



HALL OF FAME

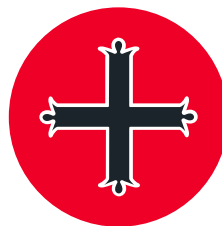
Second Annual Mount Michael Benedictine School

Hall of Fame Night

Thursday, September 14, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Relevant Center - Elkhorn, NE

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Mount Michael Athletic Hall of Fame

The Mount Michael Benedictine School Athletic Hall of Fame selects and gives lasting recognition to those individuals, teams, and coaches who have made exceptional contributions to the achievements and prestige of Mount Michael in the field of athletics and who have continued to demonstrate in their lives the values imparted by athletics. Those honored have contributed to the development of athletics at Mount Michael and its overall excellence. Teams, who by their record in their sport, have provided Mount Michael with an example of lasting leadership and success. The individuals and teams recognized must bring honor and positive recognition to Mount Michael through their sport, their service to the community, and for serving as an excellent representative of all that it means to be a Knight. This Hall of Fame recognition will maintain spirit, pride, and sense of community as well as serving as a historical account of the great athletic tradition that is Mount Michael Athletics.

2023 Athletic Hall of Fame Selection Committee

Dan Beninato '91

Mike Danahay '96

RJ Lebbert '07

Derrick Spooner

Blake Suing '05

John Von Dollen '12

2023 Mount Michael Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees

Dave Hahn '69

David Hahn was born and raised in Pierce, NE and attended St. Joseph School before coming to St. John Seminary, now Mount Michael Benedictine School, in the fall of 1965. While at St. John's he participated in cross country, basketball, and track.

During his cross-country career, Dave helped St. John's Cross Country team to a third place at state his sophomore year. During his junior year, the team went undefeated, winning all nine meets they competed in. At districts, their team placed four individuals in the top five putting them just one point away from a perfect team score. At the state meet, the team scored 22 points with all four runners finishing in the top 10 with Dave finishing 8th overall in the state. His senior year they successfully defended their state title and only lost one race due to an injured runner. Individually, Dave improved his individual performance from the year before by placing 6th overall at the state meet.

In Basketball, Dave was a four-year starter at guard. During his 81-game career, he averaged over 15 points and seven rebounds per game. In his junior year he helped lead the Knights to a state runner-up trophy. The next two seasons Dave and the Knights compiled an overall record of 29-5 and ended the seasons rated No. 2 and No. 4 respectfully. As a senior Dave was selected All-State from both the Omaha World Herald and Lincoln Journal Star. He was also invited to participate in the first annual Nebraska Basketball Coaches North-South All-Star game.

Dave was also a standout track athlete competing and qualifying for state all four years he competed for the Knights. In 1968 he and his teammates won a state title in the two-mile relay in a time of 8:25, which stood as the school record for many years.

Dave worked in the telecommunications industry for 46 years for companies that included Northwestern Bell, U S West, Qwest Communications and retiring from CenturyLink. After a short retirement, he became the Executive Director of a small non-profit telecom company that focused on Distance Learning and Tele-health applications as well Broadband initiatives in rural Nebraska.

Dave and his wife Linda live in Omaha, NE. They have four children, Michelle, Matt '01, Josh and Amy, and nine grandchildren including a current junior at Mount Michael, Gavin Gaither.

Coach George Roshone

George was born and raised in Omaha, NE. He attended St. Bernard's, Holy Name, and Benson High School before attending St. John's Seminary, now Mount Michael Benedictine School, for his final year prior to attending Omaha University.

In the summer of 1970 George went to Mount Michael to visit Fr. Nathaniel. During his visit Father asked him if he'd be interested in serving as, Mount Michael legend and Co-Hall of Famer, Jim "Killer" Kane's assistant coach. That fall he began his 23-year career of coaching Mount Michael's football, basketball, and track teams.

During his coaching career he helped Mount Michael's football team qualify for state seven times bringing home state championships in 1982 and 1990. In basketball, he helped Mount Michael to success as well with the Knights winning 11 district titles, as well a state runner up in 1984 and two state championships in 1983 and 1985.

