Celebrating Alumni Achievement

2026 INDUCTION CEREMONY

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD
Ottawa Hills Local Schools

ATHLETIC HALL of FAME

September 10, 2026

Inverness Club

Program

Celebrating **Alumni** *Achievement*

Thursday, September 10, 2026

5:30 p.m. Reception, Dinner and Induction Ceremony
Inverness Club – 4601 Dorr St., Toledo

Friday, September 11, 2026

7 p.m. Ottawa Hills High School, Niedermeier Stadium

Inductees will be recognized on the field at halftime of the home football game.

About the Awards

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

Ottawa Hills Local Schools

The Distinguished Alumni Award was established in 2017 to recognize Ottawa Hills Local Schools' attendees who have made a meaningful contribution to society, and whose accomplishments, affiliations, and careers have honored the tradition of excellence at Ottawa Hills. The Distinguished Alumni Award recognizes alumni who have made significant accomplishments in the following, while maintaining high standards in personal integrity and character:

- An outstanding leader in their field;
- Service to their community and humanity through local, state, national, or international organizations; and/or
- Demonstrated exemplary accomplishments in the following areas: arts, education, government, science, business, or public service.

The Distinguished Alumni Committee is comprised of Kate Backoff ('77), Mary Geiger ('79), Anjali Gupta ('99), Chris Hardman, Jackie Hylant ('93), Margretta Laskey ('63), George Lathrop, Ben McMurray, and Erica Silk ('89).

ATHLETIC HALL of FAME

The Ottawa Hills High School Athletic Hall of Fame was established in 2019 to formally honor the memory and contributions of the many outstanding athletes, teams, coaches, and supporters of our athletic programs. The Hall of Fame serves as a symbol of our appreciation of the excellence, honor, and devotion displayed by these celebrated individuals and teams. The Athletic Hall of Fame Award recognizes those who:

- Made exceptional and extraordinary contributions in our athletic program;
- Had outstanding statistical achievement in an individual sport or sports; and/or
- Conducted themselves in such a way as to reflect honor on the school and must have exhibited those qualities of character and standards of conduct consistent with their status as a role model to the community.

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The Class of 2026

Distinguished Alumni Award Recipients



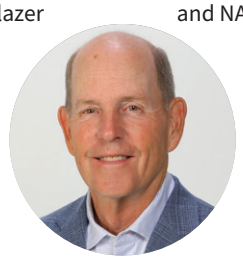
Betsy Ankney (’05)
Award-winning campaign manager, national political strategist and trailblazer



Sami Aziz (’02)
Six-time Emmy winning producer of “Shark Tank” and NASA broadcasts



Paul Goldner (’64)
Built family steel company into national metric metals leader



Judd Silverman (’74)
Visionary founder of golf tournament that has raised millions for local charities



Steven Steinberg (’72)
Trauma surgery pioneer, academic leader, and medical education advocate

Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees



Lauren (Kruse) Cicala (’03)
Record-setting scorer, two-sport standout, and Big Ten Champion



Terri (Simonetti) Frost (’89)
Nine-time State Champion Coach and Ottawa Hills field hockey legend



Rodger Owen (’58)
Green Bear sports legend and Fair-Trade Coffee industry pioneer

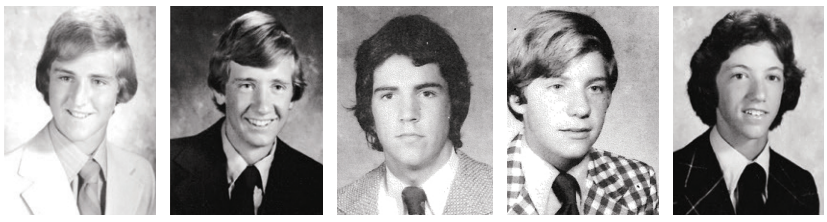


Judd Silverman (’74)
Visionary founder of charity golf tournament and Green Bear State Champion

1974–75 State Championship Golf Team

Clinched one of Ottawa Hills’ first ever State Championship wins

(pictured left to right)
Jeff Coleman (senior)
Dave Glen (senior)
Fred Lumm (junior)
John Spengler (sophomore)
Peter Steinberg (senior)



