

MITCA 2021 Track & Field Post Clinic Announcements

We are pleased to announce the following Award Winners



Derek Gonzales *Ypsilanti Lincoln High School* **Named 2021 Charles Sweeney Award winner**

Derek Gonzales is our Hall of Fame Inductee as the 2021 Charles Sweeney Award recipient. The Sweeney Award is named after one of the MITCA Founding Fathers, Charles Sweeney and is the highest honor given at the Track Clinic. Coach Gonzales has coached for 28+ years with 21 as a head coach. Derek has coaching stints at Ann Arbor Greenhills (3 years), Ypsilanti Lincoln (18 years) and is currently a volunteer coach at Saline. Here is Derek's reaction to receiving this most prestigious award, "This is an unexpected honor. I have

been blessed with many talented athletes and dedicated assistant coaches that have led us to some level of success over the years. I am extremely grateful to my family, that has been supportive and allowed me the time necessary, not only to coach, but also to serve MITCA in various roles. To even be considered for this award, granted to so many coaching legends in MITCA's long history, is truly humbling. Thank you, MITCA, for this award and for the opportunity to be a part of this great organization. Congratulations Coach Gonzales.

MITCA 2020 Cross Country Award winners

Ambrose Award Winners	Hall of Fame Inductee
Ben Watson Rockford	Bob Brown East Lansing



*Due to Covid-19 our Hall
of Fame inductees will be
honored at our next in
person clinic.*

Go to mitca.org for more information.

Track coaches be sure to go online to
mhssa.com and complete your 2021
Rules Meeting by April 15, 2021





MITCA President 2020 Coach Stephanie Stephenson

Coach Stephenson is a 2017 MITCA Hall of Fame Inductee

Stephanie just finished what has to be the hardest years ever for a MITCA President. **Coach Stephenson** has an outstanding 30 year coaching record at **East Kentwood HS**. Her girls track team has recorded 13 top five finishes at the State Meet. They have excelled at the Team State Meet, they have finish top two 12 times including championships in 2007 and 2014. The East Kentwood girls track team has won 15 Regional Championships and 8 Conference Titles.

Congratulations Stephanie and many thanks for your years of service to the MITCA organization.

Doug Jager MITCA President for 2021

Coach Jager is a 2016 MITCA Hall of Fame Inductee.

Doug has coached at Grand Rapids Christian since 1991 (30 yrs). His list of accomplishments for his boys and girls cross country teams include: over 40 combined Conference championships, 25 Regional titles (12 girls and 13 boys), 26 top 10 finishes at the State Meet, (girls 14 and 12 boys), and six State Championships, His track coaching accomplishments are equally impressive, including one MITCA Team State Championship.

Doug was selected for MITCA Coach of the year six times (girls 2005, 2006, 2010, 2013, 2014, and boys in 2014). He earned COY honors from the MHSCA in 2007 and again in 2012. Coach Jager was a National Coach of the Year finalist twice, NHSACA in 2012 and the USTFCCCA in 2014.

Congratulations, Coach Doug Jager and best of luck as you lead the MITCA Organization in 2021.



Jessi Story— MITCA's new Executive Board Secretary.

Coach Story joins the MITCA Board as our new Secretary. She ran Cross Country for Eastern Michigan University and began coaching at Beal City in 2004. She has had coaching stints at Vestaburg, Pierson, and now Jenison where she is currently the Head Cross Country Coach and Assistant distance track and field coach. She has had experience at Division I, II and IV. Her passion is coaching XC and Track and allowing athletes to have their very best experiences on the field. **Welcome to the MITCA Executive Board**



Other MITCA Executive Board Members and Track and CC Committee members are listed on the MITCA Website at www.mitca.org

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Michigan High School Coaches Association Honors

Congratulations to 2020 Coach of the Year:

Men's Track and Field: **Ernie Ayers / Sand Creek High School**

Women's Track and Field: **Alan Montgomery / Corunna High School**

Men's Cross Country: **Dean Blackledge / Hanover—Horton High School**

Women's Cross Country: **Terry Tatro / Hart High School**

These coaches were honored in late November via a Virtual Awards Banquet and are

eligible for regional and

**national honors. Go to
mhsca.org for more**

information and special forms . .



Congratulations to 2020 MHSCA Hall of Fame Inductees

Roger Avers / Algonac High School . . . 77 season of coaching track and cross country

Jeff Devantier / Birmingham Seaholm High School. . . Cross Country and Track Coach

2021 MITCA Scholarship Winners (3 @\$500)

Tess Frank daughter of Richard Frank attending Spring Arbor Univ.

\$500 from the Patsy Arpino Memorial Scholarship Fund.

**Amber Schneider attending Grand Valley State University daughter of
Tom Schneider**

\$500 from the Patsy Arpino Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Jeremy Kloss attending Michigan State University son of Mike an Emily Kloss

\$500 from the Kermit Ambrose 101 Club.



***Forms for future Special Awards and Scholarships are available at
www.mitca.org***

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Funds raised to date \$5,4701.00

See 101 Club 2021 members on page 5



Dear MITCA Member,

As a MITCA member your donations to the Kermit Ambrose 101 Club is just as important and needed as ever. Coach Kermit was one of the founding fathers of MITCA, served as President, Secretary, News Letter Editor and President Emeritus. Kermit passed away eight years ago after a glorious 101 years. MITCA would not be the fine organization it is today if not for the service of Kermit Ambrose. The MITCA Executive Board would like to help honor and continue Kermit's memory by establishing the Kermit Ambrose 101 Club and Kermit Ambrose Foundation. Kermit lived 101 years, so we are seeking contributions of \$101.00 to match his dedication to the MITCA origination. Your contributions will be used to help fund Team Michigan competing at the Midwest Meet of Champions (track & field), the Mideast Meet of Champions (cross country), and the Kermit Ambrose Scholarship. Both championship meets and teams are underfunded and the Executive Board has made this a priority for the future. Kermit was instrumental in establishing these meets as a MITCA responsibility and it is only fitting that the support of this organization comes in his name. Your contributions are tax deductible and our identification numbers are listed below. Last year, the Ambrose 101 Club raised a new record \$9,788.00 and the funds raised to date are an outstanding \$64,158.00 The MITCA Board and the Team Michigan Athletes, thank you for your generosity.

Please return the form below with a \$101.00 donation or donate on line as you register for MITCA events.

<http://mitca.org/MITCA/ambrose-101-club-donation/>

Thank you for your support,

Steven R. Porter

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Federal Identification Number : 38 2493122

Kermit Ambrose 101 Club and Foundation Donation Form

Please detach and return with your donation. Please make your check out to: MITCA, Ambrose 101 Club.

Return to: Steven Porter MITCA PR

1250 Mooreville Rd.

Milan, MI 48160

name _____ home phone _____

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2021 Kermit Ambrose 101 Club Members

Feb.-2021

Gold Ambrose 101 Club Member \$500 Donation

ROBERT KENT LOUIS MIRAMONTI

Silver Ambrose 101 Club Member \$200 Donation

STEVE & MARTHA LINN KATHLEEN SCHOLAR STEVEN PORTER

Ambrose 101 Club Member \$101 Donation

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Special thanks to the above donors. Your generosity has helped fund Team Michigan at both the Mid-East and Mid-West Meet of Champions. Even though both event were canceled in 2020, the need to fund future Team Michigan events still exists.

Last year we raised another new record \$9,788.00 and over 9 years we have raised \$64,259.00. Please return the Ambrose 101 Club Form (on page 4) with you contribution. Thanks from the MITCA organization, and the kids and Coaches of Team Michigan.