

22nd Induction of the
Maine Running Hall of Fame

November 10, 2024
Augusta, Maine

Inductees:

Stu Hogan
Ric Lamoureux
Jeremy Lisee
Jim Newett
Mike Payson
Robert Randall
Ray Shevenell
Stephen Turner

Race Recognitions:

Irish Road Rover 5K
Charles E Davis Independence Run

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**Maine Running Hall of Fame (MRHOF) Program
22nd Induction Ceremony
November 10, 2024
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Noon

Welcome, Opening Remarks, Social Hour

1:00 PM

Buffet Meal

2:00 PM

Induction Ceremony

Race Recognition Plaque Presentations:

- Irish Road Rover 5K
- Charles E Davis Independence Run

Individual Inductee Presentations:

- **Stu Hogan**
- **Ric Lamoureaux**
- **Jeremy Lisee**
- **Jim Newett**
- **Mike Payson**
- **Robert Randall**
- **Ray Shevenell**
- **Stephen Turner**

4:00 PM

Closing

Please find partial biographies for each inductee over the next pages. Find the full biographies post event www.mainerunninghof.wordpress.com.

We welcome you to our 22nd Induction Ceremony as we celebrate our 36th year of operation. Bob Payne's founding vision was that the Hall be a vehicle to celebrate and preserve the legacy of Maine Running. It is special that our Founder will be with us today to introduce our oldest inductee in the history of the Hall.

This year's eight inductees all have remarkable stories and have made a great impact on Maine Running. The two legacy races we are recognizing span the period of the 70's "running boom" to the current day, and geographically two "Maines."

As we continue to evolve the Maine Running Hall of Fame, we invite you to participate in helping us meet our founding vision. Three ways you can assist in meeting our goals:

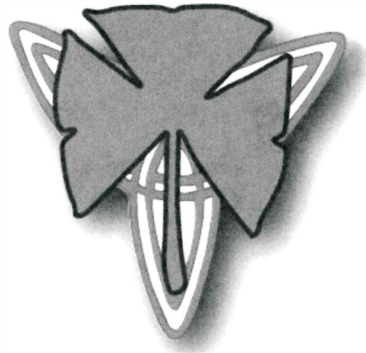
- **Contribute** by submitting nominations for our next induction cycle; individuals worthy of induction into the Hall, legacy races worthy of recognition. The application form can be downloaded off the MRHOF web site <https://mainerunninghof.wordpress.com/> and mailed back to the Maine Running Hall of Fame, PO Box 4635, Portland, ME 04112; or e-mailed to mainerunningfame@gmail.com

This is an essential ask of all of you. There is no more important goal for the Hall than to attract diverse nominations that cover all of Maine. We acknowledge that we have inducted a worthy group this year while at the same time failed to induct a diverse group of legacy runners. Please help us with more nominations across all backgrounds, genders, geographies, and running.

- **Contribute** by serving on our Board: We are always interested in recruiting Board Members from areas around the State of Maine, and in running communities currently not currently represented.
- **Contribute** financially; The Maine Running Hall of Fame is a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit corporation and donations to us are tax-deductible. Consider donating at MRHOF, PO Box 4635, Portland, ME 04112.

The MRHOF Board of Directors thanks you for attending today's banquet and helping celebrate our 2024 inductees. Let the celebration and storytelling begin.

The Irish Road Rover 5K



The Irish Road Rover 5K started in 1997 as the first 5K of the Spring schedule in Portland, Maine with 278 finishers in its first year. Its tradition however, hails back to the 1970s when Tom McKeown, brother of current race director, Dan McKeown, would race his friends on St. Patrick's Day morning. The goal has been to have a race in Maine that would give back to the community while holding firm to the ideals of those 1970's races. The ideals of fun and friendship hand in hand with competition. Since 1997 the race has hosted over 14,000 runners including 24 Maine Running Hall of Fame inductees and Maine running legends such as Don Penta, Ethan Hemphill, Byrne Decker, Mike Brooks, Julius Marzul, Chris Harmon, Tom Ryan and Tony Myatt (who also directed the race for some years).

