

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME NIGHT

February 10, 2012

Welcome Hall of Fame recipients, family members, friends, and Bear fans, young and old. This is the twenty third year for the St. Joseph High School Athletic Hall of Fame. Athletic Director, Kevin Guzzo, and Principal, Jeff Runser, will be honoring the four 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.

Mike Borre

Mike Borre was a 1978 graduate of St. Joseph High School. While attending high school Mike earned five varsity letters in swimming, golf, and baseball. Mike received All Conference, All Division, All Regional, and All State honors in swimming. In 1977 he was awarded the Coaches Top Ten Award for breaststroke, voted Top Ten in his specialty stroke by the Michigan Swim Coaches Association, and voted by the *Detroit News* as one of the top 18 swimmers in the state of Michigan. In 1978 he received the "Most Outstanding Swimmer" award from St. Joseph High School. That year he helped lead St. Joe to a 15-1 record and set Varsity records in the Freestyle relay, 200 Individual Medley, and in the 100 Breaststroke, a record that stood for almost 30 years. He also was Conference Champion in the 100 Breaststroke in 1977 and 1978. In the 1978 State meet, Mike placed first in 3 events at the preliminary swim event. Unfortunately, the next day he woke up with the mumps and was unable to swim in the finals.

Mike continued his swimming career at Michigan State University from 1978 through 1981 where he earned a Varsity "S." Mike was the second overall leading scorer two years in a row and was the leading scorer in the 200 Individual Medley (1:58.3) in 1980.

Mike passed away in a tragic car accident in December 2008. Mike's wife, Elizabeth, still lives in Portage, MI with their three children, Heather, Michael, and Bridget.

Shawn Gast

Shawn graduated from St. Joseph High School in 1998. While he was in high school he was a four year letter winner in both cross country and track. In cross country Shawn was a three time state qualifier. During his senior year he was the Big 8 Conference Champion and an All State selection. In track,

Shawn was a Rotary, Conference, and Regional Champion in the 800 meter run. In 1997 Shawn helped lead his team to a state championship as he was a member of the state champion 4 x 800 meter relay team that set a state record that still stands today.

Shawn continued his track and cross country career at Aquinas College in Grand Rapids. While running for Aquinas, Shawn was a 2002 NAIA Indoor and Outdoor Track All American for the 4 x 800 meter relay.

Shawn currently resides in Ada, Michigan with his fiancé Renee, where he is the Assistant to the County Clerk.

Michael Pallas

Michael Pallas is a 1964 graduate of St. Joseph High School. Michael won six varsity letters while participating in basketball, football tennis, track, and cross country. Mike was on the varsity basketball team for three years and earned All Conference both his junior and senior years. Mike continued his basketball career at both Central Michigan University and Lake Michigan College.

Michael graduated from Western Michigan University and went on to teach business education and coach at the high school level in Michigan and Ohio for 34 years. He coached varsity basketball in Dowagiac for 9 years. In 1983 he guided his team to the state semi-finals and gained special recognition as the UPI Coach of the Year. Currently Michael is in his third year as an assistant coach at Andrews University. Last year he helped coach the team to the National Championship in the United States Collegiate Athletic Association, Division II.

Michael currently resides in Stevensville.

Carl Powley

Carl Powley is a special honoree this evening, unique in the fact he neither attended St. Joseph Public Schools nor worked for them, but his impact on St. Joseph High School basketball was felt for more than 20 years.

Carl attended high school in St. Louis and then College at St. Johns and Concordia River Valley where he excelled in basketball and was a two year starter and team captain. In 1953 Carl came to St. Joseph as a teacher at Trinity Lutheran School where he quickly established a reputation as an outstanding teacher and basketball coach. Carl taught and coached at Trinity from 1953 through 1969. During that time, this small parochial school produced an exceptional number of basketball players that went on to star at St. Joseph High School – one of which is being honored tonight – Mike Pallas! During Carl's tenure at Trinity, there were years when as many as 10 of the 12 varsity basketball players came from Carl's program at Trinity. Carl prepared his young players not only with basketball skills but with the skills they would need to be successful in life.

In 1972 Carl went to work for the Berrien ISD where he established a program for the severely mentally impaired, and later established an Audiology Clinic that still services students throughout the county.

Carl has received many honors over the years, including Teacher of the Year and Audiologist of the Year. Carl has also been active in community affairs establishing a program called Man to Man for survivors of prostate cancer. Carl and his wife Joy have retired to Highlandville, Missouri. They have three children: Tamara, Kimberly, and Toby.