Michigan High School Coaches Association

56th Annual Hall of Fame Induction

Central Michigan University

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Sunday, September 21, 2014
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Program

Welcome: Kim Spalsbury, Executive Secretary
Master of Ceremonies: Mike McGinnis, President
Greetings from CMU: Stan Shingles, Asst.VP Recreation, Events, and Conferences-CMU
Invocation: Rich Tompkins-Executive Director
Meal: Carved, Grilled Sirloin, Boursin Chicken, Roasted redskin potatoes, Fresh Asparagus, Salad bar & Dessert
Association Update: Rich Tompkins, Executive Director
Past President’s Plaque: Kim Spalsbury, Executive Secretary
Distinguished Service Award: Rich Tompkins, Executive Secretary
Hall of Fame Presentations: Sue Miller. 1st Vice-President
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Charlie Bassett  
Spring Lake High School
Dean Blackledge  
Hanover-Horton HS
Martin Covert  
Byron HS
Kenn Domerese  
Flint Carmen-Ainsworth HS
Bill Hajec  
Fenton HS
Jerome Goosen  
Ovid-Elsie/Coopersville HS
Robert Kalbfleisch  
Warren Cousino HS
Gregg Kirchen  
Holland HS
Don Lutz  
L’Anse Creuse HS
Thomas Pullen  
Ann Arbor Pioneer HS
Donald Rinehart  
Rockford HS
Warren Spragg  
Remus-Chippewa Hills HS
James Stallings  
Trenton HS
Marshall Thomas  
Saginaw HS
Bryan Westfield  
Ann Arbor Pioneer HS
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**Distinguished Service Award**

This award is presented each year to someone who has done an outstanding job supporting and promoting athletics in general, and has shown consideration and assistance to the high school scene and the Michigan High School Coaches Association. The following are past recipients of the MHSCA Distinguished Service Award.

Ron Finch  
Fritz Crisler  
Jack Heppenstall  
Terry McDermott  
Bingo Brown  
Wally Weber  
Dale Kennedy  
Harold Sponberg  
Bill Odykirk  
Brother George  
Don Canham  
Helen Geovanes  
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Marykaye Murphy  
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Dick Lowry  
Richard Maher  
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Jim Campbell  
Vern Norris  
Walt Bazylewicz  
Tom McShannock  
Kermit Ambrose  
Robert James  
Jack Johnson  
Jack Moss  
Don Lessner  
Mike Jolly  
Diane Laffey  
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Tom Hursey  
Jerry Cvengros  
Tiger Teusink  
Lloyd Carr  
Blake Hagman
Jack Roberts

**Distinguished Service Award**

**Michigan High School Athletic Association**

- Graduated from Dartmouth w/English major in 1970, where he was starter in defensive backfield of football squad for three years on the winningest team in the Ivy League during that time. Also a member of Dartmouth Glee Club
- Taught and coached football at high schools in Milwaukee and Denver for several years
- Went to work for National Federation of State High School Associations for 8 yrs.
- Next served in national office for Fellowship of Christian Athletes, concluding his time there as executive vice-president in charge of nationwide programs and staff
- Came to Michigan High School Athletic Association(MHSAA) as Executive Director in 1987 and has served for over 27 years in that capacity
- Supervises high school and middle school athletic programs conducted by 1500 member schools, utilizing 12,000 registered officials, with 13,000 coaches, serving 200,000 student athletes
- Has led MHSAA to many “firsts”. First state high school association to classify its postseason tournaments by school enrollment. First state association to function with neither membership fees or tournament entry fees. First state hs assoc. to conduct and fund its own Women in Leadership Conference. First and only state hs assoc. to implement and deliver its own coaches’ education program statewide.
- Pioneered sportsmanship program statewide. Helped make “Good Sports are Winners” a catchphrase throughout state.
- Nationally renowned speaker and writer, having spoken to educators, athletic groups, business and civic leaders in 40 states and five Canadian provinces. Has published three books and been published in countless athletic and educational journals and newspapers. Blogs twice each week on MHSAA.com
- Winner Helping Hand Across Michigan award by Michigan Public Health Institute for his leadership in promoting childhood injury prevention, coaches education, and the promotion of a healthy atmosphere for school sports
- Received Crystal Apple award from Michigan State University College of Educ. recognizing leadership role in developing and executing coaches’ education program.
- Named one of the 30 Most Influential Individuals in sports officiating industry by Referee Magazine
- 2007 inductee to Hall of Honor of the Basketball Coaches Assoc. of Michigan(BCAM)
- Honored with Wolverine Athletic Conference Distinguished Service Award
- Serves on Board of Directors for East Lansing Art Festival Foundation, past Chairman of Board of Directors for the Michigan Society of Association Executives, and is president of the Board of Directors for the Refugee Development Center
- Helped develop mid-Michigan “Officials for Kids” outreach program for four area hospitals in Children’s Miracle Network
- 2nd generation of state association executive directors. Father, John E. Roberts served as Wisconsin Activities Association executive director for nearly 30 years
- Wife: Peggy    Children: John and Luke
Charlie Bassett
Spring Lake High School

