

Bedford High School Alumni Association 2008 Hall of Fame Inductees



Michelle Andrews (King) (Outstanding Athlete)

Michelle Andrews was a 1983 graduate of Bedford High School. Along with Karen Sapp, she was the first female athlete to letter in volleyball, basketball and softball while in high school. She was a member of the All-Region volleyball teams for three years and was named player of the year in 1983. Michelle also received All-State recognition in volleyball. She was a member of the All-Region team in basketball her senior year. Many coaches consider her one of the best softball players to ever graduate from Bedford. She was a member of the All-Region team her junior and senior years while playing short stop. Since leaving high school Michelle has earned a degree in nursing from Lourdes College. She currently works as an emergency room nurse at Toledo Hospital. She is married to Kevin and has four children, Brittany, JC, Madisyn and Koryn. Michelle was nominated by her brother, Matt Andrews.



Terry Banks (Outstanding Athlete)

Terry Banks was a 1979 graduate of Bedford High School. Terry was an outstanding athlete in football, basketball and track. He was a 3 year starter on the varsity basketball team, serving as the co-captain in 1979 and led Monroe County in scoring that same year with 19.9 points per game average. That same year he was named to the All GLL 1st team and also the All Monroe County basketball team. Even though Terry only ran track in his freshman and senior years of high school he set a school record in the GLL meet in the 330 low hurdles. What most people will remember Terry for is his football talent. He was a tremendous pass receiver. His senior year he led Monroe County in pass receiving with 32 catches, 595 yards and 7 TD's. In 1978-79 he was also selected to the All GLL 1st team, All Monroe County Team and the Michigan All-State second team. While in high school he also set school records for longest kickoff return (98 yards) and most receptions in a season (32). Terry received a football scholarship from Wayne State University, but was tragically killed in an automobile accident shortly after high school graduation. Terry was nominated by one of his teachers, Edd Bankowski.



Jennifer Bringman (West) (Outstanding Athlete)

Jennifer is a 1992 graduate of Bedford High School. She lettered in three sports in high school: softball, basketball and volleyball and was selected as team captain in all three sports her senior year. In softball she started for 3 years, receiving All-Region and All-State honors. She still holds the following Bedford hitting records for a season: runs scored (58), hits (70), doubles (13), home runs (6), and batting average (.614). As a member of the volleyball team for three years she was All-Region 1st team her junior and senior years. She was named to the All-State Class “A” 2nd team her senior year along with being named Monroe County Co-Player of the Year by the Monroe Evening News. Jennifer attended Wright State University on a full athletic scholarship in volleyball. She was a starter all 4 years and served as team captain her senior year. She earned all league 1st team honors her senior year and still ranks in the top 10 of several Wright State team records. She currently is employed as an Intervention Specialist for Incarnation School in Centerville, Ohio. Jennifer is married to Jeremy and has two children; Micah and Shae. She was nominated by former Bedford High School principal, Dennis Caldwell.



Joe Caruso (Outstanding Athlete)

Joe Caruso was a 1972 graduate of Bedford High School. He excelled in 2 sports; track and cross country. He was the AAU State Champion in track for the 2-mile event in 1970. In 1971 he was the International Freedom Festival 10 mile champion in the junior division. Joe still holds Bedford’s 2-mile (3200 meter) record of 9:18 that he set in 1971. He ran the fastest 10,000 meter time (31:05) among high school athletes in 1972. He was All-State in cross country his senior year. After high school Joe ran cross country at Eastern Michigan University on a full athletic scholarship. In 1976 he was the Mid American Conference cross country champion and also became an All-American in cross country that same year. Joe continued his love for running after college. He has placed 1st in many running events in the Toledo area. One of his many highlights is running the fastest 10,000 meter time in the United States in 2002 for the 45-49 age category. Joe came back to Bedford High School as a teacher in 1991. He currently is a Drafting & Design Technology teacher in the high school. Joe states that “I came back to Bedford where my life started, to teach and make a difference in the lives of young people in the same way Bedford made a difference in my life”. He is married to his wife Susan and has two children Tiffany and Marshall. Joe was nominated by Chuck Faller.



