

Phil Emery Inducted Into The Maine Swimming Hall Of Fame

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Phil Emery is a 1964 graduate of Bangor High School and a 1968 graduate of Southern Connecticut State University. He was a member of the first Bangor High School swim team that started in 1961 and was captain of the team in 1964. In high school, Phil was undefeated in the 50 Free and was state champion in 1963 and 1964. He was also a four year member of the Southern Connecticut swim team. In 1969 Phil returned to his alma mater and has been a science teacher and boys swimming coach at Bangor High School for the last 37 years.

As Coach of the Bangor High School Boys Swim Team, Phil has amassed an incredible record of accomplishments that include: 18 undefeated seasons, a 272-35-1 dual meet record, 20 state championships, one New England championship (1975), 22 Penobscot Valley Conference Championships, and 14 time Coach of the Year. In addition, 39 of his swimmers and divers have made All American consideration, eight have been All American and 25 have been Academic All Americans.

Phil has also been President of the Maine Swim Coaches Association five times, both President and Vice-President of the New England Swim Coaches Association, has served as Meet Director of the Maine Principals Association sponsored state meets from 1978 until 2000, he has been a Maine State Delegate to the National Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association (NISCA) from 1985 to the present, has served as Zone I Director for NISCA from 2000 until the present and has served as an official at the men's NCAA Division I Swimming and Diving Championships from 1986 until the present.

Phil has received many awards for his numerous accomplishments. These include being recognized by the Maine Principals Association in 1990 for outstanding service to Maine swimming, the NISCA Outstanding Service Award in 1992 and the NISCA 25-year award in 1994. He was awarded the Outstanding Achievement Service Award by the Southwestern Maine Swim Officials in 2001, inducted into the Maine Sports Hall of Fame in 2003 and since 2000 has been awarded the Bruce Hutchinson Award by the Swim Team Alumni Club at Southern Connecticut University for outstanding achievement in coaching.