



North Olmsted Athletic Department

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North Olmsted Athletic Hall of Fame 2015

Congratulations to Amy Arlinghaus, Adam Russell, Ken Neuzil and Dave Nofzinger for their induction into the North Olmsted Athletic Hall of Fame – Class of 2015! The North Olmsted Athletic Hall of Fame is so very excited that all of these outstanding graduates will be back in North Olmsted to be a part of this wonderful evening!

The HOF dinner/ induction will take place on February 21, 2015 at the Springvale ballroom. This enjoyable evening will start with cocktails at 6:00 PM and dinner at 7:00 PM. Tickets can be purchase in the athletic office at North Olmsted High School for \$40 for a single and \$75 for a couple.

For ticket information please email Mike Ptacek at Michael.Ptacek@nocseagles.org or call the North Olmsted Athletic Office at 440-779-8797.

Amy Arlinghaus – 2004 graduate of NOHS

During her tenure at North Olmsted, Amy was a member of the track team, a proud member of the marching band, and was a 3-year starter in volleyball for the North Olmsted Eagles. As a volleyball athlete, Amy still holds the school record with 39 kills in a game (tied an OHSAA state record) and 943 kills in a career. Amy received SWC honors as a junior and senior volleyball player at North Olmsted High School. After graduation at NOHS, Amy was a 3-year starter on the Eastern Kentucky University volleyball team. As a member of the EKU team, Amy was voted to multiple all tournament teams, was a part of a conference championship and her 2004 team qualified for the NCAA volleyball tournament. Amy graduated with academic honors from EKU in 2009 and is currently a middle school teacher and volleyball coach in Kentucky. Amy mentioned, “coaching volleyball has proven to be much harder than playing the sport myself, but far more rewarding. I am fortunate to be able to use my talent to help aspiring athletes.”

Adam Russell was a 2001 graduate of North Olmsted

Adam, a 2001 graduate of North Olmsted High School, was a standout baseball player for the Eagles. As a baseball player, Adam was selected as the team MVP and a first team all-conference athlete as a junior and senior. Adam was also chosen as a Plain Dealer player of the week and was awarded the honor of being an All State baseball player. Upon graduation, Adam was drafted by the Florida Marlins, a major league baseball team, in the 26th round but decided to continue his education and baseball career at Ohio University. Adam was a 3-year starter as a pitcher for the Bobcats and, as a junior, was second in the Mid-American Conference in ERA. After his playing career at OU, Adam was drafted in the 6th round of the MLB draft by the Chicago White Sox. During his professional baseball career, Adam spent time in the major leagues with the White Sox, San Diego Padres and the Florida Marlins. Adam credits his father, Bill, with giving him the knowledge and passion for baseball. Adam said, “without my father by my side, I would have never had a career in baseball.”



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Ken Neuzil – 38 years of service to the North Olmsted City Schools

Ken graduated from Kent State University in 1966 and began his teaching career at North Olmsted during that same year. Ken worked as a social studies instructor for 38 years at North Olmsted high school before his retirement in 2004. During his tenure at NOHS, Ken also spent 24 years coaching both cross country as well as track and field. A few of Ken's accomplishments include sending 12 athletes and his 1991 cross country team to the State of Ohio championships. Ken said, "I loved teaching, but coaching added a wonderful new dimension to my professional life." Ken said that he was grateful for all of the sweat and tears that were shared with his athletes over the years. In addition to his teaching and coaching career, Ken is also very active in the community. A few areas of community involvement include being the organizer and manager of the annual Classic at Mastick and the North Olmsted Homecoming 5 K races, a volunteer tutor and a volunteer coach, a volunteer meet manager for the SWC conference for both track and cross country, and former President of the North Olmsted Kiwanis. Ken lives in North Olmsted and has been married to his wife Mary for 17 years. Ken and Mary have five adult children and six grandchildren.

Dave Nofzinger – 1978

Dave Nofzinger excelled as a football player for both the North Olmsted Eagles and Baldwin Wallace College Yellow Jackets in the late 70's and early 80's. As an Eagle, Dave shined at the linebacker position. A two year letterman and starter for the Eagles, Dave was selected the team MVP and the Southwestern Conference MVP as a senior. Dave also won 1st team post season awards from the Plain Dealer, Associated Press, Sun Herald, and the Cleveland Press. In addition, Dave was the starting linebacker for the North team in the prestigious North verse South Ohio High School Football All-Star Game. At Baldwin Wallace College, Dave was a freshman starter on the Yellow Jackets 1978 National Championship squad. Dave was a 4-year letter winner, 2-time all OAC linebacker and team captain during his tenure at BW. Dave graduated from BWC in 1982 and currently resides in Texas. Dave has served over 32 years as a sergeant of police in Dallas, Texas and is also working as a security representative for the National Hockey League. As a member of the Dallas squad, Dave has won 3 certificates for outstanding performance, 2-life saving awards, a DEA service award and supervisor of the year honors.