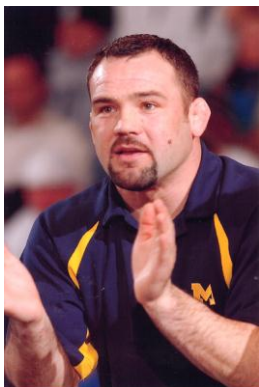
Mary Linzie (Outstanding Athlete)

Mary Linzie is a 1989 graduate of Bedford High School. She lettered in three sports at Bedford High School: volleyball, basketball and softball. While on the basketball team she was named to the Monroe Evening News All-Region team both her junior and senior years. She also was the team captain her senior year and was selected the Bedford Athletic Boosters MVP for her junior and senior years. Mary distinguished herself as a softball player, making the 1st team All-GLL and the Monroe Evening News All-Region team her senior year. By far her best sport was volleyball. She was a varsity member her sophomore, junior and senior years. In both her junior and senior years she was selected to the Michigan Class “A” All-District and All-Region teams along with being named to the Monroe Evening News All-Region teams both years. She was named to the Michigan Class “A” 2nd team All-State team. She still holds MHSAA State records for aces in a season (135 in 1989), blocks in a career (352 in ‘87/’89) and blocks in a season (192 in ‘88/’89). After graduating from Bedford she received a volleyball scholarship to Grand Valley State University where she started four years and served as the team captain her senior year. Mary is a full time deputy for the Monroe County Sheriff’s department currently patrolling in Bedford Township. Mary was nominated by one of her coaches and teachers, Kathy Bankowski.



Kellie Nowak (Outstanding Athlete)

Kellie Nowak is a 1996 graduate of Bedford High School. Many Bedford coaches consider Kellie one of the best female athletes to graduate from Bedford High School. She was outstanding in both basketball and volleyball. On the basketball team she was a starter for 3 years, captain her senior year and was named to the Monroe Evening News All-Region team both her junior and senior year. Volleyball was the sport that she excelled. She is one of the few players who started all four years of high school. Her sophomore, junior and senior years she earned Michigan Class “A” All-District and All-Region. She was named to the Michigan Class “A” All-State 2nd team her sophomore year. In her junior and senior years she was selected as a team captain and also named to the Michigan Class “A” 1st Team both years. She also set several team and MHSAA records which still stand today. After graduating from Bedford she earned a volleyball scholarship to Kent State University. Kellie started all four years, serving as team captain her junior and senior years. She was the team MVP her senior year and ranks in the top 10 of several Kent State team records. She currently is a teacher at Adrian High School where she serves as the varsity volleyball coach. Kellie was nominated by Kathy Bankowski, one of her teachers and coaches.



Kevin Vogel (Outstanding Athlete)

Kevin is a 1987 graduate of Bedford High School. He lettered in both football and wrestling while in high school. His high school wrestling career was outstanding. He was a 2-time GLL Champion, District Champion, Regional Champion and State Champion. He was selected team captain his senior year and was a member of the 1985 and 1986 State Championship teams. In 1987 he was selected to the High School Honorable Mention All-American Team. Kevin still holds the Bedford single season win record of 52-0. He also set a Michigan state record his junior year for pinning through the state tournament. After high school he wrestled at Central Michigan University where he was a 4 year starter and 3 year team captain. While at CMU he was a 3-time Mid American Conference champion and 2-time MAC tournament outstanding wrestler and named team MVP three times. He still holds the CMU record for career pins at 69. After leaving CMU he continued to wrestle on the international level competing as a member of Team USA. Some of his accolades include: 2-time Greco-Roman University National Championship finalist, 1990 University Champion (Greco-Roman), 1993 Olympic Festival Champion, 5 time member of Team USA (Top 3 in Nation), 1996 & 2000 Olympic trials qualifier and 1996 World Cup Champion. Kevin was a volunteer coach at the University of Michigan from 1999 to 2007. He is employed as a residential contractor in Michigan and Ohio. He is married to Jessica and has two children; Juliana and Nadya. Kevin was nominated by Lee LaVoy.