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Bedford High School
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Bedford's Past Working



Toward the Future

15th Annual
HALL OF FAME
Banquet

FEBRUARY 20, 2016





15th Annual Hall of Fame Banquet

Meet & Greet and Tours	5:00-6:00 pm
Welcome	Edd Bankowski
BHS Alumni Association President	Mickey Rudolph
Introduction of Special Guests	Gene Stock
Special Announcements	Edd Bankowski
Invocation	Bill Regnier

Dinner

Hall of Fame Inductions

Opening Remarks	Gene Stock
Induction of Hall of Fame Class of 2015	Edd Bankowski

Jerry Jaffe ♦ Outstanding Theatre/Athlete/Post High School ♦ Class of 1965

Rick Judson ♦ Outstanding Athlete ♦ Class of 1987

Kelly Meinhart ♦ Outstanding Athlete/Coach ♦ Class of 1984

Chris Morris ♦ Outstanding Athlete ♦ Class of 2001

Jenifer Sulewski-LaRoy ♦ Outstanding Athlete ♦ Class of 2003

Bill Regnier ♦ Outstanding Coach/Teacher/Administrator/Contributor

Mary Lou Zaums ♦ Outstanding Administrator/Teacher/Contributor

State Championship Girls Cross Country Team of 1982

State Championship Wrestling Team of 1979

Closing Remarks	Gene Stock
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Hall of Fame Members

2000

Bob Andrews
William Early
Chester & Lottie
Karpanty
Gerald Kish
Dick Oswald
John Stafford
Reid Stout
Dr. Warren Tolly
Richard Trychel
Jon Whitman

2001

Etta Mae Chapman
Chris McMacken
Art Maschke
Karen Sapp Crowe
Jennifer Shrader
Williams

2002

Ron Boehme
Tom Gannon
James McHugh
Paul Swy
Oyce Whitesell
Jerry Wing

2003

Bill Alexander
Charlie Holmes
Dennis Kinney
Fred Lowe
Chuck Rimmer
Paul Whitman

2004

James Kindle
David Simpson
Buffy Williams Ruddy

2005

Robert Boehme
Dennis Brighton
Gary Dubaime
Lewis Horn
Liz Reinius Smith
Gene Stock

2006

Richard Boehme
Walter Chany
Eleanor Gordon
Shane Heams
Leslie Keane
Carol Emptage-
Kwiatkowski
David Long
Ken Moyer
Lynn Parachek
Edward Rudd
Kara Walcher Shavo

2007

Lowell Cauffiel
Douglas Dove
John Hittler
Brett Holey
Todd Lezon
C. David Parker
Edward Tutelian

2008

Terry Banks
Joe Caruso
Michelle Andrews King
Mary Linzie
Kellie Nowak
Kevin Vogel
Jennifer Bringman West

2009

Matthew Bell
Terri Block Bosma
Steve Danforth
Tony Gill
Bill Hammerstein
Phyllis McMacken-
Maschke
1966 Great Lakes League
Championship
Football Team

2010

Richard Harley
Doug Harper
Mike Morris
Shayna Munson
Arnold Strzelecki
Matt Wiederhold
1976 State Championship
Wrestling Team

2011

Jesse Elzinga
Clayton Kelley
Rebecca (Neor)
Umpstead
Terri (Riddle) Ornsby
Paul Stanifer
Louis Tibai
1998 State Championship
Volleyball Team

2012

Ellen Bacon
Lindi Bankowski Sallach
Stacey Heams
Jess Hurley
Jim Long
Jill Treuhart
Doug Winkler
1977 State Championship
Wrestling Team

2013

Edd Bankowski
Tom Estes
Eugene Holey
Jeff Holly
Bob Lambert
Bill Salsbury
Kevin Taylor
Bill Zgorzelski
2001 State Championship
Volleyball Team

