

FARMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL



SPORTS HALL OF FAME



Farmington High School Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

September 15, 2023

Hospitality is in the Cafeteria 5:00 P.M.

Program begins at 6:00 P.M.

On-field presentation at Half Time of the football game

PROGRAM

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| Christine Meussner, Principal FHS | Welcome and Introductions |
| Mary Sheltroun, Retired FHS Teacher, Coach, & Athletic Director | Introduce Committee and Induction Process |

PRESENTERS INDUCTEES

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| Pete Finn, Retired Teacher & Coach | Andrew Anderson |
| Mary Sheltroun, Retired Teacher & Coach | Erica (Rose) Olivii |
| Jeff Dwyer, Retired Teacher & Coach | Jill Haapanien |
| Mary Sheltroun, Retired Teacher & Coach | KC Lopata |

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| Mike Cahill, Athletic Director | Closing Comments |
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2023 SPORTS HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE

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Dave Catherman, Retired Coach/Teacher & Alumnus
Bob Crawford, Retired Assistant Principal
Todd Lipa, Alumnus
Mike Cahill, Athletic Director FHS
Christine Meussner, Principal of FHS
Mary Sheltrown, Retired Athletic Director
Danna Whinnery, Alumnus

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about any of our Hall of Fame Athlete Inductees, go to
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The Farmington High School Hall of Fame Committee would like to thank the following students, teachers and adult volunteers for their contribution toward creating the HALL OF FAME display area.

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Farmington High School Sports Hall of Fame

Categories Eligible for Induction

The following categories are eligible for induction:

- * Athlete
- * Coach
- * Team

Criteria and Qualifications for Induction

Athletes must meet the following criteria to be eligible:

- Must have graduated from Farmington High School at least ten (10) years prior to induction.
 - All-American
 - State Champion
 - First team all-state or equivalent
 - State record holder
- Recognized outstanding athletic accomplishment at the major college or university, professional, or international competitive level

Coaches must meet the following criteria to be eligible:

- Must have coached a sport at Farmington High School minimum of ten (10) full seasons
- Must have completed coaching at Farmington High School at least five (5) years prior to induction.
- Must have demonstrated an unusually high level of success in the same sport for which they are being considered as measured by wins; league championships; given to the coach by peers, athletes, parents and administration

Team must meet the following criteria to be eligible for induction:

- Must have demonstrated outstanding achievement at Farmington High School at least ten (10) years prior.

Outstanding achievement may include, but is not limited to the following honors:

- State Champion
- State Record Holder



2023 SPORTS HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES



ANDREW ANDERSON

Andrew ('05) was an exceptional 4-year varsity baseball player named to the Detroit News All State Dream Team in 2005. As a center fielder, he finished with a school record batting average of .594 his senior year. He was also twice named All-League and All-District. Andrew went on to play baseball at Adrian College where his teams won three MIAA Championships, played in four NCAA D3 Regional Finals, and in the D3 College World Series. His team was inducted into the Adrian College Hall of Fame. Andrew is married, works for as a Senior Analyst for Blue Care Network, and lives in Howell, MI.

ERICA (ROSE) OLIVI

Erica ('03) was an outstanding Falcon soccer player from 2000-2003. She was a 4-year starter who earned all-state accolades three times, including first team in '01 and '02, and Oakland County Dream Team in '02. Her senior year, Erica was captain, MVP and won the FHS Jack Cotton Woman Athlete of the Year award. She went on to play at Grand Valley State University. As captain her senior year, she helped lead the Lakers to the program's first-ever appearance in the Division II National Championship. Erica resides in Northville, MI with her husband and four young children, and works in corporate communications for Ally Financial.

