The Edison Community and Sports Foundation Hall of Fame Induction ceremony/dinner was held at the high school on Friday October 20. Eighty people were in attendance to see three great athletes and one special team be recognized for accomplishments during their years at Edison.

**Tim Dziedzic - Class of 1986**
Tim participated in sports for four years while at Edison achieving the following: Baseball - Varsity player for 2 years, team captain, All-City as a senior, 2 letters; Hockey - Varsity player for 3 years, team captain, 3 letters, 3-time All-City selection. In his junior year, was 2nd in city scoring and 8th in state scoring as a junior with 48 points; Football - Varsity player and 2-year starter at linebacker and halfback, team captain, 2 letters. 2-time All-City selection, State All-Star selection as a senior. Recruited by many colleges in both hockey and football, Tim attended Mankato State where he played football for 4 years, 3 years starting linebacker. Presenting Tim was his friend and teammate Tony Rossi.

**Pathao Xiong Vang - Class of 2004**
Kia performed like a true champion during her time at Edison. While on the badminton team in her junior year, Kia placed 2nd in the Minneapolis City Individual Tournament and took 3rd place in the State Tournament. During her senior year she entered an exclusive group of Edison athletes who could claim the title of “State Champion”. Kia finished her senior year of badminton as both City Individual and State Individual Champion. Kia’s steady play helped Edison win 2 city conference titles, as well as earning All-City honors her junior and senior years. Presenting Kia was her coach.

**Darrin Johnson - Class of 1995**
In baseball, Darrin was a 3-year starter, team captain, 3 letters earned, selected All-City and All-Region as a pitcher in his junior and senior year. In football, Darrin was a 4-year starter, team captain, 4 letters earned, 3-time All-City selection and 2 time All-Metro. Darrin played in the State All-Star game as a senior. Darrin excelled as an athlete during his years at Edison and continues to hold school records in football for career rushing yards (3043) and career touchdowns (31). He was honored as a Minneapolis football preview captain in 1994. After high school, Darrin gave back to the school by being one of the assistant football coaches from 1997 to 2002. Presenting Darrin was his football coach, Dan Roff.
Hall of Fame continued…

The 1988-89 hockey team at Edison was almost perfect during the 1988-89 season losing only four games, all to traditional powers; Bloomington Jefferson, Kennedy, East Grand Forks, and St. Paul Johnson. They finished the season with 20 wins and won Edison’s first city championship in hockey with an undefeated record of 9-0-1. The undefeated city record broke decade’s long losing streaks against teams like Washburn and Southwest.

“We had a very intelligent hockey team on and off the ice and many of the players came up together with success, having qualified for the state tournament when they were bantams” said Coach Tim Cornwell. As smart as they were on the ice, the team excelled in the classroom. The state high school league began a program to identify and reward teams for their academic achievements. The Edison squad won Region 5 academic honors with a 3.68 grade point average beating out the Bloomington schools, city schools and the private schools of Blake, Breck and Benilde.

The team sent two players to Division 1 programs; Joe Dziedzic (Minnesota), Derek Herlofsky (Boston University) and many players to Division 3 Hamline (Wes VanVickle, John Schroeder, Chris Melek, Dan Lee, Willi Wentland). Team Co-Captain John Hupp summed it up the best by saying: “It was a great experience to play on such an awesome team. Everything was perfect: coaches, players, fans and parents.”

In attendance to receive the honor was—Nick Ferraro, Chris Melek, Nate Krogh, Chad Varian, Willi Wentland, Chad Chrzanak, Wes VanVickle, Mike Warne, Dan Lee, Pete Harris, Matt Podkopacz, and Statman Stevie.

We are always looking for nominees for the hall of fame and I personally would like to have input on future HOF events. In the past, we would get 200 people at the event and everyone would celebrate the rich tradition of great athletes. Times have changed but we would like to bring more people back to an annual event to honor great athletes that have helped to make Edison the great school that it is. You can send me an email with nominees or event suggestions to Banisky33@gmail.com.

John Banisky “75”, HOF Chairman

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Jordan Nisan Memorial Scholarship by John Vandermyde

For 33 years, the Edison Community & Sports Foundation (ECSF) has awarded the Pete Guzy Scholarship. Pete Guzy was a successful Northeast athlete, teacher and coach. He coached many young men in football and baseball at Edison High School. Each year, this award has been presented to a talented student athlete at Edison.

In 2016, the Pete Guzy Scholarship for a male student athlete was awarded to Jordan Nisan. Jordan played Baseball for 4 years, competed in History Day at State level, National Honor Society, received Science Department award. His GPA at Edison was 3.5 in IB Diploma Coursework. He loved music. Jordan was 14th in his class. Jordan lost his life in a tragic accident near the University of Minnesota in early October 2017. He was a sophomore at the University’s College of Biological Sciences with plans to go into medicine. His unexpected passing was a terrible shock to the entire Edison community and he is greatly missed.

