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# 2026

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# COLLECTING THE STARS

### 2026 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

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# Ohio High School Baseball Coaches Association

Dear OHSBCA Members,

Welcome to the 74th Annual OHSBCA State Clinic taking place January 22-24, 2026. As a member of the second-largest high school baseball coaches' association in the United States, you are part of an organization recognized for hosting one of the nation's premier clinics. My hope is that you leave this year's event with valuable insights to help your team improve this season and for many years to come.

The theme for the 2026 clinic is "**Collecting the Stars.**" Our baseball card theme may bring back memories of years gone by and also remind us why we coach this game: to spread our love of the game to our players.

By collecting information from our stars (hall of fame inductees and speakers), we are truly setting the standard for success in 2026! I encourage you to embrace this theme and collect as much knowledge as possible to achieve your goals this spring!

I am honored to serve as the Director of this year's clinic. Over my many years on the board, I have witnessed significant growth in Ohio high school baseball, and it is a privilege to contribute to this progress. If there is anything our 27 board members or the Hilton staff can do to enhance your experience, please don't hesitate to let us know. Our commitment is to make this event enjoyable and rewarding for everyone.

This weekend, we have the privilege of honoring five outstanding individuals with their induction into the OHSBCA Hall of Fame. We give our congratulations to Tim Broskie, Mark Brunswick, Brent Renollet, John Sarver, and Kevin Yoder! These men have made remarkable contributions to their schools, their communities, and this association. Please take a moment to congratulate them on their well-deserved recognition when you see them.

Our board has worked diligently to assemble an exceptional lineup of speakers. As coaches, we are lifelong learners, and I am confident that this year's presenters will inspire us to grow as leaders and build stronger programs.

Our 2026 speaker lineup includes:

- Tony Vitello-San Francisco Giants
- Nick Mingione-University of Kentucky
- Justin Haire-The Ohio State University
- Greg Beals-Marshall University
- Brian Green-Wichita State University
- Dan DeLucia-Boston Red Sox
- Ryan Brownlee-American Baseball Coaches Association
- Dr. Peter Fadde- GameSense
- Brian Meyer-Minnesota Twins
- Billy Berry-Tennessee Wesleyan University
- Mike Deegan-Denison University

- Tom Winske-University of Cincinnati
- CJ Beatty-Speaker and Author
- Gene Stechschulte-Ohio Northern University
- Zeke Pinkham-Kent State University
- Scott Manahan-Capital University
- Tayler Sheriff-University of Cincinnati
- Daryl Moreau-FlexPro Grip
- John Dowling-McClean High School (VA)
- Tim Funkhouser-Edwardsville High School (IL)
- Brad Burns-Pleasure Ridge Park High School (KY)
- Jeff Sherman-Marcus High School (TX)



CHAD JENSEN

I would like to extend my gratitude to the entire OHSBCA Board of Directors for their dedication and hard work. Special thanks go to the gentlemen who I serve with on the Executive Board: Executive Director Ray Benjamin, Associate Executive Directors Drew Kirby and Jeff Mielcarek, as well as, Mike Valesko, Brian Hiscox, Aaron DeBord, John Combs, Craig Kyle, John Bakalar, Dave Hall, Scott Manahan, David Burkett, Frank Gamble, and Glen Morse whose guidance on presenting a clinic has been invaluable.

Next, I want to thank and acknowledge the administration at Buckeye Central Local Schools, including Athletic Director Phil Loy, Principal Dr. Mike Martin, Superintendent Barbara Green, former Superintendent Mark Robinson, former Athletic Director Jan Bates, former Principal and Athletic Director Jay Zeiter, former Athletic Director Kevin Vargyas, and our past and current Board of Education members for allowing me to be the head coach of the Bucks for 20 years. I also want to thank Tyler Pope, my assistant coach for all of those 20 seasons, our current and former players, and current and former coaching colleagues at BC and across Ohio.

Lastly, a special, heartfelt thank you goes to my wonderful wife Brandi and our children, Lauren and Heath, for their unwavering support of my passion for baseball. Without their support I would not be in this position to lead **America's best state clinic!**

Thank you for attending the 2026 OHSBCA State Clinic! Let's make this event a meaningful experience and an inspiration for the year ahead!

*Chad Jensen*

Chad Jensen  
2026 Clinic Director & OHSBCA 1st Vice President  
Buckeye Central High School

# 2026 Ohio High School Baseball Coaches Association Fact Sheet

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The purpose of the OHSBCA is to unify all baseball coaches in the state of Ohio, to promote high school baseball, to create an official line of communication with the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA), to foster higher standards of professionalism and ethics, and to maintain a strong contact with the national, state, and local coaches' organizations of baseball.

- **Membership:** approximately 1,200 coaches annually.
- **Dues:** \$40 per year due by March 15th (NO EXCEPTIONS). Membership runs from Jan. 1st - Dec. 31st. Dual membership NHSBCA.
- **Governing Body:** Twenty-seven member Board of Directors with fourteen serving on the executive board.

## OFFICIAL ORGANIZATION FUNCTIONS/EVENTS:

**A. Annual Convention and Clinic:** Held once per year at the Hilton Columbus at Easton.

**B. Board Meetings:** Four times per year. Includes two meetings at the annual convention, a meeting at the Game One All-Star Series and a meeting in October.

**C. OHSBCA Website/Social Media:** [www.ohsbca.org](http://www.ohsbca.org); "X" (Formerly Twitter): @OHSBCAwebmaster

**D. Game One All-Star Series:** Held usually after the state tournament in June. The series honors players and member coaches. Information on the Series will be posted on the [www.ohsbca.org](http://www.ohsbca.org) website.

**E. Game One Underclass Showcase by PBR:** Directed by the OHSBCA and PBR Ohio. Underclass players are nominated and selected to showcase for college coaches. The showcase is held in association with the All-Star Series.

**F. State Coaches Poll:** Teams are ranked in each of the divisions each spring. Poll champions are recognized at the annual convention. There are twenty (20) voting coaches for each division. Registration and membership forms to vote can be found on the website.

**G. All-State Coaches Poll Team:** The poll coaches in each division rank all-state teams. All grade levels of players should be nominated by their head coach to be eligible and the coach must be a current OHSBCA member. Each division selects a Player of the Year and a Coach of the Year. They are recognized by the wire services and are awarded at the annual convention.

**H. Player of the Year Award:** This award will be presented at the annual convention by OC Sports. Each of the seven division Players of the Year recipients will be recognized and one Player of the Year will receive an award.

**I. Field of the Year Award:** This award will be presented at the annual convention by Mar-Co Clay.

**J. Field of Need Award:** This award will be presented at the annual convention by Pro's Choice.

**K. Hall of Fame:** The HOF induction is the highlight of the Rawlings Hall of Fame banquet at the annual convention. The Board of Directors selects inductees. Nomination forms can be found on the website.

**L. Hank Miller Scholarships:** All graduating senior students of member coaches with five years of continuing membership are eligible. Form on the website.

**M. Academic All-Ohio:** Selected annually and awarded certificates. Certificates are sent to head coaches electronically. Forms on the website.

**N. Service and Victory Awards:** Service awards for coaches begin with the fifteenth year of membership and are awarded every five years thereafter. Victory awards begin at 100 and are awarded for every 100 victories thereafter. Certificates and awards are received at the state convention.

**O. Assistant Coach of the Year Award:** Coaches from each district are recognized as assistant coaches of the year at the annual convention. This award is sponsored by Phoenix Bat.

**P. Past Presidents – Hall of Fame:** All former OHSBCA Presidents and Hall of Fame members are invited back for the Hall of Fame Banquet on Friday afternoon. A reception follows immediately after the banquet.

**Q. Sponsorships:** The OHSBCA is sponsored by many corporations and also help benefit our scholarship recipients: **Rawlings** (official baseball and Hall of Fame Banquet Sponsor), **OC Sports** (official headwear and Player of the Year sponsor), **Game One** (official supplier, All-Star and Underclass showcase), **GoRout** (Official Communication Device, Thursday Smoker Sponsor, Academic All Ohio) **PBR** (Underclass Showcase/Hot Stove sponsor), **Mar-Co Clay** (official mound clay and dirt, Field of the Year Sponsor), **Astro Turf** (official turf supplier), **Pro's Choice** (field of need sponsor), **Fundraising University** (Official Fundraising Company), **Phoenix Bats** (Assistant Coach of the Year), **Game Changer** (official scoring), **League Fotos** (supporting photographer of OHSBCA), and **Momentec Brands**.

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# 2026 OHSBCA Clinic Agenda | Hilton Easton, Columbus, Ohio

## Thursday, January 22

11:30 am - 1:30pm	OHSBCA Board Meeting.....	Juniper A/B
3:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Clinic Registration.....	Regent Foyer
4:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Vendor Exhibits Open.....	Easton/Juniper/Regent Foyer
4:00 pm - 4:05 pm	Introduction of Hall of Fame Inductees, <b>Mike Valesko</b> .....	Easton Grand Ballroom
4:05 pm - 4:45 pm	Hall of Fame Inductees Roundtable Discussion, <b>Jeff Mielcarek</b> .....	Easton Grand Ballroom
4:45 pm - 4:50 pm	Clinic Welcome, <b>Brian Hiscox</b> .....	Easton Grand Ballroom
4:55 pm - 5:35 pm	Throwing Program Solutions, <b>Ryan Brownlee</b> , American Baseball Coaches Association.....	Easton Grand Ballroom
5:40 pm - 6:20 pm	Building a Systematic Run Prevention Unit, <b>Dan DeLucia</b> , Boston Red Sox.....	Easton Grand Ballroom
6:25 pm - 7:05 pm	Develop YOUR Offense, <b>Brian Green</b> , Wichita State University.....	Easton Grand Ballroom
7:05 pm - 7:15 pm	Phoenix Bat Assistant Coach of the Year, <b>Brian Hiscox</b> , OHSBCA President.....	Easton Grand Ballroom
7:20 pm - 8:00 pm	Marco Clay OHSBCA Field of the Year/Field of Need, <b>Jeff Mielcarek</b> .....	Easton Grand Ballroom
8:00 pm - 8:20 pm	Training Pitch Recognition for Next-Level Hitting, <b>Dr. Peter Fadde</b> , GameSense.....	Easton Grand Ballroom
	Poll State Players of the Year, <b>John Bakalar</b> , Poll Director.....	Easton Grand Ballroom
	OC Sports State Player of the Year, <b>Brian Makela</b> , OC Sports.....	Easton Grand Ballroom
	Poll Champions, Poll Coaches of the Year, <b>John Bakalar</b> .....	Easton Grand Ballroom
	Victory & Service Awards, <b>Brian Hiscox</b> .....	Easton Grand Ballroom
	State of the OHSBCA, <b>Jeff Mielcarek</b> , Business Manager.....	Easton Grand Ballroom
	Offensive Game Planning, <b>Greg Beals</b> , Marshall University.....	Easton Grand Ballroom
	Buckeye Culture: Creating Advantage Through Adversity, <b>Justin Haire</b> , The Ohio State University.....	Easton Grand Ballroom
	Developmental Baserunning, <b>Tony Vitello</b> , San Francisco Giants.....	Easton Grand Ballroom
	Clinic Smoker.....	Easton Grand Ballroom

