



Providence Catholic High School

presents

12th Annual Green & White

Hall of Fame Dinner

Friday, April 15, 2016

6:00 pm



Thank you for your continued support of the
Providence Catholic Athletic Association.





Nominating Committee

Mark Burcar '88	Mary Colbert '77	Rachel Ellingson '90
Jim Kickles '88	Mark Masters '88	Mary Kay Nichols '85
Ed Olszta '74	Frank Palmasani	Ken Raymond
Matt Senffner	Doug Ternik '89	Shannon Withers '95

Event Committee

Sandy Arthurs	Rachel Ellingson '90	Tom Lenahan '99
Marc Senffner '86	Doug Ternik '89	Erin Trost '85
Shannon Withers '95		

Acknowledgements

Anonymous PCHS alumnus: Generous donations to raffles

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Kristy Webber (708) 307-0535: Food Service

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Green & White Hall of Fame Members

2015 Inductees

Kevin Kickels '88, Football 1984-1988

Jeannette (Sukley) Springer '90, Volleyball/Basketball/
Softball 1986-1990

Kenneth Gerdes '90, Wrestling 1986-1990

Amy (Ernst) Grove '91, Softball 1987-1991

Kenny Miller '95, Basketball/Baseball 1991-1995

Frank Cavallone, Hockey Coach 1992—present

Terry Gross, Benefactor

1996 Football State Championship Team

1997 Wrestling State Championship Team

**HALL OF FAME NOMINATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE
ON THE PCHS WEBSITE. NOMINATIONS MAY BE
SUBMITTED AT ANY TIME.**

Program

6:00 pm Cocktails – Cash Bar
 Basket Raffles Begin
7:00 pm Dinner
8:00 pm Awards Presentation

Raffle drawings will follow Awards Presentation

Awards Presentation

Doug Ternik '89, Emcee

John Carruthers '75

Introduction by Ken Carruthers '72

Suzanne Sitlington '78

Acceptance by Mary Colbert '77

Cathy (Yurkanin) Murphy '84

Introduction by Nan Airola

Karen (Lund) Hubble '88

Introduction by Tim Ruettiger '71

Matt Uremovich '97

Introduction by Mike Uremovich '95

John Pergi

Introduction by Fr. Richard J. McGrath

Scott '67 and Mary Beth '69 Reiter

*Introduction by Mark Reiter '03 and
Mary (Reiter) Boland '99*

History of the Green & White Hall of Fame

The Green & White Hall of Fame was created in 2005 to recognize outstanding athletes, teams, coaches and benefactors who have participated in and contributed to the rich athletic history of Providence Catholic High School, which includes 29 state championship titles. The inaugural inductees were Matt Senffner and Nan Airola, two highly respected and dearly loved members of the Providence Catholic family.

Hall of Fame Membership Criteria

Individual Athlete – An athlete must have graduated 15 years or more prior to the date of induction, and must have been a state champion, qualifier or medalist as a Providence Catholic student. College and/or professional athletic prowess is also considered. At least one male and one female athlete are inducted each year.

Team – A team that has acquired a state championship title or has contributed to the growth of its program for Providence Catholic High School. Individual team members are not recognized.

Coach – A coach must have taken a team or an individual athlete to a state championship title, contributed to Providence Catholic and/or the local community in a positive way, and attained significant career accomplishments.

Benefactor – A friend or benefactor who has contributed in a significant way to Providence Catholic athletics by investing time, talents and/or financial resources will be considered for induction.

