



Joe Hemberger - Class of 1989

Joe played football and track at Park from 1986-1989. He was a three-year letter winner in football and started his junior and senior year at fullback. He gained nearly 2,000 career yards and scored 26 touchdowns. He averaged 9.2 yards per carry. Joe was All-Conference (1989) and a member of the All-Metro football team.

In track, he was All-Conference all four years, and All-State (1987). He won the State Championship in the 100m and 200m in 1987. He held a state all-time record in the 100m dash with a time of 10.3 seconds. Joe still holds the Park record in the 100m and 200m.

After high school he attended St. Cloud State University. Joe is a Decorated Air Force Veteran. He lives in Cottage Grove and has two children, Allyssa (28) and Joey (27).

Introduced by: Alyssa Dennis

ACCEPTANCE REMARKS:

I would be a fool to think I stand here in this great honor alone, I am completely surrounded by the very things that got me here. Those things being, unwavering love, and the sacrifices of an entire family, this award represents what I couldn't do without you, and what we did together.



H. Butch Moening - Coach/Athletic Director

Butch wore many hats during his time at Park. He was a teacher in the business department. In 1985, he was named the Head Basketball Coach. He was also the Defensive Coordinator for the football team from 1987-1995. In 1996, he became the combined Athletic Director for Park and Woodbury. He held that position until 2003.

His Park basketball teams' won three Conference championships (1989, 1990, 1994). Butch was named Conference Coach of the Year three times, and was Section Coach of the Year twice. In his first two years his teams were 4-37 (9.76%), in his last nine years his teams were 151-60 (71.5%). He is the winningest coach in the history of the program in wins and winning percentage.

Butch also helped lead the football program to multiple conference championships and the program's only state appearance in 1994.

As Athletic Director, Butch helped implement adaptive athletics in the district. Also, he worked to transition Park to the Suburban East Conference. Butch played an instrumental role in getting the referendum passed for Park's Activity Center and was a consultant for the construction and design.

Butch lives in Cottage Grove with his wife Leora.

Introduced by: Rob Bach

ACCEPTANCE REMARKS:

Congratulations to my fellow inductees into the 2022 Park Hall of Fame. Thank you Mr. Rob Bach for nominating me and the committee members for selecting me. I am very humbled to become a member of the prestigious group of individuals that will have their plaques hung in the hall of Fame at Park High School. I would like to thank those people that have supported me throughout my career in District 833, of which there are many! It's been an honor to know and work with you! My career in athletics would be nothing without the student-athletes that have been a part of my life's journey.



Aaron Nelson - Class of 1989

Aaron was a member of the Park basketball team and soccer team from 1985-1989. He was captain of the 1988 conference championship team. He hit five three pointers in the game to come from behind to beat Hastings. On the soccer field, Aaron lettered four times and was the starting goalie his junior and senior years. Park won the conference and section championships in both those years ('87, '88).

In soccer, Aaron was all-conference his junior year. His senior year he was All-Conference, All-Metro, and All-State. He recorded 26 career shutouts which is most by any Park High School goalie. Park defeated St. Paul Academy in the state semi-final game (1988). Aaron made the game-winning save during the shootout.

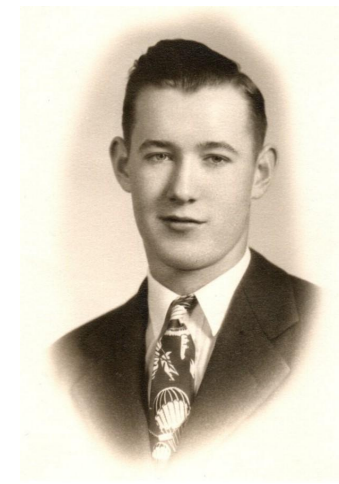
Aaron went on to play division one soccer at the University of Milwaukee Wisconsin. He was a UWM Scholar Athlete three times. Aaron graduated Magna Cum Laude with a double major in philosophy and political science. In 1996, he graduated from University of Wisconsin-Madison law. He is a Criminal Defense Attorney at Nelson Defense Group.

Aaron lives in Hudson and has coached a variety of levels of youth soccer. He is married to Liesl and has two children, Anna (17) and James (19).

Introduced by: Don Gramenz

ACCEPTANCE REMARKS:

I want to especially thank my parents Gary and Peggy Nelson for creating and sustaining a healthy environment for me to grow and flourish, thanks to my brother Brian and sister Barb for always being there to accept, challenge and love me, many thanks to my coaches who helped me strive to be my best on and off the field/court, special thanks to my teammates and friends, especially Don Gramenz and Eric Gorres who were shining examples of what it means to be a captain and leader, and of course many many thanks to my thoughtful and patient wife Liesl, who, while appreciating the glory days, helps me be present here and now, so we can continue to share a future.



James Berfeldt - Class of 1944

Jim attended Park High School (St. Paul Park) from 1940-1944. He participated in baseball, basketball, and football. He was a four-year letter winner in baseball and captain his senior year. Additionally, he lettered three times in football and basketball. Jim played both offense and defense on the football team. He went on to play baseball at Macalester for two years.

