

MASON

Great Wolf Lodge Conference Center

MASON HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC
HALL OF FAME

33RD
ANNUAL
HALL OF FAME
INDUCTION
CEREMONY



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WM. MASON HIGH SCHOOL

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33RD INDUCTION CLASS

John Adams

Class of 1989

Kerry Collins

Class of 1990

Jill (Fussner) Nuss

Class of 1993

Jodi (Fussner) McMillan

Class of 1993

Josh Niederhelman

Class of 1998

Justin Smith

Class of 1998

Erika (Flanders) True

Class of 1999



MASON HALL OF FAME SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Victoria Blakeman

Victoria earned a total of 10 varsity letters throughout her high school career. In back to back years (2013 & 2014) she displayed elite athleticism by participating on two varsity teams, lacrosse and track & field, during the same season. She will be attending Mercer University this Fall to continue her lacrosse career.

Austin Morris

Austin was a 3 year varsity letter winner for the Comet Wrestling Team. He was a 2014 State Qualifier for the 285 weight class and finished his career with 85 total varsity wins. He will be attending Thomas More College this Fall to play football.

These scholarships have been provided through the generous support of the families of Mr. Ken Reed, Mr. OD Popplewell, and Mr. Ken Jeffers. May we continue to honor these three great men and recognize the tremendous impact each one had on the rich history and tradition of Mason Athletics.



**JACK FLAHERTY
AWARD WINNER**

Established in 2011, the Jack Flaherty Award recognizes members of the Mason High School athletic community as either an individual or groups of individuals who have distinguished themselves through their efforts and achievements that have provided for the betterment of student athletes and athletic programs at Mason High School. Recipients of the Jack Flaherty Award are not Mason High School alumni; however they have shown a great deal of commitment and dedication to the Mason High School athletic programs through efforts that are both timeless and selfless for the benefit of the Mason City School District's student athletes.

Mr. Ken Jeffers, Mr. OD Popplewell, & Mr. Ken Reed

**JOE BARR
AWARD WINNER**

Established in 2004, the Joe Barr Award recognizes Mason High School graduates who distinguished themselves through their efforts or achievements. Whether occurring during their years of interscholastic participation or after graduation, the Joe Barr Award acknowledges individuals, or groups of individuals, for their contributions to the Mason High School athletic program.

1977 Mason Comet Baseball Team
Head Coach Ken Gray



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BIOGRAPHIES

John Adams

A member of the 1989 graduating class, John Adams was an exceptional three sport athlete participating in golf, basketball, and track & field. The golf course is where John excelled most, making a name for himself throughout southwest Ohio. He was a four year varsity letter winner for the Comets golf team, earning 1st Team All-Conference honors in the Fort Ancient Valley Conference his sophomore, junior, and senior seasons. John was also named FAVC Player of the Year back to back years in 1987 & 1988, while qualifying for the regional tournament in '87. After graduating from Mason High School, John quickly became a golf professional, playing mini tours in Florida and multiple Nike Tour events.

Kerry Collins

A 1990 graduate, Kerry Collins was a two sport athlete who amassed seven varsity letters in soccer (4) and track & field (3) during her tenure at Mason High School. As a freshman, she began her career by setting a women's soccer school record for most goal assists in a season. She led the Comet's to back to back Fort Ancient Valley Conference titles in 1986 and '87, earning player of the year honors as a senior in 1989. Kerry was two time 1st Team All-Conference in the FAVC and earned a spot in the District Soccer All-Star game her sophomore season. Kerry also graduated Mason High School holding two track & field records for the girls in Long Jump and Shuttle Hurdle Relay. Kerry's elite talent was on full display when she was selected and published in the 1988-89 edition of *Who's Who in American High School Sports*.

Jill (Fussner) Nuss

A standout on both the soccer field and basketball court, Jill (Fussner) Nuss was truly one of the most talented athletes in the class of 1993. On the soccer field, Jill led the Fort Ancient Valley Conference in goals scored her junior and senior seasons earning her 1st Team All-Conference honors both years. During her senior campaign, Jill also received 1st Team *Western Star* All-Area, 1st Team All-City by the *Cincinnati Post*, and she earned a spot in the East vs. West All-Star Soccer Game. On the basketball court, Jill's successful junior season led to her receiving 1st Team All-Conference honors in the FAVC and 1st Team *Western Star* All-Area honors. During her senior season, Jill played a major role in helping the Lady Comets capture their first ever district championship in women's basketball. After graduating from Mason, Jill attended Olivet Nazarene University, where she continued her basketball career.

