

Welcome hall of fame recipients, family members, friends, and bear fans young and old. This is the 13<sup>th</sup> year for the St. Joseph high school athletic hall of fame. Athletic director, Eric P. Gohlke, and principal, Thomas J. Miller, will be honoring the 5 new inductees with a plaque at halftime. Earlier in the day their names and list of accomplishments were placed on the hall of fame wall outside of the gym.

St. Joseph high school has a very simple philosophy. Each individual has the right and responsibility to develop and grow as a student, as an athlete and as a person, through a variety of experiences. Athletics has been a positive outlet for our honored guests. Certainly as you read through the profiles of the inductees, you can see that these people serve as strong role models in all facets of life. They have distinguished themselves as great athletes, but more importantly, as good students and community leaders throughout the United States.

St. Joseph high school has every reason to be proud of the 5 new hall of fame members. The hall of fame wall and hall of fame room is available for your viewing. The hall of fame is located behind the concession stand and has many displays available for your perusal.

We hope you enjoy tonight's activities and invite you to spend some time with the new inductees, their families and friends at a reception in the hall of fame room to be held after the game.

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**George Anderson** – George came to the Israelite house of David from Australia with his family in 1920. He became a member of the all-star house of David traveling team in 1927. Anderson developed into one of the four greatest names in House of David baseball history, competing against such great baseball legends as Leo Durocher and Satchel Paige. He was a member of the legendary house of David "Peppergame" helping perfect it and bringing it to the hallmark of fame. George played in the first night baseball game in sport's history in April of 1930, at Independence, Kansas.

George often played against the Harlem Globetrotters and took his basketball team around Europe in the early 1950's playing exhibitions against "Meadowlark" Lemon and his globetrotters. George is a former transportation director for St. Joseph public schools.

George played with and managed House of David baseball and basketball through the 1950's. He currently resides with his wife, of 60 years, in Benton harbor, Michigan.

**Tracey Bloodworth Fisk** – Tracey, a 1990 graduate of St. Joseph High School participated in both basketball and softball for four years and earned 7 varsity letters. She was first team basketball all state in 1988 and '89. She was a member of the 1989 dream team for girl's basketball and selected to the all 80's decade team for the state of Michigan. In addition she was all conference for four years 86-89 and third in voting for Miss Basketball. Her softball honors include all conference 1989-1990, all district 1989-1990, all region and honorable mention all state in 1990. She was a member of the national honor society and academic all state in both '88 and '89 in basketball.

Tracey continued on to Illinois State University from 90-93 and Northern Michigan University 1993-94 where she continued her playing career until graduation in 1994. Today she is the head women's basketball coach at Ferris State University where in 1999-2000 during her second season as head coach her team set a school record for wins with 22, won their first conference championship, and received the school's first NCAA tournament bid. Tracey currently resides in Big Rapids, the home of Ferris State University.



**Colin Dean Cronin** – Colin, a 1990 graduate of St. Joseph high school participated in track, basketball, and football and earned 8 varsity letters. He was all state and all mid-west in football in 1989, a member of the 1988 state runner-up football team and the 1989 state runner-up basketball team, currently holds the discus record for the high school, and was a state finalist in the discus in 1989 and 1990.

Colin continued on to Michigan State University on a football scholarship, where he was a 3 Year starter, a 4 year letter winner, a member of the all big ten academic team, and upon graduation was signed by the New York Jets.

He earned his degree in packaging engineering from MSU and currently is a manufacturing manager for American Seating in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Colin currently lives in Belmont, Michigan.

**Eric Danapilis** – Eric, a 1989 graduate of St. Joseph High School participated in baseball, basketball, and football and earned 6 varsity letters. He was all state 3 times in baseball, was an all conference selection in baseball 1986-1989, and a member of the national honor society.

Eric attended Notre Dame University on a baseball scholarship, was a 4 year starter, selected to the freshmen All-American team in 1990, a Consensus 1<sup>st</sup> team All-American in 1993, MCC player of the year and tournament MVP in 1993. After graduation from Notre dame he played professional baseball for the Detroit Tigers organization from 1993-1997.

He currently lives in Lakeland, Florida where he coaches for Florida Southern College.

**Ebon Sanders** – Ebon graduated from St. Joseph High School in 1990 after having earned 8 varsity letters in football, basketball, baseball, and track. He was all state in football and basketball, Berrien County athlete of the year, WIRX sports and Cook Nuclear athlete of the year, selected to the South Bend all area basketball team, and a member of the 1988 state runner-up football team and the 1989 state runner-up basketball team.

He continued his education and basketball career at Western Michigan University where he was runner-up freshman of the year in the Mid-American Conference in 1991 and received the WMY playmaker award in 1992-1993.

Ebon currently resides in Oak Park, Michigan, is employed as a financial advisor and volunteers as a mentor in the Detroit public schools.

**GO BEARS**