

Doug Ekmark - Coach

Doug was a physical education teacher and coach at PHS from 1985-2011. Prior to his time at Park High School, he taught and coached football, basketball, and baseball at North Hennepin Community College. His baseball team won a state community college championship and national regional championship. He was selected as recipient of a community award as Outstanding Young Educator in 1977.

He came to Park after serving as head football coach at Anoka-Ramsey Community College and Northern State University. While at Park the football team won conference championships in 1987, 1990, 1994 and the section championship in 1994 as well as five second place finishes. Doug served as chairman of the Metro All-Star Team committee for 25 years.

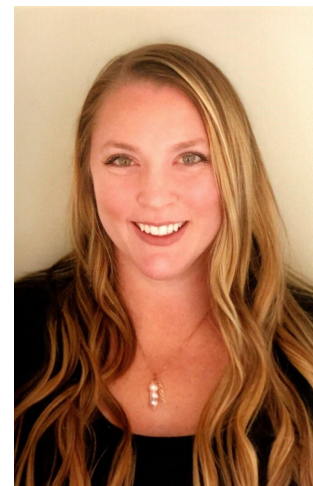
At Park High School he contributed beyond the football field and classroom. He was the Athletic Coordinator (1987-2010), assistant track coach (1994-1998), and assistant principal (1989-1991).

Doug lives in Cottage Grove with his wife Jan and has two children.

Introduced by: Mark Sikich / Dan Smoot

ACCEPTANCE REMARKS:

Thank you to the entire Park High School community for this honor. My twenty-six years at Park were a blast! I was blessed to have had the opportunity to work with so many wonderful teachers, administrators, support staff and students. I always said that the best thing about Park were the kids we coached and the families they came from. I will always thank the Lord for bringing me here!



Briana (Westlund) Stanley - Class of 2009

Briana had a big impact on the Park Girls Soccer program (2004-2009) and beyond. She is the only player in the Park Girls Soccer program to be a five year starter. She was All-Conference, All-Region and All-State 3 times each. In 2007 she was the St. Paul Pioneer Press Player of the year. She was an All-American in 2007 and was on the cover of ESPN Rise magazine in 2008. Briana finished her PHS athletic career by winning the Athena Award (outstanding female high school senior student-athlete) in 2009. She also participated in Nordic skiing (2004-2005).

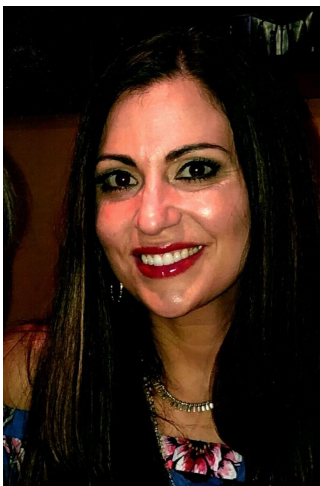
Briana went on to play soccer at Northwestern University. She was a four year starting defender. She was selected to the Big Ten All-Freshman team and had her own commercial on the Big Ten Network. She was Big Ten Academic All-Conference three times (2010-2012) and team captain her junior and senior year.

Briana lives in Glen Ellyn, Illinois with her husband Cody and two children. She works in the Neonatal ICU at Rush University as a registered nurse.

Introduced by: Tim Bunnell

ACCEPTANCE REMARKS:

First and foremost I would like to thank Coach Juba for nominating me for this honor. I greatly cherish my time at Park and am honored to be inducted into the Park Hall of Fame. This induction would not have been possible without my incredible teammates, coaches, competitive drive instilled by my brother, and unwavering support from my amazing parents. Park helped build the foundation for me to grow into a student-athlete at Northwestern, nurse, wife, and mother and I am forever grateful.



Rachel (Miller) Steinlage - Class of 1998

Rachel was a three sport standout athlete during her time at PHS. She participated in volleyball, basketball and track. She was a captain in all three sports. Rachel was All-Conference in volleyball and basketball. In track, she was All-Conference and All-State in 1998. Rachel went to state in four events in 1998 (300 hurdles, 4 x 200 relay, high jump, 100 hurdles), claiming All-State honors in two events. She holds the school record in the high jump (5'4"). She is still listed in the top 5 of the school's all-time best in her three individual events of the high jump (#1), 100 hurdles (#2), 300 hurdles (#5).

Rachel went to Missouri Southern State University on a volleyball and track and field full scholarship. She was a three year starter for the volleyball team as a middle hitter and did the heptathlon in track and field. While attending Missouri Southern, she was on the MIAA athletic honor roll for all three years. She transferred to Rockhurst University after her junior year. She participated in volleyball and basketball. She graduated with a BS in Biology in 2002.

Rachel went on to coach Select Volleyball and her teams participated in numerous national tournaments. She is married to her husband Mark and has 4 children. She lives in St. Louis, Missouri and is a physical therapist.

