

# **Athletic Hall of Fame - 2020 Inductees**

## **Cathy Brumbaugh Anderson - Athlete**

Cathy Brumbaugh Anderson is a 1972 graduate and lettered in three sports: Softball, Tennis and Basketball. Cathy was named as the team's outstanding player of the year in all three sports her senior year as well as her junior year in basketball. She was active in the Girls Athletics Association (GAA) as the interscholastic manager of the association her junior year and the treasurer as a senior. Outside of her athletic career, she also was also a member of the Northmont Band's drill team. She continued her athletic career in college at Eastern Kentucky for four years in volleyball and graduated with distinction from the University. Cathy currently lives in Albuquerque, New Mexico. She has two daughters, Laura and Carrie.



## **Angie Poppaw Franklin - Athlete**



Northmont Girls soccer was a dominating force in the late 80s through the early 90s. Playing on two state championship teams, Angie Poppaw demonstrated the leadership qualities to become one of the top players as well as a true leader on these teams. As an offensive player, Angie finished fourth in career goals at a total of 61. Her junior year, she was first on the team with 17 goals. Her senior year, she again was the leading scorer of 24 goals. Her abilities were recognized by the other teams throughout Ohio. Angie was first team all-league, first team all-area, and first team all state. She currently lives in Beavercreek with her husband, Jason, and daughters, Sydney and Avery.

## **Mike Foley - Athlete**

Mike Foley did something at Northmont that no other male track and field athlete accomplished during their career. He was the 2007 Ohio State Division 1 state champion in the high jump. As a four-year track athlete, Mike was All GWOC all four years while also excelling in the pole vault. At the Jessie Owens Stadium in Columbus, Mike won the state title with a high jump of 6'9". After high school, Mike attended the University of Cincinnati on a scholarship for track and field.



## Don Gillespie - Coach



Don coached Northmont tennis in the decades of the 70s through the 90s. During his tenure, Northmont tennis had multiple winners at various Ohio levels and at different individual and team events. Don's team produced a total of 500 wins with numerous league titles and championships. At the state level, Don's teams produced a third place state finisher in boys and a fourth place finisher in girls tennis. When he was a young assistant coach, Renee Dewan and Jamie Plummer came together as a doubles team in 1979 to win the State championship. Finally, Don was inducted to the Miami Valley Tennis Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2004. To quote Don, "I loved working with the kids and always wanted them and myself to have fun." Don must have had fun teaching and servicing our school system. He recently retired from Northmont with 50 years of service!

## Kenny Hayes - Athlete

Imagine going from being cut from the basketball team in eighth grade to becoming one of the most prolific basketball players to ever wear the green and white. Kenny Hayes is a 2005 graduate of Northmont High School. Northmont has had many great point guards in its history, and Kenny Hayes is part of that fraternity. Kenny was a four year letter winner during his time at NHS. He was 2nd Team All-GWOC his junior year, 1st Team All-GWOC and GWOC Player of the Year his senior year. In addition, Kenny was selected captain his junior and senior years. Kenny finished his career at Northmont #8 in career scoring and #10 in career assists. After graduating from Northmont, Kenny played basketball at Cincinnati State for one year before playing his final three years at Miami University (Ohio.) At Miami, Kenny was a three-year starter and earned Honorable Mention All-MAC his sophomore year, 2nd Team All-MAC his junior year, and 1st Team All-MAC as a senior. Following his career at Miami, Kenny began his professional career when he was selected by the Maine Red Claws of the NBA D-League in 2010. In 2012, Kenny was chosen Most Improved Player of the NBA D-League. Following that season, Kenny went overseas to continue his professional career. During his nine-year professional career, Kenny has been an All-Star four times and led the league in scoring in 2018. Kenny is currently playing professionally in Turkey and resides in Chicago, IL in the offseason. Kenny has two daughters, Kennedy and Carter.



## Ralph Steffano - Athlete



Not too many athletes can say they were a four-sport athlete in the same school year. Ralph lettered in Football, Basketball, Baseball and Track during his career at a new startup school called Northmont. In basketball, Ralph was part of three undefeated teams in the SWBL. From his sophomore to senior year, Ralph was selected to the All-Area teams. In his senior year, Ralph average 22.6 points per game. He also held the career scoring leader after graduation. In baseball, Ralph was a pitcher on the varsity squads his sophomore to senior years. Again, he made All Area all three years as well. He pitched a no hitter against Roosevelt his senior year. In football, he was a wide receiver and ran the 440 in track. Ralph received numerous scholarship offers in basketball, football and baseball. He also received two professional baseball minor league offers from the Pittsburgh Pirates and Detroit Tigers. Ralph is a retired educator and currently resides in Florida with his wife Joyce Gallichio Steffano, a 1962 graduate of Northmont. They have a son, Alex.