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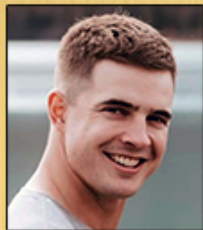


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WELCOME

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 20th year of the Hall of Fame. During this time 9 activity participants, 8 activity sponsors, 10 administrators, 88 athletes, 50 coaches, 9 officials, 13 contributors, and 11 Lifetime Achievement recognitions have been inducted.

We take great pride in inducting the members of the Class of 2025 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, APRIL 27, 2025
2:00PM
SPECIAL OLYMPICS ALASKA GYM

- **Welcome** - *Kathleen Navarre ASAA Associate Director*
- **National Anthem / Alaska Flag Song**
- **Recognition Past Inductees**
- **Master of Ceremonies** - *Don Winchester*
- **Hall of Fame Induction Class of 2025**
- **Reception**

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AJ HULL

KENAI CENTRAL HS Basketball, Football



2025 Athlete Inductee

AJ Hull, a 2012 graduate of Kenai Central High School, stands among Alaska's most accomplished multi-sport athletes. A four-sport letterman and state champion, Hull combined elite athletic performance with leadership, sportsmanship, and academic excellence throughout his high school career.

In football, Hull was a three-year letter winner and two-time state champion (2009, 2011), also leading Kenai to a runner-up finish in 2010. He earned numerous accolades, including Gatorade Player of the Year (2011), Offensive Player of the Year, and State Outstanding Player. Hull was a three-time First Team All-State quarterback, twice named All-State at defensive back, and once as a return specialist. He was also named State Player of the Game in the 2009 title matchup and earned All-Tournament honors on both sides of the ball in 2010. He continued his football career at Western Oregon University from 2012–2013.

Hull earned four varsity letters in basketball, finishing his senior season as a First Team All-Region and Second Team All-State selection. On the baseball field, he was part of the 2012 American Legion State Championship team and was named Tournament MVP. He also received the Big Stick Award and was named Northern Lights Player of the Year, as well as First Team All-State.

In track & field, Hull was a two-time Northern Lights Region Champion in the 200m and long jump. He also competed at the state level in the 300-meter hurdles and was part of a 4x400 relay team that placed sixth in 2010. A true student-athlete, Hull graduated with a 3.68 GPA, was a member of the National Honor Society, and later earned a B.B.A. in Business Management from the University of Alaska Anchorage.

Known for his humility, leadership, and unselfish play—like pitching the ball to a teammate near the goal line to share the glory—AJ Hull's legacy lives on in the Kenai community, where he continues to give back as a mentor and basketball official. He is a fitting addition to the Alaska High School Hall of Fame.



ALISSA PILI

DIMOND HS
Basketball, Volleyball,
Track & Field



2025 Athlete Inductee

Alissa Pili's, a 2019 graduate of Dimond High School, remarkable athletic career has left an indelible mark on Alaska high school sports, earning her a well-deserved spot in the Alaska High School Hall of Fame. A standout athlete at Anchorage's Dimond High School, Alissa's accomplishments across multiple sports have set a new standard of excellence, making her one of the most accomplished and celebrated athletes in the state's history.

Alissa was a true multi-sport phenom. In volleyball, she led Dimond High to four consecutive state championships, showcasing her athleticism and leadership on the court. She was also a force in track and field, winning four state titles in shot put and two in discus, demonstrating her strength and technical ability. As if that wasn't impressive enough, Alissa was also a state champion wrestler, securing the state title in her weight class, further proving her versatility and dominance across sports.

On the basketball court, Alissa's achievements were nothing short of legendary. She helped lead Dimond to two state championships and was recognized as the state's best player multiple times. Alissa was a three-time Gatorade Player of the Year for Basketball, a testament to her exceptional skill and leadership. Her accolades didn't stop there—she was also named the MaxPreps Female High School Athlete of the Year twice, cementing her status as one of the top female athletes in the nation.

After high school, Alissa's athletic career continued to soar. She played collegiate basketball at the University of Southern California (USC), earning Pac-12 Freshman of the Year and later transferred to the University of Utah, where she further honed her skills, earning Pac-12 Player of the Year, WBCA All-America honors and second team All-America recognition. Following a standout college career, Alissa was drafted number 8 overall in the 2024 WNBA Draft by the Minnesota Lynx.

