

Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees:

Leesa & Sarah Cadwallader – Both Leesa and Sarah are 2007 graduates of Kennedy High School. As Cougars, they excelled on the tennis courts for Hall of Fame coach, Vance Fuller. From 2004 to 2007, twin sisters, Leesa and Sarah tore up the MVC women's tennis scene as well as the regional and state competitions in both the singles and doubles events. Both of them made an immediate impact on the varsity squad as freshman where they played #1 doubles together all four years of high school. They competed anywhere from #1 to #3 on the singles courts all four years of high school as well. Both Leesa and Sarah earned 1st team All-Metro and 1st team All-MVC in each of their four seasons as a Cougar and they shared MVC Player of the Year honors in 2007. The Cadwallader's were tremendous leaders and were recognized as such by their teammates, serving as co-captains together during both their junior and senior campaigns. The Cadwallader's were most comfortable on the court together and their success as a doubles team really has no equal. Leesa and Sarah were four-time regional doubles champions and they played in the IGHSAU state doubles championship match all four years, placing 2nd in 2004 and 2007 and winning state championships in 2005 and 2006. Leesa and Sarah were the first tennis players, male or female, to win tennis state championships at Kennedy High School. During their career on the courts, the Kennedy women's tennis team was one of the top programs in the entire state. The team took state runner-up honors in 2004 and 2006 and they won the Class 2A state championship in 2007.

Both girls were also accomplished singers and outstanding students in the classroom. They were members of Kennedy's Chanteurs show choir during their freshman year and they participated in concert choir all four years as a Cougar. Both Leesa and Sarah were on the Academic Honor Roll all four years at Kennedy and were members of the National Honor Society, the National Council of Youth Leadership, and the Five Seasons Leadership program.

After high school, Leesa and Sarah moved on to Creighton University in Omaha where they both majored in psychology. Leesa also minored in health administration and policy. They have been inducted into the Psi Chi, the Psychology National Honor Society, and are members of Alpha Phi Omega, a national service fraternity. They also continued their brilliant tennis careers on the college stage, participating for all four years at Creighton. As a Jay, Leesa notched 89 career wins as a varsity letter winner. Sarah recorded 109 victories on the college courts which is the 4th most in Blue Jay history. They again teamed up with each other on the doubles courts and earned the most victories in a season at #2 doubles in the 2008-09 season (17). Sarah was named the most improved player for the 07-08 season and she was named the Blue Jay player of the month six times in her career. Both sisters were named MVC Scholar Athletes in 2011 and earned the Intercollegiate Tennis Association scholar athlete award all four years. Leesa graduated from Creighton Magna Cum Laude and Sarah Cum Laude.

Both Leesa and Sarah thank head coach Vance Fuller for great tennis experiences at Kennedy. They are also thankful for all of the friends and teammates they were able to play with and the tremendous support of the Kennedy community. While tennis is often considered an individual sport, they enjoyed the team aspect and remember how they played together as a team and enjoyed team activities like dinners on Friday nights before Saturday matches. States Leesa, "I remember most the chance to share a team state victory with my teammates and coaches – seeing

our hard work and teamwork pay off! My athletic experiences at Kennedy High School taught me the importance of discipline, communication, teamwork and leadership skills, both on and off the court.” Sarah echoed the same sentiments, “What I remember most is the feeling when we won the team state my senior year and ending the season with a 20-0 record. Tennis has taught me discipline, hard work, teamwork, and how to accept defeat gracefully. Playing on the team helped to improve my communication skills, taught me how to work as a team toward a common goal and as a co-captain, I learned important leadership qualities.”

Leesa still attends Creighton and is working towards a doctorate degree in occupational therapy. She still enjoys tennis when the weather allows and is also active in running, soccer, kick boxing and yoga. She enjoys volunteering as a basketball coach for developmentally disabled adults in the Omaha area. She looks forward to graduating in December of 2014.

Sarah is also still attending Creighton and is currently in physical therapy school working towards her doctorate. In her free time she enjoys playing tennis as well as other intramural sports like soccer and volleyball with friends. Sarah also works with disabled adults in the Omaha area as a basketball coach. She will graduate in May of 2014.

Please welcome to the Cougar Athletic Hall of Fame – Leesa and Sarah Cadwallader.

