

# ***Legends Stadium Wall of Fame***

Kalispell, MT 59901

## ***Inductees Through the Years***

Inductees were chosen based upon community service; excellence in leadership, academics, and teaching in Kalispell Public Schools; accomplishments in the playing fields and gymnasiums of School District Five and the state of Montana; and overall outstanding athletic achievements.

### ***Ken Rawson***

- ❖ Oct. 16, 1961, Mr. Rawson passed away while in his 14th year as principal of Flathead County High School. As a memorial to him the football facility at Flathead County High School was named Rawson Field.

During the spring of 2004 the Flathead High School Trustees voted to change the name of Rawson Field to Legends Stadium. With outstanding students, athletes, teachers, coaches and administrators, the board believed that recognizing “Legends” would be an effective way to recognize many different individuals who have made a significant contribution to our school community.

## **Induction Class of 2004**

### ***Lou Bain***

- ❖ 1939 Co-Captain Flathead County High School (FCHS) State Class A Champion Football Team, beating Miles City 25-0.
- ❖ 1939 All State Football Team.
- ❖ 1939 Co-Captain FCHS basketball and track teams.
- ❖ 1940 Set school records in low hurdles, high hurdles, high jump, and pole vault; three of these records stood for 20 years.
- ❖ 1940 Champion Montana Class A State in pole vault and high jump.
- ❖ Awarded football scholarship to Montana State University (U of M today).
- ❖ Enlisted in the Armed Forces in WWII saying, “It is my duty to serve my country.”
- ❖ 1947-2006 Editor of Flathead High School (FHS) Sports Program.
- ❖ 1980’s-1990’s Sports reporter for the Kalispell Weekly News.

### ***Gene Boyle***

- ❖ 1976-1996 FHS educator, coach, and activities director.
- ❖ 1980 Head Coach FHS Class AA State runner-up Champion Football Team.
- ❖ 1998-2003 Head Coach FHS Bravettes softball teams.
- ❖ Two-time third place Montana Class AA Girls Softball State Teams.
- ❖ 2003 Head Coach FHS Montana Class AA Girls Softball State Championship.

- ❖ Eleven-year principal of St. Matthew's Catholic School.
- ❖ 45 years in education.
- ❖ April 29, 2015, the Bravettes softball field was dedicated "Boyle Field".

## ***Neil Eliason***

- ❖ 1961 Named Montana Amateur Athletic Union Chairman of Women's Track and Field.
- ❖ 1961 Created the Timberettes girls track and field program in Kalispell, becoming a model organization that inspired similar track clubs across Montana while making inroads for other female sports in Montana girls' competitive high school athletics including swimming and basketball.
- ❖ 1967 Timberettes program had nearly 500 female track and field participants.
- ❖ 1969 Montana High School Association added girls track and field competition as a sanctioned sport.
- ❖ 1968 Established the Flathead Valley Community College (FVCC) Mountainettes track and field team.
- ❖ 1969-1971 Coached FHS Timberettes Class A State Championship Track and Field Teams, the largest classification in the state at that time.
- ❖ 1965-1972 Timberettes teams did not lose a single meet.
- ❖ 1971 FVCC Mountainettes team placed fourth at the National Intercollegiate Track and Field Championships behind three large four-year schools.
- ❖ 1972 FVCC Mountainettes team placed third at the National Intercollegiate Track and Field Championships.
- ❖ 1977 Named Head Coach of Montana State University (MSU) Bobcat women's track and field team.
- ❖ 1983 Inducted into the Montana Coaches Association Hall of Fame.
- ❖ Named Assistant Athletic Director MSU, serving until 1985.

## ***Frank Little***

- ❖ Started football coaching career in Dutton, MT; team won district title.
- ❖ Won five Montana state football championships.
- ❖ 1940 Head Coach Dawson County High School, Glendive, Class A State Football Championship team; beat FCHS, the 1939 defending Class A champions, 2-0.
- ❖ 1947 Head Coach Park High School, Livingston, Class A State Football Champions.
- ❖ 1950 Named Head Coach FCHS Class AA Football Team.
- ❖ 1951-1952 Head Coach FCHS Class AA Football Championship Team.
- ❖ 1954 Coached FCHS Class AA Football Championship Team, runner-up.
- ❖ 1967 Head Coach, Libby High School, Class A State Football Championship Team.
- ❖ 1982 Member of first induction class to the Montana Coaches Hall of Fame.

## ***Joe McKay***

- ❖ 1966-1995 Kalispell School District Five Educator.
- ❖ First-ever Head Coach FHS Bravettes basketball team posting a 194-74 record (.724) over a 12-year span.