## Friday, January 23

7:30 am - 11:00 am	Clinic Registration.....	Regent Foyer
8:00 am - 6:00 pm	Vendor Exhibits Open.....	Easton/Juniper/Regent Foyer
8:00 am - 8:05 am	Clinic Welcome, <b>Chad Jensen</b> , OHSBCA 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President.....	Easton Grand Ballroom
8:05 am - 8:45 am	The Standard is the Standard...Culture Wins, <b>Nick Mingione</b> , University of Kentucky.....	Easton Grand Ballroom
8:50 am - 9:00 am	OHSAA Updates, <b>John Kronour</b> , OHSAA.....	Easton Grand Ballroom
9:00 am - 9:30 am	Coffee Break Sponsored by GoRout and Fundraising University.....	Easton Foyer
9:30 am - 10:00 am	<b>Mini Clinic #1</b> Professional Pitching Mindset, <b>Gene Stechschulte</b> , Ohio Northern University.....	Juniper
	Getting 'Kids These Days' to Compete, <b>John Dowling</b> , McClean HS (VA).....	Easton A
	Developing a Dynamic Offense, <b>Zeke Pinkham</b> , Kent State University.....	Easton B
	Developing High Level Movement Patterns on the Infield, <b>Tim Funkhouser</b> , Edwardsville HS (IL).....	Easton C
	Working Hand in Hand With College Coaches, <b>Scott Manahan</b> , Capital University.....	Regent

### 10:05 am - 10:35 am **Mini Clinic #2 - Same As Above**

### 10:45 am - 11:15 am **Mini Clinic #3**

Coaching and Peak Performance Solutions, <b>Ryan Brownlee</b> , ABCA.....	Juniper
Pitching Strategy For All, <b>Taylor Sheriff</b> , University of Cincinnati.....	Easton A
Getting High School Catchers Ready to Play, <b>Brad Burns</b> , Pleasure Ridge Park HS (KY).....	Easton B
Zoo vs. Jungle: Translating Motor Preference to Wins, <b>Jeff Sherman</b> , Marcus HS (TX).....	Easton C
Breaking Point: The Science Behind UCL Injuries in HS Pitchers and How to Stop Them, <b>Daryl Moreau</b> , Flex-GripPro.....	Regent

### 11:20 am - 11:50 am **Mini Clinic #4- Same As Above**

### 11:55 am - 12:25 pm District Meetings

Central Columbus	Northeast Juniper	Southeast Lilac	East Magnolia	Northwest Easton A	Southwest/Cincinnati Easton B	Southwest / Dayton Easton C
12:30 pm - 12:50 pm	Hall of Fame Banquet Seating.....					Regent Ballroom
12:50 pm - 12:55 pm	Hall of Fame Promenade.....					Regent Ballroom
12:55 pm - 3:00 pm	Hall of Fame Banquet / Induction Sponsored by Rawlings.....					Regent Ballroom
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Hall of Fame & Past Presidents Reception.....					Juniper
3:00 pm - 3:40 pm	Hitting: Clarifying the Mess, <b>Brian Meyer</b> , Minnesota Twins.....					Easton Grand Ballroom
3:45 pm - 4:25 pm	Practice Tips and Techniques for Successful Team Training, <b>Billy Berry</b> , Tennessee Wesleyan University.....					Easton Grand Ballroom
4:30 pm - 5:10 pm	A System Based Approach to Development, <b>Mike Deegan</b> , Denison University.....					Easton Grand Ballroom
5:15 pm - 5:55 pm	Cheetah Baserunning System, <b>Tom Winske</b> , University of Cincinnati.....					Easton Grand Ballroom
6:00 pm - 6:40 pm	The 3-Laws of Championship Communication, <b>CJ Beatty</b> , Speaker and Author.....					Easton Grand Ballroom
6:50 pm - 8:20 pm	Hot Stove 2025 State & Poll Champions (Sponsored by PB Ohio).....					Easton Grand Ballroom

## Saturday, January 24

9:00 am - 9:40 am	Baseball is Hard, Don't Make it Easy, <b>John Dowling</b> , McClean HS (VA).....	Juniper A/B/C
9:45 am - 10:25 am	Championship Preparation: Creating Freedom to Compete, <b>Tim Funkhouser</b> , Edwardsville HS (IL).....	Juniper A/B/C
10:30 am - 11:10 am	Cage Work That Works, <b>Brad Burns</b> , Pleasure Ridge Park HS (KY).....	Juniper A/B/C
11:15 am - 11:55 am	Zoo vs. Jungle: Translating Motor Preference to Wins-PART 2, <b>Jeff Sherman</b> , Marcus HS (TX).....	Juniper A/B/C
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm	OHSBCA Board Meeting.....	Columbus Room

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# OHSBCA President Brian Hiscox, Berkshire High School

## Welcome to the 74th annual OHSBCA State Clinic, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, and 24<sup>th</sup> of 2026!

Welcome to the 74th Annual OHSBCA State Clinic! You are part of the second-largest high school coaches association in the country, and we're thrilled you've chosen to attend the premier high school baseball clinic in the nation. I hope you enjoy the weekend as we celebrate our rich history and look ahead to an exciting future. This clinic is a great opportunity to strengthen relationships and learn from some of the best minds in the game.

Throughout my years with this association, I've witnessed countless examples of the dedication and hard work our board has put into advancing Ohio High School Baseball. We're fortunate to have such a committed group of individuals, and I'm honored to play even a small part in that effort. If there's anything our 27 board members or the Hilton staff can do to enhance your experience, please don't hesitate to let us know—we want to ensure your stay is enjoyable and rewarding.

This year, we also celebrate our past by honoring five outstanding coaches as they are inducted into the OHSBCA Hall of Fame. Please join us in recognizing their remarkable achievements and years of service to the game.

Our 2026 Hall of Fame Class includes:

- Tim Broskie – Whetstone High School
- Mark Brunswick – Bellefontaine, Marysville, and Lehman Catholic High Schools
- Brent Renollet – Delta and Tinora High Schools
- John Sarver – Buchtel, Kenmore, Hoban, and Ellet High Schools
- Kevin Yoder – Berlin Hiland, Coshocton, and Tri-Valley High Schools

Congratulations to these exceptional coaches for their accomplishments and lifelong commitment to the sport.

The clinic committee and I take great pride in assembling a top-notch lineup of speakers each year. Our goal is for you to take home valuable insights and ideas that will benefit the young men in your programs. We're excited about this year's presenters and the knowledge they'll share to help us all continue growing as coaches and leaders in baseball.



BRIAN HISCOX

In closing, I want to extend my sincere appreciation to the OHSBCA Board of Directors and District Representatives for their dedication and tireless work. This clinic wouldn't be what it is today without their commitment. A special thank you to Chad Jensen for organizing such a dynamic lineup of presenters. I'd also like to thank the Executive Board members who have served alongside me—Mike Valesko, Aaron DeBord, John Bakalar, Scott Manahan, Frank Gamble, David Burkett, Craig Kyle, Dave Hall, and Glen Morse—as well as our Executive Director Ray Benjamin and Associate Executive Directors Jeff Mielcarek and Drew Kirby for their leadership and support.

A special thank you to Northeast District Representatives Dan Ransom, Jim Hanek, and Tom Carosielli for their help over the past three years, the Berkshire High School administration for supporting my involvement, and my wife Kelly for her encouragement and understanding throughout this journey. Thank you for being here and for all you do for the game of baseball. Enjoy a great weekend of learning and fellowship—and I look forward to seeing you again at our 75th State Clinic in 2027!

## Ohio High School Baseball Coaches Association Past President

1956 .....Dick Boyd, Circleville  
1957 .....Harold Potter, Oregon Clay  
1958 .....Jack Moore, Walnut Ridge  
1959 .....Elmer Houdashelt, Grove City  
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1966 .....Jerry O'Mori, Toledo Northwood  
1967, 1968 ...Marion Allen, Logan  
1969 .....Pepper DeMont, Niles McKinley  
1970 .....Dick Hauch, Cin. Western Hills  
1971 .....Howard Converse, Princeton  
1972 .....Ed Quattro, E. Cleveland Shaw  
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1990 .....Van Peterman, Westerville South  
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2005 .....David Burkett, Sandy Valley  
2006 .....Jeff Mielcarek, Toledo CCHS  
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2009 .....Chris Smith, Ontario  
2010 .....Rich Corvin, Gallia Academy  
2011 .....Jerry Hites, Fairport Harding  
2012 .....Dave Hall, Perrysburg  
2013 .....Lee Day, Lebanon  
2014 .....Trevor Thomas, Westfall  
2015 .....Kevin Yoder, Tri-Valley  
2016 .....Don Schone, Watkins Memorial  
2017 .....Tom Neubert, St. Francis DeSales  
2018 .....Rob Lavengood, Ashland  
2019 .....Craig Kyle, Jonathan Alder  
2020 .....John Bakalar, Crestwood  
2021 .....John Bakalar, Chagrin Falls  
2022 .....Drew Kirby, Dublin Coffman  
2023 .....Gene Bumgardner, Unioto  
2024 .....Mike Valesko, Harrison Central  
2025 .....Brian Hiscox, Berkshire



# Ground Rules

## for Attendees at the Annual OHSBCA Convention

All coaches must wear their OHSBCA badges into the clinic speaking rooms and into the exhibit halls — no exceptions! Please cooperate with the clinic committee members who are in charge of checking OHSBCA badges!

- ***No videotaping or picture taking*** of any of the speakers is permitted
- Please ***turn off all cell phones***
- Please ***enter and exit the ballroom as quickly as possible*** so we can get the next presentation started on time. Please do not congregate in the back of the room or in the doorway; it is difficult to hear when hundreds of coaches are visiting!

- All speakers will be escorted to a Q and A area immediately after their talk. ***Please go to the announced area instead of coming up to the stage.*** Check the clinic agenda for exact times of each speaker.

The OHSBCA asks that all coaches respect these clinic rules. We want the convention to be a good experience for everyone, and we ask for your cooperation with these rules as you ask your own players to respect your own team rules!

Enjoy our Annual Convention!

***The OHSBCA Board of Directors***

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# OHSBCA 1st Pitch | Upcoming June 13, 2026 at Canal Park, Akron



2024 Ohio High School Baseball Coaches Association's Past President, assistant baseball coach at Unioto, Gene Bumgardner throws out the 1st pitch on Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup> prior to an Ohio HS Athletic Association state tournament game at Canal Park in Akron. The OHSBCA takes this opportunity to recognize Coach Bumgardner for his years of commitment, dedication and time to the student athletes and coaches in the state of Ohio. Congratulations to Geno! Above: Gene Bumgardner First Pitch Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025.



