

2018-19 Elida Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees



Kyle Miller is a 2006 graduate of Elida High School. Kyle was a 3-sport athlete. He played football, basketball and baseball. Football is the area Kyle has excelled the most. After high school, his career extended into college and the NFL. He now coaches on the collegiate level.

Kyle's accomplishments in high school football include:

- 2 varsity letters as a tight end, quarterback, and special teams in 2004 & 2005
- 5-5 record his senior year which was the best in 10 years
- Offensive MVP senior year
- 2005 WBL 2nd Team, All-District 1st Team, All-State Division II Special Mention, Lima News Dream Team, and 2006 Allen County Sports Awards Honoree
- Career stats 996 total yards; 7 touchdowns (rush/pass/catch)

Kyle's accomplishments in high school basketball include:

- 2 varsity letters as a center in 2005 & 2006
- 2005 Sectional Champions (17-4 overall)
- 2006 WBL Champions and Sectional Champions (9-0 and 16-6 overall)
- Team captain
- Leading Rebounder Award & Leading Field Goal Percentage Award
- 2006 WBL Special Mention and District 8 All-Star Game

- 33 career wins

Kyle's accomplishments in high school baseball include:

- 3 varsity letters as 1st baseman and pitcher in 2004, 2005, and 2006
- 2006 WBL Champions and District Runner-up
- 2006 WBL 2nd Team and NWO Division II 1st Team
- 50 career wins
- 72 hits; 72 RBIs; 7 homeruns

Kyle continued his football career at the University of Mount Union. He was a redshirt freshman after having knee surgery. In 2007, as a freshman tight end, Kyle's team went 14-1, and they were OAC Champions and Division III National Runner-up. During Kyle's sophomore year, in 2008, his team went 15-0, and they were the OAC Champions and Division III National Champions. In 2009, Kyle's junior season, he was the starting tight end and long snapper. His team was the OAC Champions again and Division III National Runner-up. Kyle made OAC 1st Team, Division III All-North 1st Team, and Division III All-American 2nd Team. Kyle had a great senior season, earning many accolades for his accomplishments. He was team captain, D3Football.com Pre-Season All-American 1st Team, All-OAC 1st Team, Academic All-OAC 1st Team, ESPN Academic All-District IV 1st Team, ESPN Academic All-American 2nd Team, OhioCollegeFootball.com All-Ohio Division III 1st Team, Division III All-North Region 1st Team, D3Football.com All-American 2nd Team, and Stagg Bowl (National Championship Game) FCA Breakfast Speaker. Kyle's team went 14-1 this season, ending as the OAC Champions and Division III National Runner-up.

Kyle went 57-3 in his four years at Mount Union, 45-0 in OAC games. They were in the National Championship game all four years with one championship. His career stats included, 87 catches, 1259 yards, and 16 touchdowns.

Kyle continued his football career into the National Football League. He signed in 2011 as a free agent with the Jacksonville Jaguars. In 2012, he split the season between the Indianapolis Colts and Miami Dolphins. Kyle

continued with Miami in 2013, but went to the Atlanta Falcons in 2014. In 2015, Kyle spent his last year in the pros with the San Diego Chargers.

Kyle went on to coach from 2016 to the present. He started his coaching career at Ohio Northern. For the past two seasons, Kyle has been the coach at his alma mater, the University of Mount Union. In his first season there, they were OAC Champions and Division III National Champions. They are currently ranked first in Division III.

Kyle has also developed and coordinated "Legends of Northwest Ohio," a free youth football camp that was run in 2015, 2016, and 2017 at Kraft Stadium. Each year, over 200 elementary kids and over 50 local coaches and college players attended. Kyle also founded "Hometown Handoff" to provide Thanksgiving meals to families of over 200 Elida students in need. Kyle has done several assemblies and read to Elida elementary students over the years to give back to his community.



Dr. Marchion Hinton is a 2002 graduate of Elida High School. She was a four-year varsity basketball player, four-year varsity track and field athlete, and she played one year of varsity tennis.