Introduced by: Rob Bach

ACCEPTANCE REMARKS:

I would like to thank everyone on the committee for thinking of me for this wonderful recognition. It is certainly one of the most meaningful honors I have ever received. When I think back to the years I spent at Park High School, some of the most memorable times were representing Park in the many sports I participated in. Sports became my passion, it is what defined me throughout my high school years. Other than my parents; Rob Bach, Mr. Bach or Coach has been one of the most influential people in my life. His love, passion, and knowledge of volleyball helped shape me into a player that was able to get a college scholarship. His coaching also inspired my love of coaching the sport as well. Thanks again to everyone on the hall of fame committee for my induction and nomination and congratulations to all other nominees.



Cherie Bien-Coffman - Advisor/Coach

Cherie started teaching in District 833 in 1974. She taught physical education and health. Cheri volunteered, organized, coached, chaperoned, and loved all things Park High School. Cherie taught at Park Junior High/Oltman Junior High (1974-1982). During her time she was the head swim coach, assistant boys swim coach, head volleyball coach, assistant track coach, danceline advisor, ski club advisor and cheerleading advisor.

In 1982, Cherie made her way to Park High School. She gave her heart and soul to her students and helped so many students find their place. Additionally, her energy, positivity and humor meant so much to her co-workers. She facilitated many activities that included staff and students. From 1982-1989 she was the assistant Park/Woodbury girls swim coach. The team qualified for state every year. Cherie was the head slalom ski coach in 1984 and that team also qualified for state.

Cherie was the PHS prom committee advisor for 1982-2007. She organized numerous student trips across the country, ran student council and was the director of the 100-year celebration of Park High School in 2014.

Cherie retired from Park High School in 2011. She lives in Eagan with her husband Dick and has a son.

Introduced by: Nancy Remakel

ACCEPTANCE REMARKS:

This is an overwhelming honor to be part of the 2020 Inductees. I would like to extend warm congratulations to the other Inductees. Thank you so much to Dean Houdek for nominating me and the HOF Committee for choosing me. I have been so blessed having the support of my husband, Dick and son, Sean, my parents who instilled hard work and community involvement to help my family members to succeed. I am especially grateful for all the staff, students and parent support throughout the years to help demonstrate how to work together and be involved. The Park Community blessed me with many wonderful opportunities to be productive and enjoy my career. Words cannot express my sincere gratitude for this award. Thank you from the bottom of my heart!



Seth Appert - Class of 1992

Seth is the second Appert to be inducted into the PHS Hall of Fame (Luke). Seth played both baseball and hockey at Park. As the PHS goalie, he was selected All-Conference twice and helped lead Park to win Conference both those years (1991, 1992). He was also All-Metro in 1992. Seth was picked for the Maroon and Gold game for the top 40 players in the State of Minnesota (1992). Through his play and leadership, he guided Park to its only #1 state high school ranking.

After high school, Seth played hockey for Ferris State. He was a four-year letter winner from 1992-1996. Seth then went on to become an assistant coach at the University of Denver (1997-2006). He helped lead Denver to five WCHA titles and two NCAA Championships. In 2006 he became the head coach at RPI (2006-2017). He led the Engineers to its only NCAA Tournament in the last 27 years. In 2017 he became the Head Coach of the USA National U18 Team. Seth led USA Hockey to Gold and Silver medals at the U18 World Championships. He also served as an Assistant Coach on the USA Men's National Team and earned a Bronze medal.

Currently, Seth is the head coach of Rochester Americans (AHL). The Americans are the top minor league development team for the Buffalo Sabres. He made his NHL assistant coaching debut with the Sabres during the 2020-2021 season.

Seth lives in Plymouth, Michigan with his wife Jill and has two children.

Introduced by: Al Palodichuk

ACCEPTANCE REMARKS:

I am honored to be inducted to the Park HOF. I would like to congratulate the other inductees. To this day my time playing for Park remains some of my greatest memories. Getting the opportunity to represent my hometown and compete with friends you grew up playing with was an incredible privilege. I am proud of how much success our teams had, becoming the only Park Hockey team to be ranked #1 in the State of Minnesota and making the State Tournament in Baseball. A special thank you to my teammates, coaches, parents and brothers.

Past Inductees

2019

Ashley (Homan) Bailey - Athlete - Class of 2004
Tom Busch - Athlete - Class of 2003
Joel Jensen - Athlete - Class of 1991
Daniel Stratton - Athlete - Class of 1977
Scott Swanson - Athlete - Class of 1993

2018

Tim "Corny" Cornwell - Class of 1973
Gary Fehrman - Coach
Dale Howe - Class of 1974
Jackie Voigt - Class of 2008
Lauren (Burks) Zidon - Class of 2002
1993 Park Softball - Team

2017

Dale Alberts - Athlete - Class of 1966
Bill Hickman - Coach
Jim Scanlan - Athlete - Class of 1978
Ashley Smith - Athlete - Class of 2002
Jim Solem - Athlete - Class of 1985