- Graduated from Hastings HS in 1961, where he was all-state honorable mention center in football, two-time state champ in wrestling, & played doubles on the tennis team
- BA, 2 MA's from Western Michigan University w/ teaching certificate and industrial arts major
- Taught Industrial Arts and coached tennis at Spring Lake HS for over 40 years
- Boys Tennis: 23 conference titles, 15 Regional championships, qualified team for MHSAA State tournament 30 of 33 seasons, 3rd in State three times
- Girls Tennis: 18 conference championships, 8 Regional titles, qualified for State tournament 17 times, finishing 4th in 1979
- Overall Record: 625 wins
- Coached four individual State champs, many runners-up and over 15 all-state players
- Inducted into MHSTeCA Hall of Fame in 1992
- MHSCA State COY three times
- MHSTeCA Board of Directors member from 1978-present, past organization president
- Served on MHSAA State seeding committee for three years
- Charlie would like to thank his role model, Bruce Withers, who was his middle school wood shop teacher and high school tennis coach; his three AD's: George DeVries, Tom Hickman, and Cavin Mohrhardt; and past superintendent of schools, Larry Mason and current supt., Dennis Furton.
- Wife: Mary Jo   Children: Chad, Tess, and Andy

Dean Blackledge
Hanover-Horton High School

- 1962 graduate of Laingsburg HS, where he played basketball, football, baseball, and track, earning all-conference honors in the last three. He also was class valedictorian.
- BA from Western Michigan University in 1966 with teaching certificate
- MA from WMU in 1970
- 1966-70 taught math and science at Eaton Rapids Public Schools. Coached JV Football and JV Basketball
- 1970-72 taught math and chemistry at Leroy-Pine River Public Schools. He also coached Varsity Football (3 yrs.) and Varsity Track & Field (2 yrs.)
- Athletic Director1981-87 & 1994-2000 Total of 48 years as a coach and/or athletic director
- 2013 MITCA Div. 3 COY nominee for Boys Track & Field Coach 3 all-Americans
- MITCA officer for four years, now serving as President, & academic all-state comm. (6 yrs.)
- As AD served on MHSAA Basketball Site Selection Comm. for 2 yrs. and Tournament Officials Assignment Comm. for 2 yrs.
- Member Dodge Bros. International Antique Auto. Club for 26 years (Bd. of Directors-12 yrs. & president-2 terms)
- Member Hanover-Horton Jaycees for 5 yrs. & H-H Lions Club (18 yrs.)
- Dean expresses special appreciation to fellow coaches Loren Dietrich (Mich. Luth. Seminary), Ed Chappell (Eaton Rapids), Chuck Miller (Vandercook Lk.) and his Laingsburg HS coach, Chris Babler
- Wife: Lilah   Children: Beth, Andy, & Chris
Martin Covert

