



Galena High School



Inaugural Athletic Hall of Fame



Class of 2023

**February 4, 2023
Peppermill Hotel & Casino
Capri Grand Ballroom**

EVENING EVENTS

Master of Ceremonies

Greg Sakelaris

5:15–6:15 *No-Host Cocktails*

6:15 *Buffet Dinner*

7:00 *Hall of Fame Inductions*

Interviewer

Chris Healy

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HALL OF FAME MESSAGE

Welcome to the Inaugural Galena High School Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Class of 2023. Tonight, we gather to celebrate the achievements and dedication of some of our most distinguished alumni, staff, and community members for their outstanding contribution and success in their respective sports.

We want to welcome the friends and family members who join us in this celebration and know that you share in our desire to honor these worthy recipients and their accomplishments. We look forward to bestowing similar accolades on those who follow in these remarkable footsteps in the years to come.

Hall of Fame Committee Members

Make sure to nominate future
candidates for GHS Hall of Fame
Forms at Registration table.
Thank you



Chris Healy Interviewer

Chris Healy is a Reno native and graduate of the University Nevada School of Journalism. He served as the sports editor for the Nevada Sagebrush and worked as a sports reporter at Reno's KTVN Channel 2 News from 1980-85. Healy has served multiple roles for the NIAA and has nearly 50 years of experience umpiring baseball. He served 30-plus years as a public information officer at the Nevada Department of Wildlife before retiring in 2017. Chris is married to Carol and has two children, Neil and Ryann.



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***Heather Danner Millar
Softball and Volleyball
Class of 1996***

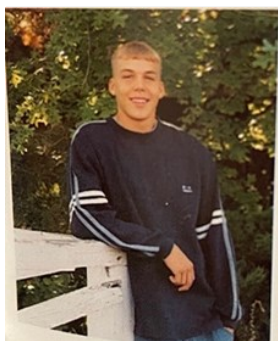
Heather Danner was a two-sport athlete and dedicated student during her four years at Galena High School. Heather was a key member of the first volleyball team to win a regional title for Galena in 1994 and a four-year starting catcher on the softball team who won the first state championship for Galena in 1996. Heather is one of three young ladies who can boast being part of the first regional and state championship trophies for Galena High School. Heather's hard work and dedication in both sports paid off as she was awarded 1994 Volleyball All-League Honorable Mention and 1995 All-League 1st Team. For softball she was 1st Team in 1995 and in 1996, she was named to the State All-Tournament Team. In addition to her athletic pursuits, Heather was deeply involved in school activities and served as a student body officer and an assistant coordinator for Project G. She also helped establish the photography program at Galena.

Heather attended Westminster College in Salt Lake City where she played volleyball and earned her Education Degree. She began her teaching career in Vancouver and has been an elementary teacher for 22 years. She is married to Brandon Millar and they have a 16-year-old son Grady, who they enjoy supporting and watching him play high-level junior golf. Heather is coaching elementary track for her school.

Throughout her life, Heather has excelled both academically and athletically. Her determination and leadership skills have no doubt served her well in all her endeavors.

Coch Burrows: Heather was a hard worker, both on the court and in the field. As a four-year starter on the softball team, her desire, dedication, and spirit never wavered. She was tough behind the plate, an even keel leader for her team, and a goofball on road trips. Each year the softball team grew stronger, and I attribute it to Heather's leadership. I will never forget as Heather was catching the last out to win the 1996 State Championship against our rivals Carson, she had started crying prior to catching the ball. It was meant to be for Heather to seal the win for the Grizzlies!





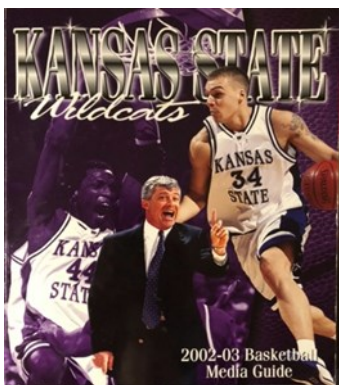
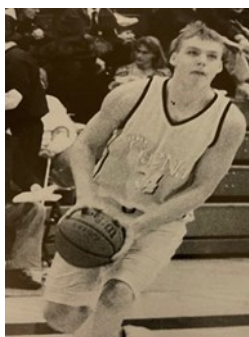
***Matt Siebrandt
Basketball
Class of 1998***

Matthew Siebrandt is a former college basketball player who had a successful career at both the College of Southern Idaho and Kansas State University. Matt attended Galena High School where he was a standout on the varsity basketball team for three years and helped lead Galena to two conference and two regional titles. Matt was selected to the Northern Nevada All-League and All-Regional teams. In 1998 Matt was selected as the Nevada Gatorade Player of the Year.

Matt chose the University of Nevada, Las Vegas to continue his basketball career, but early into the season Matt was placed on medical redshirt. In 2000, he attended the College of Southern Idaho where he averaged 15 points and 9 rebounds per game. He was named the Region 18 MVP after leading the Eagles to the NJCAA National Tournament. From there Matt took his talent to Kansas State University where he started all three years. His Kansas coaches stated Matt was strong and mobile in the low block and an inside scoring threat during his time with K-State. He received Honorable Mention All Big 12.

Throughout his college career, Matt was known for his hard work, dedication, and leadership on and off the court.

