

ALASKA HIGH SCHOOL



# HALL OF FAME




## 2017 INDUCTION CEREMONY SUNDAY, MAY 7TH, 2017

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

2017 INDUCTEES

PAST INDUCTEES





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As part of its 50th anniversary in 2006, Alaska School Activities Association (ASAA) initiated the Alaska High School Hall of Fame to "identify and honor in a permanent manner, those individuals who have exhibited high ethical standards and integrity while achieving excellence in high school athletics and activities in the state of Alaska; as well as others who have distinguished themselves by virtue of exemplary contributions to the advancement of interscholastic athletics and activities in the state."

The induction of these outstanding individuals and organizations will mark the 12th year of the Hall of Fame. During this time 6 activity participants, 2 activity sponsors, 8 administrators, 54 athletes, 34 coaches, 4 officials, 9 contributors, and 2 Lifetime Achievement recognitions have been inducted.

We welcome Alaska Airlines' continuing sponsorship as it celebrates its 85th anniversary as one of the country's most respected air carriers.

We take great pride in inducting the members of the Class of 2017 and invite all inductees, families, friends, supporters and constituents to share in the enduring spirit of this occasion.



Billy Strickland, Executive Director

## Induction Ceremony



**Master of Ceremonies** - Michael Janecek

**Welcome** - Steve Zanazzo, ASAA Board President

**National Anthem** - Gary Matthews, Class of 2016

**Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony**

**Redress** - Class of 2017

**Refreshments/Photo Session**

**ADMINISTRATOR**

Administrator, Teacher,  
ASAA Grant Coordinator  
Anchorage School District



In a career spanning nearly half a century, Dr. Teresa Johnson taught, mentored, coached, coordinated, encouraged and inspired tens of thousands of Alaska high school students and educators. Among her accomplishments are: serving as the Executive Director of the Alaska Association of Student Governments and being elected as the first Alaskan to the National Association of Student Councils Advisory Board, helping bring girls athletics to the Anchorage School District and therefore the entire State of Alaska. As ASAA's Grant Coordinator and community liaison she helped launch ASAA's nationally acclaimed Play For Keeps – Win For Life Program. Additionally, Dr. Johnson served on the National Federation of High Schools Board of Directors while representing Region 4 on the ASAA Board of Directors. Through it all, Dr. Johnson has played pivotal roles in programs and initiatives that have enhanced, informed and improved the lives and futures of countless participants, while inspiring her fellow educators to greater heights.

**ATHLETE**

Basketball, Cross Country  
Running, Track & Field  
Homer High School



In the words of a former coach, Beth Ladd was an outstanding student, passionate teammate, fierce competitor and inspirational role model in the classroom, at the track and on the court. As a student athlete at Homer High School, Beth earned six State Championship titles with her teams in Cross Country Running and Girls Basketball. An honor student as well, her work ethic and intensity were fundamental to her success. She was chosen for the All-State team in Track & Field for four years straight., and her qualifying times led to invitations at national track meets. Winning three individual titles at the State Track Meet her junior year and two her senior year, Beth went on to run distance events at Texas A&M University with a full scholarship.

On the basketball court Beth's explosive speed and endurance made her one of the top defensive players in the state. Many of her points were made off of steals and interceptions. Her defensive prowess prompted radio announcer, Dave Webb, to refer to Beth as "the steal curtain."



**ATHLETE**

Basketball, Baseball  
North Pole High School

As a highly gifted basketball player at North Pole High School, Brad Oleson scored a school record 43 points in a conference title-clinching game. He went on to break the all-time scoring record at UAF followed by a 10 year pro career in Spain. According to a former coach, Brad's athleticism was only half the story. What set Brad apart was his high level of situational awareness and his understanding of coaches, teammates, opponents and the game-clock. He went on to name Brad as the smartest basketball player he had ever coached. Brad was a complete player, and his scoring proficiency was complemented with his exceptional rebounding, defensive and passing skills. Despite his many achievements and high level of success, friends and fans alike admire the fact that Brad is still the same friendly, down-to-earth guy they've always known. Brad has always been a generous volunteer and coached at multiple basketball camps during his college and pro careers. April 16, 2005 was proclaimed Brad Oleson Day in the City of North Pole.

