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Six individuals inducted into the Lockport High School Athletic Hall of Fame

Six esteemed individuals were inducted into the Lockport High School Athletic Hall of Fame on September 15, 2023, at the Lockport Town and Country Club. This year's honorees include Laverne Evans, Dawn Szczepanski Siatkowski, Geraldine White Akin, Carlton E. Harris Jr., Ashley Schaffert Laderer, and Bill Shaw. Additionally, Tom Weeks will be presented with the Robert "Boober" Johnston Award, given to someone who has made significant selfless contributions to Lockport athletics.

These individuals will also be recognized during the Lockport football game on September 16th at Emmet Belknap Intermediate School as well!

Laverne Evans (Class of 1980): Evans, a three-sport standout, led the state in scoring with an impressive 35 points per game during the 1979-80 season. He earned multiple first-team All-Niagara Frontier League and All-Western New York honors. Evans continued his basketball success at Marshall University and even played professionally overseas for two decades.

Dawn Szczepanski Siatkowski (Class of 1995): Siatkowski excelled in track and field, earning six letters and captaining the team. Her accomplishments include a state championship in the long jump and holding school records in the triple jump and long jump. She also had the honor of carrying the World University Game torch in 1993.

Geraldine White Akin (Class of 1996): Akin, a four-year varsity basketball player, achieved first-team All-Western New York recognition in 1995. She played a pivotal role in Lockport's state championship victory and remains third in career points for the Lions. Akin was also named a high school All-American and received numerous other accolades.

Carlton E. Harris Jr. (Class of 2005): Harris displayed his athletic prowess in football, basketball, and track and field. He earned first-team All-Niagara Frontier League honors in football and secured Section VI titles in track and field, setting school records in the 400-meter dash and 4x100 relay.

Ashley Schaffert Laderer (Class of 2006): Laderer excelled as a four-year letter winner in swimming. She helped lead the Lions to undefeated seasons and Section VI championships throughout her high school career. Her accomplishments include two NFL titles and two Section VI championships in the 100-yard breaststroke.

Bill Shaw (Coach): Shaw, who began coaching freshman basketball in 1981 and later became the varsity girls basketball coach in 1990, achieved remarkable success. During his tenure, he

secured 12 Niagara Frontier League championships, 13 Section VI titles, three Far West Regional championships, and a state title in 1995. His impressive coaching career continues at Williamsville North.

Tom Weeks (Robert "Boober" Johnston Award winner): Tom Weeks, the long-serving CEO of Ridge Road Express, has consistently prioritized the transportation and safety of Lockport athletes. He has gone above and beyond, sponsoring youth league teams and providing unwavering support to Lockport's student-athletes. His commitment extends to ensuring smooth transportation logistics, even during off-hours and in challenging weather conditions.