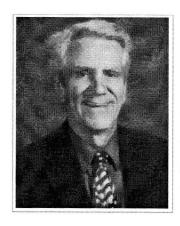
North Allegheny Athletic Hall of Fame

The Joseph Drazenovich Award for Legendary Service



Dr. Steve A. Duchi, Jr. 2010 Recipient

Steve Duchi and his wife, Kitty, made the wise decision to move to North Allegheny in 1968. For six years Steve taught the subjects of Latin and/or English and Speech to students at Ingomar Middle School, Carson Intermediate High School, and North Allegheny Senior High School. During that period of time he also served as the District's first In-School Suspension Coordinator for a semester and the Boys' Golf Coach for three years. The golf team captured three section titles, three West Penn Conference Championships, and one WPIAL Crown. In addition, players qualified for state competition. A strong advocate of sportsmanship and teamwork, Steve has worked tirelessly to guide the young people in our community toward developing into responsible adults.

Beginning in 1974, Steve had the opportunity to serve as either the Assistant Principal at Ingomar Middle School or at North Allegheny Senior High School. In 1979, he enthusiastically accepted the principalship at Ingomar Middle School. During his tenure at Ingomar over the next 21 years, the highlights included being named a State Blue Ribbon School of Distinction twice and a National Blue Ribbon School in 1996-1997. Steve became the Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education and Curriculum in 2000 and served in that capacity until his retirement in November 2001.

Steve and Kitty have been married 43 years and reside in the Town of McCandless. Their four children, Julie, Steve III, Ken, and Ryan, are married to Keith, Monika, Inza, and Jianina respectively. They live in the North Allegheny community and have nine (hopefully) NA Tigers. The two oldest grandchildren attend North Allegheny Intermediate High School.

During the past eight years, Steve has returned from retirement on either different occasions to serve as either Acting Principal or Acting Assistant Principal at Ingomar, Carson or Marshall Middle Schools, in addition to NAI. He is a past member of the NA Hall of Fame; a PIAA Basketball Official for 31 years; announcer, clock operator, and spotter for NA Football; and clock operator/timer for Boys' and Girls' Basketball. Steve and Kitty play a lot of golf together and are past Couples Champions at the Highland Country Club.

The Bob Miller Award for Outstanding Support of North Allegheny Athletics



Georgiana Thomas 2010 Recipient

As a North Allegheny parent, **Georgiana Thomas** became a member of the Parent-Faculty Association at the former Espe Elementary School and served as the PFA President. Georgiana then moved on to Ingomar Middle School where she served for three years as the Unified Boosters Organization's representative for the IMS Key Communicators. She then served in this capacity at North Allegheny Senior High School. Her commitment to the UBO spanned 16 years.

Georgiana's UBO service included organizing of Kennywood Day, planning & preparing *Tiger Paths* (a publication giving directions to other schools in the area and their athletic venues), and coordinating the Scholar Athlete Program. Georgiana Thomas has served as a UBO Treasurer and Vice-President; and, is currently in her 7th year as President of the organization. Several years ago the Unified Boosters Organization honored her by creating a student scholarship in her name awarded each year to a graduating senior.

Georgiana has also served as a Marching Band Parent, sold football tickets, and has helped out in the Athletic Office. As a Field Hockey Parent she worked in the concession stand.

Her tireless and unselfish support of North Allegheny makes her a worthy recipient of the Bob Miller Award for Outstanding support of North Allegheny Athletics.

2010 North Allegheny Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees



Allison Fayfich Field

Field Hockey

Class of 2003

Allison Fayfich was a 3-year starting varsity goalkeeper for the Tigers, and was twice named NA's Defender of the Year. Her 3-year record against WPIAL teams was 49 wins, no losses, and one tie; overall she was 53 - 3 - 6. She was named to the WPIAL All-Star Team in 2001 and 2002. At American University she played all four years; her conference record was 29 - 0, and overall she had 70 wins and 16 losses. She was named the Patriot League's Defensive Player of the Week and the East Coast Athletic Conference's Goalie of the week; she earned All-American honors.



