

Hall of Honor Inductees



Tim Baker - Official

Tim Baker's remarkable 42-year career in Michigan high school basketball officiating, spanning from 1981 to 2023, is a testament to his dedication and commitment to the sport. His passion for officiating began while attending Olivet College in 1975, where he worked Olivet City League games for \$10 per game. He fondly recalls officiating two games a night on Tuesdays and Thursdays and enjoying \$1 hamburgers and pitchers of beer at a local bar—a perfect deal for a college student! This experience laid the foundation for his "true" officiating career, which would evolve into decades of service to the game.

Tim's long-standing presence on the court earned him respect and recognition throughout the state. His career highlights include being selected to officiate three boys' state finals games—an honor reserved for the very best officials. In 1997, his dedication and excellence were further recognized when he was named the "Michigan Boys Basketball Official of the Year" by the National Federation of Interscholastic Officials Association (NFIOA), a prestigious accolade celebrating his contributions to Michigan basketball.

Throughout his officiating journey, Tim was supported by his wife, Chris Baker, whose patience and encouragement allowed him to pursue his passion. She always asked after each game, "How did the reffing go?"—a simple but meaningful gesture of support. Tim's career is defined by his commitment to excellence and love for the game, making him a deserving inductee into the BCAM Hall of Honor.

Chad Dutcher - Assistant Coach

Chad Dutcher is being honored for his remarkable coaching career and the lasting influence he had on the student-athletes he mentored throughout his life. His journey began at Lake Orion High School, where he led the boys' freshman basketball team from 1967 to 1969. In 1969, Chad joined Gaylord High School and, over the next 34 years, became the cornerstone of the boys' basketball program, serving as the boys' junior varsity coach for 30 years, the boys' freshman coach for three years, and the varsity boys' basketball coach for one year.

Chad was truly the glue that held Gaylord's basketball program together. In the words of those who knew him best, "There is no one that Gaylord High School would have rather had as their junior varsity or varsity assistant than Coach Chad Dutcher." His commitment and consistency ensured stability for the program, particularly during transitions between head coaches. Chad's dedication, work ethic, and deep connection with student-athletes helped guide generations of boys into young men, and his voice was a key reason behind any success the program enjoyed during his tenure.

In addition to his basketball role, Chad also served as the varsity football head coach, further demonstrating his versatility and passion for athletics. His influence as both a football coach and basketball assistant provided invaluable guidance to Gaylord's student-athletes, helping them grow both on and off the field. A former Marine, Chad brought lessons from his military service into his coaching, emphasizing discipline, teamwork, and resilience. These values, along with his personal stories, inspired his players to not only excel in sports but also develop as individuals. Chad's legacy is undeniable, with each of the head coaches he worked under attesting that their successes were made easier by Chad's unwavering dedication.

After his retirement from Gaylord, Chad continued to coach as the boys' varsity assistant at Gaylord St. Mary's from 2005 to 2012. His contributions to both football and basketball have left an indelible mark, and his induction into the Hall of Honor is a fitting tribute to his enduring impact.



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John Eggert - Friend of Basketball

For nearly half a century, John has made a lasting impact on Michigan Lutheran's basketball program, bringing dedication, passion, and a love for the game. He has held the role of athletic director at St. Joseph Michigan Lutheran for 44 years, and has coached throughout his tenure. He was the varsity boys head coach for 40 years in that time-frame, accruing 501 wins. John has always focused on helping the student athletes at MLHS grow, not just as athletes but as teammates and individuals.

At the heart of his success has been the unwavering support of his family. His wife, JoAnn, has been the perfect partner for the job, serving as the athletic secretary for 36 of John's 45 years as Athletic Director. Their four kids—Matt, Andy, Jessica, and Joe—have also brought him joy by excelling in their own sports. Today, John finds great fulfillment coaching alongside his son Joe, working under head coach Matt Herbst and continuing the family legacy in Titan basketball.

Beyond coaching and his AD role, John has been instrumental in creating opportunities for young athletes. With his longtime assistant Ron Briney, he helped start a five-school middle school basketball co-op, ensuring that students from smaller schools could play. He's also organized summer camps and weekend tournaments, giving kids a chance to engage with basketball in meaningful ways. His commitment to self-funded athletics meant managing concessions and running fundraising efforts, all to keep the program thriving. Throughout his incredible career, John has worn many hats—coach, athletic director, and mentor to countless students and fellow coaches. His impact goes far beyond the court, shaping a culture of sportsmanship and teamwork within the community.

