



COACHES ASSOCIATION

*2020 - 2021*

COACHES OF THE YEAR  
HALL OF FAME

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## MICHIGAN INTERSCHOLASTIC GOLF COACHES ASSOCIATION HALL OF FAME – COACH OF THE YEAR BANQUET

WELCOME

Leon Braisted III  
Executive Director  
Brother Rice/Marian

INVOCATION

Bob Lober  
Past Executive Director

DINNER

AWARDS - PRESENTATIONS

MIGCA Girls Regional Coaches of the Year

Debbie Williams-Hoak  
President  
Saline

MIGCA Boys Regional Coaches of the Year

Chris Cronin  
Publications/Public Relations  
Northville

MIGCA Girls Division Coaches of the Year

Deborah Culver  
President Elect

MIGCA Boys Division Coaches of the Year

Mark Posey  
Secretary  
Big Rapids

MIGCA Girls State Coach of the Year

Bob Filter  
Events Chairperson  
East Lansing

MIGCA Boys State Coach of the Year

Debbie Williams-Hoak  
President

MIGCA Hall of Fame

Bob Lober  
Hall of Fame  
Traverse City

Hall of Fame Presentations

CLOSING REMARKS

Leon Braisted III  
Executive Director

## 2020 MIGCA GIRLS DIVISION COACHES OF THE YEAR

As selected by the Michigan Interscholastic Golf Coaches Association

Division I	Glen Bauer ~ Grand Blanc
Division II	Dan Stolz ~ Okemos
Division III	Mark Posey ~ Big Rapids
Division IV	Phil Kerr ~ Montague

## 2021 MIGCA BOYS DIVISION COACHES OF THE YEAR

As selected by the Michigan Interscholastic Golf Coaches Association

Division I	Mike Schultz ~ Traverse City West
Division II	Leon Braisted III ~ Brother Rice
Division III	Kim Napieralski ~ Grand Rapids Catholic Central
Division IV	Brian Siefert ~ Kalamazoo Christian

## 2020-2021 MIGCA STATE COACHES OF THE YEAR

As selected by the Michigan Interscholastic Golf Coaches Association

Boys ~ Ashley Mantha ~ Ann Arbor Skyline
Girls ~ Chris Cronin ~ Northville



## MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL COACHES ASSOCIATION (MHSCA) HALL OF FAME INDUCTION

**Leon Orin Braisted III** has served twenty-three years as a golf coach, so far. He began his career in 1998 as a varsity girls golf coach with eighteen seasons at Birmingham Seaholm High School. In 2016 he began coaching the girls varsity golf team at Birmingham Marian High school where he continues as head coach. During his tenure at these two schools, Leon's teams won seven state championships, were six time state runners up, placed third or fourth at the state tournament five times, were Catholic High School League champions twice, won eighteen regional championships, were Oakland County champions 4 or 5 times, and were Oakland Activities Association champions ten times. His girls teams boast an impressive combined win/loss of 2,863 -366. Leon also became the boys varsity golf coach at Birmingham Seaholm High School in 1998 and served there for nineteen years. In 2017 he became the varsity boys golf coach at Brother Rice High School where he continues to coach. To date his boys teams have won one Catholic High School League championship, seven Oakland Activities Association championships, and have been state runners up. His boys teams have over 2,000 wins.

Coach Braisted has received many honors throughout his coaching career. He has been named the MIGCA Coach of the Year four times, MHSCA Coach of the Year three times, NFHS Coach of the Year in 2018, NHSACA Coach of the Year in 2018, and was inducted into the MIGCA Hall of Fame in 2015.

Over the years Leon has also been active in many different sport associations. He has been the NHSACA Golf Chairperson at the National Convention, served as MIGCA President Elect, President, Past President and Executive Director, and also served as an MHSAA Representative for golf.

Leon Orin Braisted III has organized many tournaments for all levels of high school golf participants over the years and has been a positive voice for change. He believes that you "Do for the kids. Give them opportunities that they might never have." It is this philosophy and his tremendous commitment to coaching that make his teams so successful.



# 2020 Girls Regional Coaches of the Year

## Division I

### **Lois McManus**

Number of years coaching  
Number of Top ten tournament finishes  
Conference Finish including name  
Finish at Regional  
Finish at MHSAA State Finals

### **Traverse City Central**

24  
13  
2nd BNC Big North Conf.  
3rd  
18th

### **Ashley Mantha**

Number of years coaching  
Number of Top ten tournament finishes  
Conference Finish including name  
Finish at Regional  
Finish at MHSAA State Finals

### **Ann Arbor Skyline**

10  
8  
2nd South Eastern Conf.  
4th

### **Mark Azeez**

Number of years coaching  
Number of Top Ten tournament finishes  
Conference Finish including name  
Finish at Regional  
Finish at MHSAA State Finals

### **Farmington**

18  
1 time  
1st OAA Blue  
2nd  
14th

### **Thomas Milkovich**

Number of years coaching  
Number of Top Ten tournament finishes  
Conference Finish including name  
Finish at Regional  
Finish at MHSAA State Finals