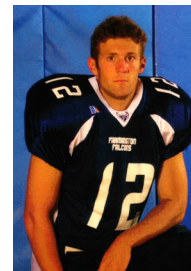


JILL HAAPANIEMI

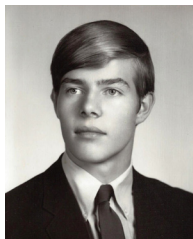
Jill Haapaniemi ('08) was a highly decorated gymnast from 2004-08, achieving State Champion status in both individual and team competition, and was a three-time team captain. Jill was Individual State Champion in the uneven bars, and floor exercise events; was named All-State in three separate years; and was a member of two State Champion gymnastics teams. She was on two Regional Championship teams, and was All-Observer four times. Importantly, Jill was also named Academic All-State three years. Jill currently lives in Australia with her partner, Dave, and works as a freelance photographer and writer.

K.C. LOPATA

K.C. Lopata ('04) was a two-sport standout in football and soccer from 2000-2003. In football, he was named to the 2003 Detroit News All-State Dream Team, while also receiving All-League, Metro North, Observerland, and County honors. He went on to kick at the University of Michigan, was a 2-year starter, and upon graduation held the Big Ten and school record for most field goals in a game (5). He also had numerous local and area achievements in soccer, and was named All-State Second Team. K.C. is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in Kinesiology at Wayne State University, and has a business coaching football kicking and punting.



2018 SPORTS HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES



STEVE KEMP

Steve was a 3 year, 4 event Track and Field record holder in the hurdles, jumping events and relays. From 1969-1971 he earned All League, County, Regional and State Honors. As a walk on at Michigan State he was a 4 time medalist at the Big Ten Championships and set the school record in the decathlon. In 1980, Steve qualified for the Canadian Olympic Team. He is a 10 time Masters Gold Medalist in hurdles and the Pentathlon and 7 time #1 ranked in World Master events.

ASHLEY KANDT MEERDO

Ashley was a two-sport athlete in basketball and lacrosse from 2000 to 2004. She earned top honors in Lacrosse as a junior and senior. In 2003, she was All State, and FHS MVP. In 2004, she earned a 2nd All State honor and team captain. She also earned 1st team All OAA both years. Ashley went on to attend the University of Michigan where she graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor and Master degree in Mechanical Engineering. Ashley now resides in The Woodlands, Texas with her husband and two toddler sons where she works as a Subsurface Team Lead for Shell Oil Company.

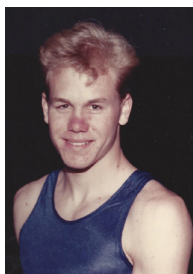


HARVEY MARTIN

Harvey was a two sport athlete in basketball and baseball in 2005-2007. As a shortstop and pitcher he earned All League, District, Region, Area for 2 years and was All State Dream Team in 2007. As a collegiate pitcher at CMU and Minnesota State he became All American – Division II. Professionally, Harvey played Double (A) with Milwaukee Brewers and is a MLB Baseball Scout.

BURNY MITCHEM

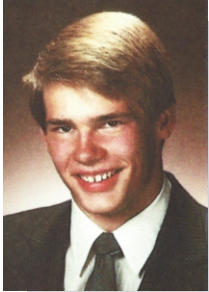
Burny was a 3 sport athlete and earned 9 letters in football, basketball and baseball. As a pitcher and first baseman, he earned All District, League and Area 3 times. In 2007, Burny, made the All State Dream Team and in 2006 All State 2nd team. He is also on the Wall of Fame at Univ. of Dayton. He finished his career with 2 seasons with the St. Louis Cardinals organization.



ALAN STEBBINS

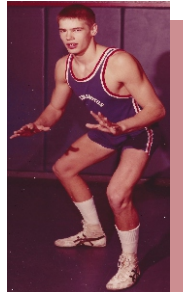
Alan earned 7 letters in cross country and track in 1985 – 87. He was State Champion and record holder in the 3200 relay. He set the FHS record for the 800 run. Cross country results include All American, All State, Regional, County and League honors. Alan ran with the 1989 Univ. Tennessee SEC Team Cross Country Champions.

2015 SPORTS HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES



ABNER HAZEN

Abner was a three sport captain, MVP, and earned 11 letters in Football, Track and Field, and Wrestling (1981-1985). His sports honors include Football - 3 time all League Defense with All Conference and All Area. Track and Field - High Jump and Discus - All League, All Area, All Regional. Wrestling - 2 time League, District, Regional Champion (1984-85), and 2nd place All State. He set the school record with 92 pins and earned a wrestling scholarship at Eastern Michigan University.



