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Welcome and Introductions

Mark Minner '12
Master of Ceremonies

Welcome
James M. Danko
President

Greeting
Grant Leiendecker '11
Vice President and Director of Athletics

Awards Presentation
Mark Minner '12

Moment of Induction
Grant Leiendecker '11

Welcome to this most significant celebration in which we honor 7 exceptional individuals and one noted team. With this remarkable class of people, the Butler University Athletics Hall of Fame includes 255 individuals and 20 teams.

Athletic excellence and academic achievement are the hallmarks of the intercollegiate athletics program at Butler University. Whether in the classroom or on the field, success is attained through hard work and discipline. Our 2025 Hall of Fame inductees exemplify this fine tradition.

We also salute the commitment of the members of the B-Association, whose diligent efforts helped to establish the Athletics Hall of Fame in 1992. Their continued dedication helps preserve the proud tradition of Butler Athletics.

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James M. Danko
President, Butler University

Congratulations to the 2025 Hall of Fame inductees! Recognizing these leaders showcases the relationships, growth, and excellence upon which the Butler University Athletic Department is built. The teams and individuals honored here today are true representatives of The Butler Way. Working alongside the B-Association Board of Directors deepens my appreciation for the legacy of student-athletes we are proud to have as part of Butler's heritage.

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Grant Leiendecker '11
Vice President and Director of Athletics, Butler University



Jenny (Esparza) Levengood

Softball, 2010–2013

Arguably the most dominant pitcher in Butler Softball history, Esparza was named Horizon League Pitcher of the Year and NFCA All-Midwest Region in 2011. The two-time All-Horizon League first-team selection (2010, 2011) held Butler's career strikeouts record after only two seasons, striking out 575 batters by the end of her sophomore season. Esparza finished her Butler career with 789 strikeouts. She owns Butler's single-season record for wins (18) and strikeouts (307), and the single-game, seven-inning record for strikeouts (18).



Michael Mariscalco

Men's Soccer, 1999–2002

Mariscalco was named NSCAA/adidas All-Region and a first-team Academic All-American in 2002 during his senior season. He was named to the Horizon League first-team and the All-Tournament Team in both 2001 and 2002. He finished his Butler career as the program's all-time leader in assists (30), third in career shots (222), fourth in career points (100), and sixth in career goals (35). The 2003 graduate owns Butler's single-match records for goals (four) and points (eight), set Oct. 8, 2000 against Detroit.



Ron Griswold

Football, 1994–1997

Griswold, a 1998 graduate, became the first Butler player to earn first-team All-Pioneer Football League honors three times (1995, 1996, 1997). The nose guard was Butler's Defensive MVP in 1996, leading the team in both sacks and tackles for loss in both 1995 and 1996. The four-year starter was the Bulldogs' Team Captain as a senior.



Dale Mueller

Baseball, 2001–2005

The 2005 Horizon League Player of the Year also earned All-Horizon League first-team honors in each of his four seasons in a Bulldog uniform. His career batting average of .359 and his 282 career hits are the best marks in program history.



Michele Nash

Women's Golf, 2009–2012

Nash was named Butler's Most Outstanding Female Athlete in both 2011–2012 and 2010–2011, earning Horizon League Player of the Year in both seasons as well. She was selected to both All-Horizon League first-team and to the Horizon League All-Tournament Team in 2011–2012, 2010–2011, and 2009–2010. As a senior (2011–2012), Nash posted ten "Top 5" individual tournament finishes, winning four events. She won medalist honors at the 2011 Horizon League Championships, while also posting "Top 5" finishes in both 2010 and 2012.



Jon Hind

*Coach, Men's Lacrosse, 1993–1999
and Administrator, 1999–2007
Special Service Award*

Hind was the first coach of Butler's men's lacrosse team, arriving on campus in 1991 to build the program from scratch. He coached the program for its first seven seasons, beginning in 1993. In those seven seasons, he led Butler to a 59–42 record and two Great Western Lacrosse League (GWLL) titles. He was named 1998 USIL National Coach of the Year while leading

the Bulldogs to the NCAA Tournament. In total, he was selected GWLL Coach of the Year three times. He handed off leadership of the program in 1999, beginning a career in athletics administration. He served in various leadership roles within Butler's Athletics Department until 2007 when he became Director of Athletics at his alma mater, Hamilton College.

