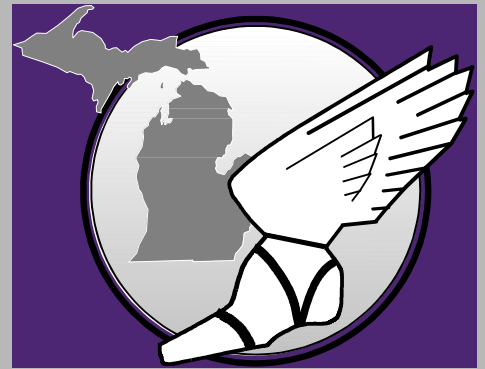


2025 was MITCA's 66th Track Clinic. The event was very well received. If you attended, we hope learned some new things and enjoyed the fellowship.

The MITCA Executive Board looks forward to the upcoming track season and future events. Stay tuned to www.mitca.org and your email for future announcements and events. Use the links on the last page of this newsletter for awards and forms.

Good Luck this season.

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MITCA 2025 Hall of Fame Inductees

Dan Shafer of Algonac

Named 2025 Hall of Fame & Charles Sweeney Award Winner

This year's Hall of Fame Inductee and Charles Sweeney Award Winner is Coach Dan Shafer from Algonac. Dan's coached Algonac Track and Field for over 42 years. His girls team has a 82% won/loss record, including 19 Conference Titles, 4 Regional Championships and over 30 Invitational Titles. Coach Shafer has coached many All State Athletes, numerous State Champions and several that went on to earn All America honors in college. Dan has much service to the sport including hosting over 30 MHSAA Regional Meets in both track and cross country, many large invitationals, and served MITCA as it's Newsletter Editor in the past. He served on over 15 MHSAA Site Selection Committees, has been a MITCA Clinician and is currently an ATOM Official. Congratulations Coach Shafer!



Rick Swanson of Manton 2025 Hall of Fame Inductee

Coach Rick Swanson of Manton High School is our newest Hall of Fame Inductee. Rick has 40+ years of coaching boys track at Manton where his teams have a 70+% won-loss record over his coaching tenure. His 2010 team captured the Team State Championship and had eight top ten placements at that meet. Coach Swanson has 10 Regional Titles and 3 Highland Conference Championships. Rick has coached 5 individual State Champions and numerous All State and Academic All State athletes. Coach Swanson was the MITCA COY in 2010 and Regional COY in 1992 and 1994. He stresses that all his athletes work hard, strive for improvement and have fun. Congratulation Coach Rick Swanson!



Adam Burhans of Clare 2025 Hall of Fame Inductee

Adam Burhans of Clare is our next Hall of Fame Inductee. His career includes Seven Team State Championships, with three other Top 5 finishes at that event. His boys track and cross country teams have combined 13 Regional Titles, 30 Conference Championships, and a 96% winning record over his 22 years at Clare High School. At the MHSAA Meet his boys team earned 6 top ten finishes in both track and cross country with a Track Championship in 2018 and Runner-Up honors in 2024. His philosophy of coaching is "Everyone Matters" which has helped him coach over 130 All State athletes and 8 Individual State Champions. He was the MITCA Coach of the Year in 2018 and was nominated 9 other times. He has served on the MITCA Track Committee. Congratulation Coach Adam Burhans!





Girls Coach of the Year (L-R) D-3 Calvin Ackley/ Hart, D-4 Neil Hufnagel / Fowler, D-1 Stephanie Stephenson / East Kentwood

Stephanie Stephenson - East Kentwood D-1

3 Place at MHSAA State Finals
 1 Place at MHSAA Regionals
 1 Place at MITCA Team State Finals
 10 All State Athletes This Year
 31 years total at current school
 27 years total as Head Track & Field Coach

1 Place OK Red
 1 Career State Runner-Up Finishes
 18 Career State Top 10 Finishes
 19 Career Regional Titles
 10 Career Conference/League Titles

