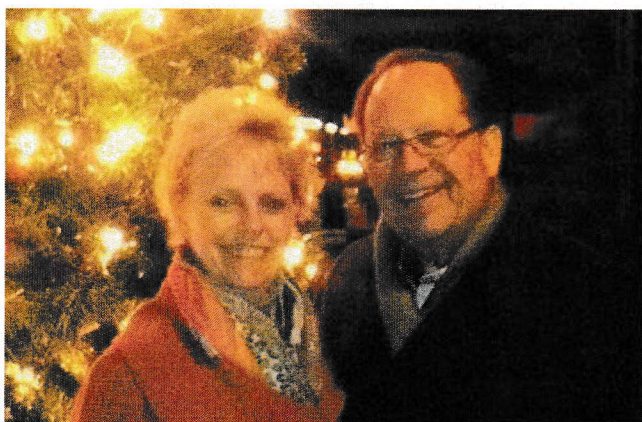


## **North Allegheny Athletic Hall of Fame**

# **The Joseph Drzenovich Award for Legendary Service**

The Joseph Drzenovich Award for Legendary Service is named for the late Joseph "Joe Draz" Drzenovich, who in addition to being the North Allegheny Director of Athletics was a three-year football head coach, as well as a twelve-year track head coach. During his tenure as Director of Athletics, North Allegheny increased its number of varsity sports from ten to twenty-two. An outstanding athlete in his own right, having started and been an All-East selection in football at Penn State, as well as having lettered two years in lacrosse, Joe left his impact throughout his athletic career.



## **Ron & Pam Dassner 2015 Recipients**

Ever since moving into the North Allegheny School District in 1992, until their youngest child, son Jeff, graduated in 2009, Pam & Ron Dassner have been instrumental to the success of various Tiger athletic teams.

Ron began his association with Tiger athletics with the North Allegheny Varsity Softball team, where he served as a volunteer assistant coach on the 2003 PIAA state-runner up team. Ron continued his coaching service with the squad as a volunteer assistant coach through 2006, when both he and daughter, Aimee (2006), were intrical parts of a WPIAL championship win against archrival Shaler.

However, the Dassner's service to the North Allegheny Softball program was not limited to coaching. Also during the 2006 season, Ron's wife, Pam, served as the vice president for the softball boosters. During her time as an officer in the softball booster program, Pam assisted in the completion of the current home of the softball program at North Allegheny Senior High School, created a new look for the Lady Tigers by ordering new uniforms, and helped organize several spring training trips to Florida to play top-notch competition in preparation for upcoming seasons.

After Aimee's graduation in 2006, Ron and Pam shifted their focus from the Tiger softball program, to being heads of the men's basketball (2009) and baseball (2008, 2009) booster organizations. In 2009, while son Jeff (2009) was a senior on both

teams, Pam & Ron pulled double duty, serving as the president for both organizations. Under their leadership, the men's basketball program was able to order new uniforms, and take several trips to Erie, PA and Slippery Rock, PA.

Like both the softball and men's basketball programs, the Tiger baseball program benefitted greatly from Ron and Pam's services. During their time as booster presidents the baseball team: played a regular season game at PNC Park, purchased new uniforms, organized several field improvements (particularly raising the money necessary to add lights for the 2010 season), and continued the tradition of excellence by winning yet another WPIAL title in 2009, this time against section rival Pine-Richland, as well as a third-place finish in the PIAA state playoffs.

Although Pam and Ron's "hands on" assistance ended after the 2009 school year, they have continued to support North Allegheny Athletics in any way possible. The incredible success of both the softball program in 2006 and the baseball program in the 2009 seasons could not have been possible without the tireless efforts of both Pam and Ron Dassner. During their involvement in North Allegheny Athletics, the Dassner family has amassed 2 PIAA silver medals (Softball; Aimee & Ron), and 3 WPIAL Gold Medals (Softball; Aimee & Ron, Baseball: Jeff). Pam and Ron still enjoy attending various NA athletic events, especially baseball games, where son Jeff now serves as a JV Assistant, while Aimee is currently a registered pharmacist living in Hartford, Connecticut.