2015 Hall of Fame Inductees

Jerry Jaffe ♦ *Theatre/Post High School* ♦ *Class of 1965*

Jerry is a 1965 Bedford Graduate. Jerry combined the two things that he loved most from high school, wrestling (He was on the team for 3 years) and theatre (he starred as Conrad in Mrs. Carol Emptage's production of *Bye Bye Birdie*), into a successful career in professional wrestling. He gained fame in the 1970's as Dr. Jerry Graham, Jr. and continued his career until retirement in 1992. His matches included many famous wrestlers: "The Sheik", Wild Bull Curry, Flying Fred Curry, Dick the Bruiser, and Randy Savage. He appeared with Hulk Hogan and Andre the Giant. He competed internationally, becoming a 5-time WWA Tag Team World Champion, with partner Don Kent. Jerry enjoyed his time in Hawaii as the star of Polynesian Championship Wrestling in 1980. He worked for Vince McMahon of the WWE, and a tour highlight was when he wrestled in Kuwait. He trained the Great Wojo and Scott Steiner (Steiner Brothers) as professional wrestlers. He promoted mixed matches between the Great Wojo and boxing champion Leon Spinks. He was quite popular in Toledo in the local television wrestling shows. Jerry was also featured with the *Detroit News* with Sparky Anderson and Bo Schembechler. Jerry became business partners with Dick the Bruiser and produced *Bruiser Bedlam* that was televised throughout the Midwest. In the 1990's, he went to work for Ted Turner as a promoter for WCW. The *Toledo Blade* published an article July 19, 2009 describing his career: "Ex-Wrestler a Showman First." Jerry also produced an audio book, *Confessions of a Big Time Wrestler*. He was inducted into the Independent Wrestling Hall of Fame in 2006 and the W.A.R. Hall of Fame in 2016.



Rick Judson ♦ *Outstanding Athlete* ♦ *Class of 1987*

Rick played football, baseball, and even ran some track for Bedford. He was the varsity quarterback from 1985-87. But Rick was best at hockey. Starting at 7 years old, he played travel hockey throughout his time at Bedford. He would go from football practice to hockey practice in the Detroit area. Rick was considered one of the top 20 players in the country in his age group, and played on two state and two national championship teams during his junior and senior year in high school. He started all 4 years at the University of Illinois at Chicago, which was in a "hockey only" conference, the CCHA. It included the University of Michigan, Ohio State University, Michigan State University, Bowling Green State University, Ferris State, Lake Superior State, Miami of Ohio, and Western Michigan University, all very good "hockey schools." In 1989, Rick was drafted by the Detroit Redwings, but Rick stayed in school, playing all 4 years. From 1992-2009 he played with the



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Toledo Storm. During that time, he was on 2 ECHL Championship teams in 1993 and 1994. In 1994, Rick was the MVP in the Riley Cup Playoffs. He also holds the "all-time" ECHL scoring record. During his professional career, he played 4 years of Roller Hockey from 1994-1997. During his collegiate and professional career, Rick played in approximately 975 games (including playoffs), scored 400 goals, 497 assists, for 897 points. Rick also played in Europe. He was recently inducted into the Toledo Hockey Hall of Fame.

Kelly Meinhart ♦ *Outstanding Athlete/Coach* ♦ *Class of 1984*

Kelly was named to the All-Great Lakes League and All-Academic Team in 3 sports. She won 2 varsity letters in both basketball and volleyball, and 3 in softball. In basketball, Kelly was captain of the team her senior year and won The Bedford Athletic Boosters Club Award. Her senior year in volleyball, Kelly was chosen All-Monroe County by the *Monroe Evening News*, as well as All-State (honorable mention), and won the Bedford Athletic Boosters Club Award again. In 1983 and 1984 Kelly was chosen All-Monroe County in softball and was captain her senior year. She won the Mudge Spencer Award. Kelly went on to the University of Toledo where she was one of the top players on a Rocket softball squad. She earned first-team All-MAC honors as a catcher in 1987 and as a designated hitter in 1988, as well as first-team All-Mideast Region in 1988. As a freshman, Kelly was a member of the 1985 Rocket squad that won a regular season MAC Championship with a 16-2 mark. The Rockets took second place in the MAC in 1986 and 1987. Kelly holds the UT record for triples in a season (8 in 1985) and triples in a career (13). She ranks 6th for RBI's (81) and 3rd in at-bats (678). In 2013, Kelly was inducted into the University of Toledo Varsity "T" Hall of Fame. As a coach, Kelly coached girls' junior high basketball from 1992-2006 (14 years), junior high volleyball (8 years), 9th grade volleyball (5 years), and served as a post season assistant with the 2005 State Championship Volleyball team. She coached Girls' Varsity Softball from 1994-1998 and 2005-2009. Her teams still hold school records for Batting Average, ERA, and Shut-outs. Kelly was named Monroe Evening News Coach of the Year for Softball in 1998 and 2008. Kelly is currently a teacher at Bedford High School.



