

EAST NOBLE HIGH SCHOOL WELCOMES:
2021 Hall of Fame Inductees

Andy Bell (1984-2021)

Dedication to excellence and sacrifice for those whom you serve are the hallmarks of a great educator; very few individuals have ever demonstrated those qualities as well, and for as long, as Mr. Andy Bell has at East Noble High School.

For three decades Coach Bell has given the best he has to his students and athletes, setting a standard of excellence that ultimately has brought him to this honor.

Andy graduated from Wabash College in 1981 with a bachelor's in history. As he began his career in the classroom, he immediately began to show his versatility in coaching and a unique ability to reach kids and to bring out their best.

He coached Track at Avilla Middle School from 1984-2004 and Football at Avilla from 1985-1999. At East Noble High School, he coached Freshman Football from 2002-2009 and was a Girls Track assistant coach for 2005 and '06, becoming Head Girls Track Coach in 2007, a position he still holds.

Andy's skill as a program director was immediately evident, as East Noble continued its outstanding Track and Field reputation, and his teams have won numerous team and individual honors.

In his time coaching, Coach Bell produced 16 athletes that won a total of 22 Conference Championships and led a staggering 43 Sectional Champions.

At the State level, Coach Bell guided 15 Indoor Track state qualifiers and 7 Outdoor state qualifiers. He also had 11 Academic All-State honorees and had one Indiana All-Star performer.

Always a team motivated coach, Andy's teams were NE8 Conference Champions in 2016, '18, and '19 and Sectional Champions in 2014, '16, '18, and '19.

His achievements did not go unnoticed, as Coach Bell garnered several honors, including being named KPC Coach of the Year in 2014, '16, and '18.

Through his entire teaching and coaching career, Coach Bell has built platforms for countless students and athletes to succeed.

He lives in Kendallville with his wife Rebecca. They have four children: Elizabeth (Bell) Reitzel, Anthony Bell, Lillian (Bell) Miracle, and Edward Bell.

The successes of Coach Bell's athletic teams are equaled only by his love of his athletes, programs, school, and community. Andy Bell will forever be a standard by which all coaches and educators at East Noble are measured by. It is an honor to welcome him into the East Noble Hall of Fame.

Please help me in welcoming Mr. Andy Bell to East Noble's Hall of Fame!



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Doug Desper (1991-2010)

Few individuals have ever had the impact both in terms of longevity and achievement as our next candidate. As an athlete, student, coach, and educator at East Noble, Doug Desper continually achieved excellence, and brought others along to that same high standard.

Entering East Noble in the fall of 1975, Doug showed early on his versatility in the athletic arena, participating in four sports, including baseball and basketball. As a golfer for coaches Bill Lane and Fred Brokaw, he was a three-year letter winner, playing in the #5 and #3 positions.

It was in the sport of Tennis, however, that Doug achieved his greatest high school athletic achievements. He was a stalwart for Coaches Bill Lane and Brent Grawcock, earning four varsity letters. As a Freshman, he played #2 Doubles and earned the Most Valuable Freshman award. As a Sophomore, he moved to #1 Doubles and won the Bruiser award.

His last two years he was the East Noble #1 Singles player, where he won an additional Bruiser award, was named Most Valuable Player in the program both years, and as a Senior was named 2nd Team All-Conference.

Upon graduation Doug attended Purdue University, earning a bachelor's degree in Mathematics in 1983. Subsequent degrees included a Masters in Secondary Education in 1986 and a Masters in Geophysical Engineering in 2012. Collegiate honors included the publishing of a geophysical engineering thesis based on research conducted in Australia.

Doug's most profound impact at East Noble Athletics was his coaching career, which began in the fall of 1991, was specifically with the East Noble Tennis programs, which he led for 35 seasons, 19 as Boys coach and 16 as Girls. His combined overall record for both programs during his tenure was 364-174.

The Boys tennis program won 8 sectional championships, and the team was ranked in the state of Indiana in 1993, '94, '95, '96, '97, 2008, and 2009. His Boys team won the East Noble Invitational 8 times, the DeKalb Invitational 6 times, and won the Concord Invitational in 1995.

Doug coached 2 Indiana All-Star players, 21 All-State players, 7 Academic All-State players, 4 Individual State finalist, and 2 Individual State runners-up.

As a Boys coach, Doug was named Conference Coach of the Year in 1993 and 1997, District Coach of the Year in 1995 and 1996, was the Boys' Indiana All-Star coach in 2008, and was named the Boys' Indiana State Coach of the Year in 1996.

As the Girls coach, his accomplishments were also impressive. The Knights program was state ranked in 1993, '94, '95, '96, and '97. His teams won the East Noble Invitational 7 times, the

Concordia Invitational 3 times, the DeKalb Invitational twice, and the Mount Vernon Invitational once.

He coached 3 Indiana All-Star players, 19 All-State performers, 9 Academic All-State players, 3 State finalists, and one 4th place state finisher.

For his efforts, he was named the Conference coach of the year in 1996 and 2000, the All-Area Coach of the Year in 2006, the District Coach of the Year in 1994, '97, '98, and 2000, and was the Girls Indiana All-Star Tennis Coach in 2000.

