COUGAR ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME Class of 2025

Jackson Coker
Tianna (Drahn) Butteris
Mike Morio
Will Morio
Aaron Stecker

COUGAR ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

ATHLETES

Stephanie Jamerson Albrecht (03) 2015

April Allen (09) 2020

Danny Bales (04) 2015

Kyle Bassett (98) 2016

Tim Batterson (84) 2010

Dennis Baskerville(76) 2001

Cody Bell (12) 2024

Brianna Benning (93) 2001

Shaun Beyer (16) 2024

Roger Bir (69) 2015

Raven Blackwell (01) 2009

Carrie Blankenship (98) 2006

Troy Blankenship (00) 2023

Tony Booth (90) 1999

Tammy Brauer (94) 2002

Stephanie Brennan (93) 2008

David O Brown (77) 2004

Mary Hartman Bruce (79) 1998

Tina Naaktgeboren Brooker (87) 2003

Dawn Hajek Buckheister (95) 2015

Kelli Steggall Buresh (80) 1995

Erin Thornton Burgess (98) 2019

Colby Burke (88) 2007

Tianna Drahn Butteris (16) 2025

Leesa Cadwallader (07) 2013

Sarah Cadwallader (07) 2013

Austin Christensen (11) 2019

Mari Sather Christensen (82) 2003

Jackson Coker (17) 2025

Lori Rose Collins (85) 2015

Tracy Crocker (78) 1994

Jeff Croy (73) 1999

Michelle Murdock Cue (90) 2019

Zach Daniels (15) 2023

Ron Dearborn (76) 2019

Kandy Keiper Donner (92) 2011

Deb Duff (77) 2008

Dirk Dunbar (69) 1994

Mark Enright (73) 1995

Louie Ervin (90) 2013

Tanya Roach Ewing (79) 2002

Alan Feickert (90) 2014

Bill Fowler (71) 2011

Heather Mowery Fleming (95) 206

Rhonda Gerber Frey (73) 1994

Michel Nixon Gage (90) 2012

Kim Brekke Gescheider (90) 20025

Rick Gilbertson (81) 2000

Sydney Hayden Girling (16) 2024

Chuck Graham (77) 2000

Dave Greenwood (72) 1997

Don Greenwood (71) 1996

Jade Grimm (09) 2014

Joe Gureno (91) 2010

Kara Hajek Gustafson (97) 2006

Thad Hackney (96) 2007

Cory Hannen (97) 2007

Susan Buckheister Hanson (97) 2013

Chad Hartke (92) 2012

Steve Hartkemeyer (68) 2010

Joel Hartman (85) 2006

Linda Smith Haywood (82) 1996

Drew Heitland (14) 2020

Trevor Heitland (12) 2020

Laurie Haddy Hepker (79) 2013

Derek Hinke (04) 2015

Jordan Holmes (14) 2020

Jeff Hrubes (84) 1997

Dalles Jacobus (16) 2024

Derek Jacobus (14) 2020

Josh Jahlas (12) 2019

Carie Goode Jans (80) 2001

Ashley Hamblin Jay (05) 2015

Chuck Johnson (76) 2003

Randy Johnson (88) 2002

Tim Kadlec (79) 2004

Linda Cunningham Kazmierczak (77) 1996

Jenni Adams Keitges (87) 1997

Brett Kellogg (00) 2009

Kevin Kiley (72) 1996

Kyle Knock (98) 2009

Gail Kramer (78) 1995

Randy Krejci (72) 1997

Diana Greenwood Kurtz (80) 2002

Mike Kvach (80) 2006

Aaron Lamaak (03) 2023

Ben Lamaak (06) 2013

Kristi Loftus (84) 1997

Jim Long (68) 2012

Al Lorenzen (84) 1995

Kate Marovich (93) 2005

Eric Martin (93) 2005

Guy Martino (08) 2018

Max Martino (10) 2018

Lisa Smith Mattingly (88) 1998

Steve Mcdonnell (70) 1998

