

The Park High School  
Hall of Fame Committee  
would like to thank  
Mississippi Dunes Golf Course  
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*The 2013  
Induction Ceremony*

November 23, 2013  
Mississippi Dunes Golf Course



### **Class of 2009**

**Robert Blad - Athlete '59**

**Jeff Foote - Athlete '91**

**Don Gramenz - Athlete '89**

**Jeff Nelson - Athlete '83**

**Darcie (Dietz) Young - Athlete '89**

### **Class of 2010**

**Luke Appert - Athlete '99**

**Michelle (Nelson) LeBow - Athlete '87**

**Anton Modrynski - Athlete '52**

**Patrick Waldner - Athlete '46**

**Charlie Whitbred - Athlete '68/Coach**

### **Class of 2011**

**Jerome Detviler - Coach/Athlete '68**

**Bill Hare - Athlete '61**

**Norman H. Larson - Coach/Athletic Director**

**Leslie (Bloedel) Moller - Athlete '89**

**Timothy Scanlan - Athlete '79**

### **Class of 2012**

**Steve Duval - Athlete '86**

**Donna Goenne - Community Member**

**Mike Lence - Athlete '70**

**Duane Sorenson - Athlete '73/Coach**

**Al Wilkie - Athlete '59/Community Member**

## Past Inductions Classes

### **Class of 2005**

**Glenn Bourquin** - Athlete '75  
**George Chavez** - Community Member  
**Richard Edwards** - Athlete '57  
**Dean Houdek** - Coach  
**Sam Jacobson** - Athlete '94  
**Janine Nelson** - Athlete '86  
**Laura Peters** - Athlete '94  
**Roger Pribnow** - Athlete '57  
**Granville Smith** - Coach  
**Mike Walseth** - Athlete '66/Coach

### **Class of 2006**

**Jennifer Bauer** - Athlete '93  
**Larry Costigan** - Teacher/Coach  
**Rodger Jehlicka** - Athlete '65  
**Bill Kroschel** - Athlete '66/Coach  
**Shannon (Scibilia) Skally** - Athlete '91

### **Class of 2007**

**Jason Boon** - Athlete '92  
**Robert Briggs** - Athlete '59  
**Monica Koyama** - Athlete '89  
**Kerry Ligtenberg** - Athlete '89  
**Jim Riesselman** - Athlete '64/Coach

### **Class of 2008**

**Marci (Olson) Anderson** - Athlete '81  
**Patrick Dufour** - Athlete '65  
**Perry Fink** - Athlete '85  
**John Mausolf** - Athlete '55/Community Member  
**Tricia (Tinucci) Rinzel** - Athlete '87

## ***Program***

5:00 *Social Hour*

5:50 *Group Picture of 2013 Inductees*

6:00 *Welcome and Inductees Introduction*  
**Phil Kuemmel**  
**Activities Director**

6:05 *Dinner*

7:00 *Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony*

## **Induction Class of 2013**

**Kara (Bloomquist) Drekonja** - *Athlete*

**Vernon Hall** - *Athlete*

**Kristen (Schmidt) Soukup** - *Athlete*

**Daniel Storlien** - *Athlete*

**Henry Tressel** - *Coach*

**1998 Girls Track and Field** - *Team*



**Kara (Bloomquist) Drekonja**  
**CLASS OF 1992**

Kara (Bloomquist) Drekonja was a three-sport letter winner in cross-country, Nordic skiing and track and field at Park High. In addition to earning All-Conference honors in cross-country and track, Kara qualified for the state meet in the 800 meter run her senior year.

Kara went on to compete in both cross-country and track at Gustavus Adolphus College where she earned All-American honors and continues to hold numerous school records. Kara was inducted into the Gustavus Adolphus College Hall of Fame in October 2012 for Track and Field and Cross-Country. Currently, Kara is employed by Minneapolis VA Medical Center as a Research Nurse Coordinator. She is married to Dimitri Drekonja and has two sons, Andreas and Steffan.

