, .397 batting average, 191 hits, 181 runs scored, 22 home runs, 323 total bases, and 64 stolen bases.

Immediately following his senior season at Point Park, Yard was selected by the NAIA to represent the United States in the Presidential Cup, a prestigious international baseball tournament played in Seoul, South Korea.

Class of 2005

Joe Fiori

Years at Point Park: 1975-79
Sport: Baseball

As a shortstop on the Point Park baseball team from 1975-79, Joe Fiori was an integral part in the Pioneers making the NAIA World Series in 1978 and '79. Fiori was a second-team All-American in 1979 to help Point Park finish third in the nation. Fiori's incredible senior season of 1979 also included the second-best batting average in the country as well as first-team honors in NAIA Area 8 and NAIA District 18. After a career in which he was a two-year team captain, Fiori was drafted by the Chicago Cubs in the 13th round. He went on to play in the N.Y. Penn, Carolini and Western Carolina leagues.

Class of 2006

Mark Ansani

Years at Point Park: 1989-92

Sport: Baseball

After playing in the Pittsburgh Federation League during the summer of 1988, Mark Ansani soon caught the attention of Point Park baseball coach, Mark Jackson, who recruited Ansani to play with the Pioneers. At the age of 24, Ansani began his outstanding baseball career with the university playing second base and center field, assisting the team in reaching the NAIA World Series two times.

During his time at Point Park, Ansani earned NAIA All-District 18 and Area 8 honors and was also named NAIA All-American honorable mention and Who's Who Among College Athletes in 1990

Aside from his remarkable baseball contributions, Ansani also served the country in the U.S. Air Force from 1984 to 1988 and now serves as a technical sergeant in the USAF Reserves in Coraopolis, PA.

Jill Bennett-Mangum

Years at Point Park: 1991-94

Sport: Softball

Having enjoyed a successful softball career in her younger years, it was no surprise that Jill Bennett- Mangum was recruited by Coach Vince Sortino to play for the Pioneers in 1989. Bennett-Mangum was offered a full scholarship and ran with it, launching her Point Park softball career by capturing the District 18 Championship in 1991. She was also named NAIA District 18 Pitcher of the Year three times throughout her Point Park career.

Bennett-Mangum also shares her talents as a softball coach, coaching for West Allegheny High School for three years as well as coaching with her father for the Carlynton High School's softball team, her alma mater, for three years.

Rafal Kolankowski

Years at Point Park: 1992-95

Sport: Soccer

Rafal Kolankowski was exactly what Point Park needed in order to reverse its winless history. Within his first two years at the university, he not only helped lead the team to its first victory ever, but also helped the program build a credible image. Because of these achievements, Kolankowski was honored by being the first soccer player and foreign born player to be inducted into the Pioneer Athletic Hall of Fame.

Being a native of Poland, a country whose national pastime is soccer, it is no surprise that he grew up playing the game. At Point Park he soared, starting every game and serving as team captain for three seasons.

Kolankowski's Point Park career did not end at graduation. He returned as an assistant soccer coach and continued his education, receiving his MBA at the university.

Class of 2007

Mark Jackson

Years at Point Park: 1984-90, 1998-2002

Sport: Baseball Coach

Mark Jackson coached the Point Park University baseball team for 12 seasons, and he led the Pioneers to six appearances in the NAIA World Series. Jackson is Point Park baseball's all-time leader in wins by a wide margin with a career record of 443-119-4. That equates to a very-impressive winning percentage of .783. His resume includes six seasons with 40 or more victories including a school-record 51 wins in 1986, and the Pioneers finished third in the NAIA World Series that year

1986 Baseball Team

51-8 record, NAIA World Series third-place

The 1986 Point Park University baseball team had perhaps the most successful season in the program's illustrious history. The Pioneers were 51-8 and finished third in the NAIA World Series. Point Park made its fifth trip to the World Series that year, and its first under third-year coach Mark Jackson. The Pioneers set a school record for victories, and their national finish is matched only by the 1979 team that also placed third. The 1986 team set school records for home runs (55), hits (637), fielding percentage (.966) and strikeouts by the pitching staff (405).

