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Hall of Fame Inductee Profiles

HALL OF FAME

TERRY ALDRICH

Terry Aldrich has a 36-year head coaching resume' at Middlebury College, primarily coaching skiing and cross-country running. On the cross-country course, Aldrich served as the head men's and women's coach from 1975–2010. His women's teams captured six NCAA Championships, 10 NESCAC titles, and 11 NCAA regional crowns. The team won seven straight NESCAC titles from 1998–2004, while taking home back-to-back NCAA titles in 2000 and 2001. The men's program began its rise under Aldrich, capturing its first NESCAC Championship during his final year in 2010 and advancing to the NCAAs for the first time.

He coached nearly 30 All-Americans in cross country, including fellow Middlebury College Hall of Famer Dorcas Den Hartog '87, who won the 1985 NCAA Individual Championship. Other notable athletes include RunVermont Hall of Fame member, 3 time VT City Marathon champion and World Mountain Running champion Kasie Enman. St Michaels College running coach Molly Peters also ran for Terry at Middlebury College earning All American recognition. Coach Aldrich was a six-time NESCAC, New England, and National Coach of the Year. He was inducted into the St. Lawrence University Hall of Fame in 1987.

Additionally, he became the Director of Skiing in 1975 and coached both alpine and Nordic programs until 1996, when he began coaching just Nordic. He left the ski program in 2006 after a 31-year reign. His women's teams captured the 1979 and 1980 AIAW National Championships, and he coached 30 All-Americans and three Olympians. Aldrich had a major impact on the evolution of collegiate skiing and was a longtime member of the NCAA Ski Committee, while also serving as the rules editor. He earned the EISA Service Award in 2010.

RAY W. ALLEN

A South Hero native and proud fourth-generation owner of Allenholm Farm, Ray Allen built a running legacy that began on the hills of Vermont and never slowed down. As captain of the University of Vermont's 1958 cross country team, he led the Catamounts to an undefeated campaign and to the New England and Yankee Conference championships. A miler, two-miler, and pole vaulter for the indoor and outdoor track squads, he was the 1959 recipient of UVM's Russell O. Sunderland Memorial Trophy, awarded to the senior athlete who best exemplifies character, leadership, and persistence in overcoming obstacles. He was inducted into the UVM Athletic Hall of Fame in 1983, and UVM's men's cross country team has long honored him by naming its annual Most Valuable Runner and Most Improved Runner awards in his name.

Ray completed 25 marathons over the course of his life and was a proud supporter and organizer of the annual Clarence DeMar 5K in South Hero. Known affectionately as "Papa Ray" to generations of Vermonters, he lived by a simple motto: "always keep moving." Ray passed away in October 2024 at the age of 87.



DENISE ALOSA

Denise Alosa was inducted into the RunVermont Hall of Fame in 2005 as an Advocacy member for her longstanding contributions to the emergency and medical teams for the Vermont City Marathon weekend.



HOWIE ATHERTON

Howie Atherton was inducted in the RunVermont Hall of Fame in 2017 as an Advocacy member, he was a founder of VCM and was on the Board of Directors for several years, also serving as Technical Director for some of the early events while also directing the GMAA's the Green Mountain Marathon. He has completed 30 marathons with a best of 3:01 including the first three VCMs. He and his wife Nan (a 10 year director of registration) continue to volunteer on the VCM Race Committee.



NEWTON BAKER

Newton Baker is a Charter member of the RunVermont Hall of Fame. He completed every Vermont City Marathon 1989-2007, and 10 more 2009-2022. His VCM pr is 3:30 in 1993.

SCOTT BLISS

The longtime track and cross country coach at Champlain Valley Union High School; his developmental approach to coaching has earned 15 state championships, 3 New England championships and 2 Nike Nationals qualifiers. As well as Numerous other contributions to the sport of distance running.

SUE BUCKINGHAM

Sue Buckingham is a Charter member of the RunVermont Hall of Fame. She participated in every Vermont City Marathon 1989-2010, as a full marathoner and as a relay team member, and 3 more 2013-2018. Her VCM pr is 3:34 in 2001.



JACQUES CAPLETTE

Jacques Caplette is a Charter member of the RunVermont Hall of Fame. Along with his brother, Pierre, Jacques completed the full marathon in every Vermont City Marathon 1989-2008. In 2009 Jacques and Pierre began participating as a two-person relay team and did so through 2018. His VCM personal record is 3:29.



PIERRE CAPLETTE

Pierre Caplette is a Charter member of the RunVermont Hall of Fame. Along with his brother, Jacques, Pierre completed the full marathon in every Vermont City Marathon from

1989-2008. In 2009 Pierre and Jacques began participating as a two-person relay team and did so through 2018. His VCM personal record is 4:06.



MATT CHANDLER

Matt Chandler was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2016, honored for Coaching. Matt has been a coach at Edmunds Middle School for over 30 years. He has worked with all students to help them find joy in running. The team has always prided themselves on being a wonderfully inclusive group - no one is ever turned away from the Edmunds Cross Country Team! He started and has been the meet director for the Chittenden County Championship for Middle School Cross Country since 1989. The meet has grown from its original 45 athletes to over 600. Matt has also been a Race Director for local road races and provides timing services.

MARK CHAPLIN

A strong case can be made that Mark Chaplin is the dean of high school distance running in Vermont. For more than four decades he has coached at U-32 High School in East Montpelier, dedicating his career to building one of the most successful and respected high school running programs in the state.

