



## Steve Romanchuk - Coach

Steve was a Social Studies teacher for 37 years. He was a teacher at Park from 1983-2008. He coached boys hockey and girls and boys soccer at PHS. Steve started the boys soccer program at Woodbury High School in 1976. He was the head hockey coach from 1983-1996. His teams won four St. Paul Suburban Conference titles and were section runner-ups four times. Park's 1991 team was ranked #1 going into sections but lost to Hill-Murray, ending the season with a 20-2 record. Numerous players that played for Steve went on to play junior college, college and minor/NHL hockey.

Steve went to college at Bemidji State University where he played football and hockey. He attended high school at Hill-Murray and is a member of the Hill-Murray High School Hall of Fame (2017).

Steve lives in Oakdale with his wife, Sue. He has two children (Steph, Ryan).

**Introduced by: Jim McElmury**

### **ACCEPTANCE REMARKS:**

I am very honored to be chosen as a member of the 2023 HOF. It is a privilege to be included with a long list of very dedicated and talented members. My journey as a teacher and a coach was enriched by the influence of so many great teachers, fellow Park coaches, assistant coaches, and all the fantastic players of great talent, character, and integrity. My appreciation list for the Park family is very expansive. Special thanks to my administrative leaders for their support in my 32 years of coaching and teaching in SowashCo 833.



## Allie Thalhuber Seivert - Class of 2012

Allie played soccer, hockey and lacrosse at Park. She was All-Conference Honorable Mention her senior year in soccer. In hockey, she was All Conference Honorable Mention three times, and voted captain her junior and senior year. She was a four-year letter winner in Lacrosse. She was All-Conference three times, and All-State her senior year. Allie led Park to a 3rd place finish in state her senior year. She was Academic All-State in her final year at Park. She graduated with honors with a 4.12 GPA.

Allie went on to play lacrosse at the University of Minnesota. She was voted Rookie of the Year, 1st Team All-American and the National Championship Midfield MVP (2016) during her time at the University of Minnesota.

Allie is a registered nurse in the ER at Regions Hospital. She lives in Richfield with her wife, Cassandra.

**Introduced by: Scott Leonard**

### **ACCEPTANCE REMARKS:**

Thank you so much for this honor of induction into the Park Hall of Fame. Most of my memories from high school are highly involved in sports and I believe that they partially helped to form the person that I am today. I participated in sports for the love of the game and connections with other people, but it is so amazing to be recognized for that participation as well. Thank you to all of the coaches, teammates, and of course my parents for making all of this a possibility.



## Daniel Walseth - Class of 1981

Daniel played football, basketball, and baseball at PHS. He was All-Conference and All-State in football in 1980. He was also named to the WCCO All-State football team. He was All-Conference twice in basketball ('80, '81) and All-Metro in those years. As a baseball player, he was awarded All-Conference honors three times ('79, '80, '81), All-State ('81), and a member of the Lions All-Star team that year. He was also an honor roll student at PHS.

Daniel went on to play baseball at Winona State. He led the team to division championships every year he was on the team. He had a career .424 batting average, 18 home runs, 157 RBI. He took up coaching after his playing career. He coached Legion baseball in Inver Grove Heights and coached numerous baseball and basketball teams of his children.

Daniel works for PPG Industries as a distributor. He lives in Inver Grove Heights with his wife, Annette. He has two children (Natalie and Tom).

**Introduced by: Bill Kroschel**

### **ACCEPTANCE REMARKS:**

I would like to thank my parents and all my teachers and coaches, especially Coach Kroschel, Coach Walseth, and Coach Koch. They were gifted coaches with stellar skills in teaching the fundamentals.



## Sara (Nast) Palodichuck - Class of 1988

Sara was a pioneer for Park gymnastics. She was All-Conference, All-Region, and All-State in 1986, 1987, and 1988. Her individual success helped bring Park gymnastics to state for the first time in 1986. The following two years ('87,'88), the team won the conference and qualified for the state tournament.