The "Rover" has grown in popularity for those looking for a race with great shirts, a friendly staff and wonderful group of volunteers. The Irish Road Rover 5K with the help of its runners and donors has proudly supported Habitat for Humanity of Greater Portland and has been able to give well into the hundreds of thousands of dollars to support their efforts. At its heart, the race is an opportunity for those who love running to get together to compete and gather after to laugh and converse about our great sport, road racing. As the race motto says, "Have a toast to running and to good health and to good friends old and new"!

Charles E Davis Independence Run



The Charles E Davis Independence Run, a 7-mile road race from Perry/Sipayik to Eastport is the 4th oldest road race in the state of Maine. This race was first run on July 5, 1970 and 2025 will represent the 55th year of the race. Dale Lincoln, a Maine Running Hall of Fame (MRHOF) inductee, founded the event, and the race achieved its prominence under the organizing skills of Charles E Davis. The City of Eastport's July 4th Committee has made the race an integral part of its Independence Day festivities with local, statewide, and US Navy participation comprising up to 100 runners and walkers.

Past winners have included MRHOF inductees Ralph Thomas, Deke Talbot, Robin Emery (3), Rick Krause, and Robert Ashby (14). Course records are held by five-time winner William Pike (36:27 in 1982) and Robin Emery (44:41 in 1984). While Robert Ashby leads the men winners with 14 first place finishes, local runner Stephanie Allard has won the woman's race 6 times. There have been three Race Directors who have kept the spirit alive with their involvement - Charles E Davis (1970-1993), John Marshall (1994-2022), and Philip Krajewski (2023-present). The Maine running community has been the beneficiary of the organizing and preparation that has gone into sustaining this 7-mile race. Although founded by Dale Lincoln, it is ironic and most deserving that the namesake for the race, Charles E Davis, was a non-runner. The central enthusiasm that he brought to the event, the importance of exercise and the mentoring of young people, underpins the values of our greater running community.



Stu Hogan

One of St. Joe's Most Talented

What started in 1974 as a past time with an older friend, blossomed into a life spent on the track, on the roads, and on the trails for Stu Hogan, 62, of Old Orchard Beach. Eclipsing 50 years of running earlier this year, Stu was fortunate enough to have success at all levels of the discipline, highlighted by awards and top finishes at select invitationals/state competition in high school for both Old Orchard Beach High School and Thornton Academy, to recruitment from Division 1 Northeastern University, to 3 consecutive MVP awards and a Hall of Fame enshrinement at Saint Joseph's College of Maine, to numerous road running victories among top competition, and later coaching and race directing for the back half of his career. Although a health ailment has kept him off the road as much as he would like, running is very much still a part of his life and with the spare time he has, you can find him at middle school events as an official, and as a consultant to coaches in the area for their programs.

When asked what he takes away most from his running career, Stu cites the connections he has made and opportunities that have arose from his time spent with different programs and above all else, being out on the road, no matter the conditions, getting a run in, whether that "particular bout" had intent behind it or not. Stu spends his days being a part of his two sons' lives, named aptly for the discipline he loves, Erik (middle name Miles for miles ran) and Ryun (after Jim Ryun) as well as with his wife, Christine, who he was fortunate enough to meet while running for St. Joes.

