

2017 Hall of Fame



On September 15, 2017, the 21st Annual Hall of Fame Induction was held. Four individuals and one team were honored.

First, is **Joseph McKoan III, Class of 1953**. Joe won 12 letters in football, basketball, track and baseball. He was a member of 13 championships in the four sports during his career. This includes League, Districts, Regionals and State championships. In 1952, he was a key player in the basketball team's march to the Class C title game. This team went all the way to the state final before losing to St. Louis. After graduating from Algonac, Joe went to U of M where he played football as a fullback. His playing career was cut short when contracted Hodgkins Lymphoma at the age of 21. Joe passed away in 2002 and his wife, Valerie, passed away in 2008. His sons, Joe and Justin, accepted the award for their father.

The second group is the **1962 Basketball team**. This team was the last team to win a district championship for 17 years. It was also the last boys' team to play in a regional final for 55 years. During their season, the league title bounced between Algonac, Marysville and Cros Lex. In the District competition, the team beat Mt. Clemens Clintondale, and then Madison Heights Madison. In the Regionals, the team took on a Detroit team, St. Anthony. They beat this team 66 – 49 and then played against Redford St. Mary's. In a low scoring game, St. Mary's beat the Muskrats 38 to 34 to end the season. Although each player on the team contributed to the success, there were three players chosen for honors. John Bishop was 1st team SCAL, 2nd team All Area, Mike Barker was 2nd team SCAL, 2nd team All Area and George LaParl was Honorable Mention SCAL.

Tim Davis, Class of 1987, was an outstanding runner in both Cross Country and Track. He was surrounded by a team of talented runners, including Mike DeLange, Rob Busuttill and Joe Biland. This 1986 team was one of the first teams that put Algonac distance running on the map. As a junior, he was 1st team SCAL, 1st team All Blue Water Area. He set a new school record for the 5000 m. As a senior, he was part of a team that brought home 1st place trophies five times in 12 invitationals and meets. He again was 1st team SCAL and 1st team All Blue Water Area. In track, he set a new SCAL meet record for the 3200m relay. He also was 1st team SCAL and All Blue Water Area in the 3200m relay, and 2nd team SCAL and All Blue Water Area in the 3200m run. After graduation, he attended Macomb Community College and ran Cross Country, earning All Conference honors. In 1988, he enlisted in the Marines and stayed in the Marines for 22 years. He was deployed to Iraq three times. He continued to run and eventually qualified for the Boston Marathon. He currently lives with his wife, Wendy, in North Carolina.

Chris Meldrum, Class of 1990, won 9 varsity letters in his high school career, 2 in football, 3 in basketball, and 4 in tennis. In football he was quarterback on the 1988 and 1989 teams. These two teams were both 5 – 4, but were the first football teams with winning records since 1972. The 1989 team beat powerhouse Marysville. For football team members, this was a highlight of their season. In Basketball, the teams that Chris played on during his four years were a combined 71 – 12. He was moved up to varsity as a sophomore. He helped the varsity win a SCAL title in his junior year. In tennis, during his four years, he helped the team win two SCAL championships, two District championships and two Regional championships. The team qualified for the state tournament in 1988 and took 15th place. After graduation, he won a scholarship to play basketball at SC4, then transferred to Central Michigan University. He has been teaching at Memphis High School for over 20 years. He has coached the varsity girls' basketball team for 15 years and had one of the most successful programs in the area over that time span, winning five league championships and five district championships. He is part of Meldrum Brothers Band that entertains in and around the Algonac area. He married Algonac graduate Dena Ford.

Rick Hornbaker, Class of 1998, won 11 varsity letters in Track, Cross Country and Wrestling. As a sophomore, he was part of a team that took first place SCAL with 8 – 0 record. He received 1st Team SCAL, and 1st team All Area honors. In his junior year, the Cross Country team was 8 – 1 and took fifth place at Regionals. He received 1st Team MAC Blue Division, 1st Team All Blue Water Area and 1st Team All State. In his senior year, the Wrestling team he was part of a team, won a Division II District title. Individually, he had a 34 – 7 record. He was an individual champion at the Bloomfield Hills Lahser Invitational. He received Honorable Mention, All Blue Water Area. In track, he ran the 800m, 1600m, 3200m and 1600m relay. He placed 9th in the 1600m at the state meet. He was 2nd team All Blue Water Area. In Cross Country his senior year, the team won the MAC Blue championship with a 9 – 2 record. He earned 3rd place in Regionals, received 1st team All MAC Blue, 1st team All MAC Academic Team, 1st team All Blue Water Area and 1st team All State. He was the only Algonac runner to make the All State team two years in a row. After graduation, he went to Macomb Community College, where he competed in Cross Country, Indoor and Outdoor Track. He then went on to Eastern Michigan University. He became an assistant coach at Algonac High School for more than 10 years for cross country and track.