



BETHEL PARK TO INDUCT SEVEN INTO ITS 2010 ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

Bethel Park High School will welcome seven new inductees into its Athletic Hall of Fame, Class of 2010, on Friday, September 24 before the kickoff of the Bethel Park/Chartiers Valley Football Game at 7:30 PM (309 Church Road).

This is the 12th class to be inducted into the Bethel Park Athletic Hall of Fame. This year's honorees are:

- **Joe Freedy** (Class of 1997/Football) – Joe was a three year varsity starting quarterback and threw for 3,578 yards for 28 touchdowns in three seasons. He was an All-Conference Defensive Back in 1995 and All-Conference Quarterback in 1996, when he was also named to the *Post-Gazette* South's Fabulous 22 Squad. At Bethel Park, he also lettered in basketball and track. He was a three year starting quarterback at the University of Buffalo.
- **Paul Gamelier** (Swimming Coach) – Paul served as an Assistant Boy's Varsity Swimming Coach from 1980-1984, whose teams won four WPIAL Championships. He served as Head Coach from 1988-1996 and guided the Black Hawks to eight consecutive WPIAL Championships, three State Championships and one State Runner-Up. In eight seasons, his teams went 93-1 in dual meets. He coached 17 All-Americans and five members of the Bethel Park Athletic Hall of Fame.
- **Laurel Heilman** (Class of 1981/Basketball, Softball and Volleyball) – Laurel was a three sport letter winner. In softball, she earned three letters, led the team to a 1981 Section Title and the WPIAL Championship Game. She was a three year letter winner in basketball and a one year letter winner in Volleyball. She played basketball at Slippery Rock and lettered four years, while guiding Slippery Rock to the 1986 PSAC Championship and two NCAA Tournaments. She coached basketball at the University of Rochester, Allegheny College and is currently the Head Women's Basketball Coach at Slippery Rock, where she has amassed

over 100 victories and is the second winningest coach in the program's history. Additionally, she coached volleyball and tennis at Allegheny College.

- **Richard Jewell** (Class of 1963/Swimming) – Dick won the 1963 WPIAL Diving Championship and was Bethel Park's first diving champion, on his way to earning three varsity letters. He attended Grove City College, where he was a two-time Penn-Ohio Diving Champion and four year letterman. In 1970 he won the United States Army's Diving Championship. He was a Diving Coach at Pioneer High School in Ann Arbor, Michigan and a WPIAL and PIAA Diving Official. He is also a member of the Grove City College Swimming and Diving Hall of Fame and is currently serving as the College's President.
- **Linda Kalafatis** (Class of 1983/Softball) – Linda was the starting catcher for three years on the Bethel Park Softball team, where she led the team to the 1981 WPIAL Championship Game. She was a four year letter winner at California University of Pennsylvania and a two-time All-Conference selection. She coached softball at California University of Pennsylvania and the University of Akron. Currently, she is the Head Softball Coach at Ohio State University, where she is the winningest coach in school history, and was named Big Ten Coach of the Year in 2002 and 2007.
- **Denis Kirstein** (Class of 2001/Hockey) – Dennis was a three year Varsity Letterman and two-time PIHL All-Star, as he led the Black Hawks to the 2000 Penguin Cup and State Championship. He was the first Bethel Park player to be drafted into the North American Hockey League, where he played for the Pittsburgh Forge. He also played hockey at Mercyhurst College and was named to the Atlantic Hockey All-Academic Team four times. At Mercyhurst, he was part of the 2005 Atlantic Hockey Association Championship Team. He is the first professional hockey player from Bethel Park and played for the Toledo Storm and the Youngstown SteelHounds. He is currently the Head Coach at Seneca Valley High School and has guided his teams to the past two Penguin Cup Finals.
- **Larry Miles** (Class of 1981/Football) – Larry was a two year letterman who was named to the *Post Gazette's* Fabulous 22 and Finest 44 in 1980. He played in the 1981 Big 33 Game and was part of the Bethel Park team that played in the 1980 WPIAL Championship. He also played baseball at Bethel Park and was All-Section in 1981 as well as a member of the 1981 WPIAL Runners Up. In college he played football at the University of Maryland, where he

was on three consecutive ACC Championship Teams. He participated in the Aloha Bowl, Citrus Bowl, Sun Bowl and Cherry Bowl.

Following the conclusion of the football game on Friday night, there will be a community reception at the Bethel Park Community Center to meet the inductees and their families.

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