Running career highlights:

- Personal Records:
 - o Marathon 2:49:00 (Maine Marathon, 1994)
 - o Half Marathon 1:08:11 (Maine Coast Half Marathon, 1986)
 - o 10K 30:39 (Benjamin's 10k, 1986)
 - o 5K 14:49 (Ocean Breeze, 1985)
 - o 2 Mile 9:43:00, 3200 9:41, 1 Mile 4:29, 1600m 4:27, *Boom*, 2:01, all OOBHS Records.
- Undefeated in Cross Country 77-79 @ OOBHS while juggling between full time CC and football (All conference Defensive back) - 3rd in Mile, 2 Mile 1978 Class C States@ OOBHS - York County HS Invitational Co-MVP 1979 (3200, 1600, *Boom*) - Apart of 1st State Championship qualifier team in 20 years at Thornton Academy.
- Only member of Northeastern CC team to place@ New England Championships (1980).
- #1 Runner on St Joes CC Team from 1981-1983 - Competed at NAIA Nationals at Kenosha, Wisconsin in 1981, NCAA Nationals@ Fredonia, NY in 1982, at Newport News, Virginia in 1983 - Team MVP 1981, 1982, 1983 - 1983 - All League, All State, All New England Team - Team was 77-0 in Competition from 1981-1983 -
- St Joseph's Athletic Hall of Fame: 2006 Class
- First Women's Cross-Country Coach in SJC History (1984) - Westbrook College (UNE) - Assistant Coach for CC (1985) - OOBHS Indoor & Outdoor Track Assistant (1989-1991)
- Co-founder of Breakaway 5k in 1996, which has been held for in Old Orchard Beach for 28 years contributing scholarship money to HS students.

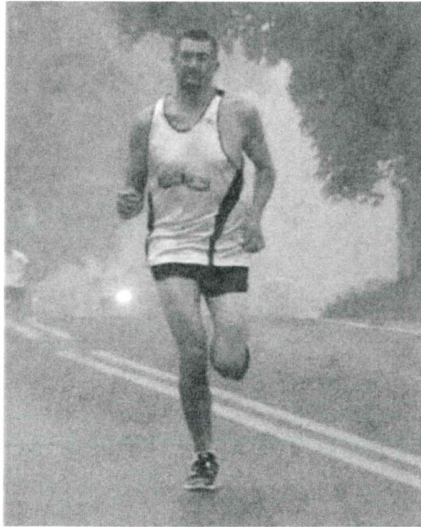


Ric Lamoureux

Keeping the Spirit of Running Alive in Downeast Maine

"I was hatched on July 14, 1948. Attended school for 11 years, where the nuns endeavored to make me a saint, didn't take. In 1967 I met "the girl". In 1968 I started a 38-year career with New England telephone. 1969 married "the girl", did take! 1970 brought daughter Dawn. 1975 son Shawn. In 1978 a swimmer from Rhode Island moves his family and job 465 miles to a little town in Downeast Maine. All is well until the swimmer finds out the town his job is in doesn't have a pool! Running becomes the exercise of choice to stay in shape. 1979 at the urging of a co-worker I enter a 10k in Franklin for fun. No recollection of time or what I won the ribbon for. What is remembered though is the tall runner who approached me after and said "nice job, we have nice races in the Machias area you should do some". Just like that my life path is altered ever so slightly. The racing is fun and now more is needed to feed the animal inside. Must do Boston! After four failed attempts at the 2:50 I try a spring marathon, 1982 Maine coast marathon. Finally make it. 1983 Boston, overwhelmed by the numbers, the crowd noise in town. Nothing in running will ever equal this. (He thinks) 1987 my daughter comes home from preseason cross-country practice all upset because they have no coach and probably no season. I make a deal with the powers that be to come in an hour early and work through lunch so I can get out early to coach. Another slight nudge on the path of life. So, begins 8 years that will equal anything ever done by me in a pair of sneakers. Taking kids from a small regional school and helping them see their potential and love running as much as I did, watching them get stronger, faster, and become not just a team but a family. My "kidz" as they are still referred to this day. How lucky to be able to be in contact with many still. I was wrong, there is something as important as Boston. Today me and "the girl" are retired in the same 1870's farmhouse we bought 46 years ago. A dog, a cat, 4 grandsons and one great granddaughter. Mary can be seen in the garden or riding her mountain bike. Biking is now my exercise of choice, and you will see me on the roads of Washington and Hancock counties with that tall guy from 1979, also a member of this hall, Deke Talbot."

