



Annual Induction Banquet
Class of 2023

Thursday, January 26, 2023
6:00 p.m.
The Carlisle, Lombard, IL

Evening Program

Social Hour	6:00 PM
Welcome	Brandon Murphy Athletic Director
Dinner Served	Chicken Tortellini Soup Carlisle Salad Sirloin of Beef and Breast of Chicken Garlic Mashed Potatoes Green Beans with Prosciutto Brownie Sundae
Comments	Dan Krause Principal Willowbrook High School
Introductions	Helen Connell Hall of Fame President
Video Presentation of Inductees	Produced by Charlie Hoehn and Jeff Reher
Address to the Class of 2023	Bruce Kelsey Inducted 2015
Presentation of Inductees	Bryan Murphy Sr. and Ed Sullivan
Closing Comments	Brandon Murphy

***Willowbrook High School
Athletic Hall of Fame
Class of 2023 Inductees***

Andy Piermattei

Outstanding Contributor

Andy was a true fan that made Willowbrook his second home for more than three decades. Andy and Herman worked alongside each other for many years as leaders of the Athletic Boosters. As a past Booster President and Man-of-the-year recipient Andy volunteered many hours that directly benefited tens of thousands of athletes at Willowbrook. Piermattei helped to solicit donations from local businesses that went towards creating professional programs for Willowbrook athletic events. Andy helped organize and run many fundraisers such as parent nights, and Bowl-a-thons. Andy and Herman were the main drivers behind the donation of the Light Poles. Since 1989 our Warriors have been able to compete and practice at night due to the installation of these lights. Some of the Warrior's most memorable moments have occurred, under these lights. In 1995, Andy began working as a Student Supervisor and would run the scorebook for many of our athletic events such as Basketball, Wrestling, and Soccer. There wasn't a role within the Athletic Program that Andy wasn't involved in. His passion for sports and Willowbrook High School was second to none.

Herman Acosta

Outstanding Contributor

The term "Friday Night Lights," would not be used at Willowbrook without the leadership of Herman Acosta and his Booster partner Andy Piermattei. Herman volunteered as President and Board Member of the Athletic Boosters for more than a decade. During that time he would help organize the donation and installation of the Light poles in the stadium. Establish fundraisers such as Candelight Bowl and the selling of our Athletic Programs. By purchasing the Athletic programs you would be entered into a raffle to win Chicago Bears tickets. Acosta even helped coordinate a fundraiser where the 1985 Super Bowl Champion Chicago Bears Football team came to Willowbrook for a Basketball Scrimmage held in the Main Gym. Herman also contributed to the design and purchasing of the Banners that celebrated the accomplishments of our teams that hung in the Main Gym for decades to follow. During Football Games and Track Meets you always knew how the Warriors were doing because Super Fan Herman Acosta would be ringing his Cowbell or Cheering through his MegaPhone celebrating the Warriors. Herman has had eleven family members continue his legacy as Warriors and his impact is still felt to this day.

Kelly McNamara

Class of 2015

During her time as a Willowbrook Warrior, Kelly was a member and leader of the Girl's Swimming and Diving team. McNamara's individual accolades include sixteen-time All-Conference, eight-time IHSA Sectional Medalist, four-time IHSA All-State, 2013 IHSA State Runner-up (100 Butterfly), 2014 IHSA State Champion (100 Butterfly), and a two-time All-American (100 Butterfly). In 2015, Kelly was awarded the Helen Carpenter Award as the Most Valuable Senior Female Athlete. McNamara continued her career at the University of Iowa where she would earn four Varsity letters and continued to set records. She recorded NCAA "B" Qualifying times in the 100 Back, and 100 Butterfly. She was a member of the school record-setting 400-medley relay at the Big Ten Championships, Swam to a pool record in the 200-medley relay at Iowa State's Beyer Pool, and had nineteen NCAA Event Titles. Outside of the pool, Kelly was a member of the Dean's list multiple times, Honorable Mention CSCAA Scholar All-American, and an Academic All-Big Ten Selection.

Brett Buchanan

Class of 2010

Brett was a two-sport athlete while at Willowbrook. He was a member of the Baseball, and Boys' Swimming and Diving teams. During his time at Willowbrook, his honors included six varsity letters, two-sport captain, two-sport MVP, All-Conference (Baseball and Swimming), All-Area (Baseball), three-time IHSA Sectional Champion (100 Breast Stroke), Three-Time IHSA All-State (2009: 9th place in the 100 Breast Stroke, 2010: 6th place in the 100 Breast Stroke, 2010: Baseball) and a 2010 All-American (100 Breast Stroke). Brett broke the West Suburban Conference record for the 100 Breast Stroke. He was the first IHSA Boys Swimming and Diving State Medalist in Willowbrook History. In 2010, Brett would be awarded the John A. Fischer Most Outstanding Senior Male Athlete award. After Willowbrook, Buchanan would continue his Baseball career at St. Joseph's College and Webster University. While at Webster University, Brett would play in the 2013 Division III College World Series.