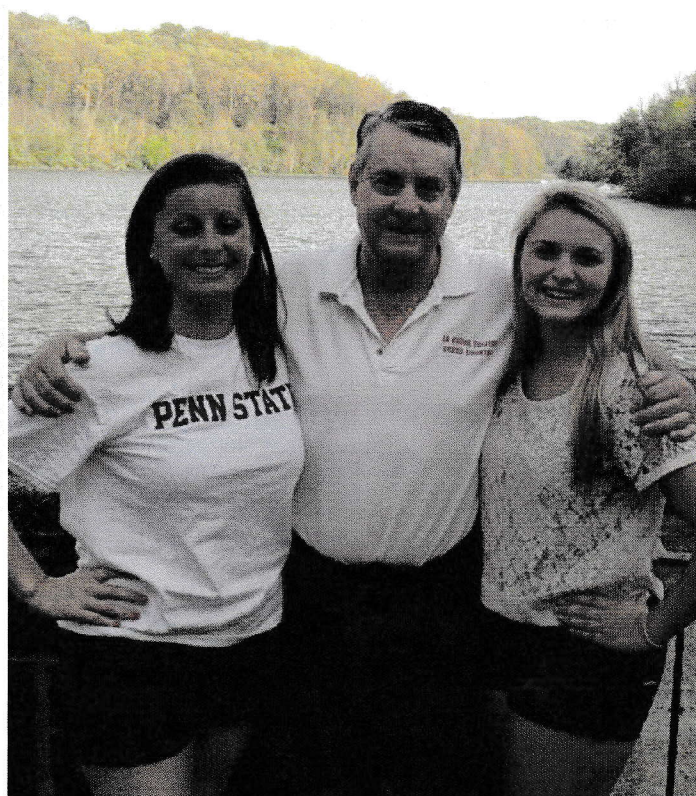
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# **The Bob Miller Award for Outstanding Support of North Allegheny Athletics**

## **George Guiley 2015 Recipient**

George has been dedicated and enthusiastic supporter of Tiger field hockey for decades; he has worked tirelessly for the program has risen to the elite status it now enjoys.

George serves as color analyst for internet broadcasts of Tiger field hockey games, his extensive knowledge of the rules and strategies of the sport allow him to add insights into the intricacies of the game that highly complement the work of the play-by-play announcers. His consistently upbeat and professional delivery serves as an enormous asset to the broadcasts.





## **North Allegheny Athletic Hall of Fame**

# **Distinguished Coaching Award**

### **Mr. Louis Meyer Basketball Coach 2015 Recipient**



Lou's coaching record at North Allegheny includes the following:

- Girls' basketball at Ingomar Middle School for 30+ years;
- Ingomar Middle School Boys' basketball coach for 12 years;
- Middle School Track coach for more than 35 years;
- 9th-grade girls' basketball coach for 14 years;
- Boys' Junior Varsity Basketball coach 1979-1983; and
- Girls' Varsity Basketball Team from 1988 through 1994.

His overall record includes 145 victories and 46 defeats; 7 WPIAL playoff appearances; 5 PIAA playoff appearances; and 2 appearances in the WPIAL championship game.

Lou was named North Coach of the Year in 1990 and 1992.

Lou served as AAU Basketball Coach for the Steel City Organization and coached the Shaler Tiny Titans. He is a retired North Allegheny teacher.

He and wife Kathleen have two daughters, Meredith Cooper and Monica Meyer, and two grandchildren, Caden and Maya.

# 2015 North Allegheny Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees

## Matt Butler

**Football, Baseball**

**Class of 2003**

**Football: 1999, 2000, 2001 & 2002**

**Baseball: 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003**

**Basketball: 2000**

During Matt's career the Tigers won the PIAA Championship in 2000 and the WPIAL Championship in 2003; they captured the Section Championship all 4 years. The football team won the Section Championship in 2000 & 2001; they were co-Champions in 2002.

