



Montana High School Association

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TO: ALL MONTANA MEDIA OUTLETS

FROM: MARK BECKMAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

RE: 2011 MHSA ATHLETES' HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

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The Montana High School Association is proud to announce its thirteenth list of inductees to the MHSA Athletes' Hall of Fame.

There are six inductees for 2011 including Mandi Carver, Ken Christison, Wayne Edwards, Brian Morris, Natalie Streeter-Chamberlain and Kermit Young.

The MHSA Athletes Hall of Fame consists of two nomination categories: "Modern Era" and "Old Timer." The Old Timer category is for nominees who have graduated at least fifty years prior to the induction year. All of this year's inductees are from the Modern Era category, except Christison, who is this year's Old Timer inductee.

Christison excelled in football, basketball and track and field for Flathead High School from 1956-1960. In his junior year Christison quarterbacked the Braves to the state championship throwing two touchdown passes and running for another in Flathead's 39-13 win over Helena. He earned First Team All-State honors at quarterback and linebacker that year. In his senior year, Christison converted to running back because of an injury to his throwing hand. He led the Braves to consecutive state championships and earned All-State honors at linebacker that year. Christison won the javelin title in both his junior and senior year, breaking the record that stood for 22 years in that event. Christison attended Montana State University earning first team All Big Sky honors at quarterback his senior year and also setting school records in the javelin during his tenure. He is retired and resides in Mill Valley, California.

Morris was a tremendous student-athlete for Butte Central Catholic High School graduating in 1982. He excelled in football, basketball and track and field for the Maroons. During his high school football career he was named a First Team All-State selection at tight end his junior year and in his senior season was named First Team All-State in four different positions: running back, defensive back, punter and kicker. In track and field, Morris dominated the hurdles winning both the 110-meter and 300-meter hurdle races at the state meet in 1982. Morris attended Stanford University where he started at fullback for the Cardinal. He resides in Helena with his wife and three boys where he serves as a Justice on the Montana State Supreme Court.

Streeter-Chamberlain excelled in basketball and track and field at Great Falls High School graduating in 1983. During her high school basketball career she played on teams that amassed 71 consecutive high school victories winning three state championships. She was recognized as a First Team All-State selection in her senior year. Steeter also holds school records for the shot put and javelin at Great Falls High with her team winning the state championship in 1983. She attended the University of Montana where she was a four year letter winner for the Lady Griz. Steeter resides in Helena where she and her husband are busy raising two boys.

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Young graduated from Fairfield High School in 1961. He participated in basketball, football and track and field for the Eagles. In his sophomore year, Fairfield won the state basketball championship and he was selected as First Team All-State. Young still holds the school discus record setting it in 1961. He also won state titles in the shot put and discus and placed third in the high hurdles. Young played college basketball at Montana State University and was inducted into the MSU Basketball Hall of Fame. Young is a retired teacher, coach and school administrator who now resides with his wife in Nevada City, California.

Edwards was a phenomenal student-athlete for Denton High School from 1967-1971. Known as the "Denton Flash", he excelled in football, basketball and track and field for the Trojans. He earned All-State honors in basketball and track and field for three years. Edwards amassed many football state records during his playing years including most touchdowns in one game – nine, most rushing yards in one game – 430, most rushing yards for a season – 1,800 (in seven games) and most rushing yards for a career – 5,060. In his senior year during the track and field season, he also won the state championship in the 100 yard dash and 220 yard dash and placed second in the shot put and fourth in the discus. Edwards received a football scholarship at Montana State University and earned All Big Sky honors as a running back. He and his wife reside in Denton and are proud parents of three daughters.

Carver graduated from Beaverhead County High School (Dillon) in 1998. Carver was an outstanding student-athlete for the Lady Beavers participating in volleyball, basketball and track and field. She was a First Team All-State volleyball player in her senior year. In basketball, she was a three year First Team All-State selection and her team finished as state runner-ups two years and won the state championship in 1995. She holds many school records in basketball including most field goals in a game – thirteen, most field goals in a career – 440, and most career rebounds -716. In track and field, Carver placed second in the high jump twice and garnered First Team All-State honors three times. Carver went to play basketball for Idaho State University where she was the schools all time leading scorer and broke school records in five other categories. Carver played professional basketball for seven years and is now coaching at California State University in Bakersfield.

The MHSAA has partnered with Wendy's of Montana and Rocky Mountain College to provide a physical location for our MHSAA Athletes' Hall of Fame. On January 15, 2011, the MHSAA will have a ceremony for the unveiling of the the Montana High School Association Athletes' Hall of Fame at Rocky Mountain College Fortin Center. Also, there is a page on the MHSAA website (www.mhsaa.org) dedicated to all of the inductees.

If you have any question regarding the MHSAA Hall of Fame please contact Brian Michelotti, Assistant Director at the MHSAA office.

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