

SPORTS HALL OF FAME

The St. Thomas High School Sports Hall of Fame, inspired by John Sage '66, Jim Michalek '77, and Jerry Koch '67, was established by the Alumni Association in 1998 with the intent to commemorate exceptional Eagle athletic accomplishment while celebrating lifelong excellence consistent with the Basilian tradition of teaching goodness, discipline, and knowledge. The inaugural class, containing 5 members, was inducted in 2001.

Hall of Fame nominees are individuals who have raised the level of awareness in high school athletics through their distinguished achievement and excellence in one or more athletic programs at St. Thomas High School or through their contributions to St. Thomas Athletics in other areas. These individuals may include student-athletes, coaches, administrators, contest officials, media personnel, sports medicine personnel, or distinguished volunteers. Nominees may be retired from their field, or still be active.

The categories of student-athlete, coach, and contributor are included on the nomination form for expediency in understanding the primary area in which an individual is to be considered for his or her achievements in high school athletics. These groupings are for screening purposes only and to assist those in making the nominations in understanding the type of information required. Once nominees are inducted, they are not categorized, but all are recognized as members of the St. Thomas High School Sports Hall of Fame. 5 individuals will be inducted every other year. This will be 4 athletes and 1 coach or contributor. However, 5 athletes if there are no suitable nominees for coach or contributor.

All nominees will be judged on their significant and/or long-term contributions to St. Thomas High School athletics. While many have served the school or areas over a long and distinguished career, their accomplishments must have been worthy of recognition for them to be considered. Longevity, without meaningful impact, does not constitute appropriate credentials for Hall of Fame consideration. The STH Hall of Fame Committee may consider a nominee's total record of contribution(s) to high school athletics in determining eligibility for candidacy and not just his/her record of service in the category in which the nomination is made. The Committee also may waive the minimum years of service requirement when exceptional circumstances such as injury, illness, or death have prevented an otherwise worthy candidate from meeting the requirement.

Nominees must exemplify the highest standards of sportsmanship, ethical conduct, and moral character. The nominee's character both while at St. Thomas and beyond may be taken into consideration. Behavior not becoming of a Man of St. Thomas may be grounds for reconsideration of nomination and/or membership in the Sports Hall of Fame.



Categories for Selection

- A <u>student-athlete</u> is a former student participant who is being nominated for his achievements in St. Thomas High School athletics. To be eligible for nomination, a student-athlete must have graduated from St. Thomas High School 10 or more years ago. Student-athletes will be considered primarily for their achievements as a high school student-athlete. Consideration will be given to their achievements at the college or professional levels. Character during and after their high school years, however, will be a major consideration. Candidate must not be a member of the Selection Committee when considered for induction into the Hall of Fame. Nominees will be considered posthumously.
- A <u>coach</u> will be considered primarily for his or her achievements in high school coaching. Secondary consideration will be given to the nominee's achievements as a collegiate or professional coach. To be eligible for nomination as a coach, the individual must have served as a St. Thomas High School coach for a minimum of 5 years.
 Candidate must not be a member of the Selection Committee when considered for induction into the Hall of Fame. Nominees will be considered posthumously.
- A <u>contributor</u> is an individual who has made contributions to St. Thomas High School athletics in some capacity other than those previously mentioned, including such areas as sports media, sports medicine, sports official, sports announcer, athletic director/coordinator, administrator, or supporter. A nominee will be considered primarily on the merits of his or her contributions to high school athletics and must have been involved in high school athletics for a minimum of 5 years. The nominee's character will also receive consideration. Candidate must not be a member of the Selection Committee when considered for induction into the Hall of Fame. Nominees will be considered posthumously.

Selection Committee

- Alumni Director- Kenny Martin '01
- Current Athletic Director- Mike Netzel
- Current President- John Rynd '75
- Current Alumni Board President- Jeff McCurry '88
- 1960's Representative-TBD
- 1970's Representative-TBD
- 1980's Representative- TBD
- 1990's Representative-TBD
- 2000's Representative-TBD
- 2010's Representative-TBD
- Final approval of all individuals selected by the committee shall rest with the current president of St. Thomas High School.



Nominations to the St. Thomas High School Sports Hall of Fame must be received by the selection committee no later than 5 p.m. on Wednesday, August 31, 2025, to be considered. The completed nomination form and supporting materials may be submitted in the following ways:

By Mail To: St. Thomas High School Attention: Sports HOF 4500 Memorial Dr. Houston, TX 77007 If sending by mail, must be postmarked no later than August 31, 2025.

By Email To: alumni@sths.org

Subject Line: Hall of Fame Nomination

If sending by email, must be received electronically no later than 11:59 p.m. on August 31, 2025.

The nomination form must include the following:

- 1. The nomination form should be completed in its entirety. It is preferable that the nomination form be typewritten. The form is available on St. Thomas High School website at https://www.sths.org/alumni/hall-of-fame/ or as a printable PDF document. Questions about the nomination form and process may be sent to: Kenny.martin@sths.org.
- 2. Supporting information like newspaper or Internet articles are strongly encouraged.
- 3. You may include a separate page with accolades and other accomplishments listed if it is an easier format.

Individuals selected for induction as a member of the upcoming class, as well as the individuals nominating them, will be notified in writing of their induction. If the nominee is not selected, the nomination form is placed in the "Hold for Future Consideration" category and automatically resubmitted to the Hall of Fame Selection Committee for up to five years. Nominations may be resubmitted at that time.

For more information on the nomination and selection process, or for answers to question arising from these instructions, please call St. Thomas High School and speak with Kenny Martin at 713-864-6348 x204 or email kenny.martin@sths.org.



Individuals selected for induction into the St. Thomas High School Sports Hall of Fame will be responsible for and must agree to the following:

- Participate in a videotaped interview conducted by St. Thomas High School communications department prior to the event.
- Submission of a 5"x7" professional photo.
- Provide additional news articles, photos, and video (if available) to St. Thomas High School that will help highlight your athletics career during the ceremony.
- Attend the in-person Hall of Fame induction ceremony, which is typically held every other year in January.

Each inductee will receive the official Hall of Fame lapel pin and commemorative trophy, and recognition on the St. Thomas Sports Hall of Fame wall and video display honoring his or her inclusion into the St. Thomas High School Sports Hall of Fame.