



## Mary Turitto - Class of 2013

Mary participated in hockey and softball at Park. In hockey, she totaled 65 goals and 43 assists in her career. She was awarded All-Conference twice. In softball, she was awarded numerous All-Conference awards along with All-State and All-Metro honors. In 2013, she was a Ms. Softball finalist. In addition to being a stand out athlete, she excelled in the classroom. In 2013, she won the President's Education Award, Washington County Commissioners Award, and the United States Marine Corp Award.

Mary went on to play softball at Winona State and Indiana State University. In 2104, Winona won the NSIC Championship. At Indiana State in 2015, they won the MVC Championship.

Mary is a Sergeant Minnesota State Trooper and Recruitment Coordinator. She is married to Kris Miller and they have a daughter named Ainsley.

**Introduced by: Charlie Whitbred**

### **ACCEPTANCE REMARKS:**

I am honored and humbled to have been selected for induction into the PHS-Athletic HoF. I would like to express my gratitude to the committee for considering me for this prestigious honor. The school's commitment to excellence, sportsmanship, and fostering a sense of community has had an impact on my personal and athletic development. I am honored to be joining the ranks of the exceptional coaches and athletes who have previously been inducted. Their accomplishments and legacies serve as a constant source of inspiration, and I am proud to be counted among them. Please accept my acceptance of this incredible honor.

# Past Inductees

## 2023

Larissa Nichole Lurken - Athlete-2013  
Sara (Nast) Palodichuk - Athlete-1988  
Steve Romanchuk - Coach  
Allie Thalhuber Seivert - Athlete-2012  
Daniel Walseth - Athlete-1981

## 2022

Rilwan "RJ" Alowonle - Athlete-2012  
James Berfeldt - Athlete-1944  
Joe Hemberger - Athlete-1989  
H. Butch Moening - Coach / Athletic Director  
Aaron Nelson - Athlete-1989  
Kelley Burke Puppe - Athlete-1986

## 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



## Mark L. Sikich - Coach

This last football season was Mark's 41st as a coach. He has spent 36 of those years at Park. From 1986-2000, Park's record in the St. Paul Suburban Conference was 99-9. In the newly formed Suburban East Conference, from 2001-2011, Park was 69-27. Mark was a premier gymnastics coach at Park for decades. From 1985-2014, Mark's gymnastics teams won 16 Section 3AA Championships. The team won a State Championship in 2003-2004. He has coached 124 gymnasts that have received All-American honors. Mark has coached numerous other sports and is currently the girls golf coach.

Mark was voted MSHSL AA State Coach of the Year in 1998, 2002 and 2012. He was inducted into the Minnesota Girls Gymnastics Hall of Fame in 2002. Mark became a member of Concordia St. Paul's Hall of Fame in 2008, and the Midwest Amateur Gymnastics Association in 2023.

Mark lives in Cottage Grove with his wife Cathy Rose-Sikich. They have two children, Chris and Tessa.

**Introduced by: Mike Amidon & Doug Ekmark**

### ACCEPTANCE REMARKS:

I am extremely humbled and honored to be inducted into the 2024 Park HOF. I was blessed with the coaching opportunities given to me by Doug Ekmark (football) and Mike Amidon (gymnastics). I will forever be grateful to them for trusting me to coach the athletes at Park. They taught me how to guide and mentor our athletes! The greatest joy in my coaching career was to coach my own children Chris and Tessa! My wife, Cathy, has given me unending support. My family's love throughout the years was a driving force that has helped keep me in the coaching ranks.



## Mike Moran - Class of 1980 / Coach

Mike contributed to Park as a student-athlete, teacher, and coach. As an athlete Mike was a member of the cross country and track team. In cross country, at the time of his graduation, he held the school record in the 5,000 meters. He was also voted Most Valuable in 1979. As a track athlete, Mike lettered three times. In 1980, he held the school record in the 800 meters with a time of 1:54.36. His sprint medley relay team took third place at the state tournament in 1980. To round out his senior year he won the state championship in the 800 meters. He was named All-American Honorable Mention in 1980.

As the cross country coach at Park, Mike coached 19 individual state meet qualifiers. As the track coach, in 2012, his 4x100 relay won the state championship. Additionally, the 2012 track and field team was state runner up. Mike coached many exceptional athletes including Jason Boon (4-time state champion), and R.J. Alowonle (6-time individual state champion).

Mike went to the University of Minnesota. He earned All-Big Ten honors four times in indoor track and two times in outdoor track. Mike earned a trip to nationals in 1983 in the indoor 800 meters. In 1984, Mike was the Big-Ten champion in the 800 meters.

Mike lives in Mendota Heights with his wife Theresa. They have two children, Molly and Matt.

