

## Byron Hall of Fame Class of 2020



### **Jan Hanson - Athlete (1976)**

Jan Hanson was an outstanding, lead-by-example, 3-sport athlete for BHS. In cross country, Jan was a member of 2 Wasioja Conference team championships and first Byron team to qualify from District 3 to regional meet in 1975. He was a 5-year varsity runner, 2-time captain, 2-time team MVP, and 3-time letter winner. He set school records, at that time, for best 3-mile time of 16:29 and Most Varsity Meets Participated In (50).

In basketball, Jan was a member of one Wasioja Conference team championship, on varsity for 3 years, co-captain, All Conference, and a 2-time letter winner. He was the first BHS boys player to lead the conference in scoring (19.6/gm in 1975-76---was school record) and received state recognition with WCCO All State Team of the Week in 1975. He set school records, at that time, of Most Points in Season---398 and 314 in conference play, as well as Field Goal Percentage--Season (58%) and Career (53%). Jan was the first player to play and score 10+ points in every game during a season (1975-76). He finished his career with the third highest scoring average to that point of time in BHS history.

In baseball, Jan was a 5-year varsity player and played 5 different positions. He was a co-captain, 3-time letter winner, and All Conference in 1976. He led the team in batting average in 1974 and RBI's during the 1974 and 1976 seasons. Jan held 2 school and state records in Hit By Pitch (HBP)—Season (11) and Career (14). He was the 1976 BHS Outstanding Senior Athlete, Junior and Senior Class President, and a member of the National Honor Society his 10th-12<sup>th</sup> grade years.

After graduation, Jan attended Winona State University and was a member of its 1977 indoor track team. Throughout the years, he has coached numerous youth soccer, basketball, and baseball teams plus worked as a soccer official. He played for 2 basketball teams, including a semi-pro team, while in France in the early 1990's. Jan was the Co-Director of the youth sports program at Marymount School in Paris for one year.

Jan married his high school sweetheart Deb Caulfield (Class of 1977). They have 3 children---Eric, Marissa, and Christina, and 6 grandkids. Jan recently retired from IBM after 41 years in finance roles that provided him/his family with opportunities to live in New York and Paris, France. Jan has been a MSHSL soccer official for 22 years and has been selected to work the State Tournament 13 times, including 2 championship games of the 20 he worked. He has played competitive basketball until he was 54, played competitive soccer, and has run 9 marathons. He also enjoys biking and golf.



### **Vicki Bahr – Athlete (1986)**

Vicki was a talented, 3-sport athlete at Byron High School. Even though she played volleyball “to prepare for basketball”, Vicki demonstrated great skill in volleyball as well. She was named Team Defensive Player of the Year her sophomore and junior years and “Most Valuable Player” her senior year. Vicki lettered 3 years and was All Conference her senior year.

Vicki played varsity basketball her freshman through senior years, lettering each of those seasons. She earned the Ms. Offense Award her sophomore and junior years, was her senior team’s Most Valuable Player, and was All Conference as well. Vicki broke the school scoring record mid-way through her senior year with 756 points (ranked 1<sup>st</sup> at that time). In the 19 games her senior year, she scored 286 points for a 15.1 game average, a high of 28 points (the team scoring leader), and finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Wasioja Conference scoring. Her career high rebounds numbered 272 (ranked 4<sup>th</sup> at that time), Most Assists were 70 (ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> at that time), and Most Steals were 72 (ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> at that time).

In softball, Vicki lettered and was All Conference her freshman through senior years. She was All Region her senior year with All State mention. She led her team in hitting percentage for 3 years, hitting 573 her senior year. Her most proud accomplishment was only striking out twice in her high school career. Vicki led her team to the conference title for the first time in Byron High School’s history her senior year.

Vicki was named the 1986 BHS Outstanding Female Senior Athlete. She went on to play basketball at the University of Minnesota-Duluth.

She now lives in the Twin Cities and currently works in Health Care Regulatory Compliance but has been a fraud investigator most of her career.

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### **Jay Fogelson – Athletes (2001)**

Jay Fogelson was a very successful, 3-sport BHS athlete on the football, wrestling, and baseball teams. In football, he earned 3 varsity letters, was captain his senior year, chosen All Conference his junior and senior years. Jay broke the single season tackling record is junior (132) and then again as a senior (135). His record of 135 tackles in one season still stands. He said, "While there was success on all of the teams I was a part of, by far, my fondest and most memorable experience was being a part of the 2000 football team. Though we didn't win a state championship, we had an awesome group of young men who were very committed and gave everything they had, which resulted in wildly successful performances under the Friday night lights."

In wrestling, Jay was a 5-time varsity letter winner, captain and All Conference his junior and senior years, a 2-time section champion his junior and senior years, earned All State twice (5th place as a junior and 2nd place as a senior), Second Team Academic All State Wrestling his junior year, First Team Academic All State Wrestling his senior year.

Jay was a 2-time baseball letter winner.

Jay earned 2 academic letters his junior and senior years and was elected to the National Honor Society as a junior.

Jay played Division 2 football at Winona State University as a linebacker and on multiple special teams. The team was successful with an overall record of 37-11 in his 4 years of play, including post season appearances in 2002, 2003, and 2004. He was elected All Conference in 2004. He still holds the school record for Most Sacks in a Post Season Game and is third in Most Tackles in a Post Season Game.

