Glenbrook North announces first-ever Athletic Hall of Fame

NORTHBROOK – For the first time in the nearly 65-year history of Glenbrook North High School, there will soon be an Athletic Hall of Fame dedicated to the outstanding athletes, coaches, teams and athletic contributors that have made a significant impact on the Spartan athletic community.

GBN Athletic Director John Catalano said this recognition has been long overdue.

“We are thrilled to have finally developed a program of recognition designed to honor those individuals who, through their commitment, sacrifice and dedication, have achieved significant accomplishments in relation to Glenbrook North,” Catalano said.

The ongoing Athletic Hall of Fame is set to debut in April 2018. Any community member can nominate candidates by completing a nomination form. The deadline for nominating candidates for this inaugural class is Oct. 1, 2017.

Former GBN Athletic Director Jim Bloch (1981-99) said he thinks the Athletic Hall of Fame will create a bar of excellence and set a tone for current Spartans to become motivated contributors of society.

“This honor serves as a never-ending guiding light for others who strive to turn dreams and goals into actions that resonate, motivate and shape institutional and communal culture,” Bloch said. “The Athletic Hall of Fame is a way to recognize exceptional effort and commitment far beyond the norm.”

Inductees will be honored during the school’s Spring Pride Assembly that is held each April. A more formal reception will be held that same evening for friends and family. Each inductee will receive a small token of their induction along with a personal plaque that will be displayed along the main gymnasium hallway.

A committee will carefully select candidates for induction once all nominations are filed.

“The goal is to get the community and alums involved in the nomination process,” Catalano said. “We are excited to start a new tradition of honoring our GBN standouts.”

Nomination forms may be obtained from the GBN Athletic Director’s Office or downloaded online at https://www.glenbrook225.org/gbn/Home. Please return all forms to John Catalano, 2300 N. Shermer Road, Northbrook. Call 847-509-2601 or email jcatalano@glenbrook225.org for more information.