- Running PR's: 5 K - 16:31 Cherryfield Salmon Run, 5 miles - 27:35 Northeast Harbor, 10K - 34:58 Benjamin's, 7.2 miles - 40:32 Perry to Eastport, 10 miles - 61:00 Hancock Point, Half-marathon 1:18:00 Bar Harbor and Augusta Veteran's Day, 15 K - 52:59 Sugarloaf, Marathon - 2:50:00 Maine Coast
- Race Victories: Jonesport 4th of July Race, Sunrise Run for CF, Millbridge Days 3 Miler, Jonesport 5 Miles, Cherryfield Salmon Run, Monroe Stampede 10K, Lubec Quoddy Head 5 Miler, St. Andrew's Father's Day 5 Miler, Millbridge 5 Miler.
- Coaching Highlights (over 8 years) 3-time DAC Coach of the Year, Boys: 8 DAC Runner-ups, 6 state qualifiers, Girls: 1 DAC Runner-up, 7 DAC Champs, 3 season Eastern Maine runners-up, 2 Eastern Maine Champs, 1 State Champ, 1 runner-up, 13rd.



Jeremy Lisee

Faithful to Family, Faithful to Training Partners

Jeremy Lisee began his running career in his freshman year of high school. Schoolmates observed him running laps in gym class, where he consistently outpaced his classmates, and concluded that he could potentially excel in cross-country and benefit the team. Initially, he ranked seventh on the team but quickly advanced. From that moment on, Jeremy was recognized as a DAC All-Star.

In 1994, after a six-year hiatus from running, Jeremy sought to discover what could be achieved by training year-round, finding success in local races, consistently placing well, occasionally winning smaller events. Encouraged by early successes, Jeremy adopted a more serious approach to his training, increasing his mileage and employing a structured regimen. As a result, his race times began to improve, and he secured more victories.

In 1998, Jeremy and his wife, Carol Ann, were blessed with twins, Robert and Kirsten. To provide Carol Ann with a respite, Jeremy incorporated the twins into his training routine using a convertible jogging stroller, pushing the twins along his usual eight-mile route. His running routine soon shifted to rising at 3:45 AM to dedicate more time to his family in the afternoons, a tradition that continues to this day.

In 2003, he joined the Cabot Trail Relay Maine-iacs team, discovering a renewed focus and a profound passion for the event. In 2019, alongside close friend Tim Wakeland, he completed his final leg of the relay, a total of 17 legs. During his tenure with the Maine-iacs, his teammates honored him with a "Cabot" road sign, an acknowledgment reserved for team members who contributed to the team's victory in the relay.

Throughout his running career, due to his consistent performance year after year he has been a source of guidance for those seeking advice. He has served as the race director for the Milbridge Days Race for eight years, continuing to mark the course in secret.

Despite his preference for family time and reluctance to travel far from home, Jeremy has won the Schoodic Point race, the Machias 5 Miler twice, and the Cobscook 10K at least nine times, just nine seconds shy of the course record, finishing all events in under thirty-seven minutes, commendable for this course. Jeremy's first marathon was Sugarloaf, which he entered on a dare, with little training leading for twenty miles and ultimately placed second. He has also won the overall Sub 5 Race Series twice.

Personal Records include: 5 K - MDI 5K 15:56 (Unofficial - Milbridge Course 15:30), 5 Mile - Northeast Harbor 26:46, 10K - Orrington 33:46, 15K - Schoodic Point 53:01, HalfMarathon - Bar Harbor YMCA Half Marathon 1:14:43 (Injured), Marathon - Sugarloaf Marathon 2:43:31



Jim Newett

Coach, Teacher, Principal, Runner, Role Model

Jim Newett's 50 plus years of running began freshman year in 1972 at Northern Highlands Regional HS in New Jersey. Jim set personal bests in the mile of 4:35 indoors and 4:30 outdoors. His outdoor 9:36 two-mile time placed him third in the North Bergen Interscholastic League. Jim is proud to have been on the NBIL's First Team in XC.