Class of 2008

Jana Orlofske

Years at Point Park:

1994-97

Sport:

Volleyball

Jana Orlofske's presence on the Point Park volleyball team kept the program alive in the mid-190s after a brief stint in the 1970s. As well as being a great leader, Orlofske's talent as a middle hitter helped propel the team to new heights. As a senior in 1997, Orlofske was named the Keystone-Empire Collegiate Conference Player of the Year after leading her team to a berth in the conference playoffs. She was also named KECC first team in each of her final three years and was the conference's Freshman of the Year in 1994. Orlofske's skills also led to her being named one of Pittsburgh's outstanding female collegiate athletes in 1998.

Melissa (Charles) Kubiscek

Years at Point Park:

1994-99

Sport:

Basketball

Melissa (Charles) Kubiscek holds nearly every statistical record in Point Park women's basketball history. At the time of her graduation, she held 14 individual records, and all of those belong to the Carnegie native even today.

The 5-7 forward is the Pioneers' all-time leader in career points (2,410), career scoring average (21.7 per game), points in one season (716 in 1995-96) and scoring average for a season (23.1 in 1997-98). Kubiscek also averaged 8.4 rebounds per game and her 929 career rebounds are second in school history. She is also second all-time in career free-throw percentage (.759), third in career steals (280), fourth in field goal percentage (.430) and fourth in games played (11).

Class of 2009-10

Sam Depe III

Years at Point Park:

1967-71

Sport:

Men's Golf

Sam Depe III was a member of the first-ever Point Park men's golf team, and he played for the Pioneers from 1967-71. A standout player, he helped the Pioneers become perhaps the best golf team in the district at the time. Depe III and his teammates finished fourth at the 1969 NAIA national tourney. A highlight of his time at Point Park was taking medalist honors at the 1969 Pioneer Invitational to help the Pioneers take first place ahead of mighty Pitt and IUP. Recently, the former head pro at South Hills Country Club fulfilled a lifelong dream by becoming owner of his own course, Hickory Heights Golf Club in his hometown of Bridgeville.

Chris Heh

Years at Point Park:

1996-98

Sport:

Men's Soccer

Chris Heh is the all-time leading scorer for Point Park men's soccer program with 50 goals and 111 points in three years from 1996-98. The Pleasant Hills, Pa., native scored a school-record 21 goals in 1998 to lead the Pioneers to a playoff appearance and their best record ever at 12-5. The star forward was a three-time all-conference pick and an honorable-mention all-region selection. At the time of his induction, he also ranked highly in Point Park's all-time assist total. Heh was also a member of the Point Park men's basketball team, and he played on the 1996-97 team that went to the NAIA Division I Final Four.

Linda (Keibler) Guercio

Years at Point Park: 1992-96
Sports: Basketball, Volleyball, Softball

Linda Keibler-Guercio's superb athleticism allowed her to be a three-sport standout in women's basketball, volleyball and softball from 1992-96. The Kiski Area graduate was instrumental in the growth of those women's programs at the school. In basketball, she ranks highly in the record books in scoring, rebounding and blocks despite being limited to two full seasons due to injury. She was a District 18 all-star in volleyball and a two-year starter in softball. She is also a member of the Kiski Area High School Sports Hall of Fame with an induction year of 2010.

Donnie Kelly

Years at Point Park: 1999-01
Sport: Baseball

Donnie Kelly was an NAIA first-team All-American for the Point Park baseball team in his final season of 2001. His career batting average of .413 over three years is still a school record. Drafted in the 8th round of the 2001 MLB draft by the Detroit Tigers, Kelly has enjoyed a professional baseball career ever since. He made his big league debut with the Pirates in 2007, and the 2010 season with the Tigers was his first full season in the majors. A highlight of his minor league career was being named the Tigers' Triple-A Player of the Year in 2009. Kelly hit .450 with 45 RBIs and 34 stolen bases in his last year at Point Park. With the Pioneers, he amassed three-year totals of 177 hits, 34 doubles, 92 RBIs and 74 stolen bases.

