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Calumet High School Athletic Hall of Fame

Calumet High School is excited to announce that it will induct the Class of 2017 into the Calumet High School Athletic Hall of Fame on Saturday, September 9, 2017. The event will start at 11:00am with a coffee social in the CLK Schools Commons. The hall of fame induction ceremony is free of charge and open to the public.

This year's induction class consists of:

William Frantti
Wilbur Gray
Lori (Hendra) deBeaubien
Mike Hendrickson
Paul Hogan
Gary Taivalkoski

Biographies are listed on the following pages.

William "Bill" Frantti lettered in football, basketball, track and played junior hockey while attending Calumet High School (1942-1946). He played and lettered in football and hockey at Michigan Tech (1948-50). Bill transferred to St. Cloud State, and lettered in football, hockey and track. He served as captain of the football and hockey teams in his senior year (1950-1952). He coached football and basketball at Kenyon High School where his 1953 football team finished as conference champs with an 8-0 record (1952-1955). He coached varsity football and hockey at St. Cloud Tech High School (1955-1985). Bill was Chairman of the building committee which constructed the St. Cloud Municipal Athletic Complex, St. Cloud's first indoor ice facility (1972). He held a major leadership role in establishing the St. Cloud Youth Hockey Association (1974), and served as president of the Minnesota Hockey Coaches Association. He received the Butch Nash Award for coaching excellence from the Minnesota Football Coaches Association (1984), and the City of St. Cloud, Minnesota held a Bill Frantti Day for his contribution to the youth of their community in 1985. Bill sat on the selection committee that brought in Herb Brooks to coach St. Cloud State's first Division I hockey team (1986). After retirement, he volunteered with hockey programs at St. Cloud Tech, St. John's University and St. Cloud State. Became St. Cloud State's volunteer goalie coach for ten years during this time (1986-2000). Bill was a consultant for planning and design of the Herb Brooks National Hockey Center (1988). He was named a recipient of the Cliff Thompson Award for contributions to Minnesota hockey (1998). Bill Frantti has also been inducted into the Minnesota High School Coaches Hall of Fame, Minnesota High School Hockey Coaches Hall of Fame, St. Cloud State University Hall of Fame and St. Cloud Tech High School Hall of Fame.

Wilbur Gray played football, hockey and baseball while attending Calumet High School (1907-1910). He was named to Copper Country Hockey League all-star teams as a goaltender with Red Jacket. Wilbur was a teammate of CHS Hall of Famer, Charles Uksila, on both the Red Jacket and Mohawk teams. He also played for a short period of time with a team from Calumet (1907-1911). Wilbur played baseball in Copper Country leagues for Calumet, Lake Linden and Laurium, where he was selected to league all-star teams as a catcher (1908-1911). Wilbur was a teammate of George Gipp with the Laurium teams while home from playing college and pro baseball (1913 & 1917). He was recruited by Notre Dame to play baseball where he earned three varsity letters as the team's catcher (1912-1914). While at Notre Dame, organized a hockey team and played center on the school's first two teams (1912-1913). Wilbur graduated from the University of Notre Dame with a Bachelor of Laws degree in 1914, and is believed to be the first CHS athlete to earn a degree from Notre Dame. While at Notre Dame, he was a classmate, hall mate and friend of Knute Rockne who would later become a football coaching legend at Notre Dame. He would later serve as an assistant coach with the Notre Dame baseball team (1917). It was Wilbur Gray who recruited CHS Hall of Fame members, George Gipp, Ojay Larson and Hunk Anderson to attend Notre Dame. After college, he played five years of professional baseball with Kalamazoo in the Southern Michigan Association, Wichita in the Western League, Fort Worth in the Texas League and Minneapolis in the American Association (1914-1918). Wilbur signed a contract with the Chicago White Sox and was on their major league roster off and on for two seasons (1916-1917). During World War I he served as a private stationed at Camp Grant in Rockford, Illinois. Wilbur Gray was a gifted athlete who excelled at baseball and became the first CHS alumnus to gain prominence as both a collegiate and professional player.

Lori (Hendra) deBeaubien earned eleven (11) letters while attending Calumet High School in Volleyball (4) basketball (3) golf (3) and track (1) between 1989-1993. She was a member of the first CHS team to win a U.P. Girls Golf Championship (1991) and captained the CHS volleyball and basketball teams in her senior year (1992-1993). Lori received the CHS Senior Female Athlete Award, now the Holly Jean McCullah Award, as the outstanding senior female athlete in the class of 1993. She played for the Traverse City Chiefs women's travel hockey team (1994-1997), before enrolling and playing three years of varsity hockey with the Sacred Heart Pioneers of the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference (1998-2001). Lori became one of the leading scorers on the team in her first year with 16 goals and 11 assists for 27 points in 22 games (1998-1999). She later set a school record with a nine (9) point game with 5 goals and 4 assists (1999-2000). Lori helped the Pioneers to an 11-5-1 conference record by leading the team in scoring with 15 goals and 14 assists for 29 points in 22 games (1999-2000), and served as team captain in her final season, which was hampered by injuries limiting her offensive output to 5 goals and 6 assists for 11 points (2000-2001). Throughout her collegiate career, Lori averaged over a point per game with career totals of 36 goals and 31 assists for 67 points in 65 games played (1998-2001). After earning her first degree, Lori served as assistant hockey coach for the Pioneers while attending graduate school (2001-2002). Her playing days did not end there, as she went on to play with the New Haven, Connecticut women's team and Team Connecticut (2001-2002). Lori Hendra deBeaubien was a versatile four-sport athlete while at CHS who went on to excel in a fifth sport at the collegiate level with the Sacred Heart University women's hockey team of Fairfield, Connecticut.

