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EDISON COMMUNITY & SPORTS FOUNDATION ALUMNI NEWS

2023 Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

The Edison Hall of Fame dinner was held Monday, October 16, 2023 at Murzyn Hall in Columbia Heights. Two athletes and a team were inducted into the Edison Hall of Fame at the induction dinner held October 16th. A small but enthusiastic group welcomed Lowell Mielke (65), Tim Schnieder (76), and the baseball team from 1979 into the hall as its newest inductees. Championship teams from 1977 were honored in the sports of football, girls and boys swimming, wrestling, boys skiing and boys' gymnastics.



Lowel Mielke, Class of 1964

Lowel Mielke spent three years at Edison High school. In those years he was a member of three organizations: The Order of DeMolay, The Senior Boy Scouts of America, and the Hall Monitors. In his three years at Edison High School, he earned eight letters in three

sports, and was co-football captain his senior year. The awards in football were earned his senior year. Lowel also earned a Sports Award for Minneapolis City Lineman of the Lineman of the week September 25, 1964. He was voted Minneapolis City Most Valuable Football Player of Edison 1964 by teammates and was selected a member to the Minneapolis All-City Football Team by WCCO and was also selected to the WCCO All State Football Team. He also received The National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame Scholar-Athlete Award of the Minneapolis Chapter of the National Football Foundation and the Ray Perkins Award. The last award he was given was a full football scholarship for the University of Minnesota where he also played three years of Hockey and lettered all three. He was team captain senior year and elected to

WCCO Minneapolis All-City Hockey Team and also was on track and field team three years, lettering all three years. His biggest achievement were medals received at the all-city track meet. He earned a 3rd place medal in the high hurdles and 3rd place medal in the low hurdles and a 3rd place medal in the shot put. None of these achievements would have been possible without fantastic team members and the best coaching staff in the city. Pete, Woody, Dave and Mr. Parsons. While attending the University of Minnesota, he met his wife of 55 years and moved to Mankato. There he started working at ADM. They have three wonderful children. Mielke joined the Army Reserves in 1969 and in 1971 attended OCS at Fort Benning Georgia and commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the Army Reserves. He reached the rank of 1st Lieutenant before being honorably discharged in 1982. Then, worked for Archer Daniels Midland Company for 37.2 years and was the maintenance superintendent for ADM West Plant in Decatur Illinois. In that time he coached several hockey team levels: mini-mites, squirts, bantams and midgets. The most enjoyable was with the mini-mites. Lowel played hockey until the age of 60 and was also an avid skeet, trap and sporting clay shooter and a life member of the National Skeet Shooting Association, a life member of Pheasants Forever, a Life Benefactor of the National Rifle Association, a life Member of Bassmaster, a member of Ducks Unlimited, a member of the American Legion Post 46 for 23 years, a member of The Elks for 11 years and a present member of Tarpon Springs BPOE 1719. He has held several positions in local government as a council member in three different cities. He still dabbles in politics as board director for their Condominium Association Windrush North II Tarpon Springs FL.

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Tim Schneider Class of 1976

Tim Schneider, class of 1976, was a 4-year letter winner in swimming and diving. He captained the team along with Teammates David Krepis, Jay Johnson, and Tom Anderson. He competed in the State Championships for three years and a bronze medalist in the 50-freestyle sprint as a senior and state AAU champion. At St. Olaf College he captained the team and helped the Oles achieve its first of many MIAC championships and was a conference champion in the 100-yard backstroke and competed in three NCAA championships. After college, he entered Mayo Medical School and then Johns Hopkins for an ophthalmology residency, and finally a fellowship in Cornea and Anterior Segment Surgery. He is currently in private practice in Jacksonville Florida and serves as the chairman of the Scientific Advisory Board for Three International. He is active in Volunteers in Medicine in Jacksonville, serves as an advisor for the Ponte Vedra Beach Concert Hall, and is active in The Church of Eleven 22, fulfilling his love of God, community, and music. He is grateful for the community of Northeast Minneapolis, and the coaches and teachers that motivated him to achieve and aspire to faster times not only in the pool but in the realm of academics. Coach Steven Hirsch, Coach Pat O'Keefe, and teachers Mike Minema, Mel Pibal, Dr. Bates, Mike Doyle, and Roger Harmon will always be his heroes.