### **Lakeland**

26  
4  
6th Lakes Valley  
9th

### **Dan Cooper**

Number of years coaching:  
Number of Top Ten tournament finishes  
Conference Finish including name  
Finish at Regional  
Finish at MHSAA State Finals

### **Troy Athens**

14  
6  
1st OAA White  
2nd  
13th

### **Brendan Harrington**

Number of years coaching  
Number of Top Ten tournament finishes  
Conference Finish including name  
Finish at Regional  
Finish at MHSAA State Finals

### **Bloomfield Hills**

17  
9  
2nd OAA Red  
2nd  
6th



## Division II

### **Erin VandenHeuvel-Coon**

Number of years coaching  
Number of Top Ten tournament finishes  
Conference Finish including name  
Finish at Regional  
Finish at MHSAA State Finals

### **Petosky**

3  
11  
3 BNC  
1  
14

### **Steve Burke**

Number of years coaching  
Number of Top ten tournament finishes  
Conference Finish including name  
Finish at Regional  
Finish at MHSAA State Finals

### **Trenton**

24  
  
3rd Downriver  
5th

### **John Burke**

Number of years coaching  
Number of Top ten tournament finishes  
Conference Finish including name  
Finish at Regional  
Finish at MHSAA State Finals

### **East Grand Rapids**

13  
5  
2nd in OK White  
2nd  
10th

### **Bob Filter**

Number of years coaching  
Number of Top ten tournament finishes  
Conference Finish including name  
Finish at Regional  
Finish at MHSAA State Finals

### **East Lansing**

17  
6  
2nd CAAC Blue Division  
4th

### **Jessie Freed**

Number of years coaching  
Number of Top Ten tournament finishes  
Conference Finish including name:  
Finish at Regional  
Finish at MHSAA State Finals

### **Port Huron Northern**

4  
4  
1st Mac Red  
2nd  
7th

### **Jon Van Ryn**

Number of years coaching  
Number of Top ten tournament finishes  
Conference Finish including name  
Finish at Regional  
Finish at MHSAA State Finals

### **Byron Center**

14  
4  
3rd OK White  
2nd  
12



## Division III

### **Pete VanKempen**

Number of years coaching  
Number of Top Ten tournament finishes  
Conference Finish including name  
Finish at Regional  
Finish at MHSAA State Finals

### **Jeff Padding**

Number of years coaching  
Number of top ten tournament finishes  
Conference Finish  
Finish at Regionals  
Finish at State Finals

### **Steve Angle**

Number of years coaching  
Number of Top Ten tournament finishes  
Conference Finish including name  
Finish at Regional  
Finish at MHSAA State Finals

### **Nathan King**

Number of years coaching  
Number of Top ten tournament finishes  
Conference Finish including name  
Finish at Regional  
Finish at MHSAA State Finals

### **Joe Ewald**

Number of years coaching  
Number of Top ten tournament finishes  
Conference Finish including name

Finish at Regional  
Finish at MHSAA State Finals

### **John Minnich**

Number of years coaching  
Number of Top Ten tournament finishes  
Conference Finish including name  
Finish at Regional  
Finish at MHSAA State Finals

### **Coopersville**

5 (10 overall)  
5  
1st OK Blue  
4th

### **Hudsonville Unity Christian**

11  
4  
2nd OK Blue  
4th

### **Allegan**

12  
3  
4th Wolverine Conf.  
3rd  
18th

### **Cheboygan**

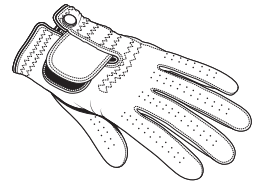
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8  
No Conference  
2nd  
16th

### **Chelsea**

7  
2  
2nd South Eastern Conf.  
- White Division  
6th

### **Cranbrook Kingswood**

1st  
4th



**Jay Prasad**

Number of years coaching  
 Number of Top Ten tournament finishes  
 Conference Finish including name  
 Finish at Regiona  
 Finish at MHSAA State Finals

**Barry Shanley**

Number of years coaching  
 Number of Top Ten tournament finishes  
 Conference Finish including name  
 Finish at Regional  
 Finish at MHSAA State Finals

**Brent Crossman**

Number of years coaching  
 Number of Top Ten tournament finishes  
 Conference Finish including name

Finish at Regional  
 Finish at MHSAA State Finals

**North Muskegon**

2  
 6  
 no conference affiliation  
 2  
 16th

**South Haven**

25  
 3  
 2nd KVA Conf.  
 2nd  
 15th

**Charlotte**

6  
 7  
 2nd  
 Capital Area Activities  
 Conference-White Division  
 1st  
 17th

**Division IV****Lenny Starck**

Number of years coaching  
 Number of Top Ten tournament finishes  
 Conference Finish including name  
 Finish at Regional  
 Finish at MHSAA State Finals

