**Central Lake Public Schools Announces Inaugural Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees**

*Central Lake, MI – August 26, 2024* – Central Lake Public Schools is thrilled to announce the launch of its inaugural Athletic Hall of Fame. This momentous event will celebrate the outstanding achievements and contributions of individuals and teams who have exemplified excellence in athletics and beyond. The induction ceremony will occur on Saturday, October 26, 2024, at the Blue Pelican in Central Lake, MI. A reception will begin at 1:00 p.m., followed by the ceremony at 1:30 p.m.

The inductees will also be introduced at the football game on Friday, October 25, 2024.

The Central Lake Public Schools Athletic Hall of Fame recognizes athletes, coaches, and teams who have demonstrated exceptional athletic achievement, leadership, sportsmanship, longevity and consistency, post-graduation success, and contributions to the community after their competitive careers.

We sincerely thank the dedicated committee members who made this inaugural Hall of Fame possible. A heartfelt thank you goes to Kathy Patton, Quinn Barry, Suzi McGuire, Melanie Eckhardt, Tom Persons, Larry Rager, Dr. Ryan Cunningham, and Lisa Hoogerhyde for their tireless work and commitment to this prestigious honor.

The selection process was highly competitive, with a substantial pool of deserving candidates. The committee meticulously reviewed each nominee, and it was clear that the following individuals and team represented the pinnacle of excellence. We are proud to announce the inaugural inductees:

● **1980 State Championship Softball Team**: Celebrated for their exceptional teamwork and triumphs that brought pride to Central Lake.

● **Coach Gary Johnson**: Honored for his remarkable coaching career and leadership that impacted countless athletes.

● **Ryan Shay**: Recognized for his extraordinary athletic achievements and contributions to his sport. Ryan was a tremendous track, cross-country, and basketball athlete. Ryan is considered to be one of the most decorated athletes in Central Lake history.

● **Michael Richardson**: An outstanding student-athlete in the late 1980s and early 1990s in track and cross country and went on to compete at Brown University.

● **Jasmine Hines**: She is celebrated for her exceptional sportsmanship and achievements on and off the field. Jasmine was Miss Basketball in 2011 and had an outstanding career at Michigan State University and professionally overseas.

● **Karl Dingman**: Commended for his consistency, dedication, and contributions to the Central Lake athletic program in baseball, basketball, and football.

● **Michael King**: Honored for his significant skiing and film development achievements. Michael was a three-time state champion and was featured in several magazines. He also went on to receive accolades in the film industry.

The induction ceremony will be a memorable evening, celebrating the incredible legacy of these individuals and teams. For more information or to purchase tickets, please contact Dr. Ryan Cunningham at Central Lake Public Schools.

Join us in honoring these exceptional individuals and celebrating their remarkable contributions to Central Lake Public Schools' athletic history.

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*Central Lake Public Schools looks forward to celebrating this inaugural event with the community and highlighting the outstanding achievements of our honorees. All other applications will remain on file for future consideration as this will be an annual event.*