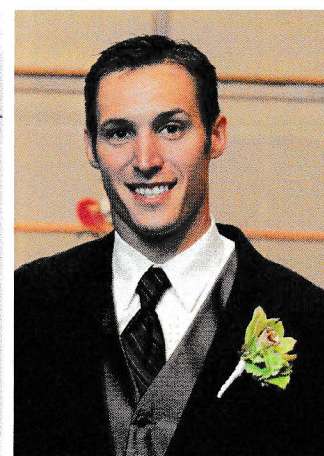
Matt was NA's starting centerfielder for 3 years, batting .308 as a sophomore, .328 as a junior and .404 in a senior year that included 4 triples, 6 home runs and 24 runs batted in. During that year he established all-time Tiger top five single-season records in home runs, hits and runs scored.

Matt was a varsity football player as a freshman, playing quarterback and defensive back, but a pre-season knee injury ended his season. As a sophomore he had over 1,100 yards of total offense, scoring 17 touchdowns. His junior season was lost to a knee injury, but as a senior he made up for lost time with 1,700 yards of total offense and 27 touchdowns scored. He was named All-Conference quarterback, Post-Gazette North Feb 22, and Tribune-Review North Terrific 25; he also received a Big-33 nomination.

Matt earned a baseball scholarship to Kent State University; he then transferred to Gannon University after accepting a football scholarship. He lettered 3 years at Gannon, and currently ranks 6th in career passing yards and 5th in career total offense.

Since 2013 Matt has been coaching North Allegheny's running backs, after having previously coached football at Carson Middle School and North Allegheny Intermediate High School. Since 2007 Matt has been a Learning Support Teacher at North Allegheny Intermediate.

Matt and his wife Rebecca have a 2-year-old daughter, Brynn.



## Kathy Byrnes

**Cross Country, Track**

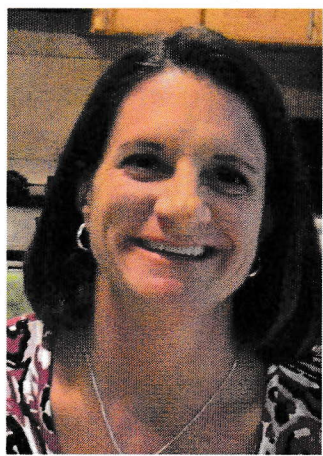
**Class of 1977**

Kathy was an outstanding athlete in both sports; as a sophomore she finished 14th in the PIAA meet, earned All-State honors, and led the Tigers to the State Championship. She earned the bronze medal in the next year's meet, in which the Tigers won another State title. As a senior she took the PIAA gold medal as the Tigers took second place. Kathy was just as outstanding during track & field season, winning the WPIAL 440 yard run and leading the Tigers to a WPIAL team title as a sophomore. As a junior she took the WPIAL gold in the mile run and 880 yard run before setting a team record and finishing second in the PIAA mile run with a 4:56 time (the school record finally fell in 2014). She finished 4th in the 880, and a 6th on the relay team at States. In her senior year Kathy won the WPIAL and PIAA Championships in the mile and 880-yard runs, setting a school record in the 880 that stood for ten years. At Penn State Kathy was All-American in the 4 x 800 meter relay at the 1978 NCAA Nationals.





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## Virginia Hetzel

**Basketball, Cross Country, Track**

**Class of 1985**

A 3-time letter earner on the cross-country team, Virginia was a State qualifier in 1982 and was named co-captain in 1984.

She also lettered three times in basketball. In 1985 she earned All-Tournament Holiday Team honors in the Seneca Valley Tournament. She made the North Hills News-record top 10 girls' Basketball Team that year, averaging 12 points, 5 steals, 4 rebounds and 3 assists per game.

In track & field Virginia lettered all four years: at the Penn Gate relays she finished first in the hurdle relays and 1600-meter relays, and finished third in the 400 relay. In 1985 she placed tenth state-wide in the 100 hurdles; she also captured 4th-place at WPIAL's in the 100-meter and 300-meter hurdle events.