The camaraderie and friendships that Jim enjoyed so much with teammates in high school continued at UMO in 1976. Jim was co-captain of the Maine XC team his senior year and recorded a 25:25 five-mile time at the New England's and a 31:36 10K at the National Qualifying meet, both at Franklin Park, Boston. Jim is honored to join six UMO teammates, previously inducted into the MRHF.

After UMO, Jim began a 40-year career in education at Ellsworth Middle School. In the fall of 81, he began the school's XC team and coached it through 1989, when he started his 29 year "run" as principal of EMS. Jim returned to teaching and to coaching XC and track in 2018. He retired from teaching but continues to coach both teams.

The greatest blessing in Jim's life is his wife, Jan, whom he met when she picked up her nieces from cross-county practice in 1982. Dating, marriage and two children followed. The love and support from Jan, Sarah, and Christopher mean the world to Jim. Kids' races and cheering for Dad all over the state were part of family life.

Road races, 5Ks to marathons, have been Jim's running focus since college. He helped start Hog Bay Trotters in 1983 and has run for Sub 5 and Crow Athletics. He was named the 1986 Maine Runner of the Year by "Maine Running and Outing Magazine." He placed in the top three overall or his age group of the Sub 5 Race Series 12 times and has finished the Boston Marathon 31 times, a proud member of the Quarter Century Club, with a current streak of 29 consecutive Boston's, setting his sights on number 30 this April. You can find Jim volunteering at local races and cheering at high school meets.

Personal bests:

- 5K - 15:31, Terry Fox, Bangor, May 1983
- 4M - 19:45, For Kids' Sake, Portland, October 1988
- 5M - 25:05, Portland Boys' Club, April 1984
- 10K- 31:30, Southwest Harbor Days, June 1983
- 15K- 48:51, Schoodic 15K, August 1984
- 10M - 55:41, Tour DuLac, Bucksport, June 1988
- 10.2M - 54:56, Hancock Lobster Classic, July 1984
- 20K- 1:09:07, Autumn Gold, Ellsworth, October 1981
- Half-Marathon - 1:10:54, Bar Harbor Half, September 1984
- Marathon - 2:40:37, Casco Bay Marathon, October 1984



Mike Payson

Hit His Stride as a Master's Runner

Mike grew up in Falmouth, Maine. He recalls running track and cross country for Falmouth High School during a halcyon era that produced several Maine Running Hall of Fame inductees. Mike especially loved cross country and in his senior year he broke the course records in all but one of his regular season races, and finished second at the state championships. He ran a PR 4:24 mile in indoor track while training and competing as an individual for Falmouth, which did not yet have an indoor team.

He was recruited to run for Yale and earned his varsity letter in a breakout freshman XC season. He ran all four years, but due to injuries and collegiate diversions he left Yale disappointed he hadn't devoted the time and training to perform to his potential.

Upon moving back to Falmouth in 1992, Mike was inspired to recommit to competitive running by the remarkable Maine running community and the race performances of high school contemporaries Pete Bottomley, Todd Coffin and others. After 10 years of ramping up his training, Mike finally hit his stride as a master's runner.

Mike's masters PRs include, 1600, 4:32, 3200, 9:36, 5K, 15:10, *BK*, 25:04, 10K, 31:52, 20K, 1:05:57 and half-marathon, 1:09:33. During those 40+ masters years, Mike was a 4-time Maine Half Marathon (overall) winner, LLBean 10K and Pats Pizza (overall) winner, Beach to Beacon overall masters winner, USATF National Masters Half Marathon and 20K champion, 3-time New England Masters XC champion, National Masters 5K XC silver medalist, and 2-time National Masters 10K XC bronze medalist. He particularly enjoyed being part of the Dirigo masters' teams that won national USATF 5K and 8K XC championships and finished 2nd and 3rd in the national USATF 10K XC championships.

