

### **Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees:**

**Jill (Hlavacek) Smorawske** – Jill is a 1999 graduate of Kennedy High School. While attending Kennedy, Jill was a four-sport athlete participating in volleyball for four years, basketball for three years, track and field for three years, and softball for four years and earning 10 varsity letters. As volleyball player for the Cougars, she was a three-year letter winner playing for Hall of Fame coach Rose Elvidge. During her senior campaign she was designated a team captain, earned the Hustle Award, and earned 1<sup>st</sup> team All-Metro honors. Jill played basketball for current head coach, Dennis Roloff, during her first two years and served as the team manager her junior year. As a track athlete for Coach Dave Ernst, Jill represented Kennedy on the blue oval at both the Drake Relays and the State Meet in the 400 meter relay and the shuttle hurdle relay. She earned team captain, most valuable senior, and team leader awards in her senior season. Jill's most successful sport was softball where she was a four-year letter winner for head coaches Dennis Roloff and Steve Johnson. She earned 1<sup>st</sup> team All-MVC honors and various All-State honors all four years in softball capped by selection to the Iowa Select All Star Team and to the Louisville Slugger All American team her senior year. Jill set school records in batting average (0.530), on-base percentage (0.680), doubles in a season (20), and home runs in a season (6). Jill was Kennedy's Female Athlete of the Year in 1999.

Jill continued her softball career at the collegiate level playing for Iowa State University and South Dakota State University, earning 1<sup>st</sup> team Academic Big XII honors at Iowa State.

Reflecting on her career at Kennedy, Jill states, "In looking back on my athletic experience, the best memory I have is being able to compete. I believe that every child should have the opportunity to be involved in athletics as it develops a strong work ethic and the ability to become a team player in life." She comments that her coaches taught her the desire to be great, the passion to succeed, and the ability to remain calm under pressure. These qualities have served her well in life.

Living in Brandon, SD, Jill enjoys spending time outdoors with her husband, Jason, her children, step-daughter Marissa (13), Caden (2), and Taryn (1), and her labs, Jetsy and Genie. She is employed by Citibank as the business control supervisor and also serves as the co-chair for the Citibank Family Center Day Care Parent Partnership Committee. She is active as a Girl Scouts mentor, a Junior Achievement instructor, and as a Sunday school teacher in her home church.

**Please join me in welcoming to the Cougar Athletic Hall of Fame – Jill Smorawske.**

**Sandy (Sherman) Shean** – Sandy is a 1975 graduate of Kennedy High School. As a Cougar, Sandy was a valuable member of our swimming and diving program in the early 70's participating for head coaches Nancy Miller, Hall of Fame member Harvey Hopp, and fellow 2010 inductee, Chuck Webb. Sandy earned three varsity letters and made the podium her sophomore, junior, and senior seasons at the State Meet. She placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the 50 and 100 yard freestyle, 6<sup>th</sup> in the 200 freestyle, and 7<sup>th</sup> in the 500 freestyle. At

different times during her career she held 7 different school records and she was the first female swimmer to break 1:00.00 in the 100 freestyle.

Sandy earned a swimming scholarship to the University of Iowa and competed for the Hawkeyes from 1975 through 1979. She held several school records and served as team captain during the 1976 and 1977 seasons. She spent 7 seasons coaching local club swimmers following her graduation from the University of Iowa.

“I had the most shocking experiences in high school swimming at Kennedy,” states Sherman. “I learned how to persevere, to be a leader, a good coach, how to take the good with the bad, empathy, and the value of teamwork. For me it was the peripheral people at Kennedy that made the difference. My fondest memory is of Mr. Greg Reed preparing banners in my typing classroom wishing me luck at the State Meet.”

Sandy currently works as the general manager of the Sports Licensed Division of the adidas Group. Her employment with adidas has allowed her to travel to different parts of the world. She enjoys working in a sports related industry. Her husband, Steve Shean, has been the Kennedy men’s swimming coach for 31 years.

**Please welcome the newest member to the Cougar Athletic Hall of Fame – Sandy Shean.**

**Tim Batterson** – Tim is a 1984 graduate of Kennedy High School. During his athletic career at Kennedy, Tim was an outstanding performer for the Cougars in both football and basketball. He had the tremendous opportunity to compete for Kennedy under the direction of three Hall of Fame coaches – Greg Reed, Al Stiers, and Dave Etienne – earning 5 varsity letters in the process. In football, Tim was a running back and a punter for Coach Reed and Coach Stiers. His senior season was shortened by a broken foot, but he came back to finish the season despite the injury and the impending basketball season. As a basketball player, Tim was a three-year letter winner in a program led by Coach Etienne that won 3 straight MVC championships and a state championship in 1984. He was a special player on a special team with loads of talent. His efforts earned him 1<sup>st</sup> team All-MVC, 3<sup>rd</sup> team All-State, and All-Tournament Team honors at the state tournament. Tim was a standout in a group of athletes that were some of the best to wear the green and gold for Kennedy on the playing field.