Dan Rowland

Class of 2013

Wrestling was Dan's sport! While on the Wrestling team, Dan was named the Captain in both 2012 and 2013. His individual accolades include being a two-time undefeated All-Conference wrestler, two-time MVP, Al Dvorak Champion, two-time Mickey Marchese Memorial Invitational Champion (named Most Outstanding Wrestler), two-time Sycamore Invitational Champion, two-time IHSA Regional Champion, IHSA Sectional Champion, two-time IHSA All-State (3rd and 2nd), 2013 IHSA State Finalists, All-American selection, and a USA Wrestling Pre-Season National Champion. Rowland still holds school records in the top ten for All-Time Single Season Pins, All-Time Single Season Takedowns, All-Time Single Season wins, and All-time Career Takedowns. As a Senior, Dan was selected to the prestigious Illinois Dream team where he represented Illinois vs Team USA. In 2013, Dan was also awarded the Booster Club's Senior Male Athlete of the year.

Michael Kligis

Class of 1977

During his time as a Willowbrook Warrior, Michael was a three-sport athlete: Baseball, Basketball, and Football. Michael earned: five varsity letters, and was selected for All-Conference, All-Area, All-State, and All-American recognitions. Additionally, Kligis was a member of the 1975 IHSA Semi-Finalist Football team. As a Captain of the Football team, Michael was named Press Publications Player of the year and rushed for over 1,000 yards in both his Junior and Senior years. This earned him the title of the second-overall leading rusher in school history. Senior year he was named to the Elite "33" team, recognized as one of the top 33 players in the state. He was then voted as the Willowbrook Skylines, Senior Athlete of the Year. By the time Michael graduated, he had played in more playoff football games than any other Willowbrook Warrior. His success on the Gridiron would lead to a full-ride Scholarship to the University of Michigan.

1975 Football Team

The 1975 Willowbrook Warriors Football Team was awarded the Trib Trophy as Regular Season State Champions. The Warriors were Undefeated Desplaines Valley League Champions (8-0) and finished the season in the IHSA State Semifinals with an 11-1 record. The defense recorded five shutouts as well as four other games yielding seven points or less. The Warriors were ranked #1 in the State of Illinois for Nine Consecutive Weeks and were ranked #2 behind Moeller of Cincinnati in National High School Rankings. The Offense scored 387 points while the Warrior Defense yielded a mere 75. Eleven Warriors earned DPVL All-Conference Honors and eight were selected for the All-Area Team. Seniors Tom Nestel and Dave Whelpley were selected to All-State Team with Dave Ornelas, Jim Bronson, and Mike Kligis receiving consideration. The Warriors were coached by Clint Evans*, Dan Jordan, Marty Barkman, Al Loew, Jim Brusveen, Pat Cain*, and Orv Wilkin*.

Roster:

Steve Olson, Steve Anderson, Jim Bronson, Dave Ornelas, Mike Hernandez, Kurt Campagna, Paul Shelton-Yokoyama, Mike Cerone, Don Nolte, Jim Voll, Greer Coursey, Rick Sullivan*, Mike Kligis, Dan Sullivan, Mike McConnell, Paul Havlik*, Dan Quick, Frank Coconate, Jeff Bishop, Rick Peterson, Scott Wiebe, Mike Wisner*, Bob Brown, Jeff Reher, Mike Fromm, Jim Barnes, Tom Considine, Pat Shannon*, Marty Paulaitis, Mark Kaseeska*, Ron Vincent, Jim Rio, Ray Clarke, Nick Sims, John Bahnick, Tom Nestel, John Cain, Bill Skarnulis, Dave Whelpley, Vince Rio, John Turner, Hans "Chip" Schell, Jon Stiffler, Glen Kasper*, Mark Long, Mgr Carrie Gurski, Mgr Pete Ingol, Mgr Randy Garrett and Mgr Steve Jeres

*Deceased

Vic Wisner

Class of 1985

Vic has been a Warrior his entire life! The Wisner family roots date back to the opening of Willowbrook High School in 1959. As a Warrior, Vic was a member of the Baseball and Football teams. While at Willowbrook Vic would earn 5 varsity letters and be named captain of both the Baseball and Football teams. Wisner would continue his Baseball career at St. Joseph's College where he was a four-year starter and was named as Captain, MVP, All-Conference GLVC, and Honorable Mention All-Midwest District All-American. He helped lead the team to a Conference Championship and NCAA Division II Tournament Qualifiers in 1988. Vic became Coach Wisner when he was hired as the assistant coach for Baseball and Football during the 1999-2000 school year. Coach Wisner would take over as the head Baseball coach in 2011 a position that he still holds today. As Head Coach, he has a current record of (239-124) which makes him the winningest Baseball coach in Willowbrook History. The teams he has coached have won two conference titles, three IHSA Regional Championships, and three Sweet Sixteen appearances. He has coached over 50 athletes that have gone on to play at the collegiate level. Coach Wisner has also played a major role as an assistant coach with the Football program. He has been the Offensive Line Coach during the historic seven-year playoff run. During that time six of his players were named the West Suburban Conference Offensive Lineman of the year. Vic continues to coach to this day and shares the gridiron and diamond with his son Troy Wisner.