After graduating from Dartmouth, where he competed as a runner, Chaplin arrived at U-32 in the early 1970s as a junior high science teacher and assistant coach. By 1976 he had assumed head coaching duties for cross country and track. In those early years, cross country was still considered a fringe sport and the track program had no track of its own, yet Chaplin steadily built both programs into consistent contenders.

The results speak for themselves. During his tenure, U-32 teams captured more than thirty state championships across boys and girls cross country, track and field, and Nordic skiing, beginning with the school's first state title in boys cross country in 1977.

Beyond the championships, Chaplin's greatest legacy is the culture he created. Teamwork, respect, effort, and enjoyment of the sport have always been the foundation of his programs. Generations of athletes have learned from Mark that running is not just a sport, but a lifelong pursuit that helps bring balance and purpose to life.



TARA CHAPLIN

Tara Chaplin is one of Vermont's most accomplished runners, both while residing in Vermont as a high school athlete and after leaving Vermont as a collegiate athlete. She first gained attention while running at U-32 where she would lead her cross country team to three consecutive state titles and taking the individual state title in 1996 and 1997. Tara was a considerable force on the track as well. She helped U-32 find it's first state Division II title in 1996. Tara was a four time VT state champion in the 3000 meters with her best time being the fastest 3000 time in the nation by a high school runner in 1998. Tara still holds Vermont state Division II records in the 1,500, 3,000 and 3,200 meter races.

Tara's time at U-32 was just a warm up for her endeavors at the University of Arizona, where she established herself as one of the premier female athletes in the Division I ranks. She got off to a fast start when she became the first Arizona freshmen to ever compete in 5 national championship races, cross country, 2 indoor events and 2 outdoor track and field races. Her times in the 5,000 and 10,000 meter races were the fastest of any freshmen in the country. Success at Arizona was not in short supply but her results in her senior year were simply incredible. She started the year with the NCAA West Regional title in cross country before proceeding to win the NCAA National Championship title in cross country in 2001. She would earn honors as a 2 time PAC-10 Champion, 6 time collegiate All American and in 2015 she was named to the PAC-12 All Century Cross Country team.

Tara Chaplin is a rare Vermont athlete to achieve All American status at both the high school and collegiate levels, with the results to prove it.



PASCAL CHENG

Pascal Cheng is a Charter member of the RunVermont Hall of Fame. He completed the full marathon every year 1989-2023, with the exception of 2009 when he had a college graduation to attend on VCM Sunday. He ran the 2009 VCM on his own a week later. Pascal holds the distinction of having run the fastest time of all of our Hall of Famers in far more VCMs than anyone else.



JOE CONNELLY

Few people are as inseparable from the Vermont City Marathon as Joe Connelly. A Saint Michael's College graduate and former Division II cross country athlete, Joe has been part of the Vermont City Marathon since its very first running in 1989, when he competed as a runner. In the years since, he has filled nearly every role imaginable at RunVermont, from Course Captain to Technical Director to Executive Director (2022–2024) and now Chief of Race Operations, making him the longest-serving member of the RunVermont staff. The races and programs he has guided include the Vermont City Marathon, First Run, Half Marathon Unplugged, Island Vines, the Summer Six Pack Series, and Freezy Cheeks Series.

Joe also spent 21 years as head coach of Men’s Cross Country and 12 years as head coach of Nordic Skiing at his alma mater before retiring in 2021. In 2003, Saint Michael’s qualified its first XC runner, and to date only male runner, to compete in the NCAA DII Cross Country Championship. He was a key member of the local organizing committee that brought the USA Triathlon National Championships to Burlington in 2011 and 2012.



SAM DAVIS

Sam Davis was inducted in the the RunVermont Hall of Fame in 2012 for his Advocacy. There are few arenas in the local running community that Sam Davis hasn't touched. Sam currently volunteers at many running events including RunVermont's Mini Marathon. Sam serves on the RunVermont Board of Directors. As a USA Track & Field certified coach, Sam provides consultation for runners of all ages and abilities, including his Rdy2Run class participants. His enthusiasm is motivating to kids and adults alike.



PETER DELANEY

Peter Delaney served as Executive Director of RunVermont for more than 13 years, guiding the organization through a period of remarkable growth and impact within Vermont's running community. Under his leadership, RunVermont expanded its event portfolio, added new races such as Island Vines, and significantly grew the Mini Milers youth running program, helping introduce thousands of young Vermonters to healthy, active lifestyles.

Peter built strong partnerships with sponsors, community organizations, and local schools while ensuring that RunVermont's events remained welcoming, well-organized, and financially sustainable. His tenure included navigating numerous challenges—from extreme weather and race course changes to the complexities of the COVID-19 pandemic. In 2013, following the bombing at the Boston Marathon, Peter had only a few short weeks to work with local, state, and federal officials to implement enhanced security measures for the Vermont City Marathon. His steady leadership during that uncertain time helped ensure the race could proceed safely for thousands of runners, volunteers, and spectators.

Through his steady leadership and commitment to community engagement, Peter helped strengthen Vermont's running culture and left a lasting legacy through programs, partnerships, and events that continue to inspire runners of all ages and abilities.



