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Notre Dame to unveil Wall of Fame

BURLINGTON, IA - Notre Dame High School has announced plans to create a wall of fame that honors former students, teams, athletes, faculty and staff. A committee has selected the inaugural class of inductees, which will be officially introduced on Friday, January 4th, 2019.

The concept was originally considered several years ago, but did not find traction until this summer when former Nike Athletic Director, Jeremy Swink, resurrected the concept and created a committee to help make the idea a reality. Swink accepted a similar role at Fort Madison High School shortly thereafter and consulted with Bill Plein, his successor at Notre Dame, to keep the project alive.

"I believe it is a great way to salute outstanding teams and individuals and I was happy to contribute as best I could," Plein said. "Since I am still new to the school, I leaned on our committee members for their help and guidance in

finalizing the plans." The committee consists of two former varsity coaches, two current varsity coaches, two members of the ND community, and the Activities Director.

The seven committee members agreed to vote on and induct the first class of inductees themselves, and then open up the nomination process to anyone who chooses to submit a nomination for future consideration. Randy Trine, a former teacher and coach at the school outlined the induction process. "We felt there were several automatic qualifiers that we would induct the first year. Obviously, any state champion team and runner-ups deserve inclusion, so we approved nine group inductees for our first year. Moving forward, we will consider all nominations from the public for the Class of 2020. We plan on inducting no more than eight new members per year."

The committee states their mission and intent of the project is to "recognize those who have brought distinction to Notre Dame through their leadership, participation and support. The Wall of Fame has been created to honor exemplary teams and individuals as a lasting tribute to those who have brought honor to themselves, their school, their teams and their community"

Brian Fleming, a Notre Dame alumnus and committee member added, "Our goal is to pay tribute to successes and excellence in the classroom and on the field with hope to inspire present and future coaches and student-athletes."

The Class of 2019 includes:

- 1981 Boy's Basketball (Class 2-A State Runner-Up)
- 1982 Boy's Baseball (Class 2-A State Champions)
- 1983 Boy's Golf (Class 2-A State Champions)
- 1988 Boy's Golf (Class 2-A State Runner-Up)

1997 Boy's Baseball (Class 2-A State Runner-Up)
2011 Girl's Softball (Class 2-A State Runner-Up)
2014 Girl's Basketball (Class 2-A State Champions)
2015 Boy's Track & Field (Class 2-A State Champions)
2016 Boy's Track & Field (Class 2-A State Champions)

The induction ceremony will take place at Notre Dame High School when the West Burlington Falcons visit Father Minnett Gymnasium for a basketball double-header on Friday, January 4, 2019. Members of the inaugural Wall of Fame teams, their coaches and family members will all be encouraged to take part in the celebration. The public is also welcome to attend a reception to be held following the games that evening. If you wish to help with the financing of this project, you are welcome to donate to The Notre Dame Wall of Fame by contacting Bill Plein at bill.plein@bnotredame.org for more details.

The criteria for nominees and further details on the nomination process can be found at www.burlingtonnotredame.com.

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