In track the Knights had state qualifiers each year George assisted the team. In 1989 he helped the Knights to a state runner up trophy and in 1973 he helped bring home Mount Michael's only track and field state title.

George retired from coaching in 1993 but came out of coaching retirement briefly in 2015 to assist his son, John, with the basketball team. With his assistance the 2015 Knights qualified for the state basketball tournament.

George and his wife Patty live in Omaha. They have three children, John '99, Michael '01, and Katie and six grandchildren.

Alumni Appreciation Award

The Mount Michael Benedictine School Alumni Board established the Alumni Association Appreciation Award in 2021. This award is given annually to a former faculty/staff member or a friend of the Mount Michael Alumni Association that has had a positive impact on current students and/or alumni. This award is a symbol of the alumni association's appreciation for this individual's commitment to the Mount Michael community and their dedication to both past and present students. The recipient of this award is selected by the Alumni Board each year.

Sharleen Ball

Shar was born in Ogallala, NE and raised in the Grant area. She attended the University of Nebraska in Lincoln where she graduated with a degree in Business Education. After teaching in Grant for a few years, she would go onto Colorado State University to earn a master's in computer science education. Shar met her husband, Howard, after graduating from CSU while teaching in Pueblo. They moved several places and along the way they adopted their daughter, Veronica, and their son, Howard III. In 1990, they made their last stop to their permanent home of Omaha. That summer Shar applied for an open teaching position at Mount Michael Benedictine School.

Shar taught keyboarding, yearbook, computer programming, and journalism during her 22 years at Mount Michael. She had a strong commitment to the Mount Michael community and truly cared about her students. She helped her students excel in the classroom and while teaching journalism she helped lead Mount Michael's Journalism teams to state runner up finishes in 2007 and 2012 and to state titles in 2006, 2008, 2009, 2010, and 2011. In 2009 her team collected nine all-class gold medals, the most of any team in the state that year.

Upon retirement Shar and Howard enjoyed riding his beloved Harley Davidson motorcycle and riding in 1966 Mustang. Sadly, Howard passed away in 2021 from a stroke. Shar continues to live in Omaha. She enjoys spending time with her two children and three grandchildren.

Alumnus of the Year

The Mount Michael Benedictine School Alumni Board selects an alumnus who embodies the core Benedictine values that Mount Michael instills in its students. The main consideration for this award is to recognize an individual who symbolizes what it means to be a Mount Michael graduate.

2023 Alumnus of the Year Selection Committee

Kelly Berens '69

Grant Foster '22

Dan Gard '04

Fr. Lloyd Gnirk '70

Joe Hettinger '83

Graham Jewell '12

Grant Parr '11

Chris Shramek '93

John Von Dollen '12

John Wagner '67

John was born outside of Creighton, NE and attended grade school at St. Ludger's Academy, a school run by Franciscan nuns. In 1962, he came to St. John Vianney Seminary, now Mount Michael Benedictine School, where he would spend nine months of the year, until graduating in 1967. During his time as a Knight, he accumulated various debate awards and was an honors student.

After graduating from St. John's, he attended the University of Nebraska- Lincoln where he majored in math. He would continue onto the University of Nebraska's Law School where he was on full scholarship. His senior year of law school he clerked for the Nebraska State Supreme Court. In 1972 he graduated with distinction from law school and the Order of the Coif/Law review in January 1973.

John was immediately hired as the 13th employee, by a then small law firm, Kutak Rock in Omaha. Initially, he assisted the ABA Kutak Rock Commission in its total rewrite of the national ethical rules for attorneys, which are still in use today. He then began handling municipal bond issues for Wall Street bankers, specializing in financing affordable housing, a specialty practice in which Kutak Rock has become the leading law firm in the nation. He was made a partner at Kutak in 1976 and served as managing partner of the Omaha home office from 1987-1989. From 1991-2019 he was the head of the firm's National Public Finance practice group. Currently, John is a Senior Partner of Kutak Rock with an active national practice involving financing of affordable housing.

John and his wife, Carolyn McNamara live in Omaha and have three children, David, Anthony and Anne Marie and six grandchildren.

