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Eight athletes to join Hall of Fame

Four track and field athletes, two national title-winning swimmers, an All-America football player and a national champion baseball pitcher were inducted into the Linfield Athletics Hall of Fame Saturday, Nov. 7, at the annual Pacific Office Automation Hall of Fame banquet. The 2015 class includes:

James Adams ’99, a four-time NAIA champion swimmer and school record holder in five individual events.

Darrin Causey ’95, All-America linebacker and the leading tackler on Linfield’s 1992 football team that won its first 12 games on the way to reaching the NAIA championship game.

Vince Doherty ’72, a mainstay of the pitching staff of Linfield’s 1971 national championship baseball team. He averaged 9.35 strikeouts per game and posted a 1.24 earned run average during his senior season.

Tiffany Duff ’98, a three-time NWC champion triple jumper and two-time NAIA All-America long jumper. Duff is the current Linfield record holder in the triple jump and ranks third all-time in the long jump.

Glen Giovanetti ’84, who competed in both cross country and track and field, placed fifth nationally and is the standing record holder in the 10,000 meters.

Steven Hayes ’79, a four-time NWC champion who went on to set Linfield, NWC and NAIA District 2 records in the men’s hammer throw. The NAIA All-American placed third nationally.

Scott Radetic ’96, the current NWC and Linfield record holder in the high jump, was the 1996 NAIA indoor national champion and a four-time NAIA All-American.

Mike Westphal ’96, the 1995 NAIA national champion swimmer in the 400-yard individual medley. A four-time NAIA All-American and a 1996 NAIA Academic All-American, Westphal set school records in two individual races and three relay events.

Established in 1998, the Hall of Fame honors outstanding athletes, coaches, staff and contributors, and preserves the memory of their past achievements.

New coaches take helm at Linfield

Linfield College welcomes three new coaches to athletics.

Casey Bunn is the new women’s basketball coach. She brings a colorful mixture of playing and coaching experience to her new position. Those experiences include an array of accomplishments ranging from high school, major college and international professional leagues to amateur skills development. She graduated from Oregon State University with a bachelor’s degree in public health promotion and education.

Jordan Holladay has been hired as women’s golf coach. Holladay attended Walla Walla Community College for two years, studying professional golf management. He was a member of the WWCC’s golf team for two seasons and was among the program’s most consistent performers.

Ben Belletto is the men’s tennis coach. Belletto was head men’s tennis coach at Whittier College and Pomona-Pitzer Colleges for a combined 11 seasons. His career accomplishments have included the ITA West Region Men’s Coach of the Year award in 2011, 16 ITA All-America selections, 50 ITA Academic All-Americans, 29 all-conference awards and five straight Top 20 national team finishes.
Parker remembered

A memorial to Parker Moore ’17 was dedicated on the day of the inaugural Parker Archie Moore 3.5-mile Memorial Run/Walk held Sept. 20 on campus. The memorial, located near Anderson Hall and Maxwell Field, includes commemorative plaques mounted on a granite rock and two benches featuring the phrase “Linfield Strong.” The run was sponsored by the McMinnville Police Association, the McMinnville Fire Association and Linfield College. Proceeds from the event will go to the Parker Archie Moore Endowed Scholarship Fund, which was set up by his family to provide scholarship support to a Linfield student who most exemplifies Moore’s outstanding character and qualities.

McKenzie Schmoll ’17

Sport: Softball
Hometown: Grants Pass
Major: Math and computer science

Why Linfield? I chose Linfield equally for softball and education. I wanted to play for a successful softball program where hard work and high expectations come together. I also wanted to attend a school where I would be more than just a number on the enrollment statistics.

Why softball? Softball teaches you how to pick yourself up when you fall. In a game where you fail more often than you succeed, you have to learn how to overcome adversity and how to stay mentally strong when things get tough. Whenever I have faced hardships, failure or tough times in my life, I have pushed through the struggle and come out the other side stronger than I was before because I’ve learned how to persevere from softball.

Favorite aspect of Linfield? The sense of community. The school is small enough so you can genuinely get to know your peers and professors, and I absolutely love that.

Secret to balancing sports and academics? I would say I spend at least 30 hours per week on softball, but it could be more depending on the week. For academics, I spend at least 20 hours per week outside of class on my studies. I stay ahead of schedule with my school work so that I rarely have to play catch up when I miss class for athletics. It all comes down to managing your time wisely.

Favorite achievement? I took the Putnam Exam, an annual mathematics competition for undergraduate students, this past fall and I earned a positive score.

Advice for other student-athletes? The time you get to play college sports is limited, and it will go by fast. Enjoy every moment that you get to play the game you love, and never forget that it’s a privilege, not an obligation. Not everyone gets to play college sports, so don’t take it for granted, and make the most of your experience.