Chris Morris ♦ *Outstanding Athlete* ♦ *Class of 2001*

During Chris' high school career, he was a 3 year starter at center and defensive tackle for the Kicking Mules. He was also a 2 year starter on the basketball team. His senior year, Chris made was selected to the All-State First Team, was named a "PrepStar" All-American, ranked among the top 80 prospects in the Midwest, as well as among the state's top players *Detroit News* (11th), *Detroit Free Press* (17th) and the *Lansing State Journal* (21st). On the field, his senior year, Chris recorded 42 tackles, including nine



for losses with 5 sacks. Chris continued his football career at Michigan State University. As a freshman, he was a Academic All-Big Ten selection, saw action in the first nine games, before being injured and sidelined for the remaining three games. As a sophomore, he was named to several more All-Academic teams, including All-Big Ten again. During his 2003 season, Chris started all 13 games at center. Chris' junior year (2004), he was selected All-Big Ten (honorable mention), again won Big Ten All-Academic honors among other academic awards. He started all 12 games at center. He was a mainstay on an offensive line that helped produce a rushing attack that ranked second in the Big Ten and tenth in the NCAA, averaging 238.5 yards per game. He did not allow a sack in nearly 400 passing plays (MSU permitted the fewest sacks in the Big Ten with 8). Chris went into his senior season as an All-American candidate, as well as a candidate for the Rimington Award (College Football's top center). During his sophomore and junior seasons, Chris started 25 straight games for the Spartans. His senior year he started all 11 of the games the Spartans played. In 2006, Chris was drafted by the Oakland Raiders where he played in 51 games over 4 seasons. For a short time he also played for the Carolina Panthers, where he played 4 more NFL games.

Bill Regnier ♦ *Outstanding Coach/Teacher/Administrator*

Bill began his teaching and coaching career at Bedford High School. Bill coached wrestling at Bedford High School for 30 years from 1965-1995. After that, Bill served for 15 years as the district's athletic director from 1995-2010. Bill also coached football at Bedford 1965-1986 as a varsity assistant, and from 1987-1995 he was the head football coach for 9 years. Some of Bill's many accolades/accomplishments include: **Wrestling:** 9 state championship teams, 4 state runner up teams, 19 regional championships, 20 district championships, 26 Great Lakes League Championships with 25 in row. Bill coached 27 state champions, 107 state place winners, and over 30 high school and college All-Americans. He was voted coach of the year many times: Monroe County (9 times), Regional (8 times), Michigan Class "A" Coach of the Year (6 times), Michigan "all classes" (2 times), and NFICA "National Coach of the Year" in 1992. **Football:** Great Lakes League Champions 1990, Bill coached Bedford Football to their first ever appearance in the MHSAA football playoffs in 1990, Toledo Metro Coach of the Year 1990, Michigan High School Football Coaches Association Regional Coach of the year in 1990. **Athletic Director:** Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association Region 12 Athletic Director of the Year. In addition, Bill has been inducted into numerous hall of fames including the Michigan Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame. Even more, Bill also served as an officer of the Bedford Alumni Association for many years, so he was involved, in a large part, with the building of the Community Stadium, the Bedford Hall of Fame/banquets and more.



Jenifer Sulewski-LaRoy ♦ *Outstanding Athlete* ♦ *Class of 2003*

Jenifer is one of only a few Bedford athletes to win 12 varsity letters (basketball, volleyball and softball). During her four years in those three sports, Jenifer won All-SEC honors (6 times), All-County honors (5 times), All-Region honors (7 times), All-District (3 times), All-Academic several times, and also earn Player of the Week several times. In addition to the above awards, Jenifer was captain of the basketball team her senior year. In volleyball, as a sophomore, Jenifer played a big part on the 2001 State Championship team which is already in the Bedford High School Hall of Fame. Jenifer's junior year (2002) she earned Second Team All-State honors and helped lead the Mules to the state semi-finals. Her senior year (2003), Jenifer again helped the Mules make another trip to the state semi-finals. She was selected First Team All-State as well as Monroe Evening News Co-Player of the Year and won the Bedford Athletic Boosters Club Award. Jenifer also excelled in softball, gaining some of the above listed honors her freshman, sophomore and junior years. Jenifer's senior year (2003), she was Captain of the team, and won the Bedford Athletic Boosters Club Award. Jenifer still holds school records for "at bats" season (2002), "at bats" career (2000-03), triples in a career (2000-03), pitching strikeouts in a season (2003), and strikeouts in a career (2000-03). Jenifer's senior year, she was awarded the Mudge Spencer-Chet Karpanty Award. Upon graduation, Jenifer continued her career at Western Michigan University, where she was a 4-year letter winner in volleyball. She was named 2nd team All-MAC in 2005 and 1st team All-MAC in 2006. Her senior season, she was captain of the team and MVP. Jenifer was the first player in WMU history to record two triple doubles (Assists, Kills, Digs) and presently holds the WMU record for single season assists (1,760), second all-time career assists (3,601) and single season assists per game (13.23).



