



2012
HALL OF FAME

BOB MATUSKA
LISA (RUNCK) NEUMANN
CARRIE (GOSPETER) O'HEARN
LEROY SCHWEIM
MARK SIEVERS

BOB MATUSKA - ATHLETE



Bob Matuska, a 1978 graduate, had an extremely well rounded career at Mankato East. This is evidenced not only through his athletic endeavors, but also as a member of the National Honor Society, along with being named to Rotary All-State, and as an active member of the student council.

He was the starting quarterback and punter during the 1976 and 1977 seasons and tri-captained the 1977 team that claimed the Big 9 Conference North Division title. Bob received the distinct honor of being named to the WCCO All-State Team of the Week, was named Honorable Mention All-Big 9, and was selected as an All-City member during his senior year. Bob threw 51 completions for 903 yards and tossed 12 TD's his senior year, which ranks him sixth in school history for touchdowns in a single season. Bob highlights the TD pass he threw in overtime to beat West 13-6 as one of his most memorable.

During the winter, Bob played guard for the basketball team and lettered in both his junior and senior years. He was part of the Sub-Region Championship and Co-Big 9 Championship teams in 1977-78.

In baseball, Bob played both corner positions in the infield and was again a two-year letter winner as well as tri-captain of the team. He was named honorable mention All-Big 9 his junior year and All-Big 9 his senior year, helping East finish second in the conference and with their first winning season in school history.

Bob earned a football scholarship to Mankato State University where he played quarterback from 1978-1982 and started 10 games. After earning his Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from MSU in 1982, he has been a successful salesman and sales manager in the building industry. He is currently the Sales Manager for the Eastern United States and Canada for Duravit, USA.

Bob has also served as the boys' program director of the Wayzata Soccer Club from 2002-2007 and was actively involved in the Wayzata Cheerleading program during that same time.

Bob and his wife Lisa have two grown children. Megan (27) of Geneva, IL is a graduate of Notre Dame and is the Assistant States Attorney in Kane County, IL. Jay (23) of Milwaukee, WI is a graduate of Marquette University and a financial analyst for BMO Harris Bank in Milwaukee.

LISA (RUNCK) NEUMANN - ATHLETE



Lisa (Runck) Neumann was a standout three sport athlete, earning a total of nine letter awards in volleyball, basketball and track and field while at Mankato East and also excelled academically before graduating in 1986.

In the fall, Lisa lettered two years in volleyball, helping the cougars to two very successful seasons. In the winter, Lisa's basketball career had her playing varsity as early as her sophomore year and earning three letter awards. She brought great athleticism and intensity to the floor each game and set the then record for shooting percentage in a season while playing for Woodford. She helped lead the way in her junior season on an extremely talented East squad that finished runner up in the State Tournament in 1985. Furthermore she was named All-City and was the team's defensive player of the year her senior year while continually drawing the assignment of guarding the other team's best guard or scorer throughout her career.

Lisa continued to show off her wonderful athletic skills during the spring season in track and field. She lettered in all four of her high school years and set school records at the time in the 4x100 relay, the long jump, and the high jump making her the most decorated female track and field athlete to graduate from East at the time.

After high school, Lisa played basketball in Illinois at Wheaton College in 1987 and later at St. Olaf College in Northfield during the 1988 and 1989 seasons. After graduating, Lisa continued on to dental school at the University of Minnesota, followed by a residency in orthodontics in Iowa City at the University of Iowa and eventually established a practice in Mankato. She is currently a part-time adjunct faculty member at the University of Minnesota dental school. Lisa is married to Drew Neumann and they have four children. Jacob(13), Malia(11), Samuel(10) and Julia(9).

CARRIE (GOSPETER) O'HEARN - ATHLETE



Carrie (Gospeter) O'Hearn graduated from high school in 2000, having a wonderful impact in athletics where she earned a total of 13 varsity letters and in the classroom where she earned A-honor roll status quite frequently.

It was in the fall and winter season that Carrie earned 10 of her letters. As a member of the Girls Swim and Dive team, she was a 5 time letter winner in diving and was All-City and All-Conference her senior year. She earned another 5 letters while competing in gymnastics. Carrie captained the '99-00 team and was a member of two state tournament teams in '95-96 as the beam alternate for the state runner-up Cougars and as a member of the '96-97 squad. She also attended the state tournament as an individual performer on the beam in 96-97. Carrie earned all conference awards in both her junior and senior years as well.

