



Peoria High School Alumni Association

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Dear PHS Alumni:

No one needs to be reminded about the tradition of PHS. To say the least, it is overwhelming. It has produced local, state, national and world leaders in numerous fields. Because of the difficult situation relating to COVID-19 and other administrative issues, we have fallen behind in honoring worthwhile graduates in the area of athletics. President of the Alumni Association, Bill Robertson, has reformed the Athletic Hall of Fame Committee and appointed Chuck Gabbert the Chairman. Chuck is a local businessman leading the charge to reinvigorate the Athletic Hall of Fame. Our committee made up of coaches, athletes, alumni and local sports writers/journalists.

Do you remember going to the Turkey Day Games? Did you go to Champaign for the IHSA State Basketball Tournament? What about watching baseball games on Herke Field or track & field meets at Peoria Stadium. We are sure you enjoyed over the years watching many other games, meets and matches involving golf, volleyball, swimming, tennis, cross-country, softball, wrestling and soccer. Many of these athletes still need to be honored! They are part of our sports history.

The rehabilitation of the Athletic Hall of Fame area is in need of upgrades. The Committee is taking on an effort to revitalize the displays and add some digital displays with the ability to interact to see the individual or team athlete with short description. Digital video is also being discussed. The school has kept game video for many events over the years. The cost of rehabilitating the Sports Hall of Fame area, converting these films and updating displays is where we need your help!

Remember that you can nominate an athlete and make a donation by going to the Alumni website at www.peoriahighalumni.org. Look for the Athletic Hall of Fame Donor Page.

The best way to help is with a financial contribution. This will enable the Committee to honor inductees as we place them in the area of the Peoria High foyer. Any contribution will be deeply appreciated. Donations should be to the PHS Athletic Hall of Fame. The website can also be used to make donations.

We hope to hear from all of you concerning this matter. We have an opportunity to really add some life to the Hall of Fame and you can play a part in preserving and passing on the Peoria High School sports legacy.

Sincerely,

Chuck Gabbert, Class of 1975
Chairman, Athletic Hall of Fame Committee

Phil Salzer, Teacher and Coach PHS
Athletic Hall of Fame, Committee Member

Bill Robertson, Class of 1978
President, Peoria High Alumni Association