

SJC Puma Legacy

HALL OF FAME

*Induction Luncheon
April 27, 2025*



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52nd Hall of Fame Induction

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VIP Reception

Welcome

Bill Hogan '74

Blessing

Father Tim McFarland '78

Lunch

Wall of Honor Inductees

1979 Great Lakes Valley Men's Basketball Conference Champions
Kevin Sims

Hall of Fame Inductees

Kevin McGuff '92

Joseph Arias '92

Rebekah Breech Erck '99

Rodney Lewis '90

Kalea Parks '16

Matt Reimer '08

Silver Puma Award

Jeannette Yeoman Mosher '89

Puma Forever Award

Father Tim McFarland '78

Golden Pumas Award

Kevin '72 and Jane '73 White

Fireside Chat

Closing Remarks

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This Afternoon's
Program

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Mike Davis, son of the esteemed Geology Professor Mike Davis and Helena Davis '86, grew up immersed in the legacy of SJC, where his parents dedicated many years of their lives. His wife, Mara, a proud member of the Class of 1978, carries on the Pumas spirit as the daughter of Joe "Q" Pindell '53, an accomplished football and baseball player for SJC. Their son, Garrett Davis, a member of the Class of 2011, has made a name for himself in the culinary world, earning recognition from The Art Institute of Indianapolis for his exceptional skills.

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Wall of Honor

1979 Great Lakes Valley
Men's Basketball Champions

COACHES

Head Coach: George Waggoner
Assistant Coach: Dave Smith

PLAYERS



SENIORS:

Dave Downey
Jim Michels
Kevin Sims
Tony Smith
Dennis Thomas



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INDUCTEES



2025 INDUCTEES

Hall of Fame

Kevin McGuff
 Joseph Arias
 Rebekah Breech Erck
 Rodney Lewis
 Kalea Parks
 Matt Reimer

Golden Puma Memorial Award

Kevin and Jane White

Silver Puma Award

Jeannette Yeoman Mosher

Puma Forever Award

Father Tim McFarland



1979 Great Lakes Valley Men's Basketball Champions

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The Wall of Honor was established to honor the outstanding accomplishments of Saint Joseph's College Teams.

The 1979 Saint Joseph's College team made history by becoming the first SJC team to win the Great Lakes Valley Conference title and the Puma 100 Tournament. Led by Head Coach George Waggoner and Assistant Coach Dave Smith, the team demonstrated outstanding skill and determination.

The team continued their success by winning the NCAA Regional Championship at Wright State University, defeating Eastern Illinois in the first game and securing victory against Wright State in the championship match.

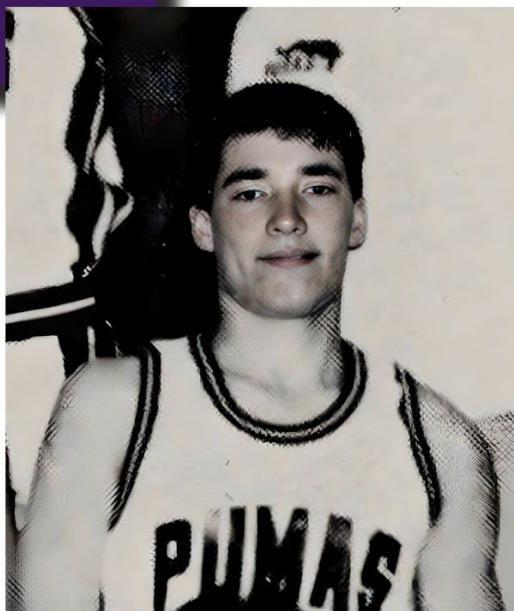
As NCAA Regional Champions of the Great Lakes Region, the '79 squad advanced to the Elite 8 and played at Yale University. Though they were defeated by Bridgeport in the semifinals, their impressive performance left a lasting legacy.

The 1979 team included basketball stars Dave Downey and Kevin Sims, both inducted into the SJC Hall of Fame, ensuring their place in the college's history.

