Lynne Sullivan Scholar Athlete Award

Lynne Sullivan was a devoted and passionate advocate for alpine ski racing, academics, and the Vermont Alpine Racing Association (VARA). For over 22 years, she dedicated her time, expertise, and heart to the sport, serving as a board member, parent, volunteer, and leader. Her impact on VARA and the ski racing community in Vermont is immeasurable.

As a long-standing member of the VARA Board, Lynne played a pivotal role in shaping the organization's direction. She served on the Executive Committee in the early 2000s, contributed to the Scholarship Committee, and held the position of treasurer. Her steady leadership, thoughtful insight, and commitment helped guide VARA through numerous challenges and transitions, always with the athletes and families at the forefront of her efforts.

Beyond her work with VARA, Lynne's love for academics and ski racing was fully realized in her role as Head of School at Mount Snow Academy (MSA). She began her journey at Mount Snow in 1980-81, teaching French, English, and History while also serving as a race administrator for the newly formed ski club. Her dedication quickly led her to the head of school position, where she remained a guiding force for student-athletes balancing their education with elite-level competition. Under her leadership, MSA flourished, hosting prestigious ski racing events and expanding its programs to include freeskiing and snowboarding, helping shape the careers of future Olympians such as Kelly Clark, Eliza Outtrim, and Devin Logan.

Lynne's personal connection to ski racing ran deep. As a mother of eight, all of whom competed in Vermont ski programs, she understood firsthand the sacrifices and rewards of the sport. Her family's continued success in ski racing, with many of her children now raising the next generation of competitors, is a testament to her enduring passion and influence.

Lynne's legacy is one of dedication, integrity, and a strong belief in the power of sport and education. She was a tireless advocate for VARA athletes, always working to ensure their opportunities and development. Her wisdom, kindness, and support left a lasting mark on Vermont ski racing, and her influence will continue to be felt by the many lives she touched.