- ❖ 1967-1973 Assistant Coach FHS Timberettes track and field teams.
- ❖ 1974-2001 Head Coach FHS Bravettes track and field team.
- ❖ 1991 Inducted into the Montana Coaches Hall of Fame.
- ❖ 1999 Named National Girls' Track and Field Coach of the Year by the National Federation of Interscholastic Coaches Association.
- ❖ 2003 Inducted into the National High School Athletic Coaches Association Hall of Fame.
- ❖ Head Coach of 12 Montana Class AA State Girls Championship Track and Field Teams.
- ❖ Head Coach of 15 Montana Class AA Divisional Track and Field Championship Teams.
- ❖ 1991-1995 Head Coach Class AA Montana Girls Track and Field consecutive championship wins.
- ❖ Head Coach of eight Class AA Montana Girls Track and Field Championships in a ten-year span.
- ❖ 2001 Retired as the FHS Bravettes' Track and Field Head Coach after 28 years; 35 years total as a coach of girls track and field.

### **Induction Class of 2005**

#### ***Bill Epperly***

- ❖ 1966-1971 Head Coach FHS track and field teams.
- ❖ 1980-2016 Assistant Coach FHS track and field teams.
- ❖ Assistant coach of seven FHS Montana Class AA State Track and Field Teams.
- ❖ 1967-1971 Assistant Coach FHS football teams.
- ❖ 1970 Coach FHS Montana Class AA State Championship Football Team.
- ❖ 1966-1970 Assistant Coach FHS basketball teams.
- ❖ 1979-1993 Head Coach FHS Braves basketball teams.
- ❖ 1982 and 1989 Head Coach FHS Montana Class AA State Championship Basketball Teams.
- ❖ Head Coach of three FHS Western AA Conference Championship Basketball Teams.
- ❖ 1982 and 1989 Selected Montana Class AA Coach of the Year.
- ❖ 1993 Nominated for Region 7 National Coach of the Year.
- ❖ 1990 Inducted into the Montana Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

#### ***Dan Hodge***

- ❖ Member of Montana State University All-Big Sky Conference Football Team.
- ❖ Member of Montana State University All-Big Sky Conference Track Team.
- ❖ 1972-2005 FHS classroom educator.
- ❖ 1976 Head Coach of FHS Braves track and field team, a position he held for 39 years.
- ❖ Head Coach of six Montana Class AA Track and Field Championship Teams.
- ❖ Head Coach of 16 divisional track and field championship teams.
- ❖ Track and field teams placed 2nd seven times at the Class AA State Track and Field Meet.
- ❖ Track and field teams placed 2nd ten times at the Class AA divisional track and field meet.
- ❖ 1998 Inducted into the Montana Coaches Hall of Fame.
- ❖ 2002 and 2005 Region 7 National High School Athletic Coaches Association Track and Field Coach of the Year.
- ❖ 2013 Named National High School Athletic Coaches Association Boys Track and Field Coach of the Year.

- ❖ Finalist four times for the National High School Athletic Coaches Association track and field coach of the year.
- ❖ 2015 Inducted into the National High School Athletic Coaches Association Hall of Fame.
- ❖ Named seven times as the Montana Class AA Track and Field Coach of the Year.

### ***Paul Jorgensen***

- ❖ Coached 13 Montana Class AA State Girls Cross Country Championship Teams.
- ❖ Twice his girls cross country teams won state championships four consecutive years.
- ❖ Coached 11 Montana Class AA State Boys Cross Country Championship Teams.
- ❖ 1997-2002 FHS boys cross country teams won six consecutive Montana Class AA Championships.
- ❖ 1997 Inducted into the Montana Coaches Association Hall of Fame.
- ❖ 2003 Inducted into the National High School Association Athletic Coaches Association Hall of Fame.
- ❖ Coached cross country at FHS for 45 years.
- ❖ Named Montana Coaches Association (MCA) Coach of the Year 25 times, 12 for boys' cross country.
- ❖ Most decorated high school cross country coach in Montana history.

### **Induction Class of 2006**

### ***Robert “Bones” Gorton***

- ❖ 1930's Montana legend on the FCHS football team.
- ❖ Lettered four years in football, basketball, and track and field at FCHS.
- ❖ Nicknamed “Bones Crusher” and “Boney” due to his enthusiasm for his favorite sport.
- ❖ Played football at the University of Washington.
- ❖ Interrupted college and served in the European Theater of Operations during WWII as a lieutenant and squad leader with the 71st Division US Third Infantry, rising to captain.
- ❖ 1946 Returned to play football after the war at Montana State University (U of M today).
- ❖ Selected for College All American Team by a major college poll following senior year.
- ❖ Teacher, administrator, and coach in junior high school and high school in Billings.
- ❖ 1983 retired after 37 years in education with the Billings School District.

### **Induction Class of 2008**

### ***Neil Hart***

- ❖ 17-year Assistant Coach FCHS football team.
- ❖ 1959 Assistant Coach FCHS Braves Montana Class A State Championship Football Team.
- ❖ Six-year Assistant Coach FHS basketball teams.
- ❖ 10-year Assistant Coach FCHS wrestling teams.
- ❖ Five-year Athletic Director FCHS.
- ❖ 20-year Assistant Coach FHS Timberettes and Bravettes track and field teams.
- ❖ 1969, 1970, 1971 Assistant Coach FCHS Timberettes Montana Class A State Championship Track and Field Teams.

