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Grand Blanc High School—Edward Stanbury II to be inducted into the Michigan High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

Portland, MI, August 1, 2024—The Michigan High School Coaches' Association (MHSCA) has selected Edward Stanbury II from Grand Blanc High School for induction into the Hall of Fame. The induction ceremony will take place in the Terrace Room of the Bovee University Center on the campus of Central Michigan University at 1:00pm on Sunday, September 15, 2024. Tickets to attend the event are available on July 1—September 6, 2024 on the MHSCA.org website.

The MHSCA is a 70-year old association with nearly 12,000 members representing 18 sport related associations was founded on the campus of Central Michigan University in 1954. The Hall of Fame is located in the hallway of the old Rose Arena entrance.

Coaching Biographical Information:

Edward G. Stanbury II accumulated nearly a 40-year coaching career, beginning back in his military years. In 1986 he took on a graduate assistant position at New Mexico State University where he coached football. In 1987, in pursuit of a career in education, Ed took on coaching positions in football and track & field while student teaching at Las Cruces Mayfield High School in New Mexico. From 1988-1994 Ed coached many teams including, football, track & field and soccer while employed at Clovis Unified School District in Clovis, California. While coaching in Clovis, his teams won four Central Valley League Championships. As an Assistant Coach, Ed coached two championship football teams at Fresno City College in Fresno, California from 1992-1993.

Ed made the move to Michigan and became an art teacher and Head JV football coach at Grand Blanc High School in 1995. In 1997, he became the Boys Head Track & Field Coach and started coaching Cross Country. Ed's cross country teams earned several Conference Titles and three Regional titles. His track & field teams earned a total of eleven conference championship titles, while competing in: The Big 9, KLAA and SVL Conferences. Titles also included, seven KLAA West Division Championships, three KLAA Association Championships, eleven MHSAA Regional Championships, and two consecutive State Runner-Up finishes at the MHSAA Div-1 Finals. In addition, he coached the 2005 Grand Blanc Track Boys to a MITCA Team State championship. His teams had three Top Ten MITCA finishes, nineteen MHSAA Top 25 finishes, Nine Top Ten MHSAA finishes, and six Top five MHSAA finishes. Throughout his career, the Grand Blanc boys track team has set new school records over 30 times. Between 2003-2015, several Grand Blanc runners have won the 1600-meter race at the D1 Finals, compiling five 1st place finishes and one 2nd place finish. Several of these Grand Blanc runners set State meet records several times and hold the record to this day. There have been nearly 100 MHSAA All State Track & Field athletes, which includes All State Relay Team members. 10 MHSAA Individual Runner Up awards and 22 MHSAA athletes achieving State Championship awards as individuals or as a member of the relay team.

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Additionally, several members of the Grand Blanc track team have won the Gatorade Player of the Year Award (2010, 2013, 2014). Many of Coach Stanbury's athletes have gone on to compete in track & field or other sports at the collegiate level and beyond, including several collegiate All-Americans, a sub-4 minute miler, a top 15 Boston Marathon finisher, a Heisman Trophy winner, several NCAA champions, NFL players, and Grant Fisher – USA record holder in several events, USA Olympic and World Games team member and medalist at the Paris 2024 Olympics.

Coach Stanbury has been honored on numerous occasions for his coaching accomplishments. He was named the Genesee County Coach of the Year (Bill Perry Award) seven times, the Saginaw Valley League Track and Field Coach of the Year in 2019, the MHSAA Regional Coach of the Year three times and was a MSHAA Coach of the Year nominee seven times. In 2016 Ed was inducted into the Michigan Interscholastic Track Coaches Association (MITCA) Hall of Fame. He was honored by the Grand Blanc High School Alumni Committee as the 2019 Distinguished Graduate and awarded the Charlie A. Carmody Alumni Award. He was also chosen as the 2016 Grand Blanc High School Home Coming Grand Marshall. As a member of the 1977 Grand Blanc High School Cross Country team, Ed, along with his team members, were inducted into the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame in 2016. This event recognized the team's accomplishment of achieving MHSAA Class-A State and National Titles.

Ed Stanbury actively supported and promoted his sport, serving as a conference/league schedule designer and rules committee member for several different conferences over the years. Ed is a past ten year member of the Mott Community College, "Bruin Club" of Genesee County, which supports Mott's sports programs, local high school sports, local community events and charities. He also served in the US Army as an Air Defense Artillery officer (Captain), the Army Reserve (Major), served during Desert Storm receiving the Army Achievement Medal and the Army Commendation Medal. He graduated from the US Army Commander Course and Air Assault School before being Honorably Discharged. Ed Stanbury completed a 15-year art teacher career at Grand Blanc High School in 2010 and just completed his 29th year coaching at Grand Blanc High School. Ed announced his retirement as Head Coach of Track and Cross Country at the conclusion of the 2024 track season and is continuing to mentor coaches and athletes.

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