## Ohio High School Baseball Coaches Association **1st Pitch Recognition Day for 2025** **President Mike Valesko**

The Annual Ohio High School Baseball Coaches Association's 1st Pitch Recognition Day for 2026 is scheduled for Saturday, June 13th prior to the first state championship game at Canal Park. Mike Valesko, 2025 OHSBCA President from Harrison Central High School is given the honor in appreciation for his outstanding dedication, commitment and years of service to the OHSBCA. Thank you, Mike, for your many years of service.

Tickets will be available at [ohsbc.org](http://ohsbc.org) and more information will be posted on the [ohsbc.org](http://ohsbc.org) website.



MIKE VALESKO

# Tim Broskie | 2026 Hall Of Fame Inductee

## Whetstone HS

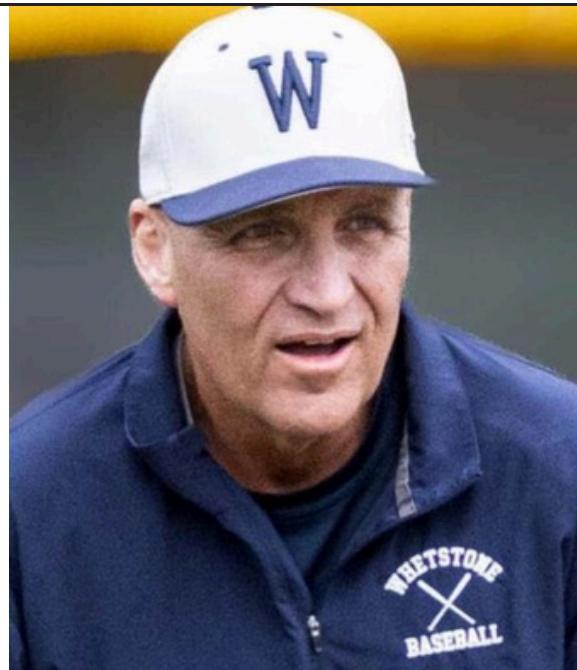
Tim Broskie, a native of Columbus, Ohio, has dedicated over three decades to shaping young lives through education and athletics. A 1983 graduate of Mifflin High School, he earned varsity letters in football, baseball, wrestling, and swimming. He continued his academic and athletic pursuits at Rio Grande University, where he earned Bachelor of Science degrees in Physical Education (K-12), English (7-12), and Special Education (K-12).

Coach Broskie began his teaching and coaching career in 1989 as a Special Education teacher at Southmoor Middle School, serving until 2004. Concurrently, he was the Varsity Assistant Baseball Coach at Centennial High School. In 1994, he assumed the role of Head Baseball Coach at Whetstone High School, a position he continues to hold.

From 2005 to 2025, he taught students with multiple disabilities at Whetstone, retiring after 36 years of service in Columbus City Schools. He now serves as a Part Time Special Education teacher, continuing his commitment to student success.

Over the course of his career, Coach Broskie has coached high school baseball programs for 37 years, including 32 years as Head Coach at Whetstone. His teams have achieved 574 wins and 252 losses overall, with a league record of 375-45. Under his leadership, Whetstone has secured 18 Columbus City League titles and four runner-up finishes. He is the winningest coach in Columbus City League history and the fifth Columbus City Schools Head Coach inducted into the Ohio High School Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

Coach Broskie's influence extends beyond the diamond. He has coached high school football for 25 years and wrestling for 10 years and led elite travel baseball teams from 1987 to 2023.



TIM BROSKIE | WHETSTONE HS

His mentorship has helped numerous athletes advance to collegiate programs, professional baseball, and coaching careers at both the high school and college levels. His accolades include induction into the Central District Hall of Fame in 2016 and six Columbus City League Coach of the Year honors. He has remained deeply committed to Whetstone and the City League, embracing the unique challenges and opportunities they present. Through consistent fundraising efforts, he has helped upgrade facilities, purchase equipment, and support memorable spring break trips for his teams. These trips—ranging from Cincinnati and Dayton to Cocoa Beach, Myrtle Beach, Nashville, Louisville, and Cleveland—have blended athletic competition with educational and cultural experiences. Coach Broskie ensures that each journey includes meaningful sightseeing, leaving lasting impressions on his players.

# Mark Brunswick | 2026 Hall Of Fame Inductee

Bellefontaine HS, Marysville HS,  
Lehman Catholic HS

Mark Brunswick was born and raised in Coldwater by his parents Louis and Ann Brunswick and graduated from Coldwater High School in 1984 where he was a part of back to back state titles in 1983 and 1984. He lettered in baseball and basketball and played for his legendary and Hall of Fame father, Lou "Sweet Lou" Brunswick, where he learned invaluable life lessons.

After high school, Mark was drafted by the New York Mets in the third round of the 1984 draft, where he played five years in the organization. Mark learned the game of baseball from the late Davey Johnson and Buddy Harrelson.

Mark then obtained his undergraduate and graduate degree from Wright State University and was fortunate to start his teaching and coaching career at Bellefontaine High School. While a big thank you goes to Marysville and Lehman Catholic for several years of great memories, Mark will always cherish his years at Bellefontaine. With the help of legendary football coach Greg Peitsmeyer and William Roberts, Mark began his career at Bellefontaine where Mark still considers home. He coached 24 years at the school where so many memories were created and relationships developed for a lifetime and his teams were the mainstay of the community. Mark thanks you all as an award like this is not an individual award, but a group effort.

At Bellefontaine, Marysville, and Lehman Catholic, Mark has a record of 502-165, 14 league titles, 13 District appearances, six Regional Appearances, two State Final Four appearances in 2004 and 2006, was ABCA District 4 National Coach of the Year, placed over 90 players in college or professional ranks, coached 11 Collegiate Baseball Magazine All-Americans, coached 20 All-Ohio players and coached 38 All-Academic All-Ohio players.

Mark's 2006 Bellefontaine team had six Division I players and was ranked 19th nationally through Collegiate Baseball magazine.

Mark also had two ABCA National Fields of Year at Bellefontaine and Marysville, is a member the ABCA National Ranking Committee, and has had several articles published by Inside Pitch and Collegiate Baseball magazines.

For his 500th win, Mark was presented a bat from Kurt Barhorst and Joe Lachey families. This will forever be a keepsake for him.



MARK BRUNSWICK | BELLEFONTAINE HS,  
MARYSVILLE HS, LEHMAN CATHOLIC HS

Mark has been blessed to be part of a baseball family through his father, and his brothers, Tom and Jeff, who are major coaches in the baseball community. Mark still remembers the days that his father would take the boys to the baseball clinic to be part of the association. So many relationships, friends, and memories developed through this amazing organization of coaches.

Finally, Mark and his wife Gay have been married for 39 years and have been blessed to have two children, MacKenzie Brunswick Crabtree (29) and Benjamin (25). Mark and Gay reside in Bellefontaine. Mark and Gay have two grandchildren, Louis "Sweet Lou" Crabtree and Olivia Crabtree. The definition of a coach's wife is Mark's soulmate, Gay, an amazing person who sacrificed so much for Mark to continue his passion. By marrying into the Brunswick family she knew baseball would be a big part of their lives!

Thank you to everyone who has touched Coach Brunswick's life. You are the heroes in his life. God Bless you all. Thank you for giving him your heart and dedication. Being able to see his players grow into fine young men and fathers is the best accomplishment that he has ever witnessed.

# Brent Renollet | 2026 Hall Of Fame Inductee

## Tinora HS, Delta HS

Brent Renollet was born and raised in Sherwood, Ohio by his parents Irvin and Mary Lou. He graduated from Fairview High School in 1982 while earning varsity letters in football, basketball and baseball.

Brent continued his academic and athletic career at Defiance College. He earned four letters in basketball and four letters in baseball. Brent was named Male Athlete of the Year in 1986. He was also inducted into the Defiance College Hall of Fame in 2004. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Education. While at DC he coached junior high football at Fairview.

Brent spent his first year out of college as assistant men's basketball coach at Defiance College. He was also Sports Information Director at DC in 1987.

In 1988, he accepted a teaching and coaching position at Delta High School. Brent taught business classes and coached freshmen football, JV basketball and varsity baseball. In his three years, he had a record of 37-28, with one NWOAL title and one Sectional championship.

In 1990, Brent accepted the Athletic Director's position and head boys' basketball position at Evergreen High School. While at Evergreen, in 1991, he married longtime girlfriend, Tammy Young.

In 1993, he accepted a teaching position at Tinora High School where he would eventually retire. Brent was hired as Athletic Director, business teacher and varsity boys' basketball coach. He continued as Athletic Director for 13 years, business teacher for 24 years, and boys' basketball coach for five years. In 1998 he resigned from basketball and was hired as varsity baseball coach. "BR" has now retired from baseball after 27 years coaching baseball at Tinora, including the Covid year. During his baseball tenure at Tinora, he won 11 Green Meadows Conference titles, 14 Sectional titles, five District titles, four Regional titles and a 2014 State Championship. BR's overall record at Tinora was 444-194 and a Green Meadows Conference record of 136-44. Along with Delta, his overall record is 481-222.

BR's biggest moment of his coaching career was winning Tinora's only Team State Championship in 2014. Both of his sons were an integral part of the success. Reid, a senior, was the centerfielder in the semifinal game and the starting pitcher in state final game.



BRENT RENOLETT | TINORA HS, DELTA HS

Brevin, a sophomore, was the starting 2nd baseman in both games. In the semifinal game vs. Crestview, it took a steal of home in the 6th inning to tie the game and a steal of home in the 7th to win the game. In the final game vs. Newark Catholic, it was a walk off base hit in the bottom of the 7th for the win.

Brent has two older brothers and a sister. He credits learning many life skills and the game of baseball from his siblings and father, Irvin. Irvin played for the Brooklyn Dodgers organization for three years and was BR's coach growing up.

Brent and Tammy have been married for 34 years. They have two sons, Reid and Brevin. Reid (30) and his wife Allie, live in Chandler, Arizona and are expecting their first child. Reid is in Human Resources with PepsiCo in the Frito Lay division. Brevin, (28), lives in Baltimore, Maryland, with his fiancée Julia. He works for a defense contractor, Northrup Grumman, in finance.

Coach Renollet would like to thank all his family, friends, the community, players, parents, and the administration. Special thank you to his longtime coaches, Chuck Cary, Tom Henry, Eric Tipton, Paul Ferrel, and Reid Anders. Finally, a very special thank you to his wonderful wife Tammy for supporting and encouraging him to do what he has loved for the past 40 years.

