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**ASAA NAMES CLASS OF 2014  
ALASKA HIGH SCHOOL  
HALL OF FAME**

ANCHORAGE, Alaska – The Alaska School Activities Association announces the Class of 2014 Alaska High School Hall of Fame. 11 individuals will be inducted into the Hall of Fame during a ceremony on August 3, 2014, at 5:00 PM, in the Redington Ballroom at the Millennium Alaskan Hotel in Anchorage. The public is invited to attend this ceremony.

The Hall of Fame was established to identify and honor, in a permanent manner, individuals who exhibited high ethical standards and integrity while achieving excellence in high school athletics and activities, as well as others who have distinguished themselves by virtue of exemplary contributions to the advancement of interscholastic athletics and activities in the State of Alaska.

Categories include student athlete and students who participated in fine art and academic activities. Other categories include coaches, administrators, advisors/directors, officials/adjudicators and major contributors.

For more information, contact Teresa Johnson, at 907.563.3723 or log onto the Hall of Fame website (ASAA) <http://alaskahalloffame.org> for more information about each inductee.



### **Archie Young**

**(Athlete – Wrangell H.S. – Basketball)**

Arguably the greatest boys basketball player in Wrangell High School history, Archie Young averaged 19 points and double figure rebounds over his illustrious four-year varsity career. His career high was 52 points. At the 1991 state tournament the 6-foot-4 small forward collected 46 points and 18 rebounds. He was named all-state three times [first team twice] and led Wrangell to a state runner-up finish as a senior. In college, he averaged 33 points in one season at Clarke Community College in Washington before transferring to the University of Alaska Fairbanks. At UAF, Young was a member of the 500-point club and once held the school record for most 3-pointers [7] in a game; and he did it in back-to-back games. After his playing career, he returned to Southeast Alaska and has been teaching and coaching basketball and volleyball at Mt. Edgecumbe in Sitka for the last 15 years.

### **Bruce Shearer**

**(Coach – Kenai/ Chugiak/East Anchorage High Schools – Football, Basketball, Track & Field)**

Bruce Shearer is one of the true coaching giants in Alaska high school history, winning a combined ten (10) Class 4A state championships in three sports: football, track and field and girls basketball. Bruce is the only man to lead his football team to seven state championship games, winning four; and he did it in just 12 years [1985 to 1997]. Shearer coached a total of 21 seasons of football at Kenai Central, East Anchorage and Chugiak High School and compiled a career record of 130-40-1 [76%]. At East, he won three straight state titles in 1985, '86 and '87, and set a record with 29 consecutive victories. At Chugiak, he won the 1996 title and had a 76-26 record in 10 years. He also coached girl's basketball and track and field at Chugiak. As a hoops coach he was named Class 4A Coach of the Year in 1991 and won a state title in 1994. In track, he led the Chugiak girls to four state titles and the boys to one.

### **Boyd D. “Dan” Leman**

**(Coach – Ninilchik H.S. – Basketball)**

Dan Leman coached the Ninilchik High School girls basketball program to unprecedented heights during his 18 seasons, winning 373 of his 409 career games and helping the Lady Wolverines become the only team in Alaska history to win five consecutive state championships from 2000 to 2004. Ninilchik owned the Class 2A level, winning eight state titles from 1996 to 2006 and finishing third or better in 16 of his 18 seasons on the bench from 1991 to 2008. Ninilchik rattled off an unbelievable 98-game winning streak, preceded by a 57-game streak. He was named Small Schools Coach of the Year seven times and produced the Smalls Schools Player of the Year nine times. His success was stuff of legends, so much so that USA Today spent a week chronicling his life. He received the Golden Apple from the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District in 2004 and was twice nominated for Who's Who of American Teachers.

**Dave Reeves****(Coach — Dimond H. S. — Tennis)**

Dave Reeves is Alaska's king of the tennis court, a pioneer of the game after helping high school tennis get started in the early 1970s and later turning Dimond High School into a dynasty. He is the state's most accomplished tennis coach with 13 region titles in 18 seasons and a 145-27 career record. There was not a state tournament during his coaching career. Reeves coached perfect seasons in 1976, '83 '85 and '91. Few know of his own athletic achievements at East in the 1960s, where he played basketball for Chuck White, won two pole vault state titles and broke the state record by a foot as a senior, and played second base on back-to-back state champion Legion baseball teams.

**Richard "Dick" Barker****(Activity Sponsor — Tok and Bethel High Schools — Music)**

Richard "Dick" Barker of Bethel was the ultimate band-leader. He was past president of the Alaska Music Educators Association and had numerous All-State and All-Northwest participants, including members of the McDonald's All-American High School Band. Barker started teaching band in Tok and soon moved to Bethel, teaching there for over 20 years. Arriving in 1968, he began his long relationship with the Yukon Kuskokwim Delta's students, teaching them many life lessons and a lifelong appreciation for music. Barker impacted hundreds of kids. He retired from Bethel Regional High School in 1987 and continued his teaching career in Germany. Not one to ever quit, he currently teaches part-time at a small private school in Washington at age 79.

