

## Let's Go Chiefs! – Reflections on the Okemos High School Athletic Hall of Fame's First Five Classes (2015-2019)

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This resource compiles articles from the *Lansing State Journal* and other sources announcing the annual inductees to the **Okemos High School Athletic Hall of Fame**, beginning with the Inaugural **Class of 2015**.



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## Background

In 2015 Okemos High School inaugurated the “Okemos High School Athletic Hall of Fame” with a call for nominations based on the following. The following provides the guidelines for the nomination criteria and nomination form

### [Nomination Criteria & Nomination Form](#)

**PURPOSE:** The Okemos High School Athletic Hall of Fame is intended to honor the rich heritage and tradition of the great teams, individuals, and contributors to Okemos Athletics throughout the years.

#### **CRITERIA FOR INDUCTION:**

##### *STUDENT-ATHLETES:*

- Any person who distinguished himself or herself while a student athlete at OHS.
- Must be graduated from OHS for a minimum of five (5) years.
- Completed their interscholastic athletic career at OHS and have earned at least one (1) varsity letter.
- An athlete must have made a significant impact on OHS athletics, had an outstanding career, demonstrated good character, and achieved acceptable academic standards.
- The following criteria will be considered: Individual Honors, School Record Holder, Outstanding College and/or Professional Accomplishments

##### *INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE SERVED THE OKEMOS ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT:*

- An individual, athletic administrator, coach, or staff member must have served OHS within the athletic field; five (5) years of service preferred (can be currently employed).
- Other contributors to the OHS Athletic Department, who were not graduates, student-athletes, coaches, or administrators, are eligible for induction and may be nominated on their behalf detailing the contributions made.
- Of the previously stated individuals, one must have made a significant impact on Okemos Athletics. He/she must have had an outstanding career, setting high personal and professional standards.

**TEAMS:** Teams will be considered for induction into the Hall of Fame using the following criteria: undefeated season, conference championship(s), MHSAA Tournament success, etc.

#### **ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME SELECTION AND INDUCTION PROCEDURES:**

- Anyone may submit a nomination to the Athletic Hall of Fame Selection Committee, but someone may not nominate him or herself.
- Nomination forms must be complete and must be accompanied by a photograph of the nominee. A photograph from the era of the nominee is preferred, but a current photo may be acceptable.
- Nomination forms must be submitted no later than June 8, 2015, for consideration in the inaugural induction class.
- All selected for induction into the inaugural hall of fame class will be announced in August 2015.
- All nominations not selected will be kept on file for five (5) years. There is no need to submit the same nomination each year.
- The induction ceremony will take place on October 1, 2015.
- Each inductee shall have a plaque on display at Okemos High School.

## **Okemos High School to create Athletic Hall of Fame**



OKEMOS – In what athletic director Ira Childress deems as a “historic and necessary” initiative, Okemos High School has announced its plans for the creation of the Athletic Hall of Fame this summer.

School officials involved with the project hope that it will connect both present and past athletes, while honoring “great teams and individuals” that have contributed to Okemos’ athletic success.

“We’re all standing on the shoulders of those who came before us,” said Childress in a press release. “Through the Hall of Fame, we want to recognize the great tradition of Okemos athletics and preserve the achievements of those who performed at the highest level.”

Okemos’ athletic department will have applications for nominees available on its website and in its office on May 4. All nominees received by June 8 will be considered for induction.

The Okemos Athletic Hall of Fame committee will announce the inaugural class later this summer, and the induction will take place on October 1 as part of the school’s homecoming week.

## **Class of 2015**

**Chiefs News - Aug 25 Okemos Athletic Hall of Fame ceremony tickets now on sale**

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Tickets for the inaugural Okemos Athletic Hall of Fame class induction ceremony on Thursday, October 1, 2015, are now available through the OHS athletic department office for \$25 per ticket. To purchase tickets, please visit the athletic office in-person or contact Melissa Biel ([melissa.biel@okemosk12.net](mailto:melissa.biel@okemosk12.net)).

