

2024 Track & Field and Cross Country Hall of Fame Inductees

Fasil Bizuneh - Ben Davis



An Indianapolis native, Fasil Bizuneh graduated from Ben Davis High School in 1998, where he excelled in Cross Country and track. He was a three-time All State runner, winning the state title in 1996 and contributing to a team championship in 1995. Fasil also placed 5th at the Foot Locker National Championships in 1997. On the track, he won the 3200m state title in 1998 and achieved podium finishes in the 1600m in 1997 and 1998.

At Arizona State University, Fasil studied chemical engineering and earned All-American honors twice in Cross Country, setting records in the 10,000m and 5,000m races. Post-college, he had success in road racing, winning the 2010 US 10-mile championships and achieving notable finishes in the USA Half-Marathon and Marathon Championships.

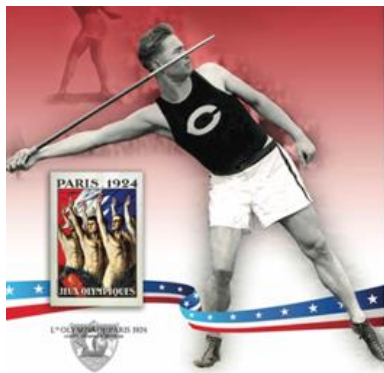
Scott Fangman – Southport/ UIndy



Fangman, 14 seasons at Southport High School produced five individual IHSAA State Meet Champions, 5 top 10 State Meet finishes and poled 12 years as one of the better teams in the state.

Moving to University of Indianapolis in 1997, continued the winning ways. In his 27 years, his teams (Men and Women) won 22 GLVC championships since 2010, 14 times Coach of the Year (GLVC), 33 GLVC Athletes of the Year, and 10 FLVC Fresh persons of the Year. His national results produced 142 All-American and 9 individual champions.

Harry Fredia – Chalmers



Fredia was born a “Friday” in Chalmers and became a great high school athlete. This pursued Coach Alonso Staggs of the University of Chicago to recruit him. His father was very much against him going off to college. However, his mother and Harry made their way to Chicago. He became good very quickly and received many accolades in the news media. They were still carrying a chip on their shoulders and went to the clerk’s office and changed their name to Fredia. In 1924, his collegiate success carried him to an USA Olympic Team member and an eight place finish.

Ronald Golston – Gary Tolleston



Golston was the IHSAA State 880 yards champion in 1964 running 1:55.7. He set all Gary indoor 880-yard record. While at Arkansas AM&N, he ran on the sprint medley relay that set many records and was just 2.5 seconds of the World Record.

After college, Ronald returned to Gary and coached the Horace Mann High School team and then entered social work as the Lake County Superior Court Juvenile Division and the psychiatric social worker in the Gary School Corporation.

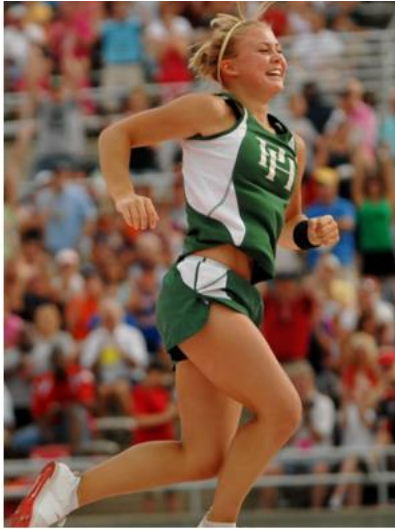
Larry Henning – Carroll (Flora)



After graduating from Valparaiso HS and Indiana State U, Henning began his teaching and coaching at Carroll (Flora) HS and after retiring from teaching he still volunteered as a coach. He has officiated so many high school and collegiate meets that the count has stopped. Hennings has officiated 25 IHSAA State Meets and for the last 11 as the head umpire.

Larry became a national track official in 1986 (TAC), officiating many NCAA Division I, II, III, and NAIA Championship Meets. His officiating includes 8 Olympic Trials, 30 Senior and Junior USATF Championships, World University Games, Special Olympic Games and more. Henning has been awarded many, including the National Charles Ruter Official Award. culminating as a member of the 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games.