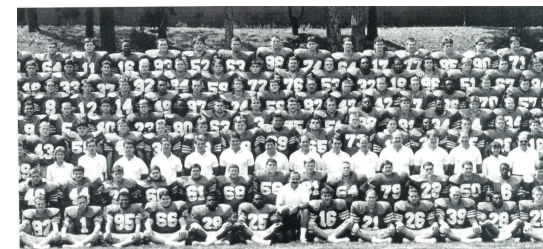


Bill and Joanne Dugan

Special Service Award

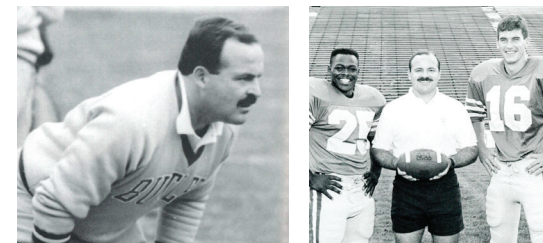
One of the most impactful and generous couples in Butler's history, Bill and Joanne Dugan have long supported Butler Athletics in addition to the University's academic mission. In recognition of a \$7 million gift, Butler's Bill and Joanne Dugan Hall, which opened in 2019, is named for the couple and houses Butler's Andre B. Lacy School of Business, the Butler Beyond Transformation Lab, and the Office of Career and Professional

Success. As a student, Dugan worked concessions at Hinkle Fieldhouse to help pay for his Butler education. He earned his undergraduate degree in Accounting in 1951 before becoming a successful entrepreneur and Indiana business leader. Bill met his late wife, Joanne, when the two were students at Butler in the late 1940s. The couple was married for 56 years prior to Joanne's passing in 2014. Bill's connection to Butler now spans eight decades.



1991 Football Team

The 1991 Bulldogs became the third team in program history to advance to the NCAA Division II Playoffs. The Bulldogs captured the Midwest Intercollegiate Football Conference title and posted an overall record of 9–2. Their playoff run was



ended by eventual national champ Pittsburg State, 26–16. Butler was ranked fifth in the final NCAA Division II national poll and led NCAA Division II in scoring defense, allowing only nine touchdowns in 10 regular season games. The Bulldogs ranked fourth in the nation in total defense. Led by Conference Coach of the Year Bob Bartolomeo, six Bulldogs earned MIFC all-conference honors in 1991, including Conference Player of the Year Paul Romanowski.

BUTLER WAR SONG

*We'll sing the Butler war song,
We'll give the fighting cry;
We'll fight the Butler battle —
Bulldogs ever do or die.
And in the glow of the victory firelight
Hist'ry cannot deny
To add a page or two
For Butler's fighting crew
Beneath the Hoosier sky.*

John Heiney
Class of 1923

Past INDUCTEES

Charter Members

George Cullen Thomas '13
Orville J. Hooker '24
Harold H. "Fuzz" Hungate '24
Hugh Walden "Wally"
Middlesworth '24
Rilus E. Doolittle '25
Glenn Gray '25
Haldane A. Griggs '25
Scott Ham '25
Robert Keach '25
Louis J. Reichel '26
Hermon E. Phillips '27
Archie Chadd '28
Julius Sagalowsky '28
Frank White '29
Oral Hildebrand '30
Bert A. Nelson '32
Ray Sears '35
Inmon C. Blackaby '38
John J. "Jake" Weger '38
Wilbur Schumacher '42
Otto L. Hurrle '48
Francis R. "Moe" Moriarty '49
William F. Kuntz '50
Leroy Thompson '57
Ted Guzek '58

1992

Paul D. "Tony" Hinkle
Robert Blessing '25
David W. Konold '26
Robert Nipper '26
Frank Baird '34
Tom Harding '40

1993

Frank "Pop" Hedden '31
William F. Davis '35
Lawrence Holmes '37
Jerry Steiner '40
Robert E. Deitz '41
Charles F. Maas '49
James B. Doyle '50
William L. Sylvester '50

1994

Alonzo Watford '31
Jim Morris '37
Jim Hauss '38
Herb Schwomeyer '42
Wally Potter '47
Thomas P. Sleet '48
Ralph O'Brien '50
Bobby Plump '58

1995

Charles E. McElfresh '65
Jacob Caskey '29
James Edwin Allen '31
Elwood A. Norris '42
William O. Hardy '43
Joseph F. Dezelan '45
John C. Moses '59
Donald E. Benbow '62

1996

Mert Prophet
Charles "Chuck" Henzie
James J. Stewart '34
Henry "Hank" Abts '41
Paul Furnish '59
Ken Freeman '63
Gerald Williams '63
Lee C. Grimm '64

1997

Scott Armstrong '36
John Barrowcliff '49
Ken Pennington '60
Walt Stockslager '60
Jack Krebs '63
Jeff Blue '65
Stan Lyons

1998

Jim Rosenstihl '51
Chris Theofanis '52
Bill Scott '59
Tom Bowman '63
Barbara Greenburg '64
Dick Dullaghan '66
Elizabeth Skinner Spencer '82
Barbara Skinner '83

1999

Art Queisser '27
Harlan O. "Pat" Page
Marvin Wood '50
Keith Greve '58
Jim Ringer '60
Dick Haslam '62
Larry Shook '63
Dan Warfel '67
Beth Piepenbrink '83

2000

Galvin Walker
G. Dana Chandler '29
Orvis Burdsall '52
Wally Cox '58
Gerald A. Woolfolk '71
William M. Lynch '77
Jennifer A. Young '83

2001

William L. Shepherd '49
Xandra L. Hamilton '58
Steve Norris '70
Daniel K. Nolan '72
Billy Shepherd '72
Thomas H. Redmond Jr. '73
Thom Burleson '74
Elza Purvlicis '84

