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Master of Ceremonies

Hall of Fame Inductees

Closing Remarks

We hope you will support our many business partners and sponsors listed throughout this program. It is their generosity, along with that of our guests, that contributes to the continued development of our athletic community and to the lives of our student-athletes.

A special thank you to the following partners who helped make tonight's event special.

Master of Ceremonies: Mr. Mike Miller

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Welcome

Today we have the opportunity to celebrate and honor individuals who have coached, supported, or participated in the athletics program here at Oconomowoc High School. Your body of work and dedication while at OHS has inspired many and helped shape the Athletic Department into what it is today. Our goal is to induct as many individuals as we can into the OHS Athletic Hall of Fame over the coming years. Our committee would like to welcome our third Hall of Fame Class!

While on your athletics journey, there were many people who had the opportunity to watch and support you. This celebration allows the time necessary to rekindle some old friendships, relive the glory days, but most importantly thank those who helped you along the way.

I would like to personally thank our OHS Athletic Hall of Fame committee for their dedicated and superb work over the past four years. I would also like to thank our District Administrative team and the Board of Education for their continued support. In closing, thank you to all our sponsors, families, alumni, and community for supporting and attending today's banquet.

Congratulations

OHS Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "K. Flegner". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Kevin Flegner
OHS Athletic Director
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2022 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE



George Faherty

COACH: 1977-2006

I want to thank the Hall Of Fame committee for this great honor. I am especially grateful that they have chosen to recognize the accomplishments of the boy's and girl's golf programs. I hope everyone who has been part of OHS Golf realizes they are responsible for this recognition. A special thanks to coach Dan Holzmilller for his many years of work in the golf program.

- George Faherty

OHS COACHING:

- OHS Girls Golf Coach: 1984-2006
- OHS Boys Golf Coach: 1986-1996
- OHS Head Boys Basketball Coach: 11 years
- OHS Assistant Boys Basketball Coach: 7 years
- OHS Assistant Varsity Football Coach: 6 years

OHS COACHING AWARDS & CHAMPIONSHIPS:

- Coached 1 State Tournament team and 5 individual State Tournament competitors during his tenure as the Girls Golf Coach
- Coached 3 individual State tournament competitors as the Boys Golf Coach
- Coached 3 Conference Champion Teams as a Boys Basketball Coach
- Coached 58 different sports seasons at Oconomowoc High School
- Coached 12 Conference Championship teams

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS:

- Served 28 years as the Volunteer Director of the Youth Golf Program at Paganica Golf Course for the Oconomowoc Area School District
- Introduced golf to over 1,500 boys and girls in the Oconomowoc Area School District
- Faherty can still be seen at OHS Basketball Games each winter



2022 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE



Magdalen "Mamie" Redman

COACH

DECEASED: 2020

In an interview about the public perception of the AAGPBL for the National Baseball Hall of Fame, Redman said, "When we played in '56 and took an All-Star team across the country after the league had folded up, we'd go into a community where they knew we were coming and the kids would come out. When the gals would first come out and start getting their equipment out, it was all a big joke to them. Here's a bunch of women who are gonna play ball. And then we'd start warming up and as soon as they could see what you could do, it was suddenly silent and their eyes were popping out."

PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL CAREER:

- Catcher and utility infielder for the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League from 1948-1954
- Recruited by the Kenosha Comets as a utility player in 1948, at the age of 17
- Catcher for the Grand Rapids Chicks from 1950-1954
- Catcher on the touring All-Star Girls Professional Baseball League team in 1956. The team played 100 games against male teams, all over the country
- In 1949, she posted the best fielding average among catchers at .978, then repeated the feat in 1953 after leading all catchers with a .975 average
- Her most productive season came in 1954 when she posted a .240 batting average with 39 runs and 20 RBI in 75 games, all career numbers

OHS COACHING:

- Coached the OHS softball team to the WIAA state tournament in 1979, a feat that has only been duplicated once since then
- Assistant OHS Baseball Coach to Head Coach Bill Martin



TEACHING:

- Graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh with a major in mathematics, and minors in physical education and biology
- Math teacher for 37 years at Valders, Mukwonago, and Oconomowoc High Schools
- Physical Education teacher at OHS

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS:

- Member of the 1953 Championship Team, the Grand Rapids Chicks
- Inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame in 1988 during their All-American Girls Professional Baseball League induction ceremony. Of the honor, Redman said, "It's a beautiful display and my name is included in the roster of players there."
- Also a member of the Waupun High School Hall of Fame, the Grand Rapids Sports Hall of Fame, and the Wall of Honor at American Family Field



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2022 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE



Joe Cleary

ATHLETE: 1987-1990

I am extremely honored to be recognized alongside these great athletes, and more importantly, great human beings. I loved representing OHS and was blessed with wonderful teammates and coaches. Thanks to my parents and family for all the support. I feel lucky to have shared the fields and courts of OHS with my friends, siblings, and now my children -so many memories and lifelong lessons. Go Cooney!!

- Joe Cleary

OHS GRADUATION YEAR: 1990

OHS TEAMS PARTICIPATED:

- Soccer: 1987-1988
- Basketball: 1987-1990
- Track: 1988-1990
- Football: 1989-1990

OHS ATHLETICS AWARDS & CHAMPIONSHIPS:

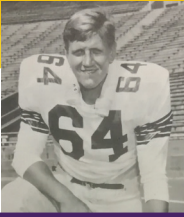
- 1990 State High Jump Champion and current school record holder
- All-State in Track in 1989 and 1990
- 7-Time Letter Winner: 3 letters in track, 2 letters in football, 2 letters in basketball
- 7-Time Conference Champion: 3-time Conference Champion in high jump, 2-time Conference Champion in basketball, 1-time Conference Champion in triple jump, 1-time Conference Champion in football
- Basketball sectional finalist in 1989 and 1990
- Football Team Conference Champions in 1989 (played wide receiver, kicker, and defensive back)
- 2nd-Place in Conference for Long Jump

OHS AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS:

- National Honor Society
- Badger Boys State Representative
- Virgil Licht Award Winner in 1990

FAMILY ATHLETIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Father of three OHS Raccoons
- Elizabeth Cleary is a 2021 graduate who earned 8 varsity letters between soccer and basketball. She achieved 1st Team All-Conference in basketball in 2020 and was a starting guard on the first ever OHS state-qualifying basketball team that year
- Matthew Cleary is a 2022 graduate who achieved 2nd place at State in the 4x200 relay in 2022 and earned All-State Track the same year
- Anna Cleary is currently a sophomore at OHS, playing basketball, soccer, and tennis



2022 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE



Roger Jaeger

ATHLETE: 1964-1968

Thank you to the Hall of Fame committee for finding me worthy of this honor. I am thankful for the teammates I played with as well as the great coaches I played for: Ed Rux, Gale Douglas, Dave Thomas, and Bill Martin. Without their leadership, mentorship and direction, I may not have excelled. I consider myself a lucky man. Thank you.

- Roger Jaeger

OHS GRADUATION YEAR: 1968

OHS TEAMS PARTICIPATED:

- Football: 1964-1967
- Wrestling: 1966-1968
- Baseball: 1965-1968

OHS AWARDS & CHAMPIONSHIPS:

BASEBALL HONORS:

- Lettered in 1966, 1967, and 1968
- Led the team in batting average and doubles his sophomore year in 1966
- Led the team in batting average, doubles, and home runs his junior year in 1967
- Led the team in batting average, doubles, and home runs his senior year in 1968
- First team All-Conference in his junior and senior seasons

FOOTBALL HONORS:

- Lettered in football his junior year (1966) and senior year (1967)
- Played offensive guard, defensive end, and placekicker
- Named High School All-American and 1st Team All-State on both offense and defense in 1967
- Made all his extra points and field goals (27-27)
- Little Ten Conference Champion with an 8-0 record and ranked 8th in the final state AP rankings
- First-ever football player from OHS to be awarded a Division 1 Scholarship to the University of Wisconsin-Madison

WRESTLING HONORS:

