



*Annual Induction Banquet*  
*Class of 2024*

Thursday, February 1, 2024  
6:00 p.m.  
The Carlisle, Lombard, IL



## *Evening Program*

Social Hour	6:00 PM
Welcome	Ed Sullivan Athletic Director
Dinner Served	Wild Rice Soup Carlisle Salad Sirloin of Beef and Breast of Chicken Garlic Mashed Potatoes Green Beans and Carrots 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 2024	Jim White Inducted 2022
Presentation of Inductees	Bryan Murphy Sr. and Bob Daly
Closing Comments	Ed Sullivan

***Willowbrook High School  
Athletic Hall of Fame  
Class of 2024 Inductees***

***Helen Connell***

***Outstanding Contributor***

Helen Connell has been a part of the Willowbrook Athletics Community since 2000 when she became a member of the Willowbrook Athletic Booster Club. Helen volunteered at numerous sporting events and served in the capacity of President between 2002-2006. Helen collaborated with fellow Booster Club members to fundraise to provide additional support for our student athletes through concession stand sales and the sale of Warrior Wear. In addition, Helen played a major role in the McDonald's Girls Basketball Invitational hosted every Martin Luther King Jr. weekend at Willowbrook in the early 2000's. At the invitational's peak, our gym experienced spectator attendance in the thousands. Most notably, future WNBA player, Candace Parker, and Hall of Fame Women's Basketball Coach, University of Tennessee's Pat Summit were the key focal points of the invitation in 2004. Through Helen's vision, organization, and effort, she helped lead the Boosters to new heights.

In 2008, Helen was asked to join a small group of individuals to research and develop the Willowbrook Athletic Hall of Fame. Helen was elected President of the organization and has served in the role ever since. This year marks our 15th Annual Induction Ceremony and during that time frame we have inducted approximately 100 athletes, coaches, teams, and outstanding contributors. Helen serves as the catalyst for this magnificent ceremony that you will experience this evening. Helen's behind the scenes work includes securing the venue, sending out the invitations, organizing nominations, and being the lead communicator for our Hall of Fame Board of Directors and Inductees. Helen has laid the foundation for this organization to be on the path of excellence for decades to come.

***Beth Gray***

***Coach (1982-2009)***

Beth Gray began her teaching career at Willowbrook in the Mathematics department during the 1981-82 school year. She quickly became involved in our school community by serving as the Assistant Girls Gymnastics Coach. After 10 years in that role, she became the program's Head Coach. During her 16 year tenure, Beth was the architect of six West Suburban Conference Gold Champions ('93, '94, '95, '96, '03 & '04), four IHSA Regional Champions ('93, '94, '95 & '96), six State Qualifiers, and four IHSA State Finalists. Beth even had three student athletes compete on the US National High School team.

Beth was committed to advancing the sport of gymnastics and best serving the needs of all individuals competing in the sport state-wide. Beth was previously the President and Vice President of the Illinois High School Girls Gymnastics Coaches Association. After 33 years of service to Willowbrook High School, she retired in 2014. Outside of her magnificent work at our school, she has been a registered IHSA Gymnastics official for the past 37 years. She has worked 9 State Finals and is still an active official throughout the West Suburban Conference and the entire state of Illinois. Beth earned the distinction of being the state's Official of the Year in 2013.

## ***Jerome Bonney***

***Class of 1966***

During the 1960's, Willowbrook High School's Boys Gymnastics team was an absolute powerhouse. Among the contributing members was five-time Varsity Letter recipient, Jerome Bonney. His individual accolades at Willowbrook include being a four time DPVL All-Conference recipient, a four time IHSA District Medalist, and a three time IHSA All State recipient. During his tenure as a student athlete, our Boys Gymnastics program secured three Conference Championships, two District Championships, and trips to the State Finals. Jerome scored the deciding points in the 1964 IHSA State Championship Meet to help secure the title for the Warriors! In addition, he was a member of the 1966 IHSA State Runner-Up team. After high school, Jerome earned a four year Gymnastics scholarship to the University of Iowa where he earned two Varsity letters. Jerome was a member of the 1968 Big Ten Gymnastics Co-Championship team and a member of the 1969 NCAA National Championship Team.

## ***Dave Whelpley***

***Class of 1976***

Dave Whelpley is no stranger to the Willowbrook Athletic Hall of Fame. In 2023, he was inducted as a member of the 1975 Football team. This year, Dave re-enters the Hall of Fame for his individual accomplishments and accolades. Dave earned 6 Varsity Letters at Willowbrook as a participant in both football and wrestling. As a football player, Dave was a two time All-Conference recipient and earned All-Area honors in 1975 for his play on defense. Dave received All State recognition in 1974 (honorable mention) and 1975. Dave's last high school football game was the 1976 Illinois Shriner's All-Star game.