2002

Jean T. '44 and
Robert E. '44 Wildman
T. Ralph London '56
David C. Sanders '66
Edmund C. Schilling '67
John A. Kesler II '76
David K. Swihart '76
Wayne C. Burris '77
René Evans Johnson '84

2003

John J. Skirchak '61
Larry R. Helms '62
James A. Petty '66
Daryl L. Mason '74
Robert J. Grenda '75
Kevin J. McDevitt '77
Sue Morris Mills '85
'23-'24 Men's Basketball Team
'28-'29 Men's Basketball Team

2004

Robert Eichholtz '57
Kent Stewart '60
Larry J. Goens '62
Larry W. Shade '67
Clarence Crain '73
John B. Dunn '77
Christine DeWell '86
Melissa Kilgore '87
'59 Butler Football Team
'61 Butler Football Team

2005

Max Schumacher '54
Elmer H. O'Banion '62
Philip K. Long '62
Marty Monserez '74
Bradley K. Odom '77
Jill Taylor Goeglein '89
'48-'49 Butler Basketball Team

2006

Gary Green '62
Barry Collier '76
Chuck Schwanekamp '78
Mike Chrobot '79
Tom Orner '79
Lynn Mitchem '83
Mary (Majewski) Shaw '93
Julie (VonDielingen)
Shelton '93

2007

Jerry Shultz '62
Bruce Scifres '79
Ken LaRose '80
Sarah Fee Essick '83
Darrin Fitzgerald '87
Christine Essington Irbe '87
Chad Tucker '88
'61-'62 Men's Basketball Team

2008

Dr. Mark Bohnert '76
Tony Pence '82
Tim Mylin '83 MS '88
Steve Roberts '90
Darin Archbold '92
Scott Lawler '93
Chris Johnson O'Neil '95
Jennifer Kintzel McGurn '98
MBA '00

2009

Harry Muta '76
Lori (Adams) Moseley '90
Arnold Mickens '96
Jon Neuhouser '98
Sarah (Schuetz) StremLOW '98
Joy (Aschenbrener)
Sweeney '99

2010

Jean Ann Bowers Walker '60
Steve Mitchell '79
Dave Ginn '85
Steve Weiger '95
Justin Beasley '98

2011

Paul Page '86
Stacia Mellinger '90
Jermaine Guice '94
Jeremy Aldrich '98
'83 Butler Football Team

2012

Norm Ellenberger '55
Lynn (Schreiber) Wallace '79
Chuck Orban '91
Beth (Christiansen) Hutson '91
Fraser Thompson '00
Clyde McEntire Jr. '50
Jim McGrath

2013

Steve Abbott '61
Bob Lambert '80
Amy (Pickett) Lamb '99
Jen Marlow '99
Thomas Jackson '02

2014

Jerry Butler '60
Todd Lickliter '79
Curt Roy '83
Beth Crauder '96
Stephen Armstrong '99
Justin Young '01
2015
Eldon Palmer '50
John Doctor '84
Joe Gentry '86
Jessica Taylor '93
Rylan Hainje '02
Amy Morrison '04
'04 Men's Cross Country Team

2016

Laura (Baire) Gooding '95
Steve Clayton '74
Brandon Currie '02
Craig Kahoun '96
Casey Sweeney '95
Robert "Bob" Grechesky
'61 Men's Track & Field Team

2017

Bob Bartolomeo '77
Areal Bienemy '05
Joel Cornette '03
DeWayne Ewing '01
Kim Lubbehusen '96
Mark Ribordy '87
Winstan R. "Bud" Sellick '47
1981-82 Women's
Basketball Team
1995 Men's Soccer Team

2018

Brett Atkin '95
Nick Batalis '99
Darren Fowlkes '89
Cory Kahoun '99
Pat Neshek '03
Ralph Reiff
1996-97 Men's
Basketball Team

2019

Tim Blakeley '81
Mike Marshall '00
Victoria Mitchell '05
Scott Overall '07
Cleon Reynolds '31
Rick Streiff '84
1978-79 Women's
Basketball Team

2020

Tara Loper '99
Nick Pantazi '03
Eric Voss '95
John Harding '95

2021

Andy Boa '38
Jackie Closser Novinger '07
Ryan Harber '99
Michael Regan '01
Brad Stevens
2009-2010 Men's
Basketball Team
2010-2011 Men's
Basketball Team

2022

Andrew Baker '10
Ian Borgerhoff '90
Andy Howard '83
Matt Howard '11
Gordon Hayward '10
Shelvin Mack '11
June Olkowski
1995-1996 Women's
Basketball Team
1998 Baseball Team

2023

Lade Akande '09
Ben Sippola '11
Gerald Strole 1926
Paul Romanowski '92
Dr. Tom Fischer '75
Lou Jenkins
Jim Lill '70
1959-1960 Women's
Basketball Team

2024

Joe Franklin
Kris Gauson '11
A.J. Graves '08
James (Jim) Grubbs '76
Paige McCracken-Sealey '08
Shlomo Shemesh '99
Lori Efroymson-Aguilera
and Sergio Aguilera