JOHN DIMICK

John Dimick etched his mark in Vermont's running legacy long ago, but his exploits still set the standard for road racing today. After a stellar career at the University of Vermont, a career that was recognized with his induction into the UVM Athletic Hall of Fame in 1984, John would go on to become known as the fastest marathoner Vermont has ever produced. His first-place finish in the 1979 Mardi Gras Marathon was accomplished in an incredible 2:11:53; the 9th fastest marathon recorded in the U.S. and the 18th best in the world that year. No Vermonter has come close to repeating that feat. John qualified for three U.S Olympic Trials in the marathon (1976, 1980 and 1984). John also excelled internationally, as well, by placing 2nd at the Copenhagen Marathon in 1981 and 4th at the Berlin Marathon.

In addition to his running exploits, John went on to have a distinguished coaching career at Brattleboro Union High School where he would oversee the cross country running, Nordic skiing and track and field programs throughout the better part of his 37 years of teaching at the school.

It would not be an understatement that John's running successes inspired several generations of Vermont runners and kicked off a running boom in the State during the late 1970's and early 1980's. John's accomplishments firmly put Vermont on the running map.



DARRAGH ELLERSON

The history of running and racing in Central Vermont cannot be told without mentioning the name Darragh Ellerson. Darragh has been a constant presence and influence in the running community going back to the early 1970's, most likely earlier than that! Darragh was one of the original "Gang of Four" who formed the Central Vermont Runners. She was the club's first vice president and later became president. In addition to being an early organizer of CVR, she was also instrumental in getting the Leaf Peepers Half Marathon going. This is the club's largest event and Darragh was a co-director of the race for many years. She continues to maintain a strong presence with Leaf Peepers all these many years.

In addition to her support and volunteerism, Darragh was an outstanding runner in her own right. Initially, she ran in high school, but it wasn't until she was 45 that she returned to the sport she enjoyed in her youth. She was a force to be reckoned with in women's running at the time and had very little competition that could keep up with her. It was said that Darragh had to travel out of Vermont in order to find a worthy competitor! Injuries caught up to Darragh later in life and despite many attempts to get back into active running, she was unable to do so. That did not dampen her enthusiasm for helping at local races and becoming the "official" time keeper for the fun runs which CVR holds.

Darragh and her late husband, David were ever-present fixtures at CVR races helping in any way they could to offer runners a fun and friendly race experience. There is no CVR event that doesn't owe its success to Darragh.



KASIE ENMAN

Kasie is a true ambassador of the sport of running, especially when it comes to promoting running as a resident of Vermont. She is amongst the elite runners in New England, regularly competing in many national championship events and making several national running teams. Kasie's rise from being a collegiate runner at Middlebury College to being one of the best runners in New England speaks to her dedication and commitment to the sport. Highlights include: racing in two Olympic Marathon Trials and placing 11th in 2008; being crowned World Mountain Champion in 2010; being the USATF New England All Terrain Series Champion in 2014 and 2015; and winning the Vermont City Marathon in 2012, 2015, and 2017.

Kasie has also given back: as a longtime GMAA volunteer, coach, race director, team racing coordinator; by organizing the First Strides Program (first-time running program for women); as a high school cross country and track coach; and as the race director for the Sleepy Hollow Mountain Race.

Kasie's attitude and enthusiasm for running is evident to anyone that has ever talked with or gone on a run with her. She does a great job of striking a life balance with family, running for fun, running for career and giving back to the local community.

TIM ENO

Tim Eno was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2025 for Coaching. He has been a dedicated runner since the 1970s, beginning as a standout athlete at Bellows Falls Union High School (BFUHS) and later at Keene State College. Tim's accomplishments first surfaced at BFUHS where he ran for Coach Russ Pickering's state championship teams in 1973, 1974, and 1975 (Tim was 2nd place in the 1975 state XC meet). While at Keene State College, Tim competed in four NCAA D3 National XC Championship meets and won the NAIA national qualifier in his junior year.

Following his collegiate career, he became a successful road racer and returned to BFUHS as the head coach for track and field and cross country. Under his leadership, the Terriers captured 15 state track and field titles (9 male and 6 female), with an additional title for the boys in cross country and back-to-back victories with the girls cross country teams in 2018 and 2019.

In recognition of his achievements, Tim was inducted into the Bellows Falls Union High School Hall of Fame in 2019 and was named Vermont Girls Track Coach of the Year by U.S. Track and Field. In 2022, he was further honored with induction into the Vermont Principals' Association Hall of Fame as a coach and activity advisor.



JOHN EWING

John Ewing was inducted into the RunVermont Hall of Fame in 2008 as an Advocacy member. John was director of Community Relations for the Bank of Vermont in the late 1980's, and in that role was instrumental in securing title sponsorship of the Marathon event at its inception. John eventually became President of Bank of Vermont and

maintained title sponsorship for over two decades as Bank of Vermont transitioned to KeyBank in 1995. John was one of the initial "true believers" and this race and our organization would not have been able to get off the ground without his unwavering support.

FRANCIS GABEL

Francis Gabel is a Charter member of the RunVermont Hall of Fame, as he completed every Vermont City Marathon 1989-2007, and also 2009-2014. His VCM pr is 3:13.



DAVE HEITKAMP

Dave Heitkamp was inducted in the RunVermont Hall of Fame in 2014, honored for Coaching. He has been coaching at Fair Haven Union High School for over 25 years, acted as president of the Vermont Indoor Track Association for multiple years, and ran with Frank Shorter and Jeff Galloway at the University of Florida.