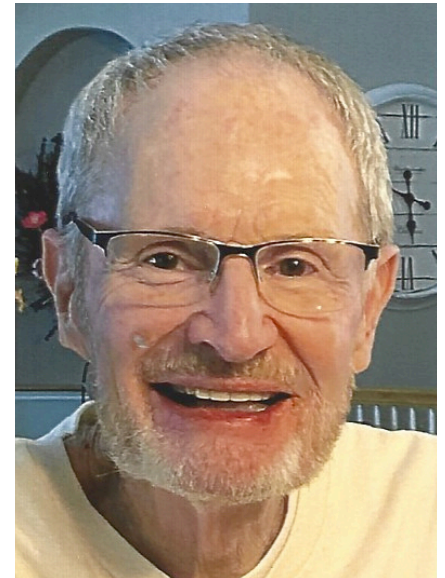
As he is honored tonight, John reflects on a life dedicated to nurturing talent and fostering a love for the game, grateful for all the incredible people who have joined him on this journey. John stated, "over my many years as a head coach, much of my success was due to the support of my wife, JoAnn, the consummate coach's wife. I also owe much to my coaching partner, Ron Briney, who assisted me for years and then went on to become a Hall of Fame coach."

Mike Quinn - Friend of Basketball

Mike Quinn has been a cornerstone of Portage Central athletics since 1981, beginning his journey as part of the "chain-gang" while his children attended the school. His commitment quickly grew, and by 1987, he had taken on the role of running the scoreboard for basketball games—a role he has maintained for over 2,600 contests. His dedication extends to football as well, where he managed the scoreboard for more than 530 games since 1985, until he stepped back this year.

Throughout his tenure, Mike has witnessed the rise and fall of countless student-athletes, coaches, and bookkeepers. Remarkably, he has outlasted three Athletic Directors: Floyd Yoder, Larry Edlund, and Jim Murray, and has continued to serve under the current director, Joe Wallace. Wallace noted, "From varsity contests that decided championships to freshman games, Mike has always answered the call with dignity and class."

In recognition of his unwavering support, Mike was inducted into the Portage Central Athletics Hall of Fame in 2016 as a Supporter of Athletics. He credits the athletic directors he has worked with and expresses special gratitude to his wife, Kathleen, who joined him at the scorer's table in 2013. Together, they plan to continue supporting the basketball programs. Reflecting on his journey, Mike remarked, "The only thing I have done longer than being involved with Portage Central sports is being married to my wife Kathleen for 56 years." He also acknowledges the influence of his children, Brian and Kelly, who played for Portage Central, and his grandchildren, Zach and Zoey, who took the court for cross-town rival Portage Northern. Mike Quinn's dedication and professionalism have made a lasting impact on the Portage Central community, and his legacy as a true friend of basketball continues to inspire all who know him.



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Randy Reece - Official

Randy Reece has been a staple on the high school basketball court in the central part of the state for the last 40 years. A devoted husband to LeeAnn for 41 years, Randy is the proud father of Holly Reese and Molly Arellano, and father-in-law to Rueben Arellano. He is also a loving grandfather to Alexis Dempsey, Lauren Kibilko, and Brodie Arellano. Born to Tom and Lorraine Reese, Randy's passion for sports has been a central part of his life, shaping both his personal and professional journey.

Since beginning his officiating career in 1983, Randy has brought his expertise to countless games over the past four decades. His work includes officiating three state finals—two girls' and one boys', including the 2024 Girls' Division 4 final. He has also dedicated 18 years to men's college basketball and 13 years to women's college basketball, where he continues to officiate. His passion for developing the next generation of referees is evident in his mentorship of young officials through youth basketball programs, as well as his participation in four BCAM All-Star Games. Randy has earned numerous accolades for his officiating skills, including being named the Heart of Michigan Association Official of the Year for the 2003-2004 season.

As an athlete Randy's talents extend beyond officiating basketball. He was recognized as an outstanding athlete, competing in basketball, baseball and golf in high school, which led to his induction into the Central Montcalm High School Hall of Fame. Randy credits many influential figures who have guided him throughout his officiating journey, including Bernard Rasmussen, who got him started in officiating, and longtime partners and colleagues Mike Vernon, John Kirk, Jim Eastman, Mike Conlin, Hugh Jewell, Joe Cooper, and Bruce Moss. Randy's multifaceted career is a testament to his love for competition, his dedication to fair play, and his commitment to the sport.

Ken Smoker - Assistant Coach

Ken Smoker has dedicated nearly four decades to Michigan high school athletics, impacting countless lives as both a coach and official. Married for 30 years to his wife, Ann, and the proud father of Carlee, Brent, and Emilee, Ken's love for basketball has been a guiding force throughout his life.