Jay now works at Crowe, LLP, a consulting firm that provides a wide variety of Tax, Audit, and Risk Management services. His particular team focuses on providing risk and compliance technology solutions, for financial institutions. Jay's wife Rebecca is an RN in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit and the U of M Children's Masonic Hospital. They live in Independence, MN (west metro) and have 3 children who keep them very busy. Son Gavin is 3.5 years old, daughter Olivia is 2, and son Damon, who was just born in July. They live on a lake and love spending time out on the water.

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### **Lisa (Hoegh) Lunning – Athlete (2005)**

Lisa (Hoegh) Lunning was an outstanding 3-sport athlete for Byron High School. In volleyball, Lisa was a 6-year varsity player. She was named All Conference 4 times, All State Honorable Mention once, and All State twice. She also was named Channel 10 News Athlete of the Week. Lisa's career records include 3,466 Set Assists, 240 Ace Serves, 932 Digs, .365 Kill Efficiency, and she holds the single season record for Kill Efficiency at .442.

In basketball, Lisa was a 4-year varsity starter and chosen as All Conference 4 times. She scored 1069 career points. Her career records include 76.7 Free Throw Percentage (244-318) and made 162 3-point field goals. Her single season records include 79.02 Free Throw Percentage (49/62) and made 47 3-point field goals.

On her softball team, Lisa again was a 4-year varsity player. She was All Conference her senior year and won the Golden Glove Award at short stop 3 years.

Lisa excelled in music and the classroom as well. She was in band and choir, earning superior rating at contests. She participated in the school musicals. She was elected as a member of the National Honor Society and the president of the Student Council. Lisa was selected as the ExCEL Award Winner her junior year, the Triple A Subsection Award Winner as well as the Outstanding Female Letter Winner her senior year.

After high school, Lisa attended Augustana University (Division 2) and played volleyball for the Auggies from 2005-2008. She was a 2-time captain. Lisa had 3,826 career set assists. She was named 2007 All Academic NCC, 2007 First Team All NCC, 2007, and 2008 Colorado Premier All-Tournament Team, 2008 All Academic NSIC, 2008 First Team ALL NSIC, 2008 St. Mary's College All Tournament MVP, and Sioux Falls News Station Athlete of the Week.

Lisa and her husband, Mitch Lunning, have been married for 9 years and have 3 children: Nora (6), Miles (4), and Eloise (2). Lisa was a fifth grade teacher before staying home with their children. She also coached preschool – fourth grade volleyball clinics throughout the year with Mitch, who is a full-time volleyball director.



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**John Austinson – Coach**

**(1997 to 2016)**

John has always exhibited a passion for football. He played football for John Marshall and was All Conference Honorable Mention. He then played football for Rochester Community College and was elected a team captain, All Conference, and All Region Honorable Mention.

John started coaching in the fall of 1991. He coached football at John Marshall for 6 seasons and boys/girls track and field for 3 seasons, all as a varsity assistant. He was a part of 4 football conference and 2 section championships, plus a state runner-up. In track and field, he was a part of 2 conference and 1 section championships. He was awarded the Big 9 Line Coach of the Year in 1996. During the summer of 1996, John was the head coach of a semi-professional football team in Finland where the team won the division championship.

John started working in Byron in 1995 and coached both track and field as well as football. He was an assistant and head boys track and field coach for 10 years and was a part of several conference, sub-section, and section championships. John was Byron's head football coach for 19 years where his teams won 4 conference championships, 1 section championship runner-up (2000), 1 championship (2003), won over 105+ games, and was 5-time HVL and/or Section 1 Coach of the Year. He helped raise thousands of dollars for the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation and for dozens of scholarships for Byron students in the name of Brenndan Ryan. John also was instrumental in separating BKM Youth Football to create today's Byron Youth Football and helped start the Byron Community Foundations Founders celebrations. He worked for the NFL for 8 years helping to put on free football and leadership camps for young athletes across the Midwest. John started the Byron Athletic Hall of Fame and helped 6 other area communities start their own Athletic Halls of Fame.

John has been married to his wife Julie for 12 years and has a stepson, Ben. Currently, John is on leave from a 29-year education career and is a co-owner of a few small businesses (Minnesota Cold Storage, Just Rite Distribution, and Surf and Turf Direct).

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### 2000/01 Byron Bears Football Team

#### 'Ultimate Road Warriors'

The fall of 2000 gave unique challenges for the football team that was looking to defend their 1999 Conference Championship. The home football field was under a long overdue reconstruction project and they would have to play all of their regular season games, and potentially every playoff game, on the road. The team rose to meet that challenge and became one of the very best teams, regardless of the sport, Byron ever produced. They had size, speed, football sense, chemistry, and a pure enjoyment of the game. They won 10 games in a row (Byron Record), 10 road victories (Byron Record), and with those 10 wins, tied the school record for most wins by any Byron football team. Other highlights were they defeated the eventual State Champions, Triton, in one of the best regular season high school games ever played in Byron history; and also beat Rochester Lourdes, and Kasson-Mantorville in one season, both by double digits. Coach Austinson describes the 2000 team as: One of the most unforgettable seasons, with such a memorable group of players I ever had the privilege to coach! They were such a great group who had chemistry and were just a thrill to be around! Justly deserving of being a Hall of Fame team!!