DOT HELLING

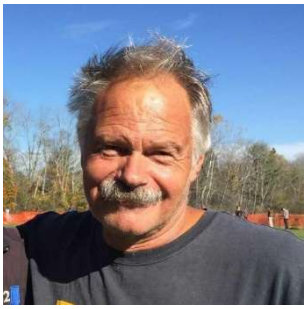
Dot Helling typifies an Athlete of Distinction in the Vermont running scene and beyond. Her longevity and dominance in the sport speaks for itself: she has completed at least 17 Boston Marathons, dozens of finishes at the Vermont City and Green Mountain Marathons. She has raced the Mountain Washington Road Race at least 11 times (and counting), and frequently places first or second in her age group. She regularly competes at many smaller and local races as well, regularly winning her age group and/or setting records for the F70-79 bracket (after spending a decade doing the same in the F60-69 age group). She is an accomplished ultrarunner and came on to the ultra scene during a time when females were even more underrepresented in long distances than they are now. In 1997, at age 47, Dot was the first Vermonter (male or female) to win the Vermont 100 Endurance Race, only solidifying her lead in the final three miles of the race. She has completed the four ultras that comprise the 'Grand Slam of Ultrarunning': Western States 100, Vermont 100, Leadville 100, and Wasatch 100, and nearly became a 'Grand Slammer' after completing all but one in a single summer. Other ultra events have brought her to Peru, Hawaii, Arizona, Colorado, and beyond. In 2007, Dot was one of 20 runners to participate in the Blue Planet Run - a relay race around the world aimed at spreading awareness of the world's water crisis. The Run lasted 95 days and traveled through 16 countries in Europe, Asia, and North America. Another of Dot's proudest accomplishments is carrying the Olympic torch for the 1980 Games - especially significant since her father was also an Olympic torch runner for the 1936 Games.

In addition to her running and racing accomplishments, what really elevates Dot's stature in the Vermont running scene is her commitment to growing the sport and her involvement in events of all sizes. She serves in a variety of leadership and organizational roles, including race director for the Kids Track Meet in Montpelier, coach for Girls on the Run, and volunteer and/or committee member for the Corporate Cup, Leaf Peepers Half Marathon, Montpelier Mile, and others. She is an active member of the Central Vermont Runners and is always eager to lend a hand. Dot has inspired and supported runners of all ages, from cheering elementary students running their first lap around a track, to offering advice and mentoring those attempting their first ultra events.



NANCY HEYDINGER

Nancy Heydinger was inducted in the RunVermont Hall of Fame in 2010 for Advocacy. Nancy is the founder of Girls on the Run (GOTR) Vermont in 1999 and was their Executive Director through 2019. Nancy is an accomplished marathon runner and mother of three who has touched the lives of countless girls, their families, and coaches.



JOHN KERRIGAN

John Kerrigan was inducted into the RunVermont Hall of Fame in 2019 for Coaching. John has been a mainstay at Harwood High School since 1978 while running was still a club sport at the school. During his career at Harwood, John coached cross-country running, track & field and Nordic Skiing, amassing 44 Vermont State Championships as of 2019. The most successful of those programs being his work with the cross-country team, which has 25 championships (12 for the girls and 13 for the boys). In the fall of 2019 John helped the girls cross-country team claim its ninth title in 10 years at Thetford.



LARRY KIMBALL

Larry Kimball was inducted in the RunVermont Hall of Fame in 2010 for Advocacy, but he could have been considered successfully for other categories. He was a coach, runner, mentor, and organizer in Vermont for decades. Larry coached at Burlington High School, University of Vermont, Saint Michael's College, and University of South Carolina Beaufort. He was the founder and long-time Race Director of the Stowe 8 Miler and brought international talent to Stowe to compete in that race. Larry served as a member of the Vermont City Marathon Race Committee for 20 years and also taught RunVermont's 18-week marathon training course. He has completed over 40 marathons.

ED KUSIAK

Ed Kusiak spent over three decades elevating the University of Vermont's track and field program before retiring in 2003. He led the UVM women's team to three consecutive America East championships from 2000-2002. Kusiak coached 43 athletes enshrined in the UVM Athletic Hall of Fame, including two future Olympians and numerous NCAA All-Americans. He was a three-time America East Coach of the Year.



DON & BETTY LACHARITE

Don and Betty Lacharite were inducted in the RunVermont Hall of Fame in 2006 for their Advocacy. Betty began participating as a runner in the Vermont City Marathon in 1995 and set many single age state records over the years; Don joined her on the start line in 1996. Their weekend running groups and strident encouragement of all runners made marathon finishers out of many people who never thought they would be able to run a marathon.



SCOTT LAMOTHE

Scott Lamothe was inducted in the RunVermont Hall of Fame in 2007 for his Advocacy. Scott was an early and tireless supporter of Runvermont's youth running programs, in particular the Junior Milers program. As of 2025 Scott continues to direct Junior Milers operations in the local community and brings the joy of taking part in the VCM to dozens of teenage runners each year.



ERIN SULLIVAN LANE

In 1997 a Mount Mansfield Union girls soccer player discovered cross country running. Erin Sullivan was encouraged by MMU XC Coach Sue McNamara to give a shot at a cross country race. No one ever expected the results Erin would soon achieve. As a sophomore she would win a New England championship. Erin Sullivan piled up Vermont, New England and national championships. In her junior year, Erin spent time on the pitch and on the trails as she competed for both the soccer and cross country teams. She would win the Vermont State meet, New England Championships, the Northeast Regionals and became the first Vermont runner to win a national title in the Foot Locker National Championships, a title she would successfully defend in her senior year. She would also take national titles in the 2 mile outdoors in her junior and senior years, a 2nd place in the prep mile at the Millrose Games, among other notable results. And she still holds the state records in the 1,500 (4:30.90) and 3,000 (9:40.51).