Sara continued her gymnastics career at Winona State University. She was an All-American on the balance beam and uneven parallel bars. Sara went on to coach gymnastics at Park High School from 2002-2004. The team qualified for state each year and won the State Championship in 2004.

Sara is the Assistant Principal in charge of Athletics and Activities at East Ridge High School. She lives in Cottage Grove with her husband Adam, and has two kids (Jake, Joe).

**Introduced by: Mark Sikich/Mike Amidon**

### **ACCEPTANCE REMARKS:**

It is an honor and privilege to be inducted into the Park High School Hall of Fame. Thank you to my family for all their love, support and believing in me. I am blessed to have had such outstanding coaches and mentors throughout my time as a student athlete. Mike Amidon and Mark Sikich, my high school coaches, made such an impact in my life which influenced me into wanting to be a teacher, coach and official. I will be forever grateful to them for showing me what a difference an amazing coach/mentor can have on your life!



## Larissa Nichole Lurken - Class of 2013

Larissa was a stand out three-sport athlete at Park participating in cross country, basketball, and track. She was a four-year starter in basketball scoring over 1,000 career points. Additionally, she was All-Conference four times, and All-State Honorable Mention in 2013. Larissa was All-Conference in cross country and ran the 4000 meters (about 2.5 miles) in 14:56. She was a five-year letter winner in track running the 800M, 1600M, and the 3200M. She was All-Conference three times. Larissa was the Athena Award winner for Park in 2013. She was also an Academic Award winner at PHS and graduated with honors.

Larissa went on to play basketball at Kent State. She was a four-year starter and was named MAC Player of the Year in 2017. Her team won the MAC East title in 2017. She averaged 23.5 points per game which is a record for both Men's and Women's basketball at Kent State. She finished her career with 1,652 points and was an Academic All-American.

Larissa is a registered nurse at Gillette Children's Hospital. She is currently finishing up a DNP degree (Doctor of Nursing Practice), and lives in Farmington, MN.

### Introduced by: Steph Tolkinen

#### ACCEPTANCE REMARKS:

I am truly humbled and honored to accept this prestigious recognition into Park High School's Hall of Fame. This achievement represents not only my personal dedication to sports and academics but also the continuous support of my coaches, teachers, family, teammates, and friends who believed in me over the years.

High school taught me invaluable life lessons, including the importance of teamwork, discipline, and perseverance. I am beyond grateful for the friendships and memories that will last a lifetime and to all those who made this possible. Thank you for this incredible honor.

# Past Inductees

## 2022

Rilwan "RJ" Alowonle - Athlete-2012  
James Berfeldt - Athlete-1944  
Joe Hemberger - Athlete-1989  
H. Butch Moening - Coach/Athletic Director  
Aaron Nelson - Athlete-1989  
Kelley Burke Puppe - Athlete-1986

## 2021

Seth Appert - Athlete-1992  
Cherie Bien-Coffman - Advisor / Coach  
Doug Ekmark - Coach  
Briana (Westlund) Stanley - Athlete-2009  
Rachel (Miller) Steinlage - Athlete-1998

## 2019

Ashley (Homan) Bailey - Athlete-2004  
Tom Busch - Athlete-2003  
Joel Jensen - Athlete-1991  
Daniel Stratton - Athlete-1977  
Scott Swanson - Athlete-1993

## 2018

Tim "Corny" Cornwell - Athlete-1973  
Gary Fehrman - Coach  
Dale Howe - Athlete-1974  
Jackie Voigt - Athlete-2008  
Lauren (Burks) Zidon - Athlete-2002  
1993 Park Softball Team

## 2017

Dale Alberts - Athlete-1966  
Bill Hickman - Coach  
Jim Scanlan - Athlete-1978  
Ashley Smith - Athlete-2002  
Jim Solem - Athlete-1985