Past Honorees

Distinguished Alumni Award Recipients

2025 INDUCTEES
Sarah Bloomquist ('90)
Susan Feniger ('71)
Jim Klein ('62)
Geof Meyers ('62)

2024 INDUCTEES
Amy (Robbins) Kadens ('99)
Brad Rubini ('79)
Penny (Katchka) Staelin ('64)
Steve Staelin ('63)

2023 INDUCTEES
Kristján Gíslason ('74)
Steve Jenks ('77)
Shelley Wolson ('76)

2022 INDUCTEES
Dr. Jessica Ciralsky
Carl Heiles ('57)
Phil Mattingly ('02)
Cleveland O'Neal III ('74)
Jim White, Jr. ('58)

2021 INDUCTEE
Dr. David Glow ('55)

2020 INDUCTEES
Barbara Barker ('79)
Mary (Carson) Fedderke ('65)
Constance Hauman ('79)
Robert (Bob) Hinkle ('56) (in memoriam)
Amul Thapar ('87)
Gary M. Woodbury ('58)

2019 INDUCTEES
Betsy (Carson) Brady ('64)
Pete Kadens ('96)
Rustin "Polly" (Steele) Levenson ('65)
Robert (Bob) Shopneck ('68)
Dr. Catherine Webb ('66)

2018 INDUCTEES
Dr. James Geiger ('79)
Roa Lynn ('55)
Larry Mindel ('55)
M. Scott Peeler ('89)
Frederic Roberts ('79)

2017 INDUCTEES (INAUGURAL CLASS)
Christine Brennan ('76)
Craig Burkhart ('69)
Russell Carson ('61)
Richard DeVore ('51) (in memoriam)
John Galbraith ('41)
David Staelin ('56) (in memoriam)
Sally Stuckey ('74)

Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees

2025 INDUCTEES
Eliot Browarsky ('10)
Burt Jamieson ('80)
Megan Jamison ('07)
2008 Boys Soccer Team

2024 INDUCTEES
Coach Chris Hardman
Jeff Gehring ('61)
Andy Lott ('88)
Jack Loy ('77)
Lindy Redmann ('74) (in memoriam)
Kimberly (Kos) Southall ('93)
1992/93 and 1993/94 Field Hockey Teams
1986 Varsity Baseball Team

2023 INDUCTEES
John Buckey ('69)
Craig Burkhart ('69)
Coach Richard Kuzma
Michael Tanner ('73)
Girls Athletic Association ('63)
Penny Carver Dean ('63)
Marianne Fleck Gehring ('63)
Diane Smith Kerin ('63)
Jane Ulmer Kuta ('63)
Gretta Fleck Laskey ('63)
Margo Seney Morrow ('63)
Joan Ulmer Fisher ('63)

2022 INDUCTEES
Paula (Wagoner) Conway ('94)
Norm Niedermeier, Coach
Sandy Osterman, Coach
John Spengler ('77)
Jim White, Jr. ('58)

2021 INDUCTEES
Wendy (Roberts) Pavicic ('97)
David Roadhouse ('62)

2020 INDUCTEES
Jamie O'Hara ('68)
Katherine (Jamieson) Folino ('10)

2019 INDUCTEES (INAUGURAL CLASS)
Kelly Coleman ('82)
John M. Hill ('56)
Laurie Imes ('81)
Jim Tenney ('56)

Elizabeth "Betsy" Ankney ('05)

Award-winning campaign manager, national political strategist and trailblazer



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Betsy Ankney, Ottawa Hills High School Class of 2005, is a political strategist who has been involved in campaigns, national party committees, and Super PACs at the national and state level, and played a role in some of the biggest upsets in Republican politics.

She caught the political bug working on the 2008 Republican National Convention, marking the start of her career in politics. After graduating from Vanderbilt University in 2009, she dove headfirst into campaigns, working on Chris Christie's successful campaign for Governor of New Jersey, Scott Brown's successful campaign for U.S. Senate in Massachusetts, and serving as a Regional Political Coordinator for the Republican National Committee. After a brief stint in fundraising and public affairs, she returned to the RNC as Deputy Political Director for the 2012 presidential cycle.

Betsy then moved to Wisconsin to work for Senator Ron Johnson, ultimately serving as his Campaign Manager in 2016 in one of the toughest races and biggest upsets of that election cycle. For her work on that race, she was named Campaign Manager of the Year by the American Association of Political Consultants.

In 2018, she took on another tough race, Bruce Rauner for Governor of Illinois, overseeing a budget of $75 million and a staff of 90.