Mary Lou Zaums ♦ *Outstanding Administrator/Teacher/Contributor*

Mary Lou was with Bedford Public Schools for 40 years. Included in those years is one year as interim superintendent. She spent two years as a chemistry/biology teacher/counselor at Bedford High School before moving to Bedford Junior High School where she was a teacher/counselor for 16 more years, assistant principal for two years and then principal of Bedford Junior High School for 19 years. Accolades she received while teaching include "Who's Who Among America's Teachers and BJHS Outstanding Person of the Year. While principal at Bedford Junior High School, the junior high became "NCA" accredited and became one of two "Blue Ribbon" schools in the Bedford School System. Most recently, Mary was a member of the planning committee for the 50th Anniversary of Bedford High School, and was a keynote speaker during the last event of that weekend. Her contributions have



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been many, including directing food drives and "coats for kids" through the school and with the Lions Club during the holiday season, helping as many as 30 families in the Bedford community. For this she was awarded the "Monroe County Minuteman Award" in 1992. The BJHS/Lions Club Community Food Drive continues to this day, 23 years later. She began the girls' basketball and track programs at Bedford Junior High in 1978-79 with the beginning of Title IX. Mary received the Bedford Public Schools Board of Education "Award of Excellence" for service as Superintendent of Bedford Schools in 2000- 2001, the PTSA Council Educator of the Year Award also in 2001, along with the "Friends of Education Award" from the Bedford Education Association in 2010.

State Championship Girls Cross Country Team of 1982

This team became the first girls' team in Bedford history to win a state title. The program, only in its 3rd season, finished 7th in 1981. The team won 30 straight dual meets over a 3 year period. During the 1982 season, they won the Tiffin Columbian Invitational which included a field of 33 teams. At the Ann Arbor Pioneer Invitational, Bedford defeated the 1st, 2nd, and 5th rank teams in the state. In 1982, they went 12-0 in dual meets, won 7 invitationals, won the Great Lakes League, Regional, and State titles. They were undefeated in 22 competitions. The team was composed of seniors, **Kara Walcher** and **Kim Warsaw**, juniors **Cbris Sugg**, **Kathy Gladioux**, and **Marie Young**, as well as freshman **Kristin Penny** and **Sandy Snarey**. Also running on the team were sophomores **Kelly Halter** and **Michelle Cole**. Top scorers for the Mules were Kara Walcher who finished second individually for the second straight year, and Kristin Penny who finished 9th. The top 3 teams were Temperance Bedford 108, Brighton 134 and Flint Northern 175. The Mules were coached by **Gary Duhaime**.



State Championship Wrestling Team of 1979

This team captured the school's third state wrestling championship. It was also the school's third state title in any sport. The slogan that year was "Bedford's Eleven Will Take Us to Heaven." Highlights of this team include: the team broke all tournament scoring records, excluding the Bedford Invitational; at the Rogers Invitational, they scored the most points ever in any tournament (240); they broke the team takedown mark (606); District Champions (11 regional qualifiers); Regional Champions (11 state qualifiers/team and state record); and State Champions (3rd time in 4 years) where 10 of the 11 wrestlers scored points for a team total of 105 points, which had only been done once before. The Mules had 7 wrestlers with over 30 wins: Ed Brighton, 31; Bill Fitzsimmons, 33; Doug Turner, 34; Jack Roth, 34; Paul "Tex" Miller, 37; Mike Snyder, 39; and Al Ortman, 40. The team had five state place winners, including State Champions Mike Snyder and Paul "Tex" Miller. Other Mule place winners were: Jack Roth, finalist/2nd place; Bill Fitzsimmons and Al Ortman, 4th place. Three finalists was also a record for Bedford Wrestling.

Members of this team include:

Seniors: **Mike Snyder**, **Paul "Tex" Miller**, **Ed Brighton**, **Ron Binder**, **Joe Church**, **Kurt Clark**, **John Decker**, **Bill Fitzsimmons**, **John Grose**, **Lonnie Osenbaugh**, **Doug Turner**, **Bob Waroke**, **Jeff Wehrle**, **Dave Wilcox**, and **Tom Guyton**. Juniors: **Dale Decker**, **Dave Bodine**, **Terry Gill**, **Dave Meyers**, **Kevin Nanney**, **Al Ortman**, **Don Quigley**, **Jack Roth**, **Jeff Striggow**, **Kirk Trychel**, and **Steve Whaley**. Sophomores: **Randy Anderson**, **Kurt Deiner**, **Matt Hoffman**, **Jim Howe**, **Mark Janowiecki**, **Ron Jurgenson**, **Matt Kern**, **Bob Meszaros**, **Henry Mosqueda**, **Dan Reis**, and **Tim Selz**. Managers were **Russ Anderson** and **Steve Chase**. The coaching staff included **Bill Regnier** (head coach) as well as **Tom Swan**, **Bob Long**, **Edd Bankowski**, **Earl McHenry**, and **Steve Klock**.

