

## LAKER ATHLETIC HALL OF HONOR REQUIREMENTS

**Purpose:** The primary purpose is to honor outstanding Laker athletes and teams of both genders, and all Varsity sports, the Detroit Lakes School System has sponsored, along with individuals who have made a significant contribution to the long-term betterment of Laker Athletics.

**Eligibility:**

- A: The individual must have graduated from Detroit Lakes High School and participated in Varsity Athletics.  
or  
The individual must have participated in Varsity Athletics for at least two years in the Detroit Lakes School System.  
or  
The individual must have made significant contribution to the long-term betterment of Laker Athletics.
- B: The individuals scheduled graduation must be a minimum of ten years prior to the nomination.
- C: Varsity teams are eligible as a whole group but no more than one team can be honored with each entrance group.
- D: The individual must not be a current employee of the school district or a member of the Detroit Lakes Athletic Foundation Board of Directors and may not be considered for nomination until five years after the completion of his/her employment or term.
- E: The individual must be a representative example of the Detroit Lakes High School's concept of dedication and demonstrate high qualities of character and leadership.

## PURPOSE OF THE DETROIT LAKES ATHLETIC FOUNDATION

The Detroit Lakes Athletic Foundation was developed for the maintenance and improvement of Detroit Lakes Athletics through the use of endowment funds. The goal is to raise money and pledges for an ongoing endowment fund, with future committees to provide continued fundraising and yearly distribution of the yield from the invested funds. This fund is to supplement the needs of the Detroit Lakes Athletic programs for school age children. Equipment purchased must be owned by a qualifying 501(c)(3) organization. The primary emphasis will be on equipment that will be a benefit to all sports. If no requests exist that will benefit all sports, the advisory committee will review requests from individual sports. Fair and consistent treatment between sports over a number of years will be a primary consideration in recommending donations.

## GIVING LEVELS

The original committee developed some giving levels. Please note the level can be achieved by giving money or soliciting new members to the Foundation. Sustaining membership in the Foundation is achieved by a \$100.00 per year donation with full membership obtained after giving \$500.00. Other giving levels are:

- \*The Red & White Award for giving \$2,500.00 or more
- \*The Bronze Award for giving \$5,000.00 or more
- \*The Silver Award for giving \$10,000.00 or more
- \*The Gold Award for giving \$20,000.00 or more
- \*The Platinum Award for giving \$50,000.00 or more

Any donation of \$2,500.00 or more receives two lifetime passes to Laker sporting events.

*\*This endowment fund is able to take donations of appreciated stock, real estate or other assets. In addition, one of the primary methods of long-term growth for this fund is gifting through a will that will benefit athletics in Detroit Lakes forever.*

## DL ATHLETIC FOUNDATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Al Boehne • Jayne Thielen • Jon Olson Bob Gorden • Jeff Perkins •  
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## SPECIAL THANK YOU'S

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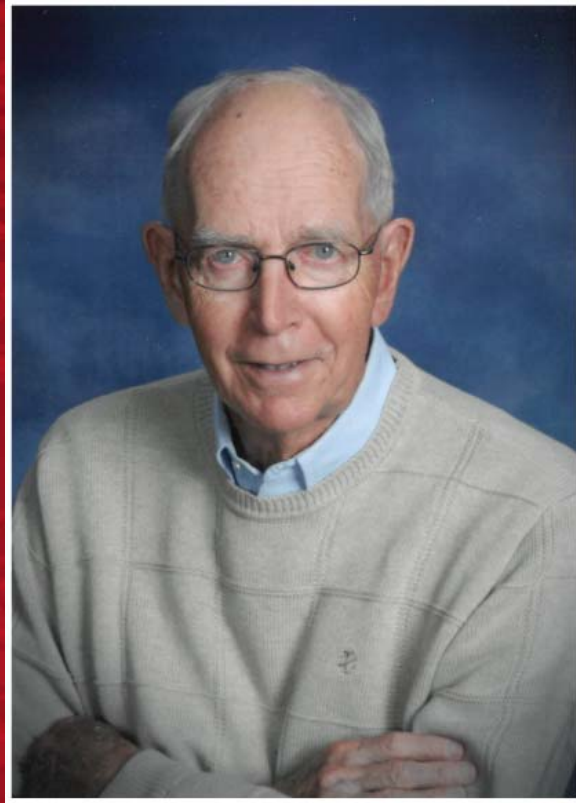
*Laker Hall of Honor  
Induction*