## 2016

Marie (Borner) Ferda - Athlete-2005  
Jim Hinz - Athlete-1964  
Tom Patterson - Athlete-1966 / Coach  
Jennifer Pfeiffer - Athlete-1991  
Charles Whitbred, Jr - Athlete-1944

## 2015

Jummy (Alowonle) Barlass-Athlete-2001  
Katie (Hirte) Fellows - Athlete-1998  
Greg Juba - Coach  
Richard (Dick) Perkins -Athlete-1970  
Richard (Dick) Pribnow - Athlete-1954  
1990 Park Girls Soccer Team

## 2014

Anne (Arlich) Gorres - Athlete-1989  
Mary Jorde - Coach  
Kate Schwartz - Athlete-1996  
Liz Parr-Smestad - Athlete-1980  
George Wilkie - Athlete -1958

## 2013

Kara (Bloomquist) Drekonja-Athlete-1992  
Vernon Hall - Athlete-1945  
Kristen (Schmidt) Soukup - Athlete-2002  
Daniel Storlien - Athlete-1989  
Henry A. Tressel - Coach  
1988 Girls Track & Field Team

## 2012

Steve Duval - Athlete-1986  
Donna Goenne - Community Member  
Mike Lence - Athlete-1970  
Duane Sorenson - Athlete-1973/Coach  
Al Wilkie - Athlete-1959/Community Member

## 2011

Jerome Detviler (JD) - Coach / Teacher  
Bill Hare - Athlete-1961  
Norman H. Larsen - Coach/Athletic Director  
Leslie (Bloedel) Mollner - Athlete-1989  
Timothe Michael Scanlon - Athlete-1979

4:30	Social Hour
5:45	Group Picture of 2023 Inductees
5:50	Group Picture of Past Inductees
6:00	Welcome and Inductees Introduction
6:05	Dinner
7:00	Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

# Induction Class of 2023

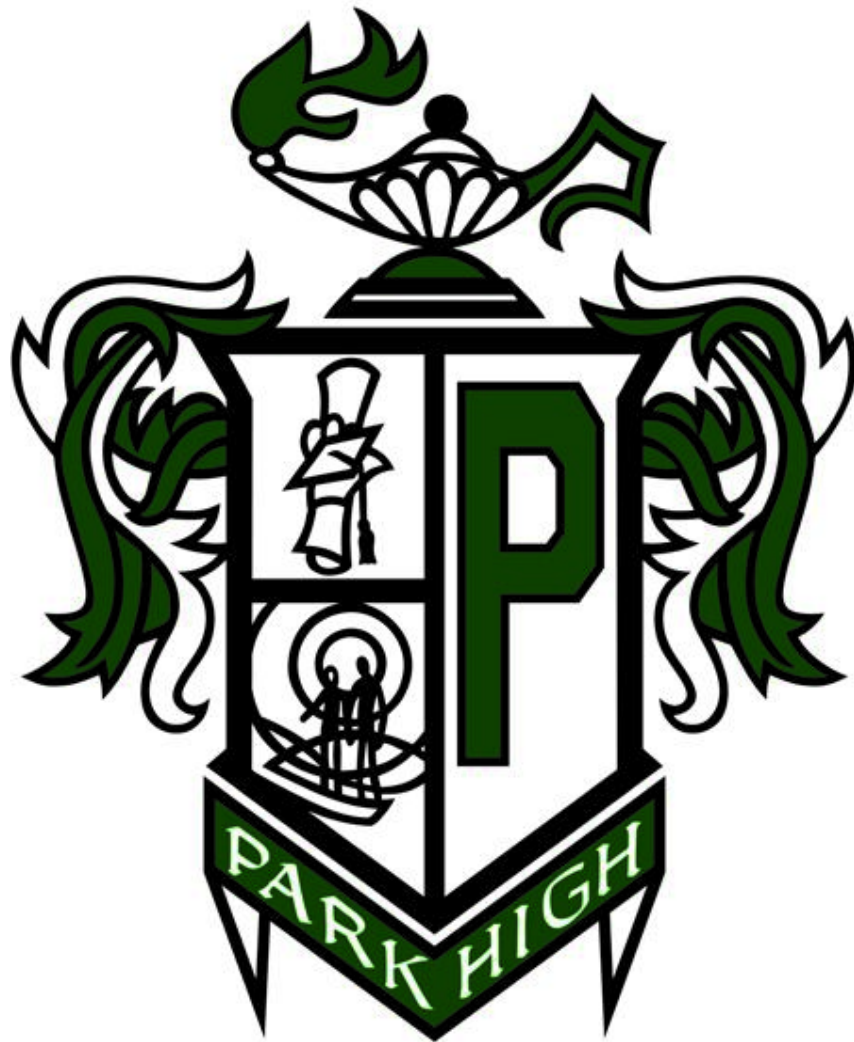
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## 2010