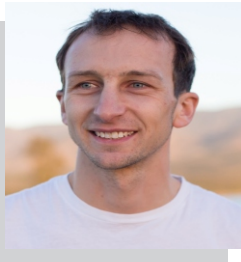
SARA HOUCHINS

Sara was a four year decorated Gymnastic athlete (2001-2004). She earned 4 years of Varsity Awards as All Observer, All Regional, All Metro and All State - 3 time All Round Champion, and 3 time All American - All Round. She is the John K. Cotton Award winner and Goodwill Games participant. She spent two years as an elite gymnast in Austin, Texas working to make the 2004 Olympic Games.



AARON SCHEIDIES

Aaron is a legally blind former 3 sport athlete (1997-2000) and State performer with 11 awards in Track and Field, Swimming and Cross Country. Following his years at FHS, Aaron became a dominate triathlete while at MSU. He has been inducted into the Athletes with Disability Hall of Fame, was a 2011 ESPN ESPY Finalist for Best Male Athlete with a Disability, named 3 time USAT Para-triathlete of the Year (2006, 2013, 2014). Aaron is now a nine time Triathlon National and World Champion; three time National Marathon Champion, three time Boston Marathon Division VI Champion and holds two World Records.

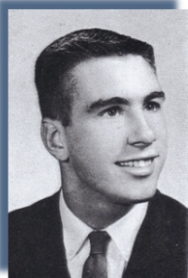


BETTIE WADE

Bettie became nationally ranked and a world renowned Track and Field athlete from (2003-2013). While at Farmington High School she set five school records and earned a State Championship in Long Jump and was National Champion in the High Jump. At the University of Michigan, she became the Indoor Pentathlon and Outdoor Heptathlon Big Ten Champion and a six time NCAA All American, and set the Pentathlon and Heptathlon records. She was recently inducted unto the U of M Women's Track and Field Hall of Fame. Bettie placed 4th at the 2012 US Olympic trials in the Heptathlon. As a professional she represented Team USA at the Berlin Championships (2009) and at the IAAF Worlds at Moscow (2013).

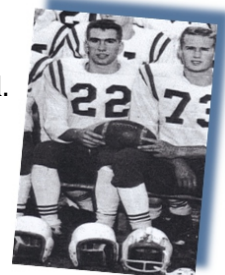


2012-13 SPORTS HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES



HARVEY CHAPMAN

Harvey was a three-sport student athlete at Farmington High School (1956-1960) and earned ten letters in football, basketball and baseball. His honors include: Football – two-time All League and All County; Baseball – three-time All League plus an All-County and All-State; Basketball – two-time All-Conference. He also earned three football and three baseball letters at the University of Michigan. Harvey is retired and resides with wife, Colleen, in Napa, California.



TREVOR GAINES

Trevor was a basketball student athlete (1995-1998). He established school records in season rebounds, blocked shots and led the conference and county in scoring average (20.8) and rebounds (15.1) per game. His FHS season honors included All Conference, All Area, All County and All State. At the University of Vermont his jersey was retired after setting several school and ACC records. Trevor passed away during a basketball activity in July of 2010 in Las Vegas.



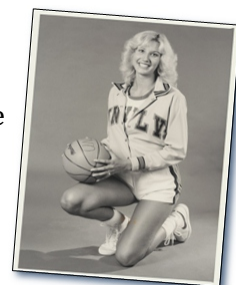
JENNIFER KIEL LAINE

Jennifer was a student athlete at FHS from 1986-1990 who was a decorated distance runner in track and field and cross country. She earned four letters in each sport and was All-State in both sports. In cross country, Jennifer earned four-year honors in Conference, County, Area, Regional and State. In track and field, she earned two events honors at all five levels. As of May, 2012 she had finished twenty-four marathons with several victories. She is president of Tri Safety Inc. and resides with her husband, Patrick, in Texas.