region tournament, Edison won games against North 13-3, Henry 10-6, and Brooklyn Center 3-2. They played Fridley for the Region 5 championship. In a close game, the Tommies defeated Fridley 3-2 to move on to the State Tournament. Key players for the Tommies included pitchers; Pat PetKey players for the Tommies included pitchers; Pat Petrowitz (6-1), Tom Kazrowski (4-0) and Blaine Wakaruk (1.88 ERA). The hitting leaders were Tom Jaremko (.400), Jim Wentland (.377), and Jim Burns (.344).

Circle of Champions

1977 Football—The football team completed a city championship campaign(9-1) by going undefeated during the regular season. Their loss was in the Twin City game against St. Paul Johnson. Highlight victories were against Apple Valley and a one point victory over rival Washburn. Tim Femrite was an all-state selection

Boys Swimming—The Tommies finished second in the city during the dual meet schedule but rallied to take first in the conference meet by winning eight of the 11 events. The team finished third in the region meet and qualified four swimmers to the state meet.

Girls Swimming—The girls swim team won the city conference title this year with Margaret Brandes. Lisa Harstad, and Judy Johnson being top performers. Judy and Lisa qualified for the state meet.

Boys Gymnastics—The squad won a piece of the title for the second consecutive year. Jim McNeal, Rich Rorem, Parry Rawlings and Bill Macko were top performers.

Wrestling—The team won the city Title and six wrestlers were selected to the all-city team. With many underclassmen, the team was led by seniors Mike Neeb and Scott Masica.

Boys Skiing—The Tommies were the undefeated conference champs and city meet champions. The Jumping squad also won the District III title and finished third in the state meet. Bob Maxwell repeated as District III champion.

1979 Baseball Team

The 1979 baseball team continued the winning tradition at Edison by winning the 8th title in nine years. They completed city play with a 10-2 conference record and were co-champions with Washburn. In 12 conference games, the average score for those games was 9-3 in Edison's favor. The Tommies had a winning combination of good hitting, solid defense and great pitching. In the



Niles Schulz Scholarship Dinner - Save the Date
Wednesday May 8, 2024



Please save Wednesday May 8, 2024
Niles Schulz Scholarship Dinner
Time 6:00pm Social hour 7:00pm dinner
Murzyn Hall 530 Mill Street Columbia Heights MN
Tickets are \$175 and includes dinner for two and a \$50 raffle ticket
Our annual dinner helps raise the money to give out scholarships to the 2024 Edison recipients. Money is raised through the raffle and silent auction that night. Please contact Mary Dalbec at 763-245-0299 if you are interested in buying a ticket, donating to the silent auction or want to be a sponsor.

If you are not able to attend and want to help, donations can be made via check or on our website. To find out more information, call Mary or email us at edisoncsf@aol.com. We hope you can make it as it is always a great way to reconnect with alumni. All are welcome to our most wonderful event of the year!

Principal Warne Update

Tommie's have Talent! That's our slogan for the 23-24 school year. Our Tommies are proving that Tommies have tremendous talent on the field, in the classroom, on the stage—virtually everywhere! Here are just a few ways Tommies have demonstrated and shared their talents this year:

- Once again, the Edison Girls' Varsity Volleyball team won the All-State Academic Award, with all players achieving a 3.75-4.0 GPA for 1st quarter.
- A dozen Edison students served as election judges on November 7th.
- 5 Edison Boys' Soccer players were selected to play on the Minneapolis City All-Stars team, defeating the St. Paul All-Stars in front of a sold out crowd.
- Abdihafid Mohamed was selected to serve as one of two Student Representatives to the Minneapolis School Board.
- Jason Norden, Special Education Assistant at Edison, was selected as a semifinalist for the State ESP of the Year award.
- 5 Edison students grades 9-12 were selected for Citywide Student Government seats.
- Our Edison Activity Council raised over \$25,000 to support Edison Athletics and Activities; their benefit concert made the front page of the Northeaster!