Laurie (Haddy) Hepker – Laurie is a 1979 graduate of Kennedy High School. As a Cougar, Laurie participated in volleyball, basketball, cross country, and track and field. These experiences included playing for legendary and Hall of Fame coaches Rose Elvidge, Dave Etienne, Al Stiers, and Harold Wilkinson. Track and field became Laurie’s favorite sport during her high school career and she excelled on the track for Coach Wilkinson as she became a three year letter winner as well as a Drake Relays and State Meet participant. She placed 3rd in the indoor 800 meter run. Laurie loved to run the 400 meter dash and the 800 meter run on some of the best women’s track and field teams in Cougar history. The 1978 team she was a part of finished the State Meet as the runner up, just five points behind Indianola that season. She also was a strong cross country runner for the Cougars, qualifying for the state meet in both her junior and senior campaigns.

Hepker continued her running career at the collegiate level while attending Central College in Pella, Iowa. She was a four year participant in both cross country and track and field for the Dutch, earning varsity letters all four years in college. She earned All-American honors in the 800 meter run and was a part of Central’s 1982 Division III National Championship team. To date, she still holds the 3rd fastest 800 meters performance in school history at 2:14.11. She was the anchor leg of two school-record holding relays, the outdoor 4 x 800 meter relay and the indoor distance medley relay.

After graduating from Central, Hepker returned to Cedar Rapids and served as Kennedy’s head women’s cross country coach from 1983 to 1986. She also worked with her mentor, Harold Wilkinson, as an assistant track coach from 1984 to 1987. This experience is one for which she feels especially grateful. Both Coach Stiers and Coach Wilkinson were both so encouraging and influential in her passion for running and for dreaming big. “I never thought of them as coaches. I thought of them as mentors who coached me in life as well as in sports. Those life lessons have

stayed with me and helped mold the person I am today. I can still hear Coach Wilk whistling to pick it up while I was running in meets. I know he is looking down on me tonight with his big, beautiful smile. To me, Wilkinson was the Hall of Famer.”

Laurie lives in Cedar Rapids with her husband, Darrell, and currently works at Old Dominion Freight Lines as a solutions specialist. She is also vice-president of the parish council for St. George Orthodox Church. She has two children – Josh, age 25, and Chase, age 22, who both live in Colorado. She enjoys spending time with her friends golfing, boating, and being involved in her church. She credits her parents for supporting her sports and pushing her to be an achiever and to never give up. Hepker’s main goal in life is to pay it forward as often as she can.

Please join me in welcoming to the Cougar Athletic Hall of Fame – Laurie (Haddy) Hepker.

Meghan Sievertsen – Meghan is a member of Kennedy High School Class of 2005. Her specialty as a Cougar athlete was diving for the swimming and diving teams from 2001 to 2004. Her success in this event was truly special as she will go down as one of Kennedy’s best divers of all time. She still holds the six dive school record of 297.75 points. Meghan was a four-year letter winner for Coach Lori Sherman, Coach John Ross, and diving coach Leslie Nelson during her career, earning team MVP honors three times and being selected as a team captain. She earned All-Metro and All-MVC 1st team recognition all four years of high school and was a three-time 1st team All-State diver. She won three MVC diving championships and an astounding three straight State Championships in 2002, 2003, and 2004. Her efforts as a diver earned her academic All-American status her senior year.

Meghan excelled in the classroom and other areas as well. She was a member of Kennedy’s championship level dance team and also participated in cheerleading. She was a Salutatorian, a member of the Academic Honor Roll, a four-year Academic Athlete award winner, a member of the National Honor Society, and a member of the Science National Honor Society.

Sievertsen continued her diving career at the University of Iowa where she was a four-year letter winner for the Hawkeyes. While competing for Iowa, she earned Dean’s List recognition and was named Academic All-Big 10.

States Sievertsen, “My experience participating in high school athletics helped facilitate connections that inspired me to start coaching high school athletes. It was great to be able to give back to those that helped me throughout my career.”

Meghan recently graduated with a double Master’s (MBA/MHA) in business and healthcare administration. She lives in Iowa City and will be getting married to fiancé, Adam Miller, in May. She works as the project manager for the Chief Medical Officer at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. She also spends a great deal of time coaching high school divers. She has coached diving for the Xavier, Linn-Mar, and Coe College swimming and diving programs over the past few years. She has coached and mentored numerous divers around Eastern Iowa through her diving club and is proud to have sent all of her graduating divers on to compete at the collegiate level.

