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20th Annual RHS Athletic Hall of Fame Inductions

2009 INDUCTEES

TIM and PAM BEIMERS - Community Members

TAMMY (STAUDACHER) DALY- Athlete

JASON HARTMAN - Athlete

FRED ROWLEY- Athlete

JASON SCHAB - Athlete

The 20th Annual Hall of Fame Induction Banquet will be held on Wednesday, October 14, 2009 at Boulder Creek Golf Course. Tickets are \$18 per person and will be on sale at the Rockford High School Athletic Office (4100 Kroes Road) from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., beginning Thursday, October 1, 2009 through Monday, October 12.

The inductees will also be recognized prior to our homecoming football contest with East Kentwood on Friday, October 16, 2009, with the ceremony beginning at 6:40 PM.

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

TIM and PAM BEIMERS - Community Members

This husband and wife team have been very busy volunteer workers, spending countless hours in support of Rockford athletics. Pam has spent ten years helping to direct and organize the parent committees (30+) involved with the Rockford football program. "Her service has been incredible, appreciated and unbelievably valuable with regard to keeping everything that goes into a season straight and organized," stated Rockford varsity football coach Ralph Munger. Tim has been a member of the Rockford Sports Booster board for many years serving in various capacities. For many years he has served as head of the concessions program. He also has been very active in the football program. He brings the banner to the games and sees to it that things are set up at rest areas, banquet halls, stadiums and lockers rooms when the Rams travel. The Beimers have had five sons, Tim, Brett, Luke, Jordan and Caleb (all have graduated), who were part of the Rockford football program and a daughter Amber who is a sophomore athlete at Rockford High School. The Beimers have supported not only their children but also have given unselfishly to all of our athletes.

TAMMY (STAUDACHER) DALY - Athlete

Tammy was a three-sport athlete at Rockford High School before graduating as Rockford's female athlete of the year in 1993. She was a varsity letter winner all four years in swimming, earning all-conference honors in 1992 when she was conference champion in the 50 freestyle. She was selected as the most valuable swimmer twice and held three varsity swim records. Tammy lettered four years in track and was the co-captain of the conference championship team in 1993. In volleyball she won two varsity letters and was co-captain of the 1992-93 squad that won a district tournament and was ranked tenth in the State. At season's end she was chosen to the all-conference group and won the "top-gun" (lead team in kills) award in volleyball. In 1993 she was awarded a female national scholar/athlete award by the U.S. Army and an MHSAA scholar/athlete award. After high school graduation, Tammy attended Grand Valley State University earning four varsity letters in swimming before leaving with a double major in biology and health science and a minor in physical education. While in college, she coached swimming at several school levels including being the head girls' coach at Northview High School (1997-99). In 2000-01, she received a Medical Technologist Internship at Detroit Medical Center and, for the past ten years, has been a microbiologist at Detroit Receiving Hospital. From 2003-08, Tammy attended Oakland University where she earned her Master of Business Administration degree specializing in Resources Management. Tammy and her husband Eric met in Detroit and have been married two years.

JASON HARTMAN- Athlete

When Jason graduated from Rockford in 1999, he left behind an incredible list of accomplishments including holding all of the Rockford High School distance running records. He was O.K. Red all-conference and MHSAA all-state in each of his four years of high school track and cross country. He was the state cross country individual champion three times and won the 3200 and 1600 meter races twice at the state level. He helped lead the Rockford cross country and track teams to conference championships every year of his high school career and twice helped our teams to second place finishes at the state team level. He was a two-time Foot Locker National Cross Country Meet Finalist and was also a Foot Locker National Scholastic Track and Field All American. Jason was an inspiration to both male and female athletes at Rockford and willingly shared the spotlight with his teammates and celebrated their individual successes. After graduation, he attended the University of Oregon where he was a Division I All-American three times in cross country and twice in track. He is now a professional runner on the Nike team and competed recently as an American representative in the 10,000 meter run at the Pan American games.

FRED A. ROWLEY, JR. - Athlete

As an outstanding athlete at Rockford High School before graduating in 1941, Fred Rowley excelled at football and baseball. He was a fullback in the fall and a center fielder in the spring. During the winter months he was a cheerleader at the basketball games. He was a tough runner in football and was all-conference as a senior. In baseball, he was known as a homerun hitter. Those who saw him in action recall him often hitting the ball on the cafeteria roof of the high school on North Main (baseball field was located behind the school) and sometimes clearing the whole building. As a senior, he batted .422 with over ten home runs. On July 2, 1942, Fred joined the Marines where he became a platoon leader and was awarded many medals and other honors. In August of 1943, Fred was killed in action in the South Pacific. He was twenty years of age.

JASON SCHAB - Athlete

Jason was a standout athlete in football and baseball at Rockford before graduating in 1993. He was an all-conference and all-area linebacker as a junior and a Detroit Free Press Class AA first team linebacker in 1992. He played on coach Ralph Munger's first Rockford team in 1992 and made the Grand Rapids Press all-area dream team. He was also voted the most improved player on the team. He went on to play three years at Concordia College before injuries ended his college career. He still holds the school's game and season records for most solo tackles and for most total tackles. He was chosen athlete of the week twice in 1994. Also in that year, Jason was a first team all-conference linebacker and chosen the team defensive player of the year. Jason was also an outstanding catcher for the Rams varsity baseball team, earning varsity letters his junior and senior seasons. Jason is married, and he and his wife Kara (Swartz - a Rockford graduate) have two children Nathan and Addie. For the past nine years, he has worked for Rockford Public Schools with the maintenance/grounds department, taking care of our athletic fields. Much pride goes into his work. Jason also serves as a volunteer assistant football coach for the 78ers at North Rockford Middle School.

For further information or if you have any questions, please contact Director of Athletics, Tim Erickson, at 616-863-6040.

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