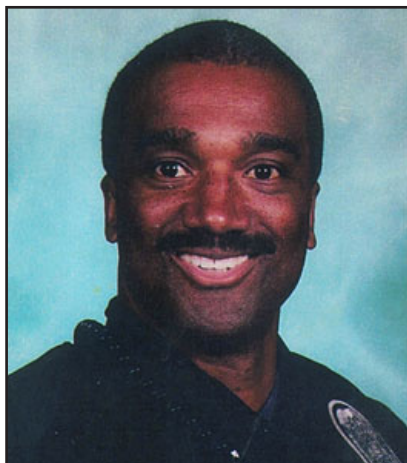


**ATHLETE**

Basketball, Track & Field

Dimond High School

Dwyane is a true example of what it means to win for life. As an All-American high school track star, Dwyane won 4 individual state track and field titles. In addition to his individual achievements, he was a true role model who consistently encouraged friends and classmates to participate in sports. But the true measure of Dwyane's passion for mentoring and encouraging participation in sports was most evident during his 13 year career as a track coach and as an APD School Resource Officer. Dwyane was always able to see the inner athlete in every student and inspire many of them to step up, participate and be the best they could be. He was admired and highly respected at Dimond High School by administration, teaching staff, security staff, fellow coaches, students and parents.





**ATHLETE**

Basketball, Cross Country  
Running, Track & Field, Volleyball  
Homer High School

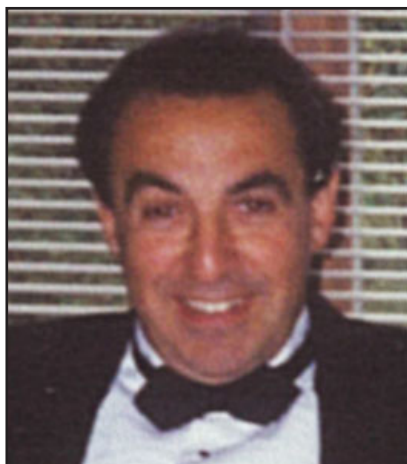
Jody Hensen is the definition of a multi-sport student-athlete. As a standout basketball, Cross Country, Volleyball and Track participant at Homer High School, Jody earned seven State Championship titles. Her dedication and hard work in the classroom were just as impressive, and she was a consistent Honor Roll student. Jody's passion in basketball set her apart as a team leader on and off the court, and she was named Alaska Player of the Year her senior year. Jody overcame a devastating family tragedy her sophomore year when she lost her Father to a rare brain disease. Despite this tragedy, Jody drew upon her tremendous inner strength and continued to excel on the court and in the classroom. She went on to play basketball at Northern Arizona University with a full scholarship. Following graduation, Jody went on to coach women's basketball at numerous universities including the University of Alaska Anchorage.



**COACH**

Football, Girls Basketball  
Anchorage School District

Bob Durado coached football in Anchorage for 17 years: East High School Varsity football from 1967-82 and West High School Varsity in 1988. When Coach Durado retired, Bob had the most victories in Cook Inlet Conference history. During his tenure, he guided East to 5 conference championships. Coach Durado also coached the East High School Girls Basketball team for 10 seasons. Coach Durado's teams won 4 conference titles, 2 Region IV championships and a State title in 1980. Upon his retirement, coach Durado had more wins than any coach in girls basketball. Coach Durado taught his players on the field and on the court that teamwork, sportsmanship, respect and competition were lessons and values that would help them succeed in their relationships and careers long after they graduated from high school.



**COACH**

Girls Basketball, Boys Basketball,  
Football, Track & Field  
Homer High School

As a multi-sport coach in Basketball, Football and Track & Field during his 16 years of coaching at Homer High School, Dave Cloud knew the value of multi-sport participation long before it was the popular thing to do. Dave also cared about the lives of his players outside of sports and believed that coaching and mentoring his players was more than running practices and coaching games. When Dave took over a struggling Varsity Girls Basketball program in 1986, many were astonished to see the team qualify for the 4A State Tournament the following year. Dave went on to lead the team to three State Girls Basketball Championship titles from 1989-1991. He expected excellence on and off the court, and he was just as proud of his teams who won academic and sportsmanship awards as he was the state titles. Recipient of numerous Coach of the Year awards, Coach Cloud has been and will continue to be a tremendous positive influence at the school and the community of Homer for generations.



**COACH**

Basketball, Hockey, Football,  
Track & Field  
Anchorage School District

No one ever doubted Coach Earle Walker's competitive spirit, and his teams always played to win. But it was equally clear that Coach Walker's first priority as a coach and mentor was to help student-athletes grow and develop as outstanding young men and women beyond the sport they played. Coach Walker always emphasized ethics and fair play over won-loss records, and as many assistant coaches will attest, he always made time to encourage, mentor and empower his staff to grow and become better coaches. He believed that a big part of positive leadership was nurturing leadership in others, both players and staff. He believed that teaching came first, coaching second, and approached games as a report card that measured character and values as well as preparation and teamwork. It was never about individuals. Coach Walker believed that players should always represent team, school, family and community.