Overall Virginia earned ten letters and was an outstanding teammate in all three sports.



## Morgan Howard

**Field Hockey & Softball**

**Class of 2003**

Morgan played Tiger softball from 2000 through 2003, and has coached since 2014. She played field hockey from 1999 through 2002 and has coached since 2013.

The Tiger field hockey team won the WPIAL Championship all 4 years. She was varsity team captain her senior year, lettered 3 years, was named Pittsburgh Post-Gazette "Player to Watch" in 2002, scored the most goals for the Tigers in 2002, and was Scholar-Athlete all 4 years.

The Tiger softball team won 3 Section Championships, made 4 playoff appearances, won the WPIAL Championship in 2002 & 2003, was PIAA Champion in 2002, and was PIAA Runner-up in 2003. Morgan started and lettered all 4 years, was Team Captain in 2003, and established a career .928 fielding average and a .289 career batting average.

Morgan then played softball at the University of Pittsburgh, where the Panthers won two trips to the Big East Tournament; she was elected Team Captain in 2007, after having started, lettered, and received scholarships all 4 years. She was NFCA All-American Scholar-Athlete 3 years and Big East Academic All-Star all 4 years. As a 2-sport athlete Morgan earned Pitt Scholar-Athlete honors 8 times; she was chosen to represent Pitt's softball team at the 2006 Leadership Conference.

Morgan received the George I Carson graduate Fellowship at Pitt, earned a Master of Teaching Degree in English Education, taught in New Jersey for 5 years (coaching field hockey 3 years; her team won the Group 2 State Championship in 2006), and coached softball 5 years.

Morgan has been active in fund-raising for the Fisher House Foundation and the Lazarex Cancer Foundation (both activities included marathons).

Morgan teaches English at North Allegheny Intermediate High School, and is NA's JV field hockey coach and varsity softball assistant coach.

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## Nicole Lenart Teter

**Softball**

**Class of 2005**

Nicole played Tiger softball from 2001 to 2005. The Tigers were PIAA Champions in 2002, and were WPIAL runner-up in 2003. Nicole was named Player of the Year in 2005, and earned Scholar-Athlete Awards in 2004 & 2005.

Nicole was an outstanding catcher and outfielder during the 2003, 2004 & 2005 seasons, being named to the Post Gazette All Section Team and the Tribune-Review All-North Teams in 2004 and 2005. She was named All-North Player of the Year in 2004. During her career the Tigers had an overall record of 52-16-1, a WPIAL Championship, a WPIAL Runner-Up and a PIAA runner-up. She had a career batting average of .403, including 17 doubles, 4 triples and 9 home runs; her strong arm and quick release made her a formidable defensive player as well: her caught-stealing percentage was an amazing 82%.

After graduation Nicole went on to a successful career at Ashland University in Ohio, where she made the All-Academic Team (Early Childhood Education) in her senior year. She is now a 4th-grade teacher in the Ashland City Schools and continues to compete athletically. Just last month, Nicole was named the female MVP of the USSSA national slow-pitch tournament. She is married to Sean Teter; their household includes two cats.



## Ray Lewis

**Football, Basketball, Track**

**Class of 1997**

Ray played football from middle school through graduation; he played basketball and ran track from 1994 through 1997.

The football team was WPIAL Runner-up in 1996; the basketball team captured that honor in 1995; and the track team won the WPIAL Championship from 1994 through 1997.

Ray ran on the 4 x 400 meter relay team that won the WPIAL Championship in 1997.

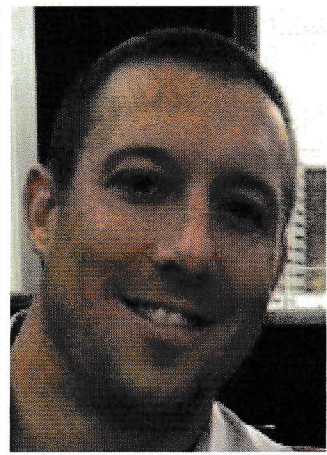
Ray went on to play football at Colgate University, which won the Patriot League Championship his freshman year.

