



Braves Athletic Hall of Fame
Induction Banquet
2021

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The Braves Athletic Hall of Fame

was established in 1988 for the purpose of honoring those individuals who have gained recognition and fame for themselves and Ottawa University resulting from their endeavors and accomplishments as a student-athlete, coach or athletics administrator at Ottawa University.

Inductees are elected by the current membership. Student-athlete candidates must have completed their degree at Ottawa University; distinguished themselves by being an outstanding athlete and bringing honor to OU by earning superior recognition and achievements within the league in which OU competed during their tenure; and must have completed their collegiate athletic competition at least 5 years prior to selection.

Coaches and athletic administrators must have distinguished themselves by bringing honor to Ottawa University by earning superior recognition and achievements within the league in which OU competed during their tenure.

BAHOF has been involved in the following:

- Partnered with Owen Leadership Institute to bring notable individuals to campus motivational presentations
- Awarded scholarships to 16 student-athletes

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Braves Athletic Hall of Fame Awards

Joe Johnson (Men's Basketball)

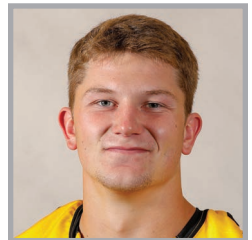
Johnson, a native of Waynesville, Missouri, has played in 57 games for the Braves, averaging 8.5 points, 1.8 rebounds, and 1.4 assists per game. He is shooting 45.7 percent from the floor, 43.8 percent from behind the 3-pt line, and 82.4 percent from the free throw line. Johnson has scored 487 points, pulled down 101 rebounds, and has 77 assists.



“Joe is one of the best young men I have had the pleasure to coach,” said Head Coach Aaron Siebenthal. “He is a hard worker and a lot of fun. Joe’s faith is very important to him. He is heavily involved in his church back home and even leads his church in worship as a minister. We are very fortunate to have Joe in our program.” Johnson is a communication major. He is the son of Joe and Rozena Johnson.

Colton Davis (Football)

Davis is a two-time Honorable Mention All-KCAC selection for the Braves and is a member of the Unity Council. In his first two seasons, he has 77 receptions for 785 yards, and six touchdowns. Davis is averaging 10.2 yards per reception and 43.6 receiving yards per game.



“Colton is a tremendous leader, a great student, a conscientious teammate, and a very mature young man,” said Head Coach Kent Kessinger. “He has a strong moral character and ethical character. Colton doesn’t take shortcuts.” Davis, from Newton, Kansas, is a biology major. He is the son of Todd and Cindy Davis.

In 2005, the Braves Athletic Hall of Fame (BAHOF) voted to establish scholarships for the benefit of current student-athletes. The first awards were given in the fall of 2006. In 2021-22, the organization is providing four \$1,000 awards to the top student-athletes as determined by the coaching staff and athletic director. The scholarships were endowed in 2008. They are funded by the Braves Athletic Hall of Fame membership and friends. Contributions to the scholarships are invited. Checks should be made payable to Ottawa University with BAHOF Scholarship in the memo portion.

Allison Kearney (Softball)

Kearney, from Valley Falls, Kansas, is a two-time All-KCAC performer and twice has been named to the KCAC Gold Glove Team. Entering her junior season, Kearney has played in 119 games. She has a .341 batting average, a .492 slugging percentage, and a .413 on base percentage. Kearney has scored 91 runs, has 122 hits, drove in 82 runs, has walked 39 times, and stole 21 bases.



“She has become one of our leaders on and off the field,” said Head Coach Jay Kahnt. “Her teammates really look up to her.” Kearney is the daughter of John and Bobbi Kearney and is majoring in marketing.

Eric Reece (Baseball)

In his first season in an OU uniform, Reece appeared in 28 games as a relief pitcher for the Braves. He had a record of 3-2, a 4.93 ERA, pitched in 34.2 innings, and struck out 29.



“Eric is of high moral character,” said OU head baseball coach Gabe Grinder. “He comes from a hard working home and those traits have rubbed off on him,” said Head Coach Gabe Griner. “I can always count on Eric to do the right things each and every day. I love having this young man in our program and he brings much more value to us than baseball.” Reece is a physical education major from San Antonio, Texas. He is the son of Bessie Reece and Roy Reece, Sr.

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About Bill B. Boucek

Coach Bill B. Boucek '49 participated in football and track as an Ottawa University student. In 1954, he began coaching track, women's basketball, football, and basketball, a career that spanned more than 35 years. During that time, he also started the weight lifting program at OU. He was KCAC "Coach of the Year" 11 times. He was also athletic director, dean of men, and physical education department chair, retiring in 1989. He served his country in the Army during WWII, and was a charter member of the Braves Athletic Hall of Fame. The Boucek Scholarship is a \$1,000 award.