# John Sarver | 2026 Hall Of Fame Inductee

ELLET HS, ARCHBISHOP HOBAN HS,  
BUCHTEL HS, KENMORE HS

John Sarver began his baseball career playing little league in Akron in 1964. He was captivated by pitching and remembers his father, Ben, sitting on a milkman's delivery box to catch his throws when he was 12. Looking back, those sessions became a training and learning tool and was the beginning of improvement in his self-confidence and his desire to become a better athlete, and later, a coach.

John would go on to play on two Akron Ellet High School district tournament championship teams in 1971 and 1973. That was followed by two years at Valencia Community College in Florida and then two years at Austin Peay State University in Tennessee. A highlight of his college career there included a 5-0 no-hit victory over Western Kentucky on March 26, 1977. He also led the team's pitching staff in 1977 with a 1.76 earned-run average. His two-year career included leading the team with strikeouts, innings pitched, and victories with an ERA of 2.41. That ranked second in school history as of 2020.

After his undergraduate education, he became an industrial arts teacher in the Akron Public Schools and earned a master's degree in education at Kent State University. A 43-year career in baseball coaching followed.

John's coaching record is 627-392. His first season was 1980 at Akron Kenmore High School. He then accepted the head coaching position at the private Akron Archbishop Hoban High from 1981-85 and again from 1988-98. In between, he coached at Akron Buchtel High in 1986 and '87. His tenure at Hoban included four district titles (1981, '83, '85 and '93), one regional championship ('93) and a state runner-up finish (also in '93).

Then he became the head coach at alma mater Ellet from 1999 to 2023, compiling a record of 379-247. At Ellet, in 24 years, he led teams to 18 Akron City Series regular season championships, 15 post-season titles and two sectional titles. A year after his retirement, the Akron Public Schools' Board of Education approved naming the Ellet baseball facility "John Sarver Field."

He coached three pitchers at Hoban High who were drafted by a major league club and played in the minor leagues. One of them, Ken Robinson, reached the major leagues and played for three teams. Two players participated in the state's prestigious All-Ohio yearly event.



JOHN SARVER | ELLET HS, ARCHBISHOP HOBAN HS,  
BUCHTEL HS, KENMORE HS

John would have 21 players go on to college careers. Five former players went on to become high school head coaches in Ohio.

John's classroom career covered 35 years in Akron, including the last 16 as a middle school science teacher. He retired from teaching in 2015. He also coached football for 42 seasons at Ellet and was a basketball referee for 32 years.

John owes thanks to the many coaches he worked with, especially Dave Sargent, Ben Sarver, Ron Westren, Scott Swan, Bob Shaw, Harvey Haddix, and George "Lefty" Gray. He also appreciates the gratitude and support through the years of hundreds of parents, faculty members, administrators and opposing coaches.

Finally, thanks to his biggest cheerleaders for their support in all his endeavors. John's wife Janis (married 44 years) served as his teams' scorekeeper for more than 20 seasons and also helped his programs in fundraising efforts for uniforms and a scoreboard. They are the parents of daughters Julianne (husband Mark) and Kristin (husband Brian) and their grandchildren Leah, Drew, Logan, Kate and Lauren.

# Kevin Yoder | 2026 Hall Of Fame Inductee

Hiland HS, Coshocton HS,  
Tri-Valley HS

Kevin Yoder is a 1989 graduate of Hiland High School, where he was a four-year letter winner in baseball and also participated in basketball. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Comprehensive Social Studies from Kent State University in 1995 and later completed a Master's degree in Educational Leadership from Salem University in 2015.

Following his graduation from Kent State, Kevin began his teaching and coaching career at Fairless High School, where he taught social studies and coached middle school basketball. In the spring of 1996, he returned to his alma mater as the head baseball coach at Hiland High School. After seven years at Hiland, he accepted the head coaching position at Coshocton High School in the 2002–03 school year, where he led the program for five seasons. In the fall of 2007, he moved to Tri-Valley High School, serving as a social studies teacher and head baseball coach until retiring from coaching after the 2021 season to pursue a career in school administration.

Kevin then returned to Coshocton as athletic director and assistant principal for two years before becoming the athletic director at Perry High School in 2023, a position he proudly holds today.

Over 26 years as a head coach, Kevin compiled a career varsity record of 397 wins and 225 losses. His teams captured 13 league championships, and his 2000 Hiland squad made school history by advancing to the Final Four and finishing as the State Runner-Up. He was named League Coach of the Year 13 times, coached in the Mizuno All-Star Series twice, and served as a Team Ohio coach on two occasions. In 2018, he was inducted into the East District Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

Beyond high school baseball, Kevin dedicated many years to summer baseball, including coaching the Coshocton Cherokees American Legion team and several travel programs. He also co-founded and directed the Muskingum County Fall Baseball League.



KEVIN YODER | HILAND HS, COSHOCTON HS, TRI-VALLEY HS

Kevin is a Past President of both the East District Baseball Coaches Association and the Ohio High School Baseball Coaches Association. He remains deeply grateful to both organizations for their tireless work in promoting the game of baseball throughout Ohio.

Kevin attributes his success to the countless hardworking and talented student-athletes he had the privilege to coach—young men from supportive families who embraced the values of discipline, teamwork, and resilience. He is especially thankful for the many outstanding assistant coaches he had over the years—several of whom have gone on to become highly successful head coaches themselves.

Kevin and his wife, Donna, have been married for 24 years. They are the proud parents of daughter Lexy, her husband Jansen, and grandchildren Owen and Olivia. Their son Trevor recently began his first year as an intervention specialist at Sandy Valley High School, where he also coaches football, basketball, and baseball.

Kevin extends his deepest thanks to his family for their unwavering support throughout his coaching journey. He also expresses heartfelt appreciation to the many coaches, mentors, and lifelong friends he has gained through the great game of baseball.



# OHSBCA Hall of Fame

The OHSBCA Hall of Fame was established in 1972. Since that time, 178 individuals have been so honored. This year, five more inductees will enter the hall. The Hall of Fame induction ceremony is held in conjunction with the OHSBCA annual convention. It is the highlight of the Rawlings Hall of Fame Banquet

on Friday. Induction into the Hall of Fame is based on individual's accomplishments on the field, service to the OHSBCA, and ambassadorship towards the game of baseball in the State of Ohio. The OHSBCA Hall of Fame is located at Bill Davis Stadium on the campus of The Ohio State University.

## Class of 1972

- Harold Potter, Oregon Clay (NW)
- Marty Karow, Ohio State
- Les Scarr, Barberton HS (NE)

## Class of 1974

- Paul Nore, Western Hills (SW)
- Mark Stewart, Beavercreek (SW)
- Neal Nelson, Willoughby South (NE)
- Ed Rannow, Athens, (SE)
- Marion Allen, Logan (SE)

## Class of 1975

- Bob Davis, Tecumseh (SW)
- Dick Hauck, Western Hills (SW)
- Jim Murray, Dayton Stebbins (SW)
- Joe Bowers, Lima Senior (NW)
- Garold Parrot, Deshler (NW)
- Lou Brunswick, Coldwater (NW)
- Jack Ryan, St. Charles Prep, Bishop Hartley (C)
- Bob Addis, Euclid (NE)
- Hank Miller, Canton McKinley (NE)
- Jim Bittengle, Shadyside (E)
- Dick Finn, Ohio State
- Don Neff, Unioto (SE)

## Class of 1976

- Augie Bossu, Benedictine (NE)
- Ron Brokey, Meadowdale (SW)
- Vince Chickerella, Linden McKinley (C)
- Lou Carson, Portsmouth East (SE)
- Fred Heinlen, Shaker Hts. (NE)
- Richard Prince, Elida (NW)
- Dick Shine, Cuyahoga Falls (NE)

## Class of 1977

- Jim Humpal, Lyndhurst Brush (NE)
- Don Kelly, Rocky River (NE)
- George Caso, Fairview (NE)

## Class of 1980

- Fred Brideweser, Fairless (NE)
- Bob Wren, Ohio University

## Class of 1981

- Howard Converse, Princeton (SW)
- Bob Baird, Genoa (NW)
- Dave Koblentz, West (C)
- Fred Nocera, Whetstone (C)
- Bill Sadler, Westerville South (C)
- Milo Ratkovich, Akron Kenmore (NE)
- John Nese, Steubenville Catholic Central (E)

## Class of 1982

- George Sosobee, Hudson (NE)
- Dave Young, Tallmadge (NE)
- Robert Smith, Riverside (NE)

## Class of 1983

- Bob Chapman, Fairmont East (SW)
- Brick Long, Rossford (NW)
- Roy Bates, Northwestern (NE)

## Class of 1984

- Luke Izer, Sandy Valley (NE)

## Class of 1985

- Jim Hardman, Piqua (SW)
- John Anspach, Cuyahoga Falls (NE)

## Class of 1986

- Don Black, Parkway (NW)
- Mike Burcham, Ironton (SE)
- Jim Jordan, Marietta (SE)

## Class of 1987

- Ray Sumpter, Bryan (NW)
- Jim Stahl, Columbus Academy (C)

## Class of 1988

- Frank Cozze, Worthington (C)
- George Hamric, Hamilton Township (C)

## Class of 1989

- Bernie Hovan, Nordonia (NE)
- Dick England, Lancaster (C)

## Class of 1990

- Dick Colussi, Colerain (SW)
- Jim Shamel, Coshocton (E)

## Class of 1991

- John Nelson, Fairfield Union (C)
- Tim Miller, Canton South (NE)

## Class of 1992

- Richard Kandik, Oregon Clay (NW)
- Marion Delaney, Maple Heights (NE)
- Paul Serra, Euclid (NE)

## Class of 1993

- Mike Cameron, Moeller (SW)
- Jerry Federele, Elder (SW)
- Joe Gilhouse, Canton Glenoak (NE)

## Class of 1994

- Gary Yeatts, Fairfield (SW)
- James Gerfen, Ridgedale (C)
- Joe Neff, Newark (C)
- Don Thorp, Hebron Lakewood (C)

## Class of 1995

- Jim Glauer, Crestline (NW)
- Richard Termeer, OHSAA
- Richard "Lefty" Hall, St. Clairsville (E)

## Class of 1996

- Tim Engleka, Centerville (SW)

## Class of 1997

- Joe Palazzo, Bishop Ready (C)
- William Schmidt, Ashtabula St. John (NE)
- Art Massey, Cuyahoga Heights (NE)

## Class of 1998

- Bob Costello, Vandalia Butler (SW)
- Frank Gamble, Massillon Perry (NE)
- Dean Harrah, Jewett-Scioto (E)

## Class of 1999

- Dave Ewing, Walnut Ridge (C)
- Rob Rose, Toledo Whitmer (NW)
- Ken Shelby, Western Hills (SW)

## Class of 2000

- Don Kober, St. Francis DeSales (NW)
- Fred Meier, Oak Hills (SW)