Coach Maurer: Matt Siebrandt achieved greatness by hard work and dedication. Throughout Matt's career, he always faced tough assignments, and in typical Matt Siebrandt fashion, he always stepped up to the plate and delivered. Matt is a true ambassador to Galena's excellence.





***Kourtney Davis
Softball and Volleyball
Class of 1999***

Kourtney Davis was a standout softball player at Galena High School. As a four-year starter, she established herself as the top pitcher in the state and led her softball team to state championships in 1996, 1997, 1999 and one regional championship in 1998. Kourtney played varsity volleyball for two years and ultimately decided her junior year to focus on her softball career. Kourtney had a laser focus in the circle and with command of her rise ball and change-up, she kept the opponents off balance. Kourtney earned the top honor of MVP All-League as a freshman in 1996. In 1997, she was named All-League Pitcher, 1st Team Pitcher, and Division I MVP. In 1998, she was named 4A Pitcher of the Year and Zone All-Tourney. In 1999 Kourtney was again named 4A Pitcher of the Year and State All Tournament MVP. In 1998, Kourtney was selected Nevada Gatorade Player of the Year.

Kourtney attended the University of Oklahoma for the 1999-2000 season and was part of the Big 12 Conference Championship. Kourtney transferred to UC Berkeley for the 2000-2001 season and helped the team get to the NCAA College World Series. Kourtney graduated from UNR earning a BA in Business Administration. She is currently a Compliance Officer at Credova Financial and is a proud mom to her 4-year-old son.

After college, Kourtney retired from competitive softball and focused on sharing her knowledge and skills with others. She became a private pitching instructor from 2001-2021 and focused on helping young ladies of all ages improve their skills and reach their full potential. She also volunteered for the UNR Softball program as a pitching coach in 2004, 2005, 2013, and 2014.

Throughout her career Kourtney made an impact on the Galena HS Softball program and beyond, inspiring and coaching countless young players along the way. She was a talented athlete and dedicated pitching coach whose contributions to the sport will not be forgotten.

Coach Burrows: Kourtney was very composed on the mound and did not let many things bother her, even when she was called for five illegal pitches in one inning her freshman year. She changed her delivery and dominated the tournament in the circle. She was as dominant and tough a pitcher as I have seen at this level and tough as nails as she was dealing with curvature of the spine and wore a back brace until the fall of 1996. In the 1996 double elimination State Tournament in Vegas, we lost our first game in the championship round to Carson. Before facing Carson again, I asked Kourtney to take her team, talk to them, and keep them relaxed. She took them to right field, and when I looked out there to call them in, the whole team was doing somersaults in the grass. It worked and we won our first State Championship.





Kellie Burton Gimenez Volleyball and Basketball Class of 2001

Kellie Burton was a standout basketball and volleyball player for Galena High School. She was a three-year starter for the Lady Grizzlies basketball program and a three-year varsity player on the volleyball team. Kellie's athleticism and work ethic made an impact on both programs.

The basketball team qualified for the state playoffs in 1999 and Kellie helped them become 2000 Conference Champions and State Champions over Reno High School. In 2001 the ladies won a regional championship. For her efforts on the court, Kellie received several honors in basketball. In 2000 and 2001, she was named 4A Division I 1st Team and in 2000, Kellie was USA Today Women's Basketball Player of the Year.

Kellie was new to volleyball but played on the JV team as a freshman. As a result of her athleticism and versatility, she excelled and made varsity as a sophomore. Kellie could play at all three hitting positions on the net. She played all around and excelled in the sport. Kellie received several honors in volleyball for her outstanding play. She earned a 4A Division I 2nd Team in 1999 and a 4A Division I 1st Team in 2000 and 2001. In 2001, the Galena volleyball team knocked out number one seed Bishop Gorman in the state tournament. Kellie led her team amassing 30 kills in the game. Volleyball Magazine rated Kellie 24th in its Fab 50 for 2000 and she was also a Junior Olympic Qualifier in 2000. Kellie's career stats for three years on varsity from 1999-2001 were outstanding: 811 Kills, with a single game high of 32 vs. Manogue; 182 Blocks, and 569 Digs, with 27 digs vs Carson in 2000. Kellie was named to the 4A State Academic Team in 1999, 2000, and 2001 for both basketball and volleyball and received National Silver Scholar honors.

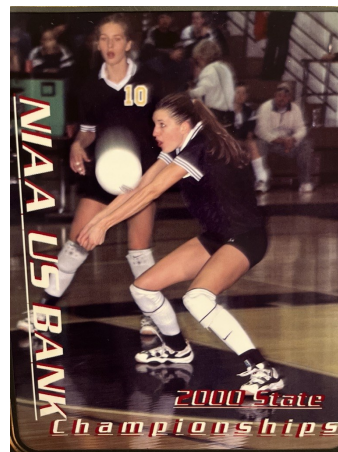
Kellie was recruited for both sports but landed at University of Arizona to play volleyball and in her freshman year, the team went to the final Four. Kellie then returned to Reno and played for three years

with the University of Nevada-Reno. Kellie enjoyed a successful career at UNR and graduated with a degree in Journalism and Marketing.

Kellie is a successful businesswoman in Reno and is the co-owner of Fit 36 Clothing Co. Kellie is also a health and wellness coach. Together with her husband Chris Gimenez, a retired MLB player, they have three children, two boys and a girl.

Coach Friel: A coach's dream – a tall girl who could run. So athletic at both ends of the floor and a force on the inside, she handled all expectations and was a key member of the State and Regional Championship teams.