After college Ray served as assistant coach in the Interfaith Basketball League; his team won the Charlotte, North Carolina City Championship in 2009 & 2010.

In 2010 Ray served as assistant coach on the Tiger football team that won the WPIAL and PIAA Championships.

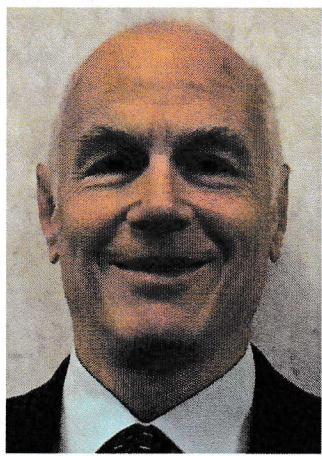
In 2011 he serves as basketball referee in Prescott, Arizona. He is currently Director of Quality & Compliance with the Independent Beverage Company in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Ray and wife Caitlin have one son: Raymond Lewis IV.





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## Gregg Otto

**Basketball**

**Class of 1965**

Gregg played on the first Tiger basketball team to have a winning season; they captured the Section Championship in 1995. They faced powerhouse and eventual runner-up Aliquippa in the WPIAL Playoffs.

Individually, Gregg made the All-WPIAL team in the first Roundball Classic; they played the Pittsburgh City League/Catholic Team. He made the All-Tournament Team at the Sharon Post-Season Tournament. He also made the All-Section Team, and was 2nd-team All-WPIAL.

Greg coached the Seneca Valley 7th- & 8th-grade teams at Seneca Valley in 1970-1972; he also coached children's teams for North Allegheny Recreational Association. He attended Pitt Law School from 1972 through 1975, and is now an attorney at Davies, McFarland and Karrol.

Greg's wife Jeanne was NA's first varsity girls' volleyball coach, and serves as a WPIAL volleyball

referee.

His son Jeff played Tiger volleyball and soccer; daughter Nicole is already enshrined in our Hall of Fame, having earned All-State and All-American honors on NA's State Champion volleyball team, and playing on the 2-time WPIAL finalist Tiger basketball. His son Justin played on the WPIAL Champion soccer and volleyball teams, and was a setter for Penn State in the NCAA Final Four.



## Randy Potter

**Track, Swimming, Football**

**Class of 1980**

Randy Potter was a three sport high school athlete, graduate of the class of 1980. He participated in Football, Swimming and Track earning 7 varsity letters with four of those coming in Swimming.

In football, Randy was coached by NA Hall of Famer, Bobby Miller, and played the demanding positions of Running Back and Linebacker. As a sophomore, he played in, and contributed to NA's last-minute upset victory over future Pro Football Hall of Fame Quarterback Dan Marino's Central Catholic Vikings. NA wasn't without its own future Pro Football player in teammate Gregg Garrity, future Penn State great, Pittsburgh Steeler and Philadelphia Eagle Wide Receiver.

In track, Randy ran for the legendary NA track coach, Russ Cerny. Randy was most successful though in the sport of Swimming where his talent shown early in state, regional and junior national competitions. Randy contributed significantly to NA's WPIAL runner up finish in his

freshman season, 1977. A team second place finish in 1978 and a third finish in his junior season set the stage for a remarkable senior year in 1980. Providing leadership to a very deep, talented and experienced team, Randy won the WPIAL 100 meter freestyle upsetting the season-long favorite and propelling NA to the team title. He also led NA's 200 Medley Relay team to an undefeated regular season, WPIAL Championship and State Runner-up. More importantly to Randy, he captained his team to its first WPIAL Boys Swimming Championship in school history. And then led the team to a 2d place finish in the PIAA State Championships.