2016

Marie (Borner) Ferda - Athlete - Class of 2005
Jim Hinz - Athlete - Class of 1964
Tom Patterson - Athlete / Coach - Class of 1966
Jennifer Pfeiffer - Athlete - Class of 1991
Charles Whitbred, Jr - Athlete - Class of 1944

2015

Jummy (Alowonle) Barlass - Athlete - Class of 2001
Katie (Hirte) Fellows - Athlete - Class of 1998
Greg Juba - Coach
Richard (Dick) Perkins - Athlete - Class of 1970
Richard (Dick) Pribnow - Athlete - Class of 1954
1990 Park Girls Soccer - Team

2014

Anne (Arlich) Gorres - Athlete- Class of 1989
Marv Jorde - Coach
Kate Schwartz - Athlete - Class of 1996
Liz Parr-Smestad - Athlete- Class of 1980
George Wilkie - Athlete - Class of 1958

2013

Kara (Bloomquist) Drekonja - Athlete - Class of 1992
Vernon Hall - Athlete - Class of 1945
Kristen (Schmidt) Soukup - Athlete - Class of 2002
Daniel Storlien - Athlete Class of 1989
Henry A. Tressel - Coach
1988 Girls Track & Field - Team

2012

Steve Duval - Class of 1986
Donna Goenne - Community Member
Mike Lence - Class of 1970
Duane Sorenson - Class of 1973/Coach
Al Wilkie - Class of 1959/Community Member

2011

Jerome Detviler (JD) - Coach - Class of 1968
Bill Hare - Athlete - Class of 1961
Norman H. Larsen - Coach/Athletic Director
Leslie (Bloedel) Mollner - Athlete - Class of 1989
Timothe Michael Scanlon - Athlete - Class of 1979

2010

Anton Modrynski - Athlete - Class of 1952
Luke Appert - Athlete - Class of 1999
Patrick Waldner - Athlete - Class of 1946
Charlie Whitbred - Athlete - Class of 1968
Michelle (Nelson) LeBow - Athlete - Class of 1987

5:00 Social Hour

5:45 Group Picture of 2021 Inductees

5:50 Group Picture of Past Inductees

6:00 Welcome and Inductees

Introduction

Phil Kuemmel

Activities Director

6:05 Dinner

7:00 Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

Induction Class of 2021

Seth Appert - Athlete - Class of 1992

Cherie Bien-Coffman - Advisor/Coach

Doug Ekmark -Coach

Briana (Westlund) Stanley - Athlete - Class of 2009

Rachel (Miller) Steinlage - Athlete - Class of 1998



2009

Robert Blad - Athlete - Class of 1959
Jeff Foote - Athlete - Class of 1991
Don Gramenz - Athlete - Class of 1989
Jeff Nelson - Athlete - Class of 1983
Darcie (Dietz) Young - Athlete - Class of 1989

2008

Marci (Olson) Anderson - Athlete - Class of 1981
Patrick Dufour - Athlete - Class of 1965
Perry Fink - Athlete - Class of 1985
John Mausolf - Athlete - Class of 1955 & Community Member
Trisha (Tinucci) Rinzel - Athlete - Class of 1987

2007

Jason Boon - Athlete - Class of 1992
Robert Briggs - Athlete - Class of 1959
Monica Koyama - Athlete - Class of 1989
Kerry Ligtenberg - Athlete - Class of 1989
Jim Riesselman - Athlete/Coach - Class of 1964

2006

Jen Bauer - Athlete - Class of 1993
Larry Costigan - Teacher - Coach
Roger Jehlicka - Athlete - Class of 1965
Bill Kroschel - Coach - Athlete - Class of 1966
Shannon (Scibilia) Skally - Athlete - Class of 1991

2005

Glenn Bourquin - Athlete - Class of 1975
George Chavez - Community Member
Dick Edwards - Athlete - Class of 1957
Dean Houdek - Teacher / Coach
Sam Jacobson - Athlete - Class of 1994
Janine Nelson - Athlete - Class of 1986
Laura Peters - Athlete - Class of 1994
Roger Pribnow - Athlete - Class of 1957
Granville Smith - Teacher / Coach
Mike Walseth - Athlete - Class of 1966

Past Scholarship Recipients

Each spring, the Park High School Hall of Fame awards two Park High School senior athletes a \$1,000 scholarship based on academic achievement, school and community involvement, leadership roles, a coach's appraisal and a personal essay.

Class of 2021

Carissa Oberding & Henry Fischer

Class of 2020

Addy Walton & Jake Kuemmel

Class of 2019

Katelyn Wollschlager & Michael Gille

Class of 2018

Tina Press & Andrew Drigans

Class of 2017

Belle DeGeus & Mack Christianson



The 4th Annual Hall of Fame Rise Up! Breakfast will take place on Wednesday, June 22, 2022 at 8:00am at River Oaks Golf Course and Event Center.

The 16th Annual Hall of Fame Golf Fundraiser will take place on Sunday, August 14, 2022 at 1:00pm at River Oaks Golf Course and Event Center.

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**The 2021
Induction Ceremony
Saturday, November 20, 2021
River Oaks Golf Course and Event Center**