Off the court, Alissa's character and leadership have set her apart as a role model for young athletes across the state. Known for her humility, dedication, and perseverance, she exemplifies the qualities of a true champion. Her leadership, both in competition and in the community, has made her an inspiration to others, and her journey is one of grit, resilience, and excellence.

This induction honors not only her athletic achievements but also her leadership, sportsmanship, and contributions to Alaska's sports community. As an athlete, leader, and role model, her legacy will inspire future generations of Alaskan athletes for years to come.



FREDDY HAMILTON

CRAIG HS Basketball



2025 Athlete Inductee

Freddy Hamilton III's basketball career is a testament to dedication, skill, and the power of community. A standout athlete from Craig High School, Freddy played a pivotal role in putting his small town on the map in the world of Alaska high school basketball. Throughout his high school years (1999-2003), Freddy was an integral part of the Craig Panthers' success, contributing to several significant achievements.

He was a key member of the 2001-2003 teams that dominated the Region V 3-A basketball scene, with highlights including a state runner-up finish in 2002 and a state championship in 2003. Freddy's excellence on the court earned him numerous accolades, including being named to the Region V 3-A All-Tournament Team for three consecutive years (2001-2003) and the State All-Tournament Team in 2002 & 2003.

Freddy's basketball journey began long before high school. Growing up in Craig, he was part of a tight-knit team that dominated youth tournaments and eventually took their talents to the high school level, where they competed fiercely against larger schools. His leadership and versatility as both a point guard and forward made him a difficult player to defend, and his calm demeanor on the court made him a coach's dream. As former assistant coach James Mackie shared, "Freddy was one of your first two-way players, an exceptional point guard/forward who made it very difficult for the opposing team to guard him."

Notably, Freddy's last-minute 3-point shot against the Barrow Whalers in 2002 sent the Panthers to the state championship, a moment that remains etched in the memories of Craig's basketball fans. Doug Rhodes, former principal and AD at Craig High School, recalled, "Freddy Hamilton was an important part of their success...the entire town was wearing Craig Panther Basketball shirts with the photos of Freddy and the other players on the team, and you can still see the shirts around Craig today!"

Beyond his high school success, Freddy continued to inspire as a coach, and even as a commercial fisherman, he stayed connected to his love for the game by participating in the Gold Medal Tournament in Juneau each year. His achievements, both on and off the court, have left a lasting legacy in Craig, a community proud of Freddy's accomplishments and his contribution to its sports history.

As the grandson of Herb Didrickson, a member of the first class of the ASAA Hall of Fame, Freddy Hamilton III's induction into the Hall of Fame is a fitting recognition of his outstanding athletic career and his lasting impact on high school basketball in Alaska.



**JUSTIN
SCHWARTZBAUER**
COLONY HS
Basketball and Track & Field



2025 Athlete Inductee

Justin Schwartzbauer's high school career is marked by extraordinary accomplishments across multiple sports, making him one of the most versatile athletes in Alaska's history. A star at Colony High School, Justin excelled in football, basketball, and track, leaving a lasting impact on his teams and his community.

In track, Justin was a dominant force. He was a three-time state champion in the 300-meter hurdles (2003, 2004, 2005) and claimed the state title in the 110-meter hurdles in 2005. His remarkable consistency earned him three Region III championships in the 300-meter hurdles, with his 2005 performance setting the Region III record. He also remains the holder of the Colony High School and Region III 300-meter hurdles records. As Coach Cathe Rhodes noted, "Justin's calm demeanor masked the burning desire to succeed in each and every event," a testament to his focus and drive. He was named Region III's MVP in 2005, and his accomplishments continue to resonate, with his name etched on Alaska's State Track Top Ten Best Times list.

Justin's achievements were not confined to the track. In football, he earned First-Team All-State honors as both a wide receiver and defensive back, helping lead Colony High School to the state semifinals in 2004 and 2005. His performance on the field was unmatched, with a touchdown reception in every game of his senior season. His athletic prowess earned him the prestigious Anchorage Daily News Alaska State Athlete of the Year award in 2005, a fitting recognition of his exceptional talents. Coach Randy Magner said of Justin, "His relentless work ethic and focus distinguish him as a Hall of Fame athlete."