Betsy served as the Political Director of the National Republican Senatorial Committee for the 2020 election cycle. In that role, she managed a budget of $130 million and advised senate campaigns across the country, working directly with senators, candidates, and their campaigns on everything from messaging strategy to fundraising plans.

In 2021, Betsy became an advisor to Ambassador Nikki Haley, serving as Executive Director of Haley's Stand for America PAC. In 2023, she was named Campaign Manager for Nikki Haley's 2024 presidential campaign. After starting with zero dollars in the bank and 2% in the polls, the campaign defied the odds and Nikki Haley emerged as the strongest Republican challenger to Donald Trump.

Betsy served as a Resident Fellow at the Harvard Kennedy School Institute of Politics in 2024 and has been a featured speaker at numerous universities and organizations. She is on the boards of The Campaign School at Yale and The American Association of Political Consultants. In 2024, she received the Women's Public Leadership Network's Architect of Society Award, presented to a woman who exemplifies effective, principled leadership, and public service.

She is currently the President and Founder of EMA Strategies, a political advocacy and consulting firm where she serves as the general consultant for campaigns and super PACs and advises corporate clients on political strategy.

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Sami Aziz ('02)

Six-time Emmy winning producer of "Shark Tank" and NASA broadcasts



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Sami Aziz, Ottawa Hills High School Class of 2002, is a six-time Emmy winning television and live broadcast producer whose career has spanned network reality television to global space exploration.

Sami earned his Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Spanish from the University of Michigan in 2006, and built his career in unscripted television, on shows including "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition," "Supermarket Superstar," and "Are You Tougher Than a Boy Scout?." He spent nearly a decade shaping ABC's "Shark Tank," one of television's most successful reality franchises, helping tell the stories of entrepreneurs across more than 200 episodes, and later joined the production team behind "Jeopardy! The Greatest of All Time." Earlier still, he served on the White House advance team, supporting events for President and First Lady Obama.

In June 2021, Sami joined NASA as Executive Producer for Launch Broadcasts. He was later named the agency's Head of Live Broadcasts, a role in which he led the most ambitious live productions in NASA's history, including coverage of humanity's return to the Moon through the Artemis campaign, the OSIRIS-REx asteroid sample return,

the DART asteroid impact mission, and the first three commercial lunar landings in history. His signature project was NASA's coverage of the 2024 total solar eclipse, an unprecedented live broadcast that followed the eclipse's path across 3,000 miles of North America, from Mazatlán, Mexico to Houlton, Maine, using dozens of cameras, control rooms, and telescope feeds, along with more than 300 production crew members. The broadcast was watched by 40 million live viewers and earned NASA the News and Documentary Emmy for Outstanding Live News Special and the Technology and Engineering Emmy for Excellence in Production Technology Application, helping NASA+ earn its first two Emmy Awards for live content. Across his tenure, Sami's teams delivered coverage of more than 60 launches and dozens of milestones in human spaceflight and scientific exploration.

Sami has since founded Pale Blue Originals, a production company dedicated to human-inspired storytelling. He has also recently been appointed Executive Producer of Broadcast & Video Production at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, currently producing a documentary marking the 50th anniversary of Voyager, which at more than 15 billion miles from Earth remains the farthest-traveled human-made object in history.

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Sami speaks regularly on storytelling, creative operations, and live production at events including South by Southwest, Adobe MAX, VidCon, TwitchCon, Creative Production LA and NYC, and the National Association of Broadcasters.

Sami credits Ottawa Hills' English program with shaping him into a strong written and oral communicator long before a newsroom or launch control room ever asked that of him, and traces his first interest in production to early access to the school's multimedia labs.

In his free time, Sami is an avid sailor and bareboat charter captain, regularly taking family and friends on sailing trips to destinations like Catalina Island, St. Vincent & The Grenadines, and the Amalfi Coast. He credits his family's unwavering support through a career built on demanding schedules and long stretches away from home.

Paul Goldner ('64)

Built family steel company into national metric metals leader



Paul Goldner, Ottawa Hills High School Class of 1964, built one of the most distinctive success stories in the American steel industry, transforming his father's Toledo steel company into the largest supplier of metric-sized metals in North America.

