

Criteria for Induction

Candidates for membership in the Mankato East High School Athletic Hall of Fame shall be former Mankato East High School students, coaches, or other individuals who have made significant contributions to East High School athletics and to their community. Inductees in any category may be either living or deceased.

Candidates are eligible in three categories.

Athletic

A former Mankato East athlete who has competed with excellence and lettered in a varsity sport. Nominees must be, or must have been, a credit to Mankato East High School and the community. Candidates must be a Mankato East High School graduate and out of high school for at least five (5) years.

Coaches

A nominee must be either a former or present coach who has distinguished himself/herself by demonstrating exceptional leadership, character, and athletic achievement during his/her tenure at Mankato East.

Community Member

A person who has been an outstanding supporter of Mankato East High School athletics.

Nomination forms can be obtained by contacting the Activities Office at
(507) 387-5655 Ext. 232

Special Thanks

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Athletic Hall of Fame Induction 2004-2005

Mankato East High School
Athletic Hall of Fame
Program 2004-2005

10:30 AM. Alumni & Retiree Social
located in the Media Center

11:30 A.M. Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony
located in the Auditorium

Master of Ceremonies Todd Waterbury

Individual Plaque Presenters:

Gary Dierks

Jon Dierks

Mark Miller

Jordann Ojanpa

Tim Johnson

Doris Huepenbecker

Leonard Zimmerman

Brian Kvebak

Andrew Graham

Chris Vokal

Joe Madson

Todd Hodapp

Nordeene Haldorson

Lucinda Mitchell

Jennifer Mitchell

Kris Wolle

1:30 P.M. Coronation and Pepfest
located in the Gymnasium

7:00 P.M. Football game vs. Austin Packers
located at Wolverton Field

8:15 P.M. (approximately) Halftime Introductions
All inductees please gather at scoreboard end
with about 5 minutes remaining in the 2nd quarter.

Personal Information:

Spouse:

Joyce

Children:

Dr. Rebecca (Zimmerman) Nomeland, DDS

Graduated: Herman High School -1953

Education:

B.S. Teaching in English and Speech - 1957

Moorhead State University, Minnesota

Masters Degree - Secondary Administration

University of Northern Colorado

Specialist Degree

Mankato State University, Minnesota

Career Information:

Taught English and Speech in Karlstad, Benson, and St. Peter High School
1957 - 1966

Principal at Kimball High School 1966 - 1967

Principal at Franklin Junior High School 1969 - 1982

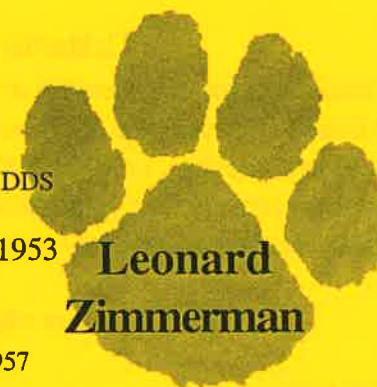
Principal at Mankato East Junior High School 1982 - 1983

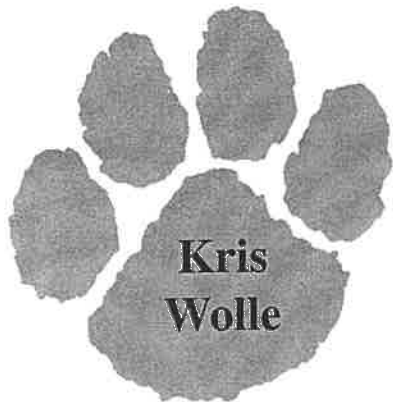
Principal at Mankato East Senior High School 1983 - 1992

We, the coaches and staff, of Mankato East High School were very fortunate to have Leonard Zimmerman as our principal. Everyone who knew him has many wonderful things to say about Mr. Zimmerman. He was supportive of all cocurricular events, cared about all students, and took a great deal of pride in the accomplishments of the east students and staff. His daughter, Rebecca Zimmerman Nomeland, sums up our feelings best with her words:

"Principal Zimmerman loved Mankato East Athletics. He was a great support to the coaches and the students. He appreciated all sports and attended as many events as he could. Not only did he enjoy the competition of sporting events, he was an advocate of sportsmanship. As principal, he expected East students to act responsibly and support their fellow student athletes. He was always pleased with his students. During his years at East he was blessed to have wonderful teams and individual athletes to follow each season"

Len's family is here today accepting his award as Len passed away this past spring.