Tim’s football career continued at the collegiate level when he walked-on at the University of Iowa in the fall of 1984 as a linebacker. His efforts earned him a scholarship the remaining three years of his college career. Tim was a part of some special teams in Hawkeye football history and was a part of four bowl games at Iowa – the Freedom Bowl in 1984, the Rose Bowl in 1985, and the Holiday Bowl in 1986 and 1987.

Looking back at his Kennedy career, Tim remembers the fantastic teachers, coaches, and students at Kennedy. “I got to play with truly great people on the state basketball championship team...people whom I consider in the highest regard.” Tim appreciated

the rigor and discipline that went into athletics along with the passion to succeed with the help, support and guidance of others. These lessons have carried over into his family and career today.

Tim currently resides in Frisco, Texas with his wife, Heidi, and his two children, Lindsey (11) and Zachary (8). He was the vice president of Pepsico for years and now is the vice president of Dean Foods in Frisco. He enjoys staying in shape and competing in triathlons, traveling, and spending as much time with his wife and kids as possible. He also works with the Special Olympics of Texas and is coaching a Special Olympics basketball team in Frisco.

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**Joe Gureno** – Our next inductee, Joe Gureno, is a 1991 graduate of Kennedy High School. He was a three-sport athlete at Kennedy but he excelled in football and track for the Cougars. As a tailback and cornerback for Hall of Fame coach Don Knock, Joe earned two varsity letters and left his name in the record books. During his senior campaign in 1989, he led the MVC in rushing, scoring, and interceptions. He was 1<sup>st</sup> team All-MVC running back, 1<sup>st</sup> team All-State defensive back (INA), 2<sup>nd</sup> team All-State running back (DM Register), and elected team captain on an 8-2 playoff team. Joe set the school record for longest kickoff return of 98 yards during the playoffs against Linn-Mar. On the track, Joe was a top-notch sprinter for Hall of Fame coach Al Stiers earning three varsity letters. He qualified for the Drake Relays and the State Meet during his sophomore, junior, and senior seasons. Joe was a member of sprint relay squads that won several conference championships and was also an accomplished individual event competitor. He was part of a Drake Relays 400 meter relay championship and a State Meet 400 meter relay runner-up finish during the 1990 season. This was followed by 4<sup>th</sup> place finishes in the Drake Relays 100 meter dash and the State Meet 100 meter and 200 meter dashes in 1991. The 1990 team placed 4<sup>th</sup> at the State Meet. Joe was voted co-MVP during that season and team MVP his senior year in 1991. He was named the male Athlete of the Year in 1991.

Joe continued his athletic career at St. Cloud State University where he was a four-year starter at defensive cornerback. He was named the Freshman of the Year in 1992 and earned All-Conference Academic honors for the North Central Conference 1992-1995. In 1996, he earned the NCC Noel Olson Leadership Award for leadership on the field and in the classroom. He graduated with a BS in Business Computer Information Systems.

“Most importantly, I will always remember the bonding and friendships developed while participating in sports at JFK. I was fortunate to have a very talented and close class,” states Gureno. “One of the things I enjoyed about participating in athletics at JFK was the history. One of my fondest memories was walking through the front halls and looking at all of the previous athletes that had distinguished themselves...I wanted to be a part of that.”

Joe and his wife, Terri (Monk – Class of 1990), lived in Eugene, OR where he was the general manager at Northwest Door and Sash, Co. They enjoyed the sports scene at the University of Oregon. They currently live in Vila, Vanuato with their daughters, Zoe (4) and Marley (2), where they will be for at least another 2 ½ years while Terri serves as the Administrative Officer of the Peace Corps. Joe keeps up on Kennedy events via the internet and close friends back in Cedar Rapids. He also enjoys cooking, music, and community radio while working as a full time dad.

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**Steve Hartkemeyer** – Steve was a part of the opening of Kennedy High School as a junior in the fall of 1967 and he graduated in 1969. He started his athletic career at Jefferson High School where he was a two time podium finisher for the J-Hawk swimming team before becoming a leader on the inaugural Kennedy swimming team in the 1967-68 season. He was a fantastic sprinter in the pool, specializing in the 50 and 100 yard freestyle. In his junior season, he was a conference champion and state runner-up in the 50 free and also recorded at 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish in the 100 yard free at the state championships. Steve was a captain in the '68-'69 season for Coach David Brockway and what a season it was for both Hartkemeyer and the Cougars. Steve was a two-event state champion in both the 50 and 100 yard free, finishing the season undefeated in both events. His efforts earned him All-American honors and led the Cougars to a 3<sup>rd</sup> place team finish in only their second season of competition.