## Class of 2001

- Dick Fishbaugh, Otterbein College
- Mike Mohner, Fairport Harding (NE)
- Vince Pellegrini, McDonald (NE)

## Class of 2002

- Dan Bowling, Hamilton (SW)

# OHSBCA Hall of Fame I

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## Class of 2003

- Rich Arbinger, Toledo Start (NW)
- Bob Brenning, Urbana (SW)
- Dave Klontz, Heath (C)

## Class of 2004

- Dan Kern, Miller City (NW)
- Jim Leininger, Ayersville (NW)
- Tim Saunders, Dublin Coffman (C)
- Ray Sharnsky, Gilmour Academy (NE)

## Class of 2005

- Chris Hardman, Ottawa Hills (NW)
- Dennis Hagarty, Northwest (SE)
- Scott Manahan, Bishop Watterson (C)
- Dennis Wood, Lake Catholic (NE)

## Class of 2006

- Dan Gorbett, Galion (NW)
- Doug Miller, Canton Central Cath. (NE)
- Dean Schuler, Valley (SE)
- Bill Slinger, St. Xavier (SW)

## Class of 2007

- Fred Heatherington, Steubenville (E)
- Pat Hendershott, Wellston (SE)
- Greg Inselmann, Patrick Henry (NW)
- Bruce Stall, Versailles (SW)

## Class of 2008

- Phil Callaghan, Dublin Scioto (C)
- Rick Gold, Piqua (SW)
- Curt Karpinski, Elyria (NE)
- Mike Ryan, Perry (NE)

## Class of 2009

- Jack Branon, Wheelersburg (SE)
- John Dickerson, OHSAA
- Bob Haegele, Westerville North (C)
- Tom Randall, Kenton Ridge (SW)
- John "Spark" Sankal, Eastlake N. (NE)
- Tom Schreck, Wynford (NW)

## Class of 2010

- Dave DiDonato, Indian Valley (E)
- Jim Dougherty, Hilliard Davidson (C)
- Mike Schumm, Parkway (SE)
- John Tipton, Portsmouth (SE)

## Class of 2011

- Ken Gray, Mason (SW)
- Phil Krouskop, Perry (NW)
- Jeff Mielcarek, Toledo Cent Cath (NW)
- Richard Meyer, Buckeye Valley (C)

## Class of 2012

- Doug Long, Franklin (SW)
- Rod Lindsey, River View (E)
- Steve Little, Jackson/Olentangy (SE/C)
- Tom Held, Defiance (NW)

## Class of 2013

- Dave Hall, Perrysburg (NW)
- Bob Merritt, Crestwood (NE)
- Len Taylor, Mentor (NE)
- Mark Thompson, Elder (SW)

## Class of 2014

- John Dorner, St. Henry (NW)
- Chuck Harlow, Northmont (SW)
- Ron Janey, Logan (SE)
- Jeff Short, Westlake (NE)

## Class of 2015

- Bruce Cahill, Tippecanoe (SW)
- Chris Kaczmar, Walsh Jesuit (NE)
- Kyle Reiser, Elmwood (NW)
- Jim Wharton, Convoy Crestview (NW)

## Class of 2016

- Irvin "Frosty" Brown, Bethel/Troy (SW)
- John Cannizzaro, Newark Catholic (C)
- Ken Ciolek, Lakewood (NE)
- Glen Morse, New London (NW)
- Greg Wilker, Milbury Lake (NW)

## Class of 2017

- Jerry Chase, Cleveland Cent Cath (NE)
- Tim Dunn, Cin. Country Day (SW)
- Ray Neill, Sandusky Perkins (NW)

## Class of 2018

- Jim McBride, Kalida (NW)
- Mike O'Reilly, Sylvania Southview (NW)
- Mike Wiss, Minster (NW)

## Class of 2019

- Dave King, Lehman Catholic (SW)
- Chris Kubbs, Pleasant (C)
- Frank Lamoreaux, Seneca East (NW)
- Chuck Schilling, Hudson (NE)

## Class of 2020

- Tom Neubert, St. Francis DeSales (C)
- Marc Lowther, Cuyahoga Heights (NE)
- Ray Hamilton, Lakota East (SW)

## Class of 2021

- No Class Inducted

## Class of 2022

- Ray Benjamin, St. Charles Prep (C)
- Brian Harlamert, Coldwater (NW)
- Donald Jones, Twinsburg (NE)
- Tom Monroe, Waverly (SE)

## Class of 2023

- David Burkett, Col. Crawford (NW), Sandy Valley (E), Tuslaw (NE)
- Mark Nell, Waynesville, Eastwood, Anthony Wayne (NW)
- Brian Perkins, Toronto (E)
- Dave Starling, Reynoldsburg, New Albany, Hilliard Bradley (C)

## Class of 2024

- Sean Durkin, Ursuline (NE)
- Mark Pelfrey, Springboro (SW)
- Michael Shade, Gahanna Lincoln (C)
- Chris Veidt, Whiteoak (SE)

## Class of 2025

- Trent Dues, Vandalia Butler (SW)
- Jeff Keck, Vermilion, Firelands (NW)
- Craig Kyle, Jonathan Alder (C)
- Jerry Snodgrass, OHSAA
- Ed Yates, Madison Plains, Adena, Huntington (SE)

## Class of 2025

- Tim Broskie, Whetstone (C)
- Mark Brunswick, Bellefontaine (SW), Marysville (C), Lehman Catholic (SW)
- Brett Renollet, Tinora, Delta (NW)
- John Sarver, Ellet, Archbishop Hoban, Buchtel, Kenmore (NE)
- Kevin Yoder, Hiland, Coshocton, Tri-Valley (E)



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# 2026 OHSBCA Hank Miller Memorial Scholarship Recipients

Each year the Board of Directors selects several individuals to be awarded our "Hank Miller Memorial Scholarship." An eligible applicant must be a graduating son or daughter of a coach who has been an OHSBCA member for a minimum of five consecutive years. This year, 22 worthy students have been awarded a scholarship. Hank Miller, Canton McKinley High School, was inducted into the OHSBCA Hall of Fame in 1975. Hank was a teacher of Industrial Arts and Vocational Carpentry for 39 years. He retired from Canton City Schools in 1989. He coached many sports including tennis, golf, basketball and his favorites football and baseball. He was a World War II veteran who served in the Marine Corps.

Hank graduated from Canton Township High School (Canton South) in 1942 and earned his college degree from Ohio Northern University. His coaching career started at Mogadore High School with other coaching stints at Louisville, Canton Lincoln, Canton McKinley and Glenoak High Schools. Hank was a lifetime member of the National Education Association. Hank was President of the OHSBCA in 1982. He officiated basketball and served as recreational director for the city of Louisville. Hank is a member of the Greater Canton Amateur Sports Hall of Fame and the Ohio Northern University Athletic Hall of Fame. He was the founder of the Hank Miller High School baseball series.

<u>Student Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Father's Name</u>	<u>School</u>
Timothy Barr	Chillicothe	Tom Barr	Chillicothe
Tate Bender	Lima Shawnee	Joe Bender	Lima Shawnee
Maddux Bigam	Circleville	Brian Bigam	Circleville
Peyton Blue	River	Tim Blue	River
Jetta Brenning	Olentangy Liberty	Ty Brenning	Olentangy Liberty
Blake Coleman	Tiffin Calvert Catholic	Matt Coleman	Tiffin Calvert Catholic
Amelia Collopy	Steubenville	Mike Collopy	Richmond Edison
Summer Colvin	Belpre	Nate Waston	Belpre
Kathryn Cottis	Indian Creek	Mike Cottis	Indian Creek
Camryn Ketron	Indian Creek	Brian Perkins	Toronto
Marina Koenig	Canfield	Matt Koenig	Canfield
Annie Lavengood	Ashland	Rob Lavengood	Ashland
Aulbrea Meade	North Adams	Rob Meade	North Adams
Ty Neubert	St. Francis DeSales	Tom Neubert	St. Francis DeSales
Easton Nuzum	Athens	Todd Nuzum	Athens
Max Rapp	Portsmouth West	Chris Rapp	Portsmouth West
Brooks Relic	Brunswick	Grant Relic	Brunswick
Gavin Stewart	William V. Fisher Catholic	Jared Stewart	William V. Fisher Catholic
Jarron Swick	Fort Jennings	Jeff Swick	Fort Jennings
Aubree Thomas	Zane Trace	Trevor Thomas	Zane Trace
Maddox Wells	New Bremen	Chad Wells	New Bremen
Camren Whitmire	Holland Springfield	Dave Whitmire	Holland Springfield

# Throwing Problem Solutions | Ryan Brownlee

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- II. Defensive Efficiency vs. FLD %
- III. Warm Up
- IV. Throwing Program- Defensive Days and Rhythm & Tempo Days
- V. Post Throwing Program Athleticism Drills
- VI. 4 Corner Catch
- VII. INF/OF 4 Corner Catch
- VIII. Hub Drill
- IX. Does One Team Win Now, Or Does Other Team Lose Because They Can't Handle the Ball?
- X. Med Ball Lead Ins
- XI. Prep Steps Everyday!!!
- XII. Pre-Season On Ramp
- XIII. ABCA

# Building a Systematic Run Prevention Game | Dan DeLucia

Boston Red Sox

Thursday, January 22, 2026 • 5:40 pm - 6:20 pm • Easton Grand Ballroom



DAN DeLUCIA

RPU Identity: \_\_\_\_\_

## WHAT:

Championships → More Wins → Fewer Runs → Better Outcomes → Elite Stuff + Optimized Processes

## WHY:

(Elite Stuff + Optimized Processes)  $\wedge$  Velo = xRVERA (North Star)

## HOW:

Objective Goals from Over-the-Plate Outcomes

K%      BB%      Barrel%

Velocity

Shapes

Process Metrics

Usages

Locations

Training Environments

Feedback Loops



BRIAN GREEN

### **1. What do you want your Hitters to look like?**

**Start Here**

### **2. What is important to you and your program?**

### **3. How Much Time do you have to Prepare? Resources?**

**The Makeup of the Roster**

**Map your Training Out.**

**What do we do and how we do it at Wichita State**

**Training – Concepts – Goals. Cut them into 3rds (Calendar and Phases)**

**Concepts:**

- 1. Contact Point Understanding – Team Drills – Team Expectations**
- 2. YOU MUST BUILD TRUST. SLOW DRIP**
- 3. Mechanics Infused. Key Points put in by drills**
- 4. Mechanical Address**



# OHSBCA 2026 Phoenix Bat Assistant Coach of The Year Awards

## Central District

Mike Saalfield, Heath  
Mitch Habermehl, Grove City

## East District

Bryce Allen, Barnesville  
Richie Mast, Berlin Hiland

## Northeast District

Tom Kindall, Medina  
Austin Szink, Massillon Jackson

## Northwest District

Tony Pawlak, Sylvania Northview  
Scott Pillarelli, Ottawa Hills

## Southeast District

Justin Ervin, Wellston  
Dustin Huffman, Reedsville Eastern

## Southwest District

Mike Bardonaro, Butler  
Ron Nischwitz, Fairborn



## **PAST OHSBCA AWARD WINNER**



# Training Pitch Recognition For Next-Level Hitting | DR. PETER FADDE

## GAMESENSE

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DR. PETER FADDE

### ***Training Pitch Recognition for Next-Level Hitting***

- WHAT is Pitch Recognition?
  - How is it different from Vision?
  - Plate Discipline?
- WHY is Pitch Recognition important?
  - Team offense?
  - Individual development?
- WHO should train it?
  - Team practice?
  - Individual skill acquisition?
- WHEN should it be trained?
  - When in sports year?
  - When in hitters' development?
- HOW can you train Pitch Recognition?
  - Cage drills?
  - Bullpen stand-in?
  - Technology?

