



## History of Wadsworth Sports Hall of Fame

Under the guidance of Rex McIlvaine, then Athletic Director at Wadsworth High School, the Foundation was laid to form a Sports Hall of Fame with the first class of inductees to be enshrined in 1978. Candidates would be considered based on the following three criteria;

- a. Athletic accomplishments at Wadsworth High, and after, if applicable.
- b. Coaching accomplishments at Wadsworth High School
- c. Meritorious service to the Wadsworth athletic program over the years.

Naturally, the first class of 1978 was quite large (18 members) which is normal with most newly formed organizations. The current constitution requires that to be eligible an athlete must have been out of high school for at least 10 years.

For the first eighteen years the induction ceremonies were held on an annual basis, but through experience, the committee has found that they can upgrade the program by bringing in larger classes at one time over a more extended period. The committee also recognizes that the 1980s, 1990s, and 2000's have resulted in a plethora of outstanding athletic accomplishments that will surely lead to larger classes of inductees! We should also see an increase because of the rapidly growing strength of the girls' programs since the 1970's.

The HOF committee officers consist of the following under direct supervision, guidance, and support of the Athletic Department and current administrators of Wadsworth High School.

President (2 HOF classes), Vice President (2 HOF classes), Past President (2 HOF classes), Treasurer, Chairpersons-Banquet, Program, Biographies, Awards, and Advertising. There are at-large members who are assigned to various functions pertaining to the Hall of Fame. In addition, there will be an Advisory Board to assist with the history and background information or advice the HOF committee may need.

Applications for induction into the Sports Hall of Fame are available through the WHS Athletic Department [Nomination Form](#) and are kept active for only two HOF classes. You can also find the application on the Wadsworth High School Athletic page:

<https://www.wadsworthschools.org/athletics-1/wadsworth-sports-hall-of-fame>



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- 1978 Les Baker, Les (Crum) Blough, Ken Cartwright, Jim Dennison, Russ Doan, Ed Engler, Wilbur Etter, Gene Gossage, Suzi Johnson, Charles, Krejciec, Helen Libert, Frank McCork, Earl McIlvaine, Rex McIlvaine, George Mills, Jim Sailors, Jack Stoler, Keith Wolf
- 1979 Edward Mackey, Pete Blough, Luther J Parmalee, Joseph LoParo, George Hunsberger, Myrta Stover, Jim Rivers, Boyd Abrams, Bob Lyren, Andrew Oross
- 1980 Art Wright, Bob Gerstenschlager, Val Gerstenschlager, Charles Kahl, Willard Hunsberger, Tom Marrin, Nina Foreman, Roger Dressler, John Klassen, Jack Golz
- 1981 H.J. Hall, Robert W Harper, Donald W. Houston, John "Red" Hutchinson, Richard Krauss, , Dr.James Mason,W.Horace Mason, Dr.Jeffery Morehead, Joe Presznick, Rebecca Siesky, Art Walkerow
- 1982 Dennis Beam, Garland Christian, Harold Heighberger, William Barton, Randy Davis, Joe Klosterman, Jan Althaus, M.H.Shagg Koppes, Bruce Trent, Dick Earley
- 1983 Andy L Graham, Ray Holcomb, Abe Mast, Guy Mills Jr, Colette Lux, Don Spice, Bob Thomas
- 1984 Gladys Barnard, Stanley Birkbeck, Scott Fletcher, Andy D Graham, David Graham, Richard Geisinger, Ralph Pisanelli, Gale Richey
- 1985 Loyal Bishop, Dick Butdorf, Dick Dudas, Karl Harter, Debbie Holcomb, Mary Holcomb, Jenny Jurey, Rod Poetter, Tom Rabatin, Joe Williams
- 1986 Cheryl Althaus, Don Blair, Jerry Everhard, John D Miller, Ron Miller, Earl Porter, Jim Reynolds, Dan Trent
- 1987 Bob Casenhiser, Larry Casenhiser, Robert "Bo" Dutton, Bill Goddard, Bob Griner, Dave Poetter, Jackie West
- 1988 Kert Boedicker, Harold Fix, Ted Given, Janet McCormick, John Martin, Stan Price, Ted Rader, Ken Saal
- 1989 Chuck Dancy, Stephanie Weikert, Bob Hickling, Jim Tawse, Dave Ruckman, Gene Lyren
- 1990 Charles Auckerman, Cindy Bender, Sandy Crisafulli, Virgil Crisafulli, Keith Matheney, Joe Muhl, Steve Watson
- 1991 Chris Bajorek, Tom Barnard, Larry Fix, George Halliwell, Tom Hampton, Mike Miller, Dave Sladky