The induction ceremony, which includes dinner and a formal program, will be held on **Thursday, October 1, 2015, at 6:00pm** at the Greater Lansing Association of Realtors Banquet Room (4039 Legacy Pkwy, Lansing, MI). A pre-ceremony social will begin at 5:15pm.

All Hall of Fame inductees will also be recognized during the Homecoming festivities including the parade and football game on Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## ***2015 Okemos High School Athletic Hall of Fame Class***

### **Contributors**

- **Ron Bacon** – Instrumental in starting the OAKS youth sports programs and longtime supporter of Okemos Athletics
- **Dr. John Pudliner** – Longtime team doctor for multiple sports at OHS and known as the “Father of Sports Medicine in Lansing”

### **Coaches**

- **Keith Froelich** – Former football coach and athletic director; 21-year head football coach at OHS; teams won 8 league championships and had 5 playoff appearances; athletic director from 1995-2010
- **Al Inkala** – Former girls tennis coach; coach of six state championship teams ('94, '95, '98, '99, '00, '01) and four girls state runner-up teams ('97, '02, '03, '04)
- **Ron Mott** – Former girls and boys basketball coach; coached 1981 girls basketball state championship team and 1986 girls basketball state runner-up team
- **Jim Powers** – Former boys tennis coach and assistant football coach; 8 boys tennis state championship team titles ('86, '89, '92, '94, '95, '97, '99, '00) and 2 state runner-up team titles ('84, '88)
- **John Quiring** – Former boys and girls cross country and track & field coach; coach the 1986 boys cross country state championship team; won 29 league titles and 20 regional titles in 30-plus years
- **George Reynolds** – Former wrestling coach; coached 3 state championship teams ('65, '66, '67)
- **Pete Schmidt** – Former football coach; coached two state championship runner-up teams ('76, '80)
- **Dan Stolz** – Current boys and girls golf coach; former coach of multiple sports at OHS; won state titles as head coach of girls tennis ('93) and softball ('99); coach of state runner-up teams in boys basketball ('06) and girls golf ('13); All-State basketball student-athlete at OHS ('75)
- **Stanley Stolz** – Former boys basketball coach and athletic director; coached 2 boys basketball state championship teams ('81, '82); served as athletic director at OHS for 23 years

### **Teams**

- **1965-1967 Wrestling Teams** – Won three consecutive team state championships

## Student-Athletes

- **Amy Alcini** – Girls Tennis; two-time state champion ('83, '84) and professional tennis player; 1987 OHS grad
- **Jessica Beech-Bograkos** – Softball; state championship team member ('99) and All-State honors; Michigan Gatorade Player of the Year ('00); All-American at MSU; 2000 OHS grad
- **Bob Fossum** – Boys Golf, Basketball; individual state champion ('79); All-State basketball player ('80); 1980 OHS grad
- **Johnathon Jones** – Boys Basketball; 2-time All-State; Mr. Basketball Finalist ('06); four-year starter at Oakland University; led NCAA in assists during '08-'09 season; professional basketball player; 2006 OHS grad
- **Melissa Magee Speidel** – Tennis; girls sports pioneer at OHS; nationally acclaimed player, coach, and official in field hockey and lacrosse at the collegiate at Team USA levels; 1972 OHS grad
- **Paul Quantrill** – Baseball; Major League Baseball player for 13 seasons; 2001 MLB All-Star; 1986 OHS grad
- **Kristen Rasmussen Tarr** – Girls Basketball; played at MSU and 9 years in WNBA; 1996 OHS grad
- **Keri Reynolds-Ross** – Girls Swimming; 6-time individual state champion ('87, '88, '88, '89, '90, '90); 4-year All-American at Auburn; 1991 OHS grad
- **Sue Tucker** – Girls Basketball; state championship team member ('81); 1982 Michigan Miss Basketball; 1982 OHS grad
- **Mike Witherill** – Football, Basketball; received football scholarship to Arizona State; All-State basketball student-athlete ('80); 1980 OHS grad
- **Lauren Wolfe-Lamb** – Wrestling; 6-time US National Individual Champion ('91, '95, '97, '98, '99, '02); 1997 Pan American Games Champion; 1995 OHS grad