Ladies and gentlemen, please welcome to the Cougar Athletic Hall of Fame – Meghan Sievertsen.

Susan (Buckheister) Hanson – Susan is a member of the Class of 1997. She was a four sport athlete for the Cougars, competing in volleyball (one year), cross country (three years), basketball (four years), and track and field (four years). After competing in volleyball and being voted the freshman MVP in 1993, Susan turned her fall interests to running and cross country. She competed for Hall of Fame Coach Glen Golden for the next three fall seasons and was voted the team MVP all three of those years. She earned 1st team All-Metro and All-MVC honors in each of those years as well. In 1994, 1995, and 1996, Susan qualified for the IGHSAU state cross country meet where she finished 13th in 1994 and 15th in 1995. Hanson was also successful on the hardwood in the winter, earning team MVP honors as a 9th and 10th grader and following that up with two varsity letters her junior and senior seasons. Her senior season she earned 2nd team All-MVC, was academic All-MVC, and academic All-State. Running for Coach Wilkinson in the spring, Susan earned four varsity letters in track and field and qualified for the State Meet in each of her four seasons. She qualified four straight years in the 800 meter run, finishing 6th her senior season, three straight years in the 3000 meter run, and she also qualified in the 1500 meter run and was part of the 4 x 800 meter relay. She was a 6th place finisher in the 3000 meter run in the 1996 Drake Relays.

As a Cougar, Susan earned 4 All-School letters, participated in the All-City Music Contest for 12 years in piano, served as the president of the National Honor Society, and was the Valedictorian of the Class of 1997.

Susan attended Luther College in Decorah, Iowa from 1997-2001 and earned her B.A. in biology and chemistry with a Spanish minor. While continuing her excellence in the classroom at the college level, she also found time to be a three sport athlete for the Norse – participating in cross country all four years, basketball for two seasons, and track & field all four seasons. Her leadership was evident as she won Most Inspirational and academic All-Conference awards in all three sports during her tenure. She earned 1st team All-Conference status in cross country in 1997 and was part of a school record setting 4 x 800 relay team in track & field.

After Luther, Susan attended Vanderbilt University and graduated in 2005 with a doctorate in pharmacology. She has been published in leading medical journals over 20 times while conducting her research at Vanderbilt and also the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

“My memories of JFK sports are of the many friends I made and of the special coaches who made it a fun experience. Being a 3 sport athlete, I spent virtually every day after school at practice but I wouldn’t have wanted it any other way. While the sport changed with the season, a group of my friends was always at practice with me! We developed a strong bond after enduring the highs and lows of each season.” Susan has special memories of Coach Sam Hamilton, her 9th grade basketball coach, and his fun-loving, passionate approach to coaching. Diane Bradley was her running coach who first recognized her potential and encouraged her to pursue cross country. She also appreciated Coach Glen Golden and how he created a cross country family that somehow made the grueling practices and competitions a fun thing to do.

Susan currently lives in Milton, Wisconsin, with her husband Karl, and her two young children, Anna and Molly. She works at Carroll University in Waukesha, Wisconsin, where she is a lecturer and course coordinator in biology. She spends most of her free time with her family and still enjoys running when she can, though not at the distances or speeds of years gone by. She also enjoys biking, kayaking, and spending time at the family cabin in northern Wisconsin.

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Louie Ervin - Louie is a 1990 graduate of Kennedy High School. While attending Kennedy, he was a four sport athlete for four Hall of Fame coaches – Bill Herkelman in baseball, Don Knock in football, Arnie Zediker in basketball, and Al Stiers in track & field. On the gridiron, Louie played quarterback and free safety, earning team MVP honors his senior season. He also earned 1st team All-Metro, 1st team All-MVC, and 2nd team All-State that season. Louie was a sprinter for Coach Stiers in the spring and was tremendously successful on Drake's blue oval. As a qualifier in both the Drake Relays and the State Meet, Louie was a part of some special sprint relay teams that earned medals in the 4 x 100, 4 x 200, and 4 x 400 meter relays. The deep squad contributed to a team state runner up finish during his time on the team. Ervin was a two-year letter winner in baseball where he played catcher, center field, and also pitched for the Cougars. On the diamond, Louie earned 1st team All-Metro, 1st team All-MVC, All-District honors, and was invited to play in the IHSBCA all-star game. Ervin was also successful in the classroom where he was selected into the National Honor Society.

