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Mariemont City Schools

Mariemont Inducts Four Warriors Into 2009 Hall of Fame



The Mariemont High School Athletic Department inducted four individuals into the Doc Kusel Hall of Fame in pregame ceremonies before the opening football game with Bishop Fenwick on August 28.

Katherine Clarkson Graeter, Class of 1961. Katherine was an outstanding athlete for Mariemont, earning 13 varsity letters in Tennis, Basketball, Softball, and Field Hockey. Katherine was undefeated in tennis in her four years at Mariemont, and was the #1 singles player her sophomore, junior, and senior year. She was named Girls Athletic Association Athlete of the Year in 1961. After leaving Mariemont, Katherine won seven Greater Cincinnati Met Singles titles, and a record 17 Greater Cincinnati Met Doubles Championships. Katherine currently lives in Mariemont.

Coach John Jones, Class of 1970. John Jones coached the varsity Lady Warriors basketball team for 13 seasons before retiring at the end of the 2008-2009 season. In those 13 seasons, John's teams had a record of 182 and 106. The Lady Warriors collected three CHL titles, 4 sectional championships, 3 district runner up and a district championship during that period. Coach Jones was named CHL Coach of the Year four times, District 16 Coach of the Year four times and served as the head coach of the South squad in the Ohio North South Basketball Classic. John joins his daughter Kristin and brother Allen in the Mariemont Hall of Fame. John and his wife, Stephanie, have been married 35 years and live in Terrace Park. They have two daughters, Kristin and Suzanne, and three grandchildren, Carolyn, Brayden, and Dylan.

Ryan Fink, Class of 1996. Ryan was a two-sport athlete for the Warriors, excelling in football and baseball at the same time that the Warriors excelled in football and baseball. Ryan was a 1st Team All State selection in football, received all league and all city recognition, and was selected to play in the East West All Star football and baseball games his senior season. Ryan set the single season kick scoring record in football during his career. Ryan lives in Loveland with his wife, Natalie and their son, Maxfield. Ryan has worked for Kings Toyota for the last seven years as the Fleet and leasing manager.

Nick Thoman, Class of 2004. Nick, an honors graduate of Mariemont, was a 16 time State Swimming qualifier for the Warriors. Nick was the State Champion in the 100 back and a State Runner up in the 100 fly his senior season. He was a State Runner up in the 100 back his junior season. Nick was an 8 time All American at Mariemont and still holds three individual Mariemont Swimming records. After high school, Nick was a five time NCAA All American and swam the backstroke leg of Arizona's NCAA Championship 400 medley relay in 2006. Nick recently won the 100 and 200 backstrokes in times that

were ranked the 5th and 6th fastest times in the world this year. Nick currently lives and trains in Charlotte, North Carolina.

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