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By Okemos High School Athletics on Aug 25, 2015

## Okemos High School announces athletic hall of fame

James L. Edwards III, Lansing State Journal Published 9:43 a.m. ET July 13, 2015 | Updated 4:57 p.m. ET July 21, 2015



Former Okemos pitcher Jessica Beech-Bograkos, formerly known as Jessica Beech, is one of several athletes inducted into the newly-formed Okemos High School Athletic Hall of Fame.  
*(Photo: The Lansing State Journal)*

The inaugural class will be inducted into the OHS Athletic Hall of Fame on October 1, as part of the school's homecoming week. The inductees will also be recognized at the homecoming football game on October 2.

Tickets for the induction ceremony will go on sale on August 10 through the Okemos athletic office.

Information on the inductees below (provided by Okemos athletics):

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**Melissa Magee (girls tennis):** Girls sports pioneer at OHS; nationally acclaimed player, coach, and official in field hockey and lacrosse at the collegiate at Team USA levels; 1972 OHS grad

**Paul Quantrill (baseball):** Major League Baseball player for 13 seasons; 2001 MLB All-Star; 1986 OHS grad

**Kristen Rasmussen (girls basketball):** Played at MSU and nine years in WNBA; 1996 OHS grad

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*Note: This story was updated to add recent addition John Quiring.*

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Source: [Lansing State Journal, July 21, 2015](#)

## Class of 2016

# Travis Bader heads latest Okemos Hall of Fame class

Also set record for  
3-pointers at Oakland

**BRIAN CALLOWAY**  
LANSING STATE JOURNAL

Travis Bader followed a standout basketball career at Okemos by making NCAA history.

And his success on the court has landed him a spot in the second Okemos Athletic Hall of Fame class.

Bader, who set the NCAA career record for made 3-pointers while at Oakland University, is among 11 individuals and three teams that will be inducted into the hall of fame Sept. 22.

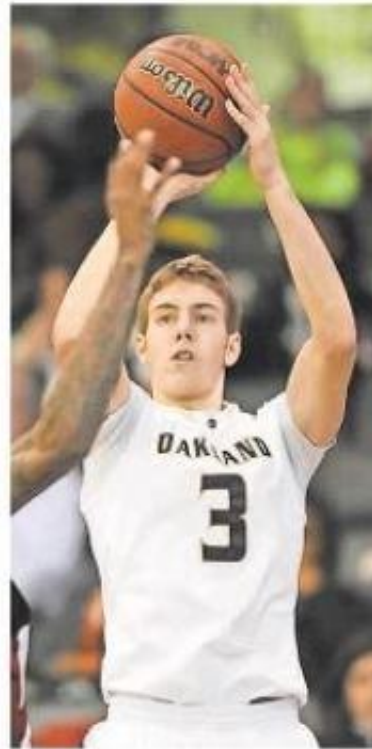
Joining Bader in the class are Allison (Ianni) Cironi, Paul Cryderman, Lauren Dudley, Dree Look, Amelia Marsh, Dan Putnam, Nichole Schiro, Aaron Smith and coaches Larry Cockroft and John Picone. The state championship 1981 girls basketball team and the championship 1981 and 1982 boys basketball teams will also be inducted.

"Every year it's a tough task with so many deserving nominees, but we're very excited to celebrate the newest members of the Okemos Athletic Hall of Fame," Okemos Athletic Director Ira Childress said.

Cironi is a two-time all-state volleyball player who went on to play at the University of Pacific and Michigan State. Cryderman was an all-state basketball player who earned All-American honors at Albion College.

Dudley was a two-time water polo player of the year in Michigan before continuing her career at the University of Michigan. Look was part of the state runner-up 1977 girls basketball team and played at Michigan State and Northern Colorado.