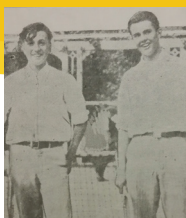
- Lettered in wrestling his junior year (1967) and senior year (1968) while wrestling light heavyweight

POST HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS:

- Played football at the University of Wisconsin for four years and was named team captain his senior season (1971)
- Started a total of 31 games and set nine kicking records including a school record 47-yard field goal
- Was the last Big Ten player to be a full-time position player (linebacker, guard, and tackle) and also be the team's full-time kicker
- Signed as an NFL free agent with the Atlanta Falcons in 1972 and played offensive guard and kicker

POST HIGH SCHOOL ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- UW-La Crosse Offensive Line Coach from 1975-1977
- Waldorf College Offensive Line Coach from 1978-1980
- Luther College Head Wrestling Coach where he coached one National Champion and three All-Americans from 1980-1982
- Luther College Offensive Line Coach from 1982-1995
- Luther College Defensive Line Coach from 1996-2011
- Director of Campus Recreation and Athletic Facilities at Luther College from 1980-2013
- Awarded the Luther College Meritorious Award for 33 years of outstanding service in 2020



2022 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE



Frank Jones

ATHLETE: 1926-1930 DECEASED: 1994

Frank Jones (left) and Whipple Jones (right) pictured after their State Doubles Championship win in 1928

OHS TEAMS PARTICIPATED:

- Tennis: 1926-1928
- Basketball: 1926-1928

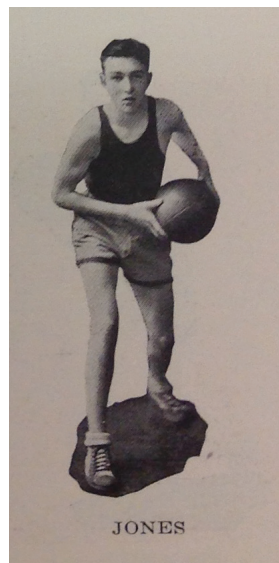
OHS AWARDS & CHAMPIONSHIPS:

- State Doubles Champion, along with his brother Whipple Jones, in 1927 and 1928
- Reached the state semifinals in singles tennis in 1928
- The 1927 boys tennis team tied Waukesha for second in the state
- The 1928 boys tennis team tied Milwaukee Washington for first in the state



TOP ROW: Kohlmetz, Jones, Dopp, Leitko, Jones.
BOTTOM ROW: Walther, Kessler, Naylor, Boyer (manager), Counsell, Wiletsky.

Whipple Jones (back row, second from left) and Frank Jones (back row, last on right) on the 1927-28 basketball team



Frank Jones on the 1927-28 basketball team



2022 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE



Whipple Jones

ATHLETE: 1924-1928 DECEASED: 2001

OHS TEAMS PARTICIPATED:

- Tennis: 1926-1928
- Basketball: 1926-1928

OHS AWARDS & CHAMPIONSHIPS:

- State Doubles Champion, along with his brother Frank Jones, in 1927 and 1928
- The 1927 boys tennis team tied Waukesha for second in the state
- The 1928 boys tennis team tied Milwaukee Washington for first in the state

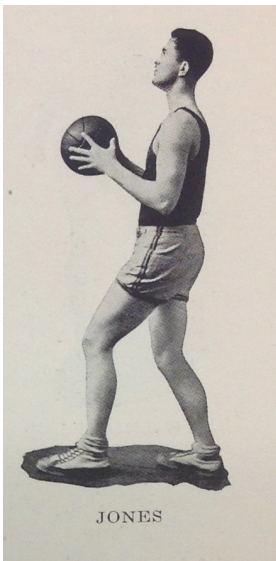
POST-HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS:

- Graduated from Harvard University in 1932
- A Captain in the Missouri State Guard

- At the outbreak of World War II, he transferred to the US Army Air Corps and rose to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel
- Jones was the founder, builder, and owner of the Aspen Highlands, one of the four ski areas in Aspen, Colorado, from 1956-1992
- In 1992, after the longest continuous ownership of any ski area in Colorado, Jones donated the Highlands to Harvard University. The \$18.3 million gift remains one of the largest donations the University has ever received. The proceeds endow the "Whipple V.N. Jones Cornerstone Scholarship Fund" and the "Whipple V.N. Jones Professor of Economics Chair"

POST-HIGH SCHOOL AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS:

- Inducted into the Aspen Hall of Fame in 1998
- Inducted into the Colorado Ski Hall of Fame in 2000



SCAN THIS QR CODE FOR A VIDEO INTERVIEW OF WHIP JONES UPON HIS INDUCTION INTO THE ASPEN HALL OF FAME IN 1998.

