

## Induction Class of 2009

Robert Blad—*Athlete*

Jeff Foote—*Athlete*

Don Gramenz—*Athlete*

Jeff Nelson—*Athlete*

Darcie (Dietz) Young—*Athlete*



The Park High School Hall of Fame Committee would like to thank Mississippi Dunes for their generous contributions for tonight's Induction Ceremony.

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## *The 2010 Induction Ceremony*

November 20, 2010

Mississippi Dunes Golf Links



## ***Program***

- 5:00 *Social Hour*
- 5:50 *Group Picture of 2010 Inductees*
- 6:00 *Welcome and Inductees Introduction*  
**Rob Bach**  
**Hall of Fame Committee Member**
- 6:05 *Dinner*
- 7:00 *Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony*

## **Induction Class of 2010**

**Luke Appert—Athlete**

**Michelle (Nelson) LeBow—Athlete**

**Anton Modrynski—Athlete**

**Patrick Waldner—Athlete**

**Charlie Whitbred—Athlete**



## **CHARLIE WHITBRED**

CLASS OF '68/COACH

Charlie Whitbred is a Park legend both as a player and as a coach. As a player, “Whit” was a three-sport athlete, lettering in football, hockey (where he was named All-State) and baseball.

Charlie has served as a head coach at Park in soccer and softball, taking both programs to the state tournament multiple times. He also served as the head coach for the first girls’ hockey program in Park history. As the Head Softball Coach at Park, Charlie guided the team to the State Tournament 13 times, winning the State Championship in 1993. Over his 29-year softball coaching career, “Whit” compiled a record of 525 – 165. His 525 wins are the most by any Class AAA coach in Minnesota state history.

**Introduced by:** *Jim Gilleland—Friend*

### **Acceptance Remarks:**

*It is a great honor to be inducted to the Park Hall of Fame, thank you Darcie (Dietz) Young for the nomination. I would like to thank my Mom, Delores, for helping me become the man I am today. She provided not only the love and the right directions for me, she sacrificed so I would have all the athletic equipment I needed to participate in sports. With these tools I was able to achieve my personal goals in high school and college. I took her direction and that has also helped me to be a better person, husband, father and coach. I would also like to thank my sisters, Pam, Laura & Char for their support over the years. Family has always been an important part of my life, my wife; Sandy has always been there to help support me through it all. Thank you. I was fortunate to coach both of my children in sports & state tournaments, Charlie Jr in soccer, and Kate in softball. It's not easy being the coaches' kid; I was always harder on them than anyone else. They followed in my footsteps and become teachers and Charlie, a coach.*



## **PATRICK("BRUNO") WALDNER**

CLASS OF '46

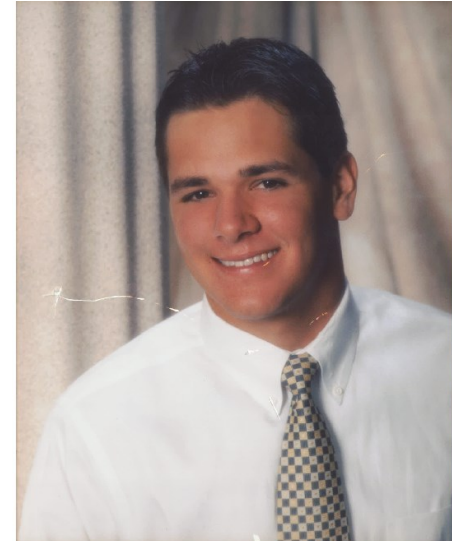
Patrick ("Bruno") Waldner lettered in football, basketball, baseball, and track & field during his athletic career at Park.

Pat played football for Hamline University where he was a two-time All-Conference performer who played both offense and defense. He went on to become the Head Football Coach at Waconia High School and Bloomington Jefferson High School where his teams amassed eight conference championships and twice played for the state championship. He also served as a head coach in the European Professional League, winning the European Super Bowl in 1989. He has also served as a play-clock operator for the National Football League assigned to the Minnesota Vikings.