After graduation from MMU, Erin moved to Stanford University to pursue her passion in a very competitive Division I arena. Her results continued to impress her peers as she was the first Stanford runner to win the PAC-10 individual cross country championship. To that she would add several top 10 finishes on the track in the middle distance races, including a PAC – 10 crown in the 10,000 while earning All American accolades on two occasions. Arguably, Erin Sullivan Lane is one of the most decorated runners to ever have emerged from Vermont.



NORM LARSON

When most runners are winding down or calling it a career, Norm was just beginning his. Although he ran in high school and college, he would tell you that there wasn't much

focus to his training. It wasn't until he was in his early 40s that he committed himself to the process of running and as a result became one of the most dominant Masters runners in the country.

In practically every race he entered, Norm would win his age group, but it was his times which placed him in the national spotlight. In 2007, at the age of 51, Norm ran 2:38:44 for the marathon, and in 2008, ran 1:13:29 for the half. In 2022, Norm took a victory in the 65-69 category at the USATF Half Marathon Championships in Syracuse with a time of 1:28:30.

Beyond his personal running successes, Norm put together a team racing group as part of the Green Mountain Athletic Association in the mid-2000s. The fruits of their labor resulted in a National Cross-Country Title in the 2009 USATF Club X-C Championships in the 50-59 age category. In addition, Norm helped start the USATFNE Middle School Cross Country Championships. Vermont had never had an end of season full championship before, but along with Jessica Bulduc and Mike Early, this annual event now attracts over 30 Vermont Schools.



JAMES LEARY

James Leary is a Charter member of the RunVermont Hall of Fame. He has completed every Vermont City Marathon since the race began in 1989. His VCM personal record is 3:26.



JAN LEJA

Jan Leja was inducted into the RunVermont Hall of Fame in 2009 for Advocacy. He is dedicated to volunteering and coaching runners of all ages and abilities. As of 2025 his Run with Jan group has an incredible history of over 1000 consecutive Sunday runs.

GORDON MACFARLAND

Gordon MacFarland was inducted into the RunVermont Hall of Fame is 2008 for Advocacy. He was one of five founding members who had the idea of creating a marathon event in the city of Burlington in 1988. Gordon served as the first Race Director for the Vermont City Marathon and continues to volunteer at races.



DARRIN MACKENZIE

Darrin MacKenzie is a Charter member of the RunVermont Hall of Fame. He completed every Vermont City Marathon 1989-2011. His VCM personal record is 3:31.



FLO MEILER

Flo Meiler grew up in Champlain, N.Y. working on the family farm, learning skills and values that would serve her well when she finally got around to lacing up a pair of running shoes, something that didn't happen until she hit her 60s. Perseverance and fortitude are in no small supply around Flo. At the age of 87, she's training (and not just running) 6 days a week to compete in events such as the Vermont Senior Games, National Senior Games, and competitions like the USATF regional and national championships. And one of her favorite events is the steeple chase, a race that includes hurdles and ponds that one could argue is the race of choice for anyone raised on a farm. Hurdles, shot puts, pole vaults, hammer throws, you name it, Flo will beat you at it.

While her accomplishments are admirable, and beyond comparison, perhaps the most impressive aspect of Flo's presence in the sporting world is the inspiration she provides to all of her junior competitors. As she stated in a recent interview, "I want to do anything I can to influence people to exercise. I want to be an inspiration." To that we could only add – mission accomplished, but we don't expect Flo to slow down anytime soon to take measure of her impact. Just consider her performance at the USATF Track & Field Masters Outdoors Championships from 2021:12 events – 11 gold medals, 1 silver medal, 3 age group world records, 2 age group US records. And that's just a summary of a single year… multiply by more than 20 and you'll gain a perspective of her accomplishments.



JIM MILLER

Jim Miller has distinguished himself as one of Vermont's most accomplished and enduring distance runners, with a competitive career spanning more than four decades. A graduate

of Grand Forks North Dakota High School and Lawrence University, where he won multiple Midwestern Conference titles in both track and cross country, Miller brought his running talents to Vermont in 1980 and quickly established himself among the region's elite competitors.

Miller competed in the Olympic Trials Marathons in both 1980 and 1984 and recorded a personal best of 2:18:17 at the 1983 Boston Marathon. Over the course of his career he ran under 2:20 five times and posted outstanding performances across a wide range of distances, including 4:18 for the mile, 14:40 for 5K, 50:09 for 10 miles, and 1:06:40 for the half marathon. Remarkably, he has broken three hours for the marathon in five different decades.

Beyond his accomplishments as a competitor, Miller has been a dedicated contributor to the Vermont running community. He co-founded the Stowe Eight Miler, where his 38:52 performance remains among the fastest ever run on the course. He has also served as race director for the Green Mountain Marathon, volunteered extensively with GMAA events, and coached cross country at the Essex Junction middle and high school levels, inspiring generations of young runners.

Through his competitive excellence, longevity in the sport, and commitment to developing the running community, Jim Miller has left an enduring legacy in Vermont distance running.



ERIC MORSE

For the better part of three decades, Eric Morse was the most dominant road runner in Vermont. His career began at Harwood Union High School in Duxbury where he was a 6-time individual state champion in both cross country and track. He would also win All-American honors in the 1500 meters. Eric's high school accomplishments would later be recognized when he was the inaugural inductee into the Harwood Union H.S. Hall of Fame in 2010.

