

Ryan Rohlinger

West Bend East Class of 2002

Of Ryan Rohlinger, former West Bend East Basketball Coach LeRoy Young said, "In my 29 years as head basketball coach at West Bend East, I feel Ryan is the best athlete I've seen."

Attending East from 1998-2002, Ryan excelled in four sports, earning 12 varsity letters. As a wide receiver and quarterback in football, Ryan held more than 40 records for East football. In basketball, his teams won two conference championships and he led the team in scoring, assists, and rebounds during his junior and senior years. He is the third all-time scoring leader and second all-time assists leader for East basketball. He played tennis for two years and qualified for the WIAA State Competition. During his four years on the East baseball team, the team record was 110-21, including a WIAA State Championship in 2002.

Along with his talent, Ryan's outstanding work ethic, natural leadership, and willingness to give 100 percent stood out. In fact, his All-Conference, All-District, All-County, All-State, and team MVP awards among the four sports are just too many to list.

After high school, Ryan continued playing baseball in college. He was the third baseman at Clarendon Junior College in Texas for one year and was named a Junior College All-American. He then transferred to the University of Oklahoma, where he was the starting third baseman.

In 2005 Ryan was drafted in the 21st round of the Major League Baseball Draft to the St. Louis Cardinals but chose to complete his senior season at Oklahoma. He was then selected in the 6th round of the 2006 Major League Baseball Draft by the San Francisco Giants. Ryan had a 10-year career with several Major League Baseball organizations and won a World Series Championship ring with the Giants in 2010.