

HALL of FAME INDUCTEES

Kim Elders - Cornerstone University

What Kim Elders has done at the NAIA Collegiate level in men's basketball is simply amazing. He has spent his entire career at Cornerstone University, 26 seasons total. In that time the numbers he has put up are staggering. How about winning 678 games at 73% winning percentage, including 11 WHAC Championships, 10 WHAC Tournament Championships, 4 Final Fours and National Championships in 1999, 2011, and 2015. All in all he ranks 1st all-time in NAIA National Championship wins with 40.

Coach was named BCAM Coach of the Year twice, WHAC COY 8 times, NAIA COY 2 times, and NABC Coach of the Year in 99', 15' and 17'. In addition to his induction into the BCAM Hall of Fame, he was also inducted into the NAIA Hall of Fame earlier this year.

Kim writes: "I'm truly honored and humbled by this. I want to thank the CU administration for all their support throughout my career. This award would not be possible without all the great young men and assistant coaches who have made this journey with me. I also want to thank my family, especially my wife Holly, for all her support and encouragement. I couldn't have done this without her by my side all the way. Most of all, I want to thank my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ who has blessed our program in so many ways and made this all possible for me."

Kim is joined by his wife Holly. He has four stepchildren: Nic, Zac, Cam and Missy.



Scott Soodsma - Hudsonville Unity Christian HS

Coach Soodsma's career has spanned 36 years, 3 high schools (including one in South Dakota), and stints in both boys' and girls' varsity basketball. In that time he has won 678 games at a 70% rate. He has won state championships at two different schools with both boys and girls. His first state championship came at Northern Michigan Christian with the boys' team in 1987. Second, he took the Unity girls' team all the way in 2006 after being state runners-up in 2005. Most recently his 2019 boys' team at Unity punched their state championship ticket. His teams have also combined for 10 league championships, 19 district championships, and 11 regionals wins.

Scott has been named by coach of the year by many organizations over 15 times at various levels including BCAM Regional COY four times, BCAM D2 State COY once and BCAM Overall Coach of the Year once. His local and honorable mention COY awards are too numerous to list. For many years Scott has served BCAM as boys' regional director in region 7 which covers the OK Conference.

Scott would really like to thank his wife for being the "perfect coaches wife". She is a great cheerleader, stat keeper, and tremendous supporter of his career. He also wants to pay tribute to all of his outstanding assistants who have made him look good along the way, especially Bruce Capel who has been at his side for 21 years. Bruce's friendship and basketball knowledge have meant a lot. Finally, he knows none of what he has accomplished could have been done without all the dedicated student athletes along the way.

Scott and his wife Mary live in Hudsonville and have three children: Abbie Broekhuis, Joshua Soodsma and Amber VanMaanen.



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Kevin Voss - Clinton Twp. Chippewa Valley HS

You cannot mention Chippewa Valley basketball without Kevin Voss's name in the conversation. He has been at the Clinton Township school for 37 years. In that time Coach Voss's teams have won 520 games, 9 league championships, 14 district championships, and a regional championship in 1987. Kevin has attained numerous coaching awards throughout his outstanding career including Macomb Area Conference COY 9 times, Macomb County COY twice, Metro East COY 6 times, and Free Press Metro COY once. For 3 years he helped coach the Chippewa Valley HS Special Olympics basketball team and for 25 years served on the All-Macomb County selection committee.

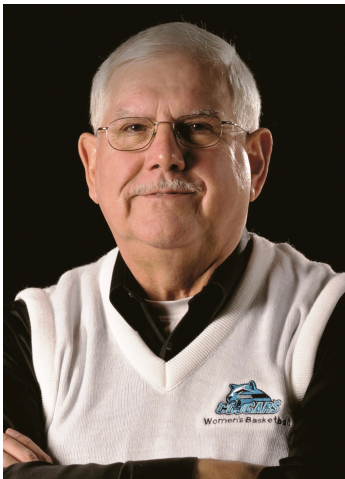
He is most proud of the Chippewa Valley Schools Elementary Basketball League that he started 37 years ago. It is one of the largest youth basketball programs in the state, serving 750 to 1100 children annually. This program helps students learn about basketball in a setting that has its core values centered on the student's well-being and development. This program has been the blueprint for similar leagues in neighboring school districts.

Coach was inducted into the Chippewa Valley High School Hall of Fame in 2017 and into both the Macomb County Athletic Directors Association Hall of Fame and the Macomb County Coaches Hall of Fame earlier this year.

Coach wishes to especially thank his wife Kimberly who has been his #1 assistant throughout his career. He writes, "I would not be up here without Kimberly's guidance and input during my career. She has talked me off the ledge at times and knocked me off any pedestal I climbed on when I needed it. Also thank you to my two children, Sarah and Josh. They have been my #1 fans and supported this journey even when it took dad from them. They saw the good that it did for so many others and still managed to grow to make us so proud of the people and professionals they have become." Kevin also wishes to give special tribute to Paul Comianni and Eric Carney, two players that were tragically lost during his second year of coaching. Their love for the game and standard of hard work have carried on in the program to this day.



Ron Welch - Kalamazoo Hackett, Nazareth College, Comstock HS, KVCC



Coach Welch was the cornerstone of women's basketball at KVCC for 20 years. In that time he amassed over 400 wins, 11 league championships, 6 regionals and 4 state championships. He also won a district championship at the high school level at Kalamazoo Hackett Catholic Central. He has been a true "lifer" in the coaching world, working at the elementary and middle school levels for 11 years before taking his first head coaching job at Hackett in 1984. In 1989 he took an assistant job at Nazareth College, but when that school closed its doors in 1990 he ended up at Comstock High School for 7 years. Then in 1995 he started to build his legacy at KVCC. There were several years that Ron coached high school and college at the same time.

His run during the last 16 years of his career at KVCC was very special. In that time he won 11 league championships, and 4 state championships. He has coached numerous All-League players, three All-Americans, and over 40 Academic All-Americans, which speaks to his philosophy that the classroom is more important than the court. He won over 70% of his games at the collegiate level and over 65% of all games he has ever coached. Overall he has won over 600 games and coached for 34 years. Presently he is not coaching, but stays very involved as a mentor, clinician and BCAM regional director.

He has won over 20 different Coach of the Year honors including being named BCAM's Junior College Coach of the Year 4 times. Ron has been inducted already into the Catholic Schools of Greater Kalamazoo's Hall of Fame (2016), National Junior College Athletic Association Women's Hall of Fame (2016), and the Michigan Amateur Softball Association's Hall of Fame as an umpire (1995). When BCAM began having regional directors, Ron was the first to sign up. He presently serves as the girl's region 5 director for BCAM.

Coach recently lost Phylis, his best friend and wife of 50 years. But in that time they were able to raise 5 "spectacular humans": Ronald "Kipp" Welch, Joseph (Amie) Welch, Patrick Welch, Jill (Mike) Barry, and Maureen (Jesse) Brown. He is also a proud grandpa to 8 grandchildren and one great grandchild. Additionally, he would like to send special thanks to his high school coach Lee Noftz and also to fellow BCAM Hall of Famer Dick Shilts for believing in him.