**Career Information:**

Assistant Manager at the Sugar Room

City of Residence:

Mankato, MN

Graduated: Class of 1998**Mankato East H.S. Athletic Honors:****Volleyball**

Four Year Letter Winner
Captain 1996 & 1997
Coaches All-State 1996
All Big 9 1995, 1996 & 1997
Z99 Player of the Week 1997
St. Paul Pioneer Press All-State 1997
KEYC TV Prep Athlete of the Week
Coaches Mizzuno All-Star Game 1997

Softball

Four Year Letter Winner
Captain 1998
All-City 1995 & 1996
All-Big 9 1995 - 1998
All-Section 1995, 1996, & 1998
Coaches All-State 1998
Coaches All-Star Game 1998
Played In 2 State Tournaments

Basketball

Four Year Letter Winner
All-City Team 1995 - 1998
Coaches All State Team 1998
All-Tournament Team at Minnesota State Tournament 1998
KEYC Prep Athlete of the Week 1996 - 1998
Z99 Player of the Week 1997
KRUE 92 Player of the Week 1997
Participated in the Coaches All Star Game
All-Tournament Team Apple Valley Classic 1996-1998

Wolverton Scholarship/Athlete Award

College Honors:

Minnesota State - Mankato

Volleyball

2 Year Starter
All NCC - Sophomore Year

Basketball

4 Year Starter

Education:

B.A. Degree in 2003
Minnesota State - Mankato

Major: Business Management

Personal Information:

Eagle Scout
National Honor Society - 1998, 1999
Boys State Representative

City of Residence:

Fairmont, MN

Graduated: Class of 1999

Graduated with 4.00 GPA

**Mankato East H.S. Athletic Honors:****Football**

Starter 1997 & 1998
AP All-State 1998
Academic All-State 1998
All-Big 9 1998
All-City 1998
Twice KTOE Player of the Week

Track

Lettered 1997 - 1999
Captain 1999
Scored 100+ Points 98 & 99 Seasons
Coached East Hurdlers 2000 - 2004

Wrestling

Lettered 1995 - 1999
2 Time All-State
5 Time All-City
Academic All-State 1999
All Time Career Wins Both for City of Mankato & East of 141 wins
Wrestled In 4 National Tournaments With The Minnesota Storm
Represented Minnesota In The Minnesota/Wisconsin All-Star Duals

Captain 1998 & 1999
4 Time All-Big 9
State Runner-Up 1999

Wolverton Scholarship/Athlete Award

College Honors:

Minnesota State - Mankato - Wrestling

Participated 1999 - 2004
All-Region - 2 Times
NCC Wrestler of Week - 1 Time
Minnesota State Student / Athlete of 2004

Academic All American - 4 Times
All-NCC Team - 1 Time
NCAA Tournament Qualifier

Education:

B.S. Degree in 2004, Cum Laude
Minnesota State - Mankato

Major: Mathematics Teaching

Career Information:

Math Teacher, Martin County West (2004 - present)

**Personal Information:****Spouse:**

Monica

City of Residence:

Golden Valley, MN

Graduated: Class of 1987

Mankato East H.S. Athletic Honors:**Football**

Letter Winner 1984 -1986

Captain 1986

All-Big 9 1986

Started Both Ways 1984-1986

Hockey

Letter Winner 1984 -1987

Captain 1987

All-Big 9 1987

Track

Letter Winner 1984 -1987

Captain 1985 - 1987

Set School Records in Discus & Shot Put

Still Holds The School Record For Shot Put of 54' - 10" 1987

Region Champion and State Entrant 1987 in Shot Put and Discus

Wolverton Scholarship/Athlete Award

College Honors:

Mankato State University - Football

Letter Winner 1988 - 1990

Education:

B.S. in Mechanical Engineering - 1991, Mankato State University

Career Information:

Manager of Modern Heating & Air Conditioning Company in Minneapolis

Guest Speaker to MSU Engineering Students - 2002

Personal Information:**Spouse:**

Jan

Children:

Cayden - born July 20, 2004

City of Residence:

Maple Grove, MN

Graduated: Class of 1994

Graduated with 4.0 GPA Core, 3.9 Overall

**Mankato East H.S. Athletic Honors:****Football**

3 Year Letter Winner

Captain 1993

All-City 1991 - 1993

All-Big 9 1992 - 1993

Minneapolis Tribune All-State Team 1993

Associated Press All-State Team 1993

Academic All-State 1993

Played in Metro vs. Out-State All Star Game 1994

Most Valuable Team Defensive Player 1992 & 1993

Basketball

3 Year Letter Winner

Captain 1994

Baseball

3 Year Letter Winner

Captain 1994

Wolverton Scholarship/Athlete Award

College Honors:

Mankato State University - Football

5 Year Scholarship Athlete, Tight End

Education:

B.S. in Interdisciplinary Computer Information Sciences - Suma Cum Laude,
Mankato State University

Master's in Business Administration - 2004

University of Minnesota - Carlson School of Management

Career Information:

5 Years of Service for General Mills, currently an Application Analyst



PERSONAL INFORMATION
DOG: JACE "THE PUG"

City of Residence:
Mankato, MN

Graduated: Class of 1999

Mankato East H.S. Athletic Honors:

Diving

5 Year Letter Winner
All-Big 9 - 4 Times
State Tournament Participant
Team MVP - 3 Times

Gymnastics

5 Year Letter Winner
All-Big 9 - 3 Times
State Tournament Participant
All-State Honors - 3 Times
4 Time Section Champ in Vault
State Vault Runner-Up 1998
Team MVP - 3 Times

Track

5 Year Letter Winner
All-Big 9 - 5 Times
State Tournament Participant
All-State Honors - 5 Times
Big 9 Champion 100 Meter Dash 1995 - 1999
State Champion 100 Meter Dash 1997
Third Place at State Tournament 1996 IN LONG JUMP

Wolverton Scholarship/Athlete Award - 1999

College Honors:

University of Wisconsin - La Crosse - Gymnastics
4 Year Letter Winner 4 Time WIAC All-Conference Vault
All-American Honor - Vault 2000
Member of 3 National Championship Gymnastic Teams

Education:

B.S. in Mass Communications - 2003, University of Wisconsin - La Crosse

Career Information:

Currently: Public Relations / Marketing Specialist at Carlson Craft.
Still pursuing a sports TV broadcasting position.

PERSONAL INFORMATION
SPOUSE: MARY LOU

MIKE
CHILDREN: JANE SCHWILKERT
GRANDCHILDREN: IAN - 10 y.o.
City of Residence: GRETA - 6 y.o.
Mankato, MN

Graduated: Austin High School

Colleges Attended:

Austin Junior College, Associate of Arts Degree
University of Minnesota
Mankato State University, B.S. Degree
Mankato State University, M.S. Degree

Playing Experience:

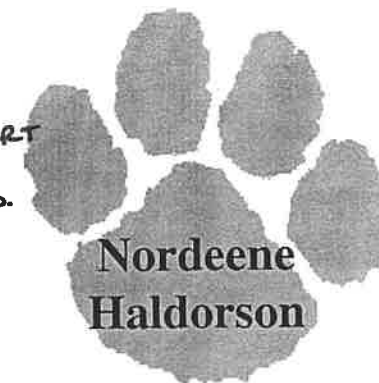
Austin High School, 1949 - 1950
Amateur Baseball, Faribault, Owatonna, Albert Lea, 1951 - 1962
Armed Services All-Star Baseball Teams, Germany, 1954 - 1956

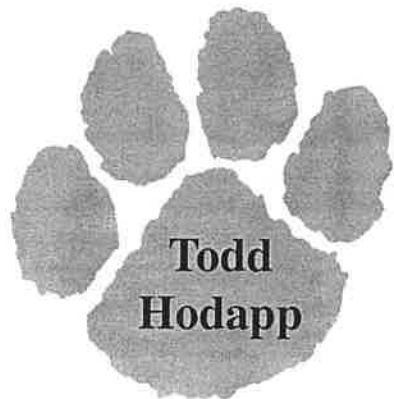
Coaching Experience:

B Squad and Assistant Baseball Coach, Faribault High School, 1959 - 1962
B Squad and Assistant Baseball Coach, Mankato High School, 1962 - 1973
Mankato Legion Baseball Coach 1972 - 1973
9th Grade Basketball Coach, Mankato East High School
Varsity Head Baseball Coach, Mankato East High School, 1973 - 1993
Coach of the Minnesota High School Baseball All-Star Game 1991

Other Information:

State High School Baseball Assistant Coach, Mankato High School, 1967
Big 9 Conference Champions 1989
8 Players from Mankato East High School on State All-Star Team
1 Player Big 9 Most Valuable Player
1 Player All-State Baseball Player
1 Player Drafted
Recipient of Dick Siebert Retired Coaches Award
President of Mankato Baseball Association
Big 9 Coach of the Year 1989



**Personal Information:****Spouse:**

Amy

Children:

Carter - 4, and Emma 19 months

City of Residence:

Mankato, MN

Graduated: 1988**Mankato East H.S. Athletic Honors:****Football**

Captain 1987
All-City Team 1986 & 1987
All-State 1987
Team MVP for Special Teams 1987
Team MVP for Defense 1987
All-Star Game Participant

Basketball

Captain 1988
All-Big 9 1988
Team MVP 1988
All-City 1988

Baseball

Captain 1988
All-Big 9 1988
.493 Batting Average with 7 HR 1988
Legion Baseball State Participant 1987

