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Roseville High School Announces 2019 Class for Athletic Hall of Fame

Roseville High School will be inducting five new former standout athletes to their Athletic Hall of Fame at a ceremony on January 25, 2019. Included in this 2019 class will be Cliff Howe, Anthony Stadwick, Marie Palinkas, Robert Zimmerman, and Micaela Mayer. Honorees will be recognized during halftime of the boys varsity basketball game vs. L'Anse Creuse North. Before the game, honorees and guests will be gathering for a dinner in their honor.

Last year's inaugural class included Ernie Whitt, Brian Sikorski, Davon Gray, Joe Pantaleo, Vanessa Blair, Rich Maloney, Harry Sullins, and Stan Miziniski. RHS Athletic Director Chris LaFevé said that the creation of the Roseville High School Hall of Fame was exciting. "We were able to bring together former and current Roseville teachers, families, community members, and athletes." He added that it was a great way to celebrate the people that represented Roseville in athletics. "The stories they shared about their time at Roseville reminded me how important of an impact high school athletics has on shaping peoples' futures. This year's class has many well accomplished athletes who went on after high school to compete at a high level. They will be joining some great company in the Roseville High School Hall of Fame."

Cliff Howe, who was a successful multi-sport athlete at Brablec High School, said that he is looking forward to the induction ceremony. "It's definitely an honor. Looking back, our teams never had the best records, but my coaches gave me a good foundation and taught me the discipline to want to succeed as an athlete." Standout track athlete Micaela Mayer said that she is also honored and excited to be inducted. "I saw that Roseville High School created the Athletic Hall of Fame last year, and I was thrilled that this was something that they started doing. I am excited to be recognized because I think it is important for the current students to see the success you can have in high school and college." Mayer, Howe, Stadwick, and Palinkas are scheduled to be in attendance, but LaFevé said that the district is having difficulties making contact with Zimmerman, who graduated in 1952. "We have attempted to track down Bob Zimmerman or a family member by looking at old contact information and searching electronic sources, however, we have been unsuccessful. We would appreciate help from the community if anyone has information on them."

A selection committee consisting of eight former Roseville Athletic Directors from the current Roseville High School, Brablec High School, and the original RHS, vote each year for the class of honorees. To be inducted, former athletes must have graduated from Roseville Community Schools, been out of school for 10 years, have played collegiate sports, and earned honors at the league and/or state level. The Roseville High School Athletic Hall of Fame Ceremony starts at 5:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15 per person and can be purchased at the RHS Athletic Office before January 11, 2019. If you have any questions, please contact (586) 445-5577 or email clafeve@roseville.k12.mi.us.

Hall of Fame bios included below.

* Cliff Howe was a multi-sport athlete at Brablec High School who graduated in 1984. He received All Bi-County, All-Macomb County and All-State recognition in football, baseball, and basketball. He attended Macomb Community College for two years on a baseball scholarship, before moving on to play for Wayne State University, where he earned GLIAC All-Conference honors. He moved on to play semi-professional baseball for 20 years. He has been an instructor for several baseball camps, including the Ernie Whitt Baseball Academy, the Wayne State Lance Parrish Catchers Camp, and the Jeff Jones Detroit Tigers Academy. He has been the head baseball coach at Macomb Community College since 2004, where he has lead the Monarchs to the playoffs in three out of four seasons.

* Micaela Mayer is a 2004 Roseville High School graduate. She was a standout track athlete who qualified for States each of her four years in high school, finishing 6th in the 400m during her senior year. She qualified to represent Michigan in the USATF Junior Olympics in 2002, 2003, and 2004, and was a member of the USATF Junior National Champion team in the 4 x 800m event. After high school, she attended Grand Valley State University where she continued her success on the track. She helped the GVSU track team win their conference title each of her four years during college, and she was named to the NCAA Division II All-American Track and Field Women's team in 2007.

* Marie Palinkas graduated in 1984 from Carl Brablec High School, where she was a standout athlete on the track. She won the Class A State Championship in the 100m hurdles and third place in the long jump. In 1983, she became the county record holder in the 300m hurdles -- a record that still stands. She was the 1984 Bi-County League MVP, All-County 1st Team, and was a Class A High School All-American Honorable Mention. After high school, she attended Hillsdale College where she continued her track and field success. She was an All-American in 1987 in the 55m hurdles, and set the school record in the 60m hurdles, a record she held for almost 30 years.

* Anthony Stadwick is a 2007 graduate of Roseville High School, where he was a standout diver for the Panthers Swim Team. Stadwick was a member of the 2007 Michigan Junior Olympics team, placing in the top four in four different events. He was a Scholastic All-American in 2007, and attended Oakland University, where he earned Academic All-Summit League Honors in 2009.

* Robert Zimmerman graduated from Burton High School, where he was an outstanding track athlete. He was a member of the 1952 State Track team that won the 880 relay. He also won two individual State Championships during his senior year in the Long Jump and the 220 event.

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