- ❖ 1947-1984 Member of Montana Officials Organization.
- ❖ One of the first officials in Montana to hold highest level of official's certification in football, basketball, and wrestling.
- ❖ 1987 Inducted into the Montana Officials Association Hall of Fame.
- ❖ 30-year Educator for Kalispell School District 5.
- ❖ Sunrider Lions Club member for over 30 years.

## ***Mike Huggins***

- ❖ Three sport star at FCHS.
- ❖ Member of two FCHS State Championship Football Teams.
- ❖ 1959 First Team All-State Class AA Football, quarterback.
- ❖ 1959 First Team All-State Class AA Basketball.
- ❖ 1959 Ranked third in the state in scoring for basketball.
- ❖ 1959 Awarded the prestigious FHS Koford Award; award selection based upon scholarship, athletics, character, and inspiration.
- ❖ 1960 Montana East-West Shrine Football Game selection.
- ❖ 1960 State Champion High Jump with state record of 6' 6 ½ ".
- ❖ Received full-ride scholarship to University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA).
- ❖ Member of UCLA Coach John Wooden's first National Championship Basketball Team.
- ❖ Played guard at UCLA behind guards Walt Hazzard (inductee into the College Basketball Hall of Fame) and Gail Goodrich (inductee into the National Basketball Association Hall of Fame).

## **Induction Class of 2010**

## ***Ken Christison***

- ❖ Member of two FCHS Montana State Championship Football teams.
- ❖ 1960 Montana East-West Shrine Football Game selection.
- ❖ 1960-1964 Montana State University Bobcat football player.
- ❖ 1964 First Team All-Big Sky Conference, quarterback.
- ❖ Finished football career at MSU with 91 for 197 passes, 12 touchdowns, and 1,410 career passing yards.
- ❖ All-Big Sky javelin champion.
- ❖ 1963 Named All-American in javelin (first MSU Track and Field All-American).
- ❖ 1963 Set record at MSU for "old javelin" of 240' 11" that still stands. The javelin was redesigned in 1986 moving the center of mass forward making it travel a shorter distance and descend at a steeper angle, helping it stick into the ground rather than simply laying down.
- ❖ 2000 Inducted into the MSU Hall of Fame for football and track and field.

## ***Tom Little***

- ❖ 1949-1951 Three-time Montana All State Football player.
- ❖ 1950 Co-Captain of the Montana Class AA State Football Championship Team.
- ❖ 1950 Montana East-West Shrine Football Game selection.
- ❖ 1951 Member of the FHS Montana Class AA State Basketball Championship Team.

- ❖ 1951 Named MVP of the Montana High School Basketball State Tournament as co-captain.
- ❖ 1951 Member of the Montana All-State Basketball Team.
- ❖ FCHS First recipient of the Kofard Award presented to the school's outstanding student of character, scholarship, athletics, and inspiration.
- ❖ Played football at Oregon State University.
- ❖ 12-year Kalispell District Five School Board member.
- ❖ One of the leaders in the renovation of Legends Stadium.

## ***Sam McCullum***

- ❖ FHS three sport star in football, basketball, and track and field.
- ❖ 1969 First Team All-State Class AA Football Team.
- ❖ 1970 Member of FHS State Class AA Basketball Championship Team.
- ❖ 1970-1973 Montana State University football team.
- ❖ Scored record-setting 16 touchdowns in MSU career.
- ❖ First Team All-Big Sky football selection, receiver.
- ❖ 1974 Ninth Round draft Selection National Football League, receiver.
- ❖ Played 10 years in the National Football League; 4 years Vikings, 6 years Seahawks.
- ❖ 1975 Played in Super Bowl IX with the Minnesota Vikings.
- ❖ 173 Yards receiving in win versus Oakland Raiders
- ❖ Caught the first touchdown in Seahawks franchise history.
- ❖ Career totals in NFL: 274 receptions, 26 touchdowns, and 4,017 receiving yards.
- ❖ 1982-84 Chosen by peers as Vice President of the National Football League Players Association.
- ❖ 1993 Inducted into the MSU Hall of Fame.
- ❖ 2018 Inducted into the Montana Football Hall of Fame.

## ***Lexi Miller-Beck***

- ❖ Member of three FHS Class AA State Track and Field Championship Teams.
- ❖ 1979 Highest point scorer in Class AA State Track and Field Meet.
- ❖ Set standing Montana High School Association State Track and Field Meet record of most points scored at 29.5 points on a 6,4,3,2,1 point scoring basis.
- ❖ 1979 Set the Class AA long jump record at 18' 11 ¼'.
- ❖ Four-year letter winner as a member of the University of Oregon track and field team.
- ❖ 1981 Set University of Oregon school record in 100-meter hurdles at 13.67; record holds at 4th place all-time at the University of Oregon.
- ❖ 1983 Set 400-meter hurdles record at the University of Oregon at 57.08; as of 2015 record still stands.
- ❖ 1983 NorPac Conference champion, 400-meter hurdles.
- ❖ Invited to and competed in two United States Olympic Team trials.

## ***Zoe Nelson***

- ❖ Member of four Montana Class AA State Cross Country Championship Teams.
- ❖ Member of two Montana Class AA State Track and Field Championship Teams.
- ❖ Four-time individual Montana Class AA State Cross Country Champion.

