



Gateway
Sports
HALL OF FAME

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Dear Gateway Gator Hall of Fame Nation:

It is with no regret that I am writing this narrative today to explain the future of the Gateway Sports Hall of Fame as you know it today. Country Club induction banquets have become too expensive to continue. Our banquets throughout the years have been second to none and I, for one, am deeply disappointed that those types of banquets cannot continue. That being said, it's just about time for me to move on and go another direction.

I have been active with the HOF for nearly 30 years. I can no longer plan and execute all aspects needed to continue with a successful sports hall of fame. During my tenure we were able to induct the greatest Gateway High School athletes and coaches of all time. We were able to secure space to house our hall of fame in the Furrie Sports Complex on campus including attractive banners for each and every year of inductions. We were able to establish the Gateway Sports Hall of Fame website to showcase our inductees and induction banquets. I am extremely proud of what we were able to accomplish the last nearly 30 years. My record speaks for itself.

It's now time for me to step aside and have another passionate Gator take over the responsibility of driving the train. Fall of 2025 was to be an induction year, however, I personally, will not be planning any banquets for 2025. I am looking for that special person to take control as I have reached my golden years of retirement. Since retirement, Marcy and I have done more traveling than ever. Our trips have come at the heart of banquet planning season. That makes planning and executing nearly impossible. The banquet requires many hours to develop. Through the years, Marcy and I have devoted many hours to continue the successful hall of fame. It's now time for others to step forward and take charge.

Of course, I will always make myself available for ongoing consultation regarding every aspect of the hall of fame. My unconditional love for Gateway will never end. I will continue servicing the hall of fame room at the Furrie Complex as well as the website.

Unofficially I have spoken with the high school administration regarding future hall of fame inductions in the auditorium with a reception in the front foyer of the auditorium. That sort of plan might just work out for us.

If anyone is seriously interested in taking over the chairmanship of the hall of fame, please send an email to tony@petrocellicompany.com. Remember, we induct every two years and it does take a commitment.

I would host a meeting with our current committee people including any Gateway Gators that might want to get involved with the hall of fame. Many thanks.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tony". The signature is stylized with a large, bold "T" and a cursive "ony".

Tony Petrocelli
Chairman Gateway Sports Hall of fame