Mike Hendrickson lettered in football (3), hockey (3), track (2), and played baseball while attending Calumet High School (1971-1975). In football, Mike was selected to the CC All-Conference 1st team in both his junior and senior years as a running back and linebacker (1973 & 1974). He served as captain on the Copper King football team that won the CC Conference championship by finishing with a 5-2-1 record and received All-U.P. honorable mention in Class A-B as a running back (1974). Mike was selected as captain of the CHS hockey team that won the Lake Superior Hockey Conference championship, the LSHC play-off championship, the state regional championship and finished runners-up in the state title game (1974-75). He led the LSHC in scoring with 17-14-31 and the Kings in overall scoring with 28-22-50 (1974-75). During the 1974-75 season, Mike was named to the LSHC All-Conference 1st team as a forward, and was also selected to the Michigan High School Hockey All-State 1st team as one of the top three forwards in the state (1974-75). In track, Mike placed and earned points in numerous track meets over his career as a shot putter (1974-1975). Mike was a talented baseball player, having played four years of American Legion baseball. Mike was named league MVP as a shortstop with a .420 batting average and a 4-0 record as a pitcher (1975). In Twilight League, Mike played second base on the Wolverine baseball team for four years (1975-1980). He received the George Gipp Award as the CHS outstanding senior male athlete (1975). After high school, Mike played four years of varsity hockey at the University of Wisconsin-Superior (1975-1979). He led the Yellowjackets in goals his sophomore year with 28, (7th highest in school history). Mike finished his career with 71 goals, which stands 6th all-time in school history. After college, Mike played hockey with the C-L-K Wolverines hockey team for four years (1979-1983). Mike Hendrickson was an excellent four-sport athlete during his high school years who went on to have a fine career as a college hockey player.

Paul Hogan played football, hockey and baseball while attending Calumet High School (ca.1903-1905). He played hockey with Laurium and Mohawk men's team (1904-10) and was an all-star selection. Paul signed a pro baseball contract to play with Green Bay of the Wisconsin-Illinois League (1909). He then joined the Clinton, Iowa team of the Northern Association, before the Boston Red Sox sold his contract and he finished his season with Lynn, Mass. of the New England League. The following season a bean ball incident in the Copper Country resulted in a serious head injury which dampened any hopes of continuing his pro baseball career (1911). He led the Portage Lake team that won the United States Amateur Hockey championship by scoring two goals in the deciding game to defeat Cleveland (1913). Paul continued to play baseball in the Copper Country Trolley League on the Calumet team with CHS Hall of Fame members, George Gipp and Joe Savini. He remained an outstanding outfielder and pitcher and usually led the league in stolen bases (1912-1920). He competed and won numerous races in YMCA and town sponsored track meets around the Upper Peninsula. He competed in dashes of all different distances and was the consensus choice as the fastest man in the U.P. during his prime. On two occasions, he was timed as running the 100 yard dash in 9.8 seconds. The top sprinters in the world at that time were running the distance in 9.6 to 9.7 seconds (1912-1920). Paul excelled at bowling and golf and was named to the Marquette Mining Journal's list of greatest multi-sport athletes in Upper Peninsula history (1950). He served as a senior master engineer while serving in the 107th Engineer Battalion during World War I, and played baseball with the regimental baseball team during his enlistment (1917). Paul Hogan was one of Calumet's greatest athletes in an era when Calumet was producing outstanding athletes at the high school, collegiate and professional levels.

Gary Taivalkoski lettered in football (2), basketball (2), and track (3) while attending Calumet High School, where he was selected to serve as team captain in all three sports between 1973-1977. He was named to the Copper Country All-Conference 1st team in football as an offensive end in 1976. Gary set two school basketball records with 21 field goals and 46 points against Dollar Bay in 1977 and was selected as the basketball team's Most Valuable Player after averaging 17.2 points and 13.7 rebounds per game in his senior year (1976-77). He was voted to the Copper Country All-Conference basketball 1st team and the Class A-B All-U.P. 2nd team (1976-77). Gary competed in track and field by running the 120 yard high hurdles, the 330 yard low hurdles, relays, the high jump and long jump (1974-77). He set a school record as a sophomore by high jumping 6' 1" at the U.P. Track Finals in 1975. Gary broke the Copper Country Conference record as a junior with a high jump of 5'11" and again as a senior with a jump of 6' ½" (1976 & 1977). He established a school record in the 330 yard low hurdles with a time of 42.70 seconds (1977). Gary broke his own school record by jumping 6'4" at a meet in Niagara, Wisconsin in 1977. As a senior, Gary set two U.P. records with a high jump of 6'3" in the Class A-B regionals and then a jump of 6'4 ½" in the Class A-B finals (1977). He received the George Gipp Award as the most outstanding senior male athlete in the class of 1977. After high school, Gary played one year of varsity basketball at Michigan Tech University (1977-78), and also competed in track at MTU where he finished 5th in the high jump at the G.L.I.A.C. championship (1978). Gary transferred to Central Michigan and set a personal best high jump of 6'7" in an indoor meet in 1980. Gary Taivalkoski was an outstanding athlete at CHS who set school records in two sports and went on to compete in track and basketball at the college level.