- ❖ Three-time individual Montana Class AA State Track and Field 1600-meter Champion.
- ❖ Three-time individual Montana Class AA State Track and Field 3200-meter Champion.
- ❖ 2004 Set All-Classification Montana State Track and Field 3200-meter record at 10:26.18.
- ❖ Three-time Montana Gatorade Female Track and Field Athlete of the Year.
- ❖ Montana Little Miss Sullivan Award nominee.
- ❖ 2005 FHS valedictorian.
- ❖ Four-year letter winner at University of Oregon in cross country and track and field.

### **Induction Class of 2011**

#### ***Jamison Banna***

- ❖ 1987 First Team All-Conference Class AA Football Team, defensive back.
- ❖ 1987 First Team All-State Class AA Football Team, defensive back.
- ❖ 1987 Awarded the prestigious FHS Koford Award; award selection based upon scholarship, athletics, character, and inspiration.
- ❖ Six-time divisional champion in multiple track and field events.
- ❖ Four-time Montana Class AA State Track and Field 110-meter Hurdle Champion.
- ❖ Four-time Montana Class AA State Track and Field 300-meter Hurdle Champion.
- ❖ Holder of 3 track records at FHS.
- ❖ 1991 Set MSU 55-meter hurdles record at 7.47.
- ❖ Big Sky Conference Indoor Champion 55-meter hurdles.
- ❖ 1993 Set record at MSU in 110-meter hurdle at 14.01; record stands as of 2015.

#### ***Mark Gilman***

- ❖ Two-time First Team All-Conference Class AA football, wide receiver.
- ❖ Two-time Second Team All-State Class AA football, wide receiver.
- ❖ Tied for sixth all-time in receptions at FHS.
- ❖ 1989 Member of FHS Class AA State Championship Basketball Team.
- ❖ Set records as sixth, eighth, and 15th all-time for single season scoring in FHS basketball history.
- ❖ FHS record holder for single-season 3-point shooting percentage.
- ❖ Two-time Class AA Divisional Champion in shot put and discus.
- ❖ Member of two NCAA Division I National Collegiate Athletic Association Championship Football Teams, University of Nebraska.
- ❖ Co-Captain University of Nebraska football team, senior season.
- ❖ 2005 Inducted into the Montana High School Association Athletes Hall of Fame.

#### ***Bob Raeth***

- ❖ FHS Teacher and Coach.
- ❖ 1981-2001 Head Coach FHS football.
- ❖ Head Coach FHS football teams for three state playoffs.
- ❖ 1985 Head Coach FHS Divisional Championship Football Team.
- ❖ 1988 Assistant Coach FHS track and field team.

- ❖ Coached nine individual Montana Class AA State Track and Field champions.
- ❖ Assistant Coach of six Montana Class AA State Track and Field Championship Teams.
- ❖ 1979 Head Coach of Whitefish High School Class A State Championship Football Team.
- ❖ Three-time Head Coach of West team, Montana East-West Shrine Football Game.

### ***Alice Ritzman***

- ❖ 1969 FHS Montana Girls State Delegate.
- ❖ 1970 Member of FHS Montana Class AA State Championship Girls Golf Team.
- ❖ Three-time Montana Junior Golf Champion.
- ❖ Two-time Montana Women's State Amateur Golf Champion.
- ❖ 1978-1998 Played on the Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA) tour.
- ❖ 1979 Established an LPGA all-time record by carding three eagles in one round at the Colgate European Open.
- ❖ 1986 Posted her career-low record round of 64 at the Rochester International.
- ❖ 1989 Posted two second-place ties and nine top-10 finishes on the LPGA.
- ❖ 1992 Posted six top-10 finishes.
- ❖ 1992 Crossed the \$1 million mark in career earnings.
- ❖ 1993 Posted three top-10 finishes and an additional five top-20 finishes.
- ❖ 1994 Posted seven top-20 finishes, including a second-place finish at the McDonald's LPGA Championship and a tie for fourth at the Standard Register PING Championship.
- ❖ Holds the highest-ranking place on the career money list (43) as a non-winner with \$1,490,016.
- ❖ 1991 Inducted into the State of Montana Women's Golf Association Hall of Fame.

### ***Scott Zanon***

- ❖ Two-time Montana Class AA First Team All-Conference Football Team.
- ❖ Two-time Montana Class AA First Team All-State Football Team.
- ❖ Montana Second Team Class AA All-State Football Team.
- ❖ 1982 Member of the FHS Championship Team.
- ❖ 1982 Awarded the prestigious FHS Koford Award; award selection based upon scholarship, athletics, character, and inspiration.
- ❖ Set records as 9th and 21st all-time single season scorer in FHS basketball history.
- ❖ Seven-time Class AA Divisional Track and Field Champion.
- ❖ Montana Class AA Track and Field Champion.
- ❖ Set four track and field records while at FHS.
- ❖ Established FHS high jump record at 6' 10 ½".
- ❖ University of Montana three sport athlete.
- ❖ 1986-87 Second Team All-Big Sky Basketball Team.
- ❖ 1986-87 Led the University of Montana Grizzlies Basketball Team in scoring as a senior.
- ❖ 1985 Big Sky Conference Track and Field Decathlon Champion.
- ❖ High jumped 6' 11 ¾" for the U of M Grizzly Track and Field Team.