Stephanie Madia Mobley

Cross Country/Track & Field

Class of 2002

Stephanie Madia Mobley ran cross-country, and indoor & outdoor track all 4 years; the Tigers won the PIAA cross-country Championships in 1999 and 2000. Individually, Stephanie was PIAA Champion in cross-country in 2001, and 1600-meter Champion in 2001 & 2002. WPIAL honors include 3200-meter Championships in 2000 & 2002, and 1600 meter Championships in 2001 & 2002. She finished 23rd at the Foot Locker National Cross-country Championships in 2001. She was All-WPIAL and All-PIAA all 4 years, was the Tribune-Review's Athlete in 2001 & 2002, and was the Post-Gazette's Athlete of the Year in 2002.

Stephanie then ran track & cross-country for Notre Dame; the cross-country team finished 3rd at the NCAA Championships in 2002, 4th in 2004, and they were Big East Champions in 2002 & 2005. The Fighting Irish track team won the Big East Indoor Championship in 2006. Individually, Stephanie was All-American in cross-country, finishing 3rd nationally in 2005 and 23rd in 2004. She was a track All-American twice as well, finishing 4th in the 5000-meter run in 2006 after finishing 5th in 2005. She received the Kanaley Award for excellence in academics, athletics and leadership in 2006, was a finalist for the Honda Sports Award in 2005, was Notre Dame's Cross-country Team Captain 3 years, and ran a 15:47 5000-meter run and a 4:20 1500-meter run.

Stephanie works as a financial analyst for Dick's Sporting Goods and is now pursuing an MBA degree at CMU's Tepper School of Business. She is married to Todd Mobley.



Christine Mencini Waldrip

Gymnastics

Class of 1984

Chris lettered 3 times in gymnastics, and placed in the WPIAL and PIAA Tournaments all three years; in individual events she placed as follows: 1981-82: WPIAL: 4th place on balance beam, 7th place on vault, and 5th place in uneven parallel bars, fault, and all-around; PIAA: 3rd on beam, 11th on bars, 18th floor & vault 1982-83: WPIAL: 2nd on vault and all-around, 3rd on bars, 4th on beam and 8th on floor; PIAA: 1st on vault & beam, 2nd in all-around, 9th on floor and 12th on bars. 1983-84: WPIAL: 4th on beam, a5th in all-around, bars & floor, and 7th on vault; PIAA: 2nd on beam, 3rd on vault & bars, and 4th in all-around.

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Brian McCarthy

Swimming

Brian McCarthy was an outstanding Tiger swimmer during his career setting WPIAL records in the 200 yard individual medley and 100 backstroke events. In his senior year, Brian swam backstroke in the 200 medley relay finishing first in the WPIAL and anchored the gold medal winning 400 freestyle relay also in his senior season. Brian set a varsity record in the 200 IM and currently holds the North Allegheny pool record in the 100 backstroke. Brian was selected to the National High School All American Swimming team his senior season. During Brian's tenure at NA, he won the Most Improved, Hardest Worker and Most Valuable team awards voted on by his teammates.

Class of 2000

At Carnegie Mellon University, Brian set a National NCAA division 3 record in the 400 individual medley; won the NCAA championship in the 200 IM and was a 24 time NCAA All American during his 4 years at CMU. He won the UAA conference Rookie of the Year and was voted the Swimmer of the year 3 consecutive years while winning 11 conference championships. He was awarded the Meritorious Achievement Award his senior season for outstanding athletic and academic performance. Brian still holds eight Carnegie Mellon Varsity swimming records.



Liz Vrabel Knoblaugh

Softball Class of 2002

Liz pitched on the Tiger softball team that won the section in 2001 & 2002, and won the WPIAL and PIAA Championships in 2002. Her individual honors include: 1999 Post-Gazette and Tribune-Review North All-Star; 2001 Post-Gazette and Tribune-Review All-League All-Star; 2002 Post Gazette and Tribune-Review Player of the Year. En route to the State Championship the Tigers went 19-0, and Liz had an ERA of 0.10 with 217 strikeouts and only 19 walks; she had the game-winning RBI in the PIAA Championship Game.

Her collegiate career at Bowling Green (Ohio) University, which won the 2005 MAC Conference Championship, includes these honors: 2003, 2004, & 2006 MAC Conference 2nd Team Pitcher; 2005 MAC Conference Pitcher of the Year; 2005 MAC Conference 1st Team; 2005 Great Lakes Regional 1st Team. Liz set Bowling Green school records in 5 pitching categories and holds 2nd place honors in 4 others; she is the 3rd-place all-time strikeout leader in the MAC Conference.

In 2004, 2005 and 2006 Liz worked with the softball players in the Toledo Special Olympics.