Peter J. Fadde, Ph.D.  
Professor, Southern Illinois University  
Chief Science Officer, [gamesensesports.com](http://gamesensesports.com)  
[peterfadde.com](http://peterfadde.com)

# Congratulations to our 2025 Poll Players of the Year

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Division I.....	Co-Player of the Year: Landon Doll, Massillon Jackson
Division I.....	Co-Player of the Year: Matt Ponatoski, Archbishop Moeller
Division II.....	Player of the Year: Hayden Frey, Troy
Division III.....	Player of the Year: Hunter Richardson, Vandalia Butler
Division IV.....	Player of the Year: Ashton Martin, Jonathan Alder
Division V.....	Player of the Year: Bryson Wittmer, Milan Edison
Division VI.....	Co-Player of the Year: Sam Crooks, Independence
Division VI.....	Co-Player of the Year: Evan Reiter, Riverdale
Division VII.....	Player of the Year: Braylon Cordonnier, Russia

## Congratulations to our 2025 OC Sports Player of the Year

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Ashton Martin - Jonathan Alder

# Congratulations to our 2025 Poll Champs and Poll Coach of the Year!

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Division I.....	Archbishop Moeller (SW) and Head Coach Tim Held
Division II.....	Amherst Steele (NE) and Head Coach Matt Rositano
Division III.....	Vandalia Butler (SW) and Head Coach Trent Dues
Division IV.....	Jonathan Alder (C) and Head Coach Craig Kyle
Division V.....	Waynedale (NE) and Head Coach Lucas Daugherty
Division VI.....	Berlin Hiland (E) and Head Coach Chris Dages
Division VII.....	Tiffin Calvert (NW) and Head Coach Matt Coleman

Division I Coach of the Year.....	Mark Kelly, Medina, Northeast District
Division II Coach of the Year.....	Mark Colburn, Teays Valley, Central District
Division III Coach of the Year.....	Trent Dues, Vandalia Butler, Southwest District
Division IV Coach of the Year.....	Craig Kyle, Jonathan Alder, Central District
Division V Coach of the Year.....	Justin McDowell, Triway, Northeast District
Division VI Coach of the Year.....	Chris Dages, Berlin Hiland, East District
Division VII Co-Coach of the Year.....	Matt Coleman, Tiffin Calvert, Northwest District
Division VII Co-Coach of the Year.....	Dusty Pester, Miller City, Northwest District

2025 All Ohio Poll Team



Past Poll Results





# OHSBCA 2026 State Coaches Poll Guidelines & Poll Voters

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Poll Guidelines



2026 Poll Voters





## All Ohio Series **OHSBCA 2026**

### **All-Ohio Series Tuesday, June 30<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, July 1<sup>st</sup> Chillicothe Paints Stadium**

The Ohio High School Baseball Coaches Association Board of Directors and District Reps are excited to announce the revamping of our All-Ohio Series presented by Game One. The All-Ohio Series will move away from the Senior Only Games and Underclassmen Showcase and transition to a true All-Ohio All-Star Series with the best players in our state, regardless of grade. The Series will take place on Tuesday, June 30th and Wednesday, July 1st at the Chillicothe Paints Stadium.

This year, teams will be based on the All-Ohio Coaches Poll. Players who make First-Team All-Ohio will represent their division in the All-Ohio Series. Alternates for the series will be Second-Team and Honorable Mention selections. For more information regarding the team formats, please see a district representative or executive board member.



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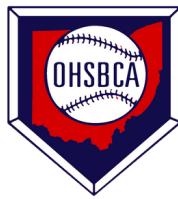
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## OHIO HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION

### 2026 COACHES VICTORY WINS AND SERVICE AWARDS

#### VICTORY WINS

##### **100**

Doug Adams..... Dayton Christian  
Josh Baker..... Fairfield Christian Academy  
Aaron Duncan..... Portsmouth  
Nate Hunt..... Mount Vernon  
Mark Kelly..... Medina  
Todd Nuzem..... Athens  
Matt Stricker..... North Royalton  
Casey Witt..... Lake

##### **200**

Jim Phillips..... Clay  
Chris Scisciani..... Streetsboro  
Luke Smrdel..... Kirtland  
Trent Thomas..... Wauseon  
Jason Whited..... Centerville

##### **300**

Kyle Rase..... Gibsonburg  
Brad Ternes..... Lorain  
Charlie Witten..... Van Wert

##### **400**

Ray Benjamin..... St. Charles Prep  
Jason Brandt..... Wapakoneta  
Craig Kyle..... Jonathan Alder

##### **500**

Ray Neill..... Margaretta

##### **600**

John Dorner..... Celina  
Ray Hamilton..... Cincinnati Country Day

#### SERVICE

##### **15 YEARS**

Zack Moots..... Sandusky  
John Bakalar..... Chagrin Falls

##### **20 YEARS**

Chris Scisciani..... Streetsboro  
Joe Staley..... Rittman

##### **25 YEARS**

Ray Neill..... Margaretta

##### **30 YEARS**

Tim Held..... Archbishop Moeller

##### **40 YEARS**

John Dorner..... Celina  
Jeff Mielcarek..... Toledo Central Catholic



# Offensive Game Planning | GREG BEALS

MARSHALL UNIVERSITY

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GREG BEALS

TEAM:  
Backbone  
Mechanical Principles  
Drills  
Stats  
Situational Hitting

INDIVIDUAL:  
Vitamins  
Launch  
Angle  
Counts and Locations  
2 for YOU  
1 for The Herd (2k approach)

TECHNOLOGY:  
Combining Old School with New Age  
What  
Plays  
Strings  
Charts and Games

BUNTING &  
BASERUNNING:  
Major Part of Offense  
Baserunning  
Drills  
Baserunning BP  
Sac Bunts – Run Expectancies  
Stolen Bases – 70 percent rule

# Buckeye Baseball Culture: Creating Advantage Through Adversity | JUSTIN HAIRE

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

Thursday, January 22, 2026 • 9:05 pm - 9:45 pm • Easton Grand Ballroom

## *Buckeye Baseball Culture: Creating Advantage through Adversity*

**Justin Haire**  
Head Baseball Coach  
The Ohio State University  
@Jhaire03



JUSTIN HAIRE

I:Defining Culture:

II:Doing Hard Things:

III:Connecting the Dots:

IV:Crafting & Creating YOUR Advantage:

# Developmental Baserunning | TONY VITELLO

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS

Thursday, January 22, 2026 • 9:50 pm - 10:30 pm • Easton Grand Ballroom

## Developmental Baserunning

**Tony Vitello, Manager,  
San Francisco Giants**



TONY VITELLO

1. Dynamic Warmup – Routines and Trends
2. Emphasis on Speedwork and Proper Running Form
3. Baseball Speed vs Showcase Speed
4. Stealing Bases in a new era of Baseball
5. Moving Up on Balls in the Dirt
6. Executing at a High Clip when Running at 2nd Base
7. Team Baserunning
8. The #1 Rule of Baserunning and What It Provides
9. Baserunning Situations
  - a. Eyes Up Around the Bases
  - b. Ball in Rightfield Corner
  - c. Ball in Dirt
  - d. Being Competitive Around the Bag
  - e. 90 Foot Wins of Any Kind

# **The Standard is the Standard...Culture Wins | NICK MINGIONE**

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

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NICK MINGIONE

What is Leadership?

Do You Have a Vision Statement?

What Is Culture?

Feedback is .....

How Have You Adapted as a Coach and Why?

Don't Complain About What You Permit

Defensive Standard

Offensive Standard

TEAMmate Standard

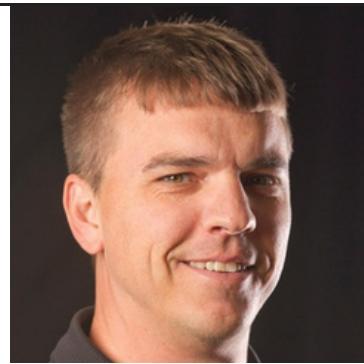
Practice Standard

# Professional Pitching Mindset | GENE STECHSCHULTE

OHIO NORTHERN UNIVERISTY

Friday, January 23, 2026 • 9:30 am - 10:00 am & 10:05 am - 10:35 am •  
Juniper Room

## Professional Pitching Mindset Gene Stechschulte-Ohio Northern University



GENE STECHSCHULTE

- How to teach mechanics
- What does a practice look like for pitchers/PO's
- Arm Care
- Velo Development
- Pitch grip development
- Pitcher/Catcher Relationship
- Controlling the running game
- Your role as a coach
- Getting your guys to college

# Getting 'Kids These Days' to Compete | JOHN DOWLING

McCLEAN HIGH SCHOOL (VA)

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JOHN DOWLING

## 1. The Myth of "Kids These Days"

- Complaints about "today's kids" are nothing new
- "Coach the kids you've got into the ones you want"

## 2. Competing Defined

- IS: Find a way, effort + strategy, "FIO", "Beating the Drill"
- NOT: Trying hard, caring, wanting or hoping
- Cultural emphasis on importance of competition; part of who we are

## 3. Challenges

- Boredom and Frustration
- Competition reduces boredom and increases frustration

## 4. Benefits of Competition in Practice

- Opportunity to learn HOW to compete, how to win and how to lose/fail
- Increased engagement and intensity
- Increased self-awareness and individual accountability
- Data = objectivity and ownership
- Pressure = greater transfer of skills to the game

## 5. How to Add Competition

- "Measure what you treasure"
- Keep score, gamify, use the stop watch, reward creatively
- Create a "beat the drill" culture

## 6. Practice Ideas

- Timed BP Setup
- Gambling
- No "situational defense," create live and score it
- Defensive goals during BP
- Cage setting – always give counts, always give an intended ball flight/outcome and track
- "Live" pens, scripted pens, HORSE
- Intrasquads – creative scoring
- Publicize the data