Anton Modrynski - Athlete-1952  
Luke Appert - Athlete-1999  
Patrick Waldner - Athlete-1946  
Charlie Whitbred - Athlete-1968  
Michelle (Nelson) LeBow - Athlete-1987

## 2009

Robert Blad - Athlete-1959  
Jeff Foote - Athlete-1991  
Don Gramenz - Athlete-1989  
Jeff Nelson - Athlete-1983  
Darcie (Dietz) Young - Athlete-1989

## 2008

Marci (Olson) Anderson - Athlete-1981  
Patrick Dufour - Athlete-1965  
Perry Fink - Athlete-1985  
John Mausolf- Athlete-1955 / Community Member  
Trisha (Tinucci) Rinzel - Athlete-1987

## 2007

Jason Boon - Athlete-1992  
Robert Briggs - Athlete-1959  
Monica Koyama - Athlete-1989  
Kerry Ligtenberg - Athlete-1989  
Jim Riesselman - Athlete-1964/Coach

## 2006

Jen Bauer - Athlete-1993  
Larry Costigan - Teacher / Coach  
Roger Jehlicka - Athlete-1965  
Bill Kroschel - Coach - Athlete-1966  
Shannon (Scibilia) Skally - Athlete-1991

## 2005

Glenn Bourquin - Athlete-1975  
George Chavez - Community Member  
Dick Edwards - Athlete-1957  
Dean Houdek - Teacher / Coach  
Sam Jacobson - Athlete-1994  
Janine Nelson - Athlete-1986  
Laura Peters - Athlete-1994  
Roger Pribnow - Athlete-1957  
Granville Smith - Teacher / Coach  
Mike Walseth - Athlete-1966 / Coach

# Scholarship Recipients

Each spring, the Park High School Hall of Fame awards two Park High School senior athletes a scholarship based on academic achievement, school and community involvement, leadership roles, a coach's appraisal and a personal essay. Over the past 7 years the following students have received a combined \$14,500 in scholarship money.

## Class of 2023

Emma Ambroz & Justin Kasa

## Class of 2022

Kate Townsend & Logan Lucas

## Class of 2021

Carissa Oberding & Henry Fischer

## Class of 2020

Addy Walton & Jake Kuemmel

## Class of 2019

Katelyn Wollschlager & Michael Gille

## Class of 2018

Tina Press & Andrew Drigans

## Class of 2017

Belle DeGeus & Mack Christianson



The 5th Annual Hall of Fame Rise Up! Breakfast will take place on Wednesday, June 19, 2024 at 8:00am at River Oaks Golf Course and Event Center.

The 16th Annual Hall of Fame Golf Fundraiser will take place on Sunday, August 11, 2024 at 1:00pm at River Oaks Golf Course and Event Center.

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**The 2023  
Induction Ceremony  
Saturday, November 18, 2023  
River Oaks Golf Course and Event Center**