**Byron High School**

- Graduated from Fenton HS in 1969 where he wrestled for 3 years and played 4 yrs. of football
- BS Central Michigan University with a teaching certificate and math major in 1972. Also wrestled for one year
- MA Marygrove College (Detroit) in 1999
- 1974-75 taught and coached Track & Field at Swaziland National HS in Swaziland, South Africa
- 1976-78 taught and coached (2 yrs.) Wrestling at Redford Union HS
- 1978-2010 taught middle sch./high sch. math, music, woodshop, English, religion, and driver’s education at Byron Public Schools.
- Coached Wrestling (1978-2010). Record: 403-396. 14 District titles, 2 conference championships, 1 Team Regional title
- Coached 33 State meet medalists and 2 individual State champs
- Michigan Wrestling Association (MWA) Regional COY ’93-’94 and ’06-’07
- USA Wrestling: Michigan Man of the Year 2005 & NFHSCA Regional COY 2008
- MWA Hall of Fame inductee–2011 MWA Exec. Bd. (19 yrs.), past president (4 years)
- High School wrestling official 1972-3 & 1976-present (40 yrs.)
- St. John Catholic Church of Fenton festival chairperson, choir, & Art & Environment Comm.
- Served as Yearbook sponsor at Byron for 9 yrs., homecoming coordinator-9yrs., and on Youth Club Wrestling board-16 yrs.
- Marti would like to thank his family, especially his wife, Chris and daughters (Kara & Kathryn) for all their help and understanding of his time spent coaching. He would also like to recognize assistant coaches, Mark Schaefer & Terry Drury. Finally, he thanks the Byron community parents and high school administration for their confidence and support over the years.
- Wife: Chris  Children: Kara & Kathryn

Kenn Domerese

**Flint Carmen-Ainsworth High School**

- 1968 graduate of Flint Beecher HS, where he set the then-school record for 2 miles in track and cross country
- 1969 attended Roberts Wesleyan College in N.Y., where he also ran cross country
- 1972 graduate of Campbellsville University with teaching certificate. Ran cross country all three years, serving as runner/coach his senior year.
- MA Oakland University
- Boys Track and Field Coach: 7 conference championships, 3 Regional titles, State runners-up in 2004, State champions in ’82, ’93, ’05, & ’08.
- Boys Cross Country Coach: one Regional championship, 3rd in State-1977
- 7th grade basketball coach 20 years
- MITCA COY nominee six times, in addition to being honored as State COY 3 times
- Inducted into Carmen-Ainsworth Hall of Fame, MITCA HOF, and Greater Flint HOF (for ’08 perfect track and field season)
- 2005 NFHSA National COY for boys track and field and 2005 MHSCA COY (boys track & field)
- 2006 NHSACA National nominee (boys track & field) Coached 16 individual state champs and 35 all-staters
- Member Michigan Sports Sages
- Cross Country Camp Director for 35 years with 250 campers/yr.
- Hosted over 100 invitational, league championships, and regionals
- Involved with South Baptist Church youth programs and softball team for 20 years
- Kenn would like to recognize the role of Jesus Christ in his life. He also thanks his family for having “spent their whole life with a crazy coach.” Additionally, he thanks assistant coaches: Gordon Spencer, Mike Stuart, and Dave Thrash and the 50+ assistant coaches who have contributed to the program’s success over the past 40 years. Kenn also would like to express gratitude to mentors: Larry Wiltse, Marty Crane, and Norb Badar, as well as all of the C-A administrators and athletes who made the program’s success possible.
- Wife: Judy  Children: Kerece, LaDena, and McKenzie
Jerome Goosen
Ovid-Elsie High School/Coopersville HS

• 1971 graduate of Coopersville HS where he played 4 yrs. of football and 2 yrs. of baseball
• BS 1975 from Western Michigan University with teaching certificate and Industrial Ed. major
• MA at WMU -1979-Vocational/Industrial Ed. and Ed. Specialist degree-WMU-1987
• 1979 mid year layoff led to serving 1979-80 as AD at Sparta HS
• Football Coach at Coopersville(1978-82 and 1984-2000) Record: over 150 wins. (at all three schools)
• 2011-12 taught and coached at Grand Valley State University
• 2013-present Football Coach at Lowell HS. League champs 2013
• 10 league titles, 4 district championships, 2 Regional titles, 2 trips to State semifinals, and 2 State runners-up teams in his career.
• Lansing State Journal COY 2008
• 2009 inductee into MHSFCA Hall of Fame
• Late wife, Louise “Mother Goose” awarded MHSFCA Fran Harrington Woman of the Year Award in 2009
• Two times selected as graduation speaker at Coopersville HS
• Jerome wishes to “honor my wife of 35 years and my inspiration, Mother Goose, . . . .kept me coaching during the worst of times.” He also says his grandkids “continue to inspire me “ to coach. He thanks the players at Coopersville and Ovid-Elsie, who “represented their schools so well.” He gives a special nod of gratitude to superintendents Robert Fortin and Wayne Petroelje who allowed him to continue coaching, while serving as an administrator. He also thanks his coaches: Max Schipper, Dave Mutchler, and Bob Fuller. Finally, he thanks all of his former assistants and “behind the scenes” individuals who made “our success [possible because of ] your commitment to excellence.”
• Wife: Louise (deceased)  Children: Ryan, Jennifer, Jacqueline, Jessica, and Jason
Robert Kalbfleisch  
**Warren Cousino High School**

