

## Alfred University to induct five into Sports Hall of Fame

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ALFRED, NY The Alfred University Sports Hall of Fame will welcome five new members from the Class of 2006 during ceremonies held during Homecoming Weekend this fall. Mark Shardlow '82, Carolyn Clark '90, Mike Klemann '91, Rick Stakel '92 and Tony Coccitto '92 will be inducted during ceremonies Saturday, Sept. 30, on the AU campus. Shardlow was an All-American defensive tackle and a standout on the 1981 team that went 10-1 and earned the school's only berth in the NCAA Division III championships. Shardlow had 96 tackles that season, helping to anchor a defense that allowed 9.4 points per game and 183 yards per contest, including a mere 65 yards rushing per game (tops in Division III). For his career, the 1981 AP honorable mention All-American had 165 tackles. Shardlow earned a bachelor's degree in sociology (1983) and a master's degree in community services administration (1997) and is currently executive director of operations for Alfred University's Division of University Relations. He also is president of Barbecue Bandits, a full-service catering and event planning management company in Almond, and Alfred Food and Beverage Inc., which operates The Old West Food Company in Alfred (formerly Manhattan West). Shardlow and his wife, Nadine (AU '86) live in Almond with their children, Justin and Eva. Clark was a four-year standout on the women's soccer team, from 1986-89, helping lead the Lady Saxons to appearances in three post-season tournaments (New York State tournament in 1986; New York State tournament and NCAA Division III championships in 1988; ECAC tournament in 1989). She was a member of the New York State Women's Collegiate Athletic Association all-tournament team as a junior in 1988 and was a Regional All-American as a senior in 1989, when AU captured the ECAC Mid-Atlantic championship. Clark earned a B.A. degree in communications from AU in 1990 and later earned a master's degree in business administration from Seton Hall University in 2002. Today, she is president of Peloton Advantage, LLC, in Parsippany, NJ. The firm, which she co-founded, is dedicated to strategic publication planning and content development for the pharmaceutical industry. She resides in Basking Ridge, NJ. Klemann was a four-time All-American swimmer who at one time held the school's backstroke records. Klemann earned All-American certification 14 times in four years, placing in the top 10 nationally in the 200-yard backstroke every year and three of four years in the 100-yard backstroke. He also swam on six medley relays teams that earned All-American honors during his four years at Alfred. Klemann earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Alfred University in 1991 and, after serving two seasons as a graduate assistant coach at AU, received a master's degree in community services administration in 1994. He earned a master's degree in health services administration from the University of Washington in 2002 and is currently a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy, serving as healthcare administrator at the Naval Operational Medicine Institute in Pensacola, FL. He and his wife, Kristin, live in Pensacola and have a son, Connor, and are expecting their second child in September. Stakel is one of the most decorated swimmers all-time at AU. An All-American each of his four years, he earned 18 All-American certifications during his career, including six each in his freshman and sophomore years. The AU record-holder in the 100-yard and 200-yard butterfly, Stakel placed in the top five nationally in those events three years (1992) and was third and fifth, respectively, in the 200-yard and 100-yard butterfly events at the 1992 NCAA Division III championships. Stakel also swam on six freestyle relay teams earned six All-American honors from 1989-91. Stakel earned a bachelor's degree in English literature from AU in 1994 and a bachelor's degree in physical education from Eastern Connecticut State University in 2001. He is a physical education teacher at Stenwood Elementary School in Vienna, VA. He is currently a coach at York Swim Club in Oakton, VA. He lives in South Riding, VA, with his wife, Erin, and their daughter, Morgan. Coccitto is one of the best goalkeepers in the history of the men's soccer program at AU. A four-year starter from 1988-91, he holds school records for career shutouts, career goals against average, career and single-season wins and career winning percentage. Coccitto was a Regional All American, the Empire Athletic Association Rookie of the Year and an EAA all-star as a freshman in 1988, when he helped lead the Saxons to a berth in the NCAA Division III championship tournament. He was in goal when AU won a share of the ECAC Upstate championship in 1990 and as a senior in 1991 was named an EAA conference all-star for the second time in his career. Coccitto earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Alfred in 1992 and currently he is vice president of Premier HR Solutions Group, an employee recruitment and staffing company in Rochester, NY. He lives in Spencerport, NY, with his wife, Tracey Thompson (AU, '92), and their daughters, Olivia and Sophia. Each year, Alfred University honors a team or teams as part of the Hall of Fame banquet ceremonies. This year, AU will honor the football teams that have gone unbeaten over the years. The honored teams include the 1937 Saxon squad that went 7-0 in legendary Hall of Fame head coach Alex

Yunevich's first year at Alfred; Yunevich-coached teams from 1940 (6-0-1), 1952 (6-0-1), 1955 and 1956, which went a combined 15-0 over two seasons, 1970 (Lambert Bowl-winning team, 8-0); and the 1981 squad coached by Hall of Fame member Sam Sanders, which went 10-0 in the regular season before losing in the first round of the NCAA championships.