October 8, 2016

Holmes Community Center Ballroom

*"Standing on the Shoulders  
of Those Who Came Before Us"*

## BRUCE BARRETT



Bruce Barrett, a graduate of the DLHS Class of 1947 was a three-sport athlete that excelled in football, basketball, and track. Barrett earned eight letters during his high school career in a time when sports options were far more limited than the activities available to today's students. Barrett was rated one of the top offensive and defensive ends in Minnesota high school football, was named to the All-District 23 basketball team and qualified for state in his track specialty - the pole vault.

He was nominated to the National Star Athletes Society and received the Junior Chamber of Commerce athletic scholarship from the Jaycees.

Barrett was a versatile basketball player fitting into both the center and guard positions as a six-footer. Despite being known as a rebounder, he led the Lakers in scoring two consecutive seasons. Known by the nickname "Bruiser" he scored 207 and 123 points in those years to lead the team in an era when there

was one Class of competition and no three-point line. He was never held scoreless by the opposition. Barrett led the team to a District victory over a heavily-favored team from Fergus Falls that remains a personal highlight for the 1947 grad. Barrett and the Lakers won the District 23 title his senior season and recorded a 17-10 record before missing a shot at the state tournament when an illness zapped the team of energy in the region tournament.

Even though he specialized in the pole vault in track, Barrett was again a versatile member of his team running both low and high hurdles races, relays, high jump and broad jump.

Barrett added a District 23 pole vault title to complement the basketball championship. He also finished third in the District high hurdles and the broad jump. The going was a bit rough Barrett's senior football season. Barrett was the only letterman back and captain of a team that lost 20 letter winners the prior year. The Lakers struggled through a losing streak that stretched to 12 games before winning the season finale 40-0 over Pelican Rapids. Barrett set the Lakers up in scoring position with a pair of fumble recoveries on defense and made a 20-yard reception on a key drive.

Barrett was quoted as saying "Good memories, fellowship and friendships; I just enjoyed it, I liked athletics and concentrated on it most of the time."

After graduating high school, Barrett went on to Hamline University where he played junior varsity basketball for a program that won the NAIA Division I national championship defeating Regis College 57-46.

Bruce and his wife Harriet have four daughters and nine grandchildren. Bruce is retired from Bremer Bank.

## 2016 GIRLS GOLF TEAM



Six girls, seniors Christine Herzog and Amy Anderson, juniors Sarah Baukol and Betsy Hutchinson, sophomore Danelle Olson, and freshman Robin Huchinson along with their coaches Jim Buchholz and Al Squires make up the 2006 State Championship Girls Golf team. This team started a tradition in more than just golf as the first girls team from Detroit Lakes to ever win a state championship in any sport. A decade later, state championships have become the norm.

In 2006, it took just one meet to match all of the previous year's success when the Laker girls tied the DLHS record of 348. At the end of the regular season, the DL team had won ten meets, captured their 4th consecutive Mid-State Conference title and was ranked number one for Class 2A a couple of times during the season.

The biggest hurdle that the girls faced in 2006 was the section meet which had four teams ranked in the top 10. "We knew that was going to be more brutal than going to state" stated Anderson. It proved to be correct as the Lakers stepped up and beat Moorhead by one stroke to make it to the state meet. The Lakers had placed third at sections the prior two seasons.

## BRENT EIDENSCHINK



Brent Eidenschink, a 2006 graduate of Detroit Lakes High School, was a three sport star for the Lakers. Eidenschink lettered in wrestling, football and track during his storied career as a Laker, but the wrestling mat and football field were where Eidenschink excelled.

