

O'Dea Fighting Irish

Athletic Wall of Honor

2019 Inductees

Ross Buffington, Class of 2000

O'Dea: Ross Buffington was a remarkable elite swimmer for the O'Dea Fighting Irish. He was a State Finalist all four years and earned four Varsity letters. Ross was a playful teammate and a fierce competitor. During Ross' time, he reset the O'Dea record book with eight school records: the 100 Free, 200 Free, 500 Free, 200 IM, 100 Back, 100 Fly, 200 Free Relay and 400 Free Relay. He earned the prestigious All-American status in 10th, 11th, and 12th grade in the 200 and 500 Free. In 1999, during Ross' Junior year, he won his first State Title in the 500 Free with a 4:28.69, ranking #1 in the USA for Independent Schools. In his Junior year at the 1999 U.S. Senior Nationals, he placed third in the 800-meter freestyle and was named Rookie of the Meet. His 800 time of 8:12.15 was the 29th best time in the world that year. In his senior year at O'Dea, Ross won 3A State titles in the 200 and 500 Free and was named State Swimmer of the Year. His 200 ranked 6th nationally and his 500 ranked 3rd nationally. He set two 3A State records in the 200 Free– at 1:40.09 and the 500 Free– at 4:25.81.

Upon Graduation: After graduating from O'Dea in 2000, Ross participated in the USA Olympic Trials at Indianapolis in both the 400 meter Free and the 1500 Free. He earned a swimming scholarship to Louisiana State University where he competed well for their program and broke the 1,000-meter and 1,650-yard freestyle LSU team records.



C. Allen Greene, Class of 1995

O'Dea: During Allen's freshman year, he played football, basketball and baseball. By his sophomore season, his focus narrowed to the hardwood and diamond. A member of the 1993 state championship basketball team, Allen was a reliable guard throughout his career at O'Dea. Perhaps even better known for his accomplishments as a baseball player, Allen was an all-conference player, eventually deciding to attend the University of Notre Dame on a baseball scholarship.

Notre Dame/New York Yankees: Allen was a three-year starter in the outfield at the University of Notre Dame. Thriving as a switch hitter, Allen served as a valuable member of the baseball program. By his junior season, professional scouts had taken notice and the New York Yankees drafted Allen in the 9th round of the 1998 Major League Baseball draft. Allen decided to forgo his senior season to pursue his dream of becoming a professional ball player. While working his way through the minor leagues, Allen continued taking classes at Notre Dame and graduated with his degree in finance.

Professional: Once Allen's baseball career ended, he quickly found his way to intercollegiate athletics. He began his career at his alma mater working in the compliance office. After five years in that role, Allen transitioned to the development office. He then had the opportunity to serve the University of Mississippi as a fundraiser. After three years at Ole Miss, Allen moved to the northeast where he served as the Deputy Director of Athletics at the University at Buffalo. Three years later, at the age of 38, Allen became the Director of Athletics at Buffalo. After two years of leading the Bulls, Allen was tabbed as the 15th Director of Athletics at Auburn University. Not only was Allen one of the youngest ADs in a "power 5" conference, he made history by being the first African-American to lead the Auburn Tigers and the African-American AD in the Southeastern Conference.



Drew Snider, Class of 2006

O'Dea: As a freshman Drew started his lacrosse career by being named 2nd team All-State, then received 1st-team All-State honors his sophomore, junior, and senior year. In 2005 and 2006 he was named All-American. During his high school career Drew scored approximately 250 points (150 goals, 100 assists), picked up over 300 ground-balls and was selected captain his junior and senior season. He was then recruited to University of Maryland.

University of Maryland: In 2010 Drew was named the Dan Snyder Award (Most Improved Player) recipient. He was also named the 2011 ACC Champion. In 2012 Drew continued his success as a team captain and was awarded the 2012 William Cole Award (Most Valuable Midfielder). During his time on the 2012 NCAA tournament team Drew helped the team reach 2 ACC Championships and 2 NCAA D1 National Championships.

Professional: As a professional lacrosse player, Drew was a 7-time All-Star, a 3-time MLL (Major League Lacrosse) champion in 2014, 2016, & 2018, and named the 2013 MLL Most Improved Player. In 2015 Drew played with the Denver Outlaws and was named the team's Most Valuable Player. He was also the MLL All-Pro in 2015. In 2016 Drew was the Denver Outlaws captain. In 2019 he was named the 2019 Whipsnakes LC captain.

International Level: At the international level Drew was selected as a member of the 2015 USA men's national team and received a bronze medal at the indoor world games in Syracuse, New York. Drew was also elected as a member of the 2018 USA men's national team and received a gold medal in Tel Aviv Israel at the outdoor world games in Tel Aviv Israel.



Sean Standley, Class of 1997

O'Dea: During Sean's soccer career at O'Dea he was a 4-year Varsity Letterman and 4-time Metro 1st team. He also led his team three years in a row as a captain and was the 1996 NSCAA/Umbro High School State Player of the Year.