Once out of high school and college, Eric would become known regionally and nationally. He was the USATF New England Grand Prix Champion in addition to winning numerous USATFNE individual races. He was also a 7-time member of the U.S.A. Mountain Running Team and competed in five World Mountain Running Championships.

More locally, Eric was a 3-time runner-up at the prestigious Mount Washington Road Race and was a 14-time top ten finisher. His exploits would lead him to becoming a 2015 inductee into the Mt. Washington Road Race Hall of Fame.

Whenever Eric entered a local race, the only question was who would finish in second behind him. His performances were often emulated but never duplicated; he was that dominant. Eric set a high standard for all Vermont runners to follow.



BOB O'BRIEN

Bob O'Brien is a Charter member of the RunVermont Hall of Fame. He is a native Vermonter and one of the founding members of the VCM. He worked on the race the first three years before moving to the Midwest. Bob has completed the full marathon each year it has been held and over 125 marathons lifetime. He has a PR of 3:02 (3 times!).



JIM PAULSEN

Jim Paulsen is a Charter member of the RunVermont Hall of Fame. He completed every Vermont City Marathon 1989-2007. Jim's VCM PR is 3:03.



MATT PELLETIER

Matt Pelletier is the winningest man in Vermont City Marathon history, claiming six Men's Open titles, in 2006, 2007, 2008, 2012, 2015, and 2016, with additional podium finishes in 2013 (2nd) and 2014 (4th). His VCM personal best of 2:19:00 stands among the fastest ever run in Burlington.

His résumé extends well beyond Vermont. Matt won the Hartford Marathon in 2014 (with four additional podium finishes there from 2012 through 2016), the Bay State Marathon in 2008, the Clarence DeMar Marathon in 2007, the Providence Marathon in 2016, and the Reykjavik Marathon in 2014. He competed in both the 2008 and 2016 U.S. Olympic Team Trials Marathons, finishing 19th in 2008. A dedicated school teacher and lifelong ambassador for the sport, Matt has memorialized his connection to Burlington in a particularly permanent way: a Vermont City Marathon logo is tattooed on his leg in honor of his fifth VCM win.



RUSSELL PETELLE

Russ Petelle is a Charter member of the RunVermont Hall of Fame. He completed every full Vermont City Marathon since the race began in 1989. His VCM personal record is 3:08.



MOLLY PETERS

For nearly two decades at Saint Michael's College, as of 2026, Molly Peters steadily, and at times boldly, reshaped distance running in Vermont. As head coach of the Purple Knights' cross country program, she guided the women's team to the first NCAA Championship qualification in program history, along with three Vermont Intercollegiate team titles, seven individual VTC champions, ten NCAA All-Region qualifiers, and seventeen NE10 All-Conference selections. She is currently leading Saint Michael's first-ever outdoor track program, expanding opportunities for endurance athletes across the state.

Beyond results, Molly is best known for her principled advocacy for equal race distances for men and women. Since 2020, she has worked steadily to push governing bodies toward equity in collegiate competition, and in 2022 she launched the Saint Michael's Equality Invitational, believed to be the first collegiate cross country meet in the United States to have both men and women race the 8K distance. An athlete herself, Molly is a former NCAA Division III cross country qualifier, a three-time NCAA Nordic Skiing Championship competitor, and an NCAA All-American in both Nordic skiing and the 1,500 meters.

RUSS PICKERING

A former physical education teacher and one of the most respected coaches in Vermont scholastic running, Russ Pickering spent more than five decades shaping the sport in the Connecticut River Valley. His Bellows Falls Union High School cross country teams captured 12 state titles, including five in a row on the boys' side, and his influence extended long past his official retirement as head coach in 2000. In the years that followed, he continued to coach as an assistant at high schools throughout the region, including under his former runner, fellow RunVermont Hall of Famer Tim Eno, and under his own son, Tom Pickering.

Inducted into the Vermont Principals' Association Hall of Fame in 2014, Russ was a teacher and coach first, with titles he called "merely gravy." His favorite saying was "the difficult takes time; the impossible takes a little longer," which captures a coaching philosophy that has carried Vermont runners across finish lines for generations. Russ passed away in July 2024 at the age of 84.



JACK PILLA

If anyone could ever be described as a complete runner, it would be Jack Pilla. Jack took a round about route to his running but once he found the sport in his 40's there's been no looking back. Over the past 20 plus years Jack has competed in every distance race imaginable, and then some. From one milers to ultras, Jack has found his way to the podium at every distance. An acclaimed Masters competitor, Jack has led several Green Mountain Athletic Association teams to national championships to add to his individual accomplishments.

Fortunately, Jack's contributions to the running community don't stop with his race activities. In 2008 he began to offer advice to other runners which soon became his entry into the coaching realm. A member of the faculty at the Craftsbury Outdoor Center, an affiliation with The Run Formula out of Boston and associations with a number of running clubs have broadened Jack's impact on his favored sport. With a surge in the trail running arsing out of the pandemic, Jack's been busy working with several runners and guiding them in the new quest for FKTs (Fastest Known Times).
In addition, Jack has been instrumental in trail design and construction, he'll crew for distance relay teams or ultra runners and he's been a long time coordinator for the Pace Leaders at the Vermont City Marathon. All in all, given the breadth of Jack's participation in the sport, you might describe him as the complete Renaissance Runner.



LISA QUINLAN

Lisa Quinlan was inducted into the RunVermont Hall of Fame in 2008 as an Advocacy member. She was also a founder of the Vermont City Marathon. Lisa continued her service to the race as a volunteer and Board member for over twenty years.

