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MHSSCA: Softball
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Cross Country
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MHSCA Announces the Hall of Fame Induction Class of 2017

Mt. Pleasant, MI The doors to the Michigan High School Coaches' Association "Hall of Fame" will swing open once more on September 17, 2017. A formal induction of the Class of 2017 will take place in the Terrace Room of the Bovee University Center on the campus of Central Michigan University.

The coaches listed below make up the 2017 MHSCA Hall of Fame inductees:

Roger Buntun	L'Anse Creuse High School North, Macomb
Gary Cook	Jenison High School
Bob Czarnecki	Trenton High School
Jim Goorman	Western Michigan Christian High School, Muskegon
Michael Krogel	Woodhaven High School
Jean LaClair	Bronson High School
James Lahmann	New Lothrop High School
Jim Maier	Lakeshore High School, Stevensville
Don Markel	Cass City High School
Ed Mehlberg	Oakland Christian High School, Auburn Hills
Frank Musser	Belleville High School
Donald Palmer	Hartland High School
Mike Phelps	Holland Christian High School
Mark Sobieralski	Gross Pointe South High School
Fred Thomann	Salem High School, Canton
Paul Verska	De La Salle Collegiate, Warren

Anyone interested in attending the banquet needs complete the enclosed ticket request form. For more information contact Mark F. Holdren at mholdren@portlandk12.org.

Jim Okler receives the Dwight T. Keith Award, NHSACA



The Dwight T. Keith Award is the highest national award that the National High School Athletic Coaches Association can bestow on an individual. It is given to recognize and honor a person who has made outstanding contribution to high school interscholastic athletics and the coaching profession. This year's recipient is Jim Okler from Grosse Ile, Michigan. Mr. Okler represents the best qualities for this award and sets a high standard for future recipients.

Coach Okler has served and led Michigan High School coaches for thirty-seven years. He has been a member of the MITCA since 1981 and was their President in 1999. He was also a member of the MHSCA since 1981 and was their President in 2002. He has represented Michigan coaches well on the National level by serving as President of the NHSACA in 2010. Each one of these leadership roles involves five years of commitment, ascending through the various Executive Positions before becoming President. Currently he is leading Michigan coaches as the MHSCA Executive Director.

Jim as also been busy as an athletic director. He started as an assistant AD while he was still coaching and has been the lead AD at Grosse Ile since 1995 supervising 72 coaches, 30 varsity sports, and 26 sub varsity sports for high school and middle school. A testament to Jim's hard work is the 98% of the district's enrollment participates in an athletic activity. Interestingly, the graduation rate is 96%, far above the national average. For his efforts and hard work, he has been recognized as the MIAAA Athletic Director of the Year.

The NHSACA is very proud to present the 2017 Dwight T. Keith Award to Jim Okler.

<u>Association Clinic Update</u>
Baseball: January 12-13, 2018 @ Soaring Eagle, Mt. Pleasant
Basketball: October 14-15, 2017 @ Oakland University Contact: Dennis Hopkins dhopkins@oaklandchristian.com
Bowling : TBA Site: TBA
MITCA; Cross Country: November 10-11, 2017 @ Comfort Inn, Mt. Pleasant
Competitive Cheer: TBA @ TBA
Football: January 2018 @ TBA
Golf: February 18, 2018 @ MSU Golf Facility
Gymnastics : N/A
Men's Lacrosse: Hall of Fame Game May 13 @ Northville HS
Skiing: N/A
Softball: February 10-11, 2018 @ Causeway Bay, Lansing
Swimming: September 15, 2017 Site: McCamly Plaza Hotel
Tennis; February TBA, 2018 Site: Troy Marriott
Track & Field: February 2-4, 2017 Site: Causeway Bay, Lansing
Volleyball: April 21-22, 2017 @ East Lansing High School
Wrestling: October 28, 2017 @ Mt. Pleasant, Comfort Inn
MIAAA: March 16, 2018 @ Traverse City
NHSACA Convention: June



National Coach of the Year Winner

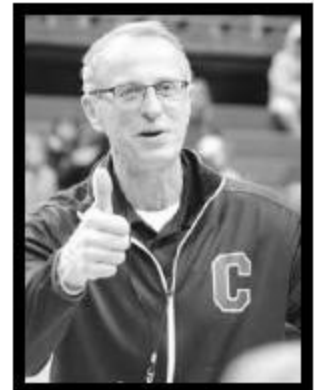


Soccer
John Conlon
East Kentwood High School

National Coach of the Year Finalists



Assistant Boys' Coach
Stephanie Olsen
Fenton High School



Boys' Basketball
Dan Fife
Clarkston High School



Boys' Cross Country
Cliff Somers
Fremont High School



Girls' Cross Country
Emily Kloss
Harbor Springs High School



Golf
Nancy J. Johnson
Greenville High School



Swimming
Jim Lawrence
Trenton High School



Tennis
Peter Militzer
Portage Central High School



Volleyball
Jean LaClair
Bronson High School



Wrestling
Tim Roberts
Dundee High School



2016 MHSCA Coach of the Year



Front Row (left to right): **Charlie Zeiter**, Skiing—Mt. Pleasant; **Martha Zeiter**, Skiing—Mt. Pleasant; **Kathy Breece**, Softball—Traverse City West; **Susan Wood**, Competitive Cheer—Rochester; **Bridget (Dale) Harvel**, Football—Detroit Martin Luther King; **Emily Kloss**, Girl's Cross Country—Harbor Springs; **Jill Feldpausch**, Girl's Track and Field—Fowler