Louie attended Iowa State University in Ames after he finished at Kennedy. He was a member of the Cyclone football team from 1990-1993 as a strong safety and special teams player. He was named the special teams captain and earned the student-athlete academic achievement award. He earned two varsity letters while playing for Jim Walden and played in every game on special teams in 1991 and 1992, earning team performance awards four times. He was a part of the 1992 team that upset the #7 ranked Nebraska Cornhuskers.

“There are many highlights I recall from playing days at Kennedy but it's the people I remember most. I played alongside guys that are still my best friends. We still tell stories about the good ol' days and what shoulda/coulda/woulda been if only we knew then what we know now. We reminisce about Herk disallowing sunflower seeds in the dugout saying “Birds eat seeds”, the many Knock colloquialisms, and Stiers putting on his Jefferson helmet for the pep talk and the motivational story about the superhuman strength a man had when saving a loved one. We didn't pay attention to who got what awards. Every coach cared just as much about teaching us life lessons as he did about his sport or his record. That is what I try to teach kids as I coach youth sports today. It's those things that made Kennedy a unique place for me to play.”

Louie has returned to Cedar Rapids where he lives with his wife, Christina – also a Kennedy graduate. They met at Harding, attended Kennedy and Iowa State together, and now have made sure they live in the Kennedy attendance area so their three children, twins Rylee and Louie III, and Jake, can be Cougars also. He works for Central Iowa Power cooperative as the assistant vice-president of utility operations and is very actively involved as a youth coach in Cedar Rapids. He coaches youth teams in soccer, basketball, softball, baseball, and football. He has

also been a Big Brother for six years. In his free time he tries to “hold off” old age as long as possible by competing in road races for charities and in triathlons.

Please welcome to the Cougar Athletic Hall of Fame – Louie Ervin.

Chad Hartke – Chad is a 1992 graduate of Kennedy High School. As a Cougar, Chad was a two-sport athlete competing in football and basketball for all four years. Hartke competed for three Hall of Fame coaches in Don Knock, Al Stiers, and Arnie Zediker. During his senior season in football, Chad earned 1st team All-Metro and 2nd team All-State honors while playing free safety for the Cougars. His total of 13 career interceptions is still a school record. Hartke’s junior season in basketball was cut short due to a broken foot, but he was able to earn 1st team All-Metro and 2nd team All-MVC honors in only 12 games. In his senior campaign, Chad was unanimous 1st team All-Metro and All-MVC and added 1st team All-State to his list of accomplishments. He was voted the team MVP and recognized as the MVC Player of the Year. He had the opportunity to play for an Iowa AAU select team that traveled to Russia and was a member of the 1992 Dr. Pepper Iowa All-Star team. He led the Metro that season in scoring at 22.5 points per game.

Hartke continued his basketball playing career at Minnesota State University (formerly Mankato State) from 1992-1996. He graduated from MSU with a degree in aviation management and also obtained his commercial pilot license with multi-engine and instrument ratings.

Chad most remembers winning a conference championship in football and going to the State Tournament in basketball. “I was fortunate to have great coaches, teachers, and players around me. Being involved with athletics teaches you to work hard, set goals, and how to deal with both success and failure. It was a great experience for me at Kennedy High School and a great time in my life, for which I am very thankful.”

Harke and his wife, Deanna, live in Cedar Rapids where he has been employed by LimoLink for the past 10½ years. They have a two-year-old son, Harrison, and he assures us that they do live in the Kennedy attendance area! Chad is also involved with the Big Brothers and Big Sisters program and has served as chairman for the schedulers and dispatchers committee for the National Business Aviation Association. He enjoys playing 14” and 16” softball and plays for the three-time A State Champions. Chad is also involved in hunting and fishing, is a certified scuba diver, and enjoys spending time with family and friends.

Please join me in welcoming to the Cougar Athletic Hall of Fame – Chad Hartke.

