



2008 Volleyball Hall of Fame

CITY OF HOLYOKE

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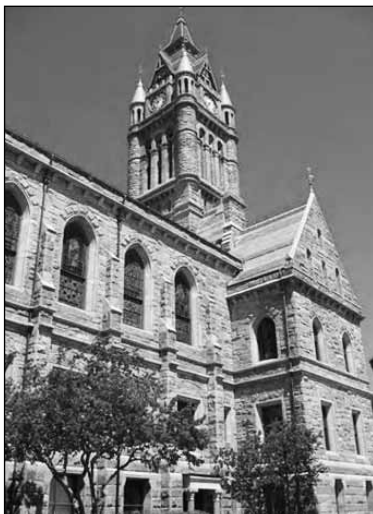
Holyoke is an exciting, diversified community with a rich history, a dynamic business sector, and a wide variety of economic and educational opportunities. Located on the Connecticut River, Holyoke was developed in the 19th Century as the nation's first planned industrial community utilizing water power from the river and a series of canals to provide the low cost energy for industry. In the early 1900's, Holyoke was the greatest paper producing city in the world.



In 1895, William Morgan invented the game of volleyball (or mintonette as it was first named) at the Holyoke YMCA. The entire city takes great pride in the fact that Holyoke is the birthplace of volleyball.

We honor the City of Holyoke as a community for its support over these many years. The founding Chamber Chargers started the Volleyball Hall of Fame 30 years ago. Local officials, businesses and individuals have carried the Chargers vision forward and continuously provided crucial support for the Hall and its events.

We welcome the City of Holyoke into the Volleyball Hall of Fame as the 2008 recipient of the William G. Morgan Award



*The William G. Morgan Award,
named in honor of the founder of volleyball,
recognizes continuous support and promotion
of the national and international growth
of the sport of volleyball
and the Volleyball Hall of Fame.*