HALL OF FAME

Fourth Annual
Mount Michael Benedictine School

Hall of Fame Night

Thursday, October 9, 2025 6:00 p.m.

Relevant Center - Elkhorn, NE

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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 excellent representatives of all 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.

Athletic Hall of Fame

Jim Mayberger ’84

Jim Mayberger was born and raised in Omaha, Nebraska. He attended St. Pius X/St. Leo's School. He followed his brother, Joe, to Mount Michael in the fall of 1980. He participated in freshman football, three years of cross country, three years of track and played basketball for four years. In his final three years in basketball, Mount Michael went to state, winning in 1983 and finishing runner-up in 1984.

Jim was named all-state tournament in both 1983 and 1984, and the all-state team in 1984. In his final two years, the Knights had a record of 43 - 3, and won 33 games straight. Coach Jim “Killer” Kane, 2020 Athletic Hall of Fame inductee and Mount Michael coach from 1964-2004, has said that Jim is one of the best point guards in Mount Michael history.

Coach Kane said, “he was tenacious on defense and ran his office to perfection, making everyone around him better.” In 1993, Jim succeeded Coach George Roshone as Assistant Basketball coach. In 2002, he succeeded Coach Kane as Head Basketball Coach. The 2004 and 2005 basketball teams went to the state tournament, and the 2005 team finished as the state runner-up. He was named the 2004/2005 Metro Omaha Coach of the year.

Jim worked for Omaha Public Schools for 30 years, and currently works at Mercy High School. In 2015, he was the recipient of the Alice Buffett Outstanding Teacher Award. He and his wife Kristine live in Omaha, and they have three children, Emily, Joseph and Mary.

2025 Selection Committee

Matt Luettel ’03 - Chair
Dave Hahn ’67
Mark Nelson ’77
Rick Kauten ’88
John Dustin ’97
James Bender ’07
Brendan Walsh ’10
Peyton Rosenfels ’20

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.

Fr. John Hagemann, O.S.B. ’67

It’s nearly impossible to capture the full scope of Fr. John Hagemann’s impact on Mount Michael Benedictine School and Abbey. A 1967 graduate of Mount Michael, Fr. John returned after ordination and has spent the past 50 years dedicated to the Abbey and its mission of faith, education, and community.

Throughout his five decades of service, Fr. John has worn countless hats — English teacher, campus minister, director of class retreats, dean, director of musicals, and counselor for Camp St. John and Camp Mount Michael. His creativity and care have shaped generations of students, fostering both their academic growth and spiritual formation.

Fr. John’s reach extends well beyond the classroom. He has served as vocation director for the monastery, coordinated the Abbey’s casket ministry, and written for Benedictine publications. He has also spent time ministering in parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Omaha and beyond, always answering the call to serve wherever needed. In 2010, he was recognized as Archdiocesan Teacher of the Year — a fitting tribute to his excellence in education.

Known for his joyful presence, compassion, and deep faith, Fr. John continues to embody the Benedictine spirit in all he does. You will often find him tending to the garden or leading the monastic choir in song. For the past 50 years, he has been a staple of Mount Michael and with his induction into the Hall of Fame, he will forever be a part of Mount Michael’s history.

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.

Mark Lanspa ’80

Mark Lanspa is a seasoned real estate finance professional with more than four decades of experience. A native of Omaha, Nebraska, he is the eldest of three children of Barbara and Donald Lanspa. He attended St. Robert’s and Mount Michael Benedictine, graduating in 1980, before earning an accounting degree from Georgetown University and an MBA from Columbia Business School.

After Georgetown, Mark moved to New York City to launch his career in real estate finance. He has held senior roles at GE Real Estate, Goldman Sachs, and Credit Suisse. For the past 13 years, he has been Co-Head of the Hospitality Finance Group within Wells Fargo’s Corporate & Investment Bank, leading a team that provides financing to the lodging and leisure sectors. Known for his hands-on approach, he brings a deep understanding of hotel operations — from occupancy rates to renovation costs — into his work.

Mark and his partner of 30 years, Greg Scarffe, share a love of travel and adventure. They have explored every continent, from the glaciers of Tierra del Fuego to the monasteries of Bhutan and the black sand beaches of Antarctica. Mark’s favorite ways to explore — hiking and biking — also double as his daily commute in New York, where he cycles instead of taking the subway.

A strong advocate for service, Mark has long volunteered with God’s Love We Deliver, supporting individuals with serious illnesses. He is also a founding member and past President of the Real Estate Lenders Association and serves as Vice Chairman of the Hotel Development Council at the Urban Land Institute.

Mark’s life and career are guided by a spirit of hospitality and service, values deeply rooted in his Benedictine education. He welcomes connection and conversation, especially with those who share his passions for real estate, travel, and community engagement.

2025 Selection Committee

Joe Hettinger ’83 - Chair
Marvin Steffensmeier ’69
Fr. Lloyd Gnirk ’70
Dave Tamisiea ’83
John McLean ’92
Andrew Collins ’01
Justin Lytle ’14
Grant Foster ’22

Honoree History

Alumni Athletic Hall of Fame

2024

Coach John Gathje

2022

Jeff Jamrog ’83

Doug Wemhoff ’85

2020

Coach Jim Kane

2023

David Hahn ’69

Coach George Roshone

2021

Conroy Jeffries ’72

Br. Francis Schmitz, O.S.B.

1982 Football Team

Alumni Appreciation Award

2024

David Spenner ’63

2022

Pat Dowd

2023

Sharleen Ball

2021

Brian Osborne

Alumnus of the Year

2024

Fr. Daniel Hendrickson ’89, SJ

2022

Abbot Michael Liebl, O.S.B. ’68

2023

John Wagner ’67

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

We Welcome the State Championship Teams Celebrating Anniversaries in 2025

10 YEARS

2015 Cross Country

2015 Tennis

2015 Trapshooting

2015 Robotics

2015 Academic Decathlon

20 YEARS

2005 Tennis

2005 Soccer

25 YEARS

2000 Cross Country

30 YEARS

1995 Cross Country

35 YEARS

1990 Football

1990 Tennis

40 YEARS

1985 Basketball

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Mark Lanspa ’80

The Class of 1980

MCL Construction – Brent Suing ’00

TSL Companies – Tom and Patty Hastings ’69

OrthoNebraska – Matt Hahn ’01

Elman Print – Adam Michaelsen ’05

Gatete Photography – David Uwinganji ’14

2025 Alumni Board

Steve Allely ’81

Fr. Louis Sojka, O.S.B. ’81 (Abbey Representative)

Tom Lewis ’86

Sam Fischer ’86

Ted Mikuls ’86 (School Board Representative)

Greg Beninato ’89

Nick Wessling ’96

Dan Hassing ’02

Dan Gard ’04 (President)

Tony Swanson ’06

John Von Dollen ’12 (Advancement Representative)

Ben Pape ’13

Liam Bova ’18

Jack Avilla ’18

Nine Ways to Support Mount Michael:

1. Promote and engage with Mount Michael on social media.
2. Attend activities and events and encourage other alumni to attend as well.
3. Refer a student and talk to prospective students and families about Mount Michael.
4. Hire and/or provide internships and jobs for Mount Michael students and graduates.
5. Contact a former teacher, dean, or administrator and say thank you.
6. 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.
7. Wear Mount Michael gear and show your Mount Michael pride. Go Knights!
8. Keep your contact information current with the Mount Michael Advancement Office.
9. 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.