

Class of 2014

The “Johnny Appleseeds”

Special Merit

While the sport of ultimate was developed at Columbia High School in 1968 and spread by 1970 to a couple of neighboring high schools, it likely would have disappeared was it not for the efforts of a cadre of evangelistic early players to spread the game beyond central New Jersey high schools. We honor this critical core of individuals who were responsible for ultimate’s germination, ensuring that it took off in those critical years up through 1974, later dubbed the “Johnny Appleseeds” by Joel Silver. While there were many players who played a role in getting ultimate established, this group deserves special recognition for their highly impactful role in ensuring Ultimate’s self-sustaining growth and penetration, taking it beyond the Maplewood parking lot.

Name	HS & Gradation	College & Founding Year
Joe Barbanel	CHS '72	RPI '72
Walter Belding	n.a.	Clark '72
Dan Buckley	Staples HS '74	UConn '74
Jon “JC” Cohn	CHS '73	Cornell '73
Ed Davis	Staples HS '74	UConn '74
Jim Diehl	PVRHS '72	UNH '72
Dave Dinerman	CHS '72	Hampshire '72
Jeff “Yogi” Durra	n.a.	Boston University '74
Bob Evans	CHS '71	Princeton '72
Steve Frieman	CHS '72	Clark '72
Kevin “Igor” Harper	E. Brunswick HS '73	Glassboro '74
Jon Hines	CHS '70	Princeton '72
Bill “BJ” Johnson	E. Brunswick HS '74	Glassboro '74
Bruce “Frisbee” Johnson	n.a.	Kalamazoo '74
Al Jolley	CHS '60	Staples High School '71

Irv Kalb	CHS '72	Rutgers '72
Ron Kaufman	Staples HS '74	Brown '74
Rick Labasky	n.a.	Webb Institute '74
Dave Leiwant	CHS '73	Yale '73
Jim Lovell	NVRHS '72	Yale '73
Andy Magruer	n.a.	Hampshire '72
Dave "Buddha" Meyer	CHS '73	Columbia '73
Mike Miller	n.a.	Tufts '72
Jim Pistrang	NVRHS '72	Tufts '72
Jim Powers	PVRHS '72	UNH '73, Penn St '74
Dan "Stork" Roddick	n.a.	Rutgers '72
Larry Schindel	CHS '72	UNC '72, RIT '73
Ed "Zoop" Summers	CHS '72	Tufts '72
Geoff West	CHS '72	Rutgers '72