

# WCCCA Hall of Fame

## Class of 2019

**Hamilton Beal—Kenosha St. Joseph’s High School** Beal was outstanding in the late 1990’s, winning the Lakeshore Conference championship in 1997 and 1999. He was the Kenosha Country champ in 1999, and was undefeated in his final year. In his career he won 18 races, and finished in the top five 34 times. Hamilton was outstanding at State, winning the WISAA title in 1997 and 1999, finishing runner-up in 1998. In 2000 he earned the Holy Rosary Athlete of the Year, and the Tirabassi Outstanding Athlete Award.

**Mark Johnson—Eau Claire Memorial High School** In an eighteen year period of time, Johnson’s teams won eight girls conference titles, while the boys won two more. His girls won seven individual titles, the boys two. He amassed seven girls sectional titles, the boys one. His girls had six individual sectional titles. Highlighting his career were girls State titles in 2014 and 2015, placing third in 2003, fourth three times, and fifth twice more. He earned the girls individual title in 2011, runner-up in 2012 and 2014.

**Charles Kahle—Milwaukee East (Riverside) High School** Between 1913 and 1936 Kahle’s teams won Milwaukee City Conference titles 20 times. He had four individual titlists along that span of time. His teams won sixteen State championships during his career and were runner-up five more times. His boys won ten individual state titles during those years. Note: for a number of years, the City Conference title was determined by the best Milwaukee team finish at State.

**Les Larson—South Milwaukee High School** Les had huge accomplishments as a standout runner in his final three years of competition. As a sophomore in 1940, he placed second at both the Suburban Conference Meet and at State, both times to Russ Winkel of West Allis. He led his team to conference and state titles. As a junior he won Suburban Conference and State individual titles, on the same day! Once again his team won conference and state titles. As a senior, he again repeated the feat of winning conference and state individual titles on the same day. South Milwaukee won the conference title that year, but finished third at State.

**Dominic Newman—Shorewood High School** Dom’s accomplishments are almost too numerous to list. He has been Shorewood’s head coach since 2004. Since that time, his boys teams have won six team titles at State: 2004-2006, 2009, 2010, and 2012. They were second in 2007 and 2014, third in 2011 and 2013. His team won Sectional titles the same years they won State, and also place second at the sectional eight different times. Newman earned “Coach of the Year” in 2004, 2005, 2006, 2009, 2010, and 2012. He also received the NHFS Coach of the Year Award in 2010. He was inducted into the La Crosse Boy/Girls Club Hall of Fame. Newman also served as WCCCA President for four years.

**Gerry Walta—Lakeside Lutheran High School** Walta’s long string of accomplishments began with WISAA D-2 state titles with his boys in 1992 and 1999, with second place award in ’93. He coached Bart Gurgel to an individual state title in ’92, and Nicole Gurgel in 1999. His girls won a WIAA title in 2007. His boys have won four sectional titles, with the girls winning three. His boys have amassed fifteen conference championships, with the girls winning fourteen. Six of his boys and four of his girls have been individual conference champions.