## COACH

Basketball

Juneau-Douglas High School

For many Southeast Alaska basketball coaches, fans and players, Coach George Houston is a true legend. His name is synonymous with outstanding performance, both on and off the court. In a career spanning 34 years, Coach Houston's teams won 10 Conference Titles, two State Championships, and a combined 278-85 Won-Loss record. To no one's surprise, Coach Houston was named Alaska Coach of the Years three times. Since retiring as a teacher and coach from Juneau-Douglas High School, George continues to coach basketball and work with youth in many capacities at every level. From coaching a middle school team to officiating club games, Coach Houston is preparing the next generation of Alaska basketball players. He also works numerous summer camps, and coached Team Alaska at the Arctic Winter Games in Yellowknife.



**COACH**

Basketball

Anchorage School District

In a basketball coaching career spanning 40 years, Coach Phil Jordan has coached in three unique and diverse regions across Alaska. During his four decades as a coach, Coach Jordan guided teams at six different schools and at most every level of boys and girls high school basketball. Coach Jordan's teams have won three states titles at three different high school programs, Bartlett, Service and Lumen Christi. He also guided Tri Valley to a 4th place finish in the state championship playoffs in their first year of competition. Coach Jordan taught his players that success on the court came down to four things: Teamwork, dedication, discipline, selflessness. He also taught his players that those very same values would help them achieve success in life.





**CONTRIBUTOR**

Major Sponsor

As a proud sponsor of ASAA since 2008, RAVN has provided more than \$250,000 in-kind travel allowances as well as valuable volunteer support at many of our championship events. RAVN also provides travel for individual schools

and students as well as travel for both the ASAA Board of Directors and Staff as needed, including travel for referees attending various tournaments. As the state's largest aviation transportation system, ASAA's long-term partnership has been very positive and is something that will continue to grow in the future. RAVN Alaska is committed to the youth of our future, and plays a vital role in ASAA's ability to host quality championships and events statewide.



## 2006 INDUCTEES

### ATHLETES

- John Brown - Ketchikan High School - 1968
- Don Clary - East Anchorage High School - 1975
- Mike Cronk - Walter Northway High School - 1987
- Herb Didrickson - Sheldon Jackson High School - 1946
- Steve Frank - Austin Lathrop High School - 1973
- Elizabeth "Betsy" Haines - East Anchorage High School - 1978
- Nina Kemppel - West Anchorage High School - 1987
- Rocky Klever - West Anchorage High School - 1977
- Chuck Kopp - Cook Inlet Academy - 1983
- Trajan Langdon - East Anchorage High School - 1994
- Butch Lincoln - Kotzebue High School - 1991
- Aelin Peterson - West Valley High School - 1992
- Mark Schlereth - Robert Service High School - 1984
- Brian Swanson - Chugiak High School - 1994
- Molly Tuter - Soldotna High School - 1993
- Kristy Klinnert Waythomas - Kodiak High School - 1987
- Gary Wilken - Austin Lathrop High School - 1964

### COACH

- Tom Huffer, Sr - Chugiak High School

### ADMINISTRATORS

- Gil Truitt - Mt. Edgecumbe High School
- Les Wells - Anchorage School District & ASAA

### CONTRIBUTOR

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## 2007 INDUCTEES

### ATHLETE

- Gary Beller - West Anchorage High School - 1968
- Carl Blackhurst - Haines High School - 1996
- Yohance Humphrey - Chugiak High School - 1997
- Brit Jacobson Reid - Chugiak High School - 1994
- Ron Pollock - West Anchorage High School - 1968
- Emily Ransom Golick - Seward High School - 1994
- Sarah Olerud Swinton - Haines High School - 1986

### COACH

- Joe Floyd - Kodiak High School
- Don Hather - Hoonah/Tok/Skagway High Schools
- Buck Nystrom - Eielson/North Pole High Schools
- Dick Thompson - Dimond/Service High Schools
- Larry Whitmore - Bartlett High School
- William "Bill" Wilttrout - Anchorage/Homer High Schools

### ACTIVITY SPONSOR

- Karen Grussendorf - Sitka High School - 1967-1998

### CONTRIBUTOR

- Dave Brann - Homer

## 2008 INDUCTEES

### ATHLETE

- Ann Berdahl - Nikiski High School - 1997
- Jeannie Hebert-Truax - Monroe Catholic High - 1988
- Gary Steeby - Chugiak High School - 1974

### COACH

- Robert "Bob" Boudreaux - Soldotna High School - Football
- Dwayne Davies - Kake High School - Basketball
- Reilly Richey - Juneau-Douglas High School - Football
- John W. Tobin - North Pole High School - Wrestling
- Alice Witte - Homer High School - Volleyball

### CONTRIBUTOR

James "Whizzy" Whisenhant - Lathrop High School

## 2009 INDUCTEES

### ATHLETE

- Myra Harris - Frank A. Degnan School - 1996
- Matt Mattson - West Valley High School - 1994
- Mara Rabinowitz - West Valley High School - 1984
- Mao Tosi - East Anchorage High School - 1995

