

HALL of FAME INDUCTEE

GROVER KIRKLAND

Flint Northwestern High School



Grover Kirkland retired at the end of last season as the winningest high school basketball coach in the Flint area history. His Northwestern team compiled a 518-148 record in his 28 years.

Kirkland's teams won 16 City Series Championships, 14 Saginaw Valley Conference Titles, 17 Class A District crowns, 8 Regionals and 2 State Championship titles. In addition to their State Titles in 1984 and 1985, the Wildcats reached the State Semi-Finals 6 times and lost in the Title game twice.

Kirkland's best team was the 1985 squad that went 27-0, led by Mr. Basketball, Glen Rice. That team went through a 3-year stretch when they won 59 consecutive games.

Grover has been BCAM Region 3 Coach of the Year and was selected to coach the Michigan All Stars four consecutive years. He was also selected to coach the Annual McDonald's Capital Classic in Washington D.C.

In 2001, Grover was named Teacher of the Year in the Saginaw Valley.