Green & White Hall of Fame Members

2013 Inductees

Yvette Healy '95, Softball 1991-1995

Michele (Robinson) Seidel '88, Volleyball 1984-1988

Matt Senffner Jr. '85, Football & Baseball 1981-1985

Eric Steinbach '98, Football & Track & Field 1994-1998

Mike Polz, Wrestling Coach 1983—1992

Dr. Bill Farrell, Benefactor

1995 State Championship Football Team

2014 Inductees

Ray Valek '88, Track & Field 1971-1975

John Martin '88, Football 1984-1988

Dawn Gura '88, Volleyball/Softball/Basketball 1984-1988

Rachel (Repiscak) Ellingson '90, Volleyball 1986-1990

Joe Schley '95, Baseball/Football 1991-1995

Tavaras Hardy '98, Basketball 1984-1988

Keith Healy Wrestling Coach 1993—Present

Dr. Mukund Komanduri, M.D., Benefactor

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2010 Inductees

Mary Kay (Bahnaman) Nichols '85, Volleyball 1981-1985

Dana (Mackey) Kircher '92, Golf 1988-1992

Fr. Burke Masters '85, Baseball 1981-1985

Chris Scott '83, Wrestling 1979-1983

1975 440 Relay Team: Greg D'Amico '75, Rory Johnson '75,

Mike Mores '76, and Kevin Johnson '77

Coach Jim Walzak, Varsity Girls' Golf 1990-2009

& Track 1971-2003

Bev Welsch, Benefactor

2011-2012 Inductees

Jennifer (Yurkanin) Weber '87, Volleyball 1983—1987

Karen (Kamarauskas) Schmolze '87, Volleyball 1983—1987

Sean Bormet '89, Wrestling 1985—1989

Neal Cawi '88, Track & Field/Football 1984-1988

Coach Richard Mandella '73, Boys' Basketball Coach

& Girls' Softball Coach 1978—2000

Ronald Lawnzak, Benefactor

2016 Green & White Hall of Fame Inductees

John Carruthers '75

Football & Baseball 1971-1975

While attending Providence Catholic, John was an amazing two sport athlete. He was a three-time Varsity Letterman in both football and baseball and served as captain of both sports during his junior and senior years.

During his time here, John set many Providence Catholic football records while earning All-Conference and All-Area for the Herald News for football in 1973, 1974, and 1975. For all three years, John was the individual leading scorer, leading rusher, and touchdown leader. John still ranks 6th overall for the number of 200+ games rushing in a season. He did all this while being hurt for part of his senior season.

While John was a great football player, baseball was his first love. He was awarded All-Area and All-Conference for his sophomore, junior, and senior years. He received All-State honors and was named an All-American Prep Baseball player in 1975.

Throughout his high school career and life, John was supported by many family and friends. This honor is bestowed posthumously and is accepted by his brother, Ken.

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Suzanne Sitlington '78

Volleyball & Basketball 1976-1978

Suzanne was not your typical Providence Catholic student/athlete. She came to Providence at the beginning of her junior year after her family moved to the area. While at Providence Catholic, Suzanne had only planned on playing basketball until she walked into volleyball tryouts. Being a natural athlete, she played an important role and had an immediate impact in the middle. Over the two years playing volleyball her team went 42-5, and she helped to lead them to two straight Conference titles, District and Sectional Championships.

Suzanne was also a 2-year starter on the Providence Catholic Basketball Team. Her senior year, Sue was chosen as co-captain. She had a team high average of 16 points per game and led the team to a conference championship that year, in which Sue was elected to the All-Conference team.

While being highly recruited for both volleyball and basketball, Suzanne chose to attend Southwest Missouri State University on a volleyball scholarship.

Suzanne currently resides in Colorado with her son, Jack.

