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Annie Grove – Hall of Fame Induction

Annie Grove, an attorney in NGC's Immigration Law Group, was recently inducted into her former high school's Athletic Hall of Fame.

As a freshman at Cleveland's Saint Joseph Academy (SJA) in 2010, Annie approached the SJA administration and asked for permission to start a rowing team. After creating a plan that included equipment acquisition, rowing shell storage expenses, coaching staff hires and fundraising expectations – followed by many meetings with the school's administration as well as self-recruiting the student athletes for the crew – her dream became reality.



In her first season of rowing, Annie and 20 classmates raced at the Midwest Championship regatta against established rowing teams from Ohio, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Illinois and Indiana. After only four months of rowing as a team, Annie and her Lightweight Novice 4+ boat took the gold medal at the Midwest Championship regatta.

In her four years of rowing at SJA, Annie raced in 8-seat boats, 4-seat boats and a double (2-person shell). She raced in Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Massachusetts and California, including the 2014 U.S. Nationals.

Annie now serves as an assistant coach at her former high school where she relishes "giving back" something to the sport and the school.