Wall of Honor Inductees

Kevin McGuff

*Men's
Basketball
1988-1992*



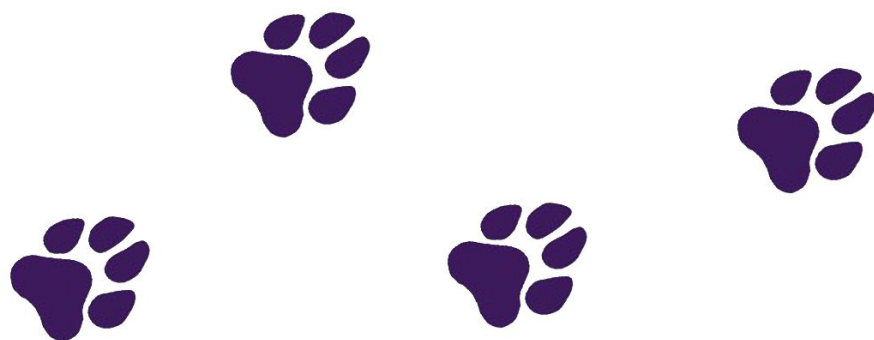
Our 2025 Special Category Hall of Fame inductee, Kevin McGuff, has achieved remarkable success in his illustrious career as a women's basketball coach.

Currently leading the Ohio State Buckeyes, Kevin has also made significant contributions at Xavier and the University of Washington. As a former Puma, he played four years and was a key shooting guard on the exceptional 1991-92 team, which was the GLVC Conference Co-Champs and NCAA Tournament participant.

With an outstanding Division I head coaching record of 453-201 (.693), Kevin has led his teams to numerous conference championships and was honored as the 2024 Big Ten Coach of the Year. His achievements both on and off the court reflect his dedication, skill, and leadership in the world of collegiate basketball.

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Joseph Arias

Men's Tennis
1988-1992



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A titan of the courts, Joseph Arias' illustrious career at Saint Joseph's College is nothing short of legendary. His accolades include being named to the 1989 First Team All-Great Lakes Valley Conference, and earning the title of GLVC Conference Champion in #2 Singles and #2 Doubles that same year. Demonstrating consistent excellence, Joseph was the GLVC Conference Runner-up in #1 Doubles in both 1990 and 1991, before claiming the GLVC Conference Champion title in #1 Singles in 1992.

That same year, he achieved the unprecedented honor of GLVC Conference Player of the Year, making him the only male tennis player in school history to ever receive this recognition.

With an astounding four-year record of 114-17 in both singles and doubles, Joseph holds the top spot in Men's tennis for Wins and Winning Percentage for a single season and career. From 1989 to 1992, his team maintained a record of even or winning seasons each year. Joseph's excellence on the court, highlighted by his status as the only Puma to be awarded the GLVC Player of the Year, cements his legacy as the greatest Puma men's tennis player of all time.

Reflecting on his remarkable journey and being inducted into the SJC Hall of Fame, Joseph commented, "Thanks, it is an honor that really touches me, as I loved my time at St. Joseph."

Rebekah Breech Erck

*Women's
Soccer
1995-1999*



A standout athlete, Rebekah Breech Erck earned distinguished honors as a NSCAA All-America First Team member, All-Great Lakes Valley Conference First Team player, and Academic All-Great Lakes Valley Conference recipient. Hall of Fame Head Women's Soccer Coach Mike Minielli praised her as a pivotal player on the greatest team in school history, which finished as the NCAA Division II National Champion Runner-Up in 1996.

While the team received much acclaim for its offense, it was the defense that was the critical factor in the success of the 23-2-1 record. Ranked #5 in the NCAA D2 for goals allowed and shutouts, Rebekah was the leader and cornerstone of that formidable defense.

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Rodney Lewis

Football
1986-1990



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Rodney Lewis, a distinguished graduate of Detroit Benedictine, carved out an exceptional career at Saint Joseph's College. Ranked fourth in school history with 132 receptions for 1,678 yards (fifth in SJC history) and six touchdowns, along with 222 punt return yards, Rodney's impact on the field was undeniable.

As a First Team All-Great Lakes Valley Conference player, Rodney was a starting wide receiver for all four years, standing tall at 5'6". He earned the title of Offensive MVP twice and was an All-Conference selection twice. His contributions were pivotal in 1989, helping the Pumas achieve a school-record average of 425.2 yards per game.



