

Patricia Larkin Ristow
Inducted June 24, 2011

Athlete – Class of 1992

Patty Larkin was a four year varsity runner in cross country and track and field. She was a team captain in both sports.

In cross country Patty was named an IAC First Team All-Star as a sophomore, junior and senior. She was a Section IV First Team All-Star as a sophomore and Second Team All-Star in her senior season. She ran in NY State Championships in her sophomore and senior seasons. In her senior season, she was a key member of the Olympian team which won the McQuaid Invitational Championship, the Section IV Championship and was the runner-up team in the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Championships. The team, given the moniker of “The Fab Five” in the sports press, was the first in school history to go on to compete at the New York State Federation Championship level.

Patty had great range in track competition, excelling in the 400, 800, 1500, and 3000 meter distances throughout her career. One of her best performances was a 1500 meter victory to set a Marathon school record at the Maine-Endwell Optimist Games. Patty was also a member of school record performances in the 1600 meter relay, the 3200 meter relay, the 6400 meter relay, the distance medley relay and the sprint medley relay.

Patty earned a BS in Environmental Studies from University of Buffalo, two MS degrees in International Agricultural Development and Animal Science from University of California, Berkley. She served for two years with the Peace Corps in Bolivia. She competed on the Bolivian National Mountain Biking Team and on the UC Davis mountain biking team. She is currently works as an agro-ecologist at Cornell University.