**Jim Fischer****Cecil Cole**

Number of years coaching  
 Number of Top ten tournament finishes  
 Conference Finish including name  
 Finish at Regional  
 Finish at MHSAA State Finals

**Michael Karr**

Number of Years coaching  
 Number of Top ten tournament finishes  
 Conference Finish including name  
 Finish at Regional  
 Finish at MHSAA State Finals

**Chippewa Hills**

8  
 6  
 2nd CSAA  
 1st  
 Tied for 9th

**Grand Rapids  
West Catholic****Durand**

7  
 11  
 1st MMAC  
 2nd  
 5th

**Ann Arbor Greenhills**

9  
 3  
 4th CHSL  
 3rd  
 17th



**Craig Morr**

Number of years coaching  
 Number of Top Ten tournament finishes  
 Conference Finish including name:

**Lenawee Christian**

2  
 4  
 1 (Independent Golf League)

**2021 Boys Regional Coaches of the Year****Division I****Steve Strock**

Number of Years coaching  
 Number of Top ten tournament finishes  
 Conference Finish including name  
 Finish at Regional  
 Finish at MHSAA State Finals

**Hudsonville**

6 years  
 8  
 1st OK Red Conf.  
 5th

**Mike Schultz**

Number of Years coaching  
 Number of Top ten tournament finishes  
  
 Conference Finish including name  
 Finish at Regional  
 Finish at MHSAA State Finals

**Traverse City West**

11  
 Finished top 3 in every tournament in 2021  
 2nd Blg North Conf.  
 3rd

**Jimmy Dewling**

Number of Years coaching  
 Number of Top ten tournament finishes  
 Conference Finish including name  
 Finish at Regional  
 Finish at MHSAA State Finals

**Brighton**

10  
 12  
 2nd KLAA Conf.  
 2nd  
 7

**Dan Cooper**

Number of years coaching  
 Number of Top Ten tournament finishes  
 Conference Finish including name  
 Finish at Regional  
 Finish at MHSAA State Finals

**Troy Athens**

14  
 7  
 1st OAA White League  
 1st  
 12th



**Doug McKay**

Number of years coaching  
 Number of Top Ten tournament finishes  
 Conference Finish including name

Finish at Regional  
 Finish at MHSAA State Finals

**Ashley Mantha**

Number of years coaching  
 Number of Top Ten tournament finishes  
 Conference Finish including name  
 Finish at Regional  
 Finish at MHSAA State Finals

**De La Salle Collegiate**

28  
 11  
 7-1 Central Division  
 Catholic League  
 1st  
 5th

**Ann Arbor Skyline**

12  
 19  
 1st SouthEastern Conf.  
 1st  
 1st

**Division II****Tom Koert**

Number of years coaching  
 Number of Top Ten tournament finishes  
 Conference Finish including name  
 Finish at Regional  
 Finish at MHSAA State Finals

**Ben Armev**

Number of years coaching  
 Number of Top Ten tournament finishes  
 Conference Finish including name  
 Finish at Regional  
 Finish at MHSAA State Finals

**Kevin Broene**

Number of years coaching  
 Number of Top Ten tournament finishes  
 Conference Finish including name  
 Finish at Regional  
 Finish at MHSAA State Finals

**TR Walters**

Number of years coaching  
 Number of Top Ten tournament finishes  
 Conference Finish including name  
 Finish at Regional  
 Finish at MHSAA State Finals

**Lowell**

18  
 7  
 5th O-K White  
 7th

**Spring Lake**

4  
 7  
 1st Ok Blue Conf.  
 2nd  
 8th

**Grand Rapids Christian**

1  
 9  
 3rd OK White  
 2nd  
 7th

**Gull Lake**

4  
 7  
 2nd SMAC Conf.  
 1st  
 9th



**Steve Chamberlain**

Number of years coaching  
 Number of Top Ten tournament finishes  
 Conference Finish including name  
 Finish at Regional  
 Finish at MHSAA State Finals

**Williamston**

1  
 8  
 1st CAAC Red  
 1st  
 3rd

**Tom Brecht**

Number of years coaching  
 Number of Top Ten tournament finishes  
 Conference Finish including name  
 Finish at Regional  
 Finish at MHSAA State Finals

**Orchard Lake St. Mary's**

33  
 8  
 4th CHSL Central  
 2nd  
 6th

**Joe Ewald**

Number of years coaching  
 Number of Top Ten tournament finishes  
 Conference Finish including name  
 Finish at Regional  
 Finish at MHSAA State Finals

**Chelsea**

19  
 7  
 1st SEC-White Division  
 1st  
 5th

**Division III****Mike Swanson**

Number of years coaching  
 Number of Top Ten tournament finishes  
 Conference Finish including name  
 Finish at Regional

**Manistee**

24  
 1  
 2nd Lakes Eight Conf.  
 11

**Larry Lavelly**

Number of years coaching  
 Number of Top Ten tournament finishes  
 Conference Finish including name  
 Finish at Regional  
 Finish at MHSAA State Finals