STACY GREEN TRICKER

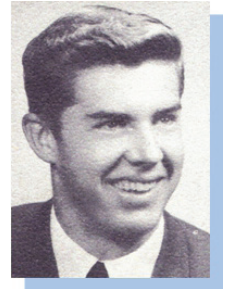
Stacy was a two-sport student athlete (1979-1982) and the first celebrated basketball and volleyball superstar. Her six letters earned honors and recognition with basketball Conference, Area and All State selections. She set seasonal game records in scoring (23.2), rebounds (13.1) and blocks (11.3). Her scholarship to UNLV provided two strong seasons. Stacy's oldest son, Ryan, recently graduated from Springfield College. She and her younger son Evan, reside in Naples, Florida, where she is a practicing real estate professional.



2010 SPORTS HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

FOSTER "SMOKEY" ASCHENBRENNER

Foster was a multiple-sport student athlete from 1948-51. He played with honors in baseball for four years, football for four years, and basketball while earning eleven letters. The football team was undefeated in 1950 and he was named to the All-State Team. Foster played two years of varsity basketball at the University of Michigan. He has just completed a term as mayor in Lincoln City, Oregon, where he lives with wife Margaret.



MARTIN BONA

Martin was a three-sport student athlete at Farmington High School (1975-78) and earned nine letters in football, wrestling and baseball. His high school honors include All-League in all three sports. In football he achieved All-League twice, All-County and Class A All-State as a defensive back. Marty played two years of football at Albion College. At present he is an Account Manager with LEP Inc. and lives with wife Sharon in South Lyon.

DAVID CATHERMAN

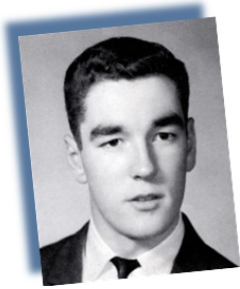
David has been both a student athlete and a coach in the Farmington District for thirty-six years. While at FHS during 1954-58, Dave played four Varsity sports and earned nine letters, and was All-League in football, track and field. Additional county and suburban awards were earned in football along with a track All-State honor. At Eastern Michigan University, David was also a three-sport athlete. As an FHS coach, David recorded 328 victories in track and field, gymnastics, and football. In 1994, he was inducted into the Michigan High School Football Coaches Hall of Fame. Dave is retired and lives with wife Sandy in Farmington Hills.



MATTHEW MICHALSKI

Matthew was a student athlete (4.0) at Farmington High School from 1992-96 and earned the Keith Johnson Senior Award. His wrestling record (132-24) earned All-County and All-State honors three times. He was All-Conference, All-District, and Regional Champion twice each. Matt also wrestled at the University of Michigan, earning two Varsity letters. He resides in Connecticut with wife Erin and is an equity trader.

2008 SPORTS HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES



DICK COOK

Dick was a Farmington High School student athlete from 1959-1962 and achieved All- League, All-County and All-State honors in wrestling in both 1961 and 1962. Dick also served as coach at Farmington High School from 1969-1975 and 2002-2005, and was named Observerland Coach of the Year and County Coach of the Year in 1975. Three of his teams were undefeated and League Champions. Dick was also wrestling team captain at Michigan State University and became a NCAA Champion in 1966. He retired from coaching and teaching in 2005 after a forty- year career.

JERRY YOUNG

Jerry was a celebrated boys' cross country and both the boys and girls track and field coach with a total record of 346 victories during his twenty-six year coaching career at Farmington High School. His cross country teams earned thirteen league and four regional championships. Jerry's track teams won seven league, two regional and two county championships. He was named Coach of the Year several times in Observerland, the 1970 Oakland County Award and the 1986 State Award. Jerry was an All-American and three-time Big Ten Champion and a member of the Michigan State NCAA cross country championship team in 1959. He retired in 1994 and has worked with Western Michigan University for several years.



