



*ATHLETIC
HALL OF FAME
2ND ANNUAL
CEREMONY*

*July 9, 2006
Crystal Lake Golf Course*

PANTHER HALL OF FAME 2006



Panther Athletic Hall of Fame Program

Sunday, July 9, 2006, 5:30 p.m.

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Frank Whitcomb, Duane Zaun

WELCOME

Byron Olson

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Gary Amoroso

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Jim Falkenhagen

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Jim Knutson

INVOCATION

Jim Knutson

DINNER

PRESENTATION OF INDUCTEES

Colleen Griffin Hergott
presented by Dan Schneider

Joseph A. Korba
presented by Ed Korba

Richard A. Lorentson
presented by Dale Quist

Heidi Olhausen Winter
presented by Rick Ringeisen

John Strommer
presented by Julie Yost

Larry Thompson
presented by Dick Zeman

Mary Stepka Yetzer
presented by Milan Mader

CLOSING

Byron Olson

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Colleen is a 1984 graduate of Lakeville High School who excelled in swimming and was named Captain and MVP of the team her senior year. Colleen and her husband Lonnie are the parents of Naomi, Kayla, Isaac, Laura and Eli Hergott. She is currently at home caring for the children and busy with her home-based therapy transcription business.

Her many high school accomplishments include a 1983 State Championship in the 50 meter freestyle, High School All American in 1983, and selection to the All State Swim Team in 1982, '83, and '84. She was elected LHS Team Captain and Most Valuable Player in 1984.

The fledgling women's athletic programs of the '80's at LHS were positively advanced by competitive young women like Colleen. Their talents, efforts, and competitive drive started a rich heritage for women's athletics at Lakeville.

Colleen went on to swim for the University of Texas and was the captain of the three time NCAA Champions in 1988. Colleen credits athletics and her army experience for her management skills, healthy lifestyle, and drive to always embrace competition and challenge.

This background fostered academic excellence at the University of Texas and in Graduate School at Baylor. She was a distinguished Honor Graduate at Baylor and achieved the Maximum Fitness Award and the rank of Captain in her army career.



**Colleen
Griffin
Hergott**



**Joseph A.
Korba**

Joe is a 1941 graduate of Lakeville High School. Joe and his wife Florence have lived in Maplewood, Minnesota (originally known as Little Canada) for most of their 57 years together. They have four children, Rosemary, Diane, James, and Julie. They also have five grandchildren.

Joe Korba was there when Lakeville High School Athletics was born. He remembers coming to LHS as part of the 1938 freshman class. There were 43 classmates, which greatly outnumbered the 11 seniors. In fact, they outnumbered all three upper classes combined.

Joe lettered in football, basketball, and baseball all three years of high school. He remembers 1939 as the year Lakeville adopted the red and white and chose the panther as their mascot. He was a member of the football team in '38 that scored the school's first touchdown against St. Paul Park. In 1939 the Panthers won their first game, defeating Mahtomedi, as a member of the newly-formed Little Six Conference. Joe captained the 1940 football team that won three games.

Joe marvels at today's athletes and their accomplishments, but takes pride in the heritage he and his teammates started. Practices were scheduled when they did not conflict with work at home, and basketball practice was outside unless a neighboring gym was available. Through all this, they quickly established the Panther as the competitive force it became, which is carried on in our

Dick is a 1952 graduate of Lakeville High School. He and his wife Dorothy are life-long residents of Lakeville. They have three children, Ann, Ginger, and Matthew. They also have two grandchildren.

Dick's LHS athletic career included 12 varsity letters in football, basketball, baseball, and track from 1948 to 1952. He was an All Conference performer for the 1951 football team that won the Little Six Conference title. He recalls the 1952 basketball team setting a team scoring record, amassing 82 points against Mahtomedi.

Dick went on to graduate from St. Olaf College in 1956, where he continued his athletic career and earned six varsity letters in football and baseball. He was a team member of the 1953 conference football champs and as a senior played right field for the 1956 baseball champs of the Midwest Conference.

Dick's competitive spirit continued after college. He played DRS baseball and had an after-forty career in tournament horseshoes that garnered several trophies. He was also a fixture in the very competitive Lakeville Bowling League carrying a 190 average. He also mentioned he "kind of" likes the game of golf.



**Richard
Lorentson**



Heidi Olhausen Winter

Heidi is a 1992 graduate of Lakeville High School. Heidi and her husband, Trevor, live in Lakeville where she is busy being a mom to their two children Macy and Nolan.

Heidi's high school athletic career saw her splitting her time between volleyball and track and field. She was named Minnesota Volleyball Player of the Year as a senior and was named All Conference, All Metro, and All State in her sophomore, junior, and senior years. She was captain of the volleyball team in 1992 and finished her prep career by being named to the National Junior Team.