**Elk Rapids**

25  
 11  
 3rd OK Gold Conf.  
 2nd  
 9th

**Kim Napieralski**

Number of years coaching  
 Number of Top Ten tournament finishes  
 Conference Finish including name  
 Finish at Regional  
 Finish at MHSAA State Finals

**Grand Rapids Catholic Central**

22  
 7  
 1st OK Gold Conf.  
 1st  
 1st



## **Michael Brockie**

### **Brian Allen**

Number of years coaching  
Number of Top Ten tournament finishes  
Conference Finish including name  
Finish at Regional  
Finish at MHSAA State Finals

### **Charlie Butler**

Number of years coaching  
Number of Top Ten tournament finishes  
Conference Finish including name  
Finish at Regional  
Finish at MHSAA State Finals

## **Hanover Horton**

### **Swan Valley**

1  
7  
2nd TVC-8  
1st  
11th

### **Grosse Ile**

12  
6  
1st Huron League  
1st  
6th

## **Division IV**

## **Lee Houtteman**

### **Alicia Kolenda**

Number of years coaching  
Number of Top Ten tournament finishes  
Conference Finish including name  
Finish at Regional  
Finish at MHSAA State Finals

### **Jim Holton**

Number of years coaching  
Number of Top Ten tournament finishes  
Conference Finish including name  
Finish at Regional  
Finish at MHSAA State Finals

### **Jason Block**

Number of years coaching  
Number of Top Ten tournament finishes  
Conference Finish including name  
  
Finish at Regional  
Finish at MHSAA State Finals

## **Glen Lake**

### **Pentwater**

7  
3  
Co-Champions  
2nd  
18

### **Kalamazoo Hackett Catholic Prep**

13  
8  
  
1st  
1st

### **Lansing Christian**

7  
9  
2nd Greater Lansing  
Athletic Conference  
1st  
2nd



**Rick Munir**

Number of years coaching  
Number of Top Ten tournament finishes  
Conference Finish including name

Finish at Regional  
Finish at MHSAA State Finals

**Mike Brockie**

Number of years coaching  
Number of Top Ten tournament finishes  
Conference Finish including name  
Finish at Regional  
Finish at MHSAA State Finals

**Whitmore Lake**

11  
2  
2nd Michigan Independent  
Athletic Conference  
4th

**Hanover Horton**

10  
7  
1st Cascades Conf.  
1st  
3rd



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# 2021 GIRLS DIVISION COACHES OF THE YEAR

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## Division I

### Glen Bauer

### Grand Blanc

Was totally surprised and honored to be the 2021 COY for Division 1 Girl's Golf!!! Four years ago I was given the opportunity to come back and coach the Grand Blanc girls golf team where all three of my daughters played a few years back. It's been so exciting to be part of a program that continues to perform at a high level. Over the past four years the program has been able to make it to the State Championship every year which is such a great tribute to the young ladies that work so hard at the sport. I've had the opportunity to coach some great young players that have gone on to play at the collegiate level. Additionally, this past year our team finished first at the conference and regional tournaments while finishing third at the State Championship behind the great play of Sophomore Kate Brody, who was the Division 1 Medalist!! Most importantly these young adults not only perform at a high level on the course but every year I've been the coach our teams have made State All Academic status. It is truly an honor to be the COY and thank all the people that support me and the program.

## Division II

### Dan Stolz

### Okemos

Okemos coach Dan Stolz has been blessed to have coached multiple sports over the past 40 years, but his last 12 years as the Girl's Golf Coach have been some of his favorite. During those 12 seasons his golfers have won 10 conference championships, 4 Regional titles, and finished top 5 in the state tournament 7 times. During Stolz's career Okemos has had the Individual State Champion 5 times.

The 2020 golf season was a very satisfying one as the team only returned 1 player from the 2019 State Finals line up. The girls met the challenge and with hard work and the help of assistant Coach Greg Webber, the team won a 10th consecutive CAAC Blue League title, the Holt Invitational, East Lansing Invitational and CAAC Open while finishing a strong second at 5 other Invitationals. The team then moved on and had an outstanding State Tournament, finishing 3rd at Forest Akers West, led by State Champion Allison Cui.



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## Division III

### Mark Posey

### Big Rapids

The BR Girls golf team came into the season looking to replace a strong senior class from the previous year and continue their success as program. They returned 3 strong players. They won 5 tournaments and came in the top 3 in another 7 invites. They won the CSAA Championship for the 11th time in 12 years. They posted the programs 3rd best scoring average in program history. The Lady Cardinals then took 2nd at one of the strongest regionals they had faced in recent years and finished the year taking 14th at the D3 State Championships at Forest Akers East. It was their 5th straight trip to the D3 State Championships. The girls were Academic All State as a team. They also had 2 players selected on the Academic All State Team and 1 player earned 1st Team All State. This was Mark's 22nd year coaching the Big Rapids Cardinal golf program.