Jennae Ramirez (Women's Track & Field)

As a freshman, Ramirez competed in both the indoor and outdoor seasons for the Braves. In the indoor season, she competed in the 60M, the 400M, the 600M, and was part of the 4x400M Relay and Distance Medley Relay teams. In the outdoor season, Ramirez competed in the 400M. "Jennae has a big heart and strong work ethic. She has a desire to take care of people around her and is willing to do whatever is asked to help the program, even if it's uncomfortable," said Head Coach Jim Whittaker. "She has a quiet leadership style that extends beyond athletics, making her a very valuable member of our program and more than deserving of this award." Ramirez is an exercise science major from El Paso, Texas. She is the daughter of Jose A. Ramirez and Stella Ramirez.



About Dick Peters

Coach Dick Peters played football and track at Kansas State University, earning three letters in each. He also earned All-Big Six honors at defensive end. He served as assistant coach for three years at Ottawa University, becoming head football coach in 1956. He had a record of 129-42-3 in 22 years as head coach of the Braves, including three undefeated seasons. Under Peters coaching, OU won the KCAC football title eight times and took the track title four consecutive years from 1949-1952. He also served as athletic director. He was inducted into the NAIA Coaches Hall of Fame in 1973, and posthumously to the Kansas Sports Hall of Fame in 1977. He was a WWII veteran and was a charter member of the Braves Athletic Hall of Fame. The Peters Scholarship is a \$1,000 award.

Aaron Schoemann (Football)

Schoemann is an Honorable Mention All-KCAC performer at defensive line for the Braves. Entering his fourth season as a Brave, Schoemann has 103 tackles (55 solo/48 assisted), 10 sacks, 24 tackles for loss, and one pass break up.

"Aaron has shown a strong moral and ethical character since arriving on OU's campus," said Head Coach Kent Kessinger. "He has persevered through early academic challenges when transitioning from high school to college. Aaron has put great effort into becoming a success on and off the field, battling injury and during the 2020 season injury – (not being able to play in the last two games of the season). His potential is extremely high and work ethic is a credit to those who have previously received this award." Schoemann is from Wellington, Kansas and is the son of Vicky Schoemann. He is a business economics major.



Coach Boucek, Coach Peters, Coach Frear Scholarships

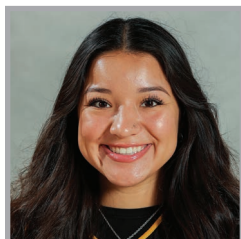
About Bill Frear

Coach Bill Frear '50 is one of the most accomplished Braves basketball coaches in OU history. As an Ottawa University athlete, he was part of the "Iron Five" team that won three consecutive KCAC championships in 1947-49. He was a two-year all-conference selection. As a head basketball coach from 1955 to 1978, he recorded 267 wins and five conference championships. He also served as athletic director; head baseball, tennis, and golf coach; football and track assistant; and was a professor. He was a WWII Marine veteran and was a charter member of the Braves Athletic Hall of Fame. The Frear Scholarship is awarded to two recipients, each receiving \$500.

Alyssa Guzman (Women's Basketball, Track & Field)

In two years in an OU uniform, Guzman has played in 53 games. She is averaging 1.2 points per game. Guzman is shooting 24 percent from the floor, 16 percent from behind the 3-pt line, and 55 percent from the free throw line.

"Alyssa is a high character athlete and student," said Head Coach Tarneisha Scott. From San Antonio, Texas, Guzman is an exercise science major. She is the daughter of Joe and Lisa Guzman.



Jackson Mallory (Men's Basketball)

Entering his senior season, Mallory has played in 113 games, averaging 4.3 points, 3.5 rebounds, 3.2 assists, and one steal per game. He is shooting 45.4 percent from the floor, 35.6 percent from behind the 3-pt line, and 69.2 percent from the free throw line. Mallory has scored 483 points, pulled down 399 rebounds, has 114 steals, and 359 assists.

"Jackson is the ultimate team-first guy," said Head Coach Aaron Siebenthall. "He is always willing to do all the little things that help a team win. Jackson is the winningest player in Braves Basketball history and we are thrilled to have him coming back for a fifth season." Mallory is the son of Mike '92 and Kristin '93 (Scheufler) Mallory. He is a sport studies major from Lawrence, Kansas.



