

2024-2025 Elida Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees

Preston B. Patterson

Preston earned 11 varsity letters while participating in football, basketball, and track during his years at Elida High School from 1987-1991.

During his high school track career, Preston earned many WBL championships: four-time WBL 100-meter dash champion, four-time 4x100 meter relay champion, three-time WBL 200-meter dash champion. The track team won the WBL championship in 1988 and 1989. Preston was a state qualifier in the 100-meter dash in 1988 and 1989, as well.

His football career included several WBL honors, also. Preston earned honorable mention during the 1988 and 1989 seasons. He earned second-team honors in 1990 and 1991. During the Elida-Van Wert football game in 1990, Preston had 317 yards on 15 carries and four touchdowns while playing just three quarters. He averaged 10.3 yards per carry during his senior season.

After graduating in 1991, Preston moved to Southern California and continued his football career while attending Santa Ana College. After sustaining a significant knee injury, he focused on his growing family and a career in management and customer service.

For the past 32 years, Preston has held the position Director of Guest Relations and Customer Experience for a private real estate company and international shopping destination, South Coast Plaza. Preston married his high school sweetheart, Michelle (Gill) Patterson, who is also from Lima and is a Lima Senior High graduate. Michelle and Preston have one Son, Preston Patterson Jr. (PJ), who is 27 years old and also resides in Southern California.

Jon Woolley

Jon was a four-year varsity basketball player from 1988-1992. He is the third all-time leading scorer for Elida with 1,229 career points. Jon holds the record for the most single-game points: 49 in 1992.

During his high school career, Jon earned state honorable mention in 1991. In 1992, he was runner-up for WBL Player of the Year, District 8 first team, second team all-state, and honorable mention McDonald's All-American.

Jon went on to play basketball at the University of Wyoming and Cedarville University. At Cedarville, he earned honorable mention all-conference in 1995, and in 1997 he was second team all-conference.

Currently, Jon lives in Dublin, Ohio with his wife Julie and two daughters, Hannah and Lauren. For the past 28 years, he has been a junior high science teacher.

Brice Brenneman

1972 graduate, Brice Brenneman, earned six varsity letters. He played two years of varsity baseball and four years of varsity basketball, one of which was at Gomer. Brice continued his baseball career at Taylor University.

In 1971 during Brice's junior year, he averaged 20 points a game and earned All-Northwest Conference and All-City in basketball. He averaged 22 points a game during his senior season. He shot 60% from the field and 86% from the free throw line. Brice was the Lima city scoring champ in 1972 and earned All-WBL and All-District. During his junior baseball season, Brice competed in the ACME state tournament and was named the MVP. He also earned All-WBL during his senior season.

Brice taught and coached in St. Marys City Schools for 35 years. He was the head boys and girls tennis coach for 20 years. His overall record was 407-275. Brice was named the WBL Girls Tennis Coach of the Year in 2000. In 2011, he retired from St. Marys Schools. He has been married to his wife Lydia for 39 years and they have three married sons, Jonathan, Jameel, and Joseph, who are all involved in education. He and Lydia are the proud grandparents of three-year-old Belen.