



PROVIDENCE
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

presents

***15th Annual Green & White
Hall of Fame Dinner***

**Friday, April 12, 2019
6:00 P.M.**





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

Bernice Metesh '47 - Professional Women's Baseball

Marc Mitchell '81 - Track

Eric Dantzler '91 - Baseball/Basketball

Eddie Olszta '97 - Baseball/Football

Jodi Steffes '98 - Volleyball

Carmen Pignatiello '00 - Baseball

Tim Gawla - Boys/Girls Golf Coach





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 30 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.



2019 GREEN & WHITE HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

BERNICE METESH '47 - ALL-AMERICAN GIRLS PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL

Being a 1947 graduate, Bernice attended Providence High School when it was an all-girls school located in downtown Joliet. During this time, girls' organized sports was not in existence. While she grew up in a sports-oriented family, there was not a formal outlet for her talents. After graduating, Bernice joined the South Bend Blue Sox in 1948 as a right-handed utility infielder. Midway through the season, she was traded to the Rockford Peaches. At the end of that year she decided not to return to the league and went home to Joliet, where she pitched for the St. Joseph's American Legion Post Club, an all-male baseball team in Joliet City Park League.

Bernice has been inducted into the City of Joliet Hall of Fame and St. Joseph's Athletic Hall of Fame for all her work with youth sports in the area. Bernice is also honored in the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League exhibit in the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, NY. She was a member of the league that inspired the 'A League of their Own' movie. Following her baseball career, she coached and managed youth softball and basketball teams for Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) and the Joliet Park District. This in turn lead to the beginning of the Girls' Athletic Association (GAA) bringing organized girls athletics to schools and local youth organizations.

Bernice retired shortly after she was married. She went on to raise her two children, Michael and John, and now has three grandchildren, Krista, Cody and Alex. She lives in Joliet and is an avid White Sox fan.



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MARC MITCHELL '81 - TRACK

Marc was a two-sport athlete in basketball and track. He long jumped, triple jumped, high jumped, and sprinted. He is what every coach wanted to see in their athletes, a hard working student that pushed to get to the highest levels. By the time Marc was a senior in 1981, he had the misfortune to be behind Mike Connelly (eventual Olympic silver medalist and indoor world record holder). None the less, he finished 2nd in state in the triple jump and 7th in the long jump. To this day, Marc holds the Providence Catholic High School triple jump record that was set in 1981 and narrowly missed breaking the long jump record still held by Mike Carruthers '71 (PCHS HOF).

During Marc's time at Providence, the school had no real practice facilities. This would force the track team to pull the high jump pads onto the circular drive by the gym, blocking traffic. They also dug a pit next to the tennis courts and used a shortened runway to train. When the team arrived at meets, they worked on steps before the meet started to take advantage of a full runway. Nothing stopped Marc from his goals.



Currently, Marc resides in Joliet, IL with his wife, Faye and is the Lead Person for XPO Logistics.

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ERIC DANTZLER '91 - BASEBALL/BASKETBALL

Eric was a three-sport athlete as a member of the boys basketball, cross-country, and baseball teams. He made the most of his time at Providence improving and contributing to each team he was on. In his main sport, basketball, Dantzler was the team's leading scorer, rebounder and shooter. He was an All-Area selection his senior year. During his time at Providence Catholic, he says Richard "Dick" Mandella (PCHS HOF) was his biggest influence.

Eric went on to receive a full scholarship to Creighton University in both basketball and baseball. While in college, Eric was named to the MVC Conference All-Freshman Basketball Team. While excelling in both sports, he decided to focus on baseball after his freshmen year. It paid off as Eric was signed by the San Francisco Giants in 1994 and was a part of their organization for three years.

Eric currently resides in Chicago with his wife of 12 years, Sheila and their daughter, Gabriella (8). He is currently the co-owner of R&D Builders LLC. He has been in the real estate development business for over 15 years specializing in building new construction of residential homes in Chicago's Bronzeville community. He is currently working in partnership with the City of Chicago to build 45 Market Rate Homes and provide new retail spaces for entrepreneurs.

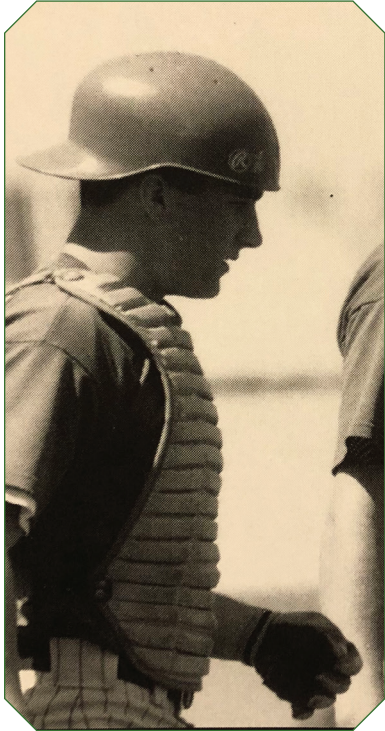


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EDDIE OLSZTA '97 - BASEBALL/FOOTBALL

Eddie played baseball and football all four years at Providence Catholic High School. He was named to the All-Area, All-Conference and All-State baseball teams in 1997. He was also a member of the 1994, 1995, and 1996 State Football Teams (PCHS

HOF). According to Eddie, Matt Biscan and Dave Ernst were the most influential in his time at PCHS.