Whipple Jones on the 1927-28 basketball team



2022 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE



Ashley Linscott

ATHLETE: 1996-2000

It is an honor to have been considered for this recognition. One of my earliest memories is our win at home against Watertown as a freshman after years of being beaten by them, making several free throws at the end of the game to secure the win and jumping into Coach K's arms. My last memory was at the end of year banquet and how unknowingly moved I was to have had the experience and opportunity on the Varsity Girl's Basketball team the previous 4 years.

- Ashley Linscott

OHS GRADUATION YEAR: 2000

OHS TEAMS PARTICIPATED:

- Basketball: 1996-2000
- Varsity Soccer: 1996-1998
- Track and Field: 1999-2000

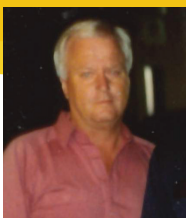
OHS AWARDS & CHAMPIONSHIPS:

- Qualified for State High Jump 1999
- 2-year starter on the soccer team
- 4-year starter on the basketball team
- Led the basketball team in steals and assists all 4 years
- 2-time honorable mention in basketball All-State
- Little Ten Conference Player of the Year
- 2-time First Team All-Conference

POST-HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS:

- Full Division 1 scholarship to Wagner College
- 4-year starter on the Wagner College basketball team
- Held an NCAA record at the time for 8/8 3-pointers attempted/made
- Finished 4th all-time in assists, 2nd all-time in steals, 4th all-time in blocks
- Lead the team in steals and assists in her last 3 years on the team
- Lead the team in blocked shots her senior year and was second in blocked shot for the 3 previous years

In looking back at her high school athletics accomplishments, Linscott found a newspaper article that said, "Sophomore Guard Ashley Linscott turned basketball into a contact sport. Her black eye, taped wrist, never-healing floor burns, and plum-colored bruised knees only remind her teammates that there is no such thing as an uncontested loose ball on the court." Author Unknown.



2022 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE



George Schmid

ATHLETE: 1950-1954 DECEASED: 2018

OHS GRADUATION YEAR: 1954

OHS TEAMS PARTICIPATED:

- Baseball: 1951-1954
- Basketball: 1951-1954
- Football: 1951-1954

OHS AWARDS & CHAMPIONSHIPS:

- Achieved 3 varsity letters in football, 3 varsity letters in basketball, and 3 varsity letters in baseball
- Scored 726 basketball career points between 1952-1954
- Set a conference free throw record in 1953, sinking 66 out of 77 for an average of .840
- Scored 372 points, a season high, in basketball during the 1953-54 school year
- Selected as OHS prom king in 1954

POST-HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS:

- Played baseball at the University of Wisconsin for 4 years and was the top pitcher in the Big 10 his senior year
- Earned 3 varsity letters in baseball while at UW-Madison

- Pitched a perfect game on April 18, 1958, versus Glenview Naval Academy
- Played in the South Dakota Basin League, an independent collegiate minor league, from 1956-1957
- Recorded 18 strikeouts in 1960 as a pitcher for the Rapid City Chiefs. The Chiefs took the league Championship that year
- Signed with the Detroit Tigers Organization in 1957 and played for two seasons with the Durham Bulls
- The Durham Bulls finished the 1959 season with 70 wins and 60 losses, finishing third in the Carolina League. Schmid pitched for 9 of the wins that season.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS:

- After an injury to his elbow in 1960, Schmid ended his baseball career and began working for General Motors Corporation. He worked for GMC for 36 years and retired in 1996

George Schmid's brother, fellow OHS Athletic Hall of Fame inductee, John Kleinschmidt shared the following story:

In the summer of 1960, George and his family returned to Rapid City, SD, after George injured his pitching elbow. He ended up playing a few games with the Rapid City Chiefs upon his return. Many players for Rapid City also played collegiate football and had to leave the team to report for football. George's brother, John Kleinschmidt, had just finished his freshman year the UW-Madison and was playing semi-pro baseball for the Oconomowoc Merchants. George invited John out to Rapid City to be an extra utility player for the Chiefs and it was the only time the brothers ever played in the same sports team because George is five years older than John.