**Introduced by: Molly Moran**

### **ACCEPTANCE REMARKS:**

Being elected to the Park Hall of Fame is truly a great honor. I want to thank the committee and others for making this happen. I also would like to thank my parents for encouraging me to be involved in sports, my high school and college coaches, my wife for being a track widow for 30 years, and my kids for allowing me to coach them at Park. I also would like to thank the many co-coaches I have had over the years, you cannot successfully coach alone. I know I could not have asked for a better running and coaching career.

### **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

### **2010**

Anton Modrynski - Athlete-1952  
Luke Appert - Athlete-1999  
Patrick Waldner - Athlete-1946  
Charlie Whitbred - Athlete-1968 / Coach  
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

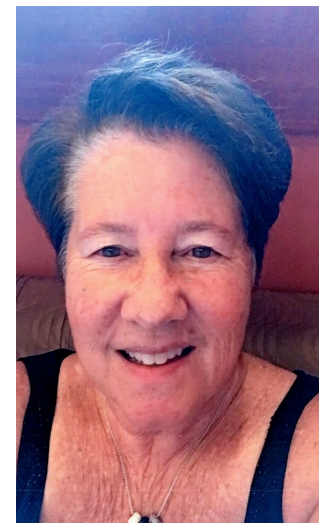
Jason Boon - Athlete-1992  
Robert Briggs - Athlete-1959  
Monica Koyama - Athlete-1989  
Kerry Ligtenberg - Athlete-1989  
Jim Riesselman - Athlete-1964 / Coach

## 2006

Jen Bauer - Athlete-1993  
Larry Costigan - Teacher / Coach  
Roger Jehlicka - Athlete-1965  
Bill Kroschel - Athlete-1966 / Coach  
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



## Peggy Shannon Lahr - Class of 1973

Gymnastics was the only team sport for women during Peggy's high school years. She joined the Park gymnastics team in 7th grade. She focused on floor exercise, balance beam, and the vault. The Park gymnastics team placed 1st at the conference meet her sophomore year. She earned 24 first place awards during her three years at Park. She was the first female athlete at Park to be named to the St. Paul Suburban All-Conference team. Peggy also participated in swimming, track and softball through the Girls Athletic Association - GAA. She was voted Most Athletic by her senior class in 1973. Peggy coached gymnastics at Oltman Junior High from 1973-1974.

After high school Peggy attended Century College. She worked at 3M for 44 years and is now retired.

She lives in Woodbury with her husband Terry and has two children Shannon and Kaitlin.

**Introduced by: Terry Shannon Gieser**

### ACCEPTANCE REMARKS:

I want to thank my sister Terry, who was also on the gymnastics team, for introducing me. And secondly, I would like to thank Tim Cornwell for nominating me for this wonderful recognition. I am honored to be recognized. And congratulations to all of this year's inductees. I would also like to thank my mom, Mary Lou, my dad Neil, my sister Terry and brothers Tim, Tom and Bob for putting up with all of my activities during our high school years. I would also like to acknowledge my coaches throughout my junior/senior high school years: Miss Marsh, Mrs. Elaine Dixon Hedin, Miss Branderhoff and Mrs. Beth Reidenbach for instilling in me the desire to achieve all of the opportunities that were possible through their coaching abilities. I would also like to thank all of my teammates for their friendship and support.



## Greg Gutterman - Class of 1984

Greg was a multi-sport athlete playing football, hockey and baseball for Park. He was the leading rusher for the football team and was a “Pioneer Press Player to Watch.” Greg was an All-Conference hockey player, and went on to play Division 1 hockey at the United States Air Force Academy.

At the United States Air Force Academy, he played 86 games over three seasons. During that time, he totaled 82 points (38 goals, 44 assists). Greg coached many different levels of hockey for over 20 years, including seven years of college hockey at University of Dayton and Utah State University. As of being nominated, he was in his 7th year as the Beavercreek Ohio High School head hockey coach with a record of 160-69-18.

In 2016, Greg founded “The Academy Hockey Club” to expand hockey in Southwestern Ohio. The club provides the equipment, ice time and instruction to anyone interested. The club has expanded every year and now has multiple sponsors. In 2021, Greg was recognized for his efforts and selected as a finalist for the NHL Stick Tap for Service Award earning \$5,000 for the club.

Greg served our nation for 30 years and is retired as a U.S. Air Force Brigadier General. He lives in Ohio with his wife Leslie. They have three children, Breanna, Cole, and Amber.

**Introduced by: Tony Gutterman**

### **ACCEPTANCE REMARKS:**

THANK YOU! Thank you to Chip and Tony for nominating me for this prestigious honor. Thank you to the Park High School Hall of Fame Committee for inducting me. Finally, thank you to my family, teammates, teachers, and coaches. These instrumental mentors ingrained in my psyche three incredibly important thoughts. First, that hard work was the key to success. Second, that nobody would believe in you, if you didn’t believe in yourself. And third, have the grit required to never give up trying. These are the three traits of life-long success, and I learned them while growing up in Cottage Grove, Minnesota.