## Division IV

### Phil Kerr

### Montague High School

This was my 11th season coaching varsity golf at Montague High School, 6 with the boys and 5 with the girls. We didn't have a girls program when I started coaching the boys in 2014 and after having multiple girls play on the boys team, we started the girls program in 2016. To see that grow into a State Championship in 5 years has truly been unexpected and thrilling. After placing 4th at the State Finals in 2019 and returning our top 4 scorers the team had high expectations entering 2020. The girls won their first Muskegon County Championship, breaking a 13 year stranglehold that Division 2 Mona Shores and Reeths-Puffer had on the title. They won the Regional Championship by more than 50 strokes and finished off the dream season by winning the State Championship by 27 strokes, with all 5 players placing in the top 16. I am grateful for the efforts of the MIGCA and MHSAA for organizing and completing this season in the midst of a pandemic and giving all of our girls the chance to compete.



# 2021 MIGCA BOYS DIVISION COACHES OF THE YEAR

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## Division I

### Mike Schultz

### Traverse City West

2021 was a great season for TC West and 11th year head coach Mike Schultz as their 3rd place finish at the D1 State Finals tied the lowest finish ever for TC West. The Titans finished the regular season as runner up in the Big North Conference to in town rival TC Central, but both teams battled all year with the Titans leading thru the first 4 events. Playing a similar schedule to the Trojans helped keep TC West continually improving with most of the boys on both rosters being friends and rivals. West finished in the Top 3 in all events this year highlighted by a 3rd place finish at The Loop Classic at Forest Dunes, a Regional Championship (4th for Coach Schultz/5th for TC West) in Saginaw and a 3rd place finish at the D1 State Finals. Coach Schultz was most impressed with the incredible work ethic instilled in his players, many nights would include extra holes after practice or a trip back to the range to hit more balls. Winter months include weekly lessons with PGA Professional, Scott Wilson, and hitting countless balls to keep working on their games. West brings back 3 of their Top 5 next year but senior Captain and State Finals Runner up, Murphy Kehoe, will be a tough player to replace. Coach Schultz would like to thank MIGCA coaches for this tremendous honor and the many people and businesses that help support Titan golf. Brad Dean and his staff at Interlochen Golf Course treat the team so well all season as our home course, Assistant Head Coach Jeremy Rintala, the school staff at TC West, his parents, The Boys (all of the players) and most importantly their parents for all of their continued support of TC West Golf.

## Division II

### Leon Braisted III

### Brother Rice

The drought of being denied a State Championship for Boys Golf has ended. Brother Rice Captured the 2021 MHSAA Division II championship played at Bedford Valley. Brother Rice last won a Boys State Championship in 2012. Some of their achievements in 2021 were shooting a 9 under par ( 279) score at Regional, winning the prestigious CHSL Championship, captured both Oakland County Championship Division I & II and claimed 1st place at the NextTee Invite at OHCC. In 23 years as Head Golf Coach, Leon has won 8 State Championship to go with 6 State Runner up. Leon was the NHSACA and NFHS Coach of the year in 2018. This September of 2021, Leon will be inducted into the MHSCA Hall of Fame. Personal note, I am grateful for the people who nominated me for this award. He is humble and always tries his best to make a difference for players who might never have a chance to play some prestigious courses.



## Division III

**Kim Napieralski**

**Grand Rapids Catholic Central**

In my 22 years, with over 35 seasons of coaching the Grand Rapids Catholic Central HS Boys and Girls Golf Teams, I have often said that when you have dedicated players, knowledgeable coaches and supportive families, a very successful program is the result. All three came together this year when our Boys won the OK Gold Conference Championship, placed first at Regionals and took home the 2021 D3 Boys State Championship trophy. This is the very first golf state championship in Catholic Central's history.

When our season started, I was optimistic. I had four returning quality players, was aware of an incoming exceptionally talented freshman and was pleasantly surprised about the addition of another incredibly skilled freshman. Both freshmen cracked the starting line-up. More importantly, I was excited about our team chemistry. All six players were extremely supportive of one another and worked hard to achieve our common goal of winning. Our focus was "taking care of business right here and today".

I am equally proud of the team for maintaining high grade points during the season. Our student athletes are not only talented in their golf skills but are also dedicated students earning the honor of Academic All-State Team. Having been raised by a U.S. Army Drill Sergeant, I demand respect from our players for coaches, equipment, the course, competitors and above all, themselves. Our golfers win with grace and lose with dignity. This team has more than measured up to these standards.

Developing our boys and girls programs both in numbers of players and quality of talent is one of my finest achievements. As head coach, I have been blessed with generous donors that have provided us with a quality indoor golf facility for student athletes to improve their skills during the winter months. I would be remiss if I didn't specifically mention our JV Boys and Girls Head Coach, Andy Grile whose unwavering support is a major reason our programs flourish. The remarkable Varsity Reserve Head Coach, Chad Bocian came on board and has provided us with ability to allow any student athletes interested in competition to have that opportunity. These men are vital our success. By all measures, 2021 was a tremendous year for the Grand Rapids Catholic Central Boys Golf Team and with four returning state championship players, 2022 looks very promising. Go Cougars!



