

### Induction Class of 2008

Marci (Olson) Anderson—*Athlete*  
Patrick Dufour—*Athlete*  
Perry Fink—*Athlete*  
John Mausolf—*Athlete/Community Member*  
Tricia (Tinucci) Rinzel—*Athlete*

### 2005-07 Inductees

Glenn Bourquin—*Athlete*  
George Chavez—*Community Member*  
Richard Edwards—*Athlete*  
Dean Houdek—*Teacher/Coach*  
Sam Jacobson—*Athlete*  
Janine Nelson—*Athlete*  
Laura Peters—*Athlete*  
Roger Pribnow—*Athlete*  
Granville Smith—*Teacher/Coach*  
Mike Walseth—*Athlete/Coach*  
Jennifer Bauer—*Athlete*  
Larry Costigan—*Teacher/Coach*  
Rodger Jehlicka—*Athlete*  
Bill Kroschel—*Athlete/Teacher/Coach*  
Shannon (Scibilia) Skally—*Athlete*  
Jason Boon—*Athlete*  
Robert Briggs—*Athlete*  
Monica Koyama—*Athlete*  
Kerry Ligtenberg—*Athlete*  
Jim Riesselman—*Athlete*

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Committee would like to thank  
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Ceremony.



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## *The 2009 Induction Ceremony*

November 21, 2009

Mississippi Dunes Golf Links

## ***Program***

- 5:00 *Social Hour*
- 5:50 *Group Picture of 2008 Inductees*
- 6:00 *Welcome and Inductees Introduction*  
**Rob Bach**  
**Hall of Fame Committee Member**
- 6:05 *Dinner*
- 7:00 *Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony*  
**Jim Gilleland, Presenter**

## **Induction Class of 2009**

**Robert Blad—Athlete**

**Jeff Foote—Athlete**

**Don Gramenz—Athlete**

**Jeff Nelson—Athlete**

**Darcie (Dietz) Young—Athlete**



## **DARCIE (DIETZ) YOUNG**

CLASS OF '89

Darcie (Dietz) Young was the first player in Park High School's history to be named All-State in softball three times. Darcie pitched Park to the State Tournament for three consecutive years, helping the team post a third place finish, a fifth place finish, and a Runner-Up finish. She finished her career with a record of 74 – 21, a 1.3 E. R. A. and 492 strikeouts.

In 2006 Darcie was elected to the Minnesota State High School Softball Coaches Association Hall of Fame. She currently serves as the Director of Player Development and a volunteer pitching coach for the Cottage Grove Athletic Association softball program.

**Introduced by:** *Charlie Whitbred—Coach*

### **Acceptance Remarks:**

*I am honored and appreciative of this award. My life in softball has been one giant blessing. Through the years I had a great support system and learned from the best. I want to recognize a few special people. My mom, the strongest person I know, is always there for me. It's hard to express how much I love her. Dan Collins has a great enthusiasm for the game and continues to be a special person in my life. Dick Burke taught me never to give up; he remained patient as I walked batter after batter. And, Coach Charlie Whitbred, there is simply no one better, I am fortunate to have played for him. A few years ago I began to realize that I could have an impact on future softball players. Sports play a big role in teaching values. Teamwork, leadership, and work ethics are all part of the game. Today, I am enjoying the opportunity of helping to mold another generation of Park Hall of Famers. I accept this award in memory of my dad who is smiling down on me. Thank you sincerely for this most recent blessing.*



**JEFF NELSON**  
CLASS OF '83

Jeff Nelson played baseball and was an All-Conference performer in basketball while at Park High School. He is currently one of only four native Minnesotans in the history of professional baseball to umpire at the Major League level. His professional accomplishments include umpiring in the Divisional and League Championship Series, the 2006 MLB All-Star Game, and the 2005 and 2009 World Series.

**Introduced by:** Scott Koch—Coach

**Acceptance Remarks:**

*I love umpiring baseball, but the most fun I ever had in sports was at Park High School. You played for your school, community, and for the love of the game. Thanks to my family for supporting me throughout school and the minor leagues. I would also like to thank the many great teachers and coaches at Park for teaching me the right perspective and approach to sports: Coach Koch, Houdek, Kroschel, Juba, Alrich, Granny Smith, and many others for going above and beyond the call.*



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**BLAD**  
CLASS OF '59

Robert Blad lettered a total of eleven times across three sports during his career at Park High School. He was named Honorable Mention All-State in both football (where he helped lead Park to three straight conference championships) and hockey. He was also an All-Conference performer and a three-time conference champion in baseball.

After his graduation, Robert attended Colgate University where he lettered in hockey four years straight and played baseball as well.

**Introduced by:** Al Wilkie—Teammate

**Acceptance Remarks:**

*Surprised and honored describe how I feel upon being selected to the Park High Hall of Fame. Being in the company of my peers that are in the Hall is overwhelming. They would be elite in any generation. Park gave me a wonderful foundation for life, having great teachers and coaches, great parents, and an especially gifted group of classmates. I have always considered myself blessed to be there at the right moment! My thanks to the committee and all those who supported my selection.*



## **JEFF FOOTE**

CLASS OF '91

Jeff Foote earned All-State honors in football and baseball, and was a three-year starter in hockey. As a football player, Jeff was selected as the Runner-Up Player of the Year in the state of Minnesota, was named to the All-Metro team and played in the state's All-Star game. He also played in the Lions' All-Star Game after helping pitch Park to the State Tournament in baseball.

Jeff attended the University of North Alabama where he played baseball and was named their 1995 Male Athlete of the Year and Conference Player of the Year. He has played professional baseball both in the United States and abroad.

**Introduced by:** *Bill Kroschel—Coach*

### **Acceptance Remarks:**

*First I would like to thank God for all the blessings that He has bestowed upon me. I want to thank my mom and dad for all the countless hours they spent on making all my dreams come true not only in sports, but in life. I want to thank my brother for always supporting me but most of all for being my best friend. I want to thank all my coaches and teammates that made this day possible because this award could not have been achieved without them. I want to thank my wife Leigh Ann and for my four children, Kennedy, Carter, Carson, and Kenzly who are all a blessing to me. Thank you and God bless.*



## **DON GRAMENZ**

CLASS OF '89

Don Gramenz was a four-year letter winner and one of the best soccer players in Park High School's history. A two-year captain and All-Conference selection, Don helped lead Park to a State Tournament Runner-Up finish in 1988 and was named All-State. In addition, he was an All-Conference wrestler and a two-year letter winner in golf.

Don went on to attend the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and will be inducted into their Hall of Fame in 2010. Don played professional soccer for the Minnesota Thunder for nine seasons, serving as the team captain from 2000 – 2003 and finishing as the organization's all-time leader in goals, assists, and points. He was inducted into the Thunder Hall of Fame in 2004 and also served as the head coach.

**Introduced by:** *Dan Storlien—Teammate*

### **Acceptance Remarks:**

*It is truly an honor to be included in the 5<sup>th</sup> class being inducted into the Park High School Hall of Fame. I would like to thank Charlie Whitbred for nominating me, and, as the Head Coach for the Boys Varsity Soccer Team, for creating a healthy, competitive environment that fostered friendships on and off the field. I would like to thank Dan Storlien for introducing me tonight. Dan and I have known each other for over 25 years. We've been friends, teammates, and coaching colleagues. I would also like to thank my family for their constant love and support.*