### **Induction Class of 2014**



## ***Cheri Bratt***

- ❖ Three-time Montana Class AA All-State Basketball Team.
- ❖ Four-time Montana Class AA State All-Tournament Basketball Team.
- ❖ All-time Bravettes basketball career leader in assists, rebounds, and steals.
- ❖ Named to the Montana Class AA All State Track and Field Team three times.
- ❖ Four-year starter for the U of M Lady Griz Basketball Team.
- ❖ 1984 Leader on U of M Lady Griz basketball team that reached the NCAA Tournament Sweet 16.
- ❖ Named All-Big Sky all four years of her U of M Lady Griz basketball career.
- ❖ Named MVP on U of M Lady Griz team as a junior and senior.
- ❖ Holds Lady Griz career record for steals.
- ❖ Named U of M Wade Trophy finalist senior year (Wade Trophy recognizes the top 30 senior women collegiate basketball players in the nation).
- ❖ Played professional basketball in Wuppertal, West Germany.
- ❖ 1995 Inducted into the Montana Grizzly Sports Hall of Fame.

## ***Gary Moen***

- ❖ School District 5 Educator and Coach.
- ❖ Two-time National High School Athletic Coaches Association Region 7 Assistant Coach of the Year, Girls Track and Field.
- ❖ 1982 and 1989 Assistant Coach of Montana Class AA Boys Basketball Championship Teams.
- ❖ 1990 Coach of Bravettes undefeated junior varsity basketball team, 20-0.
- ❖ 2000 and 2001 Assistant Coach of Montana Class AA Girls Basketball Championship Teams.
- ❖ 2002 Montana High School Association Montana Class AA Assistant Coach of the Year.
- ❖ 2002 Named one of the Top 500 Assistant Track and Field Coaches in the Nation.
- ❖ Assistant Coach of 14 FHS Montana Class AA State Track and Field Girls Championship Teams.
- ❖ Assistant Coach of 10 FHS Montana Class AA State Track and Field girls individual state champions.
- ❖ Assistant Coach of six FHS Montana Class AA State Track and Field Boys Championship Teams.
- ❖ Assistant Coach of five FHS Montana Class AA State Track and Field boys individual state champions.

## ***Jim Sweeney***

- ❖ Played college football at University of Oregon and University of Portland.
- ❖ 1955 Head Coach of the Butte Central High School Montana Class B Football Championship Team.
- ❖ 1958 and 1959 Head Coach FHS Montana Class A State Championship Football Teams.
- ❖ 1963-67 Head Coach Montana State University Football Team.
- ❖ Three-time Head Coach Montana State University Big Sky Championship Football Teams.
- ❖ 1964, 1966, 1967 Big Sky Conference Coach of the Year.
- ❖ 1966 Regional NCAA Coach of the Year.
- ❖ 1968-1975 Head Football Coach Washington State University; record 26-59-1.
- ❖ 1972 Pac 8 and District NCAA Coach of the Year.

- ❖ 1976-1995 Head Football Coach, Fresno State University; record 144-74-3; 8 conference championships; the 144 wins is most ever at Fresno State.
- ❖ College career record 201-153-4 as Head Coach.
- ❖ 12 conference titles, 5 bowl wins, 11 coach of the year awards, and 4 district coach of the year awards over his 32-year career as college head football coach.
- ❖ Coached eight players who played in the National Football League.
- ❖ Coached nine players or assistants who rose to the ranks of Division 1 head football coaches.
- ❖ NFL Assistant Coach for two years.
- ❖ 1992 Inducted into the Fresno State University Hall of Fame.
- ❖ 1996 Honored with Fresno State Bulldog Stadium field being renamed the Jim Sweeney Field.
- ❖ 2002 Inducted into the Montana State University Hall of Fame.

### ***Dick Wilson***

- ❖ 1950 and 1951 Member of the FCHS State Championship Football Teams.
- ❖ 1950 and 1951 Montana First Team All-State High School Football Team.
- ❖ 1950 and 1951 Member of FCHS State Champion Basketball Teams.
- ❖ 1950 and 1951 Member of Montana All-State High School Basketball Team.
- ❖ 1951 Recipient of the prestigious FHS Koford Award presented to the school's outstanding student of character, scholarship, athletics, and inspiration.
- ❖ Member of the National Honor Society.
- ❖ Montana Boys State participant.
- ❖ Recipient of a Naval ROTC Scholarship, Oregon State University.
- ❖ Member of Oregon State University basketball and baseball teams during his sophomore, junior and senior years.
- ❖ 2000 Inducted into OSU Basketball Hall of Fame.

