

# BHS Alumni Association announces 2012 Hall of Fame inductees

The Bedford High School Alumni Association is proud to announce the 2012 inductees for its Hall of Fame. They will be introduced as part of the halftime show during the Bedford High School Hall of Fame Game on Friday, October 19. The Banquet and Induction Ceremony will be held on Saturday, October 20 at the BHS Cafeteria.

The 2012 inductees are:

• **Ellen Bacon** – Bacon is a 1968 graduate of BHS and is being inducted in the Outstanding Educator Category.

She has spent a 35-year (1972-2007) teaching career at Bedford Public Schools, the last 18 of which were at Bedford High School. Bacon was a teacher who made every effort possible to help her students to succeed. Any student at BHS could go to her for help whether she was their particular teacher, or not.

She coached the Bedford Express Robotics Team from 2002-2008, chaired the Math Department for 10 years and developed new methods for not only Bedford students, but for other communities as well.

• **Lindi Bankowski Sallach** – Sallach is a 2001 graduate of BHS and is being inducted in the Superior Athlete category.

She is without any doubt one of the finest volleyball players to ever play at BHS. She was a four-year varsity letter winner, All State three times, first team twice, three times MIVCA All Region, Monroe Evening News All Region and two-time Player of the Year, member of two State Championship Teams 1998 and 2001, and still holds six BHS Volleyball records.

Sallach is an assistant coach at Mississippi State University and in 2008 was the inaugural winner of the AVCA Thirty Under 30 Award, given by that association to recognize the nation's top young volleyball coaches.

• **Stacey Heams** – Heams is a 1988 graduate of BHS and is being inducted in the Superior Athlete category.

Heams was a very good volleyball and basketball player, but softball was her passion. She was the team MVP her freshman year, as a senior was voted Monroe County Player of the Year as she led the region with a .509 batting average. She received a scholarship and played four years at the University of Michigan where she was Rookie of the Year as a freshman at U of M, received Outstanding Player award in 1991, and captain of the 1992 Big Ten Championship Team.

Heams is a police officer in Milan and is the Varsity Softball Coach at Milan High School.

• **Jess Hurley** – Hurley is a 1992 graduate of BHS and is being inducted in the Superior Athlete category.

He was both an outstanding wrestler and football player. He was a member of two State Championship wrestling teams 1989 and 1992, a High School All American in 1992, voted MVP of several wrestling tournaments and was also team captain twice. He played football for two years and was part of the 1990 GLL Championship Team, was the 1991 Monroe County and Monroe Evening News Defensive Player of the Year and served as team captain.

• **Jim Long** – Long is a 1975 graduate of BHS and is being inducted in the Post High School Accomplishments category.

Long was a good student and was a part of the wrestling team for two years, but fast cars and racing was his passion. In

1983 he started as a mechanic in the Winston Cup Racing Series and by 1986 was a car chief for Hendrick Motorsports (one of the most famous teams in NASCAR history). From 1986 to 1994 Jim worked with Geoff Bodine and Kyle Petty as their car chief. From 1995-2005 Jim was a full fledged NASCAR Crew Chief and worked with drivers like Ricky Rudd, Terry Labonte and Kyle Busch.

From 2006-2011 he managed the Hendrick Motorsports R & D Team, at a time when everyone was helping to develop the "Car of Tomorrow," which NASCAR races today. Hendrick won the first five races with the new Car of Tomorrow under Jim's leadership during its development.

• **Jill Treuhaft** – Treuhaft was a physical education teacher at BHS and is being inducted as an Outstanding Teacher/Coach.

She taught at Bedford High School for 30 years, 1969-1999. During this time Treuhaft was an outstanding teacher who cared about her students and made every effort to ensure their success in Physical Education.

She was also the first BHS volleyball coach, and the program that is one of the finest in the state began under her leadership. In the first five years she amassed a 64-17 record and won a District Championship. She spent over 20 years as a high school volleyball referee, and organized and ran Bedford Volleyball tournaments for many years.

• **Doug Winkler** – Doug is a 1973 graduate of BHS and is being inducted in the Superior Athlete category.

Winkler excelled in football and baseball, and won nine varsity letters during his high school career. He was an All State center fielder in 1973 and a two time all GLL Player in both football and baseball, baseball team MVP in 1973 and held the school record for most touchdowns in a game for 38 years.

Winkler went on to play minor league baseball for the Kansas City Royals rookie team in Sarasota, Florida. He was an assistant football and baseball coach at Bedford for 10 years, and has coached Connie Mack and Stan Musial League teams as well.

• **1977 State Championship Wrestling Team** – Each year the Bedford Alumni Association honors one of the great BHS teams who have won a title along the way and have added to the athletic pride of BHS.

This year's selection has two state championships in consecutive years. This team set many school records including best individual win/loss record, Dual Meet Record, and others.

The members of the 1977 State Championship Wrestling Team are: Rou Binder, John Grose, John Dunnigan, Chip Emptage, Chuck Joseph, Rod Luttrell, Lex Potter, Les Paulson, Bill Salisbury, Bob Snyder, Kelley Stanley, Tony Wiederhold, Jim Borragina, Kerry Cousino, Mike Doyle, Steve Fisher, Jeff Folk, Jeff Gamby, Bill Henes, Ron Huskins, Rich Joseph, Steve Klock, Tim Leffler, Tim McPherson, Bob Quigley, Kevin Whitenburg, Greg Smith, Russ Anderson, Ed Brighton, Joe Church, Dave Daggett, Tom Guyton, Rick Hotaling, Mike Kade, Kevin Martin, Lonnie Osenbaugh, Mike Snyder, Doug Turner, Jay Walter, Bob Warnke, Jeff Wehrle, Dave Wilcox, and Jeff Zimmerman.

Coaches of this team included: Head Coach Bill Regnier, Tom Swan, Bob Long, Edd Bankowski, Earl McHenry and the manager was Jim Fuller.

Doors open at 6 p.m. for the Banquet and Induction Ceremony beginning with appetizers and a social hour. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. with the ceremony immediately following.

Tickets are \$25 each and are available from Lisa Pickard in the front office at Bedford High School. Her number is (734) 850-6106 or e-mail Lisa.pickard@bedford.k12.mi.us.

Additional information concerning the Hall of Fame and the Bedford High School Alumni Association can be found at the following web pages: <http://www.bedfordyes.com/BedfordAlumniAssocHallofFame.htm> or [www.bedford.k12.mi.us/alumni\\_assoc.html](http://www.bedford.k12.mi.us/alumni_assoc.html).

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