Paul's father, Leo Goldner, founded Parker Steel Company in 1955 after working in sales for his brother-in-law, Jerry Baron, at Baron Steel of Toledo. Paul's own connection to the family business began early: he started working part-time in the mailing room during the summers beginning in 1955, and by 1962, while still in high school, he had moved up to the sales desk. After graduating from The Ohio State University, Paul joined Parker Steel full-time in the summer of 1968. Over the following years, he gained hands-on experience in nearly every part of the business, including packing orders, sales, purchasing, credit, operations, and management.

In 1991, the steel industry hit a significant downturn, and Paul recognized an opportunity that other distributors had overlooked. While Parker Steel had always sold structural steel and bars in standard inch sizes, Paul discovered that no warehouse in America stocked a full range of metric-sized metals. He began sourcing metric steel, aluminum, brass, and copper of all types and sizes, initially storing the inventory in the basement below his office and personally handling everything from purchasing to loading trucks. He sent flyers to manufacturers asking what metric products they needed, then focused the business on the materials in the highest demand. That year, he renamed the company Parker Steel International.

The strategy paid off. Today, Parker Steel is the only

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steel distributor in the United States to stock exclusively metric-dimensional metals, warehousing approximately 5,900 different components across two Toledo facilities, with access to thousands more through a worldwide supplier network. Colleagues describe Paul as a strategic marketer with an exceptional memory for industry details and customer needs, qualities that helped Parker Steel maintain a competitive advantage for decades.

Beyond his business success, Paul is known for his philanthropic efforts and community involvement. During the collapse of the Soviet Union in the early 1990s, he helped Ukrainian and Russian refugees who settled in the Toledo area with housing, employment, and their transition to American life. Many of those individuals went on to build careers at Parker Steel and remain connected to the company today.

Steve Steinberg

('72)

Trauma surgery pioneer, academic leader, and medical education advocate



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Dr. Steven Steinberg received his undergraduate degree in microbiology from The Ohio State University in 1975 and earned his medical degree from OSU in 1978. He completed his surgical residency at Ohio State University Hospitals in Columbus, Ohio. From there, he entered a career in academic medicine, first at the State University of New York at Buffalo from 1985 to 1990, and then at Tulane University from 1990 to 1997. He returned to OSU as Vice Chair for Clinical Affairs in the Department of Surgery.

In 2006, Steve was asked to help create and lead a new Division of Trauma, Critical Care, and Burn. Under his leadership, the division grew from three faculty members in 2006, to fourteen by 2019. He served as Interim Chair of the Department of Surgery at Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center from 2015 to 2016. He also held the positions of Executive Vice Chair of the Department of Surgery, Program Director for the surgical critical care fellowship, and Director of the Division of Trauma, Critical Care, and Burn.

Steve has been active in advocacy efforts on both the state and national levels throughout his career. He has authored or co-authored approximately 150 manuscripts and book chapters on various surgical and educational topics, including trauma, general surgery, and surgical education. He is a member of numerous academic surgical organizations, including the American Surgical Association,

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and serves on the editorial board of "Selected Readings in General Surgery."

Steve retired from clinical practice at the end of June 2020. At that time, he became an Accreditation Field Representative for the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education. In that role, he performs site visits, both in person and virtually, for medical residencies and fellowships of all types, ensuring that programs are meeting their specialty's requirements.

Steve and his wife, Beth, have five children, most of whom live in the Columbus, Ohio area. They also have nine grandchildren and enjoy splitting their year between Columbus and Palm Desert in southern California. In recent years, Steve has taken up golf as a new hobby, and he is happy to report that his game has improved from awful to now just mediocre.

Judd Silverman

('74)

Visionary founder of charity golf tournament and Green Bear sports standout



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ATHLETIC HALL of FAME

Judd Silverman, Class of 1974, is being recognized this year as both a Distinguished Alumni Award recipient and an Athletic Hall of Fame inductee, honoring both his athletic achievement and the visionary community impact of the women's professional golf tournament he founded more than four decades ago. Judd graduated from the University of South Florida, where he was a member of the varsity golf team, with a degree in mass communications and a major in public relations. In 1979, Judd returned to Toledo and received his real estate license and worked for a local realty company. He also enjoyed coaching the Ottawa Hills 8th grade boys

basketball team for two years.