Coach Burrows: I have been blessed to coach high caliber individuals, who as people possess such great qualities and as athletes are beyond gifted. Kellie Burton falls in this category. Kellie worked extremely hard in honing her skills, which helped lead the Grizzlies to success. Thank you, Kellie, for making an impact on the volleyball program and it was a great pleasure watching you play and coaching you.





***Annie Baxter Di Loreto
Soccer, Basketball and
Track & Field
Class of 2001***

Annie Baxter earned 9 varsity letters as a three-sport athlete at Galena High School. She was a four-year varsity soccer player, a three-year varsity basketball player, and a two-year varsity track athlete. Annie is a highly decorated high school athlete and earned honors both athletically and academically. She received 8 All State Academic Team awards: 3 in soccer, 3 in basketball and 2 in track. In Soccer, Annie earned recognition all four years: 9th grade 4A Division I Honorable Mention; 10th grade 4A Division I 2nd Team; 11th Grade 4A All Conference MVP, 4A Division I 1st Team, 4A Division I MVP, 4A Regional Champions; 12th grade; 4A 1st Team All-League and All-Region. In Basketball: 11th grade, All League Honorable Mention and 2000 State Champions; 12th grade 4A All Division 1st Team, All Regional 2nd Team, 4A Regional Champions and state Runner-up. In Track as a 9th grader, she was a state qualifier as part of the 4x200 relay and 4x400 relay. As a 12th grader, Annie helped set school records for the 4x100 relay, 4x200 relay, and the medley relay.

After her very successful high school career, Annie attended the University of Nevada Reno, and played for the Wolf Pack Soccer Program 2001-2005 (redshirt in 2003). She was a two-year team captain and earned recognition as 2002-2005 Wolfpack Soccer Strength & Conditioning Female Award winner. In 2006 Annie was an NCAA Woman of the Year nominee. Annie graduated from UNR with a B.S. in Elementary & Special Education and completed her master's degree in Education Leadership from Grand Canyon University.

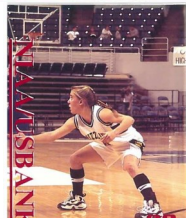
In 2007 and 2009 Annie participated in the Lincoln National Guard Marathon and qualified for the Boston Marathon. Annie gave back to the community after her college career and returned to Galena as the head soccer coach to share her love and knowledge of the game. Annie led her team to five regional championships and was recognized by her peers as the Regional Coach of the Year six times. Additionally, she was named US Soccer Nevada Coach of the Year in 2018. Annie is truly

a highly decorated athlete and coach, and we are so grateful for all her hard work and dedication on behalf of Galena High School and the community.

Annie is currently the Principal at Little Flower Catholic School. She is married to Danny Di Loreto, a Galena graduate, and they have three children: Abigail, Madison, and Donovan.

Coach Friel: Best leader and hardest worker I have ever coached. Annie made herself the point guard and led her team to a State Championship in 2000 and Regional Championship title in 2001.

Coach Canty: I had the pleasure of coaching Annie in both the high school and club soccer environments. To this day, I've never coached a player more driven, more focused, or more committed. While undoubtedly talented, her will to succeed was what set her apart from others. I loved seeing her transition from player to coach as well, where she was able to impress her work ethic, knowledge, and sheer will on to her players to unbelievable effect! I'm very proud to see her earn this richly deserved honor.





Billy Paganetti Baseball Class of 2001

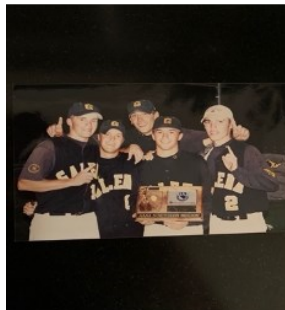
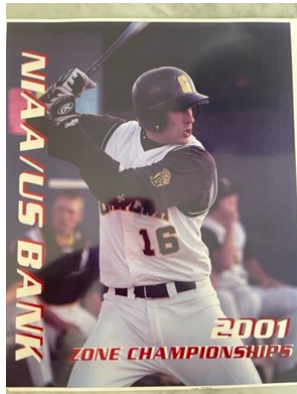
Billy Paganetti was a highly accomplished baseball player for the Galena High School Grizzlies. He was named 1st Team All-American by Baseball America and was selected in 2001 as the Nevada Gatorade Player of the Year. Billy primarily played 1B, DH and pitcher during his four years on varsity. Over the course of his high school years, Billy received both All-Conference and All-State honors. His senior year he helped lead his team to a 2001 Regional title and state runner up with a .440 batting average, 13 home runs and 45 RBIs. Additional honors earned for GHS: ranked 2nd in career doubles (38); 2nd in career home runs (40); ranked 1st in career RBIs (154). In 2000 he earned “Most Outstanding Hitter” in the Area Code Games and Perfect Game World Wood Bat Championship MVP. He was also a four-year academic letter winner and the winner of the Silver State Scholar Award.

Billy was selected by the St. Louis Cardinals in the 45th round of the 2001 MLB First-Year Player draft. As a big, strong left-handed hitter, Billy decided to honor his baseball scholarship to Stanford University, but he saw limited action his freshman year due to a preseason broken wrist. In the summer of '02, Billy played in the Cape Cod League for the Bourne Braves. After suffering another serious injury (torn labrum) his sophomore year, Billy decided not to play baseball at Stanford his junior and senior year. Once Billy was healthy, he did play rookie ball with the Chicago Cubs Organization for one summer.