Competitive running provided the impetus for countless trips with family and friends and the foundation for some of Mike's closest friendships. He coached several Junior Olympic XC teams, was a member of the Maine Track Club and Dirigo Racing Club, serving nine years on the Board, and served on the race planning committee for the New England Mile.

At age 51 Mike was diagnosed with Runner's Dystonia, a rare neurological condition that makes running impossible. The sudden end to his 40-year running career was disappointing but made him even more grateful for the sport that changed his life, the many close friends he met along the way and the Maine running community that made it all possible.



Robert Randall

Setting World Records at 87

Robert graduated from Sanford High School in 1955 where he played sports but did not run, although he ran a 1-mile race to help the track team. Robert's running started in 1978 during a blizzard when he helped get his daughter's car out of a snowbank and suffered what he thought was a heart attack. It turned out to be torn muscles, but it made him aware of the fact he was out of shape, weighing over 200 pounds.

Robert has contributed to the sport of running in many ways over the years. He was a founder of the Winner's Circle Running Club of Salisbury Mass and has been a member of the Maine Track Club, Rochester runner's club, NE 65 plus runner's club and the Sanford Tuesday night Runner's.

Randall started and was race director of various running events, including the "Run For The Gym", renamed in his honor, that is still going today. He is currently helping with the YMCA 5k trail run in Sanford. It is rare to be at a race in southern Maine and not see him around the finish line area, volunteering, freely offering up his help and experience.

Robert has run races from the 1 mile to the Marathon, usually finishing in the top three of his division. He placed 1st in his division at the Beach to Beacon at 65, and also placed 2nd, 4th, and 5th in that event. Robert medaled in his division placing 1st at the Connecticut national state games in 2004. At age 87, Robert still races and always places on the podium in his age division.

In November 2006 Robert had knee surgery at Brigham and Women's hospital in Boston to replace cartilage lost through years of running. The operation was so successful he was able to run four months later competing in a 5K on Feb. 10, 2007. For his efforts he was named the Maine Track club comeback runner of the year.

A big part of his life, another plus from his running is that he and his wife Mary Ann met and made friends with people who have the same interests, generating lifelong friends.

Some of Robert's accomplishments are 1 mile, 5:39, 2 miles, 11:30, 5K, 17:00, 5 miles, 29:10, 10K 36:00, 10 mile, 60:20, Half Marathon, 1:25:02, and Marathon 2:58:01. These personal records were set while Robert was in his 40's and so's. Robert has run Mt Washington 15 times and has run 40 marathons including 13 Boston's.

Robert competed in the 2024 USAT&F New England championship, placing first in the 5K, 5 miles, and 10K, at 87 years old, winning the New England championship award. As he was being considered for induction, he was running in the USAT&F National Championship in Sacramento, California, placing 1st in the 5K, 2nd in the 1500, and 3rd in the 400 & 800 meters. He topped that off by competing as a member of a 4x800 meter relay, setting a world record.



Ray Shevenell

Wholehearted Love of Running

Born and raised in Portland, Ray remembers running as a teenager - not yet running for a school team - but racing from his part-time job on Sewall Street to get home in time for dinner! Those runs across Libbytown prepared him to become a standout cross-country and track runner for Cheverus High School earning a full four-year track scholarship to Georgetown University.

Ray loves to run. He has run competitively at every distance, from sprints to marathons, in both road races and organized track meets. Most importantly, he has served as an ambassador for running over the decades, inspiring and training hundreds of Mainers in the pursuit of running at every level - for competition, fitness, or simple enjoyment - and always for the camaraderie the sport offers participants of any age.