In 1981, Judd received a call from professional golfer Craig Stadler offering him the opportunity to caddy for him during the 1982 PGA Tour season. He spent 16 months traveling the country and world, witnessing the greatest professional golf tournaments and seeing firsthand what those events meant to their communities, both as a premier sporting event and major fundraiser for local charities. This experience made a lasting impression on Judd and planted the idea of building a similar tournament in Toledo. With the PGA Tour schedule full, Judd turned to the LPGA, which had several dates available. While in Houston for a tournament, he visited the LPGA offices and pitched his idea to the LPGA commissioner, who saw strong potential in the Toledo market. At a time when title sponsors were nonexistent and several tournaments featured celebrity hosts (think Bob Hope, Bing Crosby), Judd thought of fellow Toledo native Jamie Farr, star of "M*A*S*H," to host the event.

In 1983, Judd devoted his full attention to bringing the tournament to life, working to secure corporate sponsors and an underwriter. Thanks to the help of long-time friend Marc Stockwell, the idea was brought to the attention of the local Ronald McDonald House Board as a potential fundraising opportunity. As fate would have it, Don Michel, a childhood friend of Jamie Farr and the owner operator of several McDonald's restaurants, was also a member of the Ronald McDonald House Board. Don was supportive of the idea and convinced the other area owner operators to underwrite the first tournament in 1984. In return, all net proceeds were designated for the Ronald McDonald House. Michel also convinced Jamie Farr to lend his name to the event and serve as tournament host, a position he enthusiastically held for the first 27 years of the tournament. The initial tournament lost money, but by its second year, the tournament was profitable.

What started as Judd's vision has grown into Toledo Classic, Inc., a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Over the past 42 years, the LPGA tournament has raised $15 million for over 200 children's charities across northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan. The Ronald McDonald House has received $2 million of the proceeds. The tournament has evolved over time under a series of title sponsors including Kroger, Owens Corning, Marathon Petroleum, and Dana, Inc. Today's Greater Toledo Classic tournament is built around the same mission: putting on a first-class professional golf tournament for the benefit of Toledo area children's charities.

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Judd was also delighted to help bring the 2021 Solheim Cup to Toledo. The event brought significant international media attention to Inverness and Toledo and generated $45 million in local economic impact.

Judd has served as a Board Member of the Ottawa Hills Schools Foundation since its inception in 2013, and served as Board Chair in 2024 and 2025. He is grateful for the Foundation's success, made possible by the generosity of village residents and Ottawa Hills alumni.

Judd's parents (Burt and Mary Jo) built a small house on Evergreen Road in 1956, across from what is now Geresy Field. Judd has called the location a dream come true for a boy who loved sports. In his youth, Judd spent countless hours watching the varsity teams practice and play, using the green space directly across the street for his own golf practice facility.

Judd was a multi-sport athlete throughout high school, playing four years of golf and basketball and joining the football team his senior year, a season he calls the single greatest sporting experience of his life. Judd said, "The combination of the camaraderie of friends that grew up together playing sports, the outstanding coaching of Norm Niedermeier and Ed Gibson and following the previous year's 9-0 record with a 10-0 record, was incredible to be part of on many levels."

On the golf course, Judd led the team to conference titles and the state tournament all four years. The team finished fifth, fourth, third, and second during his four years. Judd captured the individual state title his junior year, the major achievement of his Green Bear athletic career.

Today, Judd is back on the Ottawa Hills sidelines to coach this year's 7th grade boys basketball team after coaching a 6th grade team last year with son Ben Silverman. Judd and his wife, Lisa, raised two sons, Reed (Class of 2011) and Ben (Class of 2014), here in Ottawa Hills. Judd remains deeply grateful for the friends, teachers, coaches, and OH community that helped shape his life. In Judd's words, "I'm a Green Bear for life and proud of it."

Lauren (Kruse) Cicala ('03)

Record-setting scorer, two-sport standout, and Big Ten Champion



ATHLETIC HALL of FAME

Lauren (Kruse) Cicala, Ottawa Hills High School Class of 2003, embodied the spirit of the Green Bears through her passion for athletics, school involvement, and competitive drive. Growing up in Ottawa Hills, Lauren embraced every opportunity the school had to offer, valuing her experiences as a student as much as her accomplishments on the field and court.

Lauren credits her competitive nature to growing up alongside her older brother, Justin, who constantly challenged her to improve. She also recognizes the tremendous influence of her parents, Mark and Susan Kruse. Susan was her biggest supporter, while Mark served as coach and mentor, helping instill the work ethic and determination that defined Lauren's athletic career.