### **Induction Class of 2016**

### ***Frank Cabbage***

- ❖ Earned eight letters at FCHS in football, basketball, and track and field.
- ❖ Member of Montana All-State Team, football.
- ❖ Member of Montana All-State Honorable Mention Basketball Team as a junior.
- ❖ Member of Montana First Team All-State, basketball.
- ❖ Selected to play in the North-South Montana All-Star High School Basketball Game.
- ❖ Second Place Montana State Track and Field Championship, javelin as a sophomore.
- ❖ State Champion Montana State Track and Field Championships, javelin both junior and senior years.
- ❖ Set state javelin record as a senior at 191' 5 ¾".
- ❖ 1957 Awarded the prestigious FHS Koford Award as a FCHS senior; award selection based upon scholarship, athletics, character, and inspiration.
- ❖ Competed in track and field at Western Montana College.

- ❖ Set National Association of Interscholastic Athletics District 5 record in the javelin at 207'8".
- ❖ Pitched a no-hitter baseball game for the Kalispell American Legion Baseball Team.
- ❖ Batting averages of .455 and .488 during his last two years of Legion Baseball.

## ***Jeff Epperly***

- ❖ FHS Three sport star.
- ❖ 1980 FHS Braves football team quarterback in the Class AA State Championship game.
- ❖ Selected Montana All-State Class AA, quarterback.
- ❖ 1981 Selected to play in the Montana East-West Shrine Football Game.
- ❖ 1981 Member of the Co-Western Class AA Conference Basketball Championship Team.
- ❖ Member of the fourth place Montana Class AA State Basketball Tournament team.
- ❖ Scored over 1100 points in two seasons for a 24 points per game average.
- ❖ Led the FHS Braves basketball team in rebounding and assists as a junior and senior.
- ❖ 1979-80 and 1980-81 Basketball seasons was selected First Team All-State Class AA Basketball.
- ❖ 1981 Designated as one of the top 10 basketball players statewide, all classifications, by the Great Falls Tribune.
- ❖ 1981 Selected by the National High School Athletic Coaches Association as an All-American in basketball, academics designee.
- ❖ 1981 Selected to play for Montana in the Montana vs Wyoming All-Star basketball series and was the leading team scorer in both Montana wins.
- ❖ Broke the FHS 20-year high jump record, jumping 6'7".
- ❖ Placed four years in the high jump, Montana Class AA State Track and Field Meet.
- ❖ 1980 Awarded the prestigious FHS Koford Award presented to the school's outstanding student of character, scholarship, athletics, and inspiration with a requirement of being All-State in at least two sports.
- ❖ Starter for 3 ½ years for the MSU Bobcats Basketball Team.
- ❖ 1983-1985 Received All-Big Sky basketball recognition.
- ❖ Played in 112 games over his four-year MSU Bobcat career averaging 12 points.
- ❖ High jumped 6'10" in the MSU/U of M dual meet.

## **Induction Class of 2017**

### ***Brent Wilson***

- ❖ Dominating force in basketball his four years as a FHS Braves basketball player.
- ❖ 1963 Won the National Punt, Pass, and Kick championship as a Hedges student. The event was in Chicago at the NFL championship game between the Chicago Bears and the New York Giants.
- ❖ Ranked number 19 in the top 50 all-time players in Montana basketball history.
- ❖ 1967-1970 FHS Braves basketball starter.
- ❖ 1968-1970 First Team All-State Class AA Basketball, center.
- ❖ 1968 and 1969 Member of the winning FHS Braves teams in the Big 32 Western Division Championship.
- ❖ 1970 Member of the winning FHS Braves team in the Big 16 Western Conference Championship.

- ❖ 1968-1970 Led FHS Braves in the Montana Basketball State Championship games. The Braves captured second in 1968, losing to Wolf Point and second in 1969, losing to Laurel.
- ❖ 1970 Scored 51 points in the game against the Helena High Bengals capturing the trophy to win the state championship with a score of 80-63. This was the most points ever scored in a Class AA championship game.
- ❖ FHS Braves basketball career scored 1930 points and 1328 rebounds.
- ❖ 1970 Set FHS records for single season scoring 703 points and 417 rebounds.
- ❖ 1970 Won state championship in shot put throwing the discus well over 150' in competitions many times.
- ❖ Received full-ride basketball scholarship to MSU and played two years for the Bobcats.
- ❖ Transferred to Colorado State University and played two years for the Rams.
- ❖ Major contributor all four years of his college basketball career.
- ❖ Played professional basketball for a year in Sweden.

### ***Jim Kola***

- ❖ 1969-2001 Taught at Kalispell Junior High for a total of 32 years in the classroom.
- ❖ 1970 Assistant Coach FHS track and field.
- ❖ 2007 Assistant Coach GHS track and field.
- ❖ Assistant Coach for boys' and girls' basketball for School District 5.
- ❖ Coached 12 boys Montana State High School hurdles champions.
- ❖ Coached seven girls Montana State High School hurdles champions.
- ❖ Coached six boys Montana Class AA State Track and Field Champion Teams.
- ❖ Coached ten girls Montana Class AA State Track and Field Champion Teams.
- ❖ 2004-2005 Named the State of Montana Assistant Track and Field Coach of the Year.
- ❖ 2011, 2014, and 2017 Nominated for the prestigious National Assistant Track and Field Coach award.