Running highlights:

- Helped lead Cheverus to New England track title at Class B New England Catholic Track Championships; set record in the 1000-yard run in 1959 at Portland Expo.
- At Georgetown, trained the inaugural class of Peace Corps volunteers in physical fitness; completed President Kennedy's so-Mile Hike Challenge with one of the fastest times in the nation.
- From 1977-2007, competed in hundreds of road races throughout Maine, winning first place in age group at a variety of distances, including the Forest Avenue Mile, UNE Maine Coast 5K and Mid-Winter 10-Mile Cassie; ran Chebeague Island 4th of July Road Race for 27 years, winning 1st place overall twice, and 1st place in age group every year except one; ran four marathons including Boston.
- Won Maine Track Club's "Most Outstanding 50-59 Runner of the Year" (1994) and "Outstanding Race Director/Race Director of the Year (2000 and 2003).
- Joining UNUM's corporate track team in 1999, competed in sprints and distance running, winning several UNUM and Maine Corporate Track Association awards, including MECTA's Tim Smith Award. With the UNUM team, represented Maine at National Corporate Track Championships eight times, winning 14 medals.

An active member of the Maine Track Club, Ray had recorded over 36,000 miles of training runs and races, when his running career was abruptly interrupted. On December 15, 2007, an undetected condition he was born with caused his thoracic aorta to dissect. He underwent back-to-back emergency open-heart surgeries at Maine Medical Center. Surgeons later told him the only reason he survived was the shape he was in. Running had saved his life, but due to the seriousness of his surgeries, his doctors recommended he take time off from competitive running.

He continued to serve the sport of running in capacities such as assistant coach to the UNUM track team and volunteer at corporate track meets and local road races. In 2008, he was recognized with UNUM's Mike Kita Award and the Maine Corporate Track Association's Peter Cooley Award. He demonstrated his love for the sport with a whole heart.

And he walked.... In 2015, Ray walked nearly 200 miles from Compton, Quebec to Biddeford, Maine, retracing the steps of his great-great-grandfather who had made the journey in 1845. His trek was the subject of a documentary film.



Stephen Turner

A Courageous and Skilled Race Tactician

Stephen Turner played baseball and football for Williams High School in Oakland, Maine. In the fall of 1964, he injured his upper arm and had to drop out of football switching to XC running. Sixty years ago, few high schools in central Maine had a track they could use for training and meets. Williams was one of these, he trained on the streets and hills and environs near the high school. Through

excellent coaching, he won all dual meets he entered and finished by winning the regional championship. After training on the roads during the winter, he continued his winning ways as a two-miler. He ended with a win at the Class M Maine State Championship in Bangor. His short high-school career culminated with setting a PR of 9:58 in the New England Championship.

He enrolled at the University of Maine at Orono in the fall of 1965. Back then practice did not include cross training, weight training or season-long building programs designed for peaking at championship time. If there was a meet, you ran... never a day off from competition. He ran on a cinder track (no bounce for the ounce) all four years, but the great field house with its under-cover (but unbanked) cinder track was a rich reward compared to running in the snow.

In those days, freshmen could not compete in varsity sports, but he ended the year breaking two freshman records on the indoor track (half mile and two-mile) and three on the outdoor track (half-mile, mile and two-mile). That spring, Bowdoin College hosted the Collegiate State championship where the medley relay was the only event open to freshmen. He ran the anchor leg for the team, and they broke a 25-year-old record.

As a member of the varsity teams, he set the University's indoor mile record, captained all three teams in his senior year (cross-country, indoor track, and outdoor track), and was state champion in cross-country, and the indoor mile. He is listed in the 1969 edition of Outstanding College Athletes of America.

Later in his life he ran the Clarence DeMar, Peace, and Boston marathons (3:15 at age 41) and was on the Babson College teams competing in the Plymouth to Provincetown and Lake Winnepesaukee relays. There were eight or nine legs of varying lengths in these relays and for the Babson team, there was an annual competition for the "Ugly Green Hat" award. After each event, the team organizer settled on someone whom he felt gave an exceptional performance. That person kept the ugly green hat until the next year's relay, during which he wore the hat. The UGH tradition ended when the hat was given to Turner at his retirement party in 2002. It remains one of his treasured possessions.