Wrestling and football were of huge importance to Eidenschink. He wanted to be the best and in that pursuit skipped many of the usual distractions for kids growing up in the lakes area. Eidenschink never had a tan, instead spending his time focusing on improving his speed and strength in the weight room. Much of the summer was also spent at camps and tournaments rather than the beach.

Eidenschink cut his teeth early in the Detroit Lakes wrestling program, wrestling at 160 pounds as an eighth grader competing against juniors and seniors. It is rare for a kid

that young to be wrestling at that weight. He took some losses, but learned from them. From his sophomore to senior seasons, Eidenschink only lost six matches. He was a tough guy in the wrestling sense when he broke an ankle and only missed two matches. After coming back from the injury, he pinned every opponent in the remainder of his regular season matches and set a single-season school record of 29 wins. Eidenschink was also tough mentally. He lost three matches at the state tournament after being tied or in the lead to the very end. That never stopped his drive to compete. His sophomore and junior seasons ended in late match, final second reversals. Eidenschink was seconds away from becoming the first Detroit Lakes state wrestling champion when he was taken down late in the 189-pound championship match his senior season and ended his high school wrestling career as a two-time state runner-up. Eidenschink owns the Lakers' wrestling all-time winning percentage at 87 percent with 165 overall wins.

On the football field, Eidenschink was a starter at linebacker for the Lakers since his freshman year and earned All-State award recognition for his level of play.

Eidenschink collected a bunch of accolades, both in sports and academics. He was a four-time Cadet All-American, three-time junior Greco-Roman and Freestyle All-American, a five-time letter winner in football and track to go with his All-State football award, an NHSCA Academic All-American, two-time Guillotine and MSHSL Academic All-State and a four-time Academic Excellence award winner.

As his high school career neared conclusion, Eidenschink was being heavily recruited to play college football. He was dead set on playing football in college until a recruiting trip to the University of Minnesota opened his eyes to college wrestling and caused him to rethink his future. Eidenschink accepted a scholarship to the University of Minnesota and went on to win the Minnesota Integrity Award and the Upperclassmen Academic Award during his career with the Golden Gophers.

## KELLI (SUTTON) MILLER



Kelli (Sutton) Miller from the Class of 1991 was a four-sport star athlete who excelled in swimming, diving, gymnastics, and track. Miller is the fifth woman inducted into the Detroit Lakes Athletic Foundation's Hall of Honor. Miller broke new ground in Laker Athletics at a time when girls sports were just getting into a groove.

Miller's competitive streak was a distinct byproduct of home more than at practice or during competition. Miller was spurred by the actions and words of her mother Dorothy "Dottie" Sutton. She recalls her Mother saying "It was you work harder everyday to improve, if you work hard there was nothing you couldn't do."

Miller held school records in track and field, went to state in diving five times and started the Laker run at state gymnastics as a key contributor on the school's first team appearance in 1991. She also

accepted a scholarship at the University of North Carolina-Wilmington on the dive team out of high school.

As a 2016 Hall of Honor nominee, looking back on her high school career, it was more the people that mattered, more than the competition. She is stated as saying "It was the friendships and camaraderie, each team had a different feel to it. Having that support system was my favorite part of all the sports."

After graduation Miller went on to UNC Wilmington where she continued her diving career. Since Detroit Lakes only had a one-meter board, her diving career started behind her teammates as they had been diving from three meters in high school. Sutton got up to speed quickly setting three college records both from the one-meter and three-meter springboards from 1991-95 that were recently broken last season.

Since graduation with a BA degree, Sutton has worked in multiple fields of Park and Recreation and currently her main job is being on the other end of challenging young athletes by coaching gymnastics at a big program in Carolina where she coaches over 310 gymnasts each season.

## DAVE JOHNSON



David Johnson enters the Detroit Lakes Athletic Foundation Hall of Honor as a three-sport athlete in football, hockey and track. He was a member of two state championship football teams in 1992 and 1993 under Head Coach Rick Manke, and made multiple trips to the state track meet.