Ben Lamaak – Ben is a member of the Kennedy High School Class of 2006. During his time as a Cougar, Ben participated in four sports – four years in football, four years in basketball, three years in track and field, and two years in baseball. While playing varsity baseball as a sophomore for Coach Bret Hoyer, Lamaak earned honorable mention MVC status in 2004. As a thrower for the Cougar track and field team, Ben placed 7th in the shot put at the Drake Relays and 5th at the State Meet in 2006. He finished his throwing career with a school record in the shot put of 56’11”. Lamaak was a three-year letter winner in basketball for Coach Bob Fontana.

He earned 1st team All-Metro twice, 1st team All-MVC twice, 3rd team All-State as a junior, and 1st team All-State as a senior. In 2006 he was voted as co-Player of the Year in the MVC. His battles with Jason Bohannon of Linn-Mar in that senior season will go down as some of the best games in Kennedy history. He finished his basketball career 4th all-time in scoring with 1105 points. Ben was a two-year letter winner in football for Head Coach Tim Lewis. In 2005, he earned 1st team All-Metro, 1st team All-MVC, and 1st team All-State. The unique part of that story is that he started that season as an outstanding tight end and made the move to quarterback late in the season due to injuries and amazed many with his talents under center. He was selected to play in the Shiner's All-Star football game and was selected to Prep Star Magazine's All-Midwest team in 2005. Lamaak's career was culminated by being selected Kennedy Male Athlete of the Year, Linn County Athlete of the Year, and the Gazette's Male Athlete of the Year. Ben Lamaak was the definition of a multi-sport athlete for the Cougars.

He was also the definition of student-athlete as he was selected to the National Council on Youth Leadership, was a member of the Honor Roll, and was a four year math and science scholar.

Ben attended Iowa State University and continued playing football. He was a four-year varsity letter winner for the Cyclones where he started 46 games in the offensive line (currently ranks 3rd all time). In 2007 he was named to the Big 12 All-Freshman team and was named a Freshman All-American. He was ISU Offensive Lineman of the Year in 2009 and 2010 and earned 2nd team All-Big 12 in 2010. He was a part of the 2011 NFL Draft and signed as a free-agent with the Oakland Raiders where he played four games before being released.

States Lamaak, "What made Kennedy such a unique experience was the ability to play sports with my lifelong friends. It was such a rewarding feeling going out to compete alongside my best friends. I've played at every level, and none of them compared to the friendships and moments I had at Kennedy. What I remember most would be everyone that helped me get to where I am today. None of this would have been possible without my teachers, coaches, teammates, and most of all my family. This may be an individual award, but there are many people to thank. I learned at a young age to be a student-athlete. I also knew why the student part came first! Everything that I learned at Kennedy and Iowa State helped prepare me in all aspects of my life."

Ben thanks his parents and brothers for pushing him and supporting him along the way. He is currently living in Des Moines, Iowa, where he works as a medical sales representative. He has volunteered at numerous football camps, at Ankeny High School, and has helped coach basketball in the Des Moines area at the collegiate level.

Please welcome to the Cougar Athletic Hall of Fame – Ben Lamaak.

Randy Moore – Randy is a member of Kennedy High School Class of 1981. He was a three sport athlete for the Cougars from 1977 to 1981, competing in cross country, track & field, and swimming. In the pool, Randy was a sprinter specializing in the 50 and 100 yard freestyle. He was a three-time letter winner for Coach Mark Onstott and was a member of the 1981 State Championship team that took 1st place in the 400 freestyle relay. Randy was also a three-time letter winner for Coach Al Stiers in both cross country and track. Moore's specialty was the hurdles – the 400 meter hurdles to be specific. In 1981, Randy had two special runs around the

blue track at Drake Stadium at the Drake Relays in the State Meet. In the Relays, he was the 400 meter hurdle champion, setting a meet record of 53.39 seconds. A month later he returned for the State Meet and again took 1st place – a state champion. His time of 52.73 seconds was a State Meet record – a record that stood 8 more seasons until broken in 1989. That time still stands as the 20th fastest time ever recorded in the event in the State Meet.

In his time since high school, Randy served in the military, including service in the Gulf War from 1990-1992. He now works in the lawn and landscaping business and has done so for 20 years. He is the irrigation manager for Greg's Lawn and Landscaping here in the Cedar Rapids area. He lives here in Cedar Rapids with his wife, Janette, and has 6 children and step children – Joe (28), Chris (27), Ryan (24), Chad (23), Landon (9), and Chelsea (7). He enjoys fishing, swimming, and playing ball with his children during any free time he may have.