Andrea Shields Mcdonough (01) 2018

Madison Meier (14) 2020

Toby Michael (79) 1998

Greg Mick (76) 1995

Randy Moore (81) 2013

Mike Morio (06) 2025

Nick Morio (95) 2013

Will Morio (08) 2025

Mike Morrison (92) 2015

Rhonda Gardemann Murr (91) 1999

Haley Neiderhiser (08) 2024

Rick Netolicky (68) 1996

Anne O'Neil (00) 2007

Scott Owens (82) 2008

Maria Zimmerman Paulsen (01) 2016

Brent Paulson (92) 2002

Lance Paulson (89) 2001

Zach Paulson (01) 2009

Hercules "Ty" Payton (75) 2001

Ryan Prahm (97) 2014

Shauna Happel Rasmussen (11) 2023

Ellie Blankenship Reagan (07) 2014

Jody Ream (88) 2004

Elise Reid (06) 2016

Bryan Rempt (00) 2007

Bill Roby (78) 1998

Lynette Wilson Rohrs (03) 2015

Eric Schultz (08) 2016

Shawn Sedlacek (94) 2005

Jake Settle (03) 2011

Sandy Sherman Shean (74) 2010

Shelly Sheets (91) 1999

Teddy Shonka (07) 2016

Meghan Sievertsen (05) 2013

Joey Slaton (05) 2014

Rachel Spellerberg (09) 2024

Courtney Strait (12) 2019

Jill Hlavacek Smorawske (99) 2010

Karen Hoffman Sperfslage (94) 2000

Sarah Russell Suhr (96) 2008

Stephenie Wilson Tupa (92) 2012

Dee Ann Davidson Vanhoeck (81) 1994

Vanessa Schrock Vega (01) 2009 Mark Votroubek (70) 1996

Cindy Lamb Watson (78) 2011

Lisa Smith Wetterman (81) 2000

Chad Wiese (91) 2010

Julianne Lord Wilson (07) 2019

Anna Swason Wilson (93) 2009

Amy Wold (04) 2014

Andy Zediker (97) 2019

Glen Zenor (74) 2003

COACHES

Rick Blackwell (01)
Dave Brockway (01)
Dudley Draxton (07)
Rose Elvidge (01)
David Etienne (94)
Vance Fuller (08)
Glen Golden (07)
Bill Herkelman (94)
Jim Hermann (04)
Harvey Hop (02)
Dennis Hynek (05)
Don Knock (01)
Bob Kolar (03)
Randy Krejci (09)

Jim Lewis (99)
Jerry Mauren (96)
Ed Miller (04)
Mark Onstott (06)
Greg Reed (99)
Mike Robertson (24)
Steve Robertson (24)
Dennis Roloff (18)
John Ross (18)
Dennis Rubenow (03)
Steve Shean (11)
Don Shupe (98)
Deb Snook (02)
Lloyd Spier (95)

Aaron Stecker (25)
Bob "Bear" Stevens (00)
Mark Stewart (08)
Al Stiers (97)
Corey Tafoya (06)
Dale Tryon (05)
Chuck Webb (10)
Mel Wieland (05)
Mary Wilcynski (14)
Mark Wilden (16)
Gary Williams (98)
Harold Wilkinson (95)
Dave Winkler (14)
Arnie Zediker (09)

BOOSTERS

Dan & Jackie Gardemann (03)

Bob Baskerville (94)
Darrell Berry (05)
Tom Berthel (04)
John Birnbaum (97)
Michael Bisek (96)
Diane Brauer (09)
Bob Brooks (96)
Connie Caviness (16)
Dr. Ken Cearlock (05)
Ginny Cronbaugh (00)
Merv Cronbaugh (98)
Jerry Danforth (04)
Dick Dircks (98)
Bob Duff (03)

Mike Fitzharris (07)

Dr. Joe Galles (02)

Don Greenwood Sr (08)
Joel Hopkins (95)
Jan Hutchison (98)
Chuck Johnson (07)
Paul Johnson (04)
Carl Juntilla (97)
Tim Kappmeyer (95)
Jayne Kremer (13)
Leroy Kremer (04)
Ruth Lamb (95)
Nancy Melsa (99)
Jerry Mohwinkle (03)
Evalyn Moorehead (03)
Steve Mortimore (06)
George Nissen Family (06)

