

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME NIGHT

February 2, 2008

Welcome Hall of Fame recipients, family members, friends, and Bear fans, young and old. This is the twentieth year for the St. Joseph High School Athletic Hall of Fame. Athletic Director, Kevin Guzzo, and Principal, Jeff Runser, will be honoring the five new inductees with a plaque at halftime.

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.

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 Field House Athletic Office after the game.

Mark Schnese

Mark Schnese is a 1973 graduate of St. Joseph High School. As a student at St. Joseph High School he was a three sport athlete, earning six total varsity letters while playing Football, Basketball, and Baseball. Mark was an All Conference selection his senior year in both Football and Baseball. For his achievements his senior year, he was a Berrien County Athlete of the Year Nominee. Mark went on to play football at Western Michigan University after high school.

Mark's athletic involvement did not stop after college. He came back to St. Joseph and coached in the St. Joseph Baseball Association, the St. Joseph Rocket Football Association, and at the High School as a Freshmen Football coach.

Mark currently resides in Phoenix Arizona with his wife Marcia. They have two sons, Brett who is 27 and Ryan, 23. He is a salesman for Arizona Wholesale.

Clare E. Adkin, Jr.

Clare Adkin taught and coached in the St. Joseph Public School System from 1966 through 1995. Clare coached both JV and varsity basketball for nineteen seasons. As a varsity coach for five years, Clare's team was two District titles and one Regional Championship. For the 1979-1980 season, Clare was voted Southwest Michigan Basketball Coach of the Year. Clare also coached two years of track and 12 seasons of football at all three levels while he was in St. Joseph.

Clare's contributions to the High School can still be seen today. In 1967, Clare re-established the Biddy Bear program that is still going strong. He also helped expand the summer basketball clinic to include girls prior to Title IX, and before St. Joseph offered girls sports. In 1972 Clare was instrumental in starting "Meet the Team Night" which is currently required by all teams at St. Joseph High School.

Clare resides in Durham North Carolina with his wife Sally. They have three children. His is the author of Brother Benjamin - 'A history of the Israelite House of David'. Currently he is a K-12 consultant.

Pete McDowell

Pete McDowell graduated from St. Joseph High School in 1990 where he was a four year letter winner in both Cross Country and Track and Field. During his four years on the Cross team, Pete was All Conference each of his four years; All State his junior and senior years, and the 1989 Class B State Cross Country Champion. In track and field, Pete was an eight time All Conference selection; a 1990 Conference Champion in the 1600M and 3200M runs; and a four time Regional Champion his junior and senior years in the 1600M and 3200M runs.

In his first year out of high school, Pete ran both Cross and Track at the University of Alabama Birmingham where he was selected team MVP in both sports. From there Pete went to Southwest Michigan College for a year and was a Cross Country All American and Academic All American in 1991. Pete spent the remainder of his collegiate career at the University of Iowa where he ran track and cross country, and was selected as Academic All Big Ten Member in each of his seasons.

Pete lives in Cudahy Wisconsin with his wife, Niki, and 2 sons, Tom who is 10 and Ronnie who is 8. He is a Regional Director of National Accounts for Direct Supply, Inc.

Amy Farmer

Amy Farmer is a 1997 graduate of St. Joseph High School. Amy earned eight total varsity letters while participated in four years of cross country, four years of track, and two years of volleyball. In cross country Amy was All State in 1993, All Conference in 1994 and 1996; the Berrien County Champion in 1994 and 1996; and a Regional Champion in 1996. She is currently the school record holder (since 1994) in cross with a time of 19:08. In track and field, Amy was All Conference in each of her four years; she was an eight time Conference Champion and eight time Regional Champion over her career in the 800M, 1600M, 3200M relay, and the 1600M relay; she was All State in the 800M her junior year, and All State in the 1600M her senior year. Amy currently still holds the school record in the 800M with a time of 2:16.71.

After high school, Amy continued her brilliant running career at the University of Montana where she participated in four years of Cross County, Indoor Track, and Outdoor Track. She was a member of a distance medley relay team that was a Big Sky Champion and that also holds the school record in that event. Amy also gained All Academic Honors in each of her three sports.

Amy lives in Aurora Colorado where she is a physical education teacher and head coach for both the cross country and track teams at Hinkley High School. She is currently finishing up her second masters in Sport Pedagogy.

Micah Zuhl

Micah Zuhl graduated from St. Joseph High School in 1997. Micah participated in football, basketball, and track while earning eight varsity letters. Micah earned two letters in football and was an all state and all conference selection during his senior year, while leading his team to a conference championship. In basketball Micah earned two varsity letters and was a member of the 1997 District Championship team. As a four year letter winner in track, Micah was an All State and All Conference selection in each of his four years. In his senior year, Micah was the 400M state champion while leading his team to a state championship. Micah was also a seven time regional champion and three time conference champion. Micah is a member of the current school record 800M relay team.

For his outstanding senior year, Micah was the Herald Palladium Athlete of the year, the WSJM Student Athlete of the Year, and was the South Bend Tribune Athlete of the Year runner up.