### ***No inductions in 2018-2019***

### ***Induction Class of 2020***

### ***Grady Bennett***

- ❖ FHS Three sport star.
- ❖ 1984 Second Team All-State Class AA basketball.
- ❖ 1985 First Team All-State Class AA Football, quarterback.
- ❖ 1986 First Team All-State Class AA Basketball, guard.
- ❖ 1986 First Team All-Tournament Basketball, runner-up team.
- ❖ 1986 Class AA State Champion, 300-meter hurdles.
- ❖ 1986 FHS Koford Award winner presented to the school's outstanding student of character, scholarship, athletics, and inspiration.
- ❖ Full-ride football MSU; transferred to U of M after one year.
- ❖ 1989 Second Team All-Big Sky, quarterback.
- ❖ 1989 Honorable Mention All-American.

- ❖ 1990 Second Team All-Big Sky, quarterback.
- ❖ 1990 Team MVP, Steve Carlson Award.
- ❖ Top six recordholder for U of M Griz football team in 8 different offensive categories.
- ❖ Head Coach Flathead Braves and Glacier Wolfpack Football teams.
- ❖ Coached Wolfpack football team to the playoffs 10 of the first 13 years in existence.
- ❖ 2014 Coached GHS Wolfpack to Montana Class AA State Championship.
- ❖ 2013-2016 Coached GHS Wolfpack to Montana Class AA State Championship, runners-up.
- ❖ 2014 MHSAA Coach of the Year.
- ❖ 2018 Varsity Brands national coach of the Year 'Most Spirited Coach'.
- ❖ 1991-2007 FHS Teacher Business Education.
- ❖ 2007-present GHS Teacher Business Education.

### **Induction Class of 2021**

#### ***Jeff Anderson***

- ❖ Competitor for FHS cross country and wrestling.
- ❖ 1981 Second-place Class AA State Wrestling Champion.
- ❖ 1982 Class AA State Wrestling Champion with an impressive undefeated year.
- ❖ 1982 Placed second in the AAU National Championships.
- ❖ 1982 Named High School All-American by USA Wrestling.
- ❖ Named the first alternate for the US team for Greco-Roman Elite World Championships.
- ❖ 1983-1987 Wrestled at Northwest Junior College, WY, and U of M as the smallest and lightest wrestler to compete at the NCAA Division I level.
- ❖ Won a Junior Pan-American Championship in Greco-Roman; Junior Pan-American silver medalist freestyle wrestling; and was a World Team Camp Member.
- ❖ U of M graduate with degrees in biology, geology, and health enhancement.
- ❖ Four-time United States Wrestling Olympic Team trials qualifier.
- ❖ Head Coach Frenchtown High School wrestling team, (team placed 2nd at state).
- ❖ Assistant Coach Great Falls High School wrestling team.
- ❖ Head Coach Great Falls High School tennis team, (team placed 2nd at state).
- ❖ Braves head wrestling coach seven years; Braves assistant coach 11 years.
- ❖ Head Coach FHS tennis team.
- ❖ FHS sciences and health enhancement educator for 29 years.
- ❖ Received the prestigious Woodrow Wilson Fellowship to study and research genetics at Princeton University.
- ❖ Head Coach Kalispell Wrestling Club.
- ❖ Assistant Coach Flathead Valley Wrestling Club.
- ❖ Five-time Head Coach of Montana Wrestling international team.
- ❖ Ten-time Head Coach of Team Montana at Junior Nationals.
- ❖ Past ten-year president of USA Wrestling of Montana.
- ❖ Coach and coordinator Montana Intensive Wrestling Camp.

- ❖ International competitor and/or coach in Australia, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Chechnya, Finland, Republic of Georgia, Germany, Mexico, Japan, and Russia.
- ❖ Selected as the USA Wrestling National Assistant Coach of the Year.
- ❖ Named Montana Coaches Association Assistant Coach of the Year six times.
- ❖ 2019 National High School Association Assistant Coach of the Year finalist.
- ❖ Awarded the International Olympic Committee Volunteer of the Year.
- ❖ Honorable mention to the Top 20 Montana Wrestlers of All Time.