Danny Foster - Divine Child D-2 (not pictured)

1 Place at MHSAA State Finals
 1 Place at MHSAA Regionals
 7 All State Athlete This Year
 3 years total at current school
 9 years total as Head Track & Field Coach

1 Place CHSL Conference
 1 Career State Titles
 1 Career Regional Titles
 1 Career Conference/League Titles

Calvin Ackley - Hart D-3

1 Place at MHSAA State Finals
 1 Place at MHSAA Regionals
 7 All State Athletes This Year
 27 years total at current school
 5 years total as Head Track & Field Coach

1 Place West Michigan Conference
 3 Career State Titles
 4 Career State Top 10 Finishes
 3 Career Regional Titles
 3 Career Conference/League Titles

Neil Hufnagel - Fowler

1 Place at MHSAA State Finals
 1 Place at MHSAA Regionals
 11 All State Athletes This Year
 12 years total at current school
 12 years total as Head Track & Field Coach

3 Career State Titles
 3 Career State Runner-Up Finishes
 11 Career State Top 10 Finishes
 12 Career Regional Titles
 3 Career Conference/League Titles



Boys Coach of the Year Winners (L-R): D-4 Brett Schafer / Fowler, D1 Tyler Germain Kalamazoo Central, D2 Jonathan Rodriguez / Berrien Springs

Tyler Germain - Kalamazoo Central D-1

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Place at MHSAA State Finals 1 Place at MHSAA Regionals 11 Place MITCA Team State Finals 2 All State Athletes This Year 7 years total at current school 6 years total as Head Track & Field Coach 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Career State Titles 3 Career State Top 10 Finishes 1 Career Regional Titles
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Jonathan Rodriguez - Berrien Springs D-2

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Place at MHSAA State Finals 1 Place at MHSAA Regionals 5 Place at MITCA Team State Finals 5 All State Athletes This Year 14 years total at current school 10 years total as Head Track & Field Coach 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Place Lakeland Conference 2 Career State Titles 1 Career State Runner-Up Finishes 6 Career State Top 10 Finishes 8 Career Regional Titles 8 Career Conference/League Titles
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Scott Werner - Pewamo-Westphalia D-3 (not pictured)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Place at MHSAA State Finals 1 Place at MHSAA Regionals 10 All State Athletes This Year 24 years total at current school 24 years total as Head Track & Field Coach 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Place CMAC 2 Career State Titles 4 Career State Runner-Up Finishes 11 Career State Top 10 Finishes 10 Career Regional Titles 12 Career Conference/League Titles
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Brett Schafer - Fowler D-4

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Place at MHSAA State Finals 1 Place at MHSAA Regionals 6 All State Athletes This Year 13 years total at current school 13 years total as Head Track & Field Coach 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Career State Titles 2 Career State Top 10 Finishes 4 Career Regional Titles
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2024 MITCA Track & Field Coach of the Year Nominees **Winners in Bold**

