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WELCOME



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 13th year of the Hall of Fame. During this time 6 activity participants, 2 activity sponsors, 9 administrators, 58 athletes, 39 coaches, 4 officials, 10 contributors, and 2 Lifetime Achievement recognitions have been inducted.

We welcome Alaska Airlines' continuing sponsorship as it celebrates its 86th anniversary as one of the country's most respected air carriers.

We take great pride in inducting the members of the Class of 2019 and invite all inductees, families, friends, supporters and constituents to share in the enduring spirit of this occasion.

Billy Strickland
ASAA Executive Director

INDUCTION CEREMONY

SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2019 | 4:00PM | LAKEFRONT HOTEL

Master of Ceremonies

Michael Janecek

Welcome

Ed Lester - ASAA Board President

National Anthem

Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

Redress - Class of 2018

Refreshments/Photo Session



ALEV KELTER

CHUGIAK HS
*Hockey, Soccer,
Flag Football*



2019 Athlete Inductee

2009 graduate of Chugiak High School – An outstanding athlete in the sports of flag football, hockey and soccer. Alev was the Gatorade Soccer Player of the Year for both 2008 and 2009.

Because of her dedication to community service during her high school years, she was awarded the Ernest P. Gruening Award for outstanding school and community service. These awards culminated in a full Division I scholarship to play both hockey and soccer at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. As a college freshman, Alev took her Badger soccer team to the Sweet 16 as a starting center midfielder. Two years later Alev assisted in the game-winning goal against Boston University, winning a NCAA D-1 Women's Hockey National Championship.

After graduating college with her Bachelors in Fine Arts, Alev continued her athletic career in the sport of rugby. She was selected to several international teams including Team USA's 12 player roster for the 2016 Rio Olympic Games.



AUSTIN VANDERFORD

*NINILCHIK HS
Wrestling,
Cross Country*



2019 Athlete Inductee

2008 graduate of Ninilchik High School – Austin Vanderford was a phenomenal high school wrestler, placing twice at the state championship prior to winning state championships (2007-160 lbs, 2006-152 lbs) both his junior and senior years. In addition to wrestling Austin was a standout basketball player earning numerous all-tournament and all-conference awards.

Former wrestling coach, John Lindeman stated “Austin was not only physically a wrestler, he had the mental part down as well. He understood mind over matter and he continued to seek out ways to improve and pushed himself consistently. I have never in my career been more impressed by a student.”

After graduating from high school, Austin attended and wrestled for Southern Oregon University. His wrestling success continued as he was a two-time NAIA All American and a National Champion. Since graduating with his Bachelors degree, Austin has become a highly successful Mix Martial Arts professional.



CODY TANNER

CHUGIAK HS
Wrestling



2019 Athlete Inductee

1978 graduate of Chugiak High School – Cody Tanner was a three time finalist in wrestling winning two championships in both 1976 and 1978. During his three year high school career, Cody had a 74-6 record. (During this time period 9th grade students wrestled as part of Gruening Junior High). A captain of his team, Cody was recognized as a great leader by his coach as a young man who consistently motivated his teammates to give their very best.

Former high school teammate, Bill Stoltze states “As the team captain, he was a real leader; motivating us to work harder at practices, sharing his tremendous knowledge of the sport, but most importantly leading by example. A great athlete, an even greater leader and inspiration to the rest of us. Incredibly, he wrestled in the championship match in every tournament he entered from the 3rd to 12th grade.”

After gradation Cody wrestled for Southwest Oregon Community College where he went on to win the Oregon Community School Championship. Upon finishing college, Cody returned to Alaska where he coached wrestling at Colony High School both as an assistant and head coach at both the junior high and high school level. Later Cody became a wrestling official and was selected to work at several state championships.



JUSTIN DORN

JUNEAU-DOUGLAS HS
Soccer



2019 Athlete Inductee

2001 graduate of Juneau Douglas High School – A dominate high school soccer player, Justin was a member of Juneau Douglas's State Championship Runner-up his junior year and State Championship team his senior year. He was also, selected to the first 2 All-State teams.

Justin is credited by Juneau-Douglas Head Soccer Coach, Gary Lehnhart, as having established a winning tradition in Juneau. "I've had the good fortune to coach so many incredible young men, but Justin Dorn stands the tallest in my view. He was both a skillful and tenacious player. He was unselfish, and despite scoring 49 goals in his career he often passed up opportunities for himself giving the ball to his teammates...his work ethic and leadership also set him apart. It's great as a coach when your best player is also your hardest worker. I'm not sure what the definition of Hall of Fame player is, but for me Justin Dorn is as close as I can get."