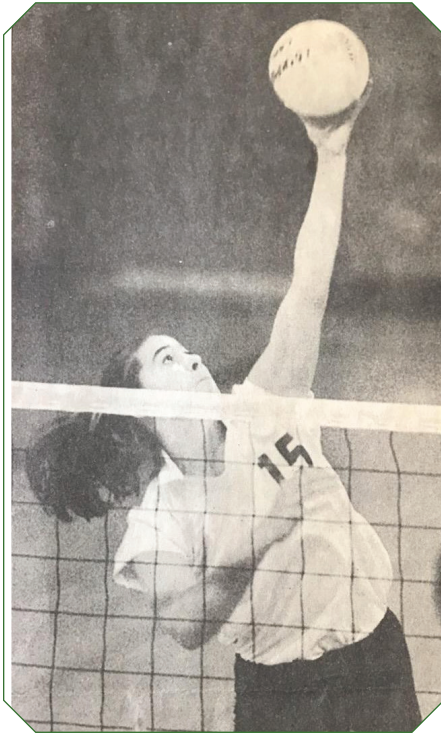


Eddie went on to earn an athletic scholarship for baseball to Butler University, where he received his bachelor's in marketing in 2001. At Butler, he was named to the All-Conference team and Defensive Player of the year twice and was a 2000 NBC All-American. Eddie was drafted in the 25th Round of the MLB draft to the Seattle Mariners in 2001.

Eddie currently resides in Frankfort with his wife, Stephanie and their four children: Eddie (12), Bella (10), Ellie (9), and Johnny (7) and is employed with RWC Insurance Group.

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JODI STEFFES '98 - VOLLEYBALL



Jodi was a member of the varsity volleyball team for three years at Providence Catholic. She was coached by Nan Airola (PCHS HOF).

During her time as a Celtic, she was named the Frankfort and Mokena Star Player of the Year, 1st team for the Joliet Herald News and Chicago Sun Times All Star Teams, was an Illinois All-State selection. She was a member of the 1995 team that went down state and were Regional finalists in 1996 and 1997.

Jodi attended Clemson University on a full athletic scholarship. She studied elementary education and went on to get her master's

in counseling-student affairs. Jodi was Clemson's first four-time All-Region honoree and was a three-time All-ACC second team member (1999-2001). She was named the 1998 ACC All-Freshmen team and was named the ACC Rookie of the Year. Jodi currently ranks fifth on Clemson's all-time list for most attempts (3600) and kills (1422), eighth in block assists (288) and ninth in service aces (132). She ranks second on the Clemson All-Time Defensive Saves list with 1309 digs and was named to the ACC 50th Anniversary Team in 2002.

Jodi currently resides in Greenville, South Carolina and works for Furman University as their Assistant Athletic Director.

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CARMEN PIGNATIELLO '00 - BASEBALL

Carmen was a member of the Varsity Baseball team all four years at Providence Catholic High School. Carmen showed signs of greatness when he pitched a no hitter against Lincoln-Way. During his time as a Celtic, his team earned a 106-26 record and named him captain his senior year. As a junior and senior, he was named to the All-Area, All Conference and All-State Teams. Carmen received many Player of the Year awards his senior year from the Chicago Tribune, Chicago Sun-times, Chicago Catholic League and was awarded the prestigious Illinois Gatorade Player of the Year in 2000.

Carmen went on to be a 20th-round draft pick of the Cubs in 2000. He would spend seven seasons in various ranks within the farm system before being promoted in 2007, his eighth season in professional baseball. Carmen was called up by the Cubs on August 14, 2007. Two days later, he made his major league debut against the Cincinnati Reds and pitched one scoreless inning of relief of a 12-4 victory. In March 2009, Carmen was signed to a minor league contract with the Minnesota Twins. After his time with the Twins, he signed with the Schaumburg Flyers for the 2009 season as a starter, where he went 6-9 in 20 starts with a 5.87 ERA. Carmen retired at the end of the 2009 season.

Since retiring, Carmen has been a pitching coach for the Joliet Slammers and worked in the insurance industry for the past 9 years in numerous roles from service, sales and agency ownership. Carmen currently resides in Geneva, IL with his wife Julie '05 his two sons Peter (9) and Rocco (7).



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TIM GAWLA – BOYS/GIRLS GOLF COACH

Tim Gawla began teaching at Providence in the 1971-1972 school year. He spent 36 years at Providence Catholic imparting skills and knowledge onto the students. He is an achiever, open-minded, generous, knowledgeable, modest, courageous, responsible and highly-respected educator. Over the years, he served as a faculty member in the Business and Technology Departments, Assistant Dean, Head Dean of Students, Vice Principal, Golf Club Moderator, Assistant Girls Golf Coach and Head Boys/Girls Golf Coach.

