

Ross Hall of Fame inductee. 2016

Lincoln Fahrbach

Lincoln Fahrbach, a 2008 Fremont Ross graduate, was a 6-time high school All American, 8-time All-Ohio selection, and 4-time state qualifier in swimming. He set 9 of 11 Ross records that had stood for a combined 149 years and finished 2nd, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th at the Division I State Swimming Championships.

Lincoln was a 4-time MVP, 2-time GBC Swimmer of the Year, Ross Senior Male Athlete, and News-Messenger Bosi Award Winner. He was the team leader of the longest winning streak in Ross swimming history at 30-0-1, a record that had stood for 65 years.

At Ohio State University, he was a 9-time All-American, 4-time letter winner, and team captain. At graduation, he held 6 OSU team records and was a 3-time OSU Scholar-Athlete. Swimming for the Ohio State Swim Club, he was a member of the National Champion 800 relay at the US Swimming Championships at Stanford University. He was a 2-time second-place finisher at the US Swimming National Championships and qualified for the 2012 Olympic Trials in 4 events.

As a post-grad, he set a US Masters Swimming National Record in the 4x100 Medley Relay.

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Dr. Ervin Koons

Dr. Ervin Koons served as the Ross athletic team doctor for 30 years, offering medical advice to players, coaches, and trainers. Dr. Koons donated his time, training, and equipment, including a truck to haul equipment for practices and games. He also volunteered to provide pre-season physicals to hundreds of Ross athletes.

“Doc” was recognized by the OHSAA for his dedication and training standards for athletic teams. His dedication led to the continued superior medical support Ross athletes receive from many area doctors and health professionals.

Dr. Koons was an Ohio State Medical School graduate, an Army Medical Corps veteran, served as an assistant County Coroner, and was a member of many community organizations.

He was also one of the original trustees of the Ross Boosters Club in 1966. Dr. Koons died in 1992.

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John Lewis III

John Lewis III finished his Ross athletic career as the 3rd highest all-time scorer in basketball despite playing only two varsity years. He averaged 20 points per game his senior year and led the team in scoring, assists, steals, and foul shooting. Lewis also established a new single-season scoring record, scoring 405 points during the 1970-71 season. He was a two-time MVP, 1st team All-Buckeye Conference, and All-District. His scoring average was accomplished before the establishment of the 3-point shot.

As a junior, Lewis was the team MVP and scoring leader and was named All-Buckeye Conference.

John Lewis attended Bowling Green State University (Firelands) and was co-MVP as the team finished 3rd in a major national tournament for a small-college team. He received an invitation to try out with the Detroit Pistons in 1974.

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Mike Reardon

Mike Reardon became only the second Ross basketball player named 1st Team All-Ohio after averaging 22 points and nine rebounds per game his senior year. He was named Ross Senior Athlete of the Year, All-Buckeye Conference, and NW Ohio District Player of the Year. During his senior year, he established a new single-season scoring record with 438 points.

In baseball, he was a 2-year letter winner and was drafted by the California Angels.

Reardon accepted a Division I basketball scholarship at Western Michigan University of the Mid-American Conference. He was a 3-year letter winner for WMU. During his sophomore season, the team finished 10th in the country and advanced to the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament.

As a senior and two-year starter for the Broncos, he was named team captain. He also received All-MAC Academic honors both his junior and senior years.

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Elon Simms

Elon Simms was a 4-year letter winner in track and field from 2002-2005 at Ross High. As a senior, he finished second in the 800-meter run at the state championships. He also finished 13th in the 100-meter hurdles and anchored the 4x400 relay, which finished sixth. As the team leader that year, the Little Giants finished fourth as a team in the Division I Boys State Championships.

After his senior year, Elon was named the top Ross Male Senior Athlete and was the recipient of the Sports Hall of Fame's annual scholarship award.

He attended The Ohio State University, where he was named 1st Team All-Big Ten twice, served as a 2-time team captain, and was a 4-time letter winner.

Elon was also instrumental in starting the David Guardiola Memorial Track Meet in honor of his high school teammate who was killed in an auto accident,

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Melissa Smith Belcher

Melissa Smith Belcher was a varsity letter winner in volleyball, basketball, and track and field during her days at Fremont Ross. In addition to athletics, she was a majorette in the marching band, played the saxophone in the symphonic band, and cello in the orchestra. Her academic excellence was also recognized as she was inducted into the National Honor Society her junior year.

After high school, she earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Toledo and a master's degree from Heidelberg University. She taught high school math for 17 years at BF Terry High School in Texas and Whitmer High School in Toledo. She ended her teaching career at Sylvania Northview High School after receiving a diagnosis of ALS.

She also coached varsity volleyball, earning awards such as League Coach of the Year and District Coach of the Year, and winning a state championship in 2007 while coaching at Toledo Central Catholic High School. Melissa has been inducted into the Toledo Central Catholic Athletic Hall of Fame.

Sadly, Melissa lost her battle to ALS in April of 2022.

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Fremont Ross Boosters Club

2016 is the 50th Anniversary of the incorporation of the Fremont Ross Athletic Boosters Club. For five decades, the Boosters have been the preeminent volunteer supporter of Ross High athletics, raising funds for all sports and promoting the welfare of all persons participating in athletic programs regardless of race, color, sex, or creed.

The Boosters have taken a leading role in helping support the construction of many of the Ross athletic facilities.

Past presidents include Stan Barnes, Ken Bobay, Jim Brown, Ken Busdeker, Charles Cross, Jim Fitzgerald, Steve Frazier, Mike Green, Glenn Haas, Larry Jackson, Tom Lewis, Don Logan, Scott Logan, Howard Longanbach, Tom Manahan, Bob Mosser, Denny Reinbolt, Dick Ritzman, Stan Root, Ed Smith, Robert Wetzel, and Jim Woleslagel.

Upon induction, the officers were President Scott Logan, Vice President Rikki Brown, Treasurer Robin Mohr, Secretary Clay Keim, and trustees Stan Barnes and Mike Green.