Edison Science teacher, Andrew Lyman-Butler, has proposed a memorial scholarship be set up in Jordan Nisan’s name. He said “Jordan Nisan was perhaps the most promising student I’ve taught since arriving at Edison. As outstanding as his academic performance was, I was even more impressed with the depth of his genuine intellectual curiosity. Jordan always asked a great many probing and insightful questions in class. Jordan had thoroughly absorbed the “mindset” of scientific inquiry -demanding extraordinary evidence for extraordinary claims, considering the source of a piece of information, negotiating the often-blurry line between skepticism and denialism, and really wrapped his head around the chain of reasoning that explains how we know what we know about the natural world.

Jordan’s legacy continues to serve as an example to the entire Edison community, one that I hope we can hold up to every year’s senior class with a memorial scholarship award.”

The proposal is: ECSF and the Edison Scholarship Committee shall select recipients each year in accordance with the following selection criteria, characteristics that Jordan exemplified:

a. Exceptional, genuine intellectual curiosity and love of learning
b. Positive leadership as demonstrated in sports, extracurricular activities, community organizations, and/or the school community
c. Motivation and work ethic as evidenced by GPA and teacher recommendation

Science Teacher Andrew Lyman-Butler would plan to lead the fundraising to establish an endowment fund. The goal would be to raise at least $5000 to support an annual scholarship award of $250 or more as funds would support.

The ECSF Board of Directors is in the process of considering this proposal. One of our goals as an organization is to help and motivate current and future students and teachers toward successful lives through the acts of honoring the past.

Something to Think About by Niles Schulz

Former Massachusetts senator Paul Tsongas opined, “We are a continuum. Just as we reach back to our ancestors for our fundamental values; so we, as guardians of that legacy, must reach ahead to our children and their children. And we do so with a sense of sacredness in that reaching.”

Senator Tsongas’s quote prompts me to appreciate the work of the Edison Community & Sports Foundation. We board members see the work being accomplished by neighborhood activists. We see the accomplishments of the Edison students and staff. We see the dramatic improvements in the Edison campus (more information to follow in a special edition of the Newsletter). We see the significance of our supporters through the participation in events such as the Spring Dinner, the Golf Tournament, the Hall of Fame inductions, and the Distinguished Alum recognition. We also appreciate the financial support of our contributors which allows the foundation to follow Senator Tsongas wisdom. We appreciate and recognize the past, and we shall continue to “reach ahead” to the future. Edison and Northeast—we trust our readers share our pride and our dreams.
Greetings Fellow Tommies,

On October 6th the class of 1957 had their 60th reunion in the afternoon and alumni from the class stopped by Edison after to have a look at the school they went to 6 decades ago. They were expecting to meet a couple of other classmates, but they didn’t connect. However, I happened to run into them on my way to the homecoming football game and was able to give them an impromptu guided tour of the building. We enjoyed a nice time talking of all the changes to their school and how great the building looked for being 95 years old. Then in contrast, on October 20th at the ECSF Edison Hall of Fame ceremony and was asked by Kia Xiong (06), one of the inductees and former student of mine, to push her mother who was in a wheel chair to the elevator. As we walked to the elevator with a Kia and a group of friends, who were also Edison grads, I heard them make the comment on how Edison hasn’t changed a bit. It kind of dawned on me how different the perceptions were of both groups who graduated from the same place. What I found interesting was how both groups were so proud of their school and what it meant to them and the positive shaping of their lives. We are all Tommies together for life and it is great to be part of a wonderful school and unique neighborhood!

I want to thank everyone who showed up to support our Oktoberfest “Indeed We Can” fundraiser at Indeed Brewery. We were able to raise almost $2,200 dollars from our efforts and I would like to thank Indeed Brewery for choosing the ECSF as one of their select community non-profit programs to support. It is so wonderful to have such a business in Northeast that understands the benefits of giving back to the community.

I had the pleasure of running into Stan Freese, former Edison band director from 1969 to 1971, at the class of 1972 reunion at Elsie’s on the 28th of October. Stan was director of music at Disney for over 42 years and has recently retired. He came directly out of college and started teaching band at Edison when the marching band program was struggling to fill chairs. Stan brought with him energy, his great sense of music and a strong background of marching in the U of M band. (If you remember he played the tuba for the president of the United States on a visit to D.C.) By the time Mr. Freese left Edison, the band had over 150 members and was well on its way to establishing a rich marching band tradition. Stan is looking great and is living in southern California with his wife and enjoys an occasional visit to Minnesota. He still has fond memories of his time at Edison and always looks forward to seeing some of his former students when he happens to be in town.

With the holidays fast approaching, I want to thank everyone for the great year we enjoyed with the ECSF. We had two of our most successful events ever, the May Scholarship dinner and ECSF Golf tournament. They were attended by more people and made more money than any previously to date. Thanks to our tremendous volunteers and dedicated board members, we will be able to give more in scholarship dollars to our deserving Edison students and give them a chance to improve their futures. Because of all of you, we are able to continue the great tradition of giving back that Edison is known for. I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and have a Happy New Year!

Go Tommies!
Mike Iacarella
President
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