Dave not only excelled on the football field, but he achieved success on the wrestling mat as well. Dave was a two time DPVL All-Conference recipient, a two time IHSA Regional Champion, and the team captain for the Warriors. After high school, Dave went on to play football on scholarship at Independence Community College in Kansas. Following a successful season, Dave earned a Football scholarship at Western Illinois University in 1977.

## ***Marjorie Fiedler***

***Class of 1977***

Marjorie Fiedler is the true definition of a multi-sport athlete. During her time as a student athlete at Willowbrook, she participated in five sports, earned thirteen Varsity letters, and was a member of the National Honor Society. Marjorie participated in softball, basketball, track & field, tennis, and volleyball. In track & field, Marjorie was a team captain and an All-Conference recipient. As a tennis player, Marjorie was a two time All-Conference recipient, a one time IHSA District Champion, an IHSA State Qualifier, and a team captain during her three year Varsity career.

During her Volleyball career, Marjorie was an All-Conference recipient, an All-Area recipient, and a team captain. She was also a member of the first Girls Volleyball team to win an IHSA District title. In addition, she was named the Most Valuable Female Athlete at Willowbrook at the conclusion of her senior year. Following her high school career, Marjorie remained committed to health and fitness, participating in tennis, volleyball, cycling, distance running, and duathlons.

## ***Brandon Murphy***

***Class of 2001***

Brandon Murphy has been a Warrior since the day he was born. His first trip out of his parent's home back in 1983 was to Willowbrook High School. All great stories have three parts: the beginning, the middle, and the end. All three parts of Brandon Murphy's storied career at Willowbrook were filled with immense success. The story begins with Brandon as a proud graduate of the Class of 2001, Brandon was an accomplished member of our Wrestling team. Brandon earned four Varsity letters and was voted the team captain and MVP during his senior season. Brandon was a three time WSC Gold All-Conference recipient, an IHSA Regional Champion, and a three time IHSA State Qualifier. He finished his high school career with the 2nd most takedowns in school history and ranks in the Top 10 for victories. He was a member of the 1999 Hall of Fame Wrestling team. Upon graduating from Willowbrook, Brandon went on to compete in Wrestling at Eastern Illinois University.

Following some teaching and coaching stints at Charleston and York High School, Brandon returned home in 2007 to teach Physical Education, Health, and Drivers Education. Brandon had an extensive coaching career for the Warriors, serving as the Assistant Coach and Head Coach for both our wrestling and badminton programs. As a wrestling coach, Brandon coached the 2011 West Suburban Gold Conference Championship team. He experienced immense success in the IHSA State Series as a result of coaching in the IHSA State Finals on nine separate occasions. He coached 16 IHSA State Qualifiers, 12 IHSA State Medalists, and 4 IHSA State Champions. He was an Illinois Wrestling Coaches and Officials Association Coach of the Year Finalist in 2016. During his Badminton Coaching career, he was a part of seven IHSA Team Sectional Championships (three as a Head Coach). Brandon was the Head Coach of the 2015 West Suburban Conference Team Champions. He coached an astonishing forty four IHSA State Qualifiers and 2 State Medalists. Under Brandon's leadership, our Badminton team finished in the Top 8 in State twice.

In 2018, Brandon made the career shift to Administration and became the school's Athletic Director. During that tenure, he increased the amount of athletic programs and opportunities for our student athletes. These opportunities included Boys Bowling, Girls Flag Football, and Girls Wrestling. In addition, he identified, advocated and received approval for additional coaching stipends to ensure the needs of every student athlete were met. He was a driving force in advocating for facility improvement projects such as the North Tennis Courts, Gymnastics Balcony, Outdoor Track Resurfacing, and outdoor concession stand. Brandon also strengthened our connection and relationship with our local youth organizations. He was a champion for all past, present and future Warriors.

# ***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	

# ***WILLOWBROOK HALL OF FAME MEMBERS***

## ***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	

## ***Class of 2023***

Michael Kligis	Class of 1977
Vic Wisner	Class of 1985
Brett Buchanan	Class of 2010
Dan Rowland	Class of 2013
Kelly McNamara	Class of 2015
Herman Acosta	Outstanding Contributor
Andy Piermattei	Outstanding Contributor
1975 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.*