Kalea Parks

*Women's
Basketball
2014-2016*

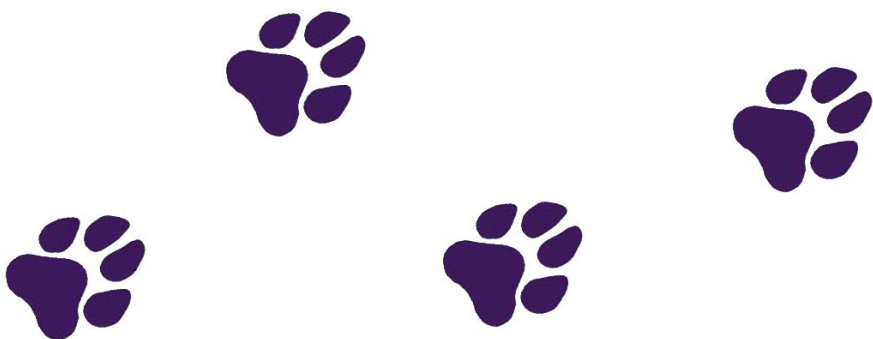


A remarkable athlete, Kalea Parks distinguished herself as a First Team All-Great Lakes Valley Conference honoree during both her junior and senior years. She is celebrated as the school's all-time leader in blocked shots and ranks third in scoring average with an impressive 17 points per game. Despite playing only two seasons, Kalea holds the 18th spot in the school's history for total points scored.

Her extraordinary talent and contributions on the court have cemented her legacy in our Hall of Fame.

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Matt Reimer

Baseball
2004-2008



Hailed as "probably the best shortstop in SJC history" by Coach Denny Stitz, Matt Reimer's legacy is one of unparalleled excellence. A First Team All-Great Lakes Valley Conference player, Matt's remarkable skills on the field have left an indelible mark on Saint Joseph's College. Head Coach Rick O'Dette lauded him as "one of the best to ever play there," highlighting Matt's impressive records at SJC, including most hits, most runs scored, and games played.

Matt's contributions are etched in the annals of Puma History. Notably, he is SJC's all time leader in hits, solidifying his status as the best player Coach O'Dette has ever coached.



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Jeannette Yeoman Mosher

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*Women's
Basketball
1985-1989*



Silver Puma Award

Our 2025 Silver Puma, Jeannette Yeoman Mosher, is celebrated as the greatest women's basketball player in Saint Joseph's College history. As the second leading scorer of all time, Jeanette led the 1989 Puma women's basketball team to the NCAA Tournament Elite 8.

Standing at 5'6", this shooting guard was a prolific scorer under the guidance of Legendary Hall of Fame Coach Dave Smith, who remarked, "Jeannette was the driving force behind our first great women's basketball team. She could score from almost anywhere on the court and was a terrific team leader."



Kevin and Jane White

Kevin White
Men's Track
1970-1972

Jane White
Women's Track
1970-1973



Our 2025 Golden Puma inductees, Kevin '72 and Jane '73 White, have left an indelible mark on Saint Joseph's College and beyond. Both former SJC track athletes, they have carried their legacy of excellence into their professional and personal lives.

Kevin, an NACDA Hall of Fame Athletic Director, has built a distinguished career leading athletic programs at Loras College, the University of Maine, Tulane University, Arizona State University, the University of Notre Dame, and Duke University. His contributions to collegiate athletics are truly remarkable. In 2015, he earned the title of Athletic Director of the Year and was also recognized by Sport Business Journal as Athletic Director of the Year in 2014. This June, Kevin will receive the highly esteemed James J. Corbett Memorial Award, the pinnacle of honors in Intercollegiate Athletics.

Jane, who also ran track at SJC, became an exceptional track and field coach at several institutions. Together, they have raised a family of distinguished leaders in athletics: Danny, the Athletic Director at the University of Tennessee; Michael, the Head Men's Basketball Coach at the University of Georgia; Brian, the Vice President and Director of Athletics at Florida Atlantic University; and Mariah, the Assistant Athletic Director at SMU.

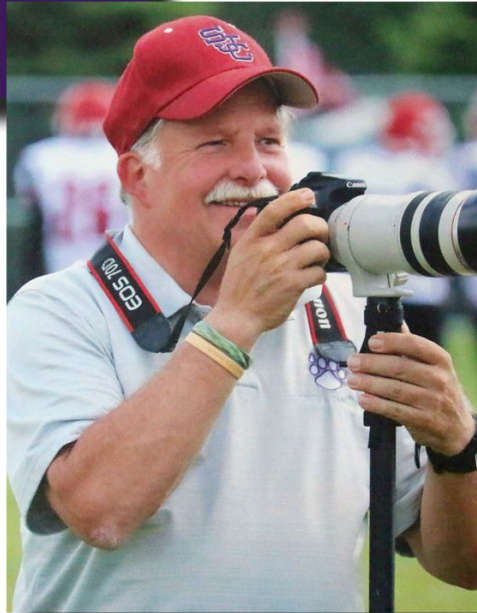
Their remarkable achievements and dedication to sports and education have earned them this prestigious recognition as Golden Pumas.