And, you can see Tommie talent continue to shine this season:

- *Anything Goes* performs on December 7, 8, and 9, all shows at 7pm, and December 10 at 2pm.
- Basketball, Wrestling, Hockey and many other winter season athletic events will be happening at Edison and at other spots in the city. You can always find the most up-to-date Athletic schedule on the Edison website.
- Our Concert Band, Choir, Drumline, Jazz Band and other performing ensembles have concerts on December 11th and 12th.

We are grateful for our alumni's support of our talented Edison students and staff. Please continue to support students with your presence, pride, and encouragement.

Go Tommies!

Principal Eryn Warne



ECSF One Hundred for One Hundred “A Giving Legacy to Edison High School”

It's not about what I SEE for our future, or humanity; It's about what I DO for our future and humanity- Steve Maraboli

It was a dream of Niles Schulz, that if everyone on the ECSF mailing list would just give \$100 for the one hundred years of the school's existence, we would have a legacy for the school that could have such a tremendous impact on Edison and the Northeast community. With the legacy gift, ECSF could purchase the school much-needed equipment that it deserves and allow the ECSF to award scholarships to a greater number of Edison students. The ECSF is a 501-3c non-profit, so any funds donated are tax deductible.

Please think about the ECSF when deciding where to donate and give to an organization you know will influence the lives of our future students. If you were able to attend any of our ECSF events, you could see the dedication of our volunteer board members to our mission of making Edison a great place to go to school and Northeast a great community to live!



Golf Tournament

The 2024 Edison Community and Sports Foundation golf scramble will be held at Columbia Golf Course on July 29, 2024. Dinner will follow the tournament in the Columbia Manor Reception Hall. Follow @ECSFTournament on twitter, like the Edison Community & Sports Foundation Facebook page and this newsletter for details and updates.

2023 Class Reunion Fun



Class of 1983



Class of 1973



Left to Right: Joyce LaMere, Me, Jim Cottle, Janice Nebelung Khan, Gina Chiodo Baumann, Mary Charboneau, Terry Schafer Hoffman and Paul Seawell.

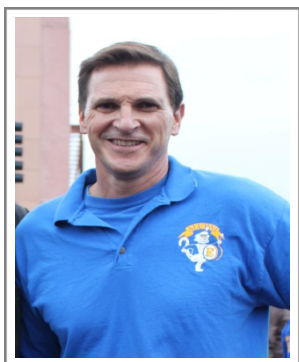
• Congratulations to 2023 Distinguished Alumni! •

- The Distinguished Alumni Award Committee would
- like to reach out to all Edison Alumni to solicit
- candidates for future consideration of the award.
- With thousands of graduates over the years we
- know there are many deserving of this prestigious
- award, but we need your help to identify candidates!
- **Contact us Electronically via email**
- EdisonCSF@aol.com
- Attn. Distinguished Alumni Committee

Save a Tree

Did you know ECSF Newsletter is mailed to more than 10,000 Alumni? With most things, the costs to mail hard copies has increased over the past few years. If you want to help reduce paper and also reducing printing and mailing costs, please go to <https://www.edisonsportsfoundation.org/news/> to update your contact information and include an Email address. You can then notify us at edisoncs@aol.com to remove your name from our hard copy mailing list.