Jim was the senior class Salutatorian at Park. He also acted in the junior and senior class plays, played the violin in the orchestra, was a "humor" writer for the school newspaper and was a member of Student Council.

Jim served in the United States Army Air Force and was a WWII Veteran. While in the service he attended the University of Kansas, University of Wyoming and Stanford University.

Jim met his wife, Ruth, at Macalester and they were married for 63 years. Ruth passed away in 2015. They lived on St. Paul's East Side where they raised five children (Carol, Wayne, Sally, Douglas, Gregory). Jim worked for St. Paul Companies Inc. for 33 years. Jim passed away on May 21, 2011.

Introduced by: D.J. Robinson

ACCEPTANCE REMARKS:

The Berfeldt family would like to thank the Hall of Fame Committee for inducting our father into the Park High School Hall of Fame - Class of 2022. We are certain he would be both honored and thrilled to be a part of this group of student-athletes. We also extend a special thanks to his presenter and dear friend, D.J. Robinson.



Rilwan "RJ" Alowonle - Class of 2012

Rilwan is the second Alowonle (Jummy) to be inducted into the Park Hall of Fame. He was a stand out soccer player and track athlete. In soccer, Rilwan was All-Conference (2011, 2012), All-State (2012), Academic All-State (2012) and voted team MVP (2012).

In track, Rilwan won 5 State Championships in the hurdles. During his senior year, he went undefeated on the track. He won the state championship in the triple jump, all hurdle events and his 4 x 100 team won the State Championship. Rilwan holds Park records in 110m hurdles, 300m hurdles (never lost in this event while at PHS), triple jump, 4 x 100 and 400 dash. He also holds the state all-time record in 110m hurdles and 300m hurdles. He won the Gatorade Athlete of the Year in 2012.

After high school, he competed for four years at the University of North Carolina. After college, he qualified for the US Olympic Trials. Rilwan went on to compete for Nigeria internationally.

Rilwan currently lives in Atlanta, GA where he works as a management consultant for Deloitte and Touche. In addition to his role as a consultant, Rilwan also trains and competes for Team Nigeria in the 400m hurdles. Rilwan is single without children, but is kept busy by his eight nieces and nephews.

Introduced by: Mike Moran

ACCEPTANCE REMARKS:

I'm honored to be welcomed into this exclusive fraternity of Park's greatest athletes, coaches, and staff. No accomplishment this big could've been achieved alone, and I'm thankful for all the family, teammates, friends, coaches, teachers, and community members who have helped me along the way. In Nigerian culture, there's a saying, "It takes a village to raise a child." This award is not only for me, but for the entire village that played a role in propping me up to this point. So to those who are still with us and those who have passed, thank you!



Kelley Burke Puppe - Class of 1986

Kelley attended Park from 1982-1986. She was awarded a combined ten letters in soccer, track, and basketball. Her Freshman year ('82) was the first year of girls soccer at Park (co-op with Woodbury). Kelley started every varsity soccer game for all four years. She was All-Conference three times, and was the first female to win All-State honors in soccer. Park went to the State Tournament her senior year ('85).

After high school, Kelley went on to play soccer at St. Mary's college in Winona. Kelley came back to coach at Park with Coach Juba from 1992-1995. She coached a variety of levels and had a great impact on her players. She was a tough player and coached her teams to play the same way.

She completed a doctorate in nursing practice from the University of Minnesota. She is a nurse practitioner in the Twin Cities with an outpatient practice in psychiatry/mental health.

Kelley lives in Woodbury with her husband, Ron. They have three daughters Isabelle (23), Leah (18) and Michelle (18).

Introduced by: Toni Gillen

ACCEPTANCE REMARKS:

Thank you PHS Hall of fame Committee for including me in the class of 2022 inductees. It is truly an honor. I would also like to thank my parents Alice and Jim for never missing a game and my siblings Tracy and Jamie for being born first. Thank you Toni for giving me an enduring friendship. Thank you to Mike Walseth for 10th grade basketball and Gordie Urdahl for teaching me how to play basketball. Thank you Greg Juba for this nomination and for the positive influence you had in my young life. To my daughters: Michelle, Leah, and Isabelle, thank you for teaching me how to love unconditionally. And to my husband Ron, who is always my biggest fan.

