

# COUGAR ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

## CLASS OF 97

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Introductions:

**JOHN BIRNBAUM:** John helped organize the Kennedy Athletic Booster Club in 1967, was a Charter member and served as it's President in the early 70's. John was active in the Booster Club for eighteen years until 1985. He represented the Booster Club at several Board of Education meetings. He assisted Don Shupe, our first Activities Coordinator, in convincing the Board of Education that the Booster Club could serve as hosts at Kingston Stadium during football season. John was in charge of Kingston hosts from 1967-1977. For the next eight years, John remained an active Booster Club member by volunteering his time at various Kennedy Athletic events. For the last nineteen years, John has worked on UNI Football Chain Gang and has been in charge for the last ten years.

John, and his wife Ruth, are the parents of three Kennedy graduates: son John, 1971, daughter Tina, 1972, and daughter Kay, 1975. John and his wife won't be back from Mesa, Arizona, until April so with us tonight to accept his award is his daughter, Kay Birnbaum, from Chicago. **HALL OF FAMER - JOHN BIRNBAUM**

**CARL JUNTILLA:** Carl joined the Kennedy Athletic Booster Club shortly after first daughter began at Kennedy in 1967 and was an active Booster Club member until he moved back to upper Michigan in 1992. Many of you probably recognize Carl because he could be seen working at many Kennedy Athletic events ranging from Football to Track and from Volleyball to Wrestling. If Carl wasn't volunteering at a Kennedy event he would often be at the event as a spectator. He is a familiar face and a familiar smile to many of us that have been around Kennedy for a while. We have missed seeing him around Kennedy for the last few years.

Carl, and his wife Angie, are the parents of six (that's right-- six) Kennedy graduates: daughter Janet, 1970, daughter Sharon, 1971, daughter JoAnn, 1972, son Bill, 1974, daughter Patty, 1976, and daughter Judy, 1978. Visiting their children and 12 grandchildren in Michigan, Illinois, Kansas, and Cedar Rapids keeps them on the move. We are happy they could include this ceremony with a Cedar Rapids visit. **HALL OF FAMER - CARL JUNTILLA.**

**COACH AL STIERS:** After coaching Football, Basketball, Track, and Baseball and teaching Industrial Arts in Johnson, Nebraska, from 1956 until 1962 and coaching Football, Basketball, and Track and teaching Physical Education and American History in Sac City, Iowa, from 1962 until 1967, Al joined the Kennedy staff in 1967 as an Assistant Football and Assistant Track Coach. Al was Head Football Coach from 1983 through 1986, and an Assistant and Head Sophomore Coach from 1987 through 1996. He became Head Boy's Track and Field Coach in 1969 and remained in that position until he retired in the spring of 1996. Al taught Physical Education at Adams, Pierce, Jackson, and Noelridge Elementary Schools from 1967 until 1983 when he joined the Physical Education staff at Kennedy.

Al was six times Metro Boy's Track and Field Coach of the Year, four times District Boy's Track and Field Coach of the Year, and twice Mississippi Valley Conference Boy's Track and Field Coach of the Year. He was selected by the Drake Relay's Governing Board to serve as a High School Boy's Division Referee and was a member of the Drake Relay's High School Jury. He was notified in November that he was selected by the Iowa Athletic Coaches Association as the Iowa nominee for the 1997 National High School Boy's Track and Field Coach of the Year.

Al leaves a long legacy of coaching highlights including conference championship teams, State and Drake Relay Champions, and a twenty-one game winning streak in football during his first six years of coaching.

Al, and his wife Twila, are the parents of three Kennedy graduates: son Steve, 1974, son Scott, 1977, and son Brent, 1983. **HALL OF FAMER - AL STIERS**

**DAVE GREENWOOD:** Dave is a 1972 Kennedy graduate. He is the second of four Greenwood children that excelled in athletics while in high school and second after older brother Don to be inducted into our Athletic Hall of Fame. He participated in Football, Basketball, and Track. As quarterback, Dave led Kennedy to a Conference Football title in 1971 and was selected to the All-Metro Football team. He was the starting forward on the 1972 State Basketball Championship team. Dave was chosen as Senior Athlete of the Year in 1972.

After graduating from Kennedy, Dave played football at Iowa State and, as a senior, was named to the First Team All Big 8 Team as an offensive guard. He was selected to play in the 1977 Hula Bowl and in the Japan Bowl as a senior. Dave was also selected as the 1976 Tait Cummins Outstanding Eastern Iowa Athlete. After graduation with a degree in Business Administration, he was drafted by the Detroit Lions.

Dave and his wife, Michele, have two children; a 14 year old daughter, Lindsey, and a 9 year old son, Brett. They live in Bettendorf where they own their own business--Greenwood Cleaning Systems. In his spare time, Dave uses his athletic experience to coach community baseball, softball, soccer and basketball teams.

**HALL OF FAMER - DAVE GREENWOOD**

**RANDY KREJCI:** Randy is also a 1972 Kennedy graduate. He participated in Basketball, Tennis, Yearbook, Band, Orchestra, and was a Intramural referee. He also was a manager for the Girl's Gymnastic team and a Swim Meet announcer. Randy was also chosen as Senior Athlete of the Year in 1972.

