

# Tecumseh Athletic Hall of Fame

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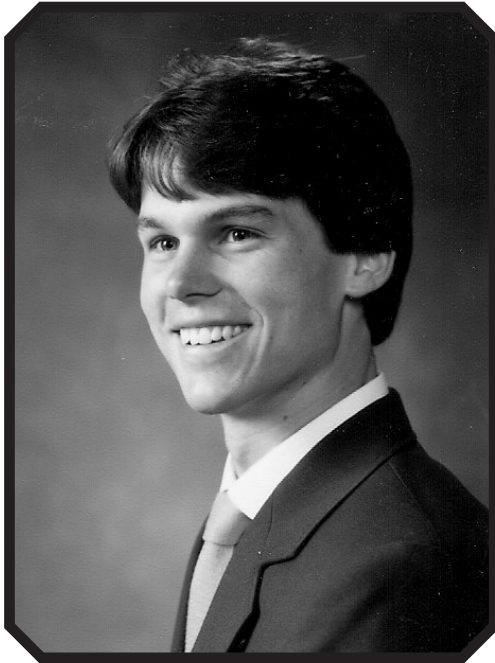
## 2009 Hall of Fame Inductees

Andy Arnott

Matt Ehlinger

Dianna Marshall Accurso

# Andy Arnott



Andy Arnott is a 1986 graduate of Tecumseh High School. He played on the varsity squad in each of his 4 years, lettering 3 times. After playing for the varsity throughout his freshman season, he led the team with 11 points in the final game of the season, a tournament loss to Stebbins.

After losing every other member of the team to graduation, the team struggled in a rebuilding season during Andy's sophomore season. He managed to lead the county and conference in scoring, averaging 19 points a game along with 6 rebounds. Despite the difficult year, he was named 1<sup>st</sup> team All-County and 1<sup>st</sup> team Greater Miami Valley Conference, along with being named the Springfield News Sun player of the week.

Andy worked tirelessly during the off-season to improve his game, playing in numerous summer leagues. He credits his coach, Mike Castin, with instilling a good work ethic and not allowing him or the team to get discouraged despite their losing record.

In his junior year all the hard work started to pay off as the team managed to break the losing streak and win some games. Andy led the county again in scoring, averaging 23.1 points per game along with 8 rebounds, while shooting 55 percent from the field. He was again named 1<sup>st</sup> team All-County and 1<sup>st</sup> team All-League and earned player of the week honors.

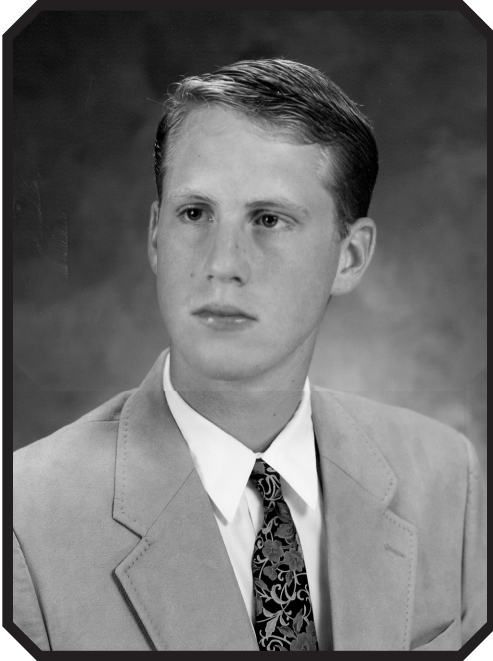
In Andy's senior campaign, the team got off to a fast start going 9-4, before slumping midseason. The team finished strong before losing in the sectional final to Dayton Meadowdale. For the third year in a row he was named 1<sup>st</sup> team All-County, All-Conference, and player of the week. Additionally, he was named first team All-Area and honorable mention All-State. He averaged 21.4 points per game and grabbed 10.1 rebounds per game, shooting 52 percent from the field and 69 from the foul line.

Andy feels like he learned many valuable lessons playing basketball at THS that have propelled him along in life, such as the value of hard work and determination. Additionally he has many fond memories and thoroughly enjoyed the camaraderie with his friends and teammates.