Past Inductees

2021

Seth Appert - Athlete-1992
Cherie Bien-Coffman - Advisor / Coach
Doug Ekmark - Coach
Briana (Westlund) Stanley - Athlete-2009
Rachel (Miller) Steinlage - Athlete-1998

2019

Ashley (Homan) Bailey - Athlete-2004
Tom Busch - Athlete-2003
Joel Jensen - Athlete-1991
Daniel Stratton - Athlete-1977
Scott Swanson - Athlete-1993

2018

Tim "Corny" Cornwell - Athlete-1973
Gary Fehrman - Coach
Dale Howe - Athlete-1974
Jackie Voigt - Athlete-2008
Lauren (Burks) Zidon - Athlete-2002
1993 Park Softball Team

2017

Dale Alberts - Athlete-1966
Bill Hickman - Coach
Jim Scanlan - Athlete-1978
Ashley Smith - Athlete-2002
Jim Solem - Athlete-1985

2016

Marie (Borner) Ferda - Athlete-2005
Jim Hinz - Athlete-1964
Tom Patterson - Athlete-1966 / Coach
Jennifer Pfeiffer - Athlete-1991
Charles Whitbred, Jr - Athlete-1944

2015

Jummy (Alowonle) Barlass-Athlete-2001
Katie (Hirte) Fellows - Athlete-1998
Greg Juba - Coach
Richard (Dick) Perkins - Athlete-1970
Richard (Dick) Pribnow - Athlete-1954
1990 Park Girls Soccer Team

2014

Anne (Arlich) Gorres - Athlete-1989
Marv Jorde - Coach
Kate Schwartz - Athlete-1996
Liz Parr-Smestad - Athlete-1980
George Wilkie - Athlete -1958

2013

Kara (Bloomquist) Drekonja-Athlete-1992
Vernon Hall - Athlete-1945
Kristen (Schmidt) Soukup - Athlete-2002
Daniel Storlien - Athlete-1989
Henry A. Tressel - Coach
1988 Girls Track & Field Team

2012

Steve Duval - Athlete-1986
Donna Goenne - Community Member
Mike Lence - Athlete-1970
Duane Sorenson - Athlete-1973/Coach
Al Wilkie - Athlete-1959/Community
Member

2011

Jerome Detviler (JD) - Coach / Teacher
Bill Hare - Athlete-1961
Norman H. Larsen - Coach/Athletic
Director
Leslie (Bloedel) Mollner - Athlete-1989
Timothe Michael Scanlon - Athlete-1979

- 4:30 Social Hour
- 5:45 Group Picture of 2022 Inductees
- 5:50 Group Picture of Past Inductees
- 6:00 Welcome and Inductees Introduction
- 6:05 Dinner
- 7:00 Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

Induction Class of 2022

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Kelley Burke Puppe - Athlete - Class of 1986



2010

Anton Modrynski - Athlete-1952
Luke Appert - Athlete-1999
Patrick Waldner - Athlete-1946
Charlie Whitbred - Athlete-1968
Michelle (Nelson) LeBow - Athlete-1987

2009

Robert Blad - Athlete-1959
Jeff Foote - Athlete-1991
Don Gramenz - Athlete-1989
Jeff Nelson - Athlete-1983
Darcie (Dietz) Young - Athlete-1989

2008

Marci (Olson) Anderson - Athlete-1981
Patrick Dufour - Athlete-1965
Perry Fink - Athlete-1985
John Mausolf- Athlete-1955 / Community Member
Trisha (Tinucci) Rinzel - Athlete-1987

2007

Jason Boon - Athlete-1992
Robert Briggs - Athlete-1959
Monica Koyama - Athlete-1989
Kerry Ligtenberg - Athlete-1989
Jim Riesselman - Athlete-1964/Coach

2006

Jen Bauer - Athlete-993
Larry Costigan - Teacher / Coach
Roger Jehlicka - Athlete-1965
Bill Kroschel - Coach - Athlete-1966
Shannon (Scibilia) Skally - Athlete-1991

2005

Glenn Bourquin - Athlete-1975
George Chavez - Community Member
Dick Edwards - Athlete-1957
Dean Houdek - Teacher / Coach
Sam Jacobson - Athlete-1994
Janine Nelson - Athlete-1986
Laura Peters - Athlete-1994
Roger Pribnow - Athlete-1957
Granville Smith - Teacher / Coach
Mike Walseth - Athlete-1966 / Coach

Past Scholarship Recipients

Each spring, the Park High School Hall of Fame awards two Park High School senior athletes a scholarship based on academic achievement, school and community involvement, leadership roles, a coach's appraisal and a personal essay. Over the past 6 years the following students have received a combined \$11,500 in scholarship money.

Class of 2022

Kate Townsend & Logan Lucas

Class of 2021

Carissa Oberding & Henry Fischer

Class of 2020

Addy Walton & Jake Kuemmel

Class of 2019

Katelyn Wollschlager & Michael Gille

Class of 2018

Tina Press & Andrew Drigans

Class of 2017

Belle DeGeus & Mack Christianson



The 5th Annual Hall of Fame Rise Up! Breakfast will take place on Wednesday, June 21, 2023 at 8:00am at River Oaks Golf Course and Event Center.

The 16th Annual Hall of Fame Golf Fundraiser will take place on Sunday, August 13, 2023 at 1:00pm at River Oaks Golf Course and Event Center.

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**The 2022
Induction Ceremony
Saturday, November 19, 2022
River Oaks Golf Course and Event Center**