# Developing a Dynamic Offense | Zeke Pinkham

## KENT STATE UNIVERSITY

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### I. Keys to an Elite Offense

- **Being Offensive**
- **Versatility (Swiss Army Knife):**
  - o Ability to win in multiple ways
- **Key Offensive Tools:**
  - o Slugging
  - o Timely Hits
  - o 2K Hitting
  - o Hit & Run
  - o Taking the HBP
  - o Small Ball:
    - Sacrifice bunts
    - Safety squeezes
    - Taking the BFH
  - o Baserunning / Stealing Bases

### II. Hitting System

- **Control the Zone**
  - o Rhythm
  - o Separation
  - o Be in a position to hit
- **Approach:**
  - o Swing early in the count
  - o 9 vs 1 mindset

### III. Offensive Goals

- Walks > Strikeouts (Control the zone)
- Lead the country in Doubles (100+)
- High Team OPS
- **Ultimate Goal:** Score more runs than the opponent

### IV. Individual Identity

- **Relationships Matter** – Know your hitters
- **Self-Awareness:**
  - o Know who you are as a hitter
  - o Understand personal strengths & weaknesses
  - o Make better decisions based on strengths

### V. Routine & Preparation

- **Warm-up Tools:**
  - o Plyo Ball Warm-Up
  - o Driveline Bats (Overload/Underload)
- **Mechanical Drills:**
  - o Plyo Ball Angled
  - o Angled Machine (Open/Closed)
  - o iPitch Mix
  - o Live arm decision work
- **Mindset:**
  - o Every swing has a purpose



ZEKE PINKHAM

### VI. Swing Decisions

- **Zone Awareness:**
  - o Know the strike zone
  - o Adjust game by game
- **Count Advantage:**
  - o Attack in hitter-friendly counts
- **Game Plan:**
  - o Know the scouting report
  - o Understand pitcher tendencies
- **Pressure:**
  - o More baserunners = More pressure

### VII. Swing Decisions (Training & Variability)

- Stand in on bullpens (Live reads)
- **Machine Training:**
  - o Velo machine (Fastball recognition)
  - o Breaking ball machine (Daily reps)
- **Variability in training:**
  - o Different speeds, angles, locations
  - o Offset / Onset angled BP
  - o Use of different balls
- **Execution Goal:**
  - o Hard, consistent contact to the middle
  - o Pull-side approach on breaking balls

### VIII. 2-Strike Approach

- **Adjustments:**
  - o No stride
  - o Shorten up, put the ball in play
- **Mentality:**
  - o Good hitters get jammed
  - o HRs can be hit with 2 strikes
  - o Contact is key

### IX. Taking the HBP

- **Philosophy:**
  - o Own the inner half
  - o Give no ground
  - o Baserunners win games – HBP counts
- **Commitment:**
  - o Must be fully committed ("All in")
  - o Sell the HBP
- **Drill:**
  - o Incrediball Drill

# Developing High Level Movement Patterns on the Infield | Tim Funkhouser

EDWARDSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL (IL)

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TIM FUNKHOUSER

## I. Movement Solution for Movement Problems

## II. Ultimate Goal: Light the “Inner Flame” => “Multiplier Effect”

## III. Attributes of Elite Infielders

## IV. Drill Progression Style

- A. Block
- B. Pattern
- C. Random

## V. Drill Progression Types

- A. Primer: Foundational Skills (Do Simple Better)
- B. Primer+ (Blending)
  - 1. Angles – Movement Option
  - 2. Catch Type - 1H, 2H, BH & Barehand
  - 3. Post-Catch Movement Patterns
- C. Game-like
  - 1. Timing (Intersection Point)
  - 2. Rhythm (Sync'd Actions)
  - 3. Tempo (Internal Clock)
  - 4. Situational Awareness (Decision Making)

## VI. Movement Patterns

- A. Attack Angle – Round (Positive), Tight (Neutral) & Attack (Negative/Away)
- B. Ball Security (1H, 2H, Forehand, Backhand & Barehand)
- C. Post-Catch Patterns
  - 1. Basic (2-Step, 1-Step, 1H OTR, BH Open, ) Moderate (2H OTR, BH V-Cut, Drop Step BH
  - 2. Retreat/Gather, GS Tight Spin & Gather)
  - 3. High Level (Barehand & BH OTR, BH Pick & Stick, Jump Throw, 1H Spin)

## VII. Double Play Patterns & Combo Drills

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# Working Hand and Hand with College Baseball Coaches | Scott Manahan

## CAPITAL UNIVERSITY

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“Working Hand in Hand with College Baseball Coaches”

Scott Manahan – Head Coach, Capital University  
Holden Martin – Assistant Coach, Capital University



SCOTT MANAHAN

1. Conversation with players regarding their desire to play college baseball
  - a. Major?
  - b. High School GPA
  - c. What level do you foresee this player
    - i. Have you “had the talk” – realistic goals and vision of player?
2. Your desire to assist your player(s) in the recruiting process.
  - a. Are you sending emails to coaches regarding your player?
  - b. Have you formed a letter with said players for S/A to send to college coaches
  - c. Do you really know about schools that S/A is interested in?
3. Measurables
  - a. When reach out, show measurables
    - i. Quality visual – not Game Changer film
    - ii. Radar gun behind home plate for pitcher
4. Your word means a lot, so don’t BS a college coach to get them placed
  - a. Were told he throws 82 but he consistently sits 78
  - b. Has special needs or discipline problems through his career
5. We are asking that this be a hand and hand relationship
  - a. Not just a Capital kid but all college institutions
  - b. We are all looking for the kid who fits our program (D.I-II)
6. Prospect Camps
  - a. Utilize them – not just a money grab – especially at D. III level
    - i. Recommend them to players – send out info to those when you see it
    - ii. We have normally offered 3-4 per session

# Coaching and Peak Performance Solutions | Ryan Brownlee

American Baseball Coaches Association

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Juniper



RYAN BROWNLEE



Coaching and Peak Performance Solutions / Q&A  
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@CoachB\_ABCA

- I. EFT'S
- II. Defensive Efficiency vs. FLD %
- III. Warm Up
- IV. Throwing Program- Defensive Days and Rhythm & Tempo Days
- V. Post Throwing Program Athleticism Drills
- VI. 4 Corner Catch
- VII. INF/OF 4 Corner Catch
- VIII. Hub Drill
- IX. Does One Team Win Now, Or Does Other Team Lose Because They Can't Handle the Ball?
- X. Med Ball Lead Ins
- XI. Prep Steps Everyday!!!
- XII. Pre-Season On Ramp
- XIII. ABCA



TAYLER SHERIFF

## Pitching Strategy for All

- Absolutes - Make it hard to score
  - Limit Free Passes
  - Keep the ball in the ballpark
  - Control the running game
  - Field your position
  - Limit big innings
- Understanding your pitchers
  - Trackman Data
    - The basics
  - Rapsodo Data
    - The basics
  - No technology → No problem
  - Ranking pitches
    - Based on metrics
    - Based on strike %
    - Based on Opponent BAA
    - Baseball on whiff rate
- Calling a game
  - Pitchers strengths → Hitter Strength → Scoreboard
  - Limiting OBP
  - Controlling a running game
- Managing a bullpen
  - When to make a change
  - Managing matchups
  - Managing the scoreboard
- Between Inning Routines / Strategy
  - Physiological
  - Mental
  - Physical

# **Getting High School Catchers Ready to Play | Brad Burns**

PLEASURE RIDGE PARK HIGH SCHOOL (KY)

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## **Getting High School Catchers Ready to Play**

Brad Burns

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BRAD BURNS

### **Catcher Realities**

- Difficult
- Thankless
- Relentless

### **Catcher Role**

- Define it
- Communicate it
- Build it

### **Catcher Responsibilities**

- Awareness
- Communication
- Playmaking

### **Catcher Reps**

- Offseason
- Preseason
- In-season
- Postseason

## Zoo vs. Jungle: Translating Motor Performance to Wins | Jeff Sherman

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MARCUS HIGH SCHOOL (TX)

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JEFF SHERMAN

Jeff Sherman  
Marcus High School, TX

### **Micro - Developing hitters in cages with the understanding of Motor Preference**

1. What is Motor Preference?

a. Aerial and Terrestrial

2. Drills that work for their profile

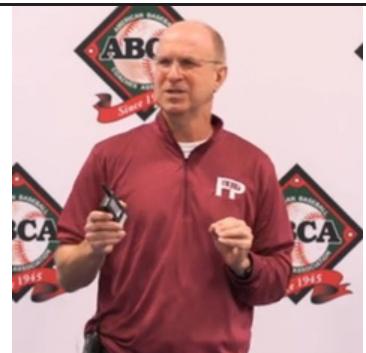
3. Creating more shapes and angles in cages

## **Breaking Point: The Science Behind UCL Injuries in HS Pitchers and How to Stop Them | Daryl Moreau**

### **FlexPro Grip**

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DARYL MOREAU

- 1) The UCL Epidemic: Why High School Players Are Getting Hurt at Unprecedented Rates
- 2) Who's Actually at Risk? Identifying the Red Flags
- 3) Workload: An Underestimated Risk Factor
- 4) Do Weighted Balls and Curveballs Cause UCL Injuries?
- 5) Does Throwing Build Arm Strength — or Just Wear it Down?
- 6) Preventing UCL Tears: What *Actually* Works
- 7) Practical Tools & Takeaways for Coaches



# OHIO HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION 2026 AWARDS LUNCHEON

**JANUARY 23, 2026 | HILTON COLUMBUS AT EASTON**

## Hall of Fame Promenade

<b>Welcome.....</b>	Drew Kirby, Associate Executive Director
<b>Invocation.....</b>	Father Michael Watson
<b>Recognition of the Board of Directors.....</b>	Drew Kirby
<b>OHSAA Sportsmanship, Ethics &amp; Integrity Award.....</b>	John Kronour, OHSAA Director of Sports Administration
<b>Hall of Fame Awards.....</b>	Mike Valesko, OHSBCA Past President

Tim Broskie - Whetsone High School  
Mark Brunswick - Bellefontaine, Marysville, Lehman Catholic High School  
Brent Renollet - Tinora, Delta  
John Sarver - Ellett, Archbishop Hoban, Buchtel, Kenmore High School  
Kevin Yoder - Hiland, Coshocton, Tri-Valley High School

<b>Changing of the Guard.....</b>	Brian Hiscox, OHSBCA President
<b>Acknowledgements.....</b>	Chad Jensen, OHSBCA Incoming President
<b>Benediction.....</b>	Father Michael Watson

# Hitting: Clarifying the Mess | Brian Meyer

MINNESOTA TWINS

Friday, January 23, 2026 • 3:00 pm - 3:40 pm • Easton Grand Ballroom



BRIAN MEYER

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## SWING-ABILITY

Swing Characteristics...what's really important?  
Training Environments  
Know Thyself

