

## **Capital Region Aquatics Hall of Fame Now Accepting Nominations for its First Class of Inductees**

The Hall of Fame Committee will annually select individuals who have excelled and positively impacted the Capital Region's aquatic sports community.

ROTTERDAM, N.Y. – The Capital Region Aquatics Hall of Fame announced today it is accepting nominations for its inaugural class of honorees. Established in conjunction with the Capital Region Aquatic Center, the Hall of Fame will annually recognize athletes, coaches, officials and community supporters who have made significant contributions to local aquatic sports through their service, performance and dedication. Inductees will be honored on a wall of the Capital Region Aquatic Center, which is coming soon to the ViaPort in Rotterdam.

Spearheading the Hall of Fame effort is Timothy Sinnenberg, a local coach, parent and Capital Region Aquatic Center advisory board member. "When Tim first approached us about a Hall of Fame, we were excited at the idea of bringing something like this to the area," said Kara Haraden, Capital Region Aquatic Center board president. "We feel privileged to be able to play a role and help celebrate and honor exemplary members of our aquatic sports community."

Sinnenberg is recruiting a diverse Hall of Fame committee from the Capital Region's aquatic community, including a representative from Special Olympics NY, swim officials, swim coaches, a diving coach and former athletes. "In order to truly reflect the swimming community, we want to create a committee that is representative of every aspect of aquatic sports," said Sinnenberg. "This way, we can ensure the Hall of Fame serves as an avenue to highlight and thank all types of individuals who have dedicated themselves to elevating these sports throughout the region."

In addition to selecting the inaugural class of inductees, the Hall of Fame committee will also recognize a high school coaching staff for their contributions to the sport and present scholarships to two deserving high school juniors.

Nominations for both the Hall of Fame and high school awards are being accepted through April 1, 2024. For more information and to complete a nomination form, go to [capitalregionaquaticcenter.org](https://capitalregionaquaticcenter.org).

An induction ceremony is scheduled for October 19 at the Hilton Garden in Clifton Park.