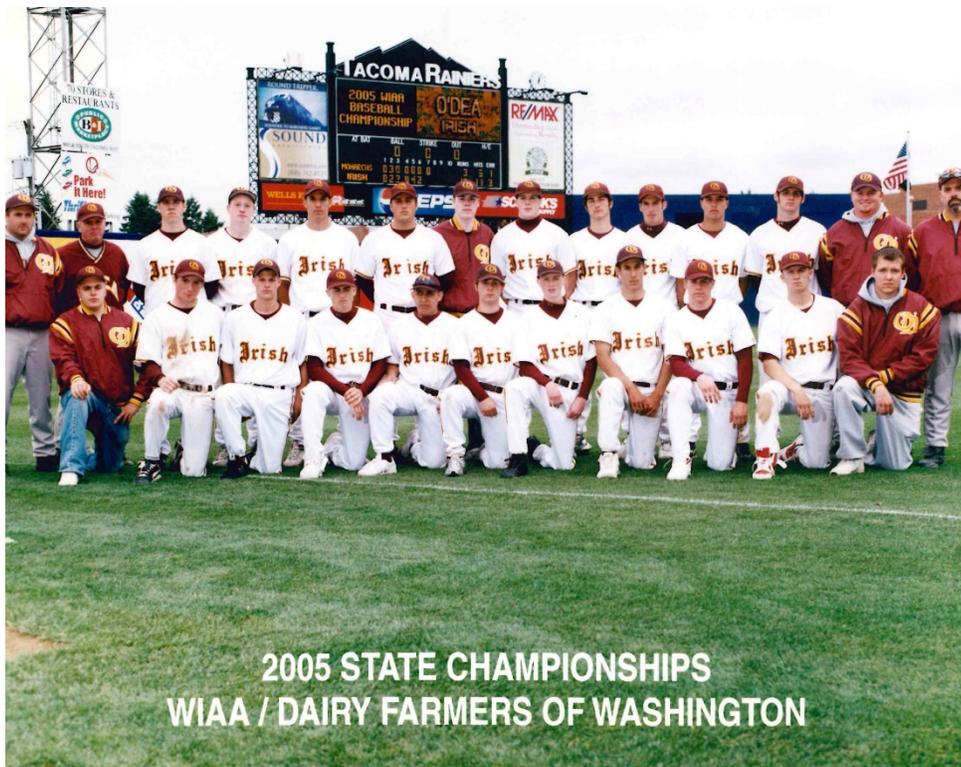
Western Washington University: While attending Western Washington University he was a 4-year Varsity Letterman, 4-year All-PacWest 1st team and 3-year West Region 1st team. In 2000 Sean was a 2nd team All-American. He also led his team for two years as a captain. By the end of his college career, Sean ranked 3rd in all time career goals with 25 and 2nd in all time career assists with 32.

Professional: After college Sean played international soccer with the Mons (Belgium League-1), Cologne (Bundesliga), and ADO Den Haag-Scheveningen (Eredivisie).



2005 State Championship Baseball Team

The 2005 O'Dea Baseball Team finished their championship season with a final record of 22-7 and captured the school's first ever baseball state title in a victory over Columbia River high school at Tacoma's Cheney Stadium. After completing their Metro League schedule with a 12-4 record, the Irish would go 8-1 in their final 9 games, 7 of them loser-out matchups. After a disappointing loss to rival Eastside Catholic, they went on to defeat Seattle Prep, Blanchet and Newport to earn a birth in the 3A State baseball tournament. They then travelled to Yakima's County Stadium and defeated the home team and number 1 seed West Valley of Yakima 10-8 and then beat Centralia 9-4 to move on to the Semifinals at Cheney Stadium. The Irish went on to defeat Mark Morris 10-3 in the Semifinals and matched up with Columbia River in the State Championship game. The 2005 O'Dea Baseball Team took an early lead and didn't look back on their way to an 8-5 victory, capping an outstanding run. This team accomplished a great deal in this state championship season, succeeding with the strong, confident leadership of their seniors and key contributions from underclass members of the team, and setting a standard by which O'Dea Baseball Teams strive to match and exceed annually.



2005 O'Dea Baseball Team Members

Alan Danilo Ardiente '06
Andrew Blanchette '07
Michael Doyle Coach
Aaron Hallerman '06
Jason Hallerman '06
Marcus Harness '05
Charlie Herche '05
Kevin Kanyer '05
Daniel Kenny '07
Thomas Knowlton '07
Andrew Kustok '05

Gregory Lagreid '05
Blake McGahan '05
J. Patrick McHugh '05
Michael McMurtry '05
Alexander Mesick '07
Keegan Nokes '05
Kristopher Patterson '05
Steven Tobin '06
Michael Weber '06
Matthew Wilder '05

2005 O'Dea Baseball Coaches

Robert Blair

Lucas Dacy '92

Michael Doyle '97