2022 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE



Mike Bickler

SPECIAL CATEGORY: Friend of OHS Athletics

“Everyone to whom much is given, of him will much be required”

OHS GRADUATION YEAR: 1976

**CONTRIBUTIONS TO OCONOMOWOC
AREA ATHLETICS:**

- President of the Oconomowoc Youth Football Program from 1996-2000
- During his time at the helm of the Youth Football program Bickler, along with many contributors and volunteers, worked with the Town of Ixonia to add youth football space into the improvement plans for Ski Slide Park
- The Youth Football Program continued to build on this success by fundraising for a new bathroom and concessions building at the park. Concessions sales then made it possible for the program to sponsor a press box and storage building, bleachers, goal posts, automatic sprinkler systems, and a scoreboard
- The Loppnow, Mohns, Silkey, and Bickler families, along with many more donors and volunteers made these projects possible

CONTRIBUTIONS TO OHS ATHLETICS:

- Oconomowoc Sports Booster Club (OSBC) member; Booster Club President 2002-2003
- During his time as a Booster Club member, Bickler worked with fellow Athletic Hall of Fame inductee Lyman Humphrey and the Science Club, who managed concessions sales during athletic events

- The Booster Club eventually assumed full responsibility for concessions and increased sales and profits so that the Booster Club could contribute more to the athletics program
- Bickler, along with Keith Farley, Charlie Keepman, and Paul Clarkson, helped to lead the Booster Club’s work to identify the weight training and conditioning space needs of OHS student-athletes and worked with Oliver Construction to develop plans for the current Physical Development Center (PDC)
- The OSBC, Bickler, Farley, Keepman, and Clarkson also led fundraising efforts to build the PDC and continued to contribute to the operating expenses for the building
- OASD School Board Member from 2005-2017
- During his time on the OASD School Board, Bickler spearheaded the Athletic Fields Forever project, to develop and fund new athletic facilities at OHS. Along with many contributors, the Athletic Fields Forever committee helped expand and revitalize Rux Stadium, the OHS Field House, the OHS soccer fields, and the OHS baseball and softball fields

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS:

- OHS Parent Recognition Award for 2003-2004
- Oconomowoc Sports Booster Club Financial Commitment Award 2009 (awarded to Mike and Susan Bickler for their contributions to the OHS PDC)



2022 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE



Jim O'Connor

SPECIAL CATEGORY: Friend of OHS Athletics

When I was told by Jim O'Leary and Scott Raduka that I had been chosen to be in the Oconomowoc High School Athletic Hall of Fame, I was still able to talk and was humbled and left speechless. Thank you to the people that make up this committee. It is an honor that I will always cherish. It is a "wow" feeling. I was diagnosed with ALS/Lou Gehrig's disease on December 18, 2021. Through sports and trials of life, God has blessed me. I am a lucky man to call Oconomowoc my home at age 71. As the words that were made famous by Lou Gehrig, I may have been given a tough break, but I've got an awful lot to live for."

- Jim O'Connor

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- Owner of Jim O'Connor Select Auto in Oconomowoc since 2013

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- Jim O'Connor Select Auto has sponsored countless OHS Athletic teams, donated funds for community athletics, and supported our schools. The list of benefactors includes but is not limited to:

- OHS Athletic Fields Forever
- Oconomowoc Sports Booster Club
- Oconomowoc Public Education Foundation

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS:

- Jim O'Connor Select Auto received the Oconomowoc Small Business of the Year Award from the Oconomowoc Chamber of Commerce for 2021

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