Chuck Patton (13)
M.R. "Peck" Peckosh (01)
Lanny Peterson (03)
Robin Roberts (07)
Merle Runde (00)
Jim Schneekloth (99)
Ricki Schulte (16)
Richard Sedlacek (95)
Dan & Peggy Shonka (10)
Robert Spurr (08)
Ken Terukina (16)

Bill & Cathy Thompson (12) Bud Wiese (04) Geri Wiese (01) Tom Zahn (02)





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Class of 2017

Football

(2013-2016)
4A 2nd Team All State (x2)
MVC All Conference (x3)
All District (x3)
2015 State Runner Up (13-1)
2014 State First Round
2013 State Quarter Finals

Basketball

((2013-2015)

Track & Field

(2014-2017)

4A State Champion Discus Throw (x2)

4A State Finalist Discus Throw

4A State Runner-Up Shot Put

State Meet Multiple Team Podium Finishes

Drake Relays Multiple Medal Finishes

State Track, Ranked 11th on IA All Time Best Shot Put Throw 63'9.5"

State Track, All Time List Discus Throw 185'3"

University of South Dakota

(2017-2023)
Football and Track & Field
3 yr starter for Coyote Football
3x All Conference Honoree
Academic All American
NCAA D1 National Track Meet Qualifier
Special Olympics Volunteer

Memories of JFK

"Looking back, the best thing that came from my time at Kennedy was an internal sense of accountability and ownership of outcomes. At the end of the day- if I don't meet my goals, that is nobody's fault but my own. I have either not worked hard enough, or have not cultivated an environment for those goals to be realized."





Class of 2016

Volleyball

(2012-2015) 2015 MVC Honorable Mention 2015 All Metro Honorable Mention 2015 State Volleyball Qualifier 2015 MVC Conference Champions

Track & Field

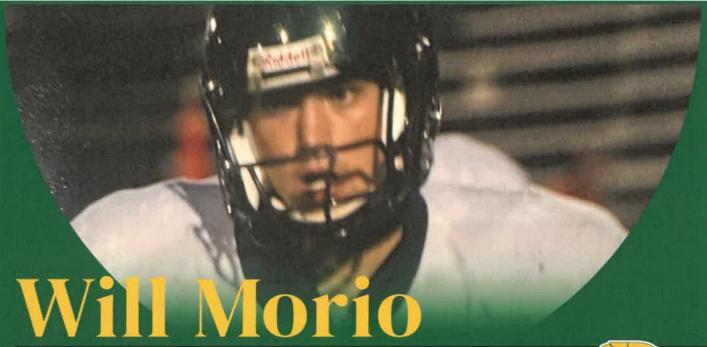
(2013-2016) 2016 MVC Honorable Mention 2016 All Metro Honorable Mention 2015, 2014, 2013 State Meet Qualifier 2015, 2014, 2013 Drake Relays Qualifier

Softball

(2012-2016)
2016 First Team All State
2016 Des Moines Register All IA Softball Team
2016 MVC Conference Champs
2016, 2015, 2014 MVC All Conference
2016, 2015 All Metro First Team
2016, 2015, 2014 First Team All East District
Record Holder in stolen bases in a season (60)

Memories of JFK

"We had a lot of success in all 3 sports and it fun when you win! Beating 1st ranked Cedar Falls in volleyball, the long jump at State Track, and a winning record my senior year. The greatest lesson I carry with me is to work hard and how to handle adversity."