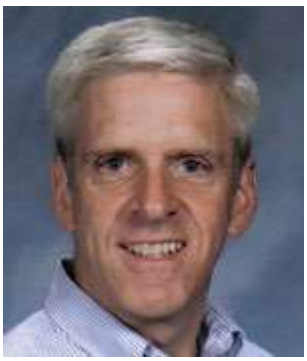


MIKE RICHARD

Mike Richard was inducted into the RunVermont Hall of Fame in 2005 in the Advocacy category. He was recognized for his longstanding contributions to the emergency and medical teams for the Vermont City Marathon weekend.

ROSEMARY RUSIN

Rosemary Rusin is a Charter member of the RunVermont Hall of Fame. She completed every Vermont City Marathon 1989-2012. Her VCM PR is 3:53.



RANDY SARGENT

Randy Sargent was inducted into the RunVermont Hall of Fame in 2008 in the Advocacy category. Randy was one of five founders of the Vermont City Marathon in 1988. Randy has served on the race committee and Board of Directors for over 25 years.

JOHN SCHEER

In his sophomore year of high school John was cut from the JV football team and decided to try out for cross country. After three days on the cross country team he ran his first race in Converse high tops and placed 10th. Larry Kimball, an assistant coach, loaned his race shoes to John that first year as John made the top seven for a team that placed 2nd in the New England's in 1970 for Burlington High School. By his senior year he was the Vermont State Champ in Cross Country and the Mile. He then went on to the University of Massachusetts running Division I College cross country and track posting a PR in the mile of 4:10. After college John focused on road races and ran a PR in the marathon in 1982 of 2:34. Soon after moving back to Vermont in 1988 John met Gordon McFarland, another CPA, serious runner and the founder of the Vermont City Marathon. He joined the race committee of the VCM and became the invited runner's coordinator and a member of the board of directors. In 1992, Gordon stepped down as race director and John was hired to succeed him and directed the 1993 and 1994 events. During this period the race grew rapidly and the course was changed to finish at the waterfront. John also changed three of the relay exchanges to be at the Battery Park area. One of the best decisions that John states he made was to hire Andrea Sisino as assistance director. After two years at the helm he soon realized that the VCM needed more professionalism in the management team. At the same time John was beginning his CPA practice and he had to decide which

career path to pursue. John went on to build his CPA practice and Andrea succeeded him to manage the race for many years with great success.



ANDRÉA SISINO

Andréa Sisino was inducted into the RunVermont Hall of Fame in 2011 for her Advocacy. Andréa was the wizard behind the curtain of the Vermont City Marathon, our Executive Director, from 1992-2009. It was her vision, dedication and tremendous ability to develop a community-owned event that made VCM one of the best loved marathons in the country. In addition to growing VCM, she led RunVermont to expand its mission, developing programs and events that served the broader community, including running classes, the Lake Champlain Women's Running Camp, ManyMilers, YAM Scram (Mini Marathon), and the Half Marathon Unplugged.

JUDI ST. HILAIRE

Judi St. Hilaire is widely regarded as one of Vermont's greatest runners. Born and raised in Lyndonville, she first displayed her extraordinary talent at Lyndon Institute, where she won three Vermont State Cross Country Championships and multiple state track titles at distances ranging from the 4x100 relay to the mile.

She continued her career at the University of Vermont, quickly establishing herself as a national-caliber runner. In 1980 she won the ECAC Cross Country Championship and went on to finish 4th at the NCAA Cross Country Championships, helping lead UVM to one of its most successful seasons.

After college, St. Hilaire joined the Nike International team and won numerous major road races across the United States. Her success ultimately led to the pinnacle of international competition when she represented the United States in the 10,000 meters at the 1992 Olympic Games in Barcelona, finishing 8th.

Throughout her career she set records across Vermont and New England and has remained an enduring inspiration for young runners throughout the region. Her accomplishments firmly place her among the finest athletes Vermont has ever produced.



PATRICK STANDEN

Patrick Standen has displayed incredible versatility and accomplishments in biathlon, Nordic skiing, handcycling, kayaking, marathons, rowing, sailing, sled hockey, swimming, triathlons, and weightlifting. He has repeatedly medaled at the Empire State Winter Games and New England Wheelchair Games and has achieved victories at the M&T Bank Vermont City Marathon. Patrick played a pivotal role in increasing access and inclusivity for athletes through his work with the Northeast Disabled Athletic Association.



JIM STROUSE

Jim Strouse was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2015 as an Advocacy Member. Jim was one of the founders of the Vermont City Marathon. For eleven years Jim was the original Board Chair and helped guide VCM to become the national event it is today. He has been a volunteer for community athletic events for over thirty years and shown a strong support of youth and adult athletic organizations. He has been a youth ice hockey official, coach and Board member. He managed a transition area of the Burlington Triathlon and was chairman of the Burlington International Games. Jim is a certified USATF official and has officiated Burlington High School track & field and cross country meets. Jim and his family have lived

in Burlington's north end for years and have been deeply involved in community service at all levels.



VICTOR TIRRITO

Victor Tirrito is a Charter member of the Runvermont Hall of Fame. As of 2024 he is one of only 2 people who have completed the Vermont City Marathon every year, including 2021 when the race was a half marathon. He is also a many-times Pace Leader at the VCM. Victor's VCM pr is 3:09.



