



Tom Carney

Class of 1989

Cross Country and Track & Field

Tom Carney has been dedicated to his passions and committed to the betterment of others his entire life. As an athlete he was a leader on and off the field of competition. As a professional he is a teacher and coach of the highest caliber.

At Milford High School Tom was a four year letter-winner in both Cross Country and Track & Field.

In cross country, Tom was two time all-league and three time state finalist. He was twice honored with the team MVP Award. As a senior, Tom was the Captain of a team that went undefeated in duals, won the Oakland County Championship, KVC Championship, Regional Championship and finished 3rd at the State Finals.

In track & field Tom was a two time conference champion in the 3200 run. He was a school record holder and a state medalist in both the 3200 meter relay and 3200 meter run. His senior year Tom was Captain of a squad that went undefeated in duals and claimed Milford's first conference title in seven years.

Following high school Tom ran cross country for two years at Oakland Community College where he was a two time national qualifier and Academic All-American. He then continued his collegiate career at Hillsdale College where he earned "All-American" honors in cross country in 1992. That fall, Tom led his Hillsdale teammates to NAIA National Runner-Up Honors in Cross Country. Tom continues to run and has completed eight marathons including two Boston Marathons.

Tom is currently the boys and girls Cross Country coach at Pinckney HS, as well as the boys Track & Field Coach. During his brief coaching career, Carney has already claimed KVC titles in both sports and guided his boys cross country program to "Back-to-Back" State Championships (2005 & 2006)

Tom's inclusion in the 2006 Hall of Fame class holds special significance. Tom's career was guided by fellow inductees Mike Stevenson (Tom's middle school coach), Gene Balwajder (Tom's high school coach), and Jeff Olvin (the holder of the 2-mile record that Tom broke).

Tom and his wife Erica have been married for nine years. Tom and Erica are graduates of Hillsdale College and work in the field of education. Erica teaches Spanish at Pinckney High School and Tom is an elementary physical education teacher. The couple resides in the Pinckney district.