- 1992 Jim Christner, Lance Currens, C.R.Danals, Tony Detwiler, Ken Niehbur, Paul Poetter, Angie Takacs, Raahn Thompson, Jack Wright
- 1993 Ron Bayduke, Dave Foy, Mike Garn, Jack Holvey, Ed Otanicar, Val Thompson, Ken Trent  
1994 Gene Files, Marc Hoffman, Tim Jack, Dr. Myrl Nafziger, Everett Perkins, Laura Sandridge
- 1995 Jim Dressler, Neal Gerstenschlager, Jeff Reynolds, Bill Gearhart, Shannon Finn, Brett Reynolds
- 1998 Jack Love, Bill Lyren, Mark Burkholder, Jim Honeycutt, Lisa Gunderson, Nick Flock, Julie Ruhlin, Lorrell Mast
- 2000 Mike Foy, Mike Jones, Larry Kaufman, Kim McCombs, Bill Oehlenschlager, Roger Porter, Colleen Severance, Stan Wolf
- 2002 Lisa Bailey, Blake Currens, George Foy, Stephanie Martin, Bart Randolph, Gus Thompson, Wim Venter, Sarah Wilfong
- 2004 Amy Brunet, Brian Dye, John Gramuglia, Jessica Henry, Bob Jones, Mary Beth Monroe, Dr. Bill Oehlenschlager, Dave Whitman
- 2006 Chuck Parsons, Dr. Michael Boyer, Karen Friend, Rick Sykes, Joe Houston, Jeanne Reilley, Mike Sladky, Jason Klocker, Chris Wurst, Jenny Gill, Monique Maher, Scott McMillen
- 2009 Gary Lake (Meritorious), Sharon Gill, Richie Heath, Elisa Inman, Shannon Luck, Jamie Lyren, Eric Martin, Ron Mendel, Matt Randolph, Matt Sladky, Heather Springer, Katelyn Vujas, Heather Mohler, Kay Krout, Blaine Guy
- 2012 Mike Kallai Sr., Jack Schaff er, Phil Horrisberger, Ronda Burkhart, Chris Brink, Kate Lyren, Mike Hoover, Dan Herbert, Chris Kallai Jr., Josh Hendricks, Brent Warner, Jenny Martin, Shawn Horner, Beth Fox, Bill Vukovich
- 2015 Clint Cochran, Todd Craig, Kent Ely, Ben Falkenberg, Matt Kallai, Dan Kiser, Paul Macko, Reggie Ray, Drew Saylor, Andy Sonnanstine, Gregg Townsend, Sean Walters, Kari Eaton, Stephanie Schaffter, Megan Montoni, Cara Busson, Kristin Hoover, Margaret Grammas, Coaches Tom Cranston, Todd Osborn, Joseph Turbett, Ann Roher
- 2018 Greg Sabol, Amy Wheeland, Mike Kallai, Jr., Katie Gruver, Robert Sondles, Debbie Young, Jon Holko, Tammy Young, Zak Kallai, Cassie Schrock, Doug Bell, Katie Weyand, Zach Hiltner, Luke Busson, Jen Uhl, Derek Foore, Bill Thompson
- 2020 Kristen Bennett, Tanya Craig, Jessica Grant, Jennifer Harsh, Lindsay McNamara, Brittani Peltz, Amelia Reynolds, Lauren Wheatley, Keli Jo White, Dave Crowley, Max Hiltner, Andrew Jones, Dave Lance, Brian Madigan, Adam Melton, Tod Peterson, Nate Reed
- 2022 Hannah Gospodinski, Annie Grindle, Jamie Grindle, Melissa Knox, Elaina Lanson, Amanda Pallija, Chrissy Pavlik, Rachel Snyder, Caleb Busson, Ben Buzzelli, Nick Goddard, Loudon Gordon, Jake Hiltner, Anthony Schrock, Brad Squire, Pat Starkey, and Logan Ware. Coach Mark Postak

2024 Lindsay Tenyak, Brad Moser, Amy Cavanaugh, Kagan Squire, Taylor Woods, Jeff Cerveney, Aimee Bassett, Jack Snowball, Rachel Goddard, Nick Tavanello, Coach Greg Dennison

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