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About Elaine Pyle

Elaine “Mom” Pyle began her career at Ottawa University in the Registrar’s Office in 1984, becoming registrar in 1995 and serving until her death in 2006. She was dedicated to OU and was a devoted Braves basketball fan. Known to many as “Mom,” Pyle was a difference-maker, positively impacting many lives with her compassionate, caring, honest, loyal, fair, generous, and intelligent manner. She was a strong Christian and understood that the real mission of a Christ-centered institution was to act with love and care, inspiring all to reach new heights. She loved all, no matter the outcome. Two Pyle Scholarships of \$500 are awarded in her memory.

Jordan Bianco (Women’s Basketball)

As a freshman, Bianco was named to the Dean’s List. She played in 21 games. She shot 22.4 percent from the floor, 25 percent from behind the 3-pt line, and 80 percent from the free throw line. Bianco is also a member of the OU women’s golf team.

“Jordan is a high-class student athlete,” said Head Coach Tarniesha Scott. “She is always respectful, coachable, and a great team player.” Bianco is an exercise science major. She is from Wellington, Utah and is the daughter of Ted and Karlene Bianco.



Andre Jackson (Men’s Basketball)

Jackson is an Honorable Mention All-KCAC performer for the Braves. Entering his senior season, he has played in 50 games and is averaging 10.2 points, 5.8 rebounds, 1.2 steals, and 2.2 assists per game. Jackson is shooting 54.6 percent from the floor 39.1 percent from behind the 3-pt line, and 75.4 percent from the free throw line. He has a total of 510 points, 292 rebounds, 59 steals, and 108 assists.



“Andre is a great young man,” said Head Coach Aaron Siebenthal. “He is one of the hardest workers in our program. He puts in extra work and is a joy to coach.” Jackson is a sport studies major from Turner, Kansas. He is the son of Misty Wiedner.

Elaine Pyle Scholarships, Jim Smith Scholarships

Jim Smith Award

Two \$250 scholarships are awarded annually to those student athletes who exhibit the qualities of Jim Smith of OU's Class of 1960. Recipients of this scholarship are enthusiastic, relentlessly optimistic, positive, and upbeat athletes at Ottawa University who have an impact on their team.

Joey Robson (Women's Soccer)

Entering her senior season, Robson has played in 28 games and made 12 starts for the Braves. She has scored one goal from her midfield position.

"Ever since I arrived back at Ottawa University, Joey has stood out to me by not only her work ethic but also her coachability. She always strives to improve and is not afraid to ask questions," said Head Coach Edward Maya. "Joey offers the team what every coach looks for—the hardest worker on the field and one of the most supportive teammates on the sideline. Joey brings positivity that her team needs when things are not going their way."



Robson is an applied psychology major from Redlands, California. She is the daughter of Tony and Lori Robson.

Matt Perich (Men's Soccer)

As a sophomore, Perich appeared in three games for the Braves and made one start.

"Matthew is the first to arrive and the last to leave," said Head Coach Edward Maya. "Every week he practices hard and is always open to learn. He motivates his teammates during practice and not only is he great to work with on the soccer pitch but is also a great person." From Tonganoxie, Kansas, Perich is a sport studies major. He is the son of Forrest and Michelle Perich.



Dudley Geise NAIA Champions of Character Scholarships

About Dudley Geise

Dudley Geise '53 served his country in the Air Force during WWII before attending Ottawa University in 1948 and earning 10 letters in varsity football, basketball and track. Following graduation, he taught various subjects and coached for 35 years in secondary education. For more than 25 years, he was an FCA Huddle Leader before retiring in 1988. In 1991, he was inducted into the Kansas Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame and the Braves Athletic Hall of Fame. In recognition of his character, leadership, friendship, and encouragement to all, this award was created in 2008 to honor one female and one male each year who exhibit outstanding sportsmanship. Two \$500 scholarships are awarded in his honor.

Jack Hatswell (Men's Soccer)

As a freshman, Hatswell played in 16 games, making 14 starts. He finished the season with one goal from his midfielder position.

"Jack has been by far the most influential athlete in our program since arriving on campus," said Head Coach Edward Maya. "When we are down, he is the first one to motivate his teammates. He is always the most optimistic person on and off the field." Hailing from Ottery St. Mary England, Hatswell is the son of Richard Hatswell and Sarah Hatswell. He is a sport studies major.



Dakota Lynde (Football)

Lynde has established a student-led bible study in the spring of 2021, working with Chaplain John Holzhüter and the TAU Institute – "Carry the Cross" project. In his first collegiate season, Lynde threw for 536 yards and four touchdowns. He was 36-for-46 through the air, completing 64 percent of his passes. Lynde had a 164.7 passing efficiency. He rushed for 71 yards and four touchdowns.