Randy was a member of the 1972 State Basketball Championship Team but Randy's best talent was in tennis. He participated in the State Tennis tournament his junior and senior year. Randy went on to UNI and became a 4 year NCAA qualifier in tennis. He won four conference singles titles and three conference doubles crowns. He was inducted into the UNI Athletic Hall of Fame in 1994. He has maintained his tennis skills and continues to be near the top of the state rankings in tennis for singles and doubles in his age category and remains in the top two positions in mixed doubles state rankings with former Cougar standout, Heather Mowery. Randy assists with the operation of the Iowa Open Tennis Tournament each summer.

After graduation from UNI, Randy came back to Cedar Rapids to teach at McKinley and Harding Middle Schools and finally back to Kennedy. After teaching eight years at Kennedy, Randy entered the field of administration. He has been an Associate Principal at Roosevelt, Taft, and McKinley Middle Schools and Activities Coordinator at Kennedy from 1989 through 1992.

You may recognize Randy if he put on an official's shirt. He began officiating when he was in college and at age 22, was the youngest official to ever to referee in a State Basketball Tournament. He has gone on to work the State Basketball Tournament for 20 consecutive years.

Randy was also active in Kennedy Intramural as a student, teacher and administrator. In 1987 he was the National Award winner by the National Intramural Sports Council for the operation of Kennedy's intramural program.

Randy's wife, Suzanne, is a teacher and Head Volleyball Coach at Jefferson. **HALL OF FAMER - RANDY KREJCI**

**JEFF HRUBES:** Jeff is a 1984 Kennedy graduate. He participated in Football, Basketball and Baseball. Basketball was Jeff's strongest sport but Jeff went out for Football his senior year and used his jumping ability at tight end. He was selected to the Second All-Conference Team as a tight end. As a Co-Captain of the Basketball team, Jeff helped lead them to a State Basketball Championship. Post-season honors included Second Team All-State, First Team All-Conference, and First Team All-Metro.

After a year at Western Illinois, Jeff transferred to Coe College where he led them in scoring for the next three years. He was selected to the First Team All-Midwest Conference as a sophomore, a junior and a senior. As a senior, he finished second in the country in NCAA Division III in field goal percentage and was a All-American candidate.

After receiving his degree in Business Administration, Jeff worked in Michigan, Virginia, and Alaska before coming back to Cedar Rapids six years ago. He works for ESP, Inc as a sales representative and, in his spare time plays basketball. Jeff has played exhibition basketball for Marathon Oil and Pella Windows against University of Iowa, UNI and other midwest college teams. He is scheduled to play the University of Kansas next November.

Jeff, and his wife, Nancy, have a two year old daughter, Kelsey.  
**HALL OF FAMER - JEFF HRUBES**

**KRISTI LOFTUS:** Kristi is a 1984 Kennedy graduate. She participated in Volleyball, Basketball, Track and Softball. Kristi was elected to All-Conference teams in Volleyball, Basketball, and Softball. During her senior year, she was selected as Prep of the Week in Basketball. In addition, Kristi competed at the Drake Relays and in the State Track Meet. She was chosen as Senior Athlete of the Year in 1984.

Kristi went on to earn a degree in Physical Education and Psychology at Coe College. While at Coe she participated in Volleyball, Basketball and Softball. She was First Team All-Conference in Volleyball, Second Team All-Conference in Basketball, and First Team All-Conference in Softball. Her senior year she was selected the North Eastern Iowa Athlete of the Year.

Kristi is currently working for America West Vacations out of Phoenix, Arizona and enjoying the traveling she does for the company. Here tonight to receive this award on behalf of Kristi, is her sister, Mindy Karr. **HALL OF FAMER - KRISTI LOFTUS**

**JENNI ADAMS KEITGES** (Kite'jus): Jenni was a 1987 Kennedy graduate. She participated in Swimming and Track while at Kennedy. Jenni was a four year letterwinner and four year state qualifier and place winner in the State Swim Meet. She worked her way from a 23rd place in 50 free and an 18th in the Breaststroke in 1983 to a State Champion in the 100 Breaststroke and 50 Free in 1986. Jenni set school records in the 100 Breaststroke and the 50 Free. A three time All State swimmer, she received the Senior Scholastic Award for the State of Iowa in 1987. Jenni was chosen Senior Athlete of the Year in 1987 and was inducted into the Iowa Girl's State Swimming Hall of Fame in 1992.

In high school Track, Jenni was a three year qualifier for the Drake Relays and the State Track Meet and a member of the 1986 State Champion Distance Medley Relay which set a school record.

Jenni continued her swimming career at Iowa State where she was a four year letter winner setting records in the 50 free, 100 breaststroke, 200 breaststroke and a member of three school record setting relays. She set a Big 8 Conference record in the 100 Breaststroke, was a four time Big 8 Champion in three different events and a two time qualifier to the NCAA championships. In addition, she was a three time Academic All Big 8 Team selection and the 1991 Iowa State University Female Athlete of the Year.

Jenni graduated from Iowa State in 1991 with a degree in Physical Education with an emphasis in Exercise Science. She is currently working at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics as an Auditor for the Department of Internal Medicine.

Jenni, along with her husband Joe and 4 year old son Samual reside in North Liberty while Joe works on his degree in Pharmacy. **HALL OF FAMER - JENNI ADAMS KEITGES** (Kite'jus)