After four years playing and graduating from Gonzaga University with a degree in Exercise Science, Justin went to Physical Therapy school earning his doctorate. He has returned to Juneau where he works as a Physical Therapist and now owns Juneau Physical Therapy.



PHILIP ENGBRETSSEN

HOMER HS

**Football, Basketball,
Wrestling**



2019 Athlete Inductee

1989 graduate of Homer High School – An outstanding multi-sport athlete and student at Homer High School. Among, Phil's accomplishments in high school are: Senior Class President, State Wrestling qualifier, All-State in Football and Basketball, State Football Most Valuable Player, State Basketball Player of the Year, State 4A Basketball – third place 1987-88," State 3A Basketball Championship and Academic team – 1988-89," State Athlete of the Year, and numerous All-Tournament and Region awards.

"To talk of personal achievements during his high school career is only to minimize what he modeled for the school and the teams he chose to play on. Times were different then, and Phil is a throwback to the values educators have deemed important for years. He was a STUDENT athlete first; he accepted and embraced being a role model; he exhibited humility; and he was involved in the community" states former Homer coach and educator, Tim Daugharty.

After graduating high school Phil accepted a full ride academic scholarship to prestigious Occidental college rather than accepting an athletic scholarship. At Occidental he played basketball and threw javelin for a school record.



RANDY HANSON

BETHEL-REGIONAL HS
Wrestling, Cross
Country



2019 Athlete Inductee

2010 graduate of Bethel Regional High School – A four time State Wrestling Finalist and a three time State Champion (2009 Champion – 125 lbs., 2008 – Champion – 119 lbs., 2007 – 103 lbs., 2006 2nd Place – 103 lbs.), Randy is arguably the greatest wrestler coming out of the storied Bethel Regional High School program. Because of his positive attitude, consistency and athletic accomplishments, he was a role model for other students in the Bethel area. Randy also participated at a high level in cross country and basketball. As a cross country runner, he qualified and participated in three state championships. Bethel Wrestling Coach, Darren Lieb, states “He inspired others to work harder both on and off the mat.”

Additionally, Randy was an outstanding student. Despite missing a considerable amount of time while participating, he graduated with over a 4.0 GPA and was one of his graduating class’s valedictorian. Randy was only able to do this because of his extremely high level of personal expectations and drive.

After graduating from Bethel Regional High School, Randy went on to wrestle for the University of Minnesota, where he was recognized as All-Academic Big-Ten. He graduated with honors with a degree in Kinesiology in December 2014. He then went on to earn his teaching certification and is now teaching and coaching at South Anchorage High School.



STACIA RUSTAD

KENAI-CENTRAL HS

***Basketball, Track,
Cross Country, Volleyball***



2019 Athlete Inductee

1992 graduate of Kenai Central High School – A four-year participant in cross-country, volleyball, track & field, Stacia was also a four-year starter on the Kenai Central basketball team. Stacia was a key component in Kenai Central's 1991 Basketball State Championship and 1992 State Championship Runner- Up teams. A three time All-Region and two time All-State Selection in basketball, Stacia was named Alaska Daily News Female Athlete of the Year in 1992 and was also recognized by both Converse and USA Today as the 1992 Alaska Player of the Year.

Former Kenai Central Head Girls Basketball Coach, Craig Jung stated this in regards to Stacia, "You might think from all the accomplishments that Stacia was blessed with elite level athletic abilities. Not so. Having less than elite level natural athleticism, Stacia accomplished all these feats by hard work and determination. I have coached athletes with more natural ability than Stacia, but none that have worked harder. She set the standard for her teammates by example and elevated the effort level of all involved."

Stacia received a basketball scholarship to the University of Maine. While at the University of Maine, Stacia was the 1995 and 1996 Scholar Athlete of the Year. She played on three conference championship teams and twice played in the NCAA Division I National Tournament.

After graduation, Stacia began her teaching career in California, prior to returning to teach and coach at Kenai Central for eight years. During that time she also served as the school's Athletic Director for seven years. Since 2016, Stacia has served as the Athletic Director at Wasilla High School.