Marsh was a two-time All-American swimmer who set the state rec-



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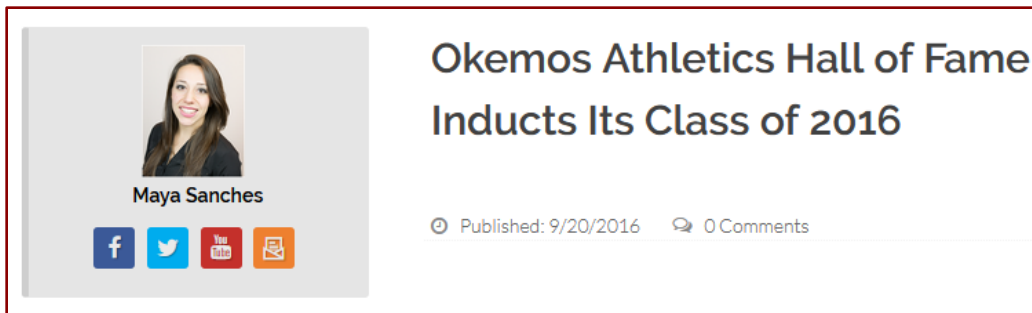
ord in the 500 freestyle before continuing her career at Minnesota. Putnam was an all-state football performer and played at Bowling Green.

Schiro and Smith were both soccer standouts. Schiro led the Chiefs to the 2006 state title and went on to play at Loyola (Md.) University. Smith was a two-time all-state selection who was the Michigan player of the year in 1984.

Cockroft was a longtime baseball coach and administrator at Okemos and has been the director of the Diamond Classic the last 10 years. Picone led the Okemos boys soccer program from 1982-2001 and guided the Chiefs to their first state title in 1984.

Tickets for the induction ceremony will be sold starting Aug. 8 through the Okemos athletic office. The inductees will be recognized at Okemos' homecoming parade and football game Sept. 23.

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OKEMOS - Amongst Okemos High School's legendary coaches, successful teams and individual athletes, the Okemos Athletic Hall of Fame added 11 new faces and three new teams to its list on Thursday, September 22.

Some were going back to Okemos and reconnecting with familiar faces they haven't seen in years.

Others never left.

Either the first or the latter, all inductees recognized the value of being a part of varsity athletics at Okemos High School.

"It's just very special, especially you know, to have your high school, your city, just honor you. It's just a very special feeling," said inductee Travis Bader, a former Okemos basketball player.

Bader is the current NCAA record holder for most three-point field goals made (504 total) in his career at Oakland University.

Bader is currently playing professional basketball for Lithuania, in Europe, and still spends his summer training at his high school gym.

Whether just a stop in their long accomplished journey, or the time where their glory rose to its highest, Okemos was, is and will always be home.

"Really the honor that being given to me should really be spread to everyone that's helped me come to this position and given me the opportunity to be standing here in front of you today," said Nichole Schiro, former Okemos and Loyola University soccer player.

Alongside Bader, the class of 2016 includes Allison (Ianni) Cironi (volleyball), Paul Cryderman (boys basketball), Lauren Dudley (water polo), Dree Look (softball and girls basketball), Amelia Marsh (girls swimming), Dan Putnam (football), Nichole Schiro (girls

soccer), Aarom Smith (boys soccer), coaches Larry Cockroft (baseball) and John Picone (boys soccer), the 1981 state champions girls basketball team and the back-to-back, 1981 and 1982, state champions boys basketball team.

Cironi is the daughter of Okemos' current varsity volleyball head coach Jamie Ianni, and is en route to follow in her mother's footsteps.

"It really sums up the years of handwork. When I was in high school I spent my weekends practicing with club volleyball teams. Most kids don't understand that. They wonder why you're giving up your weekends and why you're giving up all that time. And this, although you don't play for the accolades, this is one of those moments when you go, 'this was all worth it,'" said Cironi, former Okemos, Pacific and Michigan State University volleyball player.

Cironi said that the reason she wanted to work so hard was because Okemos invest and take care of its athletes.

The theme of support seemed to resonate through every speech.