As a football player, Johnson was an integral part of the team in all phases of the game starting at running back on offense, cornerback on defense and also returned kicks on special teams for the Lakers. What he lacked in size, he made up for with speed and agility. A proud memory during Johnson's junior season was the opportunity to play as part of the 1993 defensive unit that did not allow a point during the team's entire state playoff run.

"The best part of the 1993 team that was neat, was that nobody scored on us in the state playoffs," he said. "Looking back at those scores

it's pretty impressive to not give up a point."

While Johnson found plenty of success on the gridiron he starred on the track, a career that was cut short due to a knee injury that caused him to miss his entire senior season. Despite having to miss his senior year, Johnson still qualified twice for the state track meet, first as a freshman and again his junior season. He qualified for state as an individual in both the 100 and 200 meter sprints as well as the long jump. Johnson also ran the first leg of the 4x100 relay for the team that set a school record during the 1993 state high school track meet. Joining Johnson on the 4x100 record setting relay team were: Craig Fredrickson, Eric Gunderson and Mark Rasmussen. Johnson was able to rehab his injured knee and was able to move on to participate as a member of the University of North Dakota track team in Grand Forks, ND. Between the football and track seasons, Johnson spent his winters as a member of the Detroit Lakes High School hockey team. Johnson has fond memories of hockey ranging from time spent with friends on the outdoor rinks as a kid, to high school games against high quality opponents, many of which went on to play at major colleges and the professional level.

Johnson's nomination to the Detroit Lakes Athletic Foundation Hall of Honor was unexpected and came as a big surprise to the former Laker three sport athlete. "I thought they had the wrong number," he said. "I was completely shocked and more than surprised."

## GARRETT RABOIN



Garrett Raboin, a 2003 graduate of Detroit Lakes High School, was a three sport athlete who competed in football, hockey and golf. Raboin, a well-rounded athlete, is being inducted into the Detroit Lakes Athletic Foundation Hall of Honor in recognition of his considerable success on both the hockey rink and football field.

Although hockey has always been Raboin's athletic love, the football field was where he and his teammates found the greatest success at the state level. During Raboin's highly successful career, the Lakers were the 2001 state champions during his junior year and made a strong showing again his senior season reaching the 2002 state semi-finals. Raboin was a key component not only on offense and defense, but also as the long snapper on special teams. Raboin's former coach, Flint Motschenbacher, referred to him as, "Pound for pound one of the toughest players I ever

coached and a great leader by example."

Raboin finished his career as the 7th leading rusher in Laker history, with 292 carries for 2,486 yards and an amazing 8.5 yards per rush average. He is the 14th leading career scorer with 164 points and was named to the 2002 Minnesota All Section 8 Team.

Despite achieving considerable success on the football field, hockey was Raboin's true passion. He was a three year varsity letter winner and served as team captain his junior and senior seasons. From an early age, Raboin's father, Bruce, was his hockey coach and mentor. Bruce Raboin was a former college and professional hockey player, playing at Providence College from 1979-1983 and was drafted by the Washington Capitals in the 1980 NHL draft. He prepared Garrett well for his own career at the next level.

Upon graduating high school, Raboin decided to pursue his passion for hockey by joining the Lincoln Stars of the USHL. From there, Raboin was recruited to play at the college level and received a scholarship to St. Cloud State University. Raboin's accomplishments at St. Cloud read like a rap sheet of success and not just from the rink. He was selected as a scholar-athlete, made the Dean's List, to go along with being named the team's most valuable player, the WCHA defensive player of the week, being voted unanimously as the alternate captain for the Huskies as a sophomore and a captain his two final years. Raboin played in 156 games for St. Cloud scoring 21 times to go with 62 assists (83 points) and 134 penalty minutes. After completing college and graduating with a Special Education degree, Raboin played professionally overseas spending time in both Finland and Norway. Following his professional career, Raboin returned to his college alma mater where he currently serves as an assistant hockey coach for the St. Cloud State Huskies.