Some of Lauren's fondest memories are of participating in so many aspects of student life. She performed in the fall play and spring musicals while also participating in dance, track, basketball, and field hockey, creating friendships and memories that have lasted a lifetime.

On the basketball court, Lauren established herself as one of the greatest players in Ottawa Hills history. She became the first player, male or female, to surpass 1,500 career points and, with 1,529 points, remains the school's all-time leading scorer. A four-time First Team All-TAAC selection, she helped lead the Green Bears to the 2001 regional semifinals and set a school record at the time with 41 points in a single game. Lauren also finished her career as the school's all-time leader with 185 made three-pointers and 326 made free throws.

Lauren was equally accomplished in field hockey. A three-year letter winner, she earned All-Ohio honors in 2001 and 2002 and helped lead Ottawa Hills to the 2002 regional championship. She led the team in scoring with 15 goals in 2001 and earned Team MVP honors in 2002, Best Offensive Player awards in 2001 and 2002, and the Lindy Redmann Field Hockey Award as Ottawa Hills' top field hockey player.

Lauren continued her career at The Ohio State University, where she was a four-year letterwinner from 2003 to 2006, and Team Captain in 2005. She led the Buckeyes in goals and points in 2004, earning Big Ten All-Tournament Team honors. In 2006, she was named Second Team All-Big Ten while helping OSU capture the Big Ten Championship. She finished her collegiate career with 80 games played, then ninth-most in program history.

Today, Lauren spends most of her time supporting her two sons as they pursue their own soccer dreams. Her legacy at Ottawa Hills extends far beyond records and awards. Her dedication, versatility, leadership, competitive spirit, and school pride make her a truly deserving member of the Ottawa Hills High School Hall of Fame.

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Terri (Simonetti) Frost ('89)

Nine-time State Champion Coach and Ottawa Hills field hockey legend



ATHLETIC HALL of FAME

From an early age, Terri (Simonetti) Frost loved sports and embraced every opportunity to compete, especially when it meant competing against the boys. She was driven by competition and excelled in tennis, but her athletic journey took an unexpected turn just before entering eighth grade. Her older sister, Lynn, encouraged her to try field hockey, telling Terri she had the potential to become a phenomenal player. She took her sister's advice, stepped onto the field, and discovered a sport that would ultimately shape her life.

A graduate of Ottawa Hills High School Class of 1989, Terri was an eleven-letter, three-sport athlete in field hockey, basketball, and softball. She was named Athlete of the Year and served as Captain of both the softball and

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basketball teams. In field hockey, she earned four-year varsity honors, MVP, and Best Defensive Player awards. After receiving scholarship offers from Boston University and the University of Michigan, she chose Boston University, where she helped lead the team to two NCAA tournament appearances, back-to-back North Atlantic Conference championships, and an Elite Eight NCAA appearance. She earned First Team All-Conference, First Team All-Region All-American, Second Team All-American, and team MVP honors before graduating in 1993.

Terri began her coaching career as an assistant to Coach Jo Cooley at Ottawa Hills, whom she considers one of her most influential mentors. She later rebuilt the Grandview High School field hockey program, laying the foundation for an extraordinary coaching career. In 1999, she became Head Coach at Thomas Worthington High School, where she has spent 28 years building one of the most successful field hockey programs in the country.

Under her leadership, Thomas Worthington High School has won nine state championships, made 17 Final Four appearances, reached 22 consecutive regional finals, and surpassed 400 career wins. The program also made history as the first public school in Ohio to win ten overall state championships, and they are the only team in Ohio to accomplish two separate three-peats and win four consecutive state championships.

Terri's accomplishments have earned national recognition. She has been honored twice as the National Federation of State High School Associations National Field Hockey Coach of the Year, was inducted into the NHSCA Hall of Fame in 2024, and was named NHSCA National Coach of the Year in both 2024 and 2025.

Beyond the field, Terri has spent decades creating opportunities for others to fall in love with the game. She founded the Weed Whackers youth program, created the Buckeye State Field Hockey League, established the annual Blood Drive Tournament that has helped save thousands of lives, began a holiday Adopt-A-Family initiative, and in 2015 created the Doug Campbell Courage Scholarship Award for players who were faced with personal struggles.