**Don Kassube****(Official — Anchorage)**

Longtime high school sports official Don Kassube is known best for his work in basketball, but his reach extends to football, track and field, wrestling, track and teaching. Kassube began officiating basketball games in Alaska in 1970 and joined the Anchorage Basketball Officials Association, serving on the board, and was president from 1977 to 1988. Over the years he was selected to be an official for 24 region and state tournaments. He has officiated more National Federation High School contests than any other certified official in the state. Kassube is one of only two Alaska officials to be nominated for the National High School Sports Hall of Fame. He also coached football for 18 years, wrestling for three and served as meet director at the state track and field championships from 1988 to 1993. He is still involved today with March Madness Alaska.

**Donna Dooley****(Coach — Dimond H.S. — Volleyball)**

In just five years, Dimond High School coach Donna Dooley created the first volleyball dynasty in Alaska when she led the Lynx to five straight state championship matches and captured three titles from 1977 to 1982. Her teams won 13 of 15 career matches at the state tournament. She also won four conference and three region championships at Dimond. In 1983, she stepped down to raise her family but continued to coach as an assistant and mentored young coaches and designed development programs for younger players. She introduced advanced skills and strategies, demanded hard work and understood team growth. She returned to coaching as a tennis assistant at Dimond from 1995 to 2004 and was instrumental in developing a district wide JV program.

### **Pauline Souter**

#### **(Activity Sponsor — Chugiak H.S. – Drill Team)**

Pauline Souter founded the Chugiak Chaparrals, a nationally recognized, award-winning girls dance drill team at Chugiak High School in 1983. The Chaparrals were the only dance team in Anchorage School District history until she retired in 2007. Guided by Souter, the Chaparrals became ambassadors for the state of Alaska after winning numerous national and international competitions. They were staples for two decades at the Great Alaska Shootout and the Alaska State Fair. In 1987, the Chaparrals won two world championships in Tokyo. In 1994 and 1996, they won world titles in Hawaii. Souter also coached gymnastics from 1985 to '87 at Chugiak, leading the team to three consecutive top-3 finishes at regions.

### **Steve Simmons**

#### **(Athlete — Chugiak H.S. — Soccer)**

Steve Simmons is probably the most accomplished Alaskan in the sport of soccer as he's managed to stay involved in the game for three decades as an all-star player and successful college coach. At Chugiak High School, he led the league in scoring as a sophomore and senior and helped the Mustangs to three straight region titles from 1983 to 1985. At Concordia University, Simmons was a first-team All-American in 1990 and a two-time NAIA Northwest All-Region selection. He also won Concordia Male Athlete of the Year honors. From there, he got into coaching. In 2000 he led Linfield College to the Final Four. In 2006 he was named Great Lakes Region Coach of the Year at Northern Illinois. Since 2009, he's been the head coach at Oregon State.

### **Virgil Hooe**

#### **(Coach — West/ Service/ South Anchorage High Schools — Volleyball)**

Virgil Hooe is an Alaska volleyball pioneer and record-setting Anchorage high school coach with 11 Class 4A state championships, including a record 10 at Service High School, in the 1970s, 1980s, 1990s and 2000s. In all, Hooe won more than 400 matches, 14 region tournament titles and 17 regular-season conference championships. In 1983, he founded the Midnight Sun Volleyball club team that has helped dozens of players land college scholarships. Hooe coached West from 1976 to 1981 and Service from 1982 to 2003 before he joined South in 2004 as a volunteer assistant where he coaches players and mentors younger coaches. Over the years, Hooe single-handedly changed the face of volleyball coaching in Alaska, serving as Regional Commissioner for the U.S. Volleyball Association and executive director of Midnight Sun Volleyball in addition to officiating and holding youth clinics.

### **Whitney (Leman) Schillenberg**

#### **(Athlete – Ninilchik — Basketball)**

The greatest small schools girls basketball player in Alaska history, Whitney Leman became synonymous with winning during her career at Ninilchik High School in the early 2000s. She led the Wolverines to four Class 2A state titles and was the first small schools player to be named player of the year three times. Leman was the stuff of legend, winning MVP honors in every tournament she played in from her sophomore year through her senior year. She was featured in Sports Illustrated as part of Faces in the Crowd. As a freshman at the University of Alaska Anchorage, Leman made quite an impression at the 2003 Great Alaska Shootout, assisting on the game-winning basket in a 61-59 win over Mount St. Mary's on the first night and then icing a 61-58 win over Clemson in the championship game with a pair of free throws with five seconds left. She later went to Eastern Oregon University and in 2006 ranked eighth in NAIA in assists [5.9] in 31 games. Whitney and her husband now live in Ninilchik to raise their family and participate in community activities.