CHRIS INCH

Chris was a three-sport student athlete at Farmington High School from 1983-1987. Chris earned eleven varsity letters in swimming (3), cross country (4) and track and field (4). His high school honors include State Qualifier in swimming and was All-State two times in cross country and track and field where he set four school records. Chris is the only three-time conference cross country champion. He was the number one runner at the University of Illinois. Today he is a video productions account executive and the new varsity cross country coach at Walled Lake Western High School.



2008 SPORTS HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

MARGARET MARTIN COLVERT

Margaret was a three-sport student athlete at Farmington High School from 1986-1990. She earned four varsity awards in cross country and soccer and two in volleyball. Margaret earned All-Division, All-Conference, All-County and All-Region honors in cross country and served as captain her senior year. In soccer she was All-Division for all our years, as well as All-Conference, All-County and All-State during her junior and senior years. Margaret was a four- year starter in soccer at MSU from 1990–1994, captain of the team, Regional All-American and Academic All-Big Ten. She earned a degree in Law at Wayne State and is a practicing attorney and teacher in New Hampshire. Margaret is married and has two children, a daughter and a son



AMY TRUNK RICHTERS

Amy was a three-sport student athlete at Farmington High School performing in soccer, cross country and track and field from 1986-1990. Her honors in soccer include three years each for All-Conference, All League, and a two time All-State award which included the Dream Team in 1989. Amy performed at the University of Massachusetts where she was All- Region and team captain. She recently has worked with the Michigan Hawks as a coach and registrar. Amy is married to a soccer coach and has two children.



2006 SPORTS HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES



JAMES V. BATES

Jim was a three-sport student athlete at Farmington High from 1948-1951. His basketball career included captain, school scoring record, and college player at University of Michigan. His football honors include three years of varsity football and the Interlakes League Most Valuable Player Award. At the University of Michigan, he earned three football letters and was the Yost Award Winner. Jim is also a charter member of the Michigan Football Coaches Hall of Fame and the Port Huron Sports Hall of Fame, following a thirty-eight year coaching career.

JOHN K. COTTON

Jack arrived at Farmington in 1956 following an athletic and coaching career at Wayne State University. He became the first Director of Physical Education and Athletics and directed all extra-curricular activities at FHS, and eventually all seven secondary schools for twenty-seven years until his retirement in 1983. His resume includes: President of Michigan High School Athletic Association, where he initiated the Women's Athletic State Competition and Football State Tournaments; State of Michigan Athletic Director of the Year (1975); Michigan High School Coaches Hall of Fame (1976); Wayne State Hall of Fame (1981); Founding Board Member of Farmington YMCA; Trustee and President of Farmington Public Schools Board of Education



SUSAN GIBSON JONES

Susan was also a three-sport student athlete at Farmington High School, and achieved exemplary soccer awards as a two-time All-State Dream Team selection. Susan earned All-League and All-Observer Honors all four years from 1988-1992 and was the Cotton Award Winner as the Women Athlete of the Year in 1992. At Michigan State University she was a four time Big Ten Soccer Scholar Athlete; two-time captain; All-Big Ten Second Team, and 1996 Big-Ten Scholar Athlete Award Winner.



2004 SPORTS HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

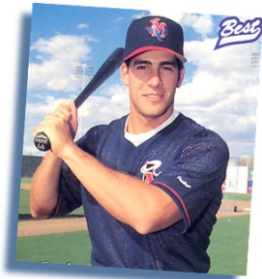


JASON BUHA

Jason was Mr. Golf for the State of Michigan. He was a two-time All-State and the 1992 Champion in addition to the 1991 National Ben Hogan Boys' Junior Champion. Jason has spent two seasons on the PGA Tour after a successful collegiate career at Duke University.

RON SHORT

Ron was the 1966 State Champion in the pole vault, setting the record at 14'6 ½". He continued vaulting at the University of Michigan and completes his career at 16'0" in two Big Ten Championships. Ron has taught in the Farmington District for thirty-four years and coached volleyball at Farmington and Harrison for twenty years.