WILLOWBROOK HALL OF FAME MEMBERS

Class of 2010

Harlan Krafft	Class of 1963
John Lundquist	Class of 1964
Robert Carpenter	Class of 1966
Tom Hicks	Class of 1971
Dan Schatzeder	Class of 1972
Tom Domin	Class of 1975
Kirk Mango	Class of 1975
Tim Vandergrift	Class of 1980
Julie (Callan) Felichio	Class of 1983
Jill Pizzotti	Class of 1984
Mark Nigro	Class of 1985
Andrea (Miller) Kenny	Class of 1992
Jody Gerut	Class of 1995
Christine (Mueller) Hasler	Class of 1996
Matt Roth	Class of 2001

Class of 2011

Al Loew	Coach 1959-2003
Clint Evans	Coach and Athletic Director 1965-2009
Jim Tyree	Coach 1965-1995
Chuck Tassio	Class of 1968/Coach 1990-2003
Jean (Fitzpatrick) Waldron	Class of 1982
Sheila (Roelle) Haarstad	Class of 1987
Rob Janata	Class of 1991
Mike Behnke	Class of 2002

Class of 2012

John A. Fischer	Athletic Director 1959-1973
Neil Schmitt	Class of 1964
Mike Rowland	Class of 1971
Tom King	Class of 1992

Class of 2013

Keith McCanless	Class of 1965
David Lichtenheld	Class of 1970
Susan Jurkonis	Class of 1994
Aaron Burns	Class of 2001
Victor Lesch	Coach
1964 Boys State Champion Gymnastics Team	

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Class of 2014

Richard Scorza	Class of 1966
Andy Preuss	Class of 1975
Roy Sparks	Class of 1982
Tim Daly	Class of 2000
Tramell Smith	Class of 2002
Chuck Rosetti	Head Wrestling Coach
1998 Girls Badminton Team IHSA State Champions	

Class of 2015

Bruce Kelsay	Class of 1975
Erin Belling	Class of 1994
Jennifer Goebel Goldstein	Class of 2000
Robert Scahill	Class of 2005
Colin Madison	Class of 2007
1999 Girls Badminton Team IHSA State Champions	

Class of 2016

Richard Busch	Class of 1964
Elizabeth Lustrup Lee	Class of 1985
Steve Chmelik	Class of 1985
Phil Aliano	Class of 1997
Marshall Stoner	Coach 1967-1972
2003-2004 State Champion Pom Pon Team	

Class of 2017

Mike Battista	Class of 1964
Chris Kuntz	Class of 1976
Pete Kolzow	Class of 1993
Bryan Murphy, Jr.	Class of 1998
John Hamann	Coach 1966-2000
Rich Rentner	Outstanding Contributor
2004-2005 State Champion Pom Pon Team	

WILLOWBROOK HALL OF FAME MEMBERS

Class of 2018

Edward Leppert	Class of 1962
Craig Martin	Class of 1977
Jennifer Jorgensen-Lackey	Class of 1986
Nadine Wille-Whitmore	Class of 1987
Margo Littlehale	Coach 1980-2009
John Price	Outstanding Contributor
2005-2006 State Champion Pom Pon Team	

Class of 2019

William Biliskis	Class of 1968
Robert Cortesi	Class of 1969
Yolanda Lewis Marshall	Class of 1997
Cherise Porter	Class of 2012
Steve Congenie	Class of 2012
Orv Wilkin	Coach 1967-2001
Brendan McArdle	Outstanding Contributor
1998-1999 Wrestling Team	
2006-2007 State Champion Pom Pon Team	

Class of 2020

Katie King Tumilty	1993
Karen Zuley LaFrano	1996
Jynika Craig	2003
Colleen Krawczykowski	2013
Lloyd Scholl	Coach 1960-1992
Bryan Murphy, Sr.	Coach 1981-2018
Ron Tyler	Outstanding Contributor
1978 Cross Country Team	

WILLOWBROOK HALL OF FAME MEMBERS

Class of 2022

Charles Froeming	Class of 1965
Mohamed Awad	Class of 1976
Jim White	Class of 1982
Susan DeNigris Kane	Class of 1998
Nick Zito	Class of 2013
Matt Burns	Class of 2014
Molly Krawczykowski	Class of 2014
Helen Carpenter	Outstanding Contributor
1974 Football Team	

*Thank you for attending the Willowbrook High School
Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Banquet
and supporting our Inductees.
Their athletic achievements truly exemplify the
qualities of a Warrior and it is with great pride
that we honor them tonight.*