On the basketball court, Justin's contributions were equally impressive. He was named First-Team All-State and led his team to the regional championship and state runner-up finish in 2004. His coach, Jeff Bowker, recalled, "If I were to make an All-Colony team, without question, Justin would be on the first team." Known for his gritty play, Justin used his athleticism and left-hand dominance to make an impact, but it was his leadership and camaraderie that truly stood out. "Justin was full of humor, and his good-natured joking kept everyone playing for one another," said Bowker.

After high school, Justin went on to play football at Weber State, where he contributed to the team's Big Sky Conference championship. Today, Justin continues to give back to his community, coaching his children's teams and staying involved in youth sports in Rosemount, Minnesota.

Justin Schwartzbauer's combination of athletic skill, leadership, and work ethic has made a lasting impression on sports in Alaska. His induction into the Alaska High School Sports Hall of Fame is a fitting recognition of his outstanding achievements and contributions to high school athletics.



KERRY WEILAND

PALMER HS Hockey



2025 Athlete Inductee

Kerry Weiland's journey from high school hockey star to Olympic silver medalist is a testament to her talent, determination, and trailblazing spirit. A standout athlete at Palmer High School, Kerry made history as one of the first women to compete on a boys' varsity hockey team in Alaska. Her immense skill on the ice earned her a place on the boys' varsity team for all four years, where she made an indelible impact on her team and her community.

As a high school athlete, Kerry was not only a fierce competitor but a trailblazer for young women in Alaska hockey. In a time when opportunities for female hockey players were limited, Kerry excelled on the ice and became the first Alaskan woman to earn First Team All-Region honors in Alaska prep hockey history. Her prowess as a defender was recognized early, leading to a full scholarship to the University of Wisconsin, where she continued to shine. She was a key contributor to the Wisconsin Badgers women's hockey team, leading the defense and earning multiple accolades, including an All-American First Team selection in 2002.

Kerry's high school years set the stage for an extraordinary career, including playing for Team USA and achieving international success. She narrowly missed out on the 2006 Olympics, but Kerry's determination didn't falter. Instead, she spent the next few years competing professionally in both Europe and North America, as well as winning gold in the International Inline Roller Hockey Championships. Her perseverance culminated in her selection to the 2010 U.S. Women's Olympic Hockey Team, where she helped bring home a silver medal from the Vancouver Winter Games.

Beyond her athletic achievements, Kerry's legacy in Alaska is felt through her ongoing connection to her community. After the Olympics, she toured the state, sharing her story and her medal with Alaskans of all ages. Kerry's humility and commitment to her roots were evident as she worked to give back to her community, including helping fund computers for her elementary school.

"Kerry was always respectful and quiet, but on the ice, she wasn't afraid of anything," said childhood friend Scotty Gomez, highlighting her fearless nature on the rink. "She was the real deal." Today, Kerry continues to inspire the next generation of hockey players through her work as an instructor, ensuring that her legacy as a pioneer and champion lives on in the hearts of Alaska's young athletes.

Kerry Weiland's induction into the Alaska High School Sports Hall of Fame honors her not only for her athletic achievements but for the profound impact she's had on the sports community, both in Alaska and beyond.



LUKE JOHNSON

NIKISKI HS

Football & Wrestling



2025 Athlete Inductee

Luke Johnson's high school athletic career is nothing short of legendary. A true multi-sport standout, Luke excelled in football, wrestling, basketball, and track & field, leaving a lasting impact on every team he was a part of. His achievements reflect not only his exceptional athletic ability but also his unwavering dedication, leadership, and academic excellence.

Luke's wrestling career is especially notable. He achieved the rare feat of being undefeated for three consecutive seasons, winning three state titles in a row from 2013 to 2015. His dominance on the mat was further highlighted by his selection as a USA Wrestling Academic All-American in his senior year. As a freshman, Luke was a state runner-up, losing to his older brother, setting the stage for the remarkable success that followed. As coach Dylan Hooper remarked, "Luke is probably the most accomplished athlete I have ever coached."