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BIOGRAPHIES

Jodi (Fussner) McMillan

A four year participant in the sports of soccer and basketball, Jodi (Fussner) McMillan joined her sister Jill as one of the elite talents in the class of 1993. Jodi excelled on the basketball court, leading the Lady Comets to three consecutive Fort Ancient Valley Conference championships during her sophomore, junior, and senior seasons. In back to back years (1992 & '93), she earned 1st Team All-Conference honors from the FAVC, 1st Team All-Area honors from the *Western Star*, and was two time Honorable Mention in the *Cincinnati Enquirer*. During her senior campaign, Jodi guided the Comets to their first ever district championship while leading the team in assists, steals, and 3-point field goal percentage. That same year she was nominated and selected to participate in the District 15 All-Star Basketball Game. Jodi displayed her talents on the soccer field as well when she helped Mason capture the 1991 FAVC title for women's soccer. Her successes on the pitch earned her 1st Team All-Conference recognition in the FAVC and Honorable Mention in the *Western Star* her senior year.

Josh Niederhelman

A 1998 graduate, Josh Niederhelman established himself as one of the premier athletes of his class by earning nine varsity letters in track & field (4), football (3), and basketball (2). Josh excelled on the football field, playing a significant role in back to back playoff appearances in 1996 & 1997. He led the Comets in passing his senior season and received multiple honors including, 1st Team All-Conference in the FAVC, 1st Team *Western Star* All-Area, and 1st Team All-Southwest District. Josh was also a recipient of the National Football Foundations, "That's My Boy" award, which is based upon three criteria: football achievements, academic achievements, and extracurricular/community activities. Josh carried his success into the track & field season, earning 1st Team All-Conference in the FAVC his junior and senior years. At the time of his graduation, he held three school records in Pole Vault (14'3"), 400M Dash (50.66), and 400M Relay (44.5). Josh was the only track & field athlete to qualify for state his senior season (Pole Vault).



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BIOGRAPHIES

Justin Smith

A member of the 1998 graduating class, Justin Smith became the 2nd of three Smith family members to don the Green & White for the football Comets. During his high school career, Justin led the football team to back to back playoff appearances (1996-'97) and compiled numerous honors including six 1st Team award nominations. His junior year, he earned 1st Team *Western Star* All-Area, 1st Team *Cincinnati Post* All-City, and 2nd Team All-Southwest District. During his senior campaign, Justin was recognized as being 1st Team All-Conference in the FAVC, 1st Team *Western Star* All-Area, 1st Team *Cincinnati Enquirer* All-Area, and 1st Team All-Southwest District. Justin's successful senior season also led to an All-Ohio Honorable Mention and a place in the East vs. West All-Star Football Game. After graduation, Justin attended Miami University where he continued his football career. There, he earned an All-MAC Honor Roll in 2000, and went on to Captain the Redhawks during his senior season.

Erika (Flanders) True

A four year varsity letter winner in the sport of soccer, Erika (Flanders) True graduated as one of the most accomplished goalies in Fort Ancient Valley Conference history. Erika was named 1st Team All-Conference her sophomore, junior, and senior seasons as she led the Comets to FAVC championships all three years. She earned back to back FAVC Player of the Year honors her junior and senior seasons, being selected 3rd Team All-State her senior year. Currently, Erika continues to hold Mason goalkeeping records for career shutouts (43), single season shutouts (13), and consecutive shutouts (11). Her career shutouts total of 43 ties for 3rd all-time in Ohio High School history. Erika also earned two varsity letters in women's basketball, while participating on the 1998-99 State Runner Up Team. After graduating from Mason High School, Erika continued her soccer career at Bowling Green State University, where after four years, she held every goalkeeping record (single match, season, and career) in school history. Her love for the game of soccer continued after college as she started her coaching career at Creighton University and then Indiana University. This fall Erika will enter her 6th season as Head Coach of the Indiana State University Women's Soccer Team.