Lauren Dudley, former Okemos and University of Michigan water polo player, said that what made her a successful athlete was how her parents guided her through practices, matches and life in general.

"I'm still in a little bit of a shock right now, that I'm ever here, so I think it will really hit home in the future when I have it to look back on and just know I'm a member of the Hall of Fame," Dudley said.

Members of the 1981 and 1982 boys basketball teams thanked the entire community for being at games and supporting their season.

While most of those athletes' careers are done, some are still chasing their dreams.

"As a kid you dream of being a professional athlete and you really don't think about hall of fames and stuff like that, so to be able to come back and share this with such a great group of athletes, coaches and teams that have done amazing things, it's just very special," Bader said.

For Bader, who continues to work om achieving his dream of playing for the NBA, and others who continue to play their sport, they know the Okemos community will be supporting them and watching where they go.



## Class of 2017

# Okemos Athletic Hall of Fame class for 2017 features 18 individuals, one team

**BRIAN CALLOWAY**  
LANSING STATE JOURNAL

Recent NFL draft pick Taylor Moton is among the individuals a part of the latest class set to be inducted into the Okemos High School Athletic Hall of Fame.

Moton, who in April became the first player in school history selected in the NFL draft, is among 18 individuals and one team that will be inducted on Oct. 5.

Other individuals in the class revealed by the school Thursday morning are coaches Bob Porritt and Jon Wozniak, boys basketball standouts Mark Abraham, Mike Mertz, Dave Valkanoff and Jon Wiseman and girls basketball stars Kathy Barron and Robyn Flewelling Fralick.

Cross country state champion Denyse Adams Ferguson, state tennis champs Christine Bader and Nathan Overholser, state title winning swimmers Colleen McKinley



Christine Bader



Nathan Overholser



Taylor Moton

Deavan and Tom Dudley, track and field athletes Terri Peters and Astin Steward Vick, state champion wrestler Fred Stehman and all-state football player Todd Scarlett round out the class.

The 1984 boys soccer team that captured the program's first state title will also be inducted.

"We are looking forward to celebrating the 2017 class as they represent a great part of our OHS athletics legacy," Okemos athletic director Ira Childress said.

Porritt coached four sports while spending more than three decades at Okemos and won multiple Capital Circuit cham-

pionships in football and track. Wozniak was a long-time track and field throws coach who helped develop several conference, regional and state champions.

Abraham was an all-state basketball performer that was part of the 1982 state championship team. He went on to play baseball at Michigan State.

Adams Ferguson was the 1985 Class A cross country state champ and also was the 3,200-meter run champion in track in 1986.

Bader was the 2002 tennis state champion and went on to be an All-Big Ten performer while at

MSU.

Barron was an all-state performer on the 1982 state championship team and went on to play at Notre Dame.

Dudley was the 1978 state champion in the 500 freestyle and earned numerous all-state honors before going on to swim at Michigan.

Flewelling Fralick was an all-state performer that helped Okemos reach the state semifinals before going on to Davidson College where she was a four-year starter. Flewelling Fralick is now coaching at Ashland University and guided the program to the NCAA Division II title this year and earned na-

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McKinley Deavan was a four-time state champion in the 100 breaststroke before going on to swim at MSU.

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Peters set school track records in the 100-, 220- and 440-yard dashes and long jump during the 1970s.

Overholser won the Class A No. 1 singles state title as a freshman in 1994 and also helped Okemos to a team state title. He went on to play at Florida and then also professionally following his high school career.

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Stehman won state titles at 145 and 154 pounds at Okemos before going on to Michigan where he was an All-American and Big Ten champion.

Steward Vick was the 2003 state champion in the discus and owns the Division 1 Lower Peninsula state finals record. She was an All-American and Big Ten discus champion at Purdue.

Valkanoff was an all-state performer on the 1981 Class B state championship boys basketball team and also was an all-state football performer.

Wiseman earned all-state basketball honors and went on to play at Aquinas.