In addition to wrestling, Luke was a key player on the football field, where he played in four state championship games, winning a state title in 2013 and finishing as a runner-up in 2012, 2014, and 2015. He was a force both offensively and defensively, earning multiple All-State honors. He was named Defensive Player of the Year in 2013 and 2014, and Lineman of the Year in 2015. Luke was also recognized as State Player of the Game four times and capped his high school career with an MVP performance in 2015. His coach, Jake Doth, shared, "Luke's leadership on the field was unparalleled; he always led from the front."

Luke's excellence extended to track & field, where he proved his versatility by competing in multiple events. He earned state championships in the shot put and set a new school record in 2016. That same year, he finished second in the discus. Luke's well-rounded abilities also saw him place in the top six in the state in both shot put and discus in 2015, and he made an impressive showing in his freshman year by placing in the state in the shot put, high jump, and 4x100m relay.

As a basketball player, Luke contributed to a sixth-place finish at the state competition in 2016, showcasing his talent in yet another sport. His ability to excel in multiple disciplines made him a standout athlete and a leader on every team.

In the classroom, Luke maintained a perfect 4.0 GPA throughout his high school career, demonstrating the same dedication and work ethic that fueled his athletic success. His teachers and coaches praised him not only for his athletic achievements but also for his character, leadership, and kindness. Luke's commitment to excellence was evident in both his sports and academics, making him a role model for his peers.

After high school, Luke continued his athletic career at the University of Idaho, where he played college football while pursuing a degree in Mechanical Engineering. Today, he works as a Civil Engineer in Moscow, Idaho, and is raising a family with his wife, Rachel.



NATHAN SCHWARTZBAUER

COLONY HS

Hockey and Track & Field



2025 Athlete Inductee

Nathan Schwartzbauer's high school athletic career was nothing short of exceptional, earning him a place among the most versatile and accomplished athletes in Alaska's history. A four-sport standout at Colony High School, Nathan's accomplishments spanned football, hockey, track & field, and basketball, and his leadership and dedication left a lasting impact on the school's athletic programs.

Nathan's achievements in football were remarkable. As a junior and senior, he earned All-Conference and All-State honors as a defensive end, showcasing his exceptional skills on the defensive line. In his senior year, Nathan expanded his role to tight end, earning additional All-Conference and All-State selections, underscoring his athletic versatility & commitment to team.

In track & field, Nathan reached the pinnacle of success, helping lead Colony High to back-to-back-to-back regional championships in 1998, 1999 and 2000. His dominance in the high jump, where he earned state and regional titles in both his junior and senior years, was a key factor in the team's success. Nathan's speed and athleticism contributed significantly to victories in the 4x100m, 4x200m, and 4x400m relays, cementing his place as a vital member of Colony's championship teams. His contributions helped set multiple school and Region III records, and his legacy in track remains strong.

Nathan was also a standout player on the hockey rink, where he played for Colony's regional-winning teams in 1999 and 2000. A dynamic defenseman, Nathan earned All-State and All-Conference honors and was named to the All-State Tournament Team in both 1999 and 2000. His leadership on the ice was recognized by his coaches and peers, with Nathan serving as team captain in 2000. His hockey prowess continued after high school, as he went on to play for the Sioux City Musketeers, winning a USHL Junior National Championship in 2002. Nathan's success continued at Bemidji State University, where he helped the team secure two conference championships and appeared in NCAA tournaments in 2005 and 2006.

In addition to his athletic prowess, Nathan excelled in the classroom, maintaining academic excellence throughout his high school and college years. At Bemidji State University, Nathan was a three-time Academic All-American and earned spots on the Dean's List. He graduated with degrees in Sports Management and Business. "Nathan is one of the best athletes I've ever had the honor to coach," said his hockey coach Eric Troisi. "His athletic ability, combined with his work ethic, helped make Colony High School one of the best hockey teams in the state." His coach at Colony HS Mike Boyd said, "Nathan was a great Tight End and Defensive End. His speed and great hands made him a threat for both first downs and downfield, he was one of the quickest Defensive Ends off the corner that I have ever coached. He was coachable and fun to have around."

His impact on Alaska high school sports is undeniable. His accomplishments across four sports, his leadership, and his academic excellence make him a deserving inductee into the Alaska High School Hall of Fame. Today, he continues to excel in his professional life as Director of Operations at Greenpoint Metals in Cincinnati, where he balances his career with his role as a dedicated father. Nathan's legacy as an athlete, leader, and role model continues to inspire future generations of Alaskan athletes.



