

The Roosevelt High School Athletic Hall of Fame Committee has selected its inaugural class to be inducted at the HOF banquet Sept. 30. The first class includes former RHS athletes Katie Chynoweth Keating and Larry Reimer and legendary coaches Randall Hess and Mike Pallotto.

The banquet is open to anyone who would like to attend, but a ticket must be purchased prior to the event. Tickets may be purchased online at www.rhsriders.com/halloffame or at the RHS front office for \$20, which includes dinner at the event.

Katie Chynoweth Keating, 2000 Graduate: Katie competed in track and cross country at RHS, lettering all four years in track and lettering three years in cross country. During her time at RHS she broke school records in the 100m hurdles, 300m hurdles, 200m dash, 100m dash, 400m dash, long jump, triple jump, modern pentathlon and the state pentathlon. She qualified for the state track meet in multiple events all four years.

Her high school career concluded at the 2000 state meet with her winning gold medal honors in the 100m hurdles, 300m hurdles, triple jump and the 200m dash, setting a state record with her time in the 200. Scoring an unprecedented 40 points at the state meet, Katie led her team to the 2000 Girls Track State Championship, beating Hotchkiss by a single point.

Katie went on to run track and cross country at Colorado College, setting multiple school records and becoming an Academic All-American. After completing her undergraduate work at Colorado College she went on to get a PhD in Physics from Vanderbilt University.

Dr. Larry Reimer, 1967 Graduate: Larry Reimer competed in track and cross country, lettering in both sports a combined total of eight times. During his track career, Larry qualified for the state track meet all four years, placing second in the 880-yard run in his junior and senior year and winning the state championship in the 440-yard dash in his junior and senior years. Two of the school records that he set back in 1967 have yet to be broken.

In cross country he qualified for the state meet all four years, placing in the top 10 every season. In 1964 he helped lead the team to Roosevelt's first-ever team state championship in cross country, only to repeat it again in 1966 when they won their second state championship.

After graduating from RHS, Larry attended Harvard University and competed in track. He later went on to the University of Arizona and the University of Colorado, becoming a medical doctor. Currently Dr. Reimer is a Professor of Medicine and Pathology at the University of Utah and is the Chief of Clinical Microbiology at the VA Medical Center at Salt Lake City.

Randall Hess, RHS Head Coach 1962-2000: Randall Hess taught math and coached track and cross country for 41 years, with 38 of those years at RHS and the first three at Johnstown High School. During that time Coach Hess's cross country and track teams won five state championships, a combined total of 39 league championships and 17 regional/district championships.

Coach Hess led Roosevelt to its first ever state championship in 1964 and would later win four more state championships in boys track, girls track, and boys cross country. His teams also were state runners-up twice and finished third on three other occasions.

Coach Hess had 18 individual state champions during his 38-year career at RHS. He was selected Colorado Cross Country Coach of the Year in 1989 and 1993, won league Coach of the Year 16 times and is also a member of the Colorado High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame. Coach Hess resides in Johnstown, where he continues to be an avid supporter of RHS Athletics.

Mike Pallotto, RHS Head Coach 1974-2012: Mike Pallotto taught and coached wrestling at Roosevelt High School for 38 years. As the Head Coach at RHS, Coach Pallotto transformed RHS into a wrestling powerhouse. His career dual record is 377-73-3, while winning 19 league championships and 11 district/regional titles along the way.

Coach Pallotto had 137 wrestlers place at the state tournament, including 33 individual state champions. His teams won three state championships, were state runners-up seven times and placed third three times. His illustrious career was also noted at the state level in 2008, when 13 of the possible 14 wrestlers qualified for the state tournament, the second most in Colorado wrestling history. In 2007 he had 10 wrestlers place at the state tournament; six of them made it to the championship round, which is also the second most in Colorado history.

Coach Pallotto was selected Colorado Wrestling Coach of the year on four different occasions and is a member of the Colorado High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame and the National Wrestling Coaches Hall of Fame. Coach Pallotto continues to be active in the RHS community, where he serves as a substitute teacher and a volunteer assistant with the RHS wrestling program.