

Ross Hall of Fame inductee. 2018

Grover Michael Dowell

Grover Dowell was a 1969 graduate of Fremont Ross High School, where he won letters in football and wrestling for the Little Giants.

Upon graduation, he enlisted in the US Marine Corps to honor his father's service. Grover served during the Vietnam War from August 19, 1969, to August 18, 1972, and was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Good Conduct Medal, and Marksman Rifle Badge.

Upon his honorable discharge from the Marine Corps, Grover attended Bowling Green State University, where he earned his bachelor's degree in education. He began his teaching career at Genoa High School and retired from Vanguard Vocational School in 2005. He served as a football and wrestling coach at Genoa and a wrestling coach at Fremont Ross High School. His 30+ years as a teacher and coach afforded hundreds of young men and women, as well as their parents, exposure to Grover's unique personality.

Grover's induction will be posthumous, as he passed away in September 2017.

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Jessica Ickes

Jessica Ickes, from 2004-2008, was a three-time All-American swimmer at Fremont Ross. She earned All-American rankings in the 50-yard freestyle, 100-yard freestyle, and 200-yard freestyle relay. She was an eight-time state qualifier, including a fourth-place finish in the 200-yard freestyle relay at the 2008 state championships.

Jessica set four school records and was a member of the first girls' team to set a district record. She was a National Coaches Association Academic All-American.

After high school, Jessica attended the University of Akron and was a four-year letter winner on the Zips Swim team. She's currently a third-year medical student at the University of Toledo Medical Center.

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Scott Mezinger

Scott Mezinger earned six varsity letters while at Fremont Ross from 1986-1990. He earned three in baseball, two in football, and one in wrestling. He is the only athlete in school history to have four first team league awards in one year.

In football, he was "First Team offense and defense in the Buckeye Central Conference and First Team AP All-Northwest Ohio District.

In 1989, Scott was the Most Valuable Defensive Back, tied the school record for interceptions in a season, and led the BCC with six interceptions. He was also selected to the East-West All-Star Team and was All-State Special Mention as a flanker.

In wrestling, he was named to the First Team in the Buckeye Central Conference. In baseball, he earned First-Team All-BCC North as a sophomore, junior, and senior, plus the Toledo Metro All-Star Team as a senior and Honorable Mention Northwest District.

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Matt Merrill

1995 Ross graduate Matt Merrill earned four letters in wrestling and two in football during his high school days. After his senior year, he had the career and single-season win records for the wrestling program. He was a two-time state tournament qualifier and finished fifth in the 140-pound weight class as a senior.

Matt was a two-time team captain, two-time Great Lakes League champion, and a four-time district qualifier in wrestling.

He was a member of the 1994 state playoff football team and was an Honorable Mention All-GLL receiver as a senior.

At Eastern Michigan University, he was a five-year member of the wrestling team and a member of the 1996 Mid-American Conference wrestling champions. He was a two-time team captain and nationally ranked his junior and senior years.

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Courtney Abbott Miarer

Courtney Abbott Miarer won two letters in softball and four in swimming while a student at Fremont Ross High School from 1996-2000. As a pitcher in softball, she tossed five no-hitters in 2000. Her record of four consecutive no-hitters places her second on Ohio's all-time records list. Her career pitching record of 30-6 and earned run average of 0.56 are each second best in Ross history.

Courtney earned All-Great Lakes League honors in 1999-2000, including "Player of the Year" in 2000. She was also All-District that year.

She attended Ohio Northern University, where she lettered in softball and swimming.