- Graduate of Dearborn HS where he also played football, basketball, and ran track.
- Western Michigan University graduate. He played two years of football at WMU
- 1991-2008 returned to Warren Cousino HS as Varsity Assistant Football Coach
- 2009-2013 Varsity Assistant Coach at Troy HS
- Also coached ninth grade boys basketball for 13 years, freshmen track and field for 5 years, and JV baseball for 2 years.
- Macomb County Football COY 1983 & 1990
- Inducted into MHSFCA Hall of Fame in 2009.
- 2011 inducted into Macomb County Coaches Hall of Fame.
- Robert would like to “all the great coaches who worked with me.” He especially wishes to recognize the contributions of Pat MacAleer and John Flynn. He has special gratitude to the great teams he coached in 1983 at Warren Cousino and 1990 at Warren Mott. Finally, he thanks Mike Powell for helping him earn this and several other honors.
- Wife: Kathleen  Children: Timothy, Thomas, and Kristen

Bill Hajec  
**Fenton High School**

- Graduated from Fenton HS in 1960 after a stellar athletic career. Football: all-league and hon. mention all-state, baseball: all league w/2 no-hitters and .428 batting avg., track and field: school record (3rd in State) 220yd. dash-21.9(still school record), 5th in State-100yd. dash, and 3rd in 880yd. relay
- Attended Flint JC (Mott Community College) 1961-63, running track and field and placing 3rd in nation in 1 mile relay and named Flint JC athlete of year in 1962. Also played baseball
- BS in Education from Ball State University in 1966. Continued athletic career, playing football for 3 yrs. Set school record with 10 interceptions in 1965. Named all-league safety. Played 2 yrs. of baseball: MVP in 1965, 0.97 ERA, struck out 11 batters/game. Both still school records
- Began teaching (1966-1999) and coaching at his alma mater, Fenton HS in 1966. JV Football coach from 1966-74, Freshmen Basketball coach from 1966-69, and Varsity Baseball coach(1968-81) Record: 159-60. Won 2 conference championships, one district title, and one Regional crown.
- Member of MHSGA for 38 years.
- Bill would like to thank his former high school coaches, Ken Wegner and LeRoy Decker, as well as his college football and baseball coach at Ball State, Ray Louthen for serving as his mentors. He would also like to recognize the 1979 baseball team(Greater Flint champs), 1978 golf team(3rd in State), and 1994 golf squad(5th in State).
Gregg Kirchen  
_Holland High School_

- 1969 graduate of DeWitt HS where he lettered four years in baseball  
- BA and MA Central Michigan University where he first learned fundamentals of golf from then-grad student and graduate football assistant, Herb Deromedi.  
- 1976 Teacher/Counselor at Farwell Schools and JV baseball coach  
- 1991-2012 Counselor and _Girls Golf_ Coach at Holland HS. Started girls program at Holland HS. One conference championship and qualified for state finals 4 times.  
- Michigan Golf Coaches Assoc.(MIGCA) Boys Class C COY 1980  
- Scholastic Magazine Silver Coaches Award 1989 and MIGCA Regional COY 1995.  
- MIGCA Hall of Fame inductee 2004 and honored with MIGCA Distinguished Service Award 2012.  
- Served on MHSAA Golf Committee 1995-2013.  
- Gregg would like to thank his former Athletic Directors: Adrian Baumgardner, Brian Burtch, and Mike Clark and fellow coaches from across the state: Tiger Teusink, Jim Bennett, Bob Lober, and Dave Ghareeb . He also wishes to recognize Steve Robbins, who mentored him as a young coach. He is especially proud of his Central Montcalm players, including Greg, Randy, and Scott Reese; Steve and Wayne Cooper; and Doug and Greg Emmory who led the team to the school’s first and only State title.  
- Wife: Paulett  
- Children: Jessica and Andrea