After graduating from Stanford, Billy returned to Reno to work with his father Bill at the Peppermill. Billy is now CEO of Peppermill Casinos Inc. and has been married to his wife Katelyn for 11 years. They have three children – Olivia, (5 ½) Will, (3 ½) and Elle, (21 mo.).

Coach Mortimore: Billy Paganetti may have been the most athletic baseball player in Galena’s history. He was a pre-season All-American as an outfielder, yet he was an even better pitcher and first baseman. Always an example to his teammates, he demonstrated all the

characteristics of a great leader. All this and a great love for the game. Billy was never concerned about numbers. He ranks in the top three in nearly all of Galena's offensive categories. A true champion!





***Joanna Hixon Fray
Basketball, Volleyball and
Track & Field
Class of 2003***

Joanna Hixon was a true competitor in every sense of the word. Her strength, quickness and keen awareness on the court served her well in all three varsity sports she participated in at Galena High School. Joanna made varsity as a freshman in three sports and was a four-year player for both basketball and volleyball, and a track athlete for three years. Joanna enjoyed a great deal of success with all three sports and helped contribute to both basketball and volleyball winning seasons and championships.

Joanna was named basketball All-League Honorable Mention 2000, 2nd Team All Division 2001, 4A All-League 1st Team and All-Region 1st Team in 2002, All State 1st Team in 2002 and 2003 and 4A All-League Player of the Year in 2003.

In Volleyball, Joanna earned 2000 4A Honorable Mention, 4A High Desert 1st Team, 4A All-League and 4A 1st Team All-Region in 2001 and 2002. She also garnered state records for 1st in Kills and Digs. In 2003 Joanna was named GHS Female Athlete of the Year.

In Track, Joanna was 4A 1st Team All Northern Nevada in 2000, 2001, and 2003. She placed 3rd in state in both the triple and long jump her senior year and was a regional winner in the triple jump as well. Joanna set early school records in high jump, long jump, and triple jump.

Additional recognitions for Joanna include 2002 Finalist for the Florence Murphy Award as Greater Nevada Female Athlete of the Year and McDonald's All-American Nominee in 2003. Joanna participated in the Pacific Association Junior Olympics Track and Field Championship where she placed 2nd in the triple jump. Joanna received offers to participate in all three sports her senior year.

After graduating high school, Joanna continued her athletic career playing basketball in college where she brought the same level of dedication and determination that she had in high school. Joanna committed to Montana State where, as a freshman, received a

considerable amount of playing time for the Bobcats. Joanna left Montana State after one year to play for College of Southern Idaho for the 2004-2005 season. There she helped lead Southern Idaho to a National Junior Collegiate Athletic Association runner-up finish. Joanna went to Idaho State in 2005-2007 to play basketball where she was named Big Sky Defensive Player of the Year and won a Big Sky Championship regular league title.

Overall, Joanna was a true athlete, excelling in three different sports and earning honors for her play. Her work ethic and natural talent made her a formidable opponent on the court and on the field.

Joanna is a Business Development Executive at Aristocrat Technologies and is married to Neil Fray. Together they have three children, Guy (8,) Otto (5,) and Clay (1.)

Coach Friel: Best pure athlete with so many ways she could score. Could defend 1-5 and make it look easy. She was the final piece of the puzzle to a state championship title in 2001.

Coach Burrows: Joanna was the beast, in a good way. She was an all-around athlete who made a big impact in the sports she played. She would bring her teammates up to her level and support their efforts. Even on an off day, Joanna found a way to contribute to the team's success. She was a player who left a hole in the team when she graduated.





Stephen Pott y
Cross Country and
Track & Field
Class of 2004

Stephen was a talented runner for Galena High School. As a student athlete, Stephen took tough courses all four years and trained daily. Stephen was a four-year varsity Cross Country and Track athlete. He was a very decorated runner as a Grizzly. His honors include: Cross Country Junior Olympics All-American in 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003, State Champion Team Participant in 2001, and Individual Regional Champion 2003. In Track and Field: 1600m State Champion 2003, Anchor Leg of the 4x800m State Champion Team 2003, 800m State Champion 2004 and 1600m State Champion 2004. He was also the Mile Champion at the Stanford Invitational with a personal best and meet record of 4:12. Stephen was selected Galena High School Male Athlete of the Year 2004.

After his successful high school career, Stephen competed at UC Berkeley on a partial scholarship in both Cross Country and Track from the fall of 2004 to spring of 2006. He returned to Reno and continued his education at University of Nevada, Reno earning a BS in Civil Engineering. Stephen continues to run and was the team captain of the NUTZ in the Reno Tahoe Odyssey in 2011-2016 with former Galena and Berkeley teammates. The NUTZ were the champion team in 2011, 2012, and 2014 with a course record in 2014.

Stephen is a lay pastor for Spotfire Church and is currently managing the Development Engineering Division in Carson City. Stephen married his high school sweetheart Hannah, also named Galena High School Female Athlete of the Year in 2004.

Coach Tibaduiza: Stephen Pott y is a very conscientious man. His work ethic, both academically and socially, combined with his fantastic talent, iron resolve and intense focus for training, propelled him to the pinnacle of the nation's best distance runners of his day. Stephen won the 800 -mile and 4X800 relay a couple times at the Nevada State CC. His time of 4'12" is still a Galena record. He was also proficient in Cross Country with a State CC (2001) as a team member and runner up twice.