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Golden Puma Award

Father Tim McFarland

1974-1978



Our 2025 Forever Puma recipient, Father Tim McFarland, is a cherished C.P.P.S. priest who dedicated 32 years to teaching at Saint Joseph's College. Fr. Tim's contributions extended far beyond the classroom. As the Associate Vice-President for Academic Affairs and Chair of the Faculty Athletics Committee, he played a pivotal role in the academic and athletic success of the college. His exceptional dedication to education was recognized with the prestigious Teaching Excellence Award.

Fondly remembered by many Puma athletes, Fr. Tim also served as the athletic department's esteemed photographer, capturing countless memorable moments. His unwavering commitment and heartfelt service to the SJC community have left an enduring legacy.



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Puma Forever
Award

Hall of Fame Members

ATHLETES

George Connelly	1969	Jennifer Voreis	1986
Terry Davisson	1969	J.D. (Jim) Graham	1987
Don Dippel	1969	Ted Hillary	1987
George Ellspermann	1969	David Gandolph	1988
John Frawley	1969	John (Jack) Finnegan Jr.	1989
Vince Goeddeke	1969	Thomas Huhn	1989
Charles (Bud) Greif	1969	William Krodel	1990
Joe Gugliotta	1969	Frederick Caito	1991
Les Klein	1969	Jackie Harrison-Martin	1992
Stan (Jack) Lapsys	1969	William Pospisil	1992
Al Miesch	1969	R. (Kevin) Sims	1993
Ray Regner	1969	Laurence Weber	1993
Richard Scharf	1969	Linda Wiesenbahn	1993
Nick Scollard	1969	Fred Jones	1994
George Sherwood	1969	Stanley Kappers	1994
Ralph Tite	1969	Michael Murphy	1994
Pete Varini	1969	Norbert Daigle	1995
Jerry Wenzel	1969	Dennis Stitz	1995
Phil Zera	1969	Jeffrey Taylor	1995
Jack Dwyer	1970	Jeannette Yeoman	1995
Gil Hodges	1970	Rory Johnson	1996
Greg Jancich	1970	Gerald Klamrowski	1996
Larry Lennon	1970	Ed Schultheis	1996
Donald Merki	1970	Kyle Wiggs	1996
George Post	1970	Tracy Bergman (Payne)	1997
Dan Rogovich	1970	Neville Brown	1997
Al Whitlow	1970	Jim (JC) Crowley	1997
Bobby Williams	1970	Karen Keyser (Deno)	1997
Joseph Dienhart	1972	Kelly Kissinger (Kerber)	1998
Walter Moore	1973	Larry Olewinski	1998
Bernard Lareau	1974	Dave Smith	1998
Neal Mosser	1974	John Stitz	1998
Kenneth Bates	1975	Art Voellinger	1998
Henry Kauffmann	1975	John Barrientos	1999
Thomas Quinn	1976	Tia Glass	1999
Fr. Albin Scheidler	1976	Fred Mariani	1999
Bernard Hoffman	1977	Gus Pasquini Jr.	1999
Thomas Crowley	1978	Rich Wheeler	1999
Willie Kellogg	1979	Karen Austin	2000
Robert Wasni	1979	James Beane	2000
Ed Labbe	1980	Dan Fenker	2000
Jim Thordsen	1981	Sloan Haughey	2000
Dan Iles	1983	Bill Hogan	2000
Keith Fingerhut	1984	Fr. Leonard Kostka	2000
Rev. Edward Roof	1985	Matt Brace	2001
		Mary Quasney	2001