NATHAN VEREIDE

**Drama, Debate, Forensics
Whitestone**

2025 Activity Sponsor Inductee

Nathan Vereide's contribution to high school activities, particularly in the field of Drama, Debate, and Forensics (DDF), is legendary. As the DDF coach at Whitestone School from 1997 to 2015, Nathan's unwavering dedication and remarkable coaching led his students and the school to unparalleled success. His contributions to the growth and development of the program were instrumental in shaping the competitive landscape of Alaska's DDF community.

During his 17-year tenure, Nathan's teams amassed 31 overall school sweepstakes titles in the 1A/2A/3A categories, an unprecedented achievement in the state. His guidance helped Whitestone outperform 4A schools eight times, making it the top-performing school in Alaska regardless of size. Nathan's teams consistently dominated the state championships, with his students capturing multiple individual state championships and earning numerous final-round appearances. In 2000, Whitestone won 7 out of 15 events at the state championship tournament, and in 2011, one of his debate teams achieved a perfect 31-0 season record, a rare feat that has been matched only once in Alaska's history. "Nathan's leadership on the team was unmatched," said Shawn Brisco, a fellow coach. "His dedication to both the success of his students and to improving the activity itself made him a key figure in the growth of DDF in Alaska."

Nathan's impact wasn't limited to the state level. His students frequently attended the national championship tournaments, and under his guidance, they achieved remarkable success. In 2001, Whitestone's Duo Interpretation team reached the semi-final round of the National Speech & Debate Association's championship tournament, and in 2005, Nathan coached a Public Forum debate team to a national 9th place finish. These accomplishments were part of a larger legacy, with his students reaching the elimination rounds of the national tournament seven additional times, marking half of Alaska's total appearances in national elimination rounds.

As a coach, Nathan was deeply committed to his students' growth, not just as competitors, but as individuals. His leadership extended beyond the tournament floor, building a sense of unity and camaraderie within the team. "Nathan was the kind of teacher who connected with you in school and out of school," recalled one of his former students, E. Ekstrom. "He was always willing to take extra time to help perfect a speech or rework a debate case, but he would also invite the kids over for scary stories and snacks on Halloween."

In addition to his competitive success, Nathan served as the President of the Alaska Coaches' Association, where he worked to further improve DDF programs throughout the state. His contributions were recognized in 2007 when he was named the inaugural Alaska Coach of the Year. Even after his retirement from coaching, Nathan continued to serve as a mentor, judging at state championships and offering guidance to new coaches.

Lynn Chavez, a fellow coach, praised Nathan's leadership, saying, "Nathan set a high bar for a standard of excellence, heart of care, and high-quality sportsmanship in Drama, Debate, and Forensics." Nathan Vereide's lasting legacy in Alaska's high school speech and debate community is evident in the success of his students, his leadership in DDF, and the positive impact he had on the lives of those he coached.



PAULINE TUFI MAU

WEST ANCHORAGE HS
Hockey & Softball



2025 Athlete Inductee

Pauline Tufi's remarkable athletic career at West Anchorage High School has earned her a well-deserved place in the Alaska High School Hall of Fame. A versatile and gifted athlete, Pauline excelled in softball, hockey, volleyball, and track and field, leaving an indelible mark on the state's athletic landscape.

Pauline's athletic prowess is highlighted by her three-time Gatorade Softball Player of the Year award (2011, 2012, and 2013), an achievement that solidified her as one of the top athletes in the state. In addition to her softball success, she was an accomplished competitor in hockey, volleyball, and track & field, earning numerous accolades and championships across all disciplines. Her dedication to excellence was apparent in every sport she participated in, and her ability to balance success in multiple sports set her apart from her peers.

"Pauline was not just an athlete; she was a game-changer. She brought leadership and determination to every team she joined," said Stanley Engel, Assistant Girls Basketball Coach at West Anchorage High School. "Her impact extended beyond her athleticism—her heart, leadership, and work ethic made her a true pillar in our community."

Pauline's academic success was equally impressive. Graduating with a 3.96 GPA and ranking 11th out of 536 students, she demonstrated an unwavering commitment to excellence in the classroom. She was a consistent honor roll student for all four years of high school, proving that her discipline and work ethic were just as strong off the field as on it.