He went on to the University of California, Berkeley on an athletic scholarship.





Julia Mailander Chow
Volleyball and Track & Field
Class of 2006

Julia Mailander was an exceptional athlete during her time at Galena High School. Julia was strong and agile, which are great for a volleyball and track athlete. As a four-year varsity volleyball and four-year track athlete, she earned a total of eight varsity letters. Her standout performances on the volleyball team helped lead them to back-to-back State Championships in 2004-2005 and Regional Championships in 2003, 2004, and 2005. Julia was sidelined for a bit her sophomore year due to a hip injury. Upon her return, Julia was able to contribute to the teams Regional Championship run in 2003. Julia's volleyball season statistics were impressive: career kills 1,067, with a season high 566 kills in 2005; blocks 201, with a season high of 81 in 2005, and 749 digs, with a season high of 354 in 2005. In 2005, Julia was named High Desert Co-Player of the Year with her sister Lydia. Julia was selected the Nevada Gatorade Player of the Year in 2005. Julia was also a standout in track and field, in high jump, long jump, and triple jump. She was the 2006 individual State Runner-up in high jump and long jump, and 3rd in triple jump.

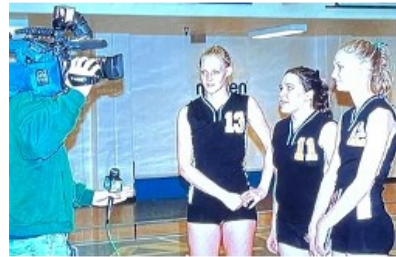
Julia balanced her athletics with academics at Galena. She was a member of the National Honor Society and the 2006 Valedictorian.

After graduating from high school, she attended Yale University where she played volleyball from 2006-2010. During her time at Yale, she served as Captain of the team in 2009, and helped lead the team to an Ivy League Championship in 2008. In that same year, the team also participated in the NCAA Division I tournament, making it to the second round. In 2008, Julia teamed up with her sister Lydia to participate as USA U19 Beach Volleyball players. They competed in the USA U19 World Championships and were ranked 34th in the world as a beach volleyball team.

In 2010, Julia graduated from Yale University with a B.A in Political Science and currently works as a Global Partnership Manager for Microsoft and Angel Invests on the side. She is married to Mathew Chow.

Coach Mixie: This young lady was so talented and gifted. In the 2006 state meet, she finished 2nd in the high jump and 2nd in the long and triple jump. Julia's leadership and will to win helped score 24 points for our championship team that season. I'm truly blessed to have coached this superstar!

Coach Burrows: Julia was very driven as an athlete and student; strong physically and mentally. She was a natural leader and I could see that leadership even in her freshman year of play. She was a one-of-a-kind player, who could dominate the match. I enjoyed watching her play. I remember in 2004 during the State tournament, Julia had an issue with her spandex in warm-ups, almost ripping them to the point they would not stay on her. Luckily, we were able to find her a pair. It loosened up the team prior to the match with all the laughter we had over the situation.





Lydia Mailander Boisi
Volleyball and Track & Field
Class of 2006

Lydia Mailander was a standout athlete for the Galena Grizzlies Volleyball and Track and Field teams. She balanced sports and school as she was a high achiever in academics and a member of the National Honor Society. In 2005 Lydia received the Harvard Book prize and won the USA National Dickens Essay Competition. She was on the Nevada All State All-Academic team for both volleyball and track. In volleyball, Lydia was a consistent force and even keeled, who displayed calmness on the court. Her best asset was her court awareness and understanding of the game of volleyball. With her all-around skills, Lydia helped lead the Grizzlies to two State Championships in 2004 with 14 kills and 2005 with 10 kills, and three Regional Titles in 2003, 2004, and 2005. In 2003 Lydia was 1st Team High Desert League. In 2005, Lydia was named High Dessert Co-Player of the Year with her sister Julia. As a volleyball player, Lydia was rock-solid. She led the program in team kills amassing 1,181 kills, with a season high of 441 in 2005 and had 188 blocks, and 831 digs. In the 2005 state game, Lydia set the tone for the match with her consistent play at the net and back row.

In addition to her success on the volleyball court, Lydia was also a standout track and field team member. She still holds the school record in the Triple Jump. In 2006, she was the 4A Individual State Champion in the long jump and triple jump. She also placed 3rd in high jump, and 5th in the 100m hurdles. Overall, Lydia was an exceptional athlete who consistently performed at a high level in both volleyball and track and field. She will always be remembered as a key player in the success of the Galena Grizzlies volleyball and track program.

After high school, Lydia played volleyball at Yale University and saw some significant playing time all four years at Yale. Lydia was a part of the Yale Ivy League Championship in 2008 and made an appearance in the NCAA Division I tournament advancing to the second round. In 2008, Lydia teamed up with her sister Julia as USA U19 Beach

Volleyball players. They competed in the USA U19 World Championships and were ranked 34th in the world as a beach volleyball team. Lydia earned a B.A. in 2010, History of Science, History of Medicine. Lydia continued her schooling at Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health in 2011-2013, earning a Master of Public Health (MPH), and Global Health Policy & Management.

