

Pine Island Athletics Hall of Fame

Induction Ceremony Class of 2022

September 24, 2022

5:00 Social Hour

6:00 Meal

7:00 Awards Ceremony
Performing Arts Center



Nadeen Lunde

Coach

Nadeen Lunde taught in the Pine Island School District from 1987-2012. She was the gymnastics head coach for 20 years, 1982-2002. The gymnastics team under her reign had a 145-76 win-loss record with the last 12 years of coaching with a 121-12 record.

Nadeen has been the Section 1A Coach of the Year 7 times and the State Coach of the year 4 times. Some of the team accomplishments while

Nadeen was the the coach include 8 Conference Championships, 29 All-Conference Individuals, 9 section 1A Academic Team champions. At the state level her teams achieved 23 state meet competitors, 7 state medals (top 6 places), 11 All-State Individual Gymnast Awards, 4 All-State Select Individual Gymnast Awards, 6 All-American Team Awards, 4 Honorable Mention Team Awards, 16 All-American Individual Awards and 4 All American Honorable Mention Individual Awards.

Nadeen has served as MN State High School Coaches Association Girls Sports Secretary/Treasurer for 15 years. She also served as Class A representative to the MSHSL Advisory Board for Gymnastics for several years. She was the President of the MN State High School Coaches Association for Girls Sports (MNSHSCAGS) and was instrumental in the merger between MNSHSCAGS and the MN State High School Coaches Association (Boys Sports) forming one united HS Coaches Association in 2007. Nadeen has been inducted into the MN Gymnastics Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

Nadeen is married to Mike and they have two sons Eric and Marc.



**Leisha Johnson
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Athlete

Leisha graduated from Pine Island High school in 1986. She was a three sport athlete in Cross Country, Basketball, and Track and Field. She lettered all 6 years in Cross Country and Track and Field. She was a three year letter winner in Basketball.

Leisha had a huge impact on becoming district team champions in all three sports multiple times. She also was the individual conference and district champion in the hurdles multiple years. She ran on the 4x400 relay and achieved conference and district titles. As a senior, Leisha was awarded the Co-senior Athlete of the Year, along with her twin sister, Lezlie. She also received the Mel Schroeder Memorial Scholarship.

After High School, Leisha attended Gustavus Adolphus College and played basketball. She lettered all four years at Gustavus and was MIAC all-conference twice. She set a school record for steals (67) in a season while leading the team with the most wins in school history (17-9). Leisha holds the season record for best free throw percentage (96%) She was Inducted into Gustavus Adolphus Athletic Hall of Fame in 2009.

Leisha retired from the Mayo Clinic this past April after 31 years in the Department of Laboratory Medicine and Pathology/Forensic Toxicology. She has twin children, Brynn Olson and Jacob Olson who both graduated from college this past May. Leisha lives in Pine Island with her husband Jeff.



Donna Nielsen

Distinguished Service

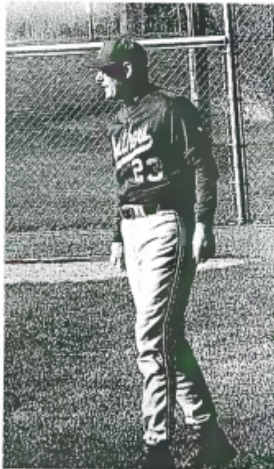
Donna Nielsen graduated from Pine Island in 1969. She attended St. Cloud State University. Donna taught at Pine Island for 35 years. Donna has been a constant support at the scorer's table in volleyball and basketball. She was the official book for 20 years in volleyball. In basketball she either did the official book or

did the scoreboard operator for 30 years. She decided to retire from the scoreboard work once the school purchased a Daktronics scoreboard with the individual scoring/foul information on the side.

Donna and two associated from the PI School District were hired to do the Section Volleyball Tournament for several seasons. The tournament director, Dennis Larson, said they did an outstanding job. Whenever Pine Island needs ticket takers for hosting events, Donna is there for the school district. She is professional, dependable, and always had a positive personality. She has tremendous rapport with the athletes, coaches, officials, administrators, and fans.

Donna's family includes her husband Norm Nielsen, daughter and son-in-law Deb and Joel Knox, daughter and son-in-law Rebekah and Chris Fierst. Grandchildren Sam and Alex Knox and Ayda Fierst. Donna has three brothers, Carl, Paul and Ken Glamm.