Steve continued his success in the pool at Mankato State College on a swimming scholarship. He was undefeated during his freshman season in both the 50 and 100 free and was also a member of 3 relay conference championships. Steve qualified for and competed in the NCAA National Championships while at Mankato State.

In reflecting upon those early years at Kennedy, Hartkemeyer states, “Being the 2<sup>nd</sup> graduating class in Kennedy High School history offered us the opportunity to be a part of something new and exciting. Where we had been rivals before, we were now teammates. It was exciting to watch the school come together as one to support one another whether it was on the athletic field, stage, or classroom.”

“I was very fortunate to have been coached by a great person who cared, not only about winning and competing but about who we were and what we were growing up to be. I am honored to be included in the Hall of Fame alongside him.”

Hartkemeyer’s father was the founding President of the Cougar Athletic Booster Club in 1967 and he believes his father would be proud of what Kennedy and the Booster Club have become today.

Steve currently lives in Jacksonville Beach, FL with his wife Tracie. His Daughter Aftan is a recent graduate of the University of North Florida. He works as a manufacturer’s representative in the construction industry. He also supports his wife’s business as the

owner of a competitive cheerleading and dance gym in Jacksonville Beach. Steve enjoys scuba diving and spear fishing and is also a Coast Guard certified charter boat captain and occasionally runs charters off of the coast of Florida.

**It is with great pride that we finally welcome to the Cougar Athletic Hall of Fame – Steve Hartkemeyer.**

**Chad Wiese** – Chad is a 1992 graduate of Kennedy High School. He was a four-sport athlete for the Cougars earning seven varsity letters while participating in football, basketball, track, and baseball for Hall of Fame coaches Don Knock, Arnie Zediker, Al Stiers, and Bill Herkelman. He was a teammate of Joe Gureno on the 8-2 football team in 1990 that was the first team to qualify for the playoffs in school history. Chad was the quarterback for that team, earning 1<sup>st</sup> team All-MVC honors and honorable mention All-State honors. He led the team to a conference title in 1991 during his senior season in which the Cougars notched the first playoff victory for the school. Chad again earned 1<sup>st</sup> team All-MVC and honorable mention All-State honors that season and he was also named to the Academic All-State team. On the hardwood, Wiese was a member of the '90-91 team that qualified for the state tournament. As a senior, he earned 2<sup>nd</sup> team All-MVC and honorable mention All-State honors. As a baseball player, Wiese patrolled the outfield and was a 0.360 hitter for Coach Herkelman. He earned 2<sup>nd</sup> team All-MVC and honorable mention All-State honors in his senior campaign.

Chad walked on at the University of Iowa as a quarterback in the 1992 season. He graduated with a degree in finance in 1996.

Stated Wiese, “Along with the specific game memories, I will never forget the friendships of my teammates. Those teams were made up of great athletes and even better friends. Participating in sports at Kennedy provided me with not only great sports memories, but early life lessons about accountability, teamwork, and adversity...Now having children of my own, I fully understand and appreciate the commitment and support my parents and family provided.”

Chad currently works as the branch manager for Otis Elevator in Minneapolis, MN, with his wife, Abra, and his two daughters, Sawyer (11) and Elena (8). He enjoys supporting his daughter's sports – basketball, soccer, and dance. Other hobbies include following Iowa Football, golf, fishing, and spending time with family and friends.

**We are excited to welcome the newest member of the Cougar Athletic Hall of Fame – Chad Wiese.**

### **Coaching Hall of Fame Inductee:**

**Chuck Webb** – Chuck was an educator at Kennedy High School from 1973 through 1978. During this time, he taught driver's education and coached men's and women's swimming.

Chuck Webb attended Des Moines East High School graduating in 1967. He participated in student government, was the vice president of the student council and the senior class. He was a three-year varsity swimmer for East High. Chuck attended the University of Northern Iowa where he was a four-year varsity swimmer for the Panthers. He was also active in student government, and was a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

His coaching career began at Dubuque Senior in 1971 where he coached the men's and women's swimming teams. His teams included one state champion and four All-American athletes.

In 1973, Chuck began coaching the Kennedy men's and women's swim teams. He also coached the middle school swim teams at Taft and Harding. During his tenure at Kennedy, the swim teams enjoyed tremendous success. Webb's teams produced several state champions, 9 All-Americans, several All-State athletes, and one Olympic trials qualifier. His 1977 women's swim team finished as the state runner-up. He also earned District Coach of the Year that season.