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2008 Inductees

Mary Sullivan Colbert '77, Volleyball 1974-1977

Ed Olszta '74, Baseball 1970-1974

Judy Legan, Varsity Girls' Track Coach 1972-1988

Ken Raymond, Varsity Boys' Track Coach 1965-2000

1977 440-Relay Team Members: Frank Dolyuka '77,

Mark Gariboldi '78 and Rick McTee '77

1989 State Championship Wrestling Team

1991 State Championship Football Team

Bishop Roger Kaffer, Benefactor

2009 Inductees

Chris Karges '85, Girls' Tennis 1981-1985

Mike Carruthers '71, Basketball and Track 1967-1971

Frank Palmasani, Boys' Varsity Basketball Coach 1976-1981

1994 State Championship Football Team

Len Wedic, Benefactor

Bill and Maggie McEnery, Benefactors

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2007 Inductees

Rick Baranak '72, Baseball 1968-1972

Ken Carruthers '72 – Football 1968-1972

Kaye Bertagnoli Kooi '79, Track 1975-1979

Leanne Burla Kubinski '79, Track 1975-1979

Jerry Quigley '71, Baseball 1967-1971

Jaime Garcia, Baseball Coach 1977-1989

Tim Ruettinger '71, Wrestling Coach 1976-1987

Ken Morrissette, Special Mention

1988 State Champion Wrestling Team

1987 State Champion Football Team

Ben Cabay, Benefactor

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Cathy (Yurkanin) Murphy '84

Volleyball 1980 -1984

Cathy was a three year Varsity Starter for the volleyball team. While she also played softball during her time at Providence, volleyball was her priority. She led the team in aces, service points, and assists during her senior season.

From her sophomore season through her senior season, the team amassed an 82-17 record. The team also won the Conference Championship and Regional Championship each year. Cathy was named co-captain her junior and senior years and provided stable leadership for the program's first Regional win in Class AA her senior year. At that time, this was quite an accomplishment given the size of Providence Catholic playing against bigger, stronger public schools.

After Providence, Cathy was recruited to play volleyball at Lewis University. She currently ranks 5th all time for assists per set, 6th for service aces per set, and 10th overall for most career assists.

Cathy currently works as a nurse. She lives in Chicago with her husband Dan and has three grown children, Kelsey '06, Bridget '09, and Danny.

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Karen (Lund) Hubble '88

Track and Field & Cross Country 1984-1988

Karen first started running in elementary school and has not stopped. In high school, she ran anything from the 400M dash to the two-mile run, but found her niche in distance running.

Her senior year she was named co-captain and helped lead the track team to the Conference title. The 800m individual was her best race. During her senior year, she set the school record (2:27.10) for the 800M and won the Conference Championship for the second straight year. That year, she and her teammates also won Conference with a record setting time for the 800M Medley relay and placed third in the 1600M relay.

Karen received scholarship offers to run in college, but decided to focus on academics. She went on to earn her Bachelor's degree from Eastern Illinois University. She has taught in elementary education for 14 years and is currently working on her Master's Degree in Educational Leadership. She continues to run in many 5k, 10k, half-marathons and marathons.

Karen and her husband, Shane, live in Largo, FL with their two children, Marlee, 15 and Zach, 10.

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2005 Inductees (continued)