Currently Donna delivers Meals on Wheels, volunteers at church office, works the American Red Cross Drives in Pine Island, She is the treasurer for the Pine Island United Fund and Pine haven Auxiliary. She also makes quilts at church for missions and the Seniors. In her spare time Donna is in a book club and stitching group and plays cards once a week. And of course, Donna attends her grandsons Panther activities.



Craig Anderson Coach

Craig Anderson taught in Pine Island as a 6th grade teacher from 1976-2012. He was the Activities Director from 2012-2019. Craig was the head varsity baseball coach for 40 years. During his tenure he had 526 wins and 381 losses (sixth in career wins for MN High School Coaches). His teams had 4 state tournament appearances, 10 conference titles, and 8 sub section titles.

Craig has been the president of the MN Baseball Coaches Association, the MN Coaches Association and the National

High School Baseball Coaches Association.

The MN Baseball Coaches association has awarded him the Dick Siebert award, the George Hahn Award and in 2015 established the "Craig Anderson Ethics Award".

Craig has received other awards such as 2000 Pine Island Teacher of the Year, inducted into MN State High School Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2007, National High School Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame in 2013, MN Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2018, and was 2021 National Coach of the Year for Baseball.

In 2015 Play Ball! MN Terry Ryan Award was given to Craig. He was 2016 City of Pine Island Outstanding Citizen. In retirement, Craig has received the Jim Dimick Retired Coaches Award and the Region 1A Retired Athletic Director of the Year Award.

His leadership involves MSHSL Board of Directors in 2015-2019. He continues to chair the Class AA All-State Selection committee, National HS Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame Committee and is the executive director MN State High School baseball Association.

Craig is married to Sue. They have their daughters Rachel (Jeff) and Sarah (Thomas) and four grandchildren Charlie, Sydney, Ella and Ivy.

1981 Football Team

The 1981 Panther varsity football team turned in a significant performance as they topped off an 8-1 won-loss season record by beating Southland 31 to 15 to win the Wasioja Conference title for the third straight year. In the playoff game to determine who entered the state playoffs, Pine Island beat Caledonia on the Warriors home field 22-6.



Playoff fever had hit PIHS and the Panthers were on a roll down 12-0 at halftime against Lewiston. Pine Island took command of the second half and scored twice while holding Lewiston scoreless. The winning points came on a missed point-after when the holder Todd Albrecht passed to Marty Hoffmann in the end zone for the winning 14-12 score.

In the semifinal game, Pine Island was pitted against Granite Falls of the Little Sioux Conference. With the home field advantage, in front of 2,400 Hometown fans the Panthers took control early in the game - both defensively and offensively - and buried the Kilowatts 28-14.

Six inches of snow and a frozen field took their toll in the first-ever state championship game played by a Pine Island team. Holdingford, representing Northern Minnesota, jumped off to a three-touchdown lead in the first quarter and never let up the pressure while holding the Panthers scoreless. The final score: Holdingford 39, Pine Island 0. By reaching the state championship game, the 1981 Panthers football team showed many things to each other, togetherness and a will to win, to the opponents, a finely tuned, aggressive team with a single purpose - to win; and to the fans, a great football team that refused to quit. Congratulations!

~excerpt from the 1982 PIHS Yearbook

Members of the Football Team pictured:

Row 1 (L to R): Willie Rauen, Stephen Scott, Paul Owen, Darren Closner, Chris Templeton, Jim Rud, Todd Albrecht, Jim Hess, Kent (Shorty) Maxson, Brent Gates (mgr.)
Row 2: Ass't, Coach. Mr. Dean Krambeer, Joel Titus, Jay Kispert, Mark Lees, Jamie Hitchcock, Pat Pike, Marty Hoffmann, Jeff Lerum, Co-Captain Jeff Running, Greg Lenn, Craig Anderson, Keith Grobe (mgr.);
Row 3: Ass't, Coach. Mr. Dave Sween, Dan Schrantz, Dave Gronseth, Steve Archer, Kevin Kundert, Dave Keller, Jim Finstuen, Don Warehime, Mark Stevens, Jeff Copier, Chris Carney, Coach. Mr. Willie Rauen
Row 4: Lee Glamm, Don Willson, Kevin Griebenow, Jim Roberts, Paul Clementson, Co-Captain Mike Braaten, Jay Sanborn, Tim Hickey, Dave Zimmerman, Jay Wobig