He set a career scoring record of 1,405 points, scoring double figures in 52 consecutive games and 63 out of 65. He also scored 39 points in a game, second highest in school history. In his senior year, Andy shared the Mr. Basketball of Clark County honor with Greenon's Troy McCracken.

Andy also excelled in the classroom with a 4.2 GPA and was ranked 7<sup>th</sup> in his class. He graduated from Wittenberg University in 1990 with a B.A in Business Administration and New York University in 1995 with an MBA. He has worked for AT&T as a part of a Financial Management training program, and for several financial companies including a Swedish bank and several hedge funds. He is currently a portfolio manager for True North Partners, a money management firm. He is very proud of his wonderful family including his beautiful wife Allison and their two children – Maya, 8 and Tyler, 5. They reside in New York City, where they enjoy all the aspects of city life. He keeps fit by playing basketball with friends in the neighborhood, as well as working out in the gym and running, and enjoys cooking and playing with the kids.

# Matt Ehlinger



Matt Ehlinger graduated from Tecumseh High School in 1993. He is the son of Gary and Beth Ehlinger. He played baseball for one year, basketball all four years (lettering twice), and golf all four years (lettering three times).

Matt's first love was basketball, but he decided to take up the game of golf his freshman year. That turned out to be one of the best decisions of his life. During Matt's sophomore season, he led a young Arrow's golf team to a 3rd place finish in the Central Buckeye Conference with a record of 16-5. In his junior year, the Arrows won their first ever Central Buckeye Conference title in golf with a record of 18-2. He led the team with a scoring average of 36.7. He was just the second golfer from THS to ever qualify for the OHSAA Division I District Tournament as an individual. During Matt's senior year at THS, the Arrow's golf team won a second straight CBC Championship with a record of 19-1. The team also qualified for the OHSAA Division I District Tournament for the first time in school history. They missed qualifying for the state tournament by 6 shots. Some of Matt's accomplishments include being named first team All-CBC his junior and senior years, first team All-Clark County his junior and senior years, and first team All-Area his junior and senior years. During Matt's career at THS the golf team had a record of 53-8.

After high school, Matt continued his golf career at Otterbein College in Westerville, Ohio. During his freshman year, he helped the Cardinals to a 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish in the Ohio Athletic Conference and a 5<sup>th</sup> place finish at the NCAA tournament. In Matt's sophomore year, the Cardinals finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the OAC again and finished runner-up at the NCAA tournament which is the highest finish by a team in the history of Otterbein's golf program. Matt was named an honorable mention All-American his sophomore year. During his junior year, Matt played #1 man for an Otterbein team that won the OAC championship and was ranked #1 in the country during the season. They had a disappointing 9<sup>th</sup> place finish at the NCAA tournament. He was named to the All-OAC team and was an honorable mention All-American for the second time. He finished in the top-3 in 7 of the team's 10 tournaments. During Matt's senior year at Otterbein, he accomplished many things while playing #1 man. He led the team to a 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish in the OAC. He was named Player of the Year in the OAC. He finished in the top 3 in every tournament, including 6 wins in 10 events. He led a team that was again ranked #1 in the country during the season, ultimately finishing 4<sup>th</sup> in the NCAA tournament. He was named a first team All-American. He was also named NCAA Player of the Year by Golfweek magazine and Mid-Ohio Golfer.

Matt had an extremely successful amateur golf career that started during his time at Otterbein and continued after his time there. He won the Dayton City Amateur stroke play and match play tournaments in 1997 and 1998, a feat that had ever been accomplished and has not been accomplished since. Matt also won the Springfield City Amateur in 1997. He won the prestigious Miami Valley Metropolitan in 1997. He qualified for the United States Amateur and US Amateur Public Links in 1998. The greatest win of Matt's amateur career occurred in 1998 when he won the Ohio Amateur at Springfield Country Club. After regaining his amateur status in 2004, Matt won the Springfield City Am again in 2004 and the Clark County Match Play in 2005.