MIKE ASHLEY

**ANCHORAGE SCHOOL
DISTRICT
Hockey**



2019 Coach Inductee

A legendary hockey coach for 19 seasons at Dimond, West, Service and South Anchorage High Schools – Including his work as both an assistant and head coach, Mike's team won over 380 games and nine State Championships. In four years as head coach at Dimond, Mike's team won two state champions, he served as an assistant at Service as they won three straight State Championships. After becoming the head coach at South, Mike led them to four straight championship.

Mike was known as positive influence on the many students he worked with and was a superb teacher of the game. Fellow High School Coach Paul Brauneis, stated, "that at whatever high school Mike Ashley was coaching, that ice hockey program was successful – on and off the ice...he developed student-athletes and his teams not only won athletic titles – they also won numerous Team Academic Awards." Former players went on to play at twelve different DI school and numerous DIII schools as well.

Mike was known as an excellent teacher and also acted as the Assistant Coach for UAA during which they compiled a 54-29-1 record. Retiring from teaching after the 2007-2008 school year, Mike continued coaching hockey at South Anchorage High School until the end of the 2011-2012 season and continues to impact hockey as a USA Hockey Pacific District Evaluator for Alaska and officiates youth and adult hockey in the Anchorage area.



VIC BELLEQUE

DILLINGHAM HS
Basketball, Volleyball



2019 Coach Inductee

A longtime and successful volleyball and basketball coach for Dillingham High School – Vic coached for over 20 years at Dillingham High School. While coaching both boys and girls basketball he had a career record of 317-155 with five conference championships.

As a volleyball coach, his teams won eight conference championships. To his players, Vic was more than just their coach. “At times we would be gone for a week, flying in small planes to villages that many people will never see” remembers former player Gwen Gustafson Welch, “Vic was responsible for us in every way imaginable. He made sure we were safe and fed, had all our homework completed before returning home, presented ourselves and our town respectfully at all times and had fun.”

Another former player, Helen Smeaton, stated, “For me personally he was also the father figure that I didn’t have at home and his daughter was my best friend so I experienced another side of him through his advice, guidance and presence in a large part of my personal life. For everyone, he was honest, fair, challenging and relentless in his efforts to make you the best you could be, but to also make you believe you could accomplish anything if you worked hard enough...all of us coached by Vic are strong, independent, capable women today”

After retiring from teaching, Vic has continued to spend summers in Dillingham helping out with both youth and adults recreational activities.



STEVE NERLAND

Lifetime Achievement



2019 Lifetime Achievement

There are few people, if any, that have had an impact in youth/high school sports in Alaska comparable with Steve Nerland. Steve has been awarded the Joe Floyd award and inducted into the Alaska Sports Hall of Fame for his community accomplishments. The youth sports and high school leagues Steve has administrated has served and affected 1000s of young people not only in Anchorage but around the state.

Steve's advocacy for better sports facilities in Alaska has been an absolute game changer for high school sports and youth leagues. The Anchorage high schools all have fieldturf fields, thanks to Steve's leadership. That advocacy started a revolution for better fields across the state including turf baseball fields at Bartlett High School and Sitka.

The Alaska Airline Center on the University of Alaska campus would not be in existence if it was not for Steve's hard work, determination and perseverance against tremendous odds. The Alaska Airline Center has now hosted the March Madness Alaska Basketball and Cheer Tournaments, State Volleyball and Wrestling tournaments, providing a venue to showcase Alaskan students.

The Dome in Anchorage is another unbelievable accomplishment. The Dome has had a huge impact on sports in Anchorage. When it collapsed, the Anchorage community certainly realized its importance. Steve with other like-minded community members spent an enormous amount of time and effort to resurrect the Dome and secure its future in the Anchorage community. In addition, Steve has founded Alaska Airlines Classic Basketball Tournament in 1989, served as Chair for the Service High School Tipoff Basketball Tournament for 6 years, Coached Service High School Baseball for 12 years, winning the 2001 State Championship. Steve has served on numerous committees at the request of Anchorage School District to help support activities within the school district. Steve was on committees that started Flag Football, reinstated "C" team sports, and reinstated middle school boys and girls basketball and is currently working to start a Middle School Baseball and Softball League.

