



EAST SUBURBAN CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

Athletics

**BENET ACADEMY • CARMEL CATHOLIC • JOLIET CATHOLIC • MARIAN CATHOLIC
MARIAN CENTRAL • MARIST • NAZARETH • NOTRE DAME • ST. PATRICK • ST. VIATOR**

ESCC Hall of Fame to induct seven on April 11

It takes all aspects of the Athletics operation to develop standout athletes and teams. The 14th East Suburban Catholic Conference Hall of Fame induction on April 11 at Abbington Banquet Hall in Glen Ellyn will include just that for the Class of 2019. The group of seven inductees includes four extremely successful longtime coaches, two very decorated college athletes and a highly respected IHSA official and assignor.

A pair of legendary Joliet Catholic coaches highlight the class. Women's volleyball coach Christine Scheibe owns more than 560 career victories at JCA and has guided the Angels to eight IHSA state trophies and state crowns in 2003, 2008 and 2009. Baseball coach Jared Voss won IHSA state titles in 2008 and 2009 among the six state trophies under his helm, and entered the current season with 515 career wins.

Longevity is the hallmark of two other brilliant coaches, as Saint Patrick baseball coach Dan Eberle has been on the diamond/court for 42 years, including a 2006 state runner-up IHSA finish for the Shamrocks. Marian Catholic cross country and track coach Tim Sovereign celebrated his 25th season last year as the lone cross country coach at Marian during the current regime of the program.

Two volleyball standouts carried their talents from the ESCC to tremendous college success. Benet Academy women's volleyball standout Jessica Jendryk was the first-ever female Under Armour All-American from Illinois and eventually led the University of Illinois to an NCAA runner-up finish in 2011.

After earning All-American honors for Marist men's volleyball, 2009 RedHawk graduate Joseph Smalzer led Loyola University to a pair of NCAA Final Fours, including the 2014 National Championship.

The 2019 Class is rounded out by longtime ESCC friend Jim Utterback, who has served as the officials' assignment chairperson for the league in football and women's basketball for several years.

Tickets reservations (\$50) for the 7 p.m. dinner (6 p.m. reception) on April 11 may be made through any of the ESCC school athletic departments and more information and history are also available on the ESCC web site at www.eastsuburbancc.com.

Five IHSA state champion teams representing Joliet Catholic and Saint Viator will be recognized at the April 11 event as well, including 2009 Joliet Catholic baseball and women's volleyball, 2008 JCA women's volleyball, and 2009 Saint Viator men's golf and men's soccer. The 14th ESCC Hall of Fame class brings the number of current inductees to 145, representing nine of the current 10 member schools and former members Fenwick, Holy Cross, Providence Catholic and Saint Joseph.

More information about the ESCC Hall of Fame or induction dinner may be obtained by contacting Chair Mike Hennessey, Notre Dame High School Athletic Director, at 847-779-8652.