

MITCA 2018 Track & Field Clinic Awards

*We are pleased to announce the following Award Winners
Please join us at the MITCA Coach of the Year and Hall of Fame
Awards Banquet on Friday, January 26, 2018 at the
Crowne Plaza—Lansing West 877-322-5544*

email porters@milanareaschools.org for extra banquet tickets



James Okler

Grosse Ile High School

Named 2018 Hall of Fame Sweeney Award Winner

James Okler of Grosse Ile High Schools heads our Hall of Fame Inductees as the 2018 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 Okler has a lengthy list of service to our organization. He has served on several MITCA committees, five years as a member of Executive Board, MITCA President in 1999. Jim is the current Executive Director of the MHSCA (all sports coaches association) and was the National Coaches Association National President in 2010. He is the recipient of the MHSCA Distinguished Service award and most recently received the Dwight T. Keith Award, this is the highest national award that the National High School Athletic Coaches Association can bestow on an individual. He is also the MIAAA Athletic Director of the Year

2018 Hall of Fame - Track and Field Coach Inductees

Pat Bolda -Ubly

Kirk Mikkelson - Whitehall



Coach Pat Bolda is entering her 40th year of coaching most at **Ubly HS**. Pat's stellar record includes back to back state championships in 2006 and 2007. She has finished in the top team at state six times. Her teams have won nine regional titles and five conference championships.



Coach Kirk Mikkelson has an outstanding 24 year coaching record at **Whitehall HS**. His boys track team won a state title in 1996 and finished top 10 two other times. He has six regional championships and 21 (14 straight since 2004) conference championships to his credit. At the Team State meet his teams have finished top five, five times.

Be sure to attend the MITCA Hall of Fame and Coach of the Year Banquet on

Friday, January 26, 2018 and help us honor all the outstanding coaches listed in this announcement .

2017 MITCA Track & Field Coach of the Year Nominees

BOYS - 2017 MITCA Track & Field

Coach of the Year Nominees

Division 1

Robert Lynch - Oak Park

Andy Martin - Rockford

Dave Emeott - East Kentwood

Brian Harrod - Okemos

Division 2

Ralph Neal - Zeeland East

Dave Pike -Lansing Waverly

Jim Hassett-Lake Odessa Lakewood

Jason Beldyga -Corunna

Kristopher Koster-Grand Rapids Christian

Division 3

Clay Schiman - Hillsdale

Jerry Drake - Frankenmuth

Tim Simpson -Lansing Catholic

Adam Burhans - Clare

Division 4

Jeff Erickson -Whittemore Prescott

Mike Kloss -Harbor Springs

Mike Roberts -Hillsdale Academy

Ernie Ayers -Sand Creek

GIRLS - 2017 MITCA Track & Field

Coach of the Year Nominees

Division 1

Nancy Boudreau - Ann Arbor Pioneer

Stephanie Stephenson - East Kentwood

Randy VanderVeen -Rockford

Tamara Kemp - Greenville

Division 2

Rex Wilkes - Lansing Waverly

Josh Vork-Zeeland East

David Wilson-Detroit Country Day

Doug Jager- Grand Rapids Christian

Laura Dahlquist - Cadailac

Division 3

Tim Simpson -Lansing Catholic

Josh Powers - Adrian Madison

Carey Hammel- Shepherd

Mindy Whitney - Hart

Michael Snyder -Frankenmuth

Division 4

Jill Feldpausch - Fowler

Todd Crouch -Southfield Christian

Tom Dyer -Springport

Brian Smith -Pittsford

See www.mitca.org for up to date

Track & Field Clinic information and schedules

Michigan High School Coaches Association 2017 Coach of the Year:

Congratulations to : Men's Track and Field: **Ralph Neal / Zeeland East High School**

Women's Track and Field: **Rex Wilkes / Lansing Waverly High School**

Men's Cross Country: **Scott Werner / Pewamo-Westphalia High School**

Women's Cross Country: **Steven Long / Otsego High School**

These coaches were honored on Sunday, November 12, 2017 at the MHSCA Coach of the Year Banquet at the Lansing Ramada and are eligible for regional and national honors.

U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association 2017 Michigan Coach of the Year:

Congratulations to : Men's Cross Country: **Don Sleeman /Ann Arbor Pioneer**

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

Men's Track and Field: **Ralph Neal / Zeeland East High School**

Women's Track and Field: **Rex Wilkes / Lansing Waverly High School**

2018 Scholarship Winners : Patsy Arpino Scholarship (2 x@ \$500.00)

Myra Zarnek daughter of **Steve Zarnek** of Grosse Pointe South attending Wayne State

Clarie Supinowski daughter of **James Supinowski** of Quincy attending Grand Valley

Kermit Ambrose Scholarship (1 x@\$500.00)

Isaiah Keeler son of **Jason Keeler** of Marion attending the University of Michigan

2017 Ms. Michigan Track and Field – Tamea McKelvy - Oak Park

2017 Mr. Michigan Track and Field - Khance Meyers - East Kentwood

MITCA 2017 Academic All State Team Champions (determined by Team State Competition)

Boys

Division 1 Boys 3.872 Macomb Dakota HS

Division 2 Boys 3.943 Grand Rapids Christian HS

Division 3 Boys 3.913 Clare HS

Division 4 Boys 3.879 Beal City HS

Girls

Division 1 Girls 3.933 Jenison HS

Division 2 Girls 3.994 Grand Rapids Christian HS

Division 3 Girls 3.983 Benzie Central HS

Division 4 Girls 3.906 Centreville HS

Dear MITCA Member,

As a MITCA member, I'm not sure you are aware of the legacy that Kermit Ambrose left on our organization and the running community. Kermit was the founding father of MITCA, President, Secretary, News Letter Editor and President Emeritus. Kermit passed away five year 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 a 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 \$6,000.00+.



If you return the form below with a \$101.00 donation (by January 22, 2018) and are attending the Track and Field Clinic in Lansing you will receive a Ambrose Chocolate Sundae at the Coach of the Year Banquet. This treat will only be available for members of the Kermit Ambrose 101 Club. When checking in at the clinic please stop at the Ambrose 101 Club Table for your ribbon.

Thank for your support,

Steven R. Porter	State Non-Profit Identification Number :	705219
MITCA Public Relations	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 _____

address _____ e-mail _____

city _____, state _____ zip code _____

amount of donation \$101.00 or _____