ANNE CZAPLINSKI TREADWELL

Anne Treadwell has spent more than 25 years racing and giving back at every level of the sport. She is the first Vermont woman to complete the seven Abbott World Marathon Majors (Boston, New York, Chicago, London, Berlin, Tokyo, and Sydney), a 16-time Boston Marathon finisher, and a 59-time marathon finisher across five continents, with Africa and Antarctica on her schedule. Her marathon personal best of 3:06 was set at Boston in 2011; her half-marathon PR of 1:25 came at New Bedford the same year.

Anne has been a multiple-year invited runner at the Vermont City Marathon, with a best finish of 2nd Masters Female in 2012, and her 10 VCM finishes are complemented by a string of relay victories, including 2014 Mixed Masters 2-Person Champions and 2024 Female Grand Mountaineers 5-Person Champions. A two-time USATF New England Road Racing Grand Prix Ironrunner and two-time Green Mountain Marathon champion (2006 and 2008), Anne has paired competitive excellence with deep community service, directing the GMAA Turkey Trot 5K for a decade, coaching Girls on the Run, leading a RunVermont Many

Milers program, and currently serving on the Central Vermont Runners Executive Committee.



ANDREW TRIPP

Andrew Tripp has built an endurance sports dynasty at U-32 High School, leading the cross country and track teams to over 30 state championship titles. In 2021, Tripp's team made history by winning the New England regional championships. Recognized as the National Boys' Coach of the Year in 2020, Tripp's coaching extends beyond practice, fostering a team-first culture and relentless year-round commitment.



LEIGHTON WALKER

Leighton Walker was the President of the Green Mountain Athletic Association (GMAA) from its founding in 1976 until the 1990s and was responsible for increasing membership many times over. He was instrumental in bringing the Green Mountain Island Marathon, now the Champlain Islands Marathon, to Grand Isle in 1978 and served as the race director from 1978 until 1985.

Leighton was also the boys' cross country and distance coach at Essex High School, which, under his tutelage, won multiple state team championships and produced multiple athletes that were individual state champions.



HEIDI WESTOVER

Heidi Westover (née Westerling) is the most decorated woman in the history of the Vermont City Marathon. She won the Women's Open division six times, in 2006, 2007, 2009, 2010, 2011, and 2013, and also added a 3rd-place finish in 2008 and a 5th-place finish in 2016. Her crowning Burlington moment came in 2009, when she set the women's course record on the clover-leaf course, run through 2019, at 2:35:02. This remains the second-fastest time run by a woman at the Vermont City Marathon.

On the national stage, Heidi placed 15th at the 2012 U.S. Olympic Team Trials Marathon (with a previous 26th-place finish in 2008), recorded a top-20 Boston Marathon finish in 2009 (12th) and again in 2010 (18th), won the New Bedford Half Marathon twice, and claimed three consecutive Cape Cod Marathon victories (2005–2007). A humble champion known for carrying herself with grace, Heidi generated extraordinary enthusiasm among the Vermont running community, who turned out year after year to cheer her through the streets of Burlington.

Heidi returned to Waterfront Park the weekend of her induction in 2026 to be honored and to compete in the marathon once again, finishing as second masters woman and fourth woman overall in 2:47:30, a time that would have bested her winning time in 2007.

HALL OF FAME

KEITH WOODWARD

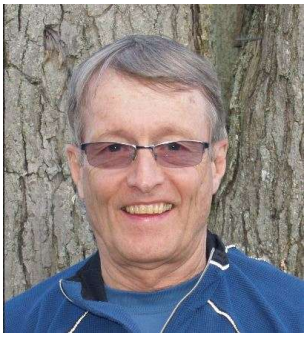
Keith Woodward was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2025 as an Athlete. Raised on a farm in East Corinth, VT, Keith became an All-American at Keene State College after realizing that his early dreams of becoming a member of the Boston Red Sox was a bigger reach than originally anticipated. The conversion to running and endurance sports have allowed Keith to achieve remarkable success in distance running and multisport competitions. One

fellow RunVermont Hall of Famer referenced Keith as “the toughest competitor he knows in Vermont.”

Keith was inducted into the Mt. Washington Road Race Hall of Fame in 2012, having won the race and earned 15 top-10 finishes at the renowned 8-mile uphill challenge. His MWRR experience spans more than 37 competitions, including several age group wins.

Internationally, he represented the United States as an ITU Grand Master winner in duathlon (run & bike) and earned numerous age group victories on the global stage. In 2012, Keith excelled with three silver medals in a seven-day period, starting with the World Duathlon Championships, followed by a 2nd place individual finish at the USATF Masters 5K Championship, and a 2nd place finish as a member of the Masters team race at the same event. Keith would leverage this experience to achieve multiple individual wins in the Duathlon World Championships in 2013 and beyond.

Keith has also made significant contributions as a member of the Green Mountain Athletic Association (GMAA). He was a scoring member of the USATF National Championship 50+ cross country team and helped the 60+ team secure a second-place finish nationally. Additionally, he was a top-10 finisher and key scorer for GMAA’s only NEUSATF Open Cross Country team championship team.



ZEKE ZUCKER

Zeke Zucker’s was inducted in the RunVermont Hall of Fame in 2013 for his Advocacy. His limitless energy, running event orchestration, and ageless participation in Vermont events continue to enhance the experience, camaraderie, and competition of all distances and disciplines of Vermont road race and trail racing. Zeke’s tireless work as the VCM Invited Athlete Coordinator for over 15 years made a major impact on the quality of field up front at the VCM.