Doug currently works at Oak Farm Schools, where he is a Mathematics teacher and Mathematics curriculum writer. He lives in Kendallville with his wife Kim. They have two children, Katelyn, who is married to Jeff Carrell, and Daniel, who is married to Kristina.

The impact that Doug Desper has had on East Noble is profound and his legacy as a Knight is secure.

Please welcome him into the East Noble Hall of Fame!



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Katy Richardson Vandervest (1993-1997)

East Noble High School has long prided itself in the knowledge that athletics provided a fantastic opportunity for young people to better themselves in the present and for the future. The career arc of Katy (Richardson) Vandervest from the athletic arena at ENHS to her current work as a physician is a textbook example of this.

Katherine (Katy) Vandervest lit up East Noble High School in the academic and athletic arenas from 1993-1997. She was a four-year participant in three programs: Volleyball under coach Chris Wilder, Basketball under coach Fred Inniger, and Track under coach Charlie Barnum.

Great athletes make their teams great, and Katy helped East Noble's programs to four Sectional Championships, 1 in Basketball and 3 in Track. She also helped the 1994 Track squad to an NHC Conference Championship.

As a Basketball player, she was named to the All-Area 1st Team in 1997, along with making Academic All-State that same year.

She was even more accomplished on the track. A runner with terrific speed, she became a technician in the hurdle events. Katy holds the school records in both the 100 Hurdles (15.01) and 300 Hurdles (46.15).

She dominated major Northern Indiana track invitationals, winning 5 individual championships at the Goshen Relays, 2 at the John Reed Relays, and 2 at the Turtletown Relays.

She was at her best in the meets that most counted; Katy was a two-time NHC Conference Champion and a six-time individual Sectional Champion, sweeping the hurdle events in 1995, '96, and '97. In the Ft. Wayne Northrop Regional, the toughest in the state, she swept the hurdle events in her Senior year. She added four more Sectional Championships, running on the winning 400 and 1600 Relay teams in both 1996 and '97. She was a two-year State meet qualifier, finishing 10th in the 100 Hurdles and 14th in the 300 Hurdles in her Senior year.

She was named Track MVP in her Sophomore and Junior seasons, and overall MVP as a Senior. She was also honored with All-Area recognition, named to the 1st team her last three seasons, and was Academic All-State in Track. She was the co-winner of the 1997 East Noble Girl Athlete Award and the East Noble Athletic Scholar Award.

Her successes just beginning, Katy graduated co-number 1 in her class, and was named a 1997 Hoosier Scholar. She also received the Elks Scholarship for Athletic and Academic Excellence, the Wendy Lynn Rhodes Memorial Scholarship, co-recipient of the Amy Yoder Scholarship, and received the Indiana Senate Certificate of Achievement. She was also named One of a Kind Class of 1997 Top Honor Student by 21Alive.

She attended Indiana University and graduated with a BS in Biology, receiving highest distinction. She received her Doctor of Medicine from IU in 2005 and finished her residency and fellowship training at the university of Colorado Hospital and School of medicine.

Katy lives in Rockwall, Texas with her husband Eric and their children, Ethan, and Logan. She is a Pulmonary and Critical Care physician specializing in lung transplantation and Medical Director of ECMO at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas, Texas.

The successes of Katy Vandervest as a Knight have continued as she does such difficult and vital work. East Noble is very proud to welcome her to the East Noble Hall of Fame.

Please help me in welcoming Dr. Katy Richardson Vandervest into the East Noble Athletic Hall of Fame!



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Eddy Gibson (1982-1986)

The early to mid-1980's were essential in laying the groundwork of what would become the dominant athletic programs at East Noble. A major factor in this program-defining era were the skills and accomplishments of Eddy Gibson.

Eddy was known for his intense work ethic and incredible dedication, excelling in multiple sports as a Knight. He played Basketball for coach Steve Nelson, ran track for coach Bob Waterson, and played football for Bob Wiant.

His speed as an athlete was always on full display, and he put that speed to good use in track, competing in the 200, 400, High Jump, and 1600 Relay.

As impressive as his other accomplishments were, Eddy truly made his mark on the football field. An aggressive and dynamic player who mixed athleticism and strength with intelligence, Eddy earned 2nd Team All-Conference as a Sophomore in 1983.

The last two years of his football career stand out as some of the most decorated in the program's rich history.

Eddy was named 1st Team All-Conference in both his Junior and Senior years; during those years he also was named 1st Team All-Area.

At the culmination of his Senior season, Eddy was named to the 1985 Indiana All-State football team, an honor that only the very best in the state achieve.

He was also honored by being selected to play in the Indiana North/South All-Star game in the summer of 1986.

Eddy terrorized opposing quarterbacks; he set the single season school record for sacks with 14, and the career record with 33. The ability that allowed him to set these records also earned him a full-ride football scholarship to Ball State University.

Eddy's contributions to East Noble Athletics did not end with his playing career. He has passed on his athletic gifts as a coach, coaching football at East Noble High School for a year and coaching multiple years of football and track at East Noble Middle School.

Eddy lives in Avilla with his wife Kari; they have two children, Joshua, and Whitney.

The excellence that Eddy displayed as an athlete and as a coach is incredible; please welcome him to the East Noble Hall of Fame.

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