Don Lutz  
_L’Anse Creuse High School_

- Graduated from Barberton(OH) HS in 1961. Played football and started both ways senior year.  
- BS Ohio University 1966 with teaching certificate. Football career ended with injuries in spring of 1962 but played club lacrosse, starting as a defenseman and serving as team captain in squad’s first season (1966).  
- MS in Chemistry Education 1979 from Eastern Michigan University  
- Michigan Lacrosse COY 1991  
- Member Michigan HS Lacrosse Coaches Assoc. and former president.  
- Served on MHSAA lacrosse committee.  
- Don says he “was blessed by my place of birth [Barberton, OH], where sports were, and still are, important.” He adds that he has also been “blessed simply by choosing teaching as my profession and starting a lacrosse team as my hobby and passion when I arrived in Michigan.”  
- Wife: Georgia  
- Children: Jessica, Andrea, Michael, and Dennis
Tom Pullen  
*Ann Arbor Pioneer High School*

- 1961 graduate of Ann Arbor Pioneer HS where he participated in football, cross country, and wrestling.
- BA 1965 University of Michigan, where he wrestled for one year.
- DDS 1969 U of M, 1972 MS in Restorative Dentistry from U of M.
- 1991-present Head Women’s Tennis Coach. Record: 211-8-3. Eighteen league titles, 18 Regional championships, 22 top ten State meet finishes, 11 State runners-up, 5 State championships. 72 individual state champs (including doubles players). 88 all-state athletes.
- 25 times Michigan HS Tennis Coaches’ Assoc. (MHSTeCA) Regional COY, 7 times Ann Arbor area Tennis COY.
- 1993 Detroit News Boys Tennis COY and 1999 MHSCA COY for Boys Tennis COY.
- 2000 NHSACA Girls Tennis COY finalist and NFHSA COY
- 2006 MHSCA Boys COY and NFHSAA regional winner
- 2007 NHSACA Tennis COY and NFHSA National Boys Tennis COY
- 15 years member of MHSTeCA Board of Directors
- Runs free tennis camps in the summer and offers free tennis lessons (400 last yr. alone).
- Never played tennis until age 35. Won more than 25 tournaments in the next 15 years.
- Tom would like to thank his wife Kathy and sons, Kyle and Drew; his athletic directors: Chuck Ritter, Lorin Cartwright, and Eve Claar; long-time assistants: Bob Raham, Jay Stanford, and Brian Atkinson; and his coaching mentors: Bob Wood, Tiger Teusink, and Ed Waits. He also praises the over 3000 athletes who have passed through the Pioneer program over the past 24 years.
- Wife: Kathy  Children: Kyle and Drew

Donald Rinehart  
*Rockford High School*

- Graduate of Holton HS where he played 4 years of football, basketball, and baseball, plus running track and field for one season.
- BS Math with teaching certificate from Ferris State University
- MA Educ. Adm. from Grand Valley State University
- 10 times Michigan Wrestling Assoc.(MWA) Regional COY.
- 2007 NFHSA Regional COY and 2008 National Wrestling Coaches Assoc. State COY.
- 2009 NHSACA National COY finalist.
- Inducted into Rockford Athletic Hall of Fame in 1994 and MWA HOF in 2009.
- Member MWA for 35 yrs and on board of directors for 10 yrs.
- Committee member and participant for 23 years in Strides for Life Cancer Fund raising event.
- Member of Board of Trustees at Rockford’s Methodist Church.
- Donald thanks his wife and family “for without their support , none of this would have been possible.” He also expresses gratitude to the many great coaches and athletes at Rockford HS and the “amazing wrestling parents for their support. Go RAMS!”
- Wife: Deb  Children: Bambi, Brandi, & Donovan
Warren Spragg
Remus-Chippewa Hills High School