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## Latest Okemos Athletic Hall of Fame class features 18 individuals, one team

Brian Calloway, Lansing State Journal Published 10:32 a.m. ET June 22, 2017 | Updated 3:16 p.m. ET June 22, 2017

Recent [NFL draft pick Taylor Moton](#) is among the individuals a part of the latest class set to be inducted into the Okemos High School Athletic Hall of Fame.



Taylor Moton, shown in 2011, is part of the Okemos Athletic Hall of Fame's latest class.  
(Photo: Lansing State Journal file)

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Christine Bader, shown in 2002, is among the 18 individuals that will be inducted into the Okemos Athletic Hall of Fame in October. (Photo: Chris Holmes, Copyright 2002 The Lansing State Journal; Yes)

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Former Okemos tennis standout Nathan Overholser, shown in a 1997 photo, is part of the school's latest Athletic Hall of Fame class. (Photo: Robert Killips, Copyright 1997 The Lansing State Journal; Yes)

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**Source:** [Lansing State Journal, June 22, 2017](#)



## Class of 2018

### Okemos reveals latest HOF class

15 individuals, 3 teams to be inducted into Hall

**Brian Calloway** Lansing State Journal  
USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Successful coaches Brian Guggemos and Christine Pendergast-Sermak are among the latest class of individuals slated to be inducted into the Okemos High School Athletics Hall of Fame.

Guggemos and Sermak will be joined by 13 former student-athletes and three teams in this year's class, which will formally be inducted on Sept. 27.

The class also includes student-athletes Okezie Augwa, Peter Bakker-Arkema, Pete Drzal, Stephanie Kebler, Greg Mitchell, Sarah Musser-Kreckman, Sarah Patterson, Pam Randolph-Larson, Harold Schock, Dan Swan, Dick Vary, Suzie VonBermuth and Amy Zack-Moore.

The teams being inducted are the 1999 state champion softball team led by coach Dan Stoiz and the 2009 and 2010 girls lacrosse teams coached by Bill Prahler that captured back-to-back state titles.

Okemos athletic director Ira Childress said the class represents a great part of the school's athletics history and tradition.

Guggemos has been a fixture in the soccer programs the last two decades and guided the boys program to the 2004 Division 1 state title and the girls program the Division 1 state championship in 2012.

Pendergast-Sermak had a successful five-year run leading the girls basketball program that included a Class A Final Four appearance in 1999 and a state runner-up finish in 2002. The current principal at Okemos High School won 100 games in her five seasons in charge.



Head coach Brian Guggemos is among the latest class of individuals slated to be inducted into the Okemos High School Athletics Hall of Fame.

NICK KING/LANSING STATE JOURNAL



Christine Sermak, shown coaching the Okemos varsity girls basketball team, guided the Chiefs to 100 wins from 1998-2003. Her success included a state runner-up finish in 2002 and a Final Four appearance in 1999.

COURTESY PHOTO

Augwa was an all-state football performer that went on to play at Princeton. He was the Division 1 state discus champ in 2003.

Bakker-Arkema won three individual state titles and had all-state finishes in several other boys swimming events in the 1970s before going on to swim in Kansas.

Drzal was an all-state running back for the Chiefs that went on to play at Michigan State.

Kebler was a three-time individual state tennis champion and continued her career at MSU.

Mitchell was an all-state basketball player that was part of the state champion teams in 1981 and 1982. He is the current men's basketball coach at Division III Hope.

Musser-Kreckman was an all-state girls basketball player that went on to become an All-American at Kalamazoo College.

Patterson was an all-state softball performer that went on to play at Central Michigan and the University of Evansville.

Randolph-Larson was a three-time individual girls swimming state champ and also part of champion relay teams.

Schock made his impact in hockey and went on to help the University of Michigan win the 1996 national title before going on to play in the NHL.

Swan was part of three state champion boys tennis teams and was a state doubles champion twice. He went on to play tennis at Purdue.

Vary was an all-state baseball player for the Chiefs before going on to MSU where he was the Big Ten batting champ as a senior.