**Introduced by:** Tony Waldner—Son

### **Acceptance Remarks:**

*I would like to congratulate all of the other inductees. It is a honor to be recognized with such a prestigious group. It is also a very special night for me being nominated for induction to this Hall of Fame by the first real coach I had in high school—Coach Granville Smith or "Granny" as we all know him. He inspired me to become a coach and for that I will always be grateful. Also, Thank you to the Park Hall of Fame Committee. This honor is very precious to me—one I will cherish forever.*



## **LUKE APPERT**

CLASS OF '99

Luke Appert was an All-State performer in alpine skiing as a sophomore and in baseball as a junior and a senior. In 1999, Luke was named Player of the Year in baseball by the Minnesota State High School Baseball Coaches Association, the *Minneapolis Star-Tribune*, and *USA Today*.

Luke went on to play baseball at the University of Minnesota where he was twice named Big Ten Player of the Year, and in 2010 was chosen as their Player of the Decade. In 2003, he was drafted in the 6<sup>th</sup> round of the Major League Baseball draft by the Oakland A's.

**Introduced by:** Bill Kroschel—Coach

### **Acceptance Remarks:**

*I am truly honored to be inducted to the Park High School Hall of Fame. To be mentioned with the greatest athletes to play at Park is a very humbling experience. I could not of had any of the success I had without the support of my family, teammates, and coaches. My family was always by my side showing me what it means to work hard and chase dreams. My teammates helped create memories that will never be forgotten. My coaches, specifically Bill Kroschel, were unbelievable mentors, coaches and friends. I thank all of you for your tremendous support.*



## **MICHELLE (NELSON) LEBOW**

CLASS OF '87

Michelle (Nelson) LeBow earned a total of twelve letters while participating in cross-country, Nordic skiing, and track & field. She was named All-State in track & field.

Michelle ran for St. Cloud State University where she holds six school records and is considered perhaps the greatest distance runner in that school's history. She was a four-time All-American in track & field and was also named All-American in cross country.

**Introduced by:** Joe Nelson—Father

### ***Acceptance Remarks:***

*Revisiting my running passions and where they have taken me, reminds me of my core values and the people who have shaped and defined me. Thank you to my dad -- who ran miles and hills in every type of weather condition around every cross country course and every track -- cheering for me. Thank you mom -- who created and cooked delicious pasta for me before every race. Thank you to my husband Eric -- who tried to woo me in 10th grade by telling me he wanted to join the Park track team, even though it wasn't true. Thank you to my son Tucker -- who has made me better in every way, more than any other person on the planet. Thank you to my daughter Alyssa -- who completes me and brings my life full circle. Thank you to my teammate girlfriends for wrestling with me and sharing the journey. Thank you Mr. Houdeck for the hours of time and commitment in coaching me and for still remembering me after 25 years to nominate for the Hall of Fame. Thank you to Mike Moran for your support and advice into competitive running -- I looked up to you as a coach and as an amazing athlete. Thank you to the Hall of Fame committee for your dedication in honoring Park High School athletes.*



## **ANTON MODRYNSKI**

CLASS OF '52

Anton ("Tony") Modrynski played football, basketball, baseball, and was a member of the first tennis team in Park High School history. Tony earned a total of twelve letters during his athletic career. He was widely recognized as a school leader, and was named captain of the various teams on which he played. As a baseball player, Tony led the team to a conference title in 1950, and in 1952 he led his team in hitting and stole more bases than he allowed as a catcher.

**Introduced by:** Granny Smith—Coach

### ***Acceptance Remarks:***

*Thank you! First of all, I want to thank Mr. Granville Smith, Mr. John Mausolf and Mr. Gordon Peterson for their efforts in putting my name in front of the committee. Also, I want to thank the committee for selecting me. Especially, Mr. Kuemmel, who has gone out of his way to make me feel welcome. This is an honor I never expected. Back then, 60 years ago, all we ever wanted to do was play ball, and we did all day, everyday, never expecting something like this.*