Class of 2011

Ryan D. Ellis

Years at Point Park: 1997-00
Sports: Baseball, Men's Soccer

Ellis was a two-time NAIA Honorable Mention All-American in baseball and an NAIA All-Region player in soccer. He played baseball from 1997-00 and men's soccer from 1997-99. Ellis' career batting average of .405 ranks fourth in school history, and he set a single-season record with an average of .477 in 1999. At the time of induction, his ranking in the school records were fourth in average, third in hits (207), third in RBIs (169), second in home runs (27) and second in triples (21). The Munhall, Pa., native was drafted by the Montreal Expos. In soccer, he was a key player for the Pioneers at a time that was the best success of the program to date. He was selected NAIA All-Region in 1997.

DeVaughn C. Halsel

Years at Point Park: 1996-98
Sport: Men's Basketball

Halsel was an NAIA First Team All-American in 1996-97 when he led Point Park to the NAIA Division I Final Four. The 6-7, 215-pound forward from Pittsburgh averaged 21.9 points and 13.4 rebounds per game during his career. He totaled 984 points and 604 rebounds in his two-year career. His career scoring average ranks fifth in school history, and he is the record holder in career rebounding average. In 1996-97, he led the nation

in rebounding at 14.0 per game. He was the KECC Player of the Year that season. Halsel went on to play pro basketball in Europe for eight years and another two years for the Pittsburgh Xplosion of the CBA.

Lara Lang

Years at Point Park:

1990-94

Sport:

Women's Basketball

Lang was a prototypical power forward for Point Park from 1990-94. She ranks third in school history with 1,681 career points and fifth with 874 career rebounds. She holds the school record with 119 games played, and her field-goal percentage of 44.3 is third best in Point Park annals. For her career, the McDonald, Pa., native averaged 13.9 points and 7.3 rebounds per game. The Pioneers were 34-20 her final two years, and they made the playoffs both seasons. She led Point Park to the KECC finals in 1993-94 and a record of 19-12 overall.

Michael D. Smith

Years at Point Park:

1997-00

Sport:

Baseball

Smith is Point Park baseball's all-time leader in home runs, hits, runs and RBIs. From 1997-00, he set school records with 41 home runs, 216 hits, 209 runs and 197 RBIs. He is also the all-time leader with 581 at-bats and 422 total bases. The Thornhill, Ontario, native was a .377 career hitter who compiled a career slugging percentage of .688. He helped the Pioneers to the NAIA World Series in 1998 by hitting .400 with 11 homers and 69 RBIs. The 69 RBIs that year are the second most in school history. Smith hit 13 home runs in 1999, which is tied for the single-season Point Park record.

Oli Theodorsson

Years at Point Park:

1995-97

Sports:

Men's Soccer & Basketball

Theodorsson was a standout player in men's soccer and men's basketball from 1995-97. An outstanding athlete, the native of Iceland was an NAIA All-Northeast Region soccer player and an important starter on the basketball team that reached the NAIA Final Four in 1996-97. In soccer, he was named an all-region defender in 1996 when he led the Pioneers to their first winning record in program history at 9-6. The two-time all-conference selection had 26 points, nine goals and eight assists in his career. In basketball, he was a key defensive stopper and solid offensive player who was an important part of the Final Four run. He scored 372 points in his two year basketball career.

Class of 2012

Jesse Bender

Years at Point Park:

2002-06

Sports:

Men's Cross country

Bender was a two-time national qualifier for the NAIA National Championship and a two-time all-conference performer for the men's cross country team from 2002-06. Also a strong student, he was a three-time NAIA Scholar-Athlete majoring in theater. Bender had some of the best distance-running ability that Point Park had ever seen to that date or since. He broke through to the national stage with an 8K-time of 27:28 in the 2004 AMC Meet. He followed that up with a then-personal record time of 26:58 at the NAIA meet. His junior year of 2005 featured a time of 26:54 at the AMC Meet to qualify for nationals. There, he raced to a career-best time of 26:20. Although he narrowly missed out on NAIA as a senior, Bender set a standard for Point Park cross country that allowed the program to progress to its current status.