Lydia currently works as a Program Manager at the New York Stem Cell Foundation, an independent, non-profit research institute in Manhattan. She is married to Peter Boisi and they have a daughter Cara (2 ½)

Coach Mixie: Yes, she is the other half of the dynamic duo! Lydia's dominating performance at the 2006 state meet put our team over the top. She won the long jump and triple jump and set school records in both events! She still currently holds the triple jump record at 37 ft 8 3/4 inches. It was an honor to coach this multi-talented athlete and I'm glad I could help her achieve her goals!

Coach Burrows: Lydia, from her freshman year to her senior year, was cool as a cucumber. Things did not rattle Lydia, and it showed in her play and demeanor. I can honestly say, Lydia was the best all-around player I have ever coached. She had such great awareness of the game, and an uncanny way to predict the opponents play as she was in the right place every time.





***Caitlin Anderson
Soccer and Basketball
Class of 2006***

Caitlin Anderson was a four-year varsity soccer and basketball player. In soccer, Caitlin was the starting goalie. She helped lead her team to a 2005 Conference Title, 2004 and 2005 Regional Titles, and 2005 and 2006 State Championship Titles. As a varsity basketball player, Caitlin helped lead her team to a 2006 Conference Title and Regional Title. Caitlin was selected to All-League and All-Region teams in both Soccer and Basketball. In basketball she was named All-Conference, All-League, and All-State 1st team. She was also the Channel 4 Player of the Year her senior year. For her sophomore and junior year Caitlin earned All-Conference 1st Team honors and 2nd Team her freshman year. In soccer, Caitlin was named All-Conference all four years on varsity and named Best Defensive Player and Most Inspirational player during her career.

After high school Caitlin played basketball for the Weber State Wildcats from 2007-2010 (Red-shirt in 2006). She played in 27 games her red-shirt freshman year and started in 12 of them. She continued as a starter her junior and senior year and was named Big Sky Player of the Week three times in the 2008-2009 season. In 2008 and 2009 Caitlin was All-Sky Honorable Mention. Unfortunately, Caitlin suffered a season-ending injury during the Idaho State game where she was one point shy of achieving her career scoring high with 27 points.

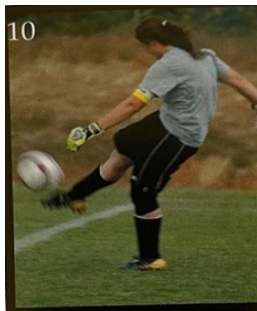
Caitlin was a Crossfit Games competitor in 2015 & 2016 and a Crossfit Games Regional competitor in 2015 & 2017.

Caitlin finished her education and earned a bachelor's degree in Human Performance Management and a double minor in coaching and nutrition.

Coach Jones: I cannot think of anyone more deserving of this prestigious honor of being inducted into the first class of the Galena High School Hall of Fame. Coaching her in soccer for three years proved what I quickly learned about her in her sophomore year. She was an exceptional athlete, with an exceptional work ethic, and she demonstrated great leadership qualities, both on and off the field. It

was largely due to Caitlin's stellar play as our starting goalkeeper that allowed Caitlin and her teammates to make the playoffs her sophomore, junior, and senior years, and win state championships her Junior and Senior year. She is a remarkable talent, and more importantly a remarkable individual.

Coach Friel: Such a hard worker with a contagious work ethic. So much fun to coach – always smiling and laughing. Best rebounder on both ends of the floor and could score inside and out. She hated to lose almost as much as Annie! She was the leader of the Regional Championship Team in 2006.





Tony Thompson Baseball Class of 2007

Tony Thompson was a standout baseball player during his time at Galena High School. He was a varsity starter for four years and earned honors every single year for his performance on the mound and in the field. His athletic honors are numerous: 1st Team All-League Pitcher as a freshman, 1st Team All-League Third Base both his sophomore and junior year, and as a senior, 1st Team All-League Third Base, 1st Team All-Region Infield, 1st Team All-State Utility and Pitcher of the Year. Tony helped his team to two regional titles in 2006 and 2007.

After high school, Tony attended the University of Kansas from 2007-2010. As a Jayhawk, he continued to excel on the diamond earning various accolades and honors; 2009 1st Team All-Big 12 Conference, 1st Team All-Midwest Region Third Base, NCAA All-American (ABCA, Baseball America, Louisville Slugger) Big 12 Conference Triple Crown (.389 BA/21HR/82RBI,) Single-Season Home Run Record (University of Kansas-[21]) and 2010 Preseason All-American.

In the 2010 baseball draft, Tony was selected in the 6th round overall by the Oakland Athletics. He played for the Athletics from 2010 to 2013 before being traded to the Miami Marlins in 2014.

When his time as a professional baseball player ended, Thompson remained active in the sport coaching for Galena High School Baseball and mentoring young players. His dedication to the game and his desire to help others succeed made him an asset to any team he was a part of.

Tony lives in Reno and works at Galena High School as a Science Teacher. He and his wife Melissa welcomed a baby girl named Olivia this past October.

Coach McNamara: I've been fortunate enough to coach multiple College All-Americans and MLB players and I'm very comfortable saying that Tony Thompson is the best player I ever coached. He was a student of the game and led our program by example every single day during his four years at Galena. Tony's ability to perform during the

most critical times was his reward for always doing everything the right way, every day. Tony's clutch Grand-slam vs Reno HS during the Northern Nevada Semi-final is the single best moment of my coaching career! Congrats to Tony, as he is a much better man than he ever was a baseball player. "Go Grizzlies!"





