

Rensselaer Central High School

2006-07 HALL OF FAME

Name: Ben Zimmer

Graduation Year: 1998

Presenting the award to Ben: Former Cross Country and Track Coach, Current Asst. Principal and Bens Father, Bill Zimmer.

Sports Participated: Cross Country, Swimming, Track.

Athletic Honors while in High School:

12 Major Awards (4 Cross Country, 4 Swimming and 4 Track)

Undefeated Cross-Country regular season senior year

Most points on a track team---3 years

Individual All-Conference Athlete—8 times

Individual Conference Champion---10 times

State Tournament Advancement--- 12 times

Including:

Regional Champion (Valparaiso) 1600 meters

3 time Semi-State Qualifier

Advanced to the State Championship in 2 separate sports (Track and Swimming)

Placed 10th at State in 1600 meters

Placed 16th in Swim Relay Team

Current Record Holder 1600 meters Portage Relays

Current Record Holder RCHS 1600 meter(set at State Championship) 4 min, 20 sec

College Attended and any athletic Honors: Saint Joseph's College, 4 years of track (varsity), 2 years of Varsity Cross-Country.

Current Employment: Farm Bureau Insurance, Chesterton, IN

Fondest memory of high school athletics: Winning the Valparaiso Track Regional 1600 Meters.

What one important "life lesson" did you learn participating in high school athletics: Defining goals sets a foundation for success.

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Name: Don Tweedie

Graduation Year: 1965

Presenting the award to Don: Former Track Coach and Hall of Fame member, Gene Edmonds.

Sports Participated: Basketball (4 years), Football (1 year), Track (1 year).

Athletic Honors while in High School: Basketball:

3 year letter-winner (varsity)
3 time All Sectional
2 Year MVP
2 Year Captain.
20 PPG average senior year
15 rebounds per game senior year

College Attended and any athletic Honors:

University of North Dakota
3 Year Letter-Winner (freshmen not eligible)
2+ year starter
Clem Letich Memorial Award.
Received a Free Agent contract to play for the Indiana Pacers of the ABA.

Current Employment: Caterpillar, Pontiac, Illinois

Fondest memory of high school athletics: Indiana High School Basketball During Sectional Week.

What one important “life lesson” did you learn participating in high school athletics: Teamwork in sports also applies to Teamwork in life and work.

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Name: Erin (McGraw)Gehring

Graduation Year: 1995

Presenting the award to Erin: Former Golf Coach and Hall of Fame member, Rich Stefanich.

Sports Participated: Golf for 4 years, Basketball for 2 years (freshmen/sophomore), tennis (senior year).

Athletic Honors while in High School:

1992 Most improved golfer

1993 MVP

Team placed 7th in State Finals

1994 Qualified for the Pepsi Indiana Junior Masters Play

Team Captain, went to state finals as an individual

Qualified State Tournament

1995 Qualified for the Pepsi Indiana Junior Masters Play

Placed 6th as an individual in the State Tournament

Northwest Hoosier Conference all Academic Team

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Over the 4 years the team was always ranked in the top 20 with an overall record of 40-4 in dual meets.

Tennis: Captain and MVP of the first Girls tennis team at RCHS.

RCHS 1995 Outstanding Academic Athlete and won an Engraved Ring.

College Attended and any athletic Honors: University of Indianapolis.

4 year Varsity Starter

Division II All scholar Team for 3 years

1997 and 1999 Kelso M. Reid mental attitude award

Team placed 6th in 1997 NCAA Div. II Women's Golf Championship

1999 Great Lakes Valley Conference All Conference Team

1999 Academic all-conference team

Women's golf Scholar Athlete of the Year.

Current Employment: Occupational Therapist, Sheridan, Arkansas

Fondest memory of high school athletics: Getting to play free golf with my friends everyday.

What one important "life lesson" did you learn participating in high school athletics: Stay out of the Hazards.