Letter from President Iacarella

Greetings Fellow Tommie Alumni and Friends of Edison High School,

Sometimes the world feels like it is coming apart and there is so much hate and mistrust, but then the holidays and Christmas comes and pulls everyone together. A time when we can smile at the great things life has given us over the year. We reflect on how life is good and we have friends in this world that can get us through the toughest of times. I can smile that ECSF was able to give out over 26 scholarships this year to deserving Edison students. Because of your generosity, these students will be on their way to having a chance to become contributing members of society.

Also, because Edison alumni are so great and care about each other, ECSF was able to have a successful May Scholarship dinner and ECSF golf tournament this year. Without you coming out in great numbers to support these important ECSF events, all of these things we do for the school and the community would not be possible. I am so proud to be connected to all of you because we are all graduates of the same school and grew up in the same Northeast community. That common thread gives us the connectivity we all need as humans to give our lives purpose and meaning.

So when you are giving this season, think of what you can do for your school and community by donating to the ECSF. You can designate how much and when you want your donation to be distributed and since ECSF has very little overhead costs, close to 100% of your donation will go where you want it to go. Plus, we are a 401-3C charitable organization, so any donation made to ECSF is tax deductible.

I hope this holiday season is a joyous one for you and all of your loved ones and looking forward to doing some special things for our school and community in 2024!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Years!

Go Tommies!
Mike Iacarella
ECSF President



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Elllen (Sarich) Duncan, '49
Kathleen (Delmonico) Dupre, '70

Vicki Keller Erickson
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Tyran Hines, '72
Leo Jarrot, '60
Kathleen Krause (Neuman), '61
Pamela (Trombley) O'Neil, '77



David Palmquist, '69
Ed Moline, '46
Annette Parker, '67
Mary Joye "Dee" Peterson, '52
Janet Sundell Rhodes, '53
Donna (Benson) Swanson, '50

Edison Alumni Marching Band is going to Florida!

The Edison Alumni Marching band is no stranger to traveling; New Orleans for Mardi Gras, Chicago for St. Patrick's day and New Ulm, for the Bavarian Blast. This year the band has been offered a special invitation to play in the **Edison Festival of Lights Grand Day Parade** in Fort Myers Florida on Saturday February 17, 2024. A person in the Fort Myers area found out about our schools centennial and thought the alumni band would be a great fit for this parade which honors of our schools namesake. The Edison Festival of Lights is a weeklong celebration of Edison's contribution to light and his residency in the Fort Myers area. The Grand Day Parade is the largest parade in the Southeast United States and is celebrating its 85th year.



The Edison Alumni Band is a volunteer group and loves playing at reunions and fundraisers for donations or a libation or two. A trip of this magnitude can be expensive. A lot of the costs will be picked up by the band members themselves, but we need help to pay for housing, transportation and food while down in the Fort Myers area. Any contribution to the ECSF in honor of the alumni band would be greatly appreciated. Also, if you are a Floridian or just want to get away for a little break from winter weather, feel free to think about joining in on the fun in Fort Myers. We are reaching out to those Edison Alumni that live in the sunshine state and it would wonderful to have a group of Edison alumni in mass on the parade route cheering the band on. We are even thinking of having a pre-parade gathering to get ready for the parade. We will keep you posted!

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Andy Anderson, in memory of Ron H Anderson, '56
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The Edison Community & Sports Foundation is made up of 30 Board Directors who volunteer their time and efforts to support Edison High School students and organizations with scholarships and other charitable commitments. It started as a way to honor former teacher/coach and great athlete - Pete Guzy and has become a lasting tribute to his spirit and Edison's alumni's dedication to the school and NE Minneapolis. You can participate with the Foundation at the annual Hall of Fame Night, Distinguished Alumni Award Event, Niles Schulz Scholarship Dinner, Art Solz Memorial Golf Tournament, the Homecoming/Oktoberfest or with a scholarship contribution or Legacy Program.

Board of Director meetings are held at Edison High School on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm. Changes will be posted on our website www.EdisonSportsFoundation.org
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The ECSF would also like to offer classes the opportunity to utilize our mailing services and non-profit mailing permit. Please contact us for more information.

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