His journey began as a coach at Bronson Jr./Sr. High School, where he led teams in girls' junior varsity basketball and boys' seventh-grade basketball. His passion for the sport eventually led him to officiating, where he became a highly respected Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) basketball official from 1989-2012, working alongside longtime partners Brian Saltzgeber and Randy Spangler. Ken's officiating career also extended to the collegiate level, where he made his mark in women's NCAA basketball from 1997-2013. He was selected to officiate six NCAA Division III National Tournaments and ten Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) Championship games.

He attributes much of his early success to mentors like Don Vandergeest, who gave him his first varsity assignment, and Joe Cooper, who opened the door to collegiate officiating. Ken also served as a referee trainer for the South Central Officials Association, helping to shape the next generation of officials.

In 2012, Ken transitioned back to coaching, becoming the head varsity girls' basketball coach at Coldwater High School. Over the past decade, his teams have won two Interstate 8 Conference championships and four MHSAA Division I District titles, with Ken being named BCAM Region 4 Coach of the Year in both 2018 and 2023. His commitment to his players extends far beyond the court, as noted by former players like Shelby Bowers, who described Ken as a coach who gave 110% every day, instilling in them not just basketball skills but life lessons of hard work, perseverance, and selflessness. Ken's legacy also includes his work as a baseball umpire, where he was selected for four MHSAA state finals weekends and honored as the AABC National Umpire of the Year in 2003.

As Ken approaches retirement from teaching after 36 years at Coldwater Community Schools, his influence on the community and the game of basketball remains undeniable. He continues to coach and inspire young athletes, including his daughters, who now assist him on the bench, ensuring his dedication to Coldwater basketball lives on.



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Mike Squires - Official

Mike Squires' officiating career in Michigan high school basketball began in 1973 when he registered and started working church leagues, junior high, 9th-grade, and JV doubleheaders. Over time, he advanced through the ranks, gaining valuable experience before officiating his first varsity games during the 1977-78 season. Despite a brief hiatus to pursue a career in Major League Baseball with the Chicago White Sox, Mike's passion for officiating never waned. After moving back to Kalamazoo in 1989, he re-registered in 1993 and has been an active presence in high school basketball ever since. One of the highlights of Mike's long career was officiating the girls' final game at Michigan State University in 2006, the last season they played in the fall.

Throughout his tenure, he has become known not only for his skill and fairness on the court but also for his ability to handle the pressures of officiating. He often recalls hearing fans humorously shout, "Stick to baseball, Squires," a reminder of his time as a professional athlete. Mike takes it all in stride, noting,

"I've been booed by 30,000 in one [baseball] game before, so a couple of hundred won't bother me."

This award honors Mike's incredible longevity and dedication to officiating Michigan high school basketball. He attributes much of his success to the support of his wife, Maureen, who allowed him to be away several times a week to follow his passion. Mike also expresses gratitude to Dan Hoff for nominating him and acknowledges his longtime officiating crew, Dave Turley and Tim Baker, for their camaraderie and teamwork over the years. His commitment to the game has left an indelible mark on high school basketball in Michigan.

Dave Turley - Official

Dave Turley's officiating career is a testament to his dedication, professionalism, and love for basketball. Over the years, he has officiated nearly 2,000 games, including high-profile matchups such as four semifinal and final games. His experience spans 20 years at the JUCO and NCAA Division II and III levels, where he even had the opportunity to referee in an NCAA Division III national tournament.

Dave credits much of his early success to the mentorship of NFL official Ron Winter and fellow members of the Kalamazoo Officials Association, such as Dave Witvoet, who helped guide him as a young official. In addition to his remarkable career on the court, Dave served as President and trainer for his local officials association, furthering his commitment to the sport by helping to shape and mentor new officials. His close-knit crew, including Mike Squires and Tim Baker, were vital partners throughout many years of officiating.

Dave's impact on the sport was not limited to officiating; he also spent five years as a high school teacher, baseball coach, and football coach before transitioning to a 41-year career as an insurance agent working with school districts, colleges, and universities. Behind his successful career, Dave was supported by his late wife, Susan, to whom he was married for 45 years. Her encouragement allowed him to pursue his passion with full commitment. Dave is deeply honored to have been nominated by Dan Hoff, a figure who epitomizes the values of high school basketball, including sportsmanship, humility, and class, whether in victory or defeat. Throughout his long career, Dave has remained a steadfast presence in the world of high school sports, making lasting contributions both on and off the court. His legacy as a dedicated official, educator, and mentor continues to inspire the next generation of referees and athletes.