***Joe Abbott
Cross Country and
Track & Field
Class of 2008***

Joe Abbott is an accomplished and talented cross-country and track and field athlete. Joe excelled in both and set school records in the 400m and 800m which is no small feat also earning championships as a team and individual. In 2004 Joe was named the Nevada Gatorade Athlete of the Year for Track and Field. Joe's high school accomplishments are worth sharing. He was Regional 800m Champion and on the State Champion Cross Country team in 2007. In 2008, he was Regional Champion in the 400m, 800m, 1600m, 4X800m and State Champion in the 1600m, 4x800m, and 800m setting a state record of 1:50.87.

After high school, Joe took his talent to Washington State University for Track and Field and received honors at the collegiate level as well. He was four times All Conference Pac10 and two times NCAA All-American in 800m.

In the 2009 Pan American Jr games in Trinidad & Tobago, Joe won a Bronze Medal in the 800m. He participated in the 2012 Olympic Trials in the 800m and as a professional runner, Joe was ranked 8th in the USA 800 Meters by Track and Field News Magazine in 2013. He broke both the meet and stadium record at the Victoria Track Classic in Victoria, BC for the 800m in 2013.

In all facets of Joe's running career, hard work and dedication was the recipe for his success.

Coach Tibaduiza: Joe Abbott is a well-rounded individual who performed well in academics and in track, he was a force to be reckoned with. Totally committed to his education as well as to improving his blazing speed, he maintained his focus, resilience, energy, and indomitable spirit to become one of the three fastest 800 (1'50") and mile (4'13") runners in the history of track in Nevada. He won several individual and team State CC championships. His ability to further his running goals was rewarded with a full athletic scholarship to the University of Washington State.





Luke Babbitt Basketball Class of 2008

Luke Babbitt is a retired professional basketball player who played high school basketball at Galena High School in Reno, Nevada. Luke was a gym rat who spent a great deal of time perfecting his skills. He was on the varsity team beginning his freshman year and by his senior year, he led his team to a State Championship. Luke was selected as Northern Nevada High School Player of the Year in 2007 and 2008 and finished his high school career scoring a total of 2,941 points. Luke was a two-time Nevada Gatorade State Player of the Year and led his team to the state championship in 2007. He was Northern Nevada Player of the year in 2006, 2007 and 2008.

After high school, Luke attended the University of Nevada, Reno and played basketball for the Wolf Pack. While at UNR, Luke received several recognitions in his short career as a college basketball player. In 2009 he was the Western Athletic Conference Freshman of the Year. In 2010 he earned 1st Team Academic All-Conference, 2nd Team Academic All American (ESPN Magazine) and was again named WAC Player of the Year. He holds the single season scoring record at Nevada with 743 points. Luke was inducted in the University of Nevada, Reno Hall of Fame in 2020.

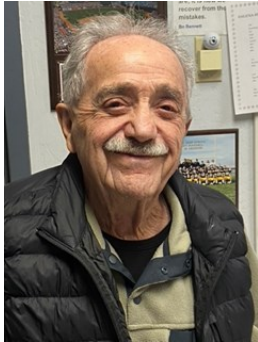
In 2010 Luke declared for the NBA draft and with the 16th overall pick in round one, he was selected by the Portland Trail Blazers. During his eight years in the NBA, Luke played for four franchises - the Portland Trail Blazers, the New Orleans Pelicans, the Miami Heat, and the Atlanta Hawks. Luke currently ranks 37th all-time 3-point percentage at 40.24% in the NBA.

Luke moved back to Reno with his wife Kara and their two little girls, Emily and Zoey. Luke now shares his knowledge of the game as the head basketball coach at Bishop Manogue Catholic High School.

Coach Maurer: Luke Babbitt is Galena's ambassador to basketball. He is a perfect role model for any up-and-coming young player. Luke demonstrates a strong desire to always be your best and his true

dedication to focus on his goals is the reason for Galena's only State Championship. Today, Luke continues to teach many valuable lessons in life through basketball.





Sam Barger
Community Contributor
1997 - 2020

Sam Barger is a respected and loved member of the Galena High School community. He was the number one fan of the men's basketball team and regularly attended the games with his wife Barbara. He made significant contributions to the Galena men's basketball program over the past 23 years. His dedication, hard work, love of the game, and commitment to the program did not go unnoticed, and as a result, he is highly deserving of his induction into the Galena High School Athletic Hall of Fame as the first recipient of the Community Contributor. Sam started with Galena as a Washoe County school bus driver who transported our men's varsity basketball team to away games. He soon became the varsity team manager until he stepped down in 2020. Sam played an integral role in the success of the program and his contributions will be remembered by the players and coaches he served. His impact on the players, coaches, and community is immeasurable and he was a true asset to Galena High School.