D-1 Boys Team	Coach	D-1 Girls Team	Coach
<u>Kalamazoo Central</u>	<u>Tyler Germain</u>	<u>East Kentwood</u>	<u>Stephanie Stephenson</u>
Walled Lake Central	Nebojsa Stojkovic	Holland West Ottawa	Kyle Barnes
Northville	Tim Dalton	West Bloomfield	Nick Stration
Grand Haven	John Tarr	Ann Arbor Pioneer	Nancy Boudreau
Rockford	Sean O'Brien		
D-2 Boys Team	Coach	D-2 Girls Team	Coach
<u>Berrien Springs</u>	<u>Jonathan Rodriguez</u>	<u>Dearborn Divine Child</u>	<u>Danny Foster</u>
Corunna	Jeff Sawyer	Yale	Ashley Garofalo
DeWitt	BJ Tomanek	East Grand Rapids	Mike Dykstra
Pontiac Notre Dame Prep	Jonathan Barbee	Summit Academy North	Brande Simmons
BC Harper Creek	Larry Quick	Frankenmuth	Mike Snyder
D-3 Boys Team	Coach	D-3 Girls Team	Coach
<u>Pewamo-Westphalia</u>	<u>Scott Werner</u>	<u>Hart</u>	<u>Calvin Ackley</u>
Clare	Adam Burhans	Onsted	Rhonda Hubbard
Napoleon	Tom Gunnells	Jackson Lumen Christi	Ryan Miller
North Muskegon	Phil Friesner	Lansing Catholic	Tim Simpson
		Clare	Kyle McKown
D-4 Boys Team	Coach	D-4 Girls Team	Coach
<u>Fowler</u>	<u>Brett Schafer</u>	<u>Fowler</u>	<u>Neil Hufnagel</u>
Kalamazoo Hackett	Charissa Dean	Portland St Patrick	Dawn Fedewa
Hillsdale Academy	Mike Roberts	Saugatuck	Angelina Bauer
Morrice	Brad Long	Buckley	Jolie King
		Hillsdale Academy	Mike Roberts

2024 MITCA Regional Coach of the Year D1 & D2

Reg	Girls Coach	School	Boys Coach	School
1	Paul Anderson	Traverse City Central	Jason Morrow	Traverse City West
2	Sean O'Brien	Rockford	Sean O'Brien	Rockford
3	Stephanie Stephenson	East Kentwood	Tyler Germain	Kalamazoo Central
4	Sam Etter	Brighton	Matthew Gutteridge	Hartland
5	Nancy Boudreau	Ann Arbor Pioneer	Corbin Brown	Saline
6	Tim Dalton	Northville	Tim Dalton	Nothville
7	Diane Montgomery	Grosse Pointe North	Bryan Stewart	Warren DeLaSalle
8	Larry Adams	Rochester	David Barnett	Royal Oak
9	Kevin Breen	Clarkston	Kevin Breen	Clarkston
10	Michael Timpa	Macomb Dakota	Jeff Payne	New Baltimore Anchor Bay
11	Sandra Thomas	Petoskey	Buddy Goldsworthy	Gladwin
12	Rob Bosma	Hudsonville Unity Christian	Kirk Mikkelson	Whitehall
13	Mike Dykstra	East Grand Rapids	Matthew Putnam	East Grand Rapids
14	Stacey Hengy	Stevensville Lakeshore	Jon Rodriguez	Berrien Springs
15	Dave Jones	Mason	Eric Haynie	Mason
16	Loren Thorburn	Chelsea	David Slusser	Chelsea
17	Danny Foster	Dearborn Divine Child	James Wicker	Pinckney
18	David Wilson	Detroit Country Day	David Wilson	Detroit Country Day
19	Jason Castle	North Branch	John Barbee	Pontiac Notre Dame Prep
20	Mike Snyder	Frankenmuth	Jeff Sawyer	Corunna

2025 MITCA Regional Coach of the Year D3 & D4

Reg	Girls Coach	School	Boys Coach	School
21	Kyle McKown	Clare	Adam Burhans	Clare
22	Calvin Ackley	Hart	Theresa Sims	Reed City
23	Kaytlynn Kerwin	Kent City	Phil Friesner	North Muskegon
24	Jeff Offringa	Kalamazoo Christian	Mike Meyer	Lawton
25	Ryan Miller	Jackson Lumen Christi	Clay Schiman	Hillsdale
26	Josh Powers	Adrian Madison	Jay Yockey	Ottawa Lake Whiteford
27	None	NONE IN TOP 6	None	NONE IN TOP 6
28	Ronald Abner	Charyl Stockwell Prep Academy	Ronald Abner	Charyl Stockwell Prep Academy
29	Timothy Krupp	New Lothrop	Jeff Schember	Caro
30	Scott Werner	Pewamo-Westphalia	Scott Werner	Pewamo Westphalia
31	Chloe Smeltzer	Indian River Inland Lakes	Joshua Hofbauer	Harbor Springs
32	Ed Schindler	Frankfort	Jason Bradford	Maple City Glen Lake
33	Greg Gould	Muskegon Western Michigan Christian	Josh Scholma	Muskegon Western Michigan Christian
34	Angelina Bauer	Saugatuck	Charissa Dean	Hackett Catholic
35	Mike Roberts	Hillsdale Academy	Mike Roberts	Hillsdale Academy
36	Dawn Fedewa	Portland St. Patrick	Brad Long	Morrice
37	Neil Hufnagel	Fowler	Brett Schafer	Fowler
38	Steve Linn	Deckerville	Foster Findley	Marlette
39	Bryan Allen	Genesee	none	None in Top 6
40	Casey Livingston	Whitmore Lake	Tina Laskaris	Riverview Gabriel Richard

