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# NEWS RELEASE

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### **Roseville High School Announces 2020 Class for Athletic Hall of Fame**

Roseville High School will be inducting several new members into their Athletic Hall of Fame at a ceremony on January 31, 2020. One individual athlete will be inducted this year - Multi-sport standout athlete, Ken Fiott. For the first time since its inception, teams and coaches will also be inducted this year. This includes coaches Maxwell Berry and Bob DeStefano, the 1949 Eastland Basketball team, and the 1997 RHS wrestling team. Honorees will be recognized during halftime of the varsity boys basketball game vs. Stevenson. Before the game, honorees and guests will be gathering for a dinner in their honor.

The inaugural class included Ernie Whitt, Brian Sikorski, Davon Gray, Joe Pantaleo, Vanessa Blair, Rich Maloney, Harry Sullins, and Stan Miziniski. Last year's class saw Cliff Howe, Anthony Stadwick, Marie Palinkas, Robert Zimmerman, and Micaela Mayer added to the list. RHS Athletic Director Keith Marzec said that the committee agreed upon adding coaches and teams beginning this year. "After a long debate, we decided on two teams and two coaches. We are excited to induct these deserving teams and coaches alongside a multi-talented athlete."

A selection committee consisting of nine former Roseville Athletic Directors from the current Roseville High School, Brablec High School, and the original RHS, vote each year for the class of honorees. To be inducted, former athletes must have graduated from Roseville Community Schools, been out of school for 10 years, have played collegiate sports, and earned honors at the league and/or state level. Marzec said that tickets for the dinner are sold out, but the public is welcome to attend the basketball game to see the halftime ceremony. If you have any questions, please contact (586) 445-5577 or email [kmarzec@roseville.k12.mi.us](mailto:kmarzec@roseville.k12.mi.us).

Hall of Fame bios included below.

- Ken Fiott graduated from Roseville High School in 1968 and was a standout athlete in several sports. He was quarterback for the football team, earning all-Macomb County, Associated Press All-State, and Macomb County Football player of the year honors. In basketball, he won awards for all Macomb County, All Suburban, All-Metro East, and honorable mention All-State. On the track, he earned All-League honors, All Macomb County honors, and regional honors in the long jump and sprint relays. Fiott has been coaching at Stevenson High School for the past 30 years, serving as head track coach and football offensive coordinator, earning several Macomb and Regional coach of the year awards over the years.
- Maxwell Berry was a long-time track and field coach at Roseville High School. Upon graduating from Albion College, he began his illustrious coaching career, serving for three years at Ortonville and then 30 years at Roseville High School. Max coached four different state champions in track and field, and twice was nominated as Michigan Coach of the Year.
- Bob DeStefano coached baseball at Roseville High School for 35 years. He served as head coach for 20 years, where he collected over 300 wins, won three EML and district championships, and coached nine All-State players. Additionally, he coached several future college baseball head coaches and a Major League Baseball player. DeStefano is a member of the Michigan Hall of Fame of Coaches, and the Macomb County Athletic Directors Hall of Fame.
- Two teams are also being inducted into the Hall of Fame this year. The 1997 wrestling team finished with a record of 26-1. Their lone loss came against Holt High School, the eventual state championship team. The team had 11 individual state qualifiers and four state placers, including one state champion. Also being inducted is the 1949 Eastland High School basketball team, who was the runner-up in the Class C championship.

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