**Introduced by:** Mike Moran

**Acceptance Remarks:** *I am honored by this nomination. I have many fond memories of my time competing at Park - Mr. Houdek driving to make sure we had water on hot days, always encouraging and supporting us, and for nominating me. Mike Moran for countless hours talking about training and racing – he was such an incredible runner, coach and helped me become the runner I am. To my friends and all the fun we had running and racing. To my family, my mom, dad, brother and sister in law Sandi (who also ran with me on the Park track team) for their constant love and encouragement. They never missed races and were always there to celebrate the highs and support me through the lows. My dad, most of all, would have loved to see this. Lastly to my husband Dimitri, also a runner who I met on the Cross Country team at GAC, and my boys Andreas and Steffan who bring love and joy to my life*



**Park Girls Track and Field 1988**  
**TEAM**

The 1988 Park Girls Track and Field Team was the first team in Park High School's history to win a State Championship. Park dominated the field scoring 52 points, compared to the second-place finisher's total of 39.

Anne Arlich – 400m (2<sup>nd</sup>), long jump (5<sup>th</sup>), 4x200 (2<sup>nd</sup>), 4x400 (1<sup>st</sup>)

Sara Bakula – 4x200 (2<sup>nd</sup>), 4x400 (1<sup>st</sup>)

Sue Chopskie – 200m (1<sup>st</sup>), 400m (1<sup>st</sup>), 4x400 (1<sup>st</sup>)

Pam Karle – 1600m (12<sup>th</sup>)

Chris Kreye – 4x100

Stacy Linzie – 4x200 (2<sup>nd</sup>), 4x400 (1<sup>st</sup>)

Kari Tegantvoort – 4x100

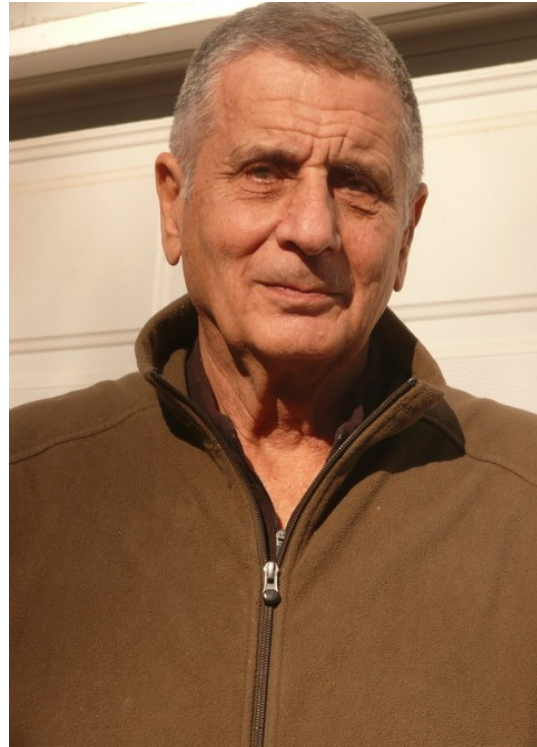
Theresa Sobaski – 4x100

Amee Wiseth – 100m hurdles (4<sup>th</sup>), 4x200 (2<sup>nd</sup>)

Coaches - Bob Meyer (head), Pam Grimm, Greg Juba, and Mike Moran

In addition to the Class AA State Championship, the team won the True Team State Meet, the Conference Championships and took second place in the Regional meet.

**Introduced by:** Bob Meyer



**Henry Tressel**  
**COACH**

Henry (Hank) Tressel began his coaching career in District 833 in 1965. For the next 46 years he coached a variety of sports including football, basketball, hockey, track and field, baseball, softball, golf and skiing. He started the Alpine, Nordic and Ski Jumping programs in the district in the mid 1970's. Hank led the Park boy's golf team to three state tournament appearances. In 2008, the golf team won Park's only state championship in a boy's sport. He also coached many individual golfers and skiers to individual state tournament appearances.