Her track career, as a shot putter, saw her place 5th in 1991 and 2nd in 1992. Her efforts earned her another team captaincy in '92 and All-State honors in '90, '91, and '92. She credits Milan and Marie Mader for her volleyball success and Coach Ringeisen for her love of track.

Heidi went on to the University of Minnesota and continued her athletic success as a Gopher. Concentrating on volleyball, she was named Freshman of the Year at Minnesota. 1993 saw Heidi named to the All Midwest Regional Team, All Big Ten 2nd team, and she played for the Gophers in the Sweet Sixteen NCAA tournament.

John Strommer (Apple Jack)

Strommer graduated from Winona High School and Winona State. Jack and his wife, Barb, have lived in Lakeville since 1959. Their three daughters, Julie, Amy, and Jayne are LHS alumni and had the privilege of being students and athletes under their dad's tutelage. The Strommers have four grandchildren.

Jack was an accomplished athlete at Winona High School captaining the track team and placing 4th in the state mile run in 1948. He jokingly talks of his college career, stating he was a sophomore at Winona State for six years. A four year Navy hitch contributed to the long stay. He captained the wrestling and track teams at Winona State that won Conference Championships. These experiences and his personality became a base for his coaching career at Lakeville.

Jack was instrumental in establishing two sports at Lakeville High School. Jack started the wrestling program at LHS in 1960 and remained as head or assistant until his retirement in 1986. He had many good teams and individuals and won a Conference Championship in 1969. He started and coached boys and girls cross country from 1966 to 1986. In those years his teams won nine Conference Championships, two 3rd Place State Trophies, and he won the State Cross Country Coach of the Year in 1980.



**John
Strommer**



**Larry
Thompson**

Larry is a 1970 graduate of Lakeville High School. He and his wife, Vicky, also a Lakeville graduate, are both currently teachers in the Lakeville school system. They have three children, Danny, Tammy, and Amy, who also graduated from LHS. He has been involved in Lakeville schools for 44 years. He took off four years to go to Augsburg.

His athletic career as a Panther includes captaincies, and All Conference honors in football, basketball, and baseball. His many individual accomplishments included a season scoring average of 25 points in basketball, high point game of 42 points in basketball, and a record 9 homeruns in baseball. Larry was named LHS Outstanding Athlete in 1970.

At Augsburg he was a two year All American in football and is a current member of Augsburg's Athletic Hall of Fame. As a 30 year coach at LHS, he has been Minnesota Coach of the Year (4A and 5A) five times and his teams were Football State Champs in 1988 (4A), 1992 (5A), and 2003 (5A).

Larry always contributed athletic skill and boundless enthusiasm as an athletic team member. Those attributes carried forward to his coaching career, making him a skillful motivator. No athlete on his team is more excited to "get after it" than Coach Thompson.

Mary is a 1978 graduate of Lakeville High School. Mary and her husband, Greg, are long time residents of Lakeville and strong supporters of Lakeville athletics. They have four children, Jake, Becca, Annie, and Elizabeth (all LHS grads). Mary graduated from college in 1994, while raising her kids. She currently teaches first grade in the Lakeville schools.

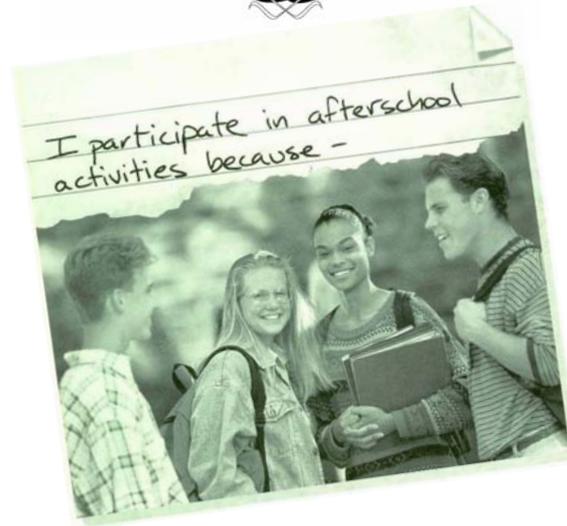
Mary was a three year letter winner in cross country and track at LHS. She finished second in the mile at the State Meet in 1978. She held school records for the mile and half mile well into the '90's. Mary was a pioneer in LHS athletics when the women's programs were just starting.

She went on to the University of Wisconsin and placed second in the Big 10 Cross Country Meet in 1978. As a senior in 1981 at Minnesota, she placed second in the Big 10 Track Meet in the 10,000 meters. Her love of running, instilled by her own efforts, and the help of coaches Milan Mader and Jack Strommer, has carried forward to her daughters, who are currently elite runners at the college and high school level. Her quiet determination exhibited some of the best and admirable traits athletes are meant to develop.



**Mary
Stepka
Yetzer**

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