

2016-17 Elida Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees



Selwyn Drain

Selwyn graduated in the Elida High School class of 1979. Selwyn participated in football, wrestling and track while attending Elida. He excelled at all 3 sports.

Selwyn earned many honors while participating in athletics at Elida. During his Junior year, he received All-WBL honors in football and he was an Elida Triple Jump Record holder. 1978-1979, Selwyn's senior seasons, he was All-WBL honors in football, he was the 1st wrestler from Elida to qualify for state and he earned All-WBL High Hurdler.

Selwyn went on to attend Ball State University on a full ride scholarship to play football. He was also nominated into the U.S. Naval Academy and he was a Buckeye Boys State Representative in 1979.

In 1983, Selwyn signed a free agent contract with the Chicago Bears. In 1984 he played defensive back and special teams for the Arizona Wranglers in the United States Football League. During the 1985 season he played for the Arizona Outlaws in the USFL. Then he went on to play defensive back for the Toronto Argonauts in the Canadian Football League in 1987-1988. In 1998 he was selected into the All-Canadian All-Star team selection.

Selwyn is currently the Director of Marketing and Commercial Leader for Biotheranostics in Maryland.



Cheryl Balogh Durst

Cheryl graduated from Elida High School in 2000. Cheryl was a 4-year Varsity player in soccer and a 3-year Varsity player in basketball. Cheryl was a great leader at EHS and an outstanding student.

During her career, Cheryl earned the following honors:

Soccer: 4-year Varsity starter, WBL Special Mention in 1998, District Honorable Mention in 1998, All-Area Team 1998-1999, WBL All-League District 1st Team 1999, Co-Player of the Year 1999, 3rd Team All State 1999, Scholastic All-State in 1999 and a 2-year Captain

Basketball-part of the 1997 State Championship team, 2-year Captain, District 8 All-Star Team and Sharp Shooter of the Week

Cheryl went on to play soccer for Mount Vernon Nazarene College. She was a 4-year starter for the Cougars and a 3-year Captain. She helped to lead the team to 4 National Christian College tournaments with 1 NCCAA championship and 1 runner-up. She was named a 2 time NAIA All- America player, she was the winner of the Michele Akers award for outstanding Christian Athlete, 2 time NCCAA All-American 1st Team, 2 time NCCAA All-National Tournament Team, 2 time NAIA All-region 1st Team, 2 time All-Conference 1st Team, 4 time NCCAA All-Region team, 2 time NAIA Scholar-Athlete, 2 time NCCAA Scholar-Athlete, Woody Hayes National Scholar-Athlete Award for all women athletes in NCAA Division II or NAIA.

Cheryl currently lives in Granville with her husband, Matt, and their three boys.



Darren Reese

Darren is a 1989 graduate of Elida High School, where he earned 6 varsity letters while participating in football (3) and basketball (3).

Darren was named to the Top Ten Offensive Lineman at the Michigan Football Camp during his Junior year. He also received Special Mention All-WBL and Honorable Mention All-City that year. Darren received many honors during his senior year of football, including: 2nd Team All-WBL, 1st Team All-City, 1st Team All Northwest Ohio Division II, Special Mention All Ohio Division II from Associated Press and 2nd Team All Ohio Division II from United Press International. Darren also excelled in basketball at Elida. During his senior season in 1989, Darren was named to the District 8 All Star Basketball Team and he also led his team in field goal percentage and rebounds.

Darren received a full ride scholarship for football from Ohio University where he was a 4-year Varsity Award Winner. While playing for Ohio University, Darren earned the honor of Academic All Mid-American Conference in 1992 and in 1993 he was a captain for his team and he earned the honors of Academic All Mid-American Conference, 1st Team All Mid-American Conference.

During Darren's career at Ohio University, he caught the attention of the NFL. During the 1994-1995 season, Darren signed a contract as a rookie free agent with the New York Giants. Darren signed again with the Giants during the 1995-1996 season. In 1996-1997, Darren signed with the New Orleans Saints. In 1997, he was allocated by the New Orleans Saints into the NFL World League in Europe and from there he was drafted by Frankfurt Galaxy. 1997-1998 Darren signed with New Orleans Saints for another season. Darren had a career ending injury during that season and he had to retire from football.

Darren gave back to Elida High School students by establishing the Dale Reese Scholarship for EHS student athletes from 1993-2013. He also co-founded Athletes for Others which is a charitable organization.

Darren resides in Columbus. He is a business owner and a salesman for a laboratory distribution company.