Class of 2008

Football

(2003-2007) Linebacker and Fullb

Linebacker and Fullback IHSAA Playoffs as Junior & Senior Junior Year - MVC 1st Team, All Metro 1st Team, All State 3rd Team

Senior Year - Team Captain, MVC 1st Team, All Metro 1st Team, Team MVP, Team "Hardest Hitter" Sack record holder for career (21), season (11) and single game (4) 250 Career Tackles

Baseball

(2003-2008)

Pitcher and Outfielder Senior Year-IHSAA State Baseball Tournament, 2.41 ERA, batted .465. MVC 1st Team, All Metro 1st Team

Track & Field

(2004-2008)

Kennedy Bench Press Record 340 lbs as a Senior

Memories of JFK

"Learning the importance of hard work in sports can translate to every aspect of life. Also, building lifelong friendships with teammates on the football and baseball field."





Class of 2006

Football

(2002-2005)
2005 IHSAA State Playoffs Quarterfinals
Single season record most tackles (157)
Single season record most sacks (10) (since broken)
1st Team All State
1st Team All Conference

Track & Field

(2002-2006)

University of Iowa

Member of the football team 2006-2008 Attended the Iowa College of Dentistry

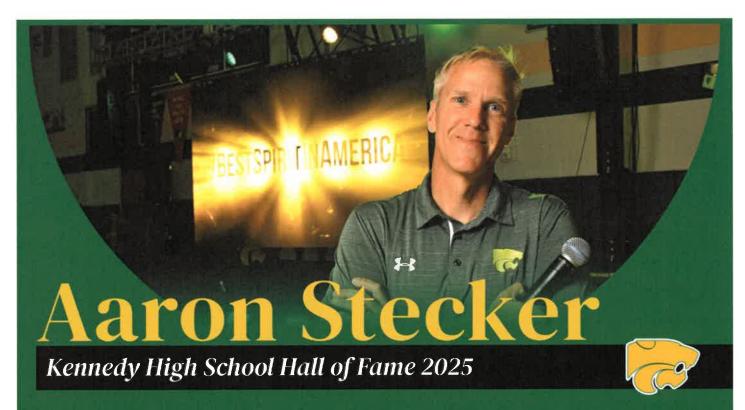
Baseball

(2002-2006) 2006 2nd place at State 2nd Team All-Conference Pitcher

Memories of JFK

"Favorite memories include the State Baseball going to the championship game as the 8 seed Beating Cedar Rapids Prairie in Double Overtime in football playoffs

I made bonds with many of my teammates which will last my life. I have always been and always will be proud to be a JFK Cougar and am forever grateful for the many coaches which have helped shape my life along the way."



Teacher, Coach, Administrator, Mentor and Athletic and Activities Booster

Aaron moved to Cedar Rapids in August of 1999 and worked at Kennedy for 24 years; 6 years as a biology and chemistry teacher, 2 years as the Attendance Facilitator, and 16 years as the Activities Director and Associate Principal.

While at Kennedy:

Head Sophomore and Assistant Varsity Football Coach 1999-2005

Assistant Boys Track & Field Coach, 1999-2004

Head Girls Track & Field Coach, 2005-2007

Athletic and Activities Director, 2007-2023 (longest tenured AD in Kennedy history)

2014 IHSSA Fine Arts Administrator of the Year

Earned CAA certification from the NIAAA in 2014

Earned CMAA certification from the NIAAA in 2019

Served on the Iowa HS Athletic Directors Association executive board from 2013-2018

Served as President of the IHSADA during the 2015-2016 school year

Served as Leadership Training Coordinator for the IHSADA 2016-2018

Served a member of the NIAAA Leadership Training and National Faculty from 2016-2023,

Taught leadership training courses at the state and national level across the country.

Recognized as the NE District AD of the Year for the IHSADA in 2017

Awarded the NIAAA Bruce Whitehead Distinguished Service Award in 2022

Inducted into the IHSADA Hall of Fame in 2024

Mentored countless Athletic Administrators across the country

Memories of JFK

"Our success is a result of the hard work, passion and love of the many coaches and directors that I had the privilege to work with and learn from. I was so blessed to be a small part of their journeys and have a front row seat to the amazing work they did with our student athletes and performers for all of those years. They will never know how much I appreciated all they put into building up our kids through the platform of educational activities and how much I loved each one of them. They have been lifelong supporters and friends, and they are the reason for any success we enjoyed during my time at Kennedy."