## **Induction Class of 2022**

### ***Tess Brenneman***

- ❖ 2012 FHS graduate, 4.0 GPA, earned 12 varsity sport letters in soccer, basketball, and track and field.
- ❖ Received Valley Bank Athlete Award.
- ❖ 2011 Received FHS Koford Athlete Award presented to the school's outstanding student of character, scholarship, athletics, and inspiration.
- ❖ 2008 All-Conference as a freshman Bravette soccer player.
- ❖ Received All-State honors as a sophomore, junior, and senior.
- ❖ Named All-Conference as a junior and senior for FHS Bravettes basketball; placed all four years on varsity.
- ❖ Bravette's outstanding track and field athlete and high point athlete all four years.
- ❖ Scored more track meet points than any other Bravette in school history with 818.25 points.
- ❖ Tied FHS record for most points scored at state track and field meets with 90.5 career points.
- ❖ 2008-2012 All-State champion placing in eight different events at the Class AA State Track and Field Meet.
- ❖ Holds the fourth fastest time in the 300-meter hurdles at 43.22 at the state meet.
- ❖ Holds school records in the 400-meter dash with a time of 57.14 and in the 300 m hurdles with a time of 43.22.
- ❖ Two-time state champion in the long jump, with the seventh longest long jump at 18' 9" at a state meet.
- ❖ Captured 22 career Class AA State Track and Field Meet medals, the most ever won by a single FHS female athlete.
- ❖ Medal total is the most medals ever won by a Class AA female athlete in a track career; fourth most won in a career in all classifications at the Montana State Track and Field Meet.
- ❖ Received full-ride scholarship to play soccer for the U of M Lady Grizzly soccer team.
- ❖ 2013 Won the Citius, Attius, Fortius Award, (Faster, Higher, Stronger Award) for a competitor who displays outstanding work in the weight room, offseason, and conditioning playing for the U of M Griz soccer team.
- ❖ 2013 Competed in the Big Sky Conference Indoor Championships.
- ❖ 2013-2014 Competed in the Big Sky Conference outdoor championships.
- ❖ 2014 Placed 4th as member of the 4x400 relay team at the Big Sky Conference outdoor championships.
- ❖ 2014 Second Team All-Big Sky Conference, soccer.

- ❖ 2014 Member of the undefeated Grizzly Soccer Big Sky Championship Team.
- ❖ 2015 and 2016 First Team All-Big Sky Conference, soccer as a junior and senior.
- ❖ 2015 Recipient of the Heart of a Grizzly Award.
- ❖ 2016 Soccer Coaches Association of America Second Team All-Pacific Region.
- ❖ 2016 First Team All-West Region, Scholar, and Big Sky Conference Scholar/Athlete Award.
- ❖ Four-time U of M Soccer Academic Team member.
- ❖ 4th overall as a Griz in overall games started with 77; second in career minutes playing soccer for Griz with 6,617 minutes.
- ❖ Member of Griz indoor track team two years; member of Griz outdoor track team two years.
- ❖ Eight-time All-Academic Team (4 soccer, 2 indoor track, and 2 outdoor track).
- ❖ 2017 Graduated from U of M with psychology and exercise science degrees.
- ❖ Assistant soccer coach for the FHS Braves soccer team.
- ❖ Assisted coaching Highlander Track and Field in Kalispell.

### **Induction Class of 2023**

#### ***Jeff Thompson***

- ❖ 1991 Great Falls High School graduate.
- ❖ 1989-1991 Three-time Montana state wrestling champion.
- ❖ Four-time All-State wrestler.
- ❖ Great Falls High School All-American.
- ❖ Academic All-State wrestler and cross country high school runner.
- ❖ Placed 2nd in the Asics Junior National Championships.
- ❖ Member of the Junior World Team.
- ❖ Wrestled for the University of Minnesota, lettering three years.
- ❖ Named to the NCAA Division 1 All-American Rookie Team.
- ❖ Academic All-Big 10 wrestler.
- ❖ 2000-2008 Coach FHS Braves wrestling team.
- ❖ 2004 Recipient of Man of the Year Award by Wrestling USA Magazine.
- ❖ 2016-present Head Coach FHS Braves wrestling teams.
- ❖ Coached his teams to ten Montana State Boys Wrestling Championships, four of which were consecutive championships.
- ❖ Coached his teams to over 250 dual meet wins. Five times his state teams have broken the state record for most points scored at a state meet.
- ❖ 2021 Helped establish FHS girls wrestling program.
- ❖ 2021 and 2022 Coached the FHS boys and girls teams to Montana Wrestling State Championship wins.
- ❖ Coached 19 individual state championship wrestlers.
- ❖ His teams have consistently been ranked in the top 40 nationally; the 2008 team was ranked #8 in USA high school wrestling.
- ❖ Selected Montana AA Wrestling Coach of the Year 8 times; selected Honorable Mention National Coach of the Year.
- ❖ Coached the Flathead Valley Wrestling Club, the Kalispell Wrestling Club, and Kalispell Middle School wrestling teams; has helped coach youth soccer and little guy football.

## **Induction Class of 2024**

### ***Lew Savik***

- ❖ Charlo High School graduate.
- ❖ Football running back.
- ❖ Star of high school basketball team.
- ❖ Montana State Champion 110- and 180-yard hurdler.
- ❖ Played for one year on the University of MT football team.
- ❖ Joined US Army stationed in Pennsylvania and served in Korea.
- ❖ 1973 began volunteer work at FHS as timer & coordinator of finish line officials.
- ❖ Over a span of 50 years was instrumental in organizing & running the officiating of over 200 Legends track and field meets including 12 Class AA Divisional Track and Field Meets and 3 Class AA State Track and Field Meets.
- ❖ Responsible for organizing timers and judges for cross country meetings including 2 Class AA State Cross Country Meets.
- ❖ Director of the Highlander Track and Field program for 22 years.
- ❖ Called out of retirement to direct the Highlander Track and Field program for an additional 8 years, touching the lives of over 6000 youth in the Highlander Track and Field program.
- ❖ Played a key role in the successes of FHS and GHS track and field and cross county programs.