Steve started and is President of the non-profit Alliance for the Support of American Legion Baseball in 1994. The Alliance handles the operations of American Legion Baseball in the State of Alaska. It was through the Alliance that money was secured to improve Mulcahy Stadium with a fieldturf infield. Since then Mulcahy has been the home of many ASAA State Championship tournaments with zero rain outs. That includes field maintenance, game scheduling, finances, fundraising, and umpires, all aspects of running a state wide league.



**PAST
CLASSES
2006-2018**

2006 INDUCTEES - INAUGURAL CLASS



ATHLETE

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



COACH

- Tom Huffer, Sr - Chugiak HS

ADMINISTRATORS

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

CONTRIBUTOR

- First National Bank Alaska

2007 INDUCTEES

ATHLETE

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

COACH

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



ACTIVITY SPONSOR

- Karen Grussendorf - Sitka High School - 1967-1998

CONTRIBUTOR

- Dave Brann - Homer

2008 INDUCTEES

ATHLETE

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

COACH

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

CONTRIBUTOR

- James "Whizzy" Whisenhant - Lathrop HS



2009 INDUCTEES

ATHLETE

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

COACH

- Dan Eide - Valdez HS
- Lynn Roumagoux - Dimond HS

ACTIVITY PARTICIPANT

- Peter Hilts - Susan B. English School - 1984
- Michael More - West Anchorage HS - 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 HS - 1999
- David Killpatrick - West Anchorage HS - 1990
- Larry Martin - Homer HS - 1969

ACTIVITY SPONSOR

- Roy McPherson - Ketchikan HS

CONTRIBUTOR

- AT&T Alaska



2011 INDUCTEES

ATHLETE

- Scott Gomez - East Anchorage HS - 1996
- Matt Hemry - Dimond HS - 1986
- Sam Hill - Kotzebue & Nikiski HS - 1996
- Tom Huffer Jr. - Chugiak HS - 1985
- Jessica Moore - Colony HS - 2000
- Kikkan Randall - East Anchorage HS - 2001
- Sarah Sullivan Afoa - Dimond HS - 1979

ADMINISTRATOR

- Richard "Dick" Mize - Anchorage School District

COACH

- Woody Wenstrom - West Valley HS

OFFICIAL

- James Mason - Anchorage



2012 INDUCTEES

ATHLETE

- Steve MacSwain - East Anchorage HS - 1983

ACTIVITY PARTICIPANT

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

COACH

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

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 HS - 1985
- Mia Costello - West Anchorage HS - 1986

COACH

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

ADMINISTRATOR

- Ron Gleason - Angoon & Juneau-Douglas HS

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT

- Steve Ivanoff - Unalakleet



2014 INDUCTEES

ATHLETE

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

COACH

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

OFFICIAL

- Don Kassube - Anchorage

ACTIVITY SPONSOR

- Richard "Dick" Barker - Tok & Bethel HS



2015 INDUCTEES

ATHLETE

- Chris Kuper, Dimond HS - 2001
- Jeremiah Richards, Palmer HS - 1997
- Reggie Tongue, Lathrop HS - 1992

COACH

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

ADMINISTRATOR

- Roger Steinbrecher, Seward HS, Sand Point HS

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



2017 INDUCTEES

ATHLETE

- Beth Ladd - Homer HS - 1991
- Brad Oleson - North Pole HS- 2001
- Dwayne Jones - Dimond HS - 1980
- Jody Hensen Reding - Homer HS - 1991

COACH

- Dave Cloud - Homer HS
- Bob Durado - West Anchorage & East Anchorage HS
- Earle Walker - Anchorage School District
- George Houston - Juneau-Douglas HS
- Phil Jordan - Alaska High Schools

ADMINISTRATOR

- Teresa Johnson - Anchorage School District

CONTRIBUTOR

- RAVN Alaska - Alaska



2018 INDUCTEES

ACTIVITY PARTICIPANT

- Andrew Vait – Homer High School

ACTIVITY SPONSOR

- Mark Robinson – Homer High School
- Robert Hutton – Hoonah High School
- William Searle – Homer High School

ATHLETE

- Cameron Severson – Petersburg High School
- Daryn Colledge – North Pole High School
- Kyle Fossman – Haines High School
- Leah Francis – Juneau-Douglas High School
- Talisa Rhea – Juneau-Douglas High School

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT

- Al Howard – Soldotna
- Dan Gensel – Kenai Peninsula

OFFICIAL

- Jack Renn – Anchorage
- Ron Henderson – Anchorage/Kenai



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