In 1972, Tim took over the Providence Catholic boys' golf program. As girls sports grew in popularity he helped start the girls' golf program. Since then the girls' golf program has had six regional titles, two State Medalists (including State Championship, Dana Mackey Kircher (PCHS HOF)) and many state qualifiers. Upon retiring from Providence Catholic in 2007, Tim continued s assistant girls golf coach until 2014.

Tim and his wife Donna '73 are both retired from PCHS where they enjoy winters in Arizona and summers in Manhattan, IL. They have a son, Keith and daughter-in-law Shareen, and two grandsons, Dante (7) and Dominic (5).



GREEN & WHITE HALL OF FAME MEMBERS

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
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

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 Ruettiger '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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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 Dolynka '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

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

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—2018
Dr. Mukund Komanduri, M.D., Benefactor

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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

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

2016 Inductees

John Carruthers '75, Football & Baseball 1971-1975
Suzanne Sitlington '78, Volleyball & Basketball 1976-1978
Cathy (Yurkanin) Murphy '84, Volleyball 1980-1984
Karen (Lund) Hubble '88, Track and Field
& Cross Country 1984-1988
Matt Uremovich '97, Football & Wrestling 1993-1997
John Pergl, Football Coach 1992—present
Scott '67 and Mary Beth '69 Reiter, Benefactors

2017 Inductees

George Donald '77
Barney Mines '79
Tom Carruthers '80
Kathy (Sukley) Alberico '85
Scott Richardson '88
Megan (McEnery) Hackett '92
1997 State Championship Football Team
1998 State Championship Wrestling Team

GREEN & WHITE HALL OF FAME MEMBERS

Class of 2018

Chris Curtin Lipke '96 VOLLEYBALL 1992-1996

Dan DeMent '96 BASEBALL 1992-1996

Gina Ramacci '90 SOFTBALL 1995-1999

Michael Thompson '02 BASKETBALL 1998-2002

Cindy Olczyk - Volleyball Coach

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





30 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS AND COUNTING!

The Celtics maintain a standard of excellence that is second to none. To date, Providence Catholic High School has won 30 state championship titles, which is more than any other Catholic high school in Illinois!

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLES

Baseball – '78, '82, '14, '15, '16

Boys' Basketball – '79

Cheerleading – '13

Football – '87, '91, '94, '95, '96, '97, '01, '02, '04, '14

Hockey – '09

Pom Pons – '04

Girls' Track – '78

Wrestling – '78, '81, '88, '89, '97, '98, '99, '00, '01, '02





FACILITIES

Providence Catholic High School sits on a beautiful 75 acre campus. The school's athletic facilities include Bishop Kaffer Stadium and Matt Senffner Field that has synthetic turf (2012) and is surrounded by an all-weather track (2012). The stadium features new lighting (2008) and includes new home bleachers and renovated visitor bleachers (2004). In addition to the bleachers, many other improvements were made to the stadium, including a new broadcast booth, sound system; scoreboard and concession stand.

The school's Main Campus has two softball diamonds and two baseball diamonds. The varsity baseball team plays on Tom Dedin Field which was completely renovated (2007). The project included a brick backstop, new home and visitor dugouts, storage and locker rooms, and press box.

The girls varsity softball field was renovated (2012) with a new brick backstop along with a netting; home and away dugouts, storage area and a second story locker room along with a press box.

The indoor facilities include two gymnasiums, a complete wrestling facility, training center and a fully equipped weight room. The Sacred Heart Gym and the Immaculate Heart of Mary Gym have both been completely renovated (2011, 2016) with new maple floors.

The school's 14 acre West Campus is located ¼ mile west of the main campus at Gougar Road and Lincoln Highway; it features two soccer fields, a freshman baseball diamond and two full size sand volleyball courts (2013).

Providence Catholic's 25 acre South Campus (2012) is located ¼ mile west and ¼ mile south of the school at Gougar Road and Ferro Drive. This campus features a cross-country running course (Wilderness Trail) and a lacrosse field.





NOMINATING COMMITTEE

**Mark Burcar '88
Jim Kickles '88
Ed Olszta '74
Matt Senffner**

**Mary Colbert '77
Mark Masters '88
Frank Palmasani
Doug Ternik '89**

**Rachel Ellingson '90
Mary Kay Nichols '85
Ken Raymond
Shannon Withers '95**

EVENT COMMITTEE

**Sandy Arthurs
Marc Senffner '86
Shannon Withers '95**

**Rachel Ellingson '90
Doug Ternik '89**

**Tom Lenahan '99
Erin Trost '85**

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

**Anonymous PCHS alumnus:
Generous donations to raffles**

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Kristy Webber (708) 307-0535: Food Service**

Gatto's Restaurant (815) 485-7007: Food

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