Terri credits her success to her Mom and Dad, coaches, teammates, and family. Most importantly, she is grateful for her husband, James, and children, AJ and Peyton, for their unconditional love and support throughout the years. Winning three state championships alongside Peyton remains one of the greatest blessings of her career.

From the Ottawa Hills field to the highest levels of coaching, Terri has never stopped giving back to the game that gave her so much. Her championships are impressive, but her greatest accomplishment is the lasting legacy she has built through the lives she has touched. Players have become coaches, teammates have become lifelong friends, and generations of athletes have learned lessons that extend far beyond the field.

Rodger Owen ('58)

Green Bear sports legend and Fair-Trade Coffee industry pioneer



ATHLETIC HALL of FAME

Rodger Owen, Class of 1958, was born in Toledo, Ohio, and raised in Ottawa Hills on Underhill Road. At OHHS, he earned 14 varsity letters, including two in track for sprints and high jump. He played tight end and tailback in a single wing offense, helping turn around a football program that had been struggling. Beginning in the middle of his sophomore season, the team won 20 consecutive games alongside players like John Hill, Jim White and Dave Glow, each a previous Athletic Hall of Fame inductee . During his junior season, the team's record was 304 points scored with only 12 points scored against them, ranking No. 17 in Ohio regardless of class.

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After serving as a U.S. Navy Supply Corps Officer on the USS Hoel (DDG-13) in San Diego, Rodger returned to Toledo and joined Owens Illinois (O-I) Forest Products Division for 10 years, earning membership in the Sales Builder Club as one of the top 10 out of 150 eligible salespeople. In 1975, Rodger left O-I to start Bucks County Coffee Company in his basement with the mission to "find and roast the finest coffee in the world." Over 20 years, he built the company to 40 retail stores and a large wholesale business serving Sam's Club, Sunoco, Safeway and Walmart. His wife, Kathy, was an active executive partner.

Rodger revolutionized the coffee industry through several innovations. He invented the first coffee kiosk inside supermarkets, requiring only 100 square feet, with supermarkets handling advertising and revenue collection while his company operated with one employee. He also participated with a Canadian coffee company and Colombian Coffee Co-op in a program called La Verada, paying farmers 10 cents per pound above market price to fund six new school rooms, a medical clinic, and internet connection.

As President of the Specialty Coffee Association, Rodger grew membership from 500 to 8,200 companies worldwide during the early specialty coffee movement. Most significantly, he was instrumental in helping Yale graduate Paul Rice launch Fair Trade International, facilitating Rice's work with the association's International Relations Committee. Fair Trade International has grown from zero to $1 billion annually, money given back to coffee farmers to improve their lives.

There is no doubt that Rodger's incredible tenacity as a young athlete helped him persevere in his entrepreneurial success later in life. Rodger is still very physically active and enjoys working out four times a week at LA Fitness.

1974-75 State Championship Golf Team

Clinched one of Ottawa Hills' first ever State Championship wins

ATHLETIC HALL of FAME

The 1974-75 Ottawa Hills golf team, led by Coach Wayne Stewart, capped off its season by winning Ohio's Division III state championship. The five Green Bear players that captured the state title consisted of seniors Dave Glen, Jeff Coleman, Peter Steinberg, junior Fred Lumm, and sophomore John Spengler.

The two-day state tournament was held at the Scarlet Course at Ohio State University, a long and difficult course made even tougher by cold conditions. Dave Glen, Jeff Coleman, and Fred Lumm anchored the team's success, while Coach Stewart rallied his players before the second day of competition with a team prayer. When Ottawa Hills secured the state title, the victory clearly meant a great deal to Coach Stewart, who was seen with tears on his cheeks during the trophy presentation, a reflection of how deeply he cared for his players throughout his years of service as OHHS golf coach.

The championship came the year after Green Bear great Judd Silverman graduated, having helped build the program into a state contender during his own record-setting career on the course. Under Coach Stewart's leadership, the 1974-75 team carried that momentum to a state title, becoming one of the earliest state championship teams in Ottawa Hills athletic history.

1974-75 JV & Varsity Golf Team



(left to right)
Jeff Hancock
Bruce Temple
John Spengler*
Mark Dube
James Ketcham
Fred Lumm*
Coach: Wayne Stewart
Peter Steinberg*
Steven Nickerson
Mark Nickerson
Jim Kropp
Rick Herman
Tom Brown
(kneeling)
Dave Glen*
Jeff Coleman*

**State Championship Team Member*

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