### COACH

- Dan Eide - Valdez High School
- Lynn Roumagoux - Dimond High School

### ACTIVITY PARTICIPANT

- Peter Hilts - Susan B. English School - 1984
- Michael More - West Anchorage High School - 1965

### OFFICIAL

- John T. Jones - Anchorage

### CONTRIBUTOR

- Spenard Builders Supply

### LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT

- Richard McCormick - Douglas/Lathrop/Nome/Wrangell

## 2010 INDUCTEES

### ATHLETE

- Carlos Boozer, Jr. - Juneau-Douglas High School - 1999
- David Killpatrick - West Anchorage High School - 1990
- Larry Martin - Homer High School - 1969

### ACTIVITY SPONSOR

- Roy McPherson - Ketchikan High School

### CONTRIBUTOR

- AT&T Alaska

## 2011 INDUCTEES

### ATHLETE

- Scott Gomez - East Anchorage High School - 1996
- Matt Hernry - Dimond High School - 1986
- Sam Hill - Kotzebue and Nikiski High Schools - 1996
- Tom Huffer Jr. - Chugiak High School - 1985
- Jessica Moore - Colony High School - 2000
- Kikkan Randall - East Anchorage High School - 2001
- Sarah Sullivan Afoa - Dimond High School - 1979

### ADMINISTRATOR

- Richard "Dick" Mize - Anchorage School District

### COACH

- Woody Wenstrom - West Valley High School

### OFFICIAL

- James Mason - Anchorage

## 2012 INDUCTEES

### ATHLETE

- Steve MacSwain - East Anchorage High School - 1983

### ACTIVITY PARTICIPANT

- Vivica Genaux - West Valley High School - 1987
- Richard Cooper - Haines High School - 1984
- Roger Schmidt - Sitka High School - 1987

### COACH

- Paul Brauneis - Chugiak High School
- Mike Smithers - Ketchikan High School
- Craig Jung - Kenai Central High School
- Ed Blahous Sr - Chugiak High School

### OFFICIAL

- James Paxton - Anchorage

### ADMINISTRATOR

- John Andrews - Kenai Peninsula School District

### CONTRIBUTOR

- Nordic Ski Association of Anchorage
- Alaska Commercial Company - AC

## 2013 INDUCTEES

### ATHLETE

- Edward Blahaus, Jr. - Chugiak High School - 1985
- Mia Costello - West Anchorage High School - 1986

### COACH

- Roger Nelles - Delta Junction & Wasilla High Schools
- Catherine Rhodes - Colony & Wasilla High Schools
- Joe Tremerallo - Lathrop High School
- Chuck White - East Anchorage & West Anchorage HS

### ADMINISTRATOR

- Ron Gleason - Angoon & Juneau-Douglas High Schools

### LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT

- Steve Ivanoff - Unalakleet

## 2014 INDUCTEES

### ATHLETE

- Whitney Leman Schollenberg - Ninilchik School - 2003
- Steve Simmons - Chugiak High School - 1985
- Archie Young - Wrangell High School-1991

### COACH

- Donna Dooley-Diamond High School
- Virgil Hooe - Anchorage School District
- Boyd "Dan" D. Leman - Ninilchik School
- Dave Reeves - Diamond High School
- Bruce Shearer - Kenai/Anchorage School District

### OFFICIAL

- Don Kassube - Anchorage

### ACTIVITY SPONSOR

- Richard "Dick" Barker - Tok & Bethel High Schools
- Pauline Souter - Chugiak High School

## 2015 INDUCTEES

### ATHLETE

- Chris Kuper, Diamond High School - 2001
- Jeremiah Richards, Palmer High School - 1997
- Reggie Tongue, Lathrop High School - 1992

### COACH

- Ted DeLeon, West Valley & Ben Eielson High School
- Rex Rock Sr., Pt. Hope High School
- Dave Schroer, Homer High School
- Lancer Smith, Palmer High School
- Mike Zibell, Noorvik High School

### ADMINISTRATOR

- Roger Steinbrecher, Seward High School, Sand Point High School

### CONTRIBUTOR

- Alaska Airlines
- Nordic Ski Club of Fairbanks

## 2016 INDUCTEES

### ACTIVITY PARTICIPANT

- Victor Barranco - North Pole - 2001

### ATHLETE

- Chad Bentz - Juneau-Douglas, - 1999
- Casey Flair - East Anchorage - 2004
- Ian Pitzman - Homer - 1986
- Jed Wade - Wasilla - 2004

### COACH

- Don Erickson - Covenant High School, Unalakleet

### ADMINISTRATOR

- Dave Dirksen - Wrangell, Annette Island
- Gary Matthews - Haines, ASAA

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