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## Division IV

### Brian Siefert

### Kalamazoo Christian

What a fantastic year for the Kalamazoo Christian Boys Golf Team. We started with 25 boys at the beginning of the season and when the competition started, fourteen boys in all, formed both the Varsity and JV teams. This year returned four seniors to the Varsity team who had hoped to compete for the title last year, but Covid..... This season, our four seniors joined four talented sophomores and all eight varsity golfers had great, competitive experiences, especially at our practices through some really tough team qualifiers to play in matches. Our drive to compete as a team fueled the team to get better all year as golfers. What's most impressive about the entire Comet golf team this season was their drive in the classroom, excelling to a team GPA of 3.98, with three young men with GPAs over 4.0.

The Southwest Athletic Conference was very competitive this year given that our crosstown rivals, Hackett Prep, is part of our conference and region. Fortunately for us, competing against our crosstown rivals all year shaped us for this year's conference, regional and state tournaments. We finished second in our regular season conference play with four boys all conference. We placed first in SAC conference tournament for our sweetest of our 4 tournament victories, upsetting Hackett for the second time this season. This raised our play for regionals and states, where we placed 2 nd at regionals with all five boys

finishing in the top 10. At states this year, we played in the final round with our rivals and friends from Hackett (state champs) and ended up 5 th respectively.

I am so grateful for my sixth season as the Head Golf Coach. I am grateful for my team; Kylin, Kyle, Drew, Ethan, Ty, Taylor, Connor, Aaron, Josiah, Colin, Ezra, Eli, Jack, and Jacob. Each boy showed me growth in their skills, patience for the game, and a real love for the proverbial 'dart' into a tough pin. I am grateful for JV Coach Steve who took a step and tried coaching for the first time and loved it. I am grateful for Kyle Horton, Head PGA Professional, and the fantastic members at the Kalamazoo Country Club for their hospitality to be our home course. Every memory, match, rain drop, road trip in the school van, every McDonald's drive through and every shot I witnessed this year is now tucked into the Coach of the Year award. Thank you, it's truly my joy in life to be called coach.



# 2021 BOYS STATE COACH OF THE YEAR

## Ashley Mantha

Ann Arbor Skyline came into existence during the 2008-2009 school year as it was established as the third comprehensive public school to pair with Ann Arbor Huron and Ann Arbor Pioneer. Ashley Mantha started her coaching career at Ann Arbor Skyline in February 2010 when she started the Varsity boys golf program which was shortly followed by the first Varsity Girls golf program in Fall 2011. 12 boys' seasons and 10 girls' seasons later, Skyline clinched their first D1 State Championship title this past spring. The Varsity boys' team has gone undefeated in their SEC conference play for the past 4 years straight. They have won the SouthEastern Conference Championship 7 times since 2010 with a match record of 101W-30L with this past season being 13-0. In 2021 tournament play, the boys' team had 9-first place finishes, including Conference, Regionals, and States with 3 players being voted as All-State players and their first Super Team player. This team broke Skyline records by firing the best 9 hole (136, par 36) and 18 hole scores this season as well (287, par 72). Since 2012, Skyline has had an individual or team at the State Tournament; they have been to the State Tournament as a team 6 times in the past 7 years (2014, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021). Skyline has had an Academic All-State team every year since 2012.

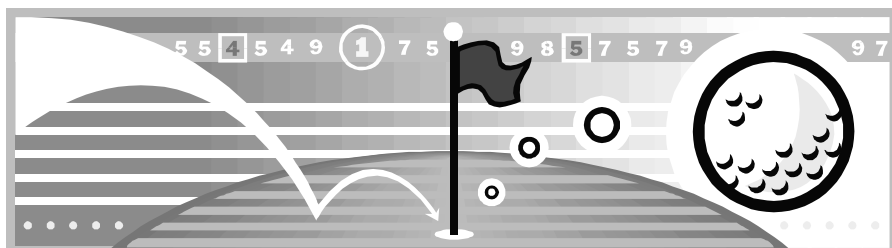
## Ann Arbor Skyline

Ashley Mantha is extremely grateful for this award and the people that made it possible. Never has she had a team with such depth as this year (14 of the 21 players earned Varsity status and could all be counted on to break 80 on any given day). Which greatly helped as we all played through this unprecedented Covid-19 season, with rapidly updating protocols, testing, and quarantining. Such a privilege to coach these exceptional and cohesive players. She would also like to thank the wonderful parent support, Skyline Athletic Director and OP, Lake Forest GC for their practice facilities, her coaching colleagues, the MIGCA, and of course, her assistant coaches this past year, Melissa Schmidt and Arjun Lama. Thank you all and go Eagles!



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## 2021 GIRLS STATE COACH OF THE YEAR

**Chris Cronin**

**Northville High School**

The fall of 2020 was a unique and special season for all of us associated with high school golf in the State of Michigan. After an abrupt end to the boys' season in March '20, the simple fact that we were able to complete a season without interruption was incredible. I personally appreciate the efforts of everyone who made this season possible: the MIGCA and MHSAA, the coaches, the players, the parents – everyone played a role in keeping our season safe and moving forward.