MASON ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

Name	Graduation	Induction
Keith Abney	1977	2011
Craig Adkins	1998	2013
Jim Allison	1954	1986
Randy Andrews	1972	1999
Charlie Andrews	1974	2000
Missy Arnet (Jeffers)	1987	2002
Greg Ayres	1973	1996
Katie Barnes	1998	2003
Bob Bare	1986	2010
Cindy Bare	1984	2002
Edwin Barr	1935	1983
Joseph Barr	1937	1981
Mick Barr	1968	1989
Ron Bates	1959	1990
Jeff Bentley	1976	2001
Jerry Bentley	1987	2010
C.W. Bercaw	1926	2002
Mike Biehle	1971	1992
Bo Bishop	1991	2013
Jim Bradley	1977	2002
Tom Britton	1980	2006
Nadine Bruce	1978	2000
Rick Brune	1975	2008
Steve Burton	1977	2006
Dave Campbell	1977	2002



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Name	Graduation	Induction
Keith Carter	1966	1993
Todd Carter	1978	2003
Luther Case	1932	1999
Tom Chance	1981	2007
Rick Chappell	1968	2007
Paul T. Clark	1993	2011
Bob Clingner	1964	1998
Percy Coleman	1894	2007
Bob Collins	1934	1985
Lucille Cox (Melampy)	1927	1998
Dave Crocker	1969	2004
Bruce Crutcher	1968	2003
Dick Cunningham	1939	2003
Mark Diangelo	1973	2000
Tom Diehl	1944	2001
Beth Dowrey (Vogele)	1979	2005
Lenn Duff	1980	2008
Mindy Duff	1987	2008
Don Dwire	1961	1990
Jim Dwire	1967	1995
Tracey B. Dwire	1988	2012
Walter Dwire	1936	1980
Sheri Farquer (Hanna)	1985	2007
Jamie Elswick	1980	2012
Lee Erbeck	1955	1988



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Name	Graduation	Induction
Bill Ferrell	1964	1999
Bob Ferrell	1962	1985
Ed Fields	1953	1988
Duke Flaherty	1975	2001
Albert Fox	1932	1984
John Fox	1940	1984
K.C. Fox	1973	1996
Lyle Fox	1953	1986
Rich Fox	1964	1989
Robert Fox	1966	1991
Jamie Fussner (Foley)	1992	2013
Bill Gilbert	1936	1983
Francis Girton	1934	1982
Mary Ann Glazell (Engler)	1980	2006
Robert Goode	1997	2012
Rick Hall	1985	2011
Jennifer Harris (Burnside)	1987	2004
Livonia Hause (Maddox)	1928	1999
Grace Heger (Losh)	1939	1995
Toni Hess (LeGalley)	1977	1996
Billy Highfill	1993	2012
Bobby Highfill	1997	2013
Arnold Hill	1944	2000
Julee Hill	1975	1995
Lucy Hill (Gorsuch)	1939	1996



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Name	Graduation	Induction
Tracy Hill	1994	2001
Jim Huggard	1975	2007
Erin Hutchins (Whedon)	1991	2010
Bob Hutchison	1950	1987
Rod Hutchison	1983	2009
Mike Jeffers	1987	2010
Carla Kampschmidt	1997	2013
Ed Kelley	1970	1990
Jay Koepfle	1975	2001
Roger Koepfle	1971	1993
Lisa Krouse (Tucker)	1974	1995
Clayton Lakes	1951	1987
Jim Lane	1963	1999
Renee Lawson (Miller)	1989	2004
Lyle Lewis	1983	2009
T.J. Lichtenberg	1993	2012
Terry Lichtenberg	1971	2006
Tim Lichtenberg	1966	1992
Dick Losh	1942	1984
Tom Losh	1967	2004
Dick Martin	1985	2010
Tracy Martin (Mays)	1982	2005
Todd McCollister	1981	2008
Vicki McCurley	1986	2002
Kerri McGrath	1994	2013