- 1951 graduate of Alpena HS where he played football and was named an all-American.
- BS Hillsdale College with teaching certificate. Played football and became three year starter as a lineman; senior co-captain of the undefeated, conference champions; and an all-American.
- MA Eastern Michigan University in Secondary Administration
- Drafted by L. A. Rams in 1957, playing five games before a bad knee forced him from the game.
- 1958-59 taught and coached (football, JV basketball, and started track & wrestling programs) at Oscoda HS.
- 1959-60 taught and coached (football, assist. Basketball, and started track& field program) at Bath HS
- 1960-64 taught and coached at Romulus HS. Football-Record: 40-14, Started Wrestling program. Record: 73-40. Track & Field-Record: 58-12.
- 1965 taught and coached JV Football (undefeated) at Alpena HS.
- 1966-72 Assistant Football Coach & Director of Player Personnel at Hillsdale College for teams that went 46-15. Also coached Baseball-Record: 43-91.
- 1972-74 Principal and Athletic Director at Concord Public Schools.
- 1974-75 Assistant Superintendent Charlotte Public Schools.
- Principal & A.D. (1975-77), Teacher, (English and Social Studies-1977-1993) and Wrestling Coach at Remus-Chippewa Hills HS.
- Chippewa Hills Outstanding Teacher of the Year 1980-81.
- Joined Hillsdale College Hall of Fame in 2011.
- MHSAA 20 year official (football, basketball, baseball, softball, track & field, and wrestling) award. Served on MHSAA Wrestling Rules Comm.
- Member Alpena Exchange Club, Boys Club Bd. of Directors, Mt. Pleasant Moose Club, Isabella Sportsmen’s Club, Michigan Sports Sages (past president and bd. of directors member), and Hillsdale College Varsity Alumni Assoc.
- Warren offers special thanks to mentors Bill Finch, Bob Devaney, and Frank “Muddy” Waters.
- Wife: Nancy Children: Warren and Andrew
James Stallings  
*Trenton High School*

- 1962 graduate of Romulus HS where he played football, wrestled, and ran track.
- BA Hillsdale College 1967 with teaching certificate. Participated in football, wrestling (captain sr. yr.) , and track and field, earning 8 letters.
- Taught English and PE at Romulus HS from 1967-74 and coached Wrestling, Football, and Track and Field.
- Taught 4 individual State runners-up and 6 individual State champs.
- Six times Regional COY and 3 times *News Herald* COY.
- Officer in MWA, worked on Committee to establish MWA Hall of Fame, Michigan Wrestling Club Secretary, AAU Japanese Wrestling Cultural Exchange, 20 yr. chairperson Wrestling Ratings committee, and executive officer of Michigan Class A Wrestling Coaches’ Association.
- Past member Romulus Jaycees and Rotary and Chairman Trenton Rec. Golf League for 20 yrs.
- Jim feels that “one of my greatest accomplishments was making many of my severely handicapped students part of our athletic program.” He also wishes to recognize Warren Spragg, Muddy Waters, Tom Bluhm, Rob Lindsay, and Bradley Smith, who he says, “contributed greatly to my success as great mentors, supporters, and friends.” Finally, he notes that his “… family is the most important part of my life. They have been very supportive of all my coaching endeavors.”
- Wife: Sherry  Children: Bradley and Christine

Marshall Thomas  
*Saginaw High School*

- 1966 graduate of Saginaw HS where he participated in football, basketball, and track & field.
- BA 1971 from Western Michigan University with teaching cert. and math major. Continued to play football, basketball, and run track. Also earned MA in guidance & counseling from WMU.
- Also coached boys track & field, golf, and cross country from 1972-81.
- 8 times Saginaw Valley League Boys Basketball Coach of the Year.
- Member Basketball Coaches Assoc. of Michigan(BCAM) and boys basketball announcer for MHSAA State finals for 4 years.
- Math tutor in community, performs jail ministry and church outreach ministry.
- Marshall wishes to recognize his principal, Wilson Smith and Coach Charles Coles who “were the most influential people during my coaching career.” He also thanks his wife, Yvonne “for allowing me the time to coach, while she was a strong supporter and stabilizer for our family.”
- Wife: Yvonne  Children: Alexis, Natalijia, CeLeste, Julie, and Monica
Bryan Westfield
Ann Arbor Pioneer High School