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### Okemos to induct 15 individuals, three teams into athletic hall of fame

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Christine Sermak, shown coaching the Okemos varsity girls basketball team, guided the Chiefs to 100 wins from 1998-2003. Her success included a state runner-up finish in 2002 and a Final Four appearance in 1999.

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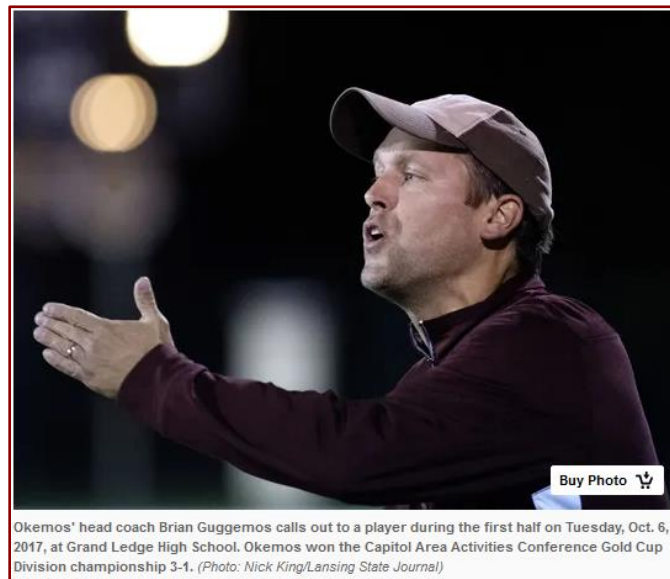
Successful coaches Brian Guggemos and Christine Pendergast-Sermak are among the latest class of individuals slated to be inducted into the Okemos High School Athletics Hall of Fame.

Guggemos and Sermak will be joined by 13 former student-athletes and three teams in this year's class, which will formally be inducted on Sept. 27.

The class also includes student-athletes Okezie Aguwa, Peter Bakker-Arkema, Pete Drzal, Stephanie Kebler, Greg Mitchell, Sarah Musser-Kreckman, Sarah Patterson, Pam Randolph-Larson, Harold Schock, Dan Swan, Dick Vary, Suzie von Bernuth and Amy Zack-Moore.

The teams being inducted are the 1999 state champion softball team led by coach Dan Stolz and the 2009 and 2010 girls lacrosse teams coached by Bill Prahler that captured back-to-back state titles.

Okemos athletic director Ira Childress said the class represents a great part of the school's athletics history and tradition.



Okemos' head coach Brian Guggemos calls out to a player during the first half on Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2017, at Grand Ledge High School. Okemos won the Capitol Area Activities Conference Gold Cup Division championship 3-1. (Photo: Nick King/Lansing State Journal)

Guggemos has been a fixture in the soccer programs the last two decades and guided the boys program to the 2004 Division 1 state title and the girls program the Division 1 state championship in 2012.

Pendergast-Sermak had a successful five-year run leading the girls basketball program that included a Class A Final Four appearance in 1999 and a state runner-up finish in 2002. The current principal at Okemos High School won 100 games in her five seasons in charge.

Aguwa was an all-state football performer that went on to play at Princeton. He was the Division 1 state discus champ in 2003.

Bakker-Arkema won three individual state titles and had all-state finishes in several other boys swimming events in the 1970s before going on to swim in Kansas.

Drzal was an all-state running back for the Chiefs that went on to play at Michigan State.

Kebler was a three-time individual state tennis champion and continued her career at MSU.

Mitchell was an all-state basketball player that was part of the state champion teams in 1981 and 1982. He is the current men's basketball coach at Division III Hope.

Musser-Kreckman was an all-state girls basketball player that went on to become an All-American at Kalamazoo College.

Patterson was an all-state softball performer that went on to play at Central Michigan and the University of Evansville.

Randolph-Larson was a three-time individual girls swimming state champ and also part of champion relay teams.

Schock made his impact in hockey and went on to help the University of Michigan win the 1996 national title before going on to play in the NHL.

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# Class of 2019

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