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Name	Graduation	Induction
Jan McReynolds	1979	1998
Greg Meibers	1972	1995
Steve Meibers	1970	1995
Bill Mellish	1946	1991
Kendra Meyer (Hunter)	1997	2001
Bob Middleton	1945	1985
Dick Middleton	1947	1986
Melody Middleton (Thompson)	1971	2003
Nick Middleton	1984	2009
Rob Middleton	1985	2010
Gary Miller	1972	1994
Tim Miller	1979	2006
Russ Moore	1971	1994
Ann Muennich (Steiner)	1978	1997
Carl Muennich	1981	2008
Clara Muennich	1980	1999
Sam Muennich	1979	2005
Michael O'Bryant	1966	2005
Dan Patrick	1974	2000
Martha Pierson (Combs Oglesby)	1933	1998
Andy Plum	1993	2011
Darcy Poulos (Snell)	1997	2007
Matt K. Poulos	1994	2011
Gary Poplewell	1967	1994
Shannon Potec	1988	1999



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Name	Graduation	Induction
Fred Ramsey	1979	2003
Renee Reinhard (Hunt)	1981	2006
Greg Richards	1977	2002
Jack Ross	1941	1982
Gina M. Salzarulo-Wickelhaus	1994	2012
Steve Sams	1983	2009
Cathy Schenkel (Brennan)	1981	2006
Ed Schoonover	1957	1988
Paul Schutte	1969	1996
Meredith Shelley (Conner)	1993	1999
Mike Simon	1978	2007
Don Simpson	1954	1991
Dave Smith	1977	2002
Francis Smith	1925	1989
French Smith	1922	1983
Lisa Smith	1984	2001
Stan Smith	1936	1992
Amy Souders (Brown)	1986	2011
John Sowers	1978	2004
Mark Sowers	1980	2006
Jerry Spaeth	1972	1998
Tom Spaeth	1974	1998
Curt Stephens	1981	2005
Darryl Sumrall	1981	2009
Angie D. Thomes	1985	2012



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Name	Graduation	Induction
Ed Toshie	1939	1982
Gordon Tracy	1949	1993
Bob Tribbey	1982	2009
Jeanne Ward	1982	2000
Dallas Williams	1999	2003
John Williams	1949	1987
Tom Williams	1982	2009
Dennis Wilson	1976	2002
George Wilson	1968	2005
Jeff Winston	1972	2004
Molly Wiseman (Hainrihar)	1991	2011
Sharon Wolfe (Collier)	1982	2009
Steve Wolfe	1973	2000
Dave Wood	1953	1989
Del Wood	1981	2008
Dan Wortman	1997	2013
Don Young	1944	1992



PAST HONOREES

JACK FLAHERTY AWARD

Name	Year
Mr. Jack Flaherty	2011
Mr. Fred Stemmler	2012
Mr. Russ Hutchins	2013

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JOE BARR AWARD

Name	Year
John McCurley	2004
Perry Denchy	2005
Greg Elfers	2006
Mike Pugh	2007
Mr. Arnold & Mrs. June Hill	2011
1963 Boys Basketball Team	2012
Mr. Gary Popplewell	2013



PAST HONOREES

BOOSTER CLUB

Name

Bill Apke
 Bob Arnet
 Joseph Barr
 Tom Barr
 Frank Batsche
 Adolph Biehle
 Charlie Brandt
 Emerson Brown
 Don Burnside
 Dan Campbell
 Bernie Crocker
 Joe Denehy
 Walter Dwire
 Don Eberhard
 Jack Flaherty
 Albert Fox
 Jim Freeze
 Jack Glazell
 Bob Gravitt
 Bill Grimes
 Dick Grisham
 Ora Johnson
 Bob Kelly
 Glenn Knight
 Norb Koepfle
 Jim Lane
 Dr. Martin Lehenbauer
 Clem Lichtenberg
 Tom Lichtenberg

Name

David Lyon
 Bill McCurley
 John McCurley
 Len McKinney
 Bill Middleton
 Dick Middleton
 Jack Nunnely
 Kent Parsons
 Dave Popplewell
 Thad Powell
 Jack Pugh
 Mike Pugh
 Howard Putnam
 George Ranson
 Ken Reed
 Floyd Richards
 Elza Richardson
 Dave Ritter
 Rod Russell
 Walter Schutte
 Glenn Senour
 Keith Sims
 George Spaeth
 Don Sowders
 Karl Springman
 Ron Steinhauer
 Fred Stemmler
 Jim Stewart
 Dick Teufel



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