

## HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2017

### 1977-1978 Gymnastic Team

The girls' gymnastics team of 1977-78 had all odds against them, yet they found a way to make their season a season to remember for all. Advancing to state for the third year in a row, this team was destined to place. Coming in with a score of 114.55, the girls placed sixth only four points out of fourth place. The big difference for this era of competition was that it was a one class system. While competing at state, the Frazee girls competed against teams such as Burnesville, Edina East, Robbinsdale, Fairmont, St. Cloud Cathedral, Rochester Mayo and Grand Rapids. Showing that a small town could compete and place against schools much larger in size shows how special this team was. This team recorded over 50 consecutive dual meet wins. They were HOL Conference Champs, Section 8 Champs (defeating Fergus Falls and Detroit Lakes), Frazee Invitation Champs, and had eight girls compete individually at the state meet. Perhaps the most remarkable part of this group was they did this without a practice space. Their practice area was the stage area in the main gym only getting rare moments where they could use the wrestling mats in the cold mornings before school to practice their floor routines. Dedication, sacrifice, and teamwork is the recipe that made up this team, and it is why they are a part of the Hall of Fame.

### Erica Mois

A 2000 FHS graduate, Erica was a multi-sport athlete lettering in track, cross country, and basketball. She was also a member of the National Honor Society, FACT, band, and graduated with a GPA of 3.8. Erica qualified for the state track meet four years in a row from 1997-2000. Erica placed in the state meets in the long jump, triple jump, 200 meter dash, and was an instrumental piece of the placing 4 x 100 meter relay team. She currently holds the records in long jump (18'1") and triple jump (36'8.5"). Erica's college career took place at the University of Jamestown where she earned her degree in Computer Science/Management graduating with a GPA of 3.94. While at Jamestown she competed in track and was a 4-time All-American in long jump, all time career points leader, school record holder long jump 19'2 and DAC-10 long jump record holder at 18'9", DAC-10 triple jump record holder at 38'7 ¾", won five DAC long jump crowns and was named three times as an NAIA scholar athlete in track and field. Erica is a member of a semi-professional tackle football league where she has been a five time All-American, was chosen to the USA National Team in 2017 and played in the Women's World Championships.

### Joe Sailer

A 1964 graduate and Student Council president, Joe Sailer earned 13 varsity letters in football, basketball, and baseball, plus three All-Conference awards in two sports. He was the 1964 "Athlete of the Year" and ended his basketball career as the second leading scorer in Frazee history. He played football and baseball at University of North Dakota and Moorhead State graduating with a degree in Mathematics. Playing for the Perham Pirate amateur baseball team, his team had a 36-game winning streak and claimed the State Championship (1966) and State Runners-Up (1967). As a 29-year coach, Joe coached football, basketball, and baseball. In 1976, he inherited a 1-15 Menahga Girls' Varsity basketball team and, in four years, turned them into a 14-6 winning program. In addition, he led the Frazee Varsity baseball team to State in 1999. As a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, Joe obtained his Master's Degree in Business in 1988. He served during Vietnam, the Cold War and Desert Storm. During this time, he supplied Defense Early Warning sites in Alaska and Greenland. Additionally, he caught deorbited space satellites and tracked space launches. He also tested Patriot and Cruise missiles and the first GPS system. A C-130 Command Pilot, Joe retired with the rank of Lt. Colonel in 1994.

### Merle Kangas

Graduating in 1971, Merle was a multi-sport athlete lettering in football, basketball, baseball, and track, participated in FFA, and also earned two All-Conference honors in football. Merle was well-known as the "field general" by his coaches and teammates. He had the ability to make smart decisions on the move enabling himself to make great plays or help put his teammates in better position. Merle was voted to the All-State football team as a defensive back his senior year. He compiled nine interceptions during his senior season and scored forty-two points in one game both being school records still held today. He averaged 7.8 yards per carry, threw for five hundred eighty one yards offensively, scored one hundred forty-two points, averaged thirty-five yards per carry on kickoff returns, while racking up thirty-five unassisted and thirty assisted tackles. Merle was well-known as the spirit and leadership of the teams he played on.

### Mitch Anderson

A 1993 graduate, Mitch Anderson earned 13 varsity letters in basketball (3), football (2), cross country (3), and track and field (5). He earned All-Conference in three sports and was a member of the National Honor Society. His basketball career was impressive as a team and individual. He was a three year varsity player racking up a team record over that time of 56 wins and 13 losses, also obtaining HOL Conference Champs in 1993, being District 23 runner-ups in 1991, and as a team averaging over 80 points a game in 1992. Mitch holds several individual basketball records: 1,301 career points, 45 points in a single game, 203 career steals, and was named the "Full Court Press All State Team" in 1993. He is also ranked fourth in career assists at 299 and tied for second in three pointers in a game (7). He was the leading scorer in the HOL conference his junior year (25.2 PPG) and senior year (23.5 PPG) and scored 30 points or more in eight games. Mitch took his basketball career to St. Cloud State before eventually transferring to Concordia College in Moorhead where he earned his BA in Elementary Education/Coaching. He later obtained his Educational Leadership degree from St. Cloud State in 2006 and now serves as a superintendent.