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ATHLETES cont'd

Donald (Lynx) Quinn	2001
Deren Wilder	2001
Neil Brown	2002
Fred Handler	2002
Mike Moyzis	2002
J. (Jacob) Chapman	2003
Dennis McCann	2003
James Righheimer	2003
Owen Thuerk	2003
Laura Witek-Jones	2003
Jimmy Allen Jr.	2004
Ernie Fritsch	2004
Michael Houston	2004
Jennifer Radosevic	2004
Michael Sheahan	2004
James Collins	2005
Kevin Denson	2005
Bill Reagan	2005
Elizabeth Rowden	2005
Bryan Hall	2006
Dominic Horgeshimer	2006
Angie Hupfer	2006
Mary Reid	2006
Cornelius Vanderkolk	2006
Cornell (Cork) Atkinson	2007
Michael (Archie) Bettinger	2007
George Brun	2007
Russell Marcinek	2007
Kevin White	2007
E. (Dale) Anderson	2008
Denise Hutchinson Avery	2008
Charles Roarks	2008
Larry Satkoski	2008
James Buckley	2009
Dave Huneryager	2009
Terry Taphorn	2009
Paula Weill (Kline)	2009
Alicia Clevenger (Dobbels)	2010
David Jordy	2010
Michael Scudder Jr.	2010
Robert Seggerson	2010
Ralph Waldecki	2010
P. (Corey) Seegers	2011
Larry W. Smith	2011
John W. Geske	2012
Roy Kuennen	2012
Richard J. O'Dette	2012
Wally Prochno	2012

Nancy (Scott) Valenkamph	2012
Katie (Flynn) Felke	2013
William G. Massoels	2013
Louis M. Pinto	2013
Zachery T. Wells	2013
J. Melvin Wood Jr.	2013
Jamie S. Holden	2014
Joseph M. Koczan Jr.	2014
Anthony R. Lindsey	2014
Marc J. Macis	2014
Jamie (Doerger) Rickett	2014
George Badke	2015
Phillip A. Datka	2015
Daniel G. Paulsen	2015
Steven C. Roberts	2015
Taylor Treesh	2015
Jenifer Benedetti	2016
Edward Feicht	2016
Amanda (Stoops) Hunt	2016
Eric Peschke	2016
Alex DeJean	2017
Erich Hitzeman	2017
Myron Moriarity	2017
Michael Stitz	2017
Tamara (Bumpers) Chavis	2023
Phil Collins	2023
Bill Gill	2023
Matt Springer	2023
Kaleb Thompson	2023
Julian Walker	2023
Dave Downey	2024
Danielle Figlio	2024
Joe Helmer	2024
Mike Hrunek	2024
Dennis O'Hara	2024
Joseph Arias	2025
Rebekah (Breech) Erck	2025
Rodney Lewis	2025
Kalea Parks	2025
Matt Reimer	2025

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COACHES

Robert Jauron	1982, Coach
Jim Holstein	1986, Coach
William Jennings	1990, Coach
John Weinert	1991, Coach
George Waggoner	2011, Coach
Dan Peters	2016, Coach
Frank Wilkins	2023, Coach
Mike Minielli	2024, Coach
Kevin McGuff	2025, Coach



GOLDEN PUMA

Jim Thordsen	2023
Bill and Diane Jennings	2024
Kevin and Jane White	2025



SILVER PUMA

Linda Deno	2024
Jeannette (Yeoman) Mosher	2025

PUMA FOREVER

Bill Hogan	2023
Mike Vallone	2024



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Our Purpose

The purpose of the SJCPumaLegacy, Corp. is to preserve the legacy of Saint Joseph's College, Rensselaer IN for the community (alumni, former faculty, and staff) and the Rensselaer and surrounding communities. In addition, we recognize that the information about the history and connections with the C.PP.S.(Missionaries of the Precious Blood), Chicago Bears, Fr. Charles Banet, Charles Halleck, Gil Hodges, and others is of interest to the broader national and global communities. We will strive to preserve this legacy in various ways, including but not limited to, hosting an annual Athletic Hall of Fame event, continuing to contribute to the online SJC archives, and creating and maintaining a website dedicated to this cause. To fund this purpose, we will utilize traditional and digital methods of fundraising.

A special "thank you" goes out to Fr. Tim McFarland, our event photographer, and to the three men who researched and gathered biographic information to write our inductee bios: Joe Danahey, Ken Badylak, and Mike Monahan.

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SJC Puma
Legacy



Excerpt from
Requiem for a College
written by
Jonathan Nichols '93

Once a Puma, a student gets woven into a fabric composed of thousands of individuals bonded by a common experience. This experience is not a mere sharing of four years together in the same location, but also becoming part of a hundred years of joint service and participation combined with an education emphasizing moral reasoning and responsibility to improve the human situation. To be a Puma is to be part of a family. Like most families the constituent parties don't always get along that well, thus dispelling any unwarranted notion of Saint Joe as a paradisiacal commune. But like many families, Pumas remain together, united over what matters to them and remaining "Involved for Life" as that College publication tagline read.