Nathan "Sonny" Lewis

Years at Point Park: 1978-80

Sports: Men's Basketball

Lewis was one of the most talented guards ever to play for Point Park and ever to come out of the City of Pittsburgh. After an all-encompassing high school career at Schenley, he capped off his college career with two outstanding seasons at Point Park from 1978-80. He had started his career at Pitt. Lewis finished his Point Park career with an impressive 1,023 points in just 56 games. His 18.3 ppg career scoring average ranks sixth among Point Park's 1,000-point scorers. His career averages also include 6.0 rpg, 3.3 apg, 2.6 spg and 53% shooting. Lewis was named NAIA Second Team All-American in 1979-80 when he averaged 22.3 ppg. He helped the Pioneers to the NAIA District 18 playoffs both of his years and also to an appearance in the NAIA National Tournament in 1978-79, the first-ever appearance for the men's basketball program.

Lynn Newson

Years at Point Park: 2001-05

Sports: Women's Basketball

Newson, a 5-foot-10 forward from Girard, Pa., is the Pioneers' fifth-leading scorer (1,438 career points) and sixth-leading rebounder (866 career rebounds). Newson led the Pioneers in scoring and rebounding all four years as a four-year starter from 2001-05. Her best season came as a senior when she averaged 17.2 ppg and 11.3 rpg as an All-American Midwest Conference First Team selection. She led the conference in rebounding that year. Newson earned all-conference honors every year with a spot on the All-AMC Second Team as a sophomore and junior and honorable mention honors as a freshman. Newson had very strong averages of 13.7 ppg and 7.8 rpg for her career. Besides points and rebounds, she also ranks highly on the Point Park career charts with 185 steals (11th), 66 blocks (6th), 105 games (7th) and 69 3-point field goals (13th).

Debbie Zanolli

Years at Point Park: 1979-83

Sports: Women's Basketball

Zanolli was the first great player for Point Park women's basketball. Her freshman season of 1979-80 was just the second year of women's basketball at the school, and the 5-foot-2 guard set the standard for the early days of the program. Zanolli was the Pioneers' first 1,000-point scorer. Her 1,375 career points still rank seventh in school history. Zanolli's scoring total stayed as high as third on the Point Park charts until the mid-1990s. Her impressive point total came in just 83 career games, and her career scoring average of 16.6 ppg ranks sixth in school history. A tremendously quick guard who led Point Park's fast-paced style of play, Zanolli was a fearless and talented driver of the basketball despite her size. She ranks 11th in school history with 245 career assists and fifth with 225 career steals. Perhaps her best individual season came as a junior when she averaged 19.6 ppg.

Class of 2013

Joseph Emanuele

Years at Point Park: 1971-73

Sports: Baseball

Joe Emanuele was one of the great players from the early days of Point Park baseball. The Pittsburgh, Pa., native and Central Catholic grad was an infielder from 1971-73. His career batting average of .348 ranked 8th in school history upon his graduation, and he led the 1971 team at .403 with six triples. Emanuele was a two-time NAIA District 18 all-star, and the Pioneers were 51-15 in his three years at Point Park. He was a part of an NAIA District 18 championship in 1973. Emanuele went on to coach and teach at Central Catholic for 40 years. He was a 2001 inductee into the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame. In 2002, he was inducted into the National Italian American Sports Hall of Fame and was honored by the organization again in 2012 with its Lifetime Achievement Award.

Alisa (Favero) Lucarelli

Years at Point Park: 1988-93
Sports: Women's Basketball

Alisa Favero-Lucarelli is perhaps the best point guard ever to play for Point Park women's basketball. She is the Pioneers' all-time leader in assists and is a Top-10 all-time scorer. Favero scored 1,180 points and totaled a school-record 416 assists from 1988-93. She also shows up in the school record book in fourth place with a 73.6 career free-throw percentage, sixth with 108 games played and eighth with 108 3-pointers made. An NAIA scholar-athlete, Favero led the Pioneers to the NAIA District 18 playoffs as a senior and stayed on as an assistant coach after graduation. She was a four-year starter for the Pioneers. She is from Pittsburgh and a graduate of Seton LaSalle, where she won a state championship. Favero married Point Park baseball standout Joe Lucarelli.