"Dakota is a team first young man who has a servant's heart for others," said Head Coach Kent Kessinger. "He has shown tremendous leadership and has a bright future ahead of him." Lynde, from Kearns, Utah, is the son of Wendi Lynde. He is a physical education major.



Kurt Barbour Memorial Scholarship, Albert “Butch” Lewis Memorial Scholarship, Bettin Family BAHOF Scholarship, Dick Meiers Memorial Athletic Scholarship

About Kurt Barbour

This scholarship has been created to honor and represent the life of Kurt Barbour. Kurt will be remembered for his love of family, friends and his sport, and his legacy will always be his passion for athletics, his faith and his family. Kurt played football with a dedication and commitment to excel. He earned All-Conference honors as a defensive back and had a never-quit approach to everything he undertook. His hard work and talent allowed him to excel in all areas of his life. He serves as an example for all of us and his fight to beat his illness was without reproach.

About Albert “Butch” Lewis

Butch Lewis was an outstanding athlete at Ottawa University from 1957 to 1961 as a member of the football, basketball and track teams, receiving letters in all three sports. He held the javelin record at OU for many years, and was the epitome of a great teammate. He spent his postgraduate career at Buena Vista College in Storm Lake, Iowa. During his tenure, Buena Vista enjoyed many conference championships in no small part due to his leadership, coaching and serving as a role model for student athletes.

About Dr. Stan Bettin

This new scholarship was established by Dr. Stanley Bettin '61, inducted to the Braves Hall of Fame in 2005. Bettin participated in football (1957-60), basketball (1958-59), and golf (1958-1961) for the Braves. As his BAHOF biography notes, he was a leader and an integral part of championship teams in all three sports. After graduating from Ottawa University, Bettin received his DDS from the University of Missouri at Kansas City (UMKC) in 1965. He is retired from private practice in Lyons, Kansas. Bettin has been a member of the Ottawa University Board of Trustees since 1990 and is a past vice chair and chair. He is currently serving as a Life Trustee. Bettin and his wife Elda have three children and five grandchildren who have all attended Ottawa University, with several earning their master's degrees. Higher education and Ottawa University are both very important to the Bettin family.

About Dr. Dick Meiers

This new scholarship was established in memory of Dr. Richard (Dick) Meiers '53, inducted to the Braves Hall of Fame in 1994. Meiers lettered in football (1949-52), men's basketball (1949-53), and track (1951-53). As a member of the OU football team, Meiers helped lead the Braves to a four year record of 21-10 and to the 1950 KCAC Championship under head coach Dick Peters. On the basketball court Meiers led the Braves to a record of 68-28, to three KCAC Championships, to three Kansas NAIA Playoffs, and to one NAIA National Tournament. Meiers was part of three KCAC Track and Field Team Championships (1951, 1952, 1953). He was a three-time KCAC Champion in the shot put for the Braves. After graduating from Ottawa University, Meiers went on to Kansas City University Dental College, graduating in May of 1958, and he went on to a long career in Dentistry. He was a strong supporter of Ottawa University and BAHOF.

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Thursday, October 21, 2021, 6:30 p.m.

Master of Ceremonies

Derek Chappell '87

Welcome

Dave Holtwick '76
President, BAHOF

Recognition of BAHOF Officers and Members

In Memoriam

Invocation

Steve Shelton '88
Past President, BAHOF

Dinner

Greetings

Dr. Reggies Wenyika
President, OUMW

University Update

Dr. Bill Tsutsui
President and CEO, Ottawa University

Special Recognition

Arabie Conner
Athletic Director

Recognition of Scholarship Recipients
for 2021-2022

Dr. Stan Bettin '61
Dave Owen '60
Scholarship Co-Chairs, BAHOF

BAHOF Scholarships

Boucek Scholarships

Peters Scholarships

Frear Scholarships

Pyle Scholarships

Jim Smith Scholarships

Geise NAIA Champions of Character Scholarships

BAHOF Induction Banquet

Schendel Conference Center

Induction of Braves Athletic Hall
of Fame Members

Athletic Director Conner

Reading of Citations
Presentation of Plaques
Inductee Responses

Mr. Chappell

Brittany Broyles '07

Richard (Dick) Maack '59

Paul Wheaton '52

Birch Roybal '06

Corkie Hedlund

Kevin Eichner '73

Closing Comments

Mr. Holtwick

Richard (Dick) Maack '59

Education:

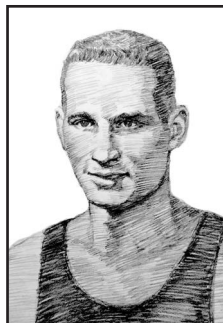
Ottawa University – BS in Biology

University of Kansas – MS in Education Psychology & Counseling

OU Athletic Participation:

Track & Field (1956-1959) | Football (1957-1958)

Dick was a four-year letterman on the Braves track and field team, and also earned two letters in football. OU won the KCAC team championship each of Dick's four years on the track and field team. He anchored the 440, 880 and mile relay teams, and during his sophomore year was part of the Braves team that won the Invitational Sprint Medley at the KU Relays and set a new meet record with a time of 3:32.6. Individually, as a sprinter, Dick charted 18 wins in the 100 and 15 in the 220 in his four seasons, and in two seasons finished with the team's highest individual point total. His career best 100 time was 9.7 and in the 220 he had a personal career best of 21.5. Dick was named to the All-KCAC track and field team in both the 100 and 220 all four years, and in his senior year finished undefeated in both the 100 and 220 and was the KCAC champion. He achieved all these milestones, as he pointed out, "on the old cinder tracks of the era." On the football field, as a sophomore and junior, Dick played running back and cornerback, and as he put it "I started some games, but was mostly a sub." His biggest play on the gridiron was against Baker his sophomore year, when he caught a 76-yard touchdown pass from freshman quarterback Stan Bettin. That was a Top 10 longest pass play in the OU record books for many years.



Family Members:

Wife – Patricia (Thiel) Maack '59

Daughter – Yvonne (Maack) Sexton, her husband, Michael, and three grandchildren

Son – David Maack '85, his wife, Michele, and five grandchildren

Sister – Kathryn (Maack) Neill

Brother – John Maack '62

Current/Past Business, Profession or Occupation:

Dick is retired after a dedicated career in education, which included being a teacher, counselor and school administrator. He worked in all levels of education from elementary school to college. Dick also served as OU's director of admissions for four years from 1987 to 1990. During his time leading student recruitment, enrollment increased by 12 percent.

Current/Past Community Involvement:

Dick served on the Ottawa University Board of Trustees for nine years from 2008 to 2017. He was also a member of the Alumni Board for five years, serving two terms as president. Dick is active in his church, Prairie Baptist in Prairie Village, Kan., having served on the board of deacons. His other community involvement includes volunteering for the Interfaith Hospitality Network for the homeless and organizing charity golf tournaments for 20 years. He has also volunteered for Catholic Charities.

BAHOF Inductees

Paul Wheaton '52

Education

Ottawa University (1950-1952)
Union Theological Seminary

OU Athletic Participation:

Track and Field (1950-1952)

Paul was a KCAC champion during each of his 3 years as an athlete with the OU Braves, as well as an All-KCAC Champion in the high jump in 1951 and All-KCAC Champion in the 100-yard dash, high jump and 4x400 relay in 1952, scoring 18 ¾ points his senior season at the KCAC Championships. In addition, Paul was a yell leader and drum major for OU athletics. While enrolled at OU at the age of 16, Paul's athletic prowess eventually garnered national attention via an invitation to try out for the Olympics. Paul declined, turning his focus instead to work with the OU Gospel Team.



Current/Past Business Profession or Occupation and Community Involvement

After his well-spent time at OU in athletics, ministry and choir, Paul pursued a path in ministerial training at Berkley Baptist Divinity School and, transferring to Union Theological Seminary in New York, earned his Bachelor of Divinity degree. Post-graduation, Paul continued his interests by modeling professionally and working in off-Broadway theatre productions while continuing his service to disadvantaged youth in the Hell's Kitchen (Clinton) neighborhood of midtown Manhattan, New York, working with the American Baptist Churches of New York, and serving as Pastor at Plymouth Church of the Pilgrims in Brooklyn, New York until his passing in 1965.

Family Members

Paul was the son of Rev. and Mrs. M.O. Wheaton and brother of former OU President Wilbur Wheaton, sister Wilda Jean Wheaton, brother Myron Wheaton and is survived by his sisters Donnis (Wheaton) Hoekstra, Evelyn (Wheaton) Price and daughter Heather (Holland) Wheaton.

Birch Roybal '06

Education:

Ottawa University – BA in Business Administration

OU Athletic Participation:

Baseball (2003-2006)

Birch was a four-year letterman on the Braves baseball team, during which time OU went 104-71 and won three KCAC championships. He was a four-time 1st Team All-KCAC selection as a first baseman. As a senior in 2006, Birch was named the KCAC Player of the Year, earned First Team Region IV honors and was selected as an NAIA All-American. He ranks first in the OU record books in several categories, including career hits (262), career at bats (658), career doubles (74), career runs scored (166), career RBIs (200) and career home runs (41). His career batting average was .398 with a slugging percentage of .778. Birch also pitched at times during his four season with the Braves. He appeared in 43 games as a pitcher, earned 13 victories and had 118 strikeouts. Some of Birch's top single-season records include doubles (1st, 24), RBIs (4th, 61), homeruns (T-5th, 11) and batting average (5th, .447).