This year's Northville girls golf team was another extraordinary group. After winning the Division 1 State Championships in 2018 and 2019, the girls set their sights on doing something no other Northville athletic team has done before: win three consecutive State Titles. Although the golf team had a phenomenal season, capturing six invitational titles, they could only manage runner-up finishes in their final four events heading into the State Finals. This group will always be remembered most for their mental fortitude and unwavering faith in each other. Our season culminated in a one-day event at Forest Akers East. The girls found themselves down 2 strokes heading into the final four holes; however, over their last four holes of play, the girls shot two under par as a team and turned a two-shot deficit into a nine-stroke victory. I have been a varsity coach at Northville for 28 years, and I still marvel at what the girls were able to accomplish that day. When I received the call informing me of this award, I was overcome with an incredible sense of pride for what "we" have built at Northville. The Northville golf program is a byproduct of a supportive athletic department, dedicated, hard-working athletes, and a community that always asks how they can help. Although my name is attached to the honor, it really belongs to the community that helped make the recognition possible.

I am truly honored to have been named the MIGCA Girls' Coach of the Year – thank you.



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# MICHIGAN INTERSCOLASTIC GOLF COACHES OF THE YEAR

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1992	Carl Flegle Carl Nester Ron Stelter Art Vince	Dearborn East Grand Rapids Saginaw MacArthur Flushing
1993	Mike Humphrey David A. Hutton Caroll Jensen Art Link	St. Johns/Elk Rapids Grandville Hastings/Battle Creek Lakeview West Bloomfield
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1995	Judy Clegg Roger Perkins Dan Pupel O.J. Shanabrook	Grand Blanc Kenowa Hills Forest Hills Central Webberville
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2001	Dennis Atkinson Bill Spencer Bill Hajec Bill Thomas	Lake Fenton Farmington Harrison Fenton South Lyon
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2003	William H. Benn Bob Lober Bruce Sergent Tom Wilson	Swartz Creek Traverse City Central Troy Mona Shores
2004	Michael T. Dryer Gregg A. Kirchen Richard Klenk Larry Murdock	Ionia Holland St. Charles Ida
2005	James Bennett Chet Boss Al Johanson Jesse Young	Grosse Ile Utica Ford II Schoolcraft Rockford
2006	Roger Fuller Don Lovell Paul Martin Rich Terry	Coldwater Oxford (posthumously) Flushing Utica Eisenhower/Romeo
2007	Richard Burke Mike Cherrette Steve Rodriquez Richard Spratt	Flint Kearsley GR West Catholic Ann Arbor Pioneer Grosse Ile
2008	Bernie Cunningham Hans Petersen Win Pugh Steve Robbins	Lakeview Troy Athens Mattawan Mount Pleasant
2009	Vic Callahan Alan Gapske Vicky Kowalski Scott Street	Kalamazoo Central Alpena Farmington Mercy Walled Lake Western
2010	John Bailey Bob Beach Bill Dowell Nancy Johnson	Rochester Flint Powers Holt Greenville
2011	Gej Jones Chet Murawski Charles Palmer Paul Sternburgh	East Lansing East Kentwood Inland Lakes St Johns



2012	Tom Collins Dave Ghareeb Greg Gunder Bill Spence	Richland Gull Lake East Grand Rapids Niles Byron Center
2013	Greg Boughton Andy Cutter Jack Snow Jim Whitmer	Whitehall Bentley Flint Powers Central Montcalm/Greenville
2014	Jean Holbert Van Johnson Al Kebl Mike Soltysiak	Clio Dowagiac Bloomfield Hill Lahser DeWitt
2015	Leon Braisted III Mark Smith Howard Strom Bill Stelter	Birmingham Seaholm Bedford Big Rapids Saginaw Heritage
2016	Jake Baumgartner Tim Bradley Doug McKay Rod VanDyke	Perry Lapeer West De La Salle Collegiate Grand Rapids South Christian (posthumously)
2017	Ron Andrews Steve Crowley Paul Martin Mike Jordan	Trenton DeWitt Chesaning Brooklyn Columbia Central
2018	John Getzan Todd Hursey Lois McManus Jim Sander	Troy Suttons Bay Traverse City Central Milford (posthumously)
2019	Bob Artymovich John Brainard Lori Gill Anthony McNeil	Warren Harper Woods Regina Muskegon Mona Shores Macombe Lutheran North Detroit Central
2020	Dick Hamilton Mark Posey Barry Shanley  Paul Ten Eyck	Marshall Big Rapids Lawton, Kalamazoo Hackett, South Haven Forest Hills Central

### **NEW 2021 INDUCTEES**

**Ken Bokhoven, Grand Rapids Christian  
Don Lancaster, Jenison  
Bruce Sutton, North Farmington  
Brian Telzerow, Forest Hills Northern and  
Eastern**