Bryan Neal

Years at Point Park: 1994-97
Sports: Baseball

Bryan Neal is one of the top pitchers ever at Point Park as no one has won more games, pitched more games or pitched more innings than him in a Pioneer uniform. The McKeesport, Pa., native had a 24-10 career record from 1994-97 to tie the team record for career wins. He also holds Point Park records with 61 career appearances and 233.2 career innings pitched. Neal has an impressive winning percentage at .705, and he was 12-3 as a senior in 1997. He pitched the Pioneers within a game of the NAIA World Series in 1997. Neal also ranks sixth in school history with 151 career strikeouts and tied for third with six saves. Neal has stayed with the Pioneers' program as the team's pitching coach, a position that he took over in 2010. His pitching staffs have ranked among the best in the NAIA, and they pitched the Pioneers to the NAIA World Series in 2012.

Chivas Whipple

Years at Point Park: 2005-08
Sports: Men's Basketball

Chivas Whipple was a three-time NAIA All-American from 2005-08. One of the top talents ever to play for the Pioneers, he is Point Park's fourth all-time leading scorer with 1,736 career points, and he ranks sixth all-time with 731 rebounds and fifth with 181 steals. His all-around skill set came in his 6-foot-1 frame, and he had career averages of 20.7 ppg, 8.7 rpg, 2.4 apg and 2.2 spg. Whipple shot 52 percent from the field and 80 percent from the foul line. He is one of only three players in school history with at least 1,600 points, 700 rebounds, 200 assists and 180 steals. He was a three-time all-conference player and the AMC Player of the Year in 2006-07 when he led the Pioneers to a No. 3 national ranking, the AMC title and the NAIA national tournament as a First-Team All-American.

Class of 2014

Beth (Wertz) Brubach

Years at Point Park: 1983-87
Sports: Women's Basketball & Softball

Beth Wertz-Brubach was a standout, two-sport athlete at Point Park who starred in women's basketball and softball from 1983-87. Wertz-Brubach was a top player for Pioneers women's basketball in what was arguably one of the best eras in the history of the program. She was also a starter for a Point Park softball program that was in the early years of existence at the school. A 5-6 guard/forward in basketball, Wertz-Brubach is one of only two players in team history with more

than 900 points, 500 rebounds and 300 assists in their career. An all-around strong player, she totaled 974 points, 549 rebounds and 387 assists. She ranks third all-time in career assists and 16th in rebounds. On the softball field, she was a versatile starter at several different positions who helped get the program where it is today from a club team to a varsity sport.

Dennis Colamarino

Years at Point Park: 1987-89

Sport: Baseball

Dennis Colamarino was an outstanding Point Park baseball player from 1987-89 as an NAIA Honorable Mention All-American, NAIA Area 8 All-Region player and an NAIA District 18 all-star all three years he played for the Pioneers. A top player on three NAIA World Series teams, he ranked in the Top 10 of every offensive category in the Point Park baseball record book at the time of his graduation, the only player ever to accomplish that feat. Colamarino batted .388 with 14 home runs, 155 RBIs and 184 hits in 151 career games. At the time of his Hall of Fame induction, he still ranked ninth in the Pioneers record book for batting average, fifth in RBIs and 10th in hits. A second baseman, Colamarino started all three years at Point Park. He is a product of Shaler High School.

Gavin Prosser

Years at Point Park: 2004-07

Sport: Men's Basketball

Gavin Prosser is one of the best guards ever to play men's basketball at Point Park. The Baldwin High School product ranks seventh in points (1,539), third in assists (473), second in 3-point field goals made (217) and 10th in steals (148) in the Pioneers' all-time record book. He did all that in three years from 2004-07. Prosser was an NAIA Division II Honorable Mention All-American and a three-time all-conference player. A point guard, Prosser led the Pioneers to a record of 61-25 over three years, including 29-2 overall as the No. 3 team in the country and an NAIA Division II national tournament appearance in his senior year of 2006-07. Career averages included 17.9 points, 5.5 assists and 3.6 rebounds per game, 42-percent field goals, 75-percent free throws and 36-percent 3-point FGs.