In 1998, Matt decided to take a shot at playing professional golf. He was a member of the Tear Drop Golf Tour in 1999 and 2000. He also played on the Dakota's Tour. His best finish was a 4<sup>th</sup> place finish at the Raleigh Classic in Raleigh North Carolina. Matt's biggest professional accomplishment was qualifying for and playing in the Nike Tour's Dayton Open in 2001. Matt also spent a year working as an assistant golf professional at Miami Valley Golf Club.

Matt was inducted into the Dayton Golf Hall of Fame this fall.

In 2002, Matt decided to go back to school and finish his degree. He earned a BA in Mathematics from Wright State University in 2004 and a MEd in Advanced Studies in 2005 from WSU. He began teaching in 2004, and is now teaching math at Tecumseh High School and coaching the Arrows golf team. He married his high school sweetheart, Amy Suver Ehlinger, in 1999. They have 3 children, Ava 7, Luke 5, and Tate 2. They live in the Tecumseh Local District.

# Dianna Marshall Accurso



Dianna Marshall Accurso was born in Dayton, Ohio to Ralph and MaryAnn Marshall. She was raised in New Carlisle and is a 1991 graduate of Tecumseh High School and a 1995 graduate of Wright State University. Dianna First picked up a tennis racket at 8 years old and vividly remembers being introduced to the sport by attending summer tennis clinics, alongside her brother and sister at Snyder Park in Springfield. She spent countless hours hitting tennis balls against the garage wall and battling with her siblings for a spot in the garage. Her parents placed paneling on the garage wall in order to prevent them from placing holes in the wall. Because the game of tennis was not popular among her childhood friends, she spent a lot of time on the court with her sister. Before long, summer clinics turned into group lessons and private lessons. The end result was summers spent traveling countless miles to play in tennis tournaments. Soon the tournament play along with the lessons earned her both OVTA (Ohio Valley Tennis Association) and USTA (United States Tennis Association) rankings.

Although tennis was the sport she focused on throughout her childhood, she would soon find herself not only playing tennis but basketball and softball as well once she entered high school. Although she excelled in all of these sports she realized that the game of tennis was her true passion and the sport she chose to place the most focus on throughout her high school career. During her 4 years on the tennis team at Tecumseh High School, she compiled an overall record of 89-8, including a 28-0 league record from her sophomore to senior year. Dianna was named Team MVP all 4 yrs, 3 time All Conference selection, 2 time State qualifier, 2 time Dayton Daily News All Area Tennis Team, Springfield News-Sun 1<sup>st</sup> Team All Area, Springfield News-Sun Clark County Player of the Year, and Springfield News-Sun Athlete of the Week. Dianna also had the privilege of representing Tecumseh female athletes at the Rae Burick Awards Ceremony honoring outstanding women in sports.

After high school Dianna continued her tennis career playing for the Raiders at Wright State University where she received a 4 year scholarship. She finished her freshman year as MVP with a singles record of 19-3, which placed her in second for all time wins in the history of WSU women's tennis. One of Dianna's most memorable years of her college tennis career was her sophomore year. Her sister Debbie decided to finish out her last year of eligibility as a member of the Raiders tennis team. This gave Dianna one more opportunity to pair up with her sister as a doubles team. Dianna and Debbie soon gained attention when a local new station featured the Marshall sisters. She and Debbie finished first in the conference with a 17-2 record. Dianna finished her college tennis career with an overall record of 129 wins and 49 losses, three time All Conference Selection, and had six top three conference finishes.

Dianna graduated from WSU with a Bachelor's of Science degree in Nursing. She started her career at Miami Valley Hospital and has been a school nurse for the Tecumseh Local Schools since 2001. In the fall of 2008 she had the honor of being asked to serve as interim coach for the men's and women's tennis team at WSU. After this brief period of coaching, her passion for the game resurfaced and she began playing competitive league team tennis for Schroeder's Tennis Center. Dianna and her husband Johnnie reside in New Carlisle with their two daughters, Alivia, 6 and Addison, 2. Dianna credits her parents for their time and dedication to the sport and her junior tennis coach Donnie Jackson for helping her mold and shape her life forever. Without them she wouldn't be who she is today.