



**2024 Inductee: Athlete**

**Valerie Beckwith Thayer '05**

Valerie Beckwith was a 3-sport athlete at Woburn High. On the basketball floor, she scored more than 1,000 points in her career, averaging 21.5 points, 14 rebounds, 4.2 assists and 1.5 steals a game in her senior year. She was voted team MVP, named to the MA All-Academic first team and was a 3-time Middlesex League All-Star. In swimming, she was a league all-star and team captain and held the school record for the 100-yard breaststroke. She was captain of the Woburn High Softball Team Middlesex League All-Star and was recognized as Defensive Player of the Year. In 2005 she was named Woburn's Female Athlete of the Year. She went on to be a 2-sport athlete at Bates College, and closed out her stellar collegiate career named NESCAC Player of the Year for women's basketball.

At Woburn High, Valerie was ranked #3 in her class, and volunteered her time in the community. Woburn High Basketball Coach Bill Cantillon was quoted as saying that "Valerie's accomplishments on and off the athletic fields portray an individual whose presence and leadership is a wonderfully positive and significant influence on the school and the community".

As a scholar-athlete, exciting player and team leader, Valerie embodied everything that is Tanner Pride. We are proud to induct Valerie Beckwith Thayer as an outstanding athlete into the Woburn Hall of Fame.



**We invite our community to join in this celebration of Tanner Pride by supporting the Woburn Hall of Fame induction event at the Hilton Boston/Woburn on Saturday, May 18, 2024.**

**Sponsorship, program ad and ticket information can be found online**

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