Honoree History

Alumni Athletic Hall of Fame

2023

Dave Hahn '69
Coach George Roshone

2022

Jeff Jamrog '83
Doug Wemhoff '85

2021

Conroy Jefferies '72
Br. Francis Schmitz, O.S.B.
1982 Football Team

2020

Coach Jim Kane

Alumni Appreciation Award

2023

Sharleen Ball

2022

Pat Dowd

2021

Brian Osborne

Alumnus of Year

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John Wagner '67

2022

Abbot Michael Liebl '68, O.S.B.

Knighted Alumni

Most Reverend William J. Dendinger '57
Most Reverend Jerome Hanus O.S.B. '58
Bill Heller '62
Luvern Gubbels, Ed.D '62
Father Patrick Cunningham '62
Dr. Bill Doucette '67
Kelly Berens '68
Thomas (Tom) Hastings '69
Casey Eichler '78
Kevin Kennedy '79
Zachary (Zach) Nelson '79
Peter (Rocky) Snawerdt '82
Thomas (Tom) Searcy '83

Athlete of the Year

2023	2011	1999	1987
Will Brewster	Jake Rauterkus	Pat Moylan	Michael Noble
2022	2010	1998	1986
Raaoul Djidjoho	Sean Murphy	Joe Wolpert	John Noble
2021	2009	1997	1985
Eli Crnkovich	Steve Anderson	John Dustin	Doug Wemhoff
2020	2008	Jake Smith	1984
Cliff Roepke	Colten Venteicher	1996	Jim Mayberger
2019	2007	Chris Miller	1983
Sid deMayo	Phil Schulte	1995	Jeff Jamrog
2018	2006	Matt Pick	1982
Lorcan Jamal	Pat Pick	1994	Tim Zach
2017	2005	Joel Lanik	1981
Peyton Hottovy	Ben Suing	1993	Joe Mayberger
Caiden Groff	Blake Suing	Patrick Rejda	1980
2016	2004	1992	Doug Hettinger
Sam VanHaute	Mike Pick	Jude Beller	1979
2015	2003	Ryan Moody	Steve DiGiacinto
Jake Batenhorst	Matt Luettel	1991	
2014	2002	Dan Beninato	
Preston Hendricks	David Levy	1990	
Garrison Emsick	2001	Scott Houchin	
2013	Matt Hahn	1989	
Tommy Maliszewski	Devin Moylan	Michael Cizek	
2012	2000	1988	
Tommy Feichtinger	AC Hoffman	Rob Noble	

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Eric Crawford '00 Mike Danahay '96 Matthew Dugick '16 Sam Fischer '86

Dan Gard '04 Dan Hassing '02 Graham Jewell '12 Jeff Kosse '89

Tom Lewis '86 Tom Maliszewski '13 Nico Marasco '12

John Von Dollen '12 Cooper Wilson '14 Davis Wilson '14

Upcoming Alumni Association Events

December 3, 2023- Breakfast with Santa

December 16, 2023- Alumni Basketball Tournament

Nine Ways to Support the Brotherhood

- Promote and engage with Mount Michael on social media.
- Attend activities and events and encourage other alumni to attend as well.
- Refer a student and talk to prospective students and families about Mount Michael.
- Hire and/or provide internships and jobs for Mount Michael students and graduates.
- Contact a former teacher, dean, or administrator and say thank you.
- Give your time, talent, and treasure to Mount Michael- volunteer at an alumni event, donate to the Knight Fund or alumni scholarships, or join the alumni board.
- Wear Mount Michael gear and show your Mount Michael pride. Go Knights!
- Keep your contact information current with the Mount Michael Advancement Office.
- Join the Mount Michael Alumni Association with our membership platform.

*“Listen carefully, my son, to the master’s instructions
and attend to them with the ear of your heart.”*

Rule of St. Benedict, Prologue



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The mission of the Mount Michael Benedictine School Alumni Association is to create lifelong, mutually beneficial relationships between Mount Michael alumni, future alumni, and the high school through scholarships, social programming, and networking. Operations of the Alumni Association fund the Fr. Benedict Dohle Alumni Scholarship and the Br. Mel Tichota Legacy Scholarship.