In addition to her academic and athletic achievements, Pauline's contributions to her community have been a testament to her character. She has volunteered with several organizations, including the Salvation Army, Bean's Café, Lions Club, and the Alaska Run for Women, showcasing her selflessness and dedication to helping others.

As Rob Larkey, P.E. Department Chair and Head Varsity Hockey Coach at West Anchorage High School, shared, "Pauline's ability to balance academics, athletics, and community service sets her apart as an extraordinary individual. She is a role model, a leader, and a true embodiment of excellence."

Beyond her athletic success, Pauline's leadership and compassion were evident in her actions. A perfect example of this was after a championship game at the Alaska High School Classic, when, despite the late hour and the exhaustion of others, Pauline took it upon herself to stay behind and clean up the gym, a selfless act that spoke volumes about her character.

"Pauline embodies all the best qualities we could ask for in an athlete and a community member," said Stanley Engel. "Her strength, kindness, and dedication to both her teammates and her community make her a true role model."

Pauline Tufi's induction into the Alaska High School Hall of Fame honors not just her athletic achievements, but her profound impact on her school, her community, and the state of Alaska. Her legacy as a dedicated athlete, leader, and community servant continues to inspire future generations.



RACHEL JOHNSON

NIKISKI HS

Basketball & Volleyball



2025 Athlete Inductee

Rachel Johnson, formerly Rachel Thompson, is a distinguished athlete whose exceptional talents, leadership, and character have earned her a well-deserved place in the Alaska High School Hall of Fame. A three-sport athlete at Nikiski High School, Rachel excelled in soccer, volleyball, and basketball, leaving a lasting impact on her school and community.

In volleyball, Rachel earned 1st Team All-State honors in 2012 and 2014, and was named South Central Conference MVP in 2014. In basketball, she was named to the 1st Team All-State in 2015 and the 2nd Team All-State in 2014, while also earning the South Central Conference MVP award. Her leadership and dedication to her teams were evident both on and off the court, as she consistently led by example. Scott Anderson, her former basketball coach, shared, “Rachel’s leadership stands out as a primary reason for our fond memories. She made us a team, not just a group of individuals.”

In soccer, Rachel’s talent as a goalkeeper was exceptional, even though the small Nikiski soccer program often struggled to field a team. Despite the team’s challenges, Rachel kept them competitive and played a crucial role in every game. She was named Northern Lights Conference MVP in 2012, demonstrating her skill and resilience in a sport that demanded both mental and physical toughness.

Rachel’s athletic success continued at the collegiate level, where she played soccer at Highline College, setting a school record with an eleven-game shutout streak and earning two-time conference all-star honors. She then moved on to Washington State University, where she played for the Pac-12 Cougars, earning the Pac-12 Goalkeeper of the Week honors twice after shutting out No. 8 UCLA and tying No. 1 Stanford. Rachel’s commitment to both her sport and academics earned her Pac-12 Academic Honorable Mention recognition.

Beyond her athletic achievements, Rachel’s character and leadership qualities truly set her apart. She was a model student at Nikiski, excelling academically with a rigorous course load and earning an honors diploma. Her coaches and teachers admired her for her positive attitude, work ethic, and willingness to help others. “Rachel embodies what we strive for in a student-athlete,” said Jake Doth, a longtime coach. “She truly loves athletics, competition, and the camaraderie of working together with others.”

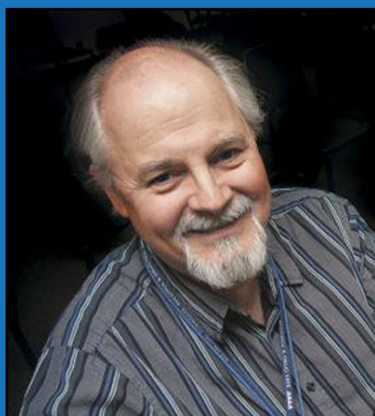
Rachel’s commitment to community service further underscores her character. She volunteered for numerous causes and led various school events, earning respect from her peers and mentors alike. Her natural leadership and ability to inspire others will be remembered by those who had the privilege of working with her.