- 1961 graduate Ann Arbor (Pioneer) HS. He played football and ran track and field (team capt. of both squads).
- BS Cornell University 1965 where he continued to play football and again ran track and served as team captain of both teams. NCAA qualifier in 400 hurdles in 1964 & ’65. Qualified for ’64 Olympic Trials but could not compete because of injury. 6th in USATF Nationals in 1964.
- MA Education from Wayne State University in 1966 and Ed. Specialist Degree from Eastern Michigan Univ. with emphasis on special education 1971.
- Taught and coached at W. J. Maxey Boys Training School from 1966-1978 and coached basketball and track and field.
- Initiated and coached Ann Arbor Youth Track from 1967-present (originally set up before track and field was offered as a MHSAA sanctioned sport)
- Began teaching at Ann Arbor Pioneer HS in 1967 (while still working at W.J. Maxey) and continued through 2008. Coached Girls Cross Country (1978-present) Six State runners-up and 3 State championships. 43 individual all-state athletes and 2 all-Americans. Coached Girls Track and Field (1978-present) Only five dual meet losses in 35 years. 30 league titles, 30 Regional championships, 6 State runners-up, and 16 State titles. Over 200 all-state athletes and 57 all-Americans.
- MITCA Girls Track and Field COY 15 times.
- Former member of Midwest Meet of Champions: Team Michigan coaching staff.
- Member o MITCA, MHSCA, NHSACA and USA Track and Field.
- Established and led Pioneer Gospel Choir and led Pioneer Conditioning Club.
- Bethel AME Church Choir and member of church for over 50 years.
- Bryan thanks his wife of over 50 years, Elaine, whom he declares is a “wonderful woman.” He counts the four national coach of the year honors as a “blessing.” Finally, he expresses his gratitude to the families of all the women athletes from 1967-present.
- Wife: Elaine  Children: Leza, Susan, Crystal, Kenya, and Sharri
MHSCA Hall of Fame

The Michigan High School Coaches Association was founded on the campus of Central Michigan University in 1954. CMU has graciously provided housing for the hall, since 1971. The Hall of Fame is now literally a hall! It has been relocated to the hallway that is the north entrance to the SAC or Student Activities Center, just south of Rose Arena. The entrance is just north of the stone sign for the MHSCA Hall of Fame. It features a 60’ long mural, showcases, and an electronic kiosk, featuring all of the 665 inductees, dating back to 1958. The process of uploading previous inductees is ongoing, but the hall is very impressive. Stop by and visit, if you can.

Qualifications for membership are as follows: 1) one must have served a minimum of twenty-five (25) years in high school coaching and/or athletic administration 2) receive two letters of recommendation from administrators and/or fellow coaches 3) have exemplified service to his/her community, state, and affiliated organizations 4) demonstrated coaching excellence

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Hall of Fame Rings

Reminder, Hall of Fame rings are available through Jostens of Michigan. They are available in men’s and women’s sizes. Any Hall of Fame member or inductee interested in purchasing a ring, or a school group wishing to purchase a ring for an inductee or member, should contact Thomas Alward, Jostens School Product Group, work phone: (810) 658-1700.
MHSCA Hall of Fame

The Michigan High School Coaches Association was founded on the campus of Central Michigan University in 1954. CMU has graciously provided housing for the hall, since 1971. The Hall of Fame is now literally a hall! It has been relocated to the hallway that is the north entrance to the SAC or Student Activities Center, just south of Rose Arena. The entrance is just north of the stone sign for the MHSCA Hall of Fame. It features a 60’ long mural, showcases, and an electronic kiosk, featuring all of the 665 inductees, dating back to 1958. The process of uploading previous inductees is ongoing, but the hall is very impressive. Stop by and visit, if you can.

Qualifications for membership are as follows: 1) one must have served a minimum of twenty-five (25) years in high school coaching and/or athletic administration 2) receive two letters of recommendation from administrators and/or fellow coaches 3) have exemplified service to his/her community, state, and affiliated organizations 4) demonstrated coaching excellence

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“State Coach of the Year Banquet”
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