**Ken Bokhoven** was the boys golf coach at Grand Rapids Cristian High School for 37 year and coached the girls for four seasons. During these years his teams won over 70% of their dual matches (199 and 71) and played in hundreds of jamborees and invitational tournaments, finishing in the top three numerous times. The boys won nine conference championships, three MHSAA Districts, seven MHSAA Regionals and in 2013 won the MHSAA Division II Boys State Championship. He also took a team or individual players to the MHSAA State Championships 17 different years. Ken has received many coaching honors over the years including being named MIGCA Boys District Coach of the Year, MIGCA Regional Coach of the Year and was the MIGCA State Divisional Coach of the Year in both 1982 and 2013. Ken has hosted MHSAA District, Regional and State Championship tournament as well as several Invitational tournaments. He has been a junior golf instructor at Cascade Hills Country Club and the First Tee and has been on the greens crew at Quail Ridge Golf Club for the past twenty years. He has coached football and basketball and coached track & field for 43 years. His coaching career has spanned an incredible 58 years. Ken and his wife Wanda live in Ada and are parents of three children: Cheryl, who passed away in 2004, Vaughn and Laura. They have six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

**Don Lancaster** was the boys golf coach at Jenison High School for 25 years and coached the girls for 15 years. Don retired from coaching in 2019. During his 40 seasons his teams played in an incredible 797 dual matches and 88 tournaments finishing in the top four in 32 of those events. His teams won six Ottawa County Championships, three conference championship plus one MHSAA District and two MHSAA Regional Championships and played in six MHSAA State Championship tournaments. He had over 60 players named to All-Conference teams and has had several players continue their golf career in college and through the Ferris State University Professional Golf Management Program. Don has been selected as the MIGCA Boys District Coach of the Year in 2005 and the Regional Coach of the Year in both 2005 and 2019, plus he was the MIGCA Girls Regional Coach of the Year in 2009. He has hosted over 60 invitational, conference, county and MHSAA Regional tournaments. He developed a Coaching Stats program used by many MIGCA golf coaches, was active in summer junior golf camps, the Jenison Boosters and Education Foundation golf tournament and helped establish two Memorial scholarships given to Jenison golfers. Don and his wife Marilyn live in Jenison and spend winters in Florida and have three sons, Brian, Scott, Eric and seven grandchildren.



**Bruce Sutton** has been a golf coach for 29 years, coaching at Hemlock for four years and North Farmington High School for the past 25 years. He coached the boys for 29 seasons and girls for 15 seasons and during his 44 seasons of coaching golf his teams compiled a 272 – 135 dual match record, played in 263 tournaments, won 16 times and placed in the top four 84 times. His boys teams won nine OAA League Championships and his Hemlock boys won a League and MHSAA Regional Championship in 1985. His girls won four OAA League Championships, were Oakland County D2 Champs in 2011 and his teams or individuals qualified for fourteen MHSAA State Championship tournaments. Bruce has received the MIGCA Regional Girls Coach of the Year in 2019 and the Oakland County D2 Girls Coach of the Year in 2009, 2013 and 2020. He has been on many MIGCA All-State selection committees, hosted MHSAA District and Regional tournaments, several Oakland County D2 events and the Farmington Boys and Girls Invite for many years. A retired teacher Bruce currently works for Oakland County Parks at Glen Oaks Golf Club and he and his wife Debra live in Farmington Hills and have two sons, Sean and Chris and five grandchildren.

**Brian Telzerow** has been a golf coach in the Forest Hills Public Schools beginning in 1994 as the boys and girls junior varsity coach at Northern High School for five years. Then in 2004, he became the boys and girls varsity coach at Eastern High School where he has continued as the girls coach. He became the boys coach at Northern in 2006. During Brian's 44 seasons of coaching his teams have compiled an incredible record. They have won 13 conference championships (7 girls and 6 boys); won 3 Boys MHSAA District Championships; won 6 MHSAA Regional championships (3 girls and 3 boys); played in 22 MHSAA State Championships (13 girls and 9 boys) and have won the MHSAA Girls Division III State Championship in 2010 and 2012 and won the Boys Division II State Championship in 2019. His teams played in 181 tournaments, winning 33 and finishing in the top four a total of 93 times. Brian has received the MIGCA Boys District Coach of the Year in 2011; MIGCA Regional Coach of the Year for girls in 2007 and 2013 and for the boys in 2014 and 2016. He also was the MIGCA Girls Division III Coach of the Year in 2012 and the MIGCA Boys Division II Coach of the Year in 2018. He has hosted numerous MHSAA District and Regional tournaments and has been on the MIGCA All-State selection committee many times. Brian has helped with and plays in many fundraising golf tournaments for various organizations and supports The First Tee of Grand Rapids and Orchard Hills Athletic Club with their programs. Brian is an ordained minister, has his doctorate and is a professor of Youth Ministry at Kuyper College. He and his wife Becky live in Grand Rapids and have a daughter Stephanie and son Evan and one grandson. And his son Evan, who played for him, is his junior varsity coach boys coach at Northern High School.



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