2024 MHSCA Coach of the Year

The following MITCA coaches were recognized on November 17, 2024 and are eligible for regional and national coaching honors.

Cross Country-Girls DOUG JAGER Grand Rapids Christian
27 Conference Championships, 23 Regionals Championships, 5 State Runner-Ups, and 6 State championships. Six-time MITCA Coach of the Year, 2012 NHSCACA Regional Coach of the Year, 2014 USTFCCCA Coach of the Year, 2016. MITCA Hall of Fame, 2018 Kalamazoo Christian Hall of Fame. 2018 Grand Rapids Christian Hall of Fame 2024 MHSCA Hall of Fame . Doug was just selected as a Finalist for the NHSACA National Girls Cross Country Coach of the Years and will be one of 8 coaches honored this summer in Rapid City, SD



Cross Country-Boys DANIEL McELHENY Forest Hills Eastern
Boys: 3 Conference Championships, 1 Regional, 2 Top-5 state meet finishes, 1 State Championship.
Girls: 3 Conference Championships, 4 Regionals, 2 State Runner Up Girls Track & Field: 1 Conference, 1 Regional, 2 Top-10 state meet 2023 MITCA D2 State Boys Cross Country Coach of the Year

Track-Boys TYLER GERMAIN Kalamazoo Central
1 Conference Championships, 2 Regional Championships, 1 State Championship, 1 Top Ten State Finals Finishes. Tyler was selected Sectional Coach of the Year from the NFHS



Track-Girls CALVIN ACKLEY Hart
8 MHSAA D3 Girls State Champions
2018 MITCA Cross Country Coach of the Year
2022 & 2023 MITCA Girls D3 Track Coach of the Year



Michigan High School Coaches Association Honors

MHSCA Distinguished Service Award: Jerry Lasceski. Jerry is the former MITCA Treasurer, a Ambrose Award winner, and a member of the following Hall of Fames MITCA, MHSCA, and NHSACA.

Congratulations MHSCA 2024 Hall of Fame Inductee

Doug Baird Hesperia High School

Doug Jager Grand Rapids Christian High School

Ed Stansbury Grand Blanc High School

New MHSCA Hall of Fame Forms are now on line at MHSCA.org

Congratulations 2024 USTFCCCA Michigan

Coach of the Year

Men's Cross Country: Phil Jones Allendale HS

Women's Cross Country: Allan Warden Goodrich HS

Men's Track and Field: Brett Schafer Fowler HS

Women's Track and Field: Calvin Ackley Hart HS

2025 MITCA Scholarship Winners (3x\$500)

Arpino: Payton Wilkinson Grand Valley Parents Maggie & Sam Wilkson

Melanie Werner Alma College Parent Scott Werner

Ambrose: Zoe Antel Aquines College Parents Ray & Jennifer Antel

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

MITCA 2025 Track & Field Clinic Awards

2024 MITCA Track & Field Academic All-State Team Champions

(Based on GPA from MITCA Team State Meet)