In the community, Hank has served as the Supervisor of Ravenna Township (a community of 2400) for 38 years, Chairman of the Dakota County Township Officers Association and as a member County Planning and Watershed Boards. He continues to work part time at Afton Alps. Hank is married to Carol and they have three children, Peter, Sarah and Ann.

**Introduced by:** Gary Halvorson



**Vernon Hall**  
**CLASS OF 1945**

Vernon Hall played football, basketball, baseball and track and field at St. Paul Park High School. Vernon was written up several times for his athletic abilities in the St. Paul Dispatch. He loved serving on the decorating committee for Prom and other school events. Vernon worked at 3M for 40 years, a machinist by trade. Vernon's hobbies included golf, fishing, and woodworking.

Vernon was a World War II veteran and passed away in 2004. He is survived by his wife Shirley of 58 years and his children Terry, Sandi, Lori and Mark. His daughter, Cari, passed away in 2002.

**Introduced by:** Nancy Martinsen



**Kristen (Schmidt) Soukup**  
**CLASS OF 2002**

Kristen (Schmidt) Soukup earned All-Conference honors in volleyball, basketball and softball. She led the volleyball team to back-to-back conference championships in 2000 and 2001. She was a 4-year All-State pitcher and led her team to the state tournament all four years finishing second in 2002. That same year she was named the St. Paul Pioneer Press spring female athlete of the year and the Star Tribune's Metro Player of the Year.

At Concordia University in St. Paul, she was the 2003 Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference Rookie of the Year and 2-time Pitcher of the Year. She led Concordia on deep runs in the NCAA tournament 3 years as starting pitcher and became only the seventh player in NCAA history with 1000 career (1007) strikeouts. She had a school record 22 strikeouts against Southwest Minnesota State which is tied for second most strikeouts in a game in NCAA history. She was the co-female Athlete of the Year and Academic All-American in 2005-2006. Kristen is married to Oliver Soukup and currently resides in Portales, New Mexico.

**Introduced by:** Charlie Whitbred

**Acceptance Remarks:** *I am so honored to become a member of the PHS Hall of Fame! My Wolfpack memories are near and dear to my heart. As a Park athlete, I was successfully guided and prepared through all my experiences for challenges that would lie ahead in college athletics. I am thankful for all the successes, the wins and the awards, as well as the struggles. All of this led me to the ultimate position for giving back, as a collegiate head coach. I am forever grateful to those who aided along the way in shaping my identity. Thank you.*



**Daniel Storlien**  
**CLASS OF 1988**

Daniel Storlien is one of the best soccer players to come out of Park. He was a three-year letter winner and captain of the 1988 state runner-up team. Dan went on to play at St. Mary's University where, in 1992, he earned All-MIAC honors and UW-Green Bay where he was a starter and played in 16 Division I soccer games.

Dan has been named Minnesota State Coaches Association Coach of the Year 5 times and in 2004 was named Midwest Regional Coach of the Year. He has taken his team to the state tournament seven of the past twelve years. He is also the only coach in Minnesota soccer history to coach both women's and men's professional teams. He has coached over 150 athletes that have played Division I or II college soccer. Dan has earned the United States Soccer Federation "A" License and National Youth License and a NSCAA Premier License. He is currently a social studies teacher and head boy's soccer coach at Bloomington Jefferson High School and one of the top coaches for the Minnesota Thunder Academy

**Introduced by:** Don Gramenz

**Acceptance Remarks:** *I want to thank the Hall of Fame Committee for inducting me into the Park High School Hall of Fame and Kari Shutte for taking the time to nominate me, it is both a great honor and a humbling experience. Congratulations to the other 2013 inductees on entering the Hall of Fame it is an honor to be inductee with each of you tonight. I want to thank my family for being here tonight to celebrate this honor with me and thank my good friend Don Gramenz on introducing me tonight.*