Ellie McCardwell – Pendleton Heights



McCardwell had a lustrous high school career, becoming a three-time Indiana All-State Field Athlete. She was a two-time IHSAA State Meet champion in the pole vault, set a record (13'6.25") in 2009 that stood for 14 years. She received the SAMMY Scholar Athlete and Indiana's Track & Field Gatorade Athlete of the Year.

She attended the University of Stanford and completed on the NCAA national level for 4 years.

Candyce McGrone – Warren Central



McGrone took her talents from Broad Ripple HS To Warren Central HS where she became a 5-time IHSAA State Champion and lead her Team to three IHSAA Team titles.

With her raw talents and untapped potential, she attended Florida State University, later transferring to the University of Oklahoma and winning an NCAA National 100m championship.

Turning pro early, she rediscovered her form with a World Leading time in the 220m of 22.56.

Austin Mudd - Center Grove



Mudd had a very lustrous high school career winning four IHSAA State Championships and leading his team to a championship. In the 2011 State Meet, he broke both the 800m and 1600m state meet records in winning. He broke Rudy Chapa's 35 year old 1600m record by 1.20 seconds with a 4:03.00 and less than an hour later broke Tom Martin's 34 year old 800m record with a 1:49.25. He went on to win the Adidas Grand Prix High School Dream mile with a 4:01.83, followed by the New Balance's 800m with a time of 1:48.09. From this he became Indiana's Gatorade Male Track and Field Athlete of the Year.

Attending the University of Wisconsin, Mudd continued his winning ways by becoming a member of the 2012 US Junior Team and at the IAAF World Championships ran a 3:46.50 1500m time. In 2013, he became the youngest Indiana runner to break 4:00 in the mile at 3:59.33. His NCAA All-American Awards were many.

Angie Ryker – New Washington



Ryker was an extra special high school performance from an exceedingly small southern high school winning two IHSAA State Meets in the shot put and became a High School All-American. In 1988, she was a member of The US World Championship Junior Team, placing 9th in the shot put.

Attending Indiana University, Ryker was a four year letterperson, two time Big Ten shot put champion and a five time NCAA All-American. She remains on the All-Big Ten Top 20 List in both the shot put and discus.

Brionna Thomas – Fort Wayne Wayne



Thomas' high school career includes IHSAA State Meet championships in the 100m and 200m. She won the USATF Junior Nationals in the 100m, 200, and 4x100 relay.

Attending Purdue, Thomas was a 13 time NCAA All-American, 16 time Big-Ten medalist 7 time champion. In 2018, she was named the Great Lakes NCAA Regional Athlete of the Year and followed that with the Purdue University Athlete of the Year award.

Futsum Zienasellassie – North Central (Indianapolis)



Zienasellassie's great high school career included 7 IHSAA State Meet championships, three and a runner-up in cross country and four in the 3200m. He still holds the record in both at 14:48.80 and 8:51.15. He was a three-time Footlocker All-American.

At Northern Arizona University, he was a four-time NCAA All-American and lead his team to their first NCAA Championship. He has now become a marathon in the international level.

Kerry Zimmerman - Corydon Central



Zimmerman emerged from a small high school, participating in two IHSAA State championships 1978 and 1979 with podium finishes. He lettered four years in each sport of football, basketball, and track & field.

Attending Indiana University, Kerry won two Big-Ten Championship long jumps and in 1983 was the NCAA Decathlon champion. Followed by 27 years of successful head track and field coach at his former high school.

He is very active in the community of Corydon where he continues the family business, Zimmerman Art Glass, where thousands visit his demonstrations each year.

Gary Roosevelt 1962 - 4x440 Relay



Gary Roosevelt's 1962 4x440 Relay of Eugene Anderson, James Harris, Larry Hood, and Walter Little ran an All-Time Indiana High School record of 3:15.7. That performance was just half a second off the national record and the second best in 1962.

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