## HIT-ABILITY

Approach  
    Know Thyself/Know Pitcher/Know Zone Training  
    the Approach  
Situational Execution  
    Hitting with 2K  
    Physical/Mental Adjustments  
    R2, 0 out....a coach's decision  
    R3 < 2 Outs  
Training Environments for Situations

**WE ARE CAREER EXTENDERS!!**

# Practice Tips and Techniques for Successful Team Training | Billy Berry

TENNESSEE WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

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BILLY BERRY

## 1. Our Core Covenants for Training

### A. Key Words with Key Phrase

## 2. Competitive and Purposeful BP

### A. On Field

- Machine Bunts/Tee Timing/Velo Bat Timing/Graded BP/Baserunning

### B. Power Shagging Outfield

- Quality over Quantity

## 3. Baserunning Designed to Create Pressure

### Chaos Drill

#### A. Two Group Baserunning

- B. 90's/Turns, 1st to 3rd, 2nd to Home, Tags, Up or Down - - - One does we all do tags

### Lights Out

#### A. Steal Breaks and Dirt Ball Reads

## 4. Focused Throwing Program

### A. Activating Infielders with Game Movements

## 5. Small Group Defense designed to Maximize Players at their Position

### A. Drill Series 1

### B. Drill Series 2

### C. Drill Series 3

## 6. Large Team Defense with Multi Coverage Scenarios

### A. 3 Rounds

### B. All Bunts/All Picks/Rundowns and Re-Directs

## 7. 1 Inning Games designed for Handshakes or Walk-Offs

### A. 9th innings scenarios/Tied/Someone chasing

### B. Pre-Determined Situation/Pitchers in traffic

# A System Based Approach to Development | Mike Deegan

DENISON UNIVERSITY

Friday, January 23, 2026 • 4:30 pm - 5:10 pm • Easton Grand Ballroom



MIKE DEEGAN

## I. It Starts with Questions:

- A. What is our North Star?
- B. How Can We Best Track and Measure?
- C. What Training Environments Can We Create to Produce Results?
- D. Where Can We Create Competition?

## II. Imposter Syndrome:

- A. Humility is out the Window
- B. Generalist over Specialist
- C. Ideas are not Entirely My Own.

## III. Prioritization

- A. Shared Purpose of Denison Baseball
- B. Three Major Systems: Pitching, Offense, Defense
- C. Our Buckets
- D. The North Star for Each.

## IV. Offense:

- A. The Scoreboard: OPS/K Walk
- B. Swing Decisions and Damage
- C. Equipment to Support and How we Track Progress
- D. Drills to Promote Results

## V. Defense

- A. The Scoreboard: Defensive Efficiency/Internal Indy System
- B. Conversion and Range
- C. Equipment to Support and How we Track Progress
- D. Drills

## VI. Winning Baseball- When Good Meets Good

- A. Everything is a Competition
- B. Dominating the Short Game
- C. Controlling the Running Game (CRG)
- D. Positioning Accurately

## VII. Conclusion

# Cheetah Baserunning System | Tom Winske

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- Philosophy and Basic Rules
- Stealing 2B
  - Lead Distances
  - Techniques



TOM WINSKE

Conventional Steals	Vault Series	Trick Series
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Green Series</li><li>b. TCU Green</li><li>c. Lean Steal</li><li>d. Delay Steal</li><li>e. Delay Stop</li><li>f. Bluff Steal</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Short Vault</li><li>b. Short Vault Red</li><li>c. 13 ft SV Retreat</li><li>d. Double Short Vault</li><li>e. Long Vault</li><li>f. Double Long Vault</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Late Break Steal</li><li>b. Squiggy</li><li>c. Rufus</li><li>d. Fake Rufus</li><li>e. Purdue</li></ul>

- Stealing 3B
  - Lead Distances
  - Two Basic Rules
  - 6 Different Tendencies that we Identify (ex. deep breath, chin turn)
- Practice Drills
  - Baserunning Circuit
  - Reaction Game
  - Monitor Running



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## CONNECTING BEFORE CORRECTING; THE 3-LAWS OF CHAMPIONSHIP COMMUNICATION

### 1. INTRODUCTION

- A. This topic could change your life!

### 2. THE LAW OF PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

- A. It starts with me
- B. My plan of attack

### 3. THE LAW OF CONNECTING

- A. Identify & document each player's mental strengths & weaknesses
- B. Bend but **never** break!

### 4. THE LAW OF CORRECTING

- A. Who, What, Why, Where & When
- B. Identify your team's personality
- C. When & how am I most effective?

### 5. THE WRAP UP

- A. CJ's Take Aways



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JOHN DOWLING

## Baseball Is Hard, Don't Make It Easy: Practice Habits that Play on Game Day

John Dowling, McLean HS (VA)

### Cultural Emphasis on the Importance of Practice

#### The Game vs. Practice

#### 3 Goals

- Practice at **game speed and game complexity**
- Force players to **make decisions**
- Create a **competitive** environment

#### Why?

- Representative Design
  - “Action Fidelity”
  - “Functionality”
- Failure
- Game slippage

#### So what do we do?

- Blocked vs Random Practice
- Speed them up
- Compete

\*Intentional Design is the key – YOU create the practice environment

#### What does this look like for us? - Examples

# Championship Preparation: Creating Freedom to Compete | Tim Funkhouser

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TIM FUNKHouser

I. Overall Goal: Begin with the End in Mind – Stephen Covey

II. Philosophy

- A. Explain the Why
- B. Foundational Skill Acquisition
- C. Progressional Decision Making
- D. High Level Intensity with

III. Keys

- A. Decision-Making Matrix
- B. Failure in Practice
  - 1. Created by Drills/Scenarios
  - 2. Embrace
- C. Trust & Accountability

IV. Offensive Application

- A. Base Running
  - 1. New School Fighter Pilot Mentality
  - 2. Scenarios
- B. Bunting
- C. Situational Hitting

V. Defensive Application

- A. Communication
- B. Tempo
- C. Situational Scenarios

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# **Cage Work That Works | Brad Burns**

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## **Cage Work That Works**

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### **Cage Atmosphere**

- Zoo or Jungle
- Programmed or Instinctive
- Swing or Hit

### **Cage Approach**

- Figure it out
- Stop Talking
- External Cues

### **Cage Axioms**

- Lots of hits in the middle of the field
- Be on time and swing at strikes
- One at the plate, two on the bases

### **Cage Activities**

- Rotations
- Velo/Breakers
- K Progression
- Pull, Middle, Oppocompetitions
- Angled
- Plyo
- Weighted bats

## **Zoo vs. Jungle: Translating Motor Performance to Wins-PART 2 | Jeff Sherman**

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JEFF SHERMAN

### **Macro- Score more runs with the understanding of Motor Preference**

1. Scouting a pitcher
  
2. Creating your line up
  
3. Finding ways to prepare

\*Pitching and Defense are a must, but you have to hit and score runs to win it all. Find ways to create chaos in your preparation.

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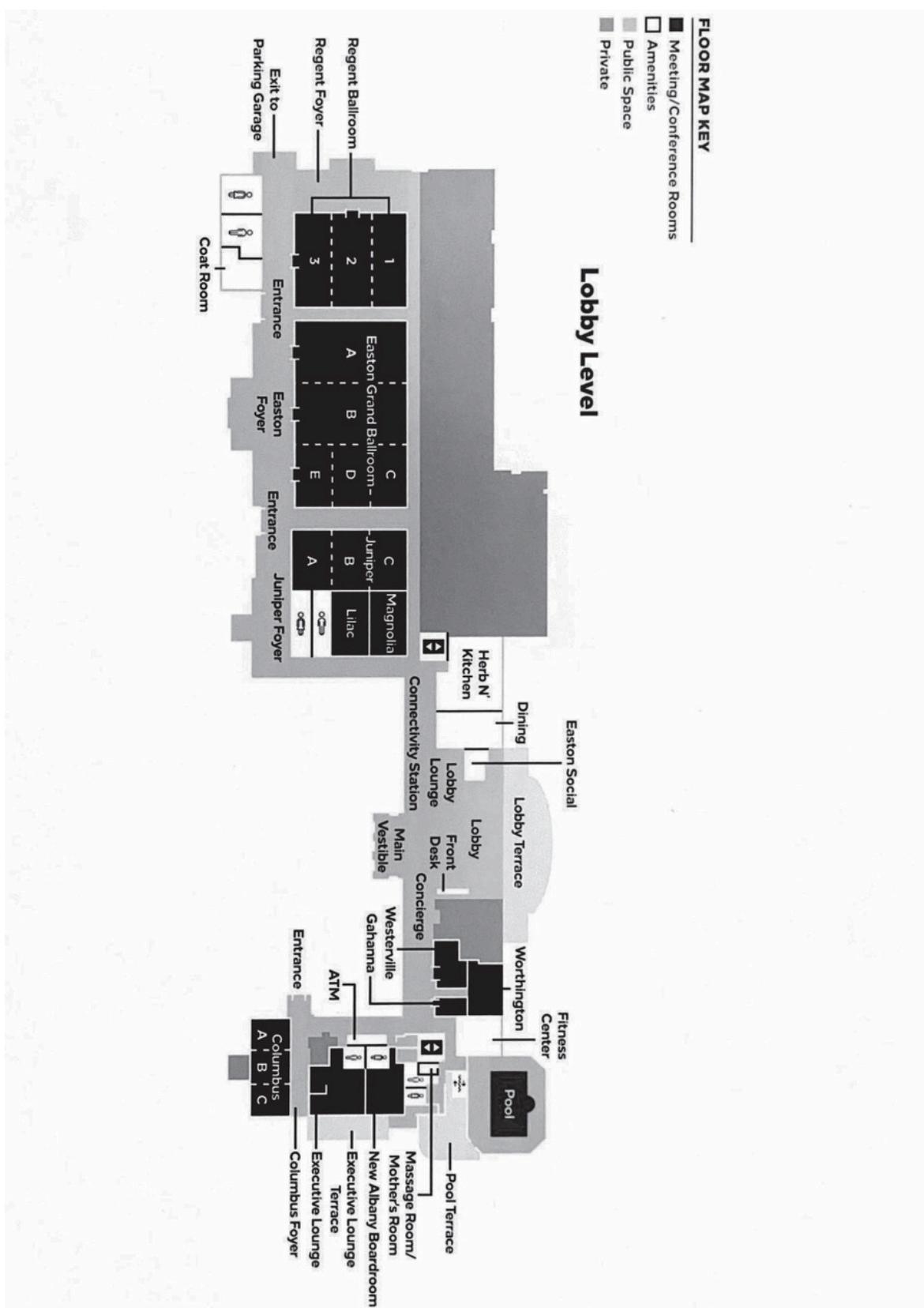




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