Rachel Johnson’s exceptional athletic career, combined with her academic excellence, leadership, and selflessness, made her a deserving inductee into the Alaska High School Hall of Fame. Her legacy continues to inspire future generations of Alaskan student-athletes.



STAN HARRIS

Music
Palmer



2025 Activity Sponsor Inductee

Stan Harris has left an indelible mark on the Alaska music community through his exceptional work as a teacher, mentor, and leader in music education. Over his distinguished career, Stan inspired generations of students at Palmer High School, fostering a deep love for music and the arts, while developing their skills in both band and choir at the highest levels.

Throughout his career, Stan Harris was known for his unmatched dedication to his students, guiding them not only in musical performance but also in life. His music programs, including jazz bands, choirs, and musical theater productions, consistently earned top honors, with students achieving high ratings and command performances at the regional and state levels. “Stan’s ability to teach both band and choir at the highest levels is unmatched,” said Sara Guhl, former music teacher at Wasilla High School. “His kindness, flexibility, and guidance for students is unparalleled.”

Under Stan’s leadership, Palmer High School’s music programs flourished, with students receiving top scores at national competitions and earning recognition for their achievements. His students were frequently given the opportunity to perform and compete across the country, with memorable performance trips to New York City, Washington, D.C., and other cities, where they not only gained exposure to world-class performances but also explored the world beyond their hometown.

Seth Blohm, a former student of Stan’s, reflects on the impact Stan had on his life: “Working with Mr. Harris, I found joy and passion in performing music again. He always found ways for us to play with the music and experiment in fun ways, which helped develop our jazz skills and deepened our love for music.”

Stan’s influence extended far beyond the classroom. His leadership and sense of humor made him a beloved figure in the community, whether he was teaching in the classroom, playing in community productions, or mentoring future music educators. “He is one of the humblest people I know,” said Sara Guhl. “Stan never brags about his accomplishments but always lifts others up. His ability to build relationships with students, staff, and parents is something truly special.”

Stan’s dedication to his students was further exemplified in his work with solo and ensemble festivals, where his jazz soloists and ensemble groups consistently earned high ratings. His leadership in both the classroom and community produced lasting friendships and invaluable lessons, making him not only a teacher but a mentor for many aspiring musicians.

In recognition of his extraordinary contributions to music education and his dedication to his students, Stan Harris’s induction into the Alaska High School Hall of Fame is a well-deserved honor that celebrates his legacy as one of Alaska’s finest educators and community leaders.



TOBIN KARLBERG

GRACE CHRISTIAN HS Basketball



2025 Athlete Inductee

Tobin Karlberg's high school basketball career at Grace Christian School was nothing short of exceptional, marked by his impressive skill, leadership, and character both on and off the court. A four-year varsity starter, Tobin helped lead Grace to three consecutive state title game appearances, culminating in a 3A State Championship in 2017. His relentless work ethic and commitment to excellence earned him multiple accolades, including two-time 3A State Player of the Year and the Gatorade State Player of the Year in his senior season.

Over the course of his high school career, Tobin's achievements were numerous. He scored over 2,100 career points, recorded 321 steals, and dished out 410 assists. His impressive stats also include the most free throws made in a single game (22) and the most steals in a single game (13). He was named to the 1st Team All-State multiple times and was recognized as the Southcentral Conference Player of the Year in 2017.

"Tobin was a floor general who made everyone around him better," said his coach, Jason Boerger. "His assists reflect his unselfishness and team-first mentality. He valued team success over individual accolades, and that's what made him stand out."

Tobin's leadership extended beyond his individual play. Known for his humility and sportsmanship, he was widely respected by teammates, coaches, opposing players, and referees alike. "What separates Tobin from the pack is his incredible character and his commitment to the community around him," said Boerger. "He's an ambassador of basketball and has always been a role model, not only on the court but off it, giving back to the game through coaching and mentorship."

After high school, Tobin continued to shine at the collegiate level, playing for the University of Alaska Anchorage and later for Point Loma University. His achievements continued, and he now serves as a coach at the University of Alaska Fairbanks, furthering his positive impact on basketball across the state.

Tobin Karlberg's impact on Alaska basketball is undeniable. His legacy as an athlete, leader, and mentor has made a lasting impression, and his induction into the Alaska High School Hall of Fame honors not only his athletic achievements but his character, his community involvement, and his contributions to the sport.