Family Members:

Wife – Elizabeth (Reser) Roybal '03

Sons – Linden & Luke

Daughter – Logan

Current/Past Business, Profession or Occupation:

Birch is currently an area sales manager for Fiat Chrysler Automobiles (FCA) in San Clemente, Calif. He has worked for the company 14 years with several promotions, having previously served as distribution manager, Dodge/Ram brand manager, Jeep/Ram incentive manager and assistant sales operations manager. Birch has received two prestigious company awards, including the 2010 Nardelli Challenge Award for Excellence in Sales and the 2016 FCA Center for Creative Leadership Award.

Current/Past Community Involvement:

Birch volunteers for the Forgotten Harvest farms and food banks. He has also served in the past as a coach for the San Clemente Youth Baseball organization.

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Brittany Broyles '07

Education:

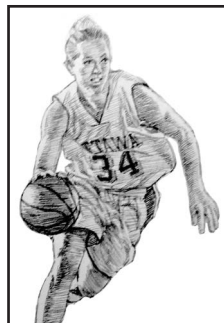
Ottawa University – BA in Accounting & Business Administration

Ottawa University – MBA

OU Athletic Participation:

Basketball (2003-2006)

Track & Field (2003)



Brittany was a four-year letterman on the Braves women's basketball team, and also earned a letter for her one year of participation in track and field. During Brittany's four years on the basketball team, OU compiled a record of 87-41, won three KCAC Tournament Championships and earned three bids to the NAIA National Tournament, advancing to the Sweet 16 her senior year. In four seasons, she posted career averages of 10.6 points, 3.2 rebounds, 2.9 assists and 1.8 steals per game. She earned All-KCAC Honorable Mention honors her sophomore year, was named 1st-Team All-KCAC her junior year and was 1st-Team All-KCAC, All-KCAC Defensive Team and NAIA All-American Honorable Mention as a senior. She is in the Top 10 for several school records, including scoring (5th, 1,332), assists (3rd, 367), steals (3rd, 235), field goals made (6th, 463) and three-point goals made (1st, 289).

Family Members:

Parents – Tony & Nyra Broyles

Brothers – Shane Egner, David Broyles and Ian Broyles

Sister – Erica (Broyles) Simmons and husband, Wes, and nieces Bridget, Emerson, & Aubree

Nephews – Winston Broyles (Ian's son) & Dominiq Egner (Shane's son)

Aunt – Martha Berman

Cousin – Kim Donahoo

Current/Past Business, Profession or Occupation:

Brittany is currently a buyer analyst for Kalmar Global in Ottawa, Kan. Previously, she served as an assistant coach for OU's women's basketball team from 2009-2012. From 2007-2009, Brittany was a mutual fund accountant for Waddell & Reed.

Current/Past Community Involvement:

Brittany served for five years, from 2012-2016, as a volunteer assistant coach for the women's basketball team at Ottawa University.

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Kevin Eichner '73

Education

Ottawa University – BA in Social Change, 1973
Harvard Business School – MBA, 1977 | Ottawa University – LLD, 2008

OU Athletic Participation

Football (1969-1972)

Kevin was a four-year letterman on the Braves football team, playing on offense as a fullback and roving linebacker on defense his first two seasons, on all special teams, and as starting inside linebacker in his junior and senior years. He and his senior teammates earned two conference championships (KCAC '70, HAC '72) and won the 1972 Mineral Water Bowl championship, finishing that year ranked sixth nationally in the NAIA. A special highlight to Kevin was trouncing Baker all four years!



Current/Past Business, Profession or Occupation:

Kevin is currently Chancellor Emeritus, having served as OU's CEO since 2008. Prior to OU, his successful business career featured stints as founder of Collaborative Strategies, Inc., a strategic management consulting company, and as CEO of two publically traded companies: GenAmerica Metlife, and then as president/CEO of Enterprise Bank and Trust, which he co-founded in 1988—a firm which has grown to over \$10 billion in assets.

OU Connection/Involvement:

Kevin has served on the OU Board of Trustees since 1982, chairing the board for five of those years.