Upon return to Maine, Steve began his second career on the track - this time as a volunteer meet official at Bowdoin College, including timing, field events and meet clerk. He volunteered for over 10 years and was an invaluable resource to Coach Peter Slovenski and the numerous athletes who sought his advice and steady confidence.

Maine Running Hall of Fame (MRHOF) Inductees

Year	Inductees
1989	Joan Benoit-Samuelson, Bruce Bickford, Ralph Thomas, Ken Flanders, Andrew Sockalexis
1990	Roland Dyer, Robin Emery, Sam Ouellette, Emery Plourde
1991	Bruce Ellis, Diane Fournier, Bob Hillgrove, Frank Sabasteanski, Ed Shepard
1992	Carlton Mendell, Fred Judkins, Dick Goodie, Leona Clapper, Donald Matheson
1994	John Cassavola, Rick Krause, Bruno Mazzeo, Emilio Mazzeo, Kim Moody
1995	Steve Ross, Wendy Sayres, Larry Greer, Dave Farley, Danny Paul
1996	Brian Gillespie, Bernd Heinrich, Michelle Hallett Wakeman, Conrad Walton, 1932 Houlton Cross Country Team
1997	Don Smith, Clyde Stinson, Maurice Toothaker, Barry Ivers, Bob Winn, Sammy Pelletier
1998	Ellbridge Stevens, Harry Richardson, Francis Lindsay, Peter Millard, Ann Turb_y_n e, Bob Payne
1999	Marjorie Tennyson, Russell Bradley, Dean Evans, Edmund Styrna, Walter Slovenski
2000	Anne-Marie Davee, Michael Gaige, Bruce Freme, Andy Palmer, Leo Cloutier
2002	Jane W. Dolley, Dale Lincoln, Hank Pfeifle, Paul Hammond, Gerry Clapper, Red Dean
2004	Todd Coffin, Fred Merriam, Gene Roy, Llyod Slocum, Deke Talbot, Carol Weeks
2006	Christine Snow-Reaser, Paul Firlotte, OJ Logue, Harold Hatch
2008	Scott Brown, Andrea Hatch, Julia Kirtland, Erik Nadeau, Portland Boys & Girls Club 5 Miler, Bangor Labor Day 5 Miler
2010	Bob Booker, Joel Croteau, Jim Wescott, 1957 Waterville High School Boys Cross-Country Team, Bridgeton 4 on the Fourth Road Race, Bucksport Tour du Lac 10-Miler
2012	Bob Coughlin, Jeanne Hackett, Ron Kelly, Ron Paquette, Brian Pettingill, Michael James Ryan, LL Bean 4 th of July 10K, Thanksgiving Day 4 Miler in Portland
2014	Susannah Beck, Pauline Kenniston, Matt Lane, Jerry Levasseur, Sheri Piers, Jim Toulouse, Bar Harbor Bank & Trust Half Marathon, Maine Track Club Turkey Trot 5K
2016	Lawrence Allen, Robert Ashby, Stephen Podgajny, Dr. Phillip Pierce, Gretchen Read, William Reilly, Michael Westphal, Great Pumpkin 10K Race, Pat's Pizza Clam Festival Five Mile Classic
2018	Gary Allen, Thomas Blake, Peter Bottomley, Faye Gagnon, Rock E. Green, Colin Peddie, Steve Reed, Ed Rice, Maine Track Club Mid-Winter 10 Mile Classic, MDI Marathon
2022	Ralph Fletcher, Gladys Ganiel, Louie Luchini, Kevin McDonald, Glendon Rand, Andy Spaulding, Maureen Sproul, Tim Wakeland, Maine Marathon/Casco Bay Marathon