NAME OF SCHOOL	DIVISION	GENDER	Team GPA
Zeeland West High School	1	BOYS	3.9139
Byron Center High School	1	GIRLS	3.98
Alma High School	2	BOYS	3.914
Spring Lake High School	2	GIRLS	3.999
Chesaning High School	3	BOYS	3.92
Chippewa Hills High School	3	GIRLS	3.979
Hackett Catholic Prep High School	4	BOYS	3.894
Hillsdale Academy	4	GIRLS	3.993



MITCA Prediction Run

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2025 MITCA Track Clinic Prediction Run 1/25/25

3.66 mi.

Crowne Plaza Hotel Lansing , MI

19 Feels Like 7

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Race Pl	Finish Pl	name	Predicted Time		Finish Time		Time Diff
1	1	Eddie Kompl	23	45	23	30	00:15.0
4	2	Marie Ryan	34		33	43	00:17.0
3	3	Alica Mead	31	0	29	43	01:17.0
6	4	Mary Pray	38		35	12	02:48.0
2	5	David Kuderka	25	30	29	11	03:41.0
5	6	Sarah Furman	31	17	35	11	03:54.0

2024 Mr. Track and Field

Jake Machiniak

of Berrien Springs High School

now running for Grand Valley State University

2024 MITCA Mr. and Ms. Track and Field

Sponsored by Recognition Inc.
Battle Creek, MI

2024 Ms. Track and Field

Aiden Harrand

of Buckley High School

now running for Wake Forest University



**2025 Ambrose
101 Club Members
(as of 2/3/25)
It's not too
late to join!**

Kevin Behmer	Steve & Kim Porter
Charles Childress	Brian Salyers
Rob & Jude Johnson	Kim Spalsbury
David Jordon	Stephanie Stephenson
Steve & Martha Linn	Josh Vork
Tom MacNaughton	Ben Watson
Tony Magni	Grant Woodman
Lou Miramonti	Steven Zawacki

Special thanks to the above 2025 donors. Your generosity has helped fund Team Michigan for over 10 years. We have raised over \$75,000.00 Please reply to Steve Porter by returning the 101 Club form below and see him at the next clinic for your Ambrose Club ribbon



- Top 10 reason to contribute to the MITCA Kermit Ambrose 101 Club**
10. The entire MITCA organization will think you're really cool.
 9. You'll get this neat 101 Club ribbon to wear at the clinic.
 8. It's a great way to give back to the sport.
 7. We'll put your name on the nice list for Christmas.
 6. Remember Kermit Ambrose is watching.
 5. Our Senior All-Star athletes deserve a quality experience.
 4. Your son or daughter might win a \$500.00 scholarship
 3. You'll feel good inside and that will make you a better coach.
 2. Tax Deductible.
 1. You get an Ambrose ice cream sundae at the clinic (with sprinkles)
- Thank you from all of MITCA and the Team Michigan All Stars**

~~Kermit Ambrose 101 Club and Foundation Donation Form, please detach and return with your donation or go to [Ambrose 101 Club Donation](#) and register your donation on that link and claim your Ambrose 101 Sundae at the next MITCA Clinic.~~

Please make your check out to: MITCA, Ambrose 101 Club Return to: Steven Porter MITCA PR
 Return to: Steven Porter MITCA PR 1250 Mooreville Rd.
 1250 Mooreville Rd. Milan, MI 48160

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 amount of donation \$101.00 or _____



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[MHSCA Hall of Fame Application](#) best to submit this online

[MHSCA Service Award Application](#)

For the Service Award you must submit both forms *

[MHSCA Service Award Worksheet](#)

Contact Steve Porter at coachporter51@gmail.com with questions

Michigan Interscholastic Track Coaches Association

All important association forms, clinic information and related material are available at www.mitca.org or use the following links:

[All MITCA Special Award Forms](#)

Use the above link for:

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High School Assistant Coach of the Year

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Scholarship Form

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