

## Special Merit: The “Johnny Appleseeds”

While the sport of Ultimate was developed at Columbia High School in 1968 and spread by 1970 to a couple neighboring high schools, it likely would have disappeared were it not for the efforts of a cadre of evangelistic early players to spread the game beyond central New Jersey high schools. We honor this critical core of individuals who were responsible for Ultimate’s germination, ensuring that it took off in those critical years up through 1974, later dubbed the “Johnny Appleseeds” by Joel Silver. While there were many players who played a role in getting Ultimate established, the following deserve special recognition for their highly impactful role in ensuring Ultimate’s self-sustaining growth and penetration, taking it beyond the Maplewood parking lot:

<b>Name</b>	<b>HS &amp; Gradation</b>	<b>College &amp; Founding Year</b>
Joe Barbanel	CHS '72	RPI '72
Walter Belding	n.a.	Clark '72
Dan Buckley	Staples HS '73	UConn '74
Jon “JC” Cohn	CHS '73	Cornell '73
Ed Davis	Staples HS '73	UConn '74
Jim Diehl	PVRHS '72	UNH '72
Dave Dinerman	CHS '72	Hampshire '72
Jeff "Yogi" Durra	n.a.	Boston Univ. '74
Bob Evans	CHS '72	Princeton '72
Steve Frieman	CHS '72	Clark '72
Kevin "Igor" Harper	n.a.	Glassboro '74
Jon Hines	CHS '70	Princeton '72
Bill "BJ" Johnson	n.a.	Glassboro '74
Bruce "Frisbee" Johnson	n.a.	Kalamazoo '74
Al Jolley	CHS '60	Staples High School '71
Irv Kalb	CHS '72	Rutgers '72
Ron Kaufman	Staples HS '73	Brown '74
Rick Labasky	n.a.	Webb Institute '74
Dave Leiwant	CHS '73	Yale '73
Jim Lovell	NVRHS '72	Yale '73
Andy Magruer	n.a.	Hampshire '72
Dave “Buddha” Meyer	CHS '73	Columbia '73
Mike Miller	NRVHS '71	Tufts '72
Jim Pistrang	NVRHS '72	Tufts '72
Jim Powers	PVRHS '72	UNH '73, Penn St '74
Dan “Stork” Roddick	n.a.	Rutgers '72
Larry Schindel	CHS '72	UNC '72, RIT '73
Ed “Zoop” Summers	CHS '72	Tufts '72
Geoff West	CHS '72	Rutgers '72