# 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 8 years the following students have received a combined \$17,500 in scholarship money.

### **Class of 2024**

Tori Stepka & Joey Runion

### **Class of 2023**

Emma Ambroz & Justin Kasa

### **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

# Upcoming Hall of Fame Events

The 6th Annual Hall of Fame Rise Up! Breakfast will take place on Wednesday, June 18, 2025 at 8:00am at River Oaks Golf Course and Event Center.

The 17th Annual Hall of Fame Golf and the 2nd Annual Hall of Fame Bocce Fundraisers will take place on Sunday, August 10, 2025 at 1:00pm and 3:00pm respectively at River Oaks Golf Course and Event Center.



## Nominate someone for the Hall of Fame

People often ask, “why isn’t so-and-so in the Hall of Fame?” The simple answer is they probably have not been nominated by anyone.

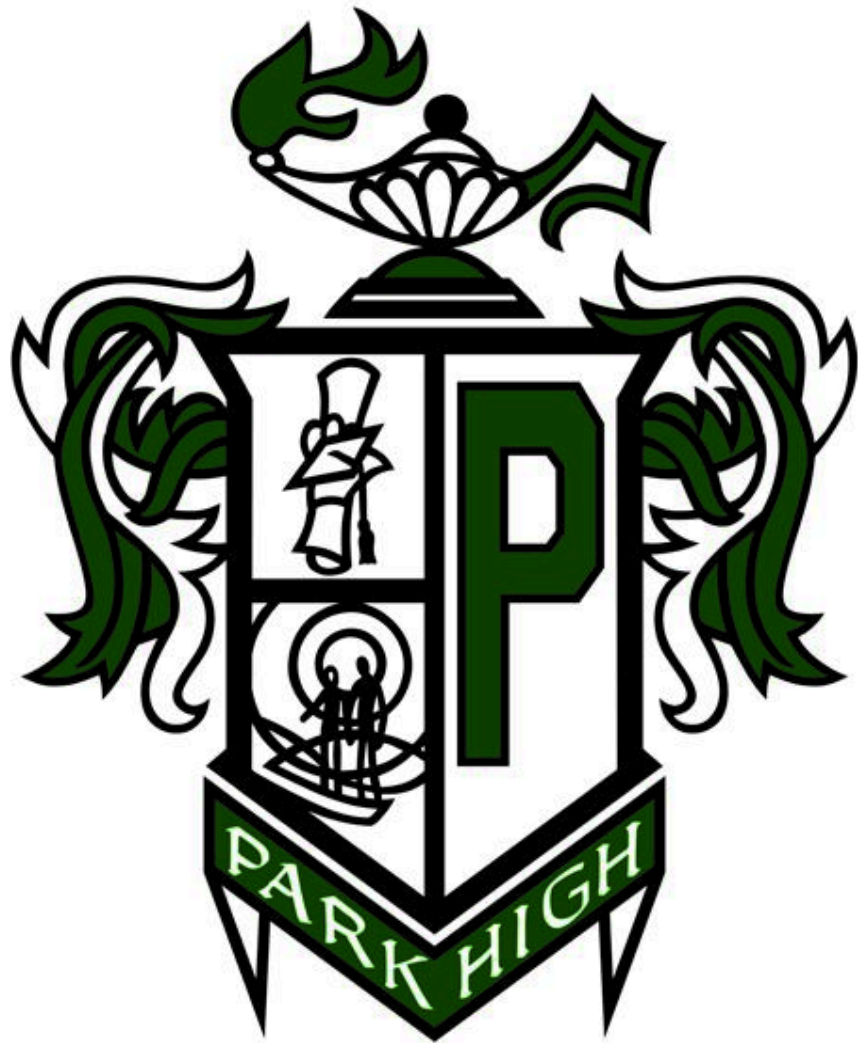
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- 4:30 Social Hour
- 5:45 Group Picture of 2024 Inductees
- 5:50 Group Picture of Past Inductees
- 6:00 Welcome and Inductees Introduction
- 6:05 Dinner
- 7:00 Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

## Induction Class of 2024

- Greg Gutterman** - Athlete - Class of 1984
- Peggy Shannon Lahr** - Athlete - Class of 1973
- Mike Moran** - Coach/Athlete - Class of 1980
- Mark L. Sikich** - Coach
- Mary Turitto** - Athlete - Class of 2013



2023 Inductees



2023 and Past Inductees



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**The 2024  
Induction Ceremony  
Saturday, November 23, 2024  
River Oaks Golf Course and Event Center**