Randy was a four-time High School All-American and honored as a Western PA YMCA Scholar Athlete, one of the most prestigious high school honors in Pittsburgh at that time.

A three-year Swimming Letterman at Furman University, Greenville, SC, Randy contributed to a 30-10 team record, including 2nd Place Team finish in Southern Conference in 1981 and 1983 and was a Senior Nationals Qualifier in the 800 YD Freestyle Relay, 1983.

Randy joined Furman's highly acclaimed Army ROTC program, leading to a decorated 22-year career in Military Intelligence that culminated in selection for promotion to Colonel. Randy is now retired and living at the Army base in Wiesbaden, Germany with his wife, Colonel Laura Potter with their two young sons, Jack and Robby.



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## Gary Treser

**Volleyball, Swimming**

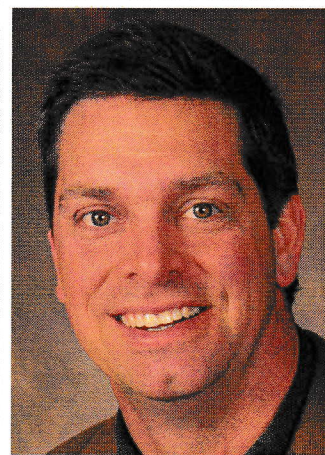
**Class of 1982**

Gary played Tiger volleyball from 1980 through 1982; the Tigers were WPIAL and PIAA Runners-up in 1980 & 1982. He was Most Valuable Player in the 1982 PIAA Tournament, earning the most individual votes; he was First Team All-State and First Team WPIAL that year, along with multiple selections to the All-Tournament Teams, and twice being named Section Athlete of the Week.

Gary played for George Mason University's volleyball team from 1983, 1984 & 1986; his team made the Final Four in 1984. He got to play against the top teams in the nation, and played against the Japanese National Team.

In the early 90's Gary played on the Dallas Stars Volleyball Team, facing teams from all over the Western Hemisphere. He currently play on 2 local league teams, has participated in rowing competitions, and helped coach Tiger Pride football and NABA Basketball.

Gary and wife D.D. have 3 children: daughter Madison who rowed for NA, Son Alex, who played NA Volleyball, and daughter Morgan, who runs track and plays soccer for NA.



## Bill Turner

**Soccer**

**Class of 1992**

One of Bruno Schwartz's all-time great soccer players, Bill started and lettered on Bruno's legendary teams for three years; Bruno calls him one of the hardest-working Tiger players he ever coached. An attacking midfielder with outstanding skills, his play formed the basis of the Tigers' offense. Bill scored 28 goals and had 44 assists; he led the Tigers to three consecutive section titles and a trip to the WPIAL semifinals. He was named to two All-Section teams, two All-WPIAL Teams, the Post-Gazette North First 15, and the Section V Player of the year.

Bill went on to play soccer for Saint Francis University, starting all four years for the Red Flash and continued his scoring avalanche: 40 goals and 23 assists, earning 103 points. This output equaled or set a school record in all categories. He was twice named to the All-NEC Team.

His involvement in soccer continues to this day, coaching youth soccer.



## Tanja Wenzel Koller

**Swimming**

**Class of 1995**

Tanja swam on the Tiger team that won WPIAL Championships in 1993 and 1994 and 1995, and the PIAA Championship in 1995. She finished in the top seven in two events.

Individually, she swam on the relay team that won 3 WPIAL and 2 State championships, setting records at both levels. Her 200 individual medley record stood for 20 years.

In 1995 Tanja finished 3rd in the 200 individual medley and 4th in the 500 freestyle at the PIAA meet, and was WPIAL runner-up in the 200 individual medley.

She was 6-time all American, 1995 team captain, and YMCA Scholar-Athlete.

Tanja then went on to swim for the University of Michigan, serving as Team Captain for the 1998-1999 season; the Wolverines won three consecutive Big Champions (1996 through 1998).

Tanja is now a high school German teacher. She and husband Jerry have 2 children: Lilianha and Heide.