Randy's most fond memories include Coach Al Stiers and the mentor he became during his high school years. He is also very proud of the moment the swim team won the team state championship and those hurdle championships at Drake and State. "My athletic experiences helped me to stay healthy when I was younger. It has helped to keep me healthy now. The knowledge of the sports has helped me to train my children today and helps to keep them healthy. Being a part of a team has helped me get through tough times, both in the military and in everyday life."

Welcome to the Cougar Athletic Hall of Fame – Randy Moore.

Nick Morio – Nick is a 1995 graduate of Kennedy High School. He was a two-sport athlete for the Cougars, competing in baseball and football. On the diamond, Nick played for five summers for Coach Bret Hoyer's program, earning varsity letters his junior and senior seasons. As a catcher and pitcher, he earned Gazette Prep of the Week honors and was recognized as the Team MVP his senior season. Morio was named 1st team All-Metro, 1st team All-MVC, 1st team All-District, and 2nd team All-State during his senior campaign, and was selected to participate in the IHSBCA all-star game. Nick was a four-year participant and two-time letter winner for Coach Don Knock on the football team from 1991-1994. He played fullback and linebacker – the first in a long line of Morio linebackers to play Cougar Football and dominate play on the defensive side of the ball. Awards earned in football include 1st team All-Metro, 1st team All-MVC, Academic All-State, and team MVP. As his brothers would earn following in his footsteps, he was awarded the Hardest Hitter Award. If you have ever watched one of the Morio brothers play football, you know why they have all won this award.

Following high school, Nick attended the University of Iowa, majoring in microbiology. In 2002, he earned his dental degree from the University Of Iowa College Of Dentistry. He followed this up with his Master's in oral surgery in 2006 and became Board certified in oral surgery in 2009. In 2006, Nick established Morgan and Morio Oral Surgery in Hiawatha. He also frequently works as a volunteer at a free dental clinic.

He now resides in Solon, Iowa, with his wife Kimberly and their three children; Beau (4), Eli (2), and Case (1). Along with his extensive work in oral surgery and dentistry, Nick also spent some time coaching as a volunteer coach in 2006 and 2007 for Tim Lewis' staff here at Kennedy.

“High school athletics at Kennedy High School played a large role in developing the core values of hard work and determination that lead to success. Setting goals and achieving them as a young man was a trait that I developed at Kennedy and have used throughout my career.” Nick has enjoyed watching his younger brothers, Mike and Will, as standout Cougar football and baseball players, and also is excited to watch them move into the field of dentistry and oral surgery.

Please join me in welcoming to the Cougar Athletic Hall of Fame – Nick Morio.

Booster Hall of Fame Inductees:

Jayne Kremer – It is with great pleasure that we induct Jayne Kremer into the Kennedy Booster Hall of Fame tonight. In typical Jayne Kremer fashion, she does not believe she deserves this recognition tonight and she has tried to downplay her induction. Tonight she joins her husband, longtime chain gang member Leroy, in the Booster Hall of Fame...an honor very much deserved. Jayne would have started her involvement in the Kennedy Booster Club and various parent support groups back in the mid-1980's when her oldest son began attending Kennedy High School. She remains active as an important volunteer still today – almost 30 years later.

The Kremer's oldest son, Steve, is a member of the Class of 1988. While at Kennedy, Steve participated in football, soccer, and baseball. He now lives in Gilbert, Arizona, and owns a hand therapy business in Scottsdale, Arizona. Middle son, Eric, graduated from Kennedy in 1991 and participated in football, wrestling, and baseball. Living in Shawnee, Kansas, today, Eric is a vehicle acquisitions manager for Enterprise Corporation. Their youngest son, Patrick, lives in Cedar Rapids and is a police officer for the Hiawatha Police Department. He graduated from Kennedy in 2002 and participated in football and baseball for the Cougars.