Don "Butch" Markelz '72, Baseball 1968-1972

Pete Bercich '90, Football 1986-1990

1978 State Champion Girls' Track Team

1978 State Champion Baseball Team

1978 State Champion Wrestling Team

Tom Dedin, Baseball Coach 1962-1976 &

Athletic Director 1962-1968

Charles Liddle, Benefactor

2006 Inductees

Gerri Schubert '77, Girl's Volleyball 1973-1977

Howard Mabry '67, Basketball 1963-1967

Patrick Sullivan, Boys' Basketball Coach 1965-1976

1981 State Champion Wrestling Team

1982 State Champion Baseball Team

1979 State Champion Boys' Basketball Team

LaVerne "Bitz" Brown, Benefactor

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2004 Inductees

Nan Airola, Girls' Volleyball Coach 1973-2010 &

Girls' Athletic Director 1973-2006

Matt Senffner, Football Coach &

Athletic Director 1968-2006

2005 Inductees

James Robinson '79, Basketball 1975-1979

Cheryl (Johnson) Williams '78, Track 1974-1978

Bernie Ruettiger '79, Wrestling 1975-1979

Walter Downing '81, Basketball 1977-1981

Mark Ruettiger '81, Wrestling 1977-1981

Mark Berman '77, Wrestling 1973-1977

Jayne (Glade) Nugent '79, Track 1975-1979

Bill Bingham '78, Wrestling 1974-1978

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Matt Uremovich '97

Football & Wrestling 1993-1997

Matt's individual hard work can easily be translated to his team's success. During the four years Matt attended Providence Catholic, he was a member of four Championships teams (Football '94, '95, '96 & Wrestling '97). His senior football season, Matt was named First Team All-Area for the Herald News, First Team All-State, Chicago Catholic League Defensive Player of the Year, and Academic All-State. He was also named All-Area and All-State Honorable mention during the Wrestling team's State Championship season.

Matt's efforts in football earned him a scholarship to Georgia Tech University. There, he was a Finalist for ACC Rookie of the Year, had a career high 16 tackles and 1 sack against North Carolina and was named ACC Defensive Player of the week.

Matt's athletic success at Providence Catholic was the start of bigger things to come. After the attacks of 9/11, Matt enlisted in the Army. He became a decorated Army Ranger and was one of two Rangers selected as Platoon Leader for the Joint Special Operations Unit. Matt was awarded the Bronze Star Medal and a Joint Special Operations Commendation Medal for his actions while leading Special Operations raids which included the raid against the #2 Al Qaeda leader in Iraq in 2006.

Matt currently lives in Texas with his wife, Melissa and their two children, Gunner, 5 and Tyler, 3.

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John Pergj

Football Coach 1992—present

Coach Pergj grew up in Mingo Junction, Ohio. There, he attended Steubenville Catholic Central where he played quarterback and defensive back on the football team. He continued his playing career at John Carroll University. Since then, John has coached everywhere from Ohio to Colorado, public to private. He even spent time coaching at some of our CCL rivals.

In the fall of 1992, Coach Pergj began teaching Theology and coaching football at Providence Catholic. During his time at Providence, he also coached wrestling and track. After becoming Dean of Students, he focused solely on football.

Coach Pergj has been on the Providence football coaching staff for 8 of the 10 State Championship teams. Many of his players have received All-Area and All-State honors and have gone on to play in college, some even in the NFL. In 2007, he was recognized for his coaching career by being inducted into the Chicago Catholic League Hall of Fame.

If you ask Coach Pergj what his favorite part of coaching is, he says 'Working with young people is always such a joy. I enjoy the competition on the field and the challenge of teaching every day. I also love the camaraderie of the PCHS teachers and staff.'

Even though John retired from PCHS in 2014, he still coaches football and can be seen on campus working with the kids. John, his wife, Marieta and their son Anthony reside in Manhattan. He enjoys spending time with his daughter, Maria '03 and his grandson, Johnny.

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Scott '67 and Mary Beth '69 Reiter

Benefactors

Scott and Mary Beth have left their footprint on Providence Catholic since the mid '60s. Both are alumni, with Scott graduating in the second co-educational class in PCHS history and Mary Beth working hard during the first Harvest Drive to help keep the school open. Since the beginning, their service to our school has been unwavering.

Whenever there has been a need at Providence Catholic, Scott and Mary Beth have both volunteered their time and treasures. They have helped to support the "Building a Vision ... Forming a Future," campaign to renovate Bishop Kaffer Stadium, the "Turf in '12" campaign, and the renovation of the Girls Locker room. They have helped with phone-a-thons and have been money counters for Harvest Drive.

They will always claim their greatest accomplishments are their five children, Mike '94, Matt '97, Mary '99, Martin '01, and Mark '03. All of their children participated in sports year round. They have supported all programs from spaghetti dinners to the Men's Club Golf outing. You will always find them at some sort of Providence event.

Scott and Mary Beth currently live in Frankfort and enjoy spending time with their eight grandchildren and watching the White Sox Spring Training in Arizona.