In track, Carrie also left a very positive and pioneering mark. She was a three year letter winner while participating in pole-vault, in what was the first season the event was offered to females in the state of MN, as well as in high jump during her tenure at Mankato East.

As she moved on from Mankato East, Carrie continued her involvement in sports. A 2003-04 Recreational Therapy graduate of the University of Wisconsin LaCrosse, Ms O'Hearn has coached gymnastics for the Jr. Eagles at the University since 2000. Coaching, which runs in the family, has been a big part of her life. Since 2004, Carrie has coached the East Salem/Aquinas High School gymnastics' team where she has helped take individuals to the state meet all eight years that she has been coaching. Furthermore, in six of the eight years she has coached, her teams have qualified for the Wisconsin State Gymnastics' Meet. This includes a five year run from 2007-2012.

Carrie currently is a Therapeutic Recreational Specialist at Bethany St. Joseph's Care Center in LaCrosse, WI. She was married to Chris O'Hearn on June 7, 2008 and they have two children, a daughter- Carlin Kay who is two years old and a son-Camdin Michael who was born this past February.

MARK SIEVERS - ATHLETE



A well-rounded student athlete, Mark Sievers, graduating class of 1982, was a standout on the fields and basketball court as well as the classroom. He was chosen as co-male athlete of the year during his senior year when a number of other fine athletes were also at East High and graduated as co-valedictorian of his class.

Mark was all-conference his senior year in football and led the Big 9 in receptions and yards his junior and senior years. Before the spread offenses were in vogue Mark was part of "Air Cougar" and was the favorite target of Kevin Bies where they rolled up some pretty impressive numbers as well as wins before the automatic playoff-berth was present. His 63 catches in a season ranks #1 all time in Cougar Football history. He was All-City both years as a varsity receiver.

Mark was a two-year starter and honorable mention as a junior and senior on the hardwoods. His 88.5% FT shooting ranks second all time in school history for a season. His senior year he averaged 13.5 ppg on a team that finished 13-6 with a 68% winning clip which at the time was the best in school history.

During the spring, Mark was a two-year starter and All-Big 9 during his senior year. As a pitcher, first baseman, and outfielder, Mark was the solid all around athlete that typified what Mankato East wants its student-athletes to be.

Mark, like many in his era, did not have the advantage of off-season opportunities and various other awards that exist for today's student athletes, but he would have been an excellent addition to any team at East.

After high school, Mark played one year of football and UW-Eau Claire and earned his business degree with majors in Accounting and Management Information Systems. He began his career at the CPA firm Deloitte & Touche for three years and later moved to Securian Financial Group in 1990, where he is presently a senior manager.

Currently residing in Brooklyn Park, Mark has been married for 25 years to his lovely wife, Ann. They have two children, Katie, who is a sophomore at the University of Notre Dame and Danny, a senior at Champlin Park High School.



LEROY SCHWEIM - COMMUNITY MEMBER

One of the finer three-sport athletes to ever come out of Mankato, Lee Schweim made his mark well before his time at Mankato East as a three sport star in football, basketball, and track and field.

Lee graduated from Mankato High in 1961 and was a two-year letter winner in each sport during an era where athletes were rarely moved up for any reason. He was a starting halfback in football, forward on the basketball team, and ran the 4x400 relay and the open 400 in track. Lee was on the infamous team that was upset by "Cinderella" Edgerton in 1960 which went on to win the Minnesota state basketball tournament. Furthermore, he not only participated in his track events but was also a state participant in them as well. After high school, Lee played many years of city league basketball and in softball leagues in town where he excelled.

As the lead outdoor maintenance man in ISD 77 district, Lee exhibited a passion for detail and a drive and know how to get the job done, resulting with two of the finer facilities in southern Minnesota. The East baseball field and football field development are the marks of a man with an everlasting impact on our Mankato East High school community. Both facilities were maintained at such high standards to ensure the best possible look for both athletes and fans. Even after his departure both facilities have kept their pristine look in large part due to the initial passion, time and effort Lee put in to each. Moreover, Lee worked feverishly on securing the advertising signs from local businesses to ensure revenue to upgrade the facility with lights, improved bleachers, press box, improved dugouts, and many of the other amenities. Without those efforts, much of what was accomplished likely would never have become a reality. This same revenue building approach has helped improve many other areas in our athletic department such as our gym, softball field, and football field. It may never have happened if Lee had not pioneered the way on our baseball field to begin with.