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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 HS
- Dick Thompson - Dimond/Service HS
- Larry Whitmore - Bartlett HS
- William "Bill" Wiltrot - 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" Whisenant - 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 Hiltz - 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 - Dimond 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 HS

ACTIVITY SPONSOR

- Mark Robinson – Homer HS
- Robert Hutton – Hoonah HS
- William Searle – Homer HS

ATHLETE

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

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT

- Al Howard – Soldotna
- Dan Gensel – Kenai Peninsula

OFFICIAL

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



2019 INDUCTEES

ATHLETE

- Alev Kelter - Chugiak HS - 2009
- Austin Vanderford - Ninilchik HS - 2008
- Cody Tanner - Chugiak HS - 1978
- Justin Dorn - Juneau-Douglas HS - 2001
- Philip Engebretsen - Homer HS - 1989
- Randy Hanson - Bethel Regional HS - 2010
- Stacia Rustad - Kenai Central HS - 1992

COACH

- Mike Ashley - Anchorage School District
- Vic Belleque - Dillingham HS

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT

- Steve Nerland - Anchorage



2020 INDUCTEES

ACTIVITY PARTICIPANT

- Royal Henderson - Haines HS

ATHLETE

- Alana Clooten - Lathrop HS
- Cayle Byers - Chugiak HS
- Lincoln Johnson - Nikiski HS
- Lorrie Clifford - Chugiak HS
- Mendy Benson - Kenai Central HS
- Sarah Murphy - Service HS

CONTRIBUTOR

- Anita Harry - Homer HS
- Orthopedic Physicians of Alaska

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT

- Bob Barger - Sitka & Anchorage

OFFICIAL

- Clarence Thompson - Anchorage



2021 INDUCTEES

COACH

- Don Witzel - Colony HS

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT

- Hal Spackman - Southeast
- Jean Jackson - Klawock HS

ADMINISTRATOR

- Larrae Rocheleau - Southeast



2022 INDUCTEES

ATHLETE

- Corise Bittner Story - Homer HS

COACH

- Dave Massey - Juneau-Douglas HS

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT

- Merlin Cordes – Kenai Peninsula



2023 INDUCTEES

ACTIVITY SPONSOR

- Stacey Wayne - Sitka HS

ATHLETES

- Allie Ostrander - Kenai Central HS
- Armand Ruffin - Chugiak HS
- Brandon Drumm - Service HS
- Izabelle Ith - Petersburg HS
- Joshua Gemmell - Soldotna HS

COACH

- Milo Griffin - Ben Eielson/Lathrop/West Valley HS
- Robert Rychnovsky - Newhalen HS

OFFICIALS

- Harold Wilson - Anchorage

CONTRIBUTOR

- Bill Stoltze - Chugiak

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT

- Rus Schreckenghost - Anchorage/ASAA



2024 INDUCTEES

ACTIVITY PARTICIPANT

- Terek Rutherford - South Anchorage HS

ATHLETES

- Carl Arts - Valdez HS
- Jesstina Pili - Barrow HS
- Jordan Clarke - Bartlett HS
- Raymond Douville - Craig HS
- Travis Adams - Barrow HS
- Zack Bowman - Bartlett HS

ATHLETIC COACH

- Bill Jack - Bethel/Kotzebue/Nome HS
- Jim Beeson - Kenai Central HS
- Rod Christiansen - Palmer HS
- Shawn Lundgren - Lathrop/Monroe Catholic/West Valley HS
- Ward Romans - Nikiski/Grace Christian HS

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT

- Dean Overbey - Nenana HS
- John Miles - Bering Strait Region



CLASS OF 2025 INDUCTEES

ACTIVITY SPONSOR

- Nathan Vereide - Whitestone
- Stan Harris - Palmer

ATHLETES

- AJ Hull - Kenai Central HS
- Alissa Pili - Dimond HS
- Freddy Hamilton - Craig HS
- Justin Schwartzbauer - Colony HS
- Kerry Weiland - Palmer HS
- Luke Johnson - Nikiski HS
- Nathan Schwartzbauer - Colony HS
- Pauline Tufi Mau - West Anchorage HS
- Rachel Johnson - Nikiski HS
- Tobin Karlberg - Grace Christian HS





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