

2017-18 Elida Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees



Delbert P. Shinn

Delbert P. Shinn graduated from Elida High School in 1962. He was a National Honor Society student and an outstanding athlete. During his senior year of high school, Del achieved the following distinctions:

1. Academic National Honor Society member
2. Selected Captain of the football team by his teammates
3. Selected Player of the Week by the Lima News for his play in an 18-16 win for Elida over Delphos Jefferson
4. Selected by the Lima News as a 1st team offensive guard on the Class AA All-Ohio Football Team
5. Selected by the UPI as a 2nd team offensive guard on the Class AA All-Ohio Football Team
6. 2nd leading scorer on the basketball team with an average of 15 points per game
7. 1st track team member in school history to ever win points in the 110-yard high hurdles as he finished 3rd in the Northwest Conference Track Meet

Del continued his football career at Ohio Northern University in Ada, but a recurring leg injury ended his playing career. He continued his academic

career, graduating from ONU in 1966 with high distinction and a degree in education. Del went on to a 31-year career at Napoleon High School, serving as a teacher, coach, athletic director, assistant principal and interim principal. During this same time, he received two advanced degrees from Bowling Green University. He retired from Napoleon in 1997.

Following retirement, in keeping with his philosophy of "paying it forward," he established the Shinn Family Memorial Scholarship for Elida High School graduates through the Elida Educational Foundation.

Delbert also donated, along with the estate of the late Arthur T. Schreiber, a significant sum of money for the construction of the football locker room and co-educational weight room that is located next to Kraft Memorial Stadium, better known as Schreiber-Shinn Football Complex. Del also donated funds to reconstruct the current press box and build a visitors' press box. The visitors' press box was opened for the 2016 football season, and the home press box was ready for the 2017 season. The football press box is named Delbert P. "Del" Shinn Press Box. It has increased space, improved technology, added media capabilities, and an added upper deck for improved videotaping by teams and TV stations.



Jeff Brown

Jeff Brown graduated from Elida High School in 1976. He was a four-time varsity letter winner in track and a four-time varsity letter winner in cross country.

During Jeff's cross country years, he was a two-year captain, set the school record as a sophomore, and his team won two WBL championships. In track, Jeff set several school records, including the 880 yard run, the 1 mile, and the 2 mile. His team won a WBL championship, and he was a senior captain. Jeff won all-league honors all four years in both cross country and track. He was the WBL champion in the 880 yard run his senior year. He was also a nominee for the Allen County All-Sports Award for seniors in track.

Jeff went on to college at the Ohio State University. Jeff is a teacher at Shawnee Middle School and has been a head swim and diving coach at Shawnee High School for the past 20 years. He has 22 WBL swim and diving team championships while coaching. His 2008 girls team finished second place at the state meet, and his teams have been top ten at the state level seven times. His boys team finished fourth at the state meet in 2012, and they currently hold two Division II state records. Jeff is a three-

time Neil Skinner Ohio High School Swim Coach of the Year and a four-time Ohio Northwest District High School Swim Coach of the Year.

Jeff has continued to be an athlete over the years. He is a six-time qualifier/finisher in the Ironman Triathlon World Championship in Kona, Hawaii. His best finish was 71st out of 1500 participants. In 1988, he was the Ohio Tri-Fed Long Course Triathlon Champion. Jeff is also a nine-time Lima Kewpee YMCA Triathlon Champion. Jeff has completed over 50 marathons with his best finish in two hours and 44 minutes. Jeff has completed the Mohican 100-mile trail run in Mansfield, Ohio and numerous multi-day endurance events. He has been ranked second in the region by Great Lakes Tri-athlete magazine and All-American Honorable Mention by Triathlon Today magazine.



Mianda Watts

Mianda Watts is a 1995 graduate of Elida High School. Mianda was an outstanding four-sport varsity athlete while at Elida. She earned ten varsity letters (two volleyball, three basketball, four track and one football cheer). Mianda played one year of JV tennis and four years of marching and symphonic band. Her former high school coach, Sue Skinner, said this about her, "Mianda was a tremendously talented athlete whose skills and contributions improved each year, both at Elida and at the University of Findlay."

Listed below are some of the Elida Lady Dawgs basketball team's and Mianda's accomplishments during her career:

- Three-year Varsity letter winner
- Three-year overall record 60-8
- Three-year WBL record 24-3
- Undefeated regular season in 1995
- WBL Championship in 1995
- Sectional Championship in 1995
- District Championship in 1995
- Regional Championship in 1995
- State Runner-up in 1995
- 751 career points
- 553 career rebounds

- Hit the game winning shot in the regional final game versus Canton Central Catholic.
- 1st Team WBL in 1995
- 2nd Team Northwest Ohio in 1995
- All-Tournament Team-State Tournament in 1995

Mianda was also very successful as a four-time varsity track athlete. She still holds the record for long jump with a jump of 15' 1" in 1995. She made it to the state finals in 1994 and 1995 for the hurdles and for long jump.

Mianda went on to play basketball at the University of Findlay. While at Findlay, her team made three appearances at the NAIA Division II Tournament. Twice the team made it to the Final Four. Mianda was a career scoring leader with 1,898 points. She also had 996 career rebounds. She earned GLIAC South Division 1st Team twice while at Findlay and GLIAC South Division 2nd Team once. Mianda made 1st Team NAIA All American and 1st Team Kodak All American. Mianda was inducted into the University of Findlay Hall of Fame in 2011 and Hancock County Athletic Hall of Fame in 2017.

Currently, Mianda lives in Encino, California and is employed with Starr Companies as an underwriting analyst. She specializes in commercial construction. Prior to this, Mianda did some professional acting and modeling, and she is currently a member of the Screen Actor's Guild.