Lee has been sorely missed but never forgotten. He was supported greatly by his wife, Bette, son Bob, and two daughters Kris and Ann.

Mankato East High School Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees

2002 Inductees (Charter Year)

Al Blanshan.....	Athlete
Jack Brooks.....	Athlete
Ora Buchanan.....	Community Member
Mark Daby.....	Community Member
Kari (Mitchell) Eckhart.....	Athlete
Robert Gaarder.....	Coach
Kendra (Carter) Hinz.....	Athlete
Amy (Swanson) Hoehn.....	Athlete
Jerry Maschka.....	Community Member
Kristin Maschka.....	Athlete
Sara Maschka.....	Athlete
Don Miller.....	Community Member
Denny Runck.....	Athlete
Marissa (Tieszen) Rustad.....	Athlete
Tammy Shain.....	Athlete
Steve Smith.....	Athlete
Mike Woll.....	Athlete
Scott Wolner.....	Athlete
Merv Wolverton.....	Community Member
Barb (Meredith) Woodford.....	Athlete
Cliff Woodford.....	Coach

2003 Inductees

Amy Cazett.....	Athlete
John Coatta.....	Athlete
Angie (Swanson) DeGraff.....	Athlete
Chris Draheim.....	Athlete
Andre Hamitz.....	Athlete
Travis Helling.....	Athlete
Amy Kapsner-Hodapp.....	Athlete
Dan Kapsner.....	Community Member
Chrissa Landwehr.....	Athlete
Bob Maes.....	Coach
Newton Moen.....	Community Member
Randy Schulz.....	Athlete
Tim Stark.....	Athlete
John Stoffel.....	Athlete
Ron Swanson.....	Community Member
Ron Trongard.....	Community Member
Sarah Winslow.....	Athlete
Kris Wittrock.....	Athlete

2004 Inductees

Jon Dierks.....	Athlete
Andrew Graham.....	Athlete
Nordeene Haldorson.....	Coach
Todd Hodapp.....	Athlete
Doris Huepenbecker.....	Community Member
Mark Miller.....	Community Member
Jennifer Mitchell.....	Athlete
Jordann Ojanpa.....	Athlete
Chris Vokal.....	Athlete
Kris Woll.....	Athlete
Leonard Zimmerman.....	Community Member

2005 Inductees

Dennis Blomquist.....	Community Member
Millie Daufenbach.....	Community Member
Gary Dierks.....	Coach
Connie (Fitzloff) Long.....	Athlete
John Huepenbecker.....	Athlete
Jody (Mitchell) Guillemette.....	Athlete
Eric Schmidt.....	Athlete

2006 Inductees

Doug Espenson.....	Athlete
Ben Kaus.....	Athlete
Kristin (Kachemyer) Krusemark.....	Athlete
Brian Kvebak.....	Coach
Tim Johnson.....	Coach
Connie (Spangrud) Robinson.....	Athlete

2007 Inductees

Gordy Graham.....	Community Member
Chuck Helling.....	Coach
Bob Schweim.....	Athlete
Mark Spangrud.....	Athlete
Jeanne (Tostenson) Scarpello.....	Athlete

2008 Inductees

Corey Dahline.....	Athlete
Beth (Johnson) Benzkofer.....	Athlete
Barb Kaus.....	Community Member
Joe Madson.....	Athlete/Coach
Patti Maes.....	Athlete
Margaret Schoettler.....	Athlete
Cletus Zitzmann.....	Coach

2009 Inductees

Brad Fowler.....	Athlete
Bob Gospeter.....	Coach
Brad Kiegl.....	Athlete
Jim Malcolm.....	Coach
Cathy Matuska.....	Athlete
Briggs Rolfsrud.....	Athlete

2010 Inductees

Josh Dobell.....	Athlete
Steve Kibble.....	Athlete
Elizabeth (Landwehr) Mullikin.....	Athlete
Ty Ries.....	Athlete
Mark Schmit.....	Coach
Paul Sorensen.....	Coach

2011 Inductees

Jeff Anderson.....	Athlete
John Beeman.....	Athlete
Warren Mickelson.....	Coach
Paula (Uttech) Prybylla.....	Athlete
Kristin (Petersen) Stordahl.....	Athlete
Steve Woll.....	Coach

2012 Inductees

Bob Matuska.....	Athlete
Lisa (Runck) Newmann.....	Athlete
Carrie (Gospeter) O'Hearn.....	Athlete
Leroy Schweim.....	Community Member
Mark Sievers.....	Athlete