Contributions To OU Athletics:

During Kevin's tenure as chief executive, OU's athletic teams grew from 14 in 2008 to 57 currently, now supporting more than 1,300 student athletes—the most of any NAIA institution in America. The tremendous growth in athletic programs has been matched by the number and quality of exemplary athletic facilities in which many millions of dollars have been invested in Kansas and Arizona.

In the past 13 years, OU athletic teams have been selected to compete in unprecedented numbers in conference championships and national playoffs with outstanding results. The quality of our student athletes has been recognized nationally in terms of conference and All-American designations, with many programs earning NAIA scholar athlete and character awards annually. Athletic department leadership, coaches, and support staff have also grown tremendously in number and in capability. Today, it can truly be said that very few institutions rival OU in the size, caliber, and overall success of their NAIA athletic programs.

Family Members:

Wife – Marylin Eichner '00 | Parents – Darrell & the late Anna (Pederson) Eichner
Sons – Adam, Andrew & Kyle | Sisters – Karen (Eichner) Adams '78 (long time former registrar at OU) and Karmen (Eichner) Johnson | Brothers – Ryan Eichner and Reed Eichner
Grandchildren – Mason, Dylan, Colin, Addison, Cordelia, and Axel

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Corkie Hedlund

Education

Illinois State University – BS in Health & Physical Education

Northern Illinois University – MS in Physical Education

Northern Illinois University – EdD in Curriculum & Supervision

OU Connection

Chair, Health, Physical Education & Recreation Division (1995-present)

Professor, Physical Education (1991-present)

Director, OU Wellness Center (1990-present)

Chair, Department of Physical Education (1987-present)

Faculty President (2000-2005)

Chair, Natural Science Division (1994-1995)

Assistant Coach, Women's Basketball (1981-1983)

Head Coach, Volleyball (1981-1988)

Director of Intramurals (1981-1983)



Corkie impacted student-athletes at Ottawa University for more than 40 years, and was considered by many to be the matriarch of the Hull Center and Braves athletics. Before her retirement in 2014, she was a professor of physical education, director of the OU Wellness Center and chair of the Physical Education & Recreation Division. Corkie first arrived at OU in 1981 after more than a decade of service in Illinois high school athletics as a physical education teacher, volleyball coach and softball umpire. Corkie's Ottawa tenure began as director of intramurals for two years, while also serving as head volleyball coach, a position she held for eight years, and assistant women's basketball coach from 1981-1983. She was named chair of the Department of Physical Education in 1987, a position she still holds today. For two years, in 1994-1995, Corkie served a chair of the now-defunct Natural Science Division. In 1990, she earned OU's Sybil Martin Distinguished Professor award. Through the years, Corkie published several journal articles and was a national convention and workshop speaker known as a respected ambassador for collegiate athletics and Ottawa University.

2021-2022 Athletics Staff

Director of Athletics

Arabie Conner

Associate Director

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Head Coach: Seth Matlock

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Head Coach: Samantha Aucoin

MEN'S & WOMEN'S POWERLIFTING

Head Coach: George Neef

MEN'S SOCCER

Head Coach: Edward Maya

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Interim Head Coach: Edward Maya

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Head Coach: Gabe Grinder

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Head Coach: Aaron Siebenthal

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Head Coach: Tarniesha Scott

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Head Coach: Geoff Poston

CHEER/STUNT/DANCE

Director: Shayla Siebenthal

Head Cheer/Stunt Coach: Jennifer Newman

Head Dance Coach: Taylor Overton

MEN'S & WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY/ TRACK & FIELD

Head Coach: Jim Whittaker

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Director of Esports: Sergio Brack

WOMEN'S FLAG FOOTBALL

Head Coach: Liz Sowers

FOOTBALL:

Head Coach: Kent Kessinger

SOFTBALL

Head Coach: Jay Kahnt

MEN'S & WOMEN'S TENNIS

Interim Head Coach: Patricia Eftenoiu

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL/ BEACH VOLLEYBALL

Head Coach: Melissa Blessington

MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Head Coach: Luke Pope

MEN'S WRESTLING

Head Coach: Colby Crank

WOMEN'S WRESTLING

Head Coach: Dalton Weidl



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Christopher Beau Basler '97	2014	Richard (Dick) Maack '59	2021
Greg Bell '75	2015	Emily Mader '02	2016
Stanley L. Bettin '61	2005	Minnie Maude Macaulay '22*	1995
Clifford Binns '31*	2003	Kristin (Scheufler) Mallory '93	2007
Duane Bissitt '65	2003	Andrew B. Martin, (contributor)*	2019
Richard E. Booth Jr. '66	2003	Spencer Martin '49*	2002
Bill B. Boucek '48*	1989	Robert O. McGhee '60*	1999
Leo H. Bowman '56*	2003	Donald Meek '39*	1989
W. Omer Brenton '40*	1992	Richard E. Meiers '53*	1994
Keith Brooks '58*	1994	Reinaldo (Randy) Mijares '84	2013
Michael R. Brown '62	1994	G. Ben Moor '58	2000
Brittany Broyles '07	2021	Kevin A. Moore '78	2008
Mary K. Bundy '80	2005	Robert S. Moore '49*	1996
Edward Buzzell '67*	1997	Lyman A. Morgan '40*	1996
Andrew R. Carrier, coach	2011	Larry Morris '74	2018
Christopher B. Chaney '76	2002	Robert L. Musgrave '50*	1994
Dan Chapla '93	2014	Brad L. O'Dea '68	1997
William E. Claffin '50	2001	John E. O'Neal '41*	2001
Kenneth D. Clifton '54	2005	David C. Owen '60	2000
Arabie Conner, athletic director	2013	Jack E. Patty '53*	1996
Claude Cochran '21*	1998	Brad Peery '87	2019
Louis R. Coppoc '57	2010	Richard "Dick" Peters*, coach	1989
Jody (Turney) Corpe '94	2009	Tony Porter '03	2015
Cavazos P. "CV" Cummings '96	2009	Sherm Price '60*	2016
Richard Diminuco '75	2004	Elaine Pyle, (contributor)	2019
Kevin Eichner '73 (contributor)	2021	Marvin L. Ramsey '41*	1998
Dee Erickson*, coach	1993	Melissa "Missy" Miller Ringhausen '94	2012
Val R. Finney '65	1997	Desmond "Stick" Robinson*	2017
Wallace "Wally" A. Forsberg*, coach	1991	Birch Roybal '06	2021
William S. Frear '50*	1989	L. Blaine Rush '49*	1995
Eric C. Gault '88	2008	Roy Salas '04	2016
Dudley A. Geise '53*	1991	Paul A. Sapienza '71	2000
Rodney (White) Gilyard '92	2015	Arthur A. Schabinger*, coach	1999
Richard "Dick" Godlove*, coach	1991	Leonard H. Scheufler '67	1991
Mirko Grgas '72*	1992	Robert "Bob" Schoonover, coach*	2012
Jim Grogan, contributor	2019	Richard H. Schwartz '58*	1998
Scott A. Grogan '77	2005	Steve Shelton '88	2014
Ron Guest '69	1997	Cecil Shoger '26*	2000
Clint Guth '95	2013	Donald S. Simon '53*	1992
Belinda (Tummons) Guzman '84	1993	Gerald J. Siscoe '61*	2001
David R. Hale '69	1992	Alonzo Smith '87	2018
Oscar Harris '71*	2017	Steffen Smith '88	2014
Corkie Hedlund (contributor)	2021	Clarence R. Spong '32*	2004
Kim Hendrix '79	2010	Richard C. Spong '64	2002
Dustin Herron '01	2015	Mike Stockton '97	2017
J. Charles Hetzel '32*	1991	Kim R. Stroud '89	2004
Brenda S. Holman '86	2002	Bill Swift, (contributor)	2019
David Holtwick '76	2012	Boyd G. Talley '49*	1998
Andrew E. Honeycutt '64	2001	Mark B. Thorson '79	2007
Jeff L. Hull '88	2011	August B. Turner '49*	1989
Michael Hull '00	2013	Tony Van Leiden*, coach	2012
James Pat Jefferson '63	1999	Anthony R. Verdi '67	1990
Susan (Mitchum) Jones '79	1999	George W. Von-Arb '40*	1993
Al Killingsworth '54*	1995	Lindsey Beil Wannamaker '98	2018
Vaughn Kimbrough '51*	1993	Donald Wendt '60	2017
Evelyn Kinney*, coach	1990	Paul Wheaton '52*	2021
Robert F. Knight '59*	1990	Hallie (Boyce) Wilson '07	2019
Shane Koranda '96	2014	Marvin H. Wilson '60*	1990
G. Larry Larkin '56	2004	Bob Winn '73*	2013
Bobbie G. Lawson '52*	1996	Dewey E. Wolgast '22*	1989
Elizabeth Lemp '98	2018	Krik Wren, coach	2016
Frank J. Lemp '72*	2006	Ronald C. Yingling '57*	1992

Artwork for the Braves Athletic Hall of Fame Plaques

by John Boyd Martin

John Boyd Martin, son of former Ottawa University President Andrew B. Martin, has established himself as one of the most accomplished portrait artists in the country.