KEVIN YOUNG

Kevin was the Mr. Baseball for the State of Michigan and on the 1990 Dream Team. At Central Michigan University, he lettered all four years, culminating as the 1994 MAC Player of the Year and the ABCA All-American First Team. Kevin was drafted by the Angels in 1994 and played three seasons in the California minor league system.



2002 SPORTS HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES



JACK LAWING

Jack was All-State in football in 1958 and a teacher and administrator in the Farmington Public School District for thirty-five years. Jack was a three-time letter winner and captain of that undefeated (8-0), and 7th ranked football team. He earned football honors as All-League, All-Suburban and All-County along with the highest school honor, the Keith Johnson Award. Jack and his wife, Linda, have retired and reside in Tennessee.



RANDY MEIER

Randy was a two-time All-State baseball player in 1976 and 1977. He earned nine letters in football, basketball and baseball as a Farmington Falcon. At Central Michigan University, Randy lettered all four years and received All MAC honors twice, and captained the team his senior year. In 1981, he was drafted as the 22nd pick by the Seattle Mariner's professional baseball team. Randy resides in Rochester Hills with his wife, Phyllis, and two daughters. Randy owns an insurance agency.



PAUL WHITE

Paul was selected to the 1970 All-State Class A basketball team by the Detroit News. Paul was a two-time All-League, All-Metro, All-Suburban and Prep of the Week. His thirty-one point scoring average earned a scholarship to Florida State University and later on to Eastern Michigan University. Paul has worked in education for the past twenty years as a teacher, administrator, superintendent and consultant in San Francisco and Los Angeles County. Paul and his wife, Valerie, reside in Ventura, California.



INAUGURAL CLASS

2001 SPORTS HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES



REX CAWLEY

Rex still holds the Championship. Rex was a Gold Medal winner in the 1964 Tokyo Olympics in the 400 intermediate hurdles. Rex is also said to have run some of the most memorable races in the history of Michigan high school track and field. Rex graduated in 1959 and is presently living in Yorba Linda, California. In 2012 Rex was inducted into the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame.



MARK CHURELLA

Mark was a two-time All-State and State Champion and All-American wrestler at Farmington High. Mark also achieved All-American wrestling honors at the University of Michigan for three years and has been inducted in the College Wrestling Hall of Fame. Mark graduated in 1975 and is a successful businessman.

NATHANIEL DURHAM

Nathaniel was the first high school pole-vaulter in the State of Michigan to clear fifteen feet. He was a State Champion in this event. He was also All-State in gymnastics. Nathaniel graduated in 1972 and is presently working in Altus, Oklahoma as a sales manager in the health and fitness industry.



CARRIE MAIER

Carrie was the first Miss Soccer for the State of Michigan. She was All-State all four years and she was a High School All-American her senior year. Carrie graduated in 1990 and is presently coaching soccer at the University of Michigan.



MIKE MCGUIRE

Mike was an All-American in cross-country while in high school and State Champion. At the University of Michigan, Mike was an All-American in track and field and cross country. Mike graduated in 1974 and is the Head Girls Cross Country coach and Assistant Girls Track coach at the University of Michigan.



1921 Farmington High School Sports Teams



Team Members on the Baseball Team, clockwise from left, Coach and Superintendent Rex Babcock, Vaughn Smith, Russell Catherman, Dallas Harger, Armin Roth, Lester Harger, Harley Catherman, Harold Grace, Perry Rainus, Frazier Stanton, Clinton Treadway, Kenneth Wixom and James Quinn.



Team members on the Basketball Team, clockwise from front left, Coach Rex Babcock, Donald Banfield, Lester Harger, Armin Roth, Dallas Harger, Frazier Staman, Clinton Treadway, Harley Catherman and Russell Catherman



Team members on the Football Team, clockwise from back left, Frazier Staman, Vaughn Smith, Clinton Treadway, Donald Banfield, Harley Catherman, Fred Allen, Meredith Steele, Clyde Harmon, Coach Harold Westcott, Unidentified, Perry Rainus Howard Lord, Dallas Harger, Unidentified, Kenneth Wixom, Glenn Hull and Unidentified



1920 Women's Basketball Team



1929 Football Team

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