As a coach, Chuck always appreciated the athletes drive and dedication to the sport of swimming and to the team. He enjoyed seeing them constantly strive for their highest athletic achievement. Webb was known for teaching beyond the pool as well. His athletes heard a steady stream of philosophy around goals, teamwork, and mastering the fundamentals. States Webb, "There are no greater rewards since those years than to have a former student-athlete seek me out to thank me for lessons learned while competing. I cherish the long-standing friendships which remain to this day with athletes from more than 30 years ago."

Chuck has been an active real estate broker since his days at Kennedy. He has two daughters, Amy Eaton, who lives in Cedar Rapids, and Missy Harden, who resides in Tipton. He has three grandkids, Maxwell (10), Adison (7), and Cailin (3). His other hobbies and pastimes include skiing, mountain biking, scuba diving, and sailing. He loves the water – in liquid or frozen form – and plans to retire to a sailboat in the Florida Keys in the future.

**Please join me in welcoming Chuck Webb to the Cougar Coaching Hall of Fame.**

### **Booster Hall of Fame Inductees:**

**Dan and Peggy Shonka** – Dan and Peggy Shonka have been volunteering for Cedar Rapids schools and youth programs since early on in their children’s preschool years and that volunteerism has continued beyond their graduation from Kennedy High School. The Athletic Department is in trouble tonight because we have “borrowed” Dan and Peggy from the concession stand on such a busy night!

Their daughter Sarah is a member of the Class of 2003. While at Kennedy, she participated in soccer for three years, cheerleading and competition cheerleading for four years, and student government for four years. She served as the vice president of student government during her senior year and was inducted into Above and Beyond. She attended the University of Northern Iowa and now lives and works for an advertising agency in Los Angeles, CA. Teddy graduated from Kennedy in 2007 and was recognized as the male Athlete of the Year his senior year. He was a four sport athlete for the Cougars in football, baseball, soccer, and track and field earning 1<sup>st</sup> team All-State honors in both baseball and football his senior year. He is currently attending South Dakota State University on a football scholarship in Brookings, SD, studying Spanish and health.

Both Dan and Peggy’s volunteer efforts began early in their children’s lives. Peggy was a classroom volunteer and active in the PTA throughout elementary school. Once her children reached Kennedy, Peggy was very active every January and February working for the PTA entering student schedules for the next school year. She would also schedule parent-teacher conferences, organize school mailings, update school emergency cards, Prom, etc. Dan spent many years coaching youth baseball and football teams. Once Teddy reached high school, Dan put his professional football scouting skills to work for Coach Lewis and his staff by providing weekly personnel reports after film breakdown of our opponents.

A concession stand just isn’t a concession stand at Kennedy these days unless Peggy is serving up soda, nachos and her sugar cookies while Dan works the popcorn machine or serves as the “grill master” on a hot summer baseball evening. They have coordinated team dinners, end of season banquets, fund raisers, etc. as members of the Booster Club and various parent support groups, and they have been frequent hosts at Kingston Stadium. They also have worked with Connie Caviness the past six years to coordinate the food for Harding Chargerfest as a fundraiser for Cougar Baseball. They will also frequently volunteer at the US Cellular Center concession stands to help raise money for our cheerleading program. The list of services that Dan and Peggy Shonka have provided the Kennedy community over the past 15 years is too long to list in this program, but their impact has been immeasurable.

“We are proud to have helped out in so many different ways while our kids were at Kennedy – from the time they were very little we knew that we would be involved parents and would help out when needed. We have enjoyed watching our kids compete and realize that there is so much that needs to be done so that coaches can coach and teachers can teach. We continue to work in the concession stands because it is fun and

we are helping out so that the parents of current players can watch their kids play rather than working behind the scenes.”

Currently Dan and Peggy run their own business, Ourlads Scouting Services, LLC, a professional football draft service in which Dan studies college seniors and writes reports on potential draft picks. Peggy does all of the typing and computer work to generate monthly newsletters, an NFL Draft Guide, and a Draft Review.

It is appropriate that Dan and Peggy are being inducted on the evening Kennedy’s game versus Jefferson. They are both Jefferson graduates and Peggy’s late father served as the Jefferson Booster Club treasurer for 20 years and is a member the J-Hawk Booster Hall of Fame. Although they are proud Jefferson grads, they could not be more pleased that their children were Kennedy Cougars.

**Dan and Peggy – we thank you for your past, present, and future service to Kennedy High School and Cougar Athletics and we welcome you to the Cougar Booster Hall of Fame.**