Throughout her sons' involvement at Kennedy in their many activities, Jayne was always an avid supporter and very involved in the various support groups and Booster Club. She served as a Booster Club representative for baseball for many years. Jayne did not want to share a lot of information about her many, many years of service to the Kennedy Athletic Department. Needless to say, she has sold many tickets at Kingston Stadium, run many concession stands at Kennedy, chaired and operated dozens of fundraisers for different support groups, and probably made her fair share of team dinners over the years. Jayne is still an active volunteer for the Booster Club. Her smiling face and warm personality can be seen every Friday night at Kingston Stadium selling fall programs alongside Ruth Lamb. You cannot walk into a Kennedy football game without running into Jayne and sharing a laugh.

Head football coach, Tim Lewis, was very appreciative of Jayne as a leader in the football support group while Pat was playing for the Cougars. Stated Lewis, “It is hard to pinpoint exactly what Jayne did for our program. She was just always there and always willing to help in any way she could. She was a ‘go to’ person for me when I needed something done for our program that the parents could help us with.”

Jayne Kremer epitomizes being a parent volunteer who is willing to do all of the little things behind the scenes that make all the difference in the world to the Kennedy Booster Club, the Kennedy Athletic Department, and most importantly, the Kennedy student-athletes.

Jayne – 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.

Charles “Chuck” Patton – Inducting Chuck Patton into the Kennedy Booster Club Hall of Fame is a tremendous honor for all of those who know him and watch him support Kennedy Activities. Chuck first joined the Booster Club in 1977 when his first son began attending Kennedy High School and he has joined every year since...that is 36 years of membership and dedication to supporting high school activities.

Chuck graduated from Albia High School in 1950 and from Hastings College in Hastings, Nebraska, in 1954. He moved to Cedar Rapids in 1955 and worked in finance at the Cedar Rapids Block Company, Inc. for 20 years and at HACAP for 18 years before retiring in 1999. He and his wife of 51 years, Ellen, had four children attend and graduate from Kennedy High School.

Oldest son, Chris, graduated in 1981 having participated in sophomore basketball, intramural basketball, and three years of varsity tennis. He now lives in Plymouth, Minnesota. Curtis is a member of the Class of 1985 and played basketball and tennis for the Cougars. He also was a part of the marching and concert bands at Kennedy and was selected All-State for trumpet three times. Curtis now lives in Madison, Wisconsin. Their daughter, Beth, participated in marching band, color guard, and oratorical activities. She graduated from Kennedy in 1986 and now lives in Portland, Oregon. James is a 1987 graduate of Kennedy. As a Cougar, he participated in sophomore basketball, intramural basketball, and three years of varsity tennis. James currently lives in Sultan, Washington. The Patton's also have three grandchildren ranging in age freshman in college to a granddaughter that will turn 1-year-old this March.

Though Chuck admits to never attending a Booster Club meeting in his many years of membership (he is not a big fan of meetings), his service to the Booster Club and his support of Kennedy High School students is undeniable. Since 1977, Chuck has been a host at high school football games held at Kingston Stadium, patrolling the home or visitor sides, guarding the west side pass gate, and moving to the east side gate when the west side was closed. For the past 12 seasons, Chuck has been the host that has manned the visitor tunnel gate in the SE corner of the stadium. He has been present at 99% of the games played at Kingston, never missing more than one game in a season over all of those years. Opposing coaching staffs and players know him and recognize him upon arrival. They appreciate his smile and his courteous nature as he lets them onto the field for competition. Chuck is very proud of the continued growth and success of the Kennedy Booster Club. He has seen it grow every year in its support of both male and female sports.

Kennedy principal, Mary Wilcynski, would tell you that there is one person who might attend more events at Kennedy High School than she does – that person is Chuck Patton. He is a fixture at all kinds of events – athletics or fine arts. There are many nights where Chuck will start at one end of the building for an athletic event and it will conclude on the other end at a concert. Many Saturdays will start for him at a game or a play and end with the night round at a local show choir competition. The amazing part is that it is not just at Kennedy that he shows this support. Chuck has been a member at St. Paul's United Methodist Church for 55 years and is very active in the junior and senior high school youth programs, where he is affectionately known as "Grandpa Chuck". He builds relationships with students at many of the Cedar Rapids area high schools and he will diligently attend their events as he is able throughout the school year. He is adored by our high school students and greeted at every event he attends. Our students will often volunteer to give Chuck a ride home after Kennedy events. His involvement and support of Kennedy Activities over the years has been truly remarkable.

Chuck – 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.