Marchion held school records in the 200-meter dash, 4x200 relay, 4x400 meter relay, and she is the current school record holder in the 400-meter dash. In 2000, Marchion's first year of running the 400-meter dash, she broke the school record and qualified for state. Marchion returned to the state meet in 2002, competing in the 400-meter dash finals.

She earned many accolades in basketball over the years. She was named WBL 1st team during her sophomore, junior, and senior year. In Marchion's senior year she was WBL co-player of the year, 1st Team District 8, Division II Special Mention All-State, 2002 North/South Ohio All-Star team, 2002 Ohio-Indiana All Star team, 2nd Team Lima News Scholar Athlete, 1st Team AP All-District, All-Ohio Division II Special Mention, and Lima News Dream Team.

During Marchion's four years of high school, she also excelled in the classroom. She was the Class of 2002 salutatorian, a 4-year Honor E recipient, and on the National Honor Society, of which she served as president her senior year. Marchion was voted by her peers as the 2001 Miss Elida Rose. She won the OSHAA Archie Griffin Sportsmanship Award. She was also named 2002 Allen County Student of the Year.

After high school, Marchion pursued her academic interests. She earned her BA in Psychology from Butler University, Master's and PhD in Clinical

Psychology from Western Michigan University and then completed a postdoctoral fellowship in Behavioral Medicine at the University of Minnesota Medical School. She continues to reside in St. Paul, Minnesota as the behavioral science faculty at Hennepin Healthcare Family Medicine Residency program.



Denny Schwinnen is a 1967 graduate of Delphos St. John's and a 1971 graduate of The Ohio State University. He went on to earn his masters at the University of Dayton. He was a teacher and counselor at Elida for forty years. He spent countless hours on the tennis courts at Elida High School. Denny was the boys coach from 1974-2009 and the girls coach from 1997-2008. His records are proof of the hard work he put in with his athletes over the years.

- WBL Coach of the Year 11 times for the boys—78, 79, 82, 97, 99, 02, 03, 05, 06, 07, 08
- WBL Coach of the Year 3 times for the girls—97, 05, 06
- Overall career coaching record 566-264, 68% winning record
- Ranks in the top 20 coaches for wins in the state of Ohio
- 14 WBL Championships: 11 boys and 3 girls
- 313 WBL wins
- From 1997-2008, Elida boys won the WBL 8/11 years
- Boys had 37 consecutive WBL wins in a little over four years
- 32 out of 36 seasons the boys had a winning record; 29 straight winning seasons from 1981-2009
- Denny had 69 boys and 13 girls qualify for districts; in 2003 the whole team qualified for districts, a first for Elida

- 12 state tournament appearances; 12 boys and 2 girls; 8 doubles and 4 singles
- 1979 A-AA State Doubles Champions-Mike Fraley and Pierre Tanguay
- 2005 Division II State Champions-Landon Newman and Jayson Hillborn
- Boys were Regional Runner Up in the state team tournament in 97, 02 and 03 and they were final four in 05 and 07
- Girls were in the final four of the state team tournament in 2006

Denny received several coaching awards over the years: Ohio Tennis Association Award; Ohio Tennis Coaches Association Award; Jim Rakestraw Award for 36 years of coaching in the same school; Ohio High School Athletic Association's Sportsmanship, Ethics, and Integrity Award; Ohio Tennis Coaches Association's Hall of Fame Award, and 500th Career Victory—Elida vs Van Wert in April 2007. In April of 2013, Elida renamed their tennis courts, Denny Schwinnen Courts.

In addition to coaching Elida tennis for 36 years, Denny also operates the scoreboard for the football games. He has been doing it for over 40 years. Denny is an usher at the basketball games, which he has done for 45 years. He started soccer at Elida as a club before it turned into a varsity sport. He was a representative for Chris Vondran in swimming in order for Chris to be able to compete at the state tournament. Still to this day, Denny volunteers his time to drive the tennis team to their away matches in order to take the entire team.

As one of his former athletes said, "Denny was a class act when it comes to coaching tennis at Elida High School. Denny was looked highly at among his peers. He has always had the respect of his players. He is a guy that would do anything possible to see you succeed, not only on the court, but in life. I believe Coach is one of the many pillars that has built Elida to what it is today."