Team MVP 1988
All Region 1988

College Honors:**St. Cloud State - Football**

4 Year Letter Winner
3 Time All-Conference Honorable Mention
Team Captain Senior Season
All-Academic Senior Season

NCC Conference Champion

Post Season Playoffs - Final 8

Education:

B.A. at St. Cloud State

Career Information:

Employed by Auto-Owners Insurance, Northfield, MN

PERSONAL INFORMATION**Graduated: Class of 1998****Mankato East H.S. Athletic Honors:****Volleyball**

4 Year Letter Winner
All-Big 9 - 3 Years
All-State Senior Season
School Record For Assists
MN All-Star Game Selection
Played in 5 USVBA Nationals

Basketball

4 Year Letter Winner
Miss Basketball Finalist Senior Season
All-Big 9 - 3 Years
All-City - 4 years
MN All Star Game Selection
1st Team All State Team Senior Season
1500+ Total Points
2 State Tournaments Appearances
All Tournament Team Selection Sr.
KEYC Player of the Week
Honorable Mention All-State as Jr & Sr

Softball

2 Year Letter Winner
3rd Place State Tournament

College Honors:**University of Nebraska-Omaha - Basketball**

4 Year Scholarship Athlete
All-Conference 2 Seasons
All-Tournament Selection
Career Records: 3 pointers (214), assists (474), & 1487 career points
Team Captain
Academic All-Conference

4 Year Starter
NCC Player of the Week
Lead Team In Scoring and Assists
All-Nebraska Team

Education:

B.S. in Business with Marketing - University of Nebraska-Omaha

Career Information:

Successful Sales Career

**Personal Information:****Spouse:**

Mary

Children:

Ben

Eric

Gretchen

City of Residence:

Mankato, MN

Graduated: Athens, Ohio

Career Highlights:

"Mark Miller has had a long and successful career volunteering his services as an athletic trainer, track and field official, and holding important positions for the Mankato East Booster Club and Mankato Area 77 Lancers Parent Board Association. His volunteerism began when he became a student athletic trainer for his high school in Athens, Ohio. He continued his services in the 1970's while becoming president of the booster club at Streator Township High School and assisting at the high school track meets. Since 1991, Mark has played an integral role in providing Mankato East with voluntary leadership. As athletic trainer for the football team, starting track meets, and providing food for players after away football games, Mark has been an essential part of the Mankato East Family."

Mankato East Coaches

"Youth sporting and other activities require the assistance of many volunteers. For whatever reason, it is viewed as "work", but it becomes infectious to help make new acquaintances. My greatest personal accomplishment remains the acceptance of parents, coaches, and most importantly, the student athletes, who to this day, continue to speak to me when in public whenever, and wherever we meet."

Mark Miller

Personal Information:**Spouse:**

Elwood

Children:

Jim

John

Paul

City of Residence:

Turtle Lake, WI

Career Highlights:

Began Working For District #77 in 1966

Became East High School Athletic Secretary in 1975

Sports Was Her Life

Actually Met Her Husband At A Baseball Game

Followed Her 3 Sons To All Athletic Contests

Both In High School and College

Followed One Son To Mexico City To Watch Him Play Football

Followed All East Junior and Senior Sports, and She Still Does

Help Develop East Girls Athletic Programs With Ora Buchanan

"Dorie was the right arm of the Athletic Department in the early days of Mankato East and as Gary Dierks put it so appropriately, "Dorie bled Black and Gold."

Dorie will be remembered for her great organizational skills, her love of the athletes and athletics, her positive disposition and for giving Mankato East the beginning foundation of amazing athletic tradition of excellence with the help of Ora Buchanan and Don Miller"

Mankato East Coaches



Mankato East High School Athletic Hall of Fame Members

2002 Inductees (Charter Year)

Al Blanshan	Athlete
Jack Brooks	Athlete
Ora Buchanan	Community Member
Mark Daby	Community Member
Kari (Mitchell) Eckheart	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) Rustan	Athlete
Tammy Shain	Athlete
Steve Smith	Athlete
Mike Wolle	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 Harnitz	Athlete
Travis Helling	Athlete
Amy Kapsner-Hodapp	Athlete
Dan Kapsner	Community Member
Chrissa Landwehr	Athlete
Bob Maes	Coach
Newton Moen	Community Member
Randy Schultz	Athlete
Tim Stark	Athlete
John Stoffel	Athlete
Ron Swanson	Community Member
Rod 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 Wolle	Athlete
Leonard Zimmerman .	Community Member

Hall of Fame Committee

Gary Dierks
Dave Johnson
Tim Johnson
Brian Kvebak

2001- current
2001 - 2003
2001- current
2001- current

Joe Madson
Lucinda Mitchell
Mark Seiler

2003- current
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Todd Waterbury - Activities Director