Middle Row (left to right): **Sal Konkle**, Basketball—Marshall; **Greg Durham**, Boy's Lacrosse—Northville; **Eric Gajar**, Boy's Tennis—Ann Arbor Greenhills; **Mitch Lutzke**, Boy's Track & Field—Williamston; **Dan Young**, Girl's Golf—Plymouth; **Patrick Donnelly**, Boy's Basketball—U of D Jesuit; **Cliff Sommers**, Boy's Cross Country—Fremont; **Jim D'Angelo**, Girl's Tennis—Mason; **Todd Reichard**, Girl's Bowling—Vandercook Lake

Back Row (left to right): **Thomas Kudwa**, Girl's Tennis—Ludington; **Jim Caserta**, Boy's Baseball—Holland Christian; **Dave Freddette**, Longevity Award—50 years; **Jim Singelyn**, Boy's Lacrosse—DeLaSalle; **David Pratt**, Wrestling—Springport; **Robert Ariss**, Boy's Bowling—Owosso

MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL COACHES ASSOCIATION HALL OF FAME APPLICATION

Criteria for Application: Only persons who have coached and or directed a secondary school athletics program for 25 years or more and actively coached in Michigan for a minimum of 10 years are eligible for the MHSCA Hall of Fame. The applicant must have been a member of the association (MHSCA), in good standing, and an active member of the association two years prior to nomination into the Hall of Fame. In addition to the application, the nominee will need to have two letters of support sent to the address at the bottom.

Contact Information

Date of Birth: _____

Name of Candidate: _____ Phone: _____

Home Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Candidate E-mail: (please print carefully) _____

School _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Athletic Director Name: _____ Phone: _____

E-Mail Address _____ FAX Number _____

Nominator's Name: _____ Phone: _____

Home Address _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail: (please print carefully) _____

Coaching and/or Athletic Director Record (Please include all that you can on this form)

School	Sport	Years	# of Seasons	Won-Loss Record, Summary
Example Smithville HS	Basketball	1969—2008	48	600-20; 34 League, 20 Reg. 10 State Titles
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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Number of years as a Coach: _____ Number of years as an Athletic Director: _____ Combined Total: _____

Coaching Honors Listed:

Service to Sports Associations and/or Community (sports associations, committees, leadership roles, service clubs, church organizations, etc.)

Please send application, photograph (5 x 7) and have 2 letters of support forwarded to:

Mr. Mark Holdren, 854 Marshall Street, Portland, MI 48875

For more information contact: mholdren@portlandk12.org or call: 517-526-4575

MHSCA Hall of Fame Ticket Information
(Feel Free to Photocopy and Distribute)

The 59th Annual Hall of Fame Induction ceremony will be held on the campus of Central Michigan University in the Bovee University Center – Terrace Room at **1:00pm on September 17, 2017.**

The MHSCA Hall of Fame Induction ceremony consists of a cash bar, cold hors d’oeuvres, a two entrée buffet, dessert, and induction presentations of Hall of Fame Class of 2017.

Address: Bovee University Center, 103 East Preston Street, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48859

For more information contact: Mark F. Holdren
Cell: 517-526-4575
E-mail: mholdren@portlandk12.org

The Hall of Fame Banquet and Induction Ceremony is a special event that should be shared by family, friends, colleagues, former athletes, and school administrators. Please feel free to distribute this sheet to the people that should be a part of this event.

Please order tickets early because space is limited. The deadline for ordering tickets is **September 8, 2017.**

*****TICKET CONFIRMATION RECEIPT AND TICKETS WILL BE SENT VIA E-MAIL*****

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SEND HALL OF FAME BANQUET TICKETS

Enclosed is a check or money order paid to: MHSCA for Hall of Fame Banquet tickets. (DO NOT SEND CASH).

Send to: **Mark Holdren, MHSCA Executive Secretary**
854 Marshall Street
Portland, MI 48875

PLEASE send me _____ (number) Hall of Fame Banquet tickets @ \$35.00 = \$ _____ (enclosed payment) to the following E-MAIL address.

_____ (your name)

_____ (your e-mail address)

_____ (your telephone number)

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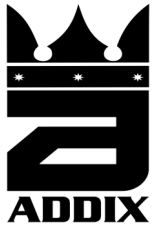
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MHSCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES CALENDAR

- Board of Directors Fall Board Meeting & Hall of Fame Inductions
September 17, 2017
@ CMU Mt. Pleasant
- Board of Directors Winter Board Meeting & Coach of the Year Recognitions November 12, 2017
@ Ramada Convention Center,
Lansing