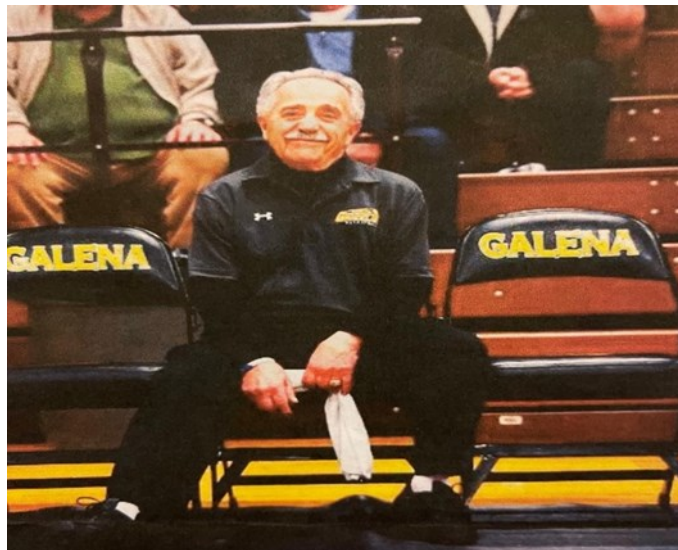
Sam was a long-standing member of a singing quartet in the Reno community and sang the National Anthem at several of the Galena home basketball games. Sam was a "Barbershopper" for over 30 years and was honored with a place in the 1998 Far Western District Hall of Fame Barbershop Harmony Society.

Karen Friel: Sam was an integral part of the Galena Boys Basketball Team. It was much more than keeping jerseys clean and snacks on the bus ride home. His relationships with the players allowed him to talk to them about being respectful, well behaved gentlemen. He made sure behavior on the bench was positive and boys were engaged in the game. Sam became not only an assistant coach to me but a dear friend.

Galena's Most Loyal Basketball Supporters



Barbara and Sam Barger





***Teresa Burrows
Volleyball and Softball
Head Coach/Athletic Director/
Athletic Administrator
1992 - 2022***

Teresa Burrows has dedicated 31 years to coaching and improving the experiences for student athletes. She started her coaching career as an assistant basketball coach at her alma mater, Sparks High School, in 1980, and continued coaching while earning her degree in Education from the University of Nevada, Reno. Her road to Galena happened after she spent seven years at McQueen coaching and doing her student teaching. Throughout her career, Teresa coached various sports and levels, including basketball, softball, and volleyball. In 1992, she was named the head softball coach for the Grizzlies softball program and assistant coach for the varsity volleyball team. In 1994, she took over the volleyball program and under her leadership, the Lady Grizzlies won their first Regional Title in 1994, which was the first title for the school. In 1996, the Lady Grizzlies Softball program, won the first state championship for the school. Her 14-year stint as the volleyball coach, produced a record of 329-134, with five Conference Titles, four Regional Titles, and two State Titles. As the softball head coach for eight years, their record was 163-83, with four Conference Titles, one Regional Title and three State Titles. Teresa received Coach of the Year honors in both sports a few times over her career and in 1997, the National Federation Interscholastic Coaches Association selected Teresa Burrows for Nevada Softball Coach of the Year. In 2008 she received the NIAA Northern Nevada Women's Model Coach award and was ranked the third best Northern Nevada coach for softball.

In addition to her coaching career, Teresa also served as the Athletic Director at Galena High School for 13 years and later as an Assistant Principal. She was selected the Nevada State Athletic Director of the year in 2006. She has always been dedicated to improving facilities and the overall experience for the students both athletically and academically. With all the hats she wore for Galena, she has been described as having "her little hands in everything Galena." From building or improving facilities to fundraising, Teresa literally had her hands on 90% of the facility improvements at Galena. Teresa's dedication and

hard work undoubtedly had a positive impact on the many athletes she coached and the school community overall.

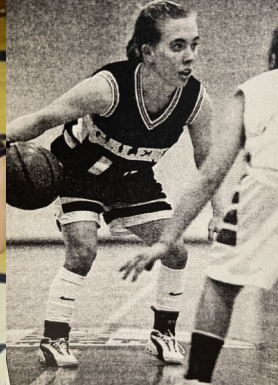
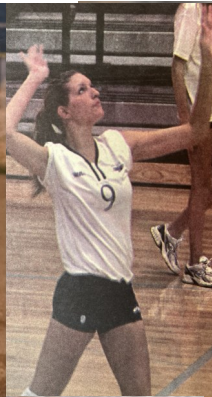
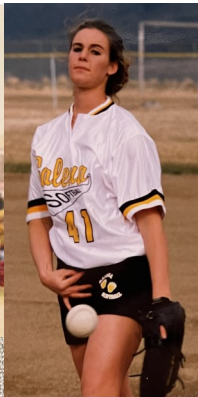
She recently retired from the WCSD after 30 years in teaching and administration at Galena High School and is currently working at Bishop Manogue High School. Teresa has so many wonderful memories and has truly been blessed to coach such wonderful young ladies.

Megan Svare: I have known Burrows since I was 14 years old when she coached me in volleyball & basketball. I came back to coach with her after college and she is the best person to learn from. She taught me about volleyball, but most importantly, she taught me about life. She is a great listener & has the best advice. I consider her my second mom & love her to death. This award is much deserved & I am very proud of her!

Michon Otuafi: Teresa Burrows has been well-known throughout her years at Galena for her hard work and persistence in the pursuit of doing what is best for students and staff. As a coach, athletic director, and administrator, Teresa supported students and staff on and off the field, and in and out of the classroom, in ways that inspired many and paved the road for success for all. No one has bled black and gold the way Teresa has, which is evidenced by the lasting impact she still has on the school. Galena will be forever tied to Ms. Burrows, as she helped to build its foundation, which can still be visible in the grounds and facilities, the hallways, and the school's culture. Bottomline, Teresa Burrows will forever be a Grizzly!







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