

Okemos High School Athletic Hall of Fame

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 Athletic Hall of Fame Nomination Form



Nominator Information:

Name: Rod Ellis, President of Okemos Alumni Association

Email: Rodellis1000@aol.com Phone: 616-437-3706

Nominee Information:

Name: Mike McGilliard

Connection to School (check all that apply):

Student-Athlete from 1961 to 1965

Championship Athletic Team Member: 1965 State Class B Wrestling Championship (and the first for Okemos)

Current Address:
305 Country Club Dr. SE
Blacksburg, Virginia 24060 USA
540-953-1366
mcg@vt.edu

Current Occupation: Retired

List of sports played or coached, letters received, significant honors and years at OHS:

1965 State Title for the Class B Wrestling Championship at 95 pounds. Mike was also co-captain of the team his Junior and Senior year.

Mike was a four year varsity letter winner in Wrestling.

Mike was invited to join the National Honor Society his Junior and Senior year.

Involvement in athletics following career at Okemos High School:

MSU Varsity Wrestling Team 1965 to 1969, Big 10 Title each year, and 1997 NCAA Champions. Wrestled at 123 pounds and won the Gorriaran Trophy in the 1968 Big 10 Championship (most pins in the championship tournament).

While at MSU in the offseason, Mike won two intramural doubles paddleball championships with two different partners.

Throughout his career, Mike played a lot of golf and daily played racquetball at noon and rode his bike to and from work. He served in the Army Reserves from 1970 to 1976. Mike has maintained a life of health and fitness.

Outstanding professional or occupational accomplishments:

MS and PhD in Animal Genetics and a career College Professor at Virginia Tech.

Additional comments to support nomination:

Mike is a real leader and inspiration. He proves that physical size is not the determination of athletic success. Determination, practice and teamwork are the real drivers and Mike's epic successes can be an inspiration to the 21st century Okemos athletes. Mike's nomination is with full support of the Okemos Alumni. The complete saga of this storied athlete is told in the Jay Guertin '65 publication "Monster of the Wrestling Mat" attached as part of this nomination.



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Please return this form with a photo of the individual or team to:

Okemos High School Athletic Department
2800 Jolly Road
Okemos, MI 48864

Or email this form with a photo of the individual or team to:

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