

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 either 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

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**Mankato East
Athletic
Hall of Fame
Induction
2005-2006**

Mankato East High School
Athletic Hall of Fame
Program 2005-2006

Friday, September 30

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

7:00 P.M. Football game vs. Rochester John Marshall Rockets
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.

Saturday, October 1

10:00 AM. Induction Social
located in the Commons

10:30 AM. Brunch
located in the Commons

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

Master of Ceremonies Todd Waterbury

Individual Plaque Presenters:

Steve Kibble

Brian Kvebak

Joe Madson

Shelly Weckwerth

Personal Information:

Single

City of Residence:

Minneapolis, MN

Graduated: Class of 1998

Mankato East H.S. Athletic Honors

Football

Three Year Letter Winner
All-Big 9 1996 & 1997
All-City 1996 & 1997

Track

Four Year Letter Winner
Team Captain 1998

Hockey

Four Year Letter Winner
Team Captain 1997

M.L. Wolverton Athletic / Academic Scholarship 1998

National Student Athlete Award from National Consortium of Academic & Sports

Gold Distinguished Academic & Athletic Award for Hockey, Football & Track

College Honors:

Gustavus Adolphus College - St. Peter

Football

Ranks 6th All-time in Kickoff Yards Per Return
Ranks 10th All-Time in Total Returns

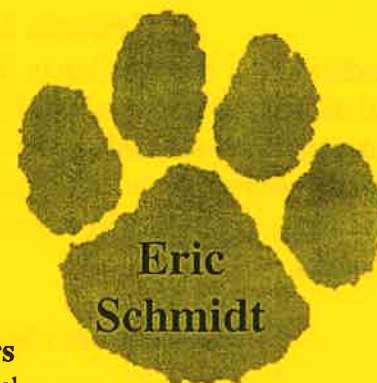
Education:

B.A. degree in 2002

Gustavus Adolphus College - St. Peter Major: Economics

Career Information:

Stockamp and Associates / Senior Consultant based out of Portland, Oregon
and currently working in Los Angeles, CA on a Medtronics project thru 2005



**Personal Information:**

Spouse: Chris

Children: Connor (3) & Ava (3 months)

City of Residence:

Savage, MN

Graduated: Class of 1994

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

Lettered 1990 - 1993

All-Big 9 1990 - 1993

All-State Honorable Mention

More than 1000 career kills

Played in 5 Junior Olympic nationals (All-American - once)

KEYC Prep Athlete of the Week

Team Captain

Track

2 Year Letter Winner

1 State Meet appearance

Basketball

4 Year Letter Winner

All-State Honorable Mention

4 Time All-City

1 State Tournament Appearance

Only player to have over 1000 kills and 1000 points

Team Captain

3 Time All-Big 9

More than 1000 career points

All-Tournament Team Selection

MN All-Star Game Selection

College Honors:

Drake University - Des Moines - Volleyball

4 year Full Scholarship

Team Captain

Education:

B.S. Degree in General Business

Drake University - Des Moines

Career Information:

Senior Sales Consultant for Farnam Street Financial

Personal Information:

Spouse: Alice

Children: Jodie, Lori, & Ann

All are graduates of Mankato East High

City of Residence:

Mankato, MN

Graduated:

Hanska High School 1953

Education:

B.A.E. - University of Mississippi 1950

M.S.E. - University of Wisconsin 1964

Served in the United States Army 1955 - 1957

Career Information:

Social Studies teacher, Guidance Director/Counselor St. James 1960 -1971

Director of Guidance Services/Counselor Mankato 1971-1993

Coached basketball, baseball and golf at St. James and Mankato Schools for 27 years

Outstanding Young Educator Award, St. James Jaycees 1966

G.E.D. (General Education Development) Test Coordinator 1973 - 1990

Served on committee that implemented the Elementary Counselor Program in Mankato Public Schools

Served on committees to implement academic programs as they pertained to high school student athletes:

NCAA Division I and II Athletic Scholarships

Post Secondary Options Program

Open Enrollment

College eligibility and college advanced placement programs

Drug Addiction Education Programs

Retired from Mankato East in 1993 after 32 years in education

College Honors:

Mississippi (Ole Miss)

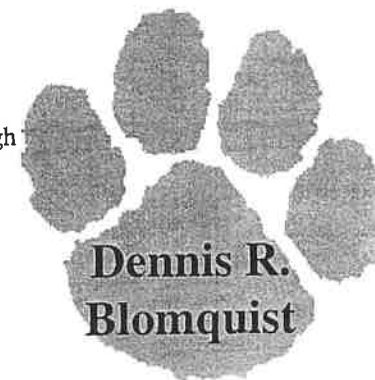
Baseball

Athletic Scholarship 1957 - 1960

Conference Champs 1959 & 1960

All-Southeastern Conference 1959 & 1960

7-0 as a pitcher senior season - a mark yet to be surpassed at Ole Miss



Denny passed away August 11, 2005

**Personal Information:**

Spouse: Ed
Children: Mike & Ann

City of Residence:

Mankato, MN

Graduated:

Mankato High School 1948

Career Highlights:

After high school went to work at Automated Electric until 1953
Married Ed Daufenbach 1953
Both children are graduates of Mankato East High School
Worked for District 77 for 42 years
Worked at Franklin Elementary and Junior High School
Worked at Kennedy Elementary
Works now at Mankato East High School

Nobody takes more pride in their work than Millie. She has been an integral part of the culture of Cougar Athletics. Both the coaches and players at Mankato East have been very spoiled to have support staff people like Millie working behind the scenes to ensure our programs are first-class

Eric Davis (Head Football and Baseball Coach)

Each morning when I arrive for work the first person to greet me at door number 8 is Millie Daufenbach. She immediately asks how the Cougars did the previous night and usually asks how certain individuals that she know from her neighborhood did. Sometimes even as she wades through the mounds of laundry and uniforms from the previous night, Millie takes the time to give coaching tips and sound advice for our players. This certainly occurs before each and every East-West game. Millie has always been there to support the Cougars and make sure they play as sharp as they look. From her everyday phy-ed laundry to the flawlessly folded game uniforms, Millie is second to none when it comes to having our teams look as "sharp" as anyone in the state. When I see our opponents wrinkled-looking garb, I can always smile knowing that because we have Millie we at least win the best-dressed award. Thank you for all you have done for the programs and congratulations Millie on your induction to the East Hall of Fame

Bruce Urbatch (Head Wrestling Coach)

Millie was always a very special lady that took the time to take care of the uniforms and keep them looking great. No matter how dirty the sweat and the mud made the uniforms on game night, Millie soaked, washed, dried, and folded them up looking like new for the next contest. She always went the extra mile trying to work with and please all of the coaches. She took a lot of pride in the athletes looking their best every night. Thanks Millie for a job very well done!!

Gary Dierks (Former Head Football Coach)

Personal Information:

Spouse: Marcia
Children: Sarah (15), Kristen (12)
& Laura (8)

City of Residence:

Edina, MN

Graduated: Class of 1976

National Honor Society Member

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

Two Year Letter Winner
All-City 1974 & 1975
Two Time "Cougar of the Week"
All Big 9 1975

Led conference in receiving
Team MVP on Offense

Coach & Athlete Magazine Prep All-American Football Program selection

Baseball

Three Year Letter Winner
Captain 1976
All-City 1975 & 1976
All-Big 9 1976

Basketball

Two Year Letter Winner

Selected Mankato East High School Outstanding Senior Male Athlete 1976

College Honors:

Gustavus Adolphus College - St. Peter

Football

Three Year Starter and Letter Winner MIAC Player of the Week (twice)
All-Conference 1978 & 1979 First GAC Receiver With 100 Catches
All-District St. Paul Pioneer Press Team MVP Award
Richard Paulson Award for Team MVP 1978
Honorable Mention NAIA Div. II/III All-American

Education:

B.S. Degree in 1980 (3.59 GPA)

Gustavus Adolphus College - St. Peter

Major: Biology, General Science Dist., & Environmental Studies

University of Minnesota Dental School, class of 1984 with Honors

**Personal Information:**

Spouse: Rick
Children: Mariah, age 10 and Jacob,
age 7

City of Residence:

Mankato, MN

Graduated: Class of 1987

Mankato East H.S. Athletic Honors:

Volleyball Four Year Letter Winner All-Big 9 All-City All-State KEEZ Athlete of the Week Career of 650 kills, ranking 5th all-time	Basketball Four Year Letter Winner All-City 1985 (First team ever) Girls' State Tournament - 2nd place 1985 Girls' State Tournament - Champions 1987
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Softball

Four Year Letter Winner Holds record for one-hitters in state tournament play with three Career ERA 0.65 1986 Individual record of 14-0 with 4 no-hitters and 6 one-hitters 1986 Winning pitcher in state championship game with a one-hitter including 10 strike outs and 2 walks 1987 Individual record of 10-0 with 2 no-hitters and 6 one-hitters in 10 games 1987 Pitched a one-hitter in state tournament with 7 strike outs and 2 walks Stated in USA Today, 24-1 in two seasons KEYC Prep Athlete of the Week All-Conference	First pitcher to lead Cougars to State Girls' State Tournament - 2nd place 1985 All-State
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College Honors:

Mankato State - Mankato Softball	NCAA Champions
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Education:

B.S. Degree & Masters Degree Minnesota State - Mankato	Major: Elementary Education
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Career Information:

Elementary Teacher for 14 years, 13 of those at Washington Elementary in
Mankato

Personal Information:

Spouse: Kathy
Children: Kari, Katie, & Jon
Grandson: Gavin

City of Residence:

Waldorf, MN

Graduated:

St. Ansgar High School - St. Ansgar, Iowa

Career Information:**Football**

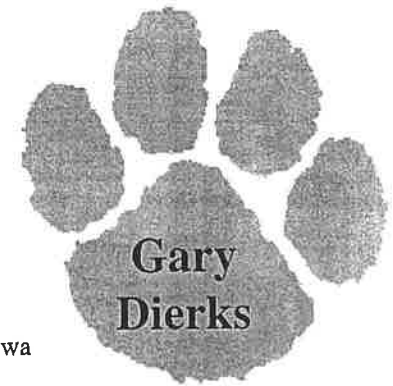
1 year 8th Grade Waldorf-Pemberton 5 years B-Squad Mankato East 18 years Varsity Head Coach Mankato East High School One Big 9 Runner-up Only Undefeated Big 9 Champion in History of Mankato Twice Big 9 Coach of the Year Twice Section Runner-up Four Time Section Champ Four Time Section Coach of the Year Coached 1999 Winning Outstate Team in Minnesota All-Star Game to an upset win over Metro 17-13 30 year Service Award from Minnesota State Football Coaches Associa- tion in 2003	4 years 9th Grade Mankato East 2 year Varsity Assistant MEHS
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Wrestling

1 year Varsity Assistant Waldorf-Pemberton
8 years Elementary Coach Waldorf Pemberton
29 years Varsity Assistant Mankato East (Under 4 Different Head Coaches)
Twice Section Assistant Coach of the Year
Lifetime Achievement Award from Minnesota Wrestling Coaches Associa-
tion 2003

Track & Field

1 year Varsity Head Coach Waldorf-Pemberton 13 years Boys Assistant Mankato East 16 years Girls Head Coach Mankato East Twice Big-9 Runner-up Twice Section Runner-up Twice Section Coach of the Year Twice Girls True Team State Champions Twice Girls True Team Coach of the Year Overall State Coach of the Year for Girls Track & Field 2002	Twice Big-9 Coach of the Year One Section Championship
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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

2005 Inductees

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

Hall of Fame Committee

Gary Dierks
Tim Johnson
Steve Kibble
Brian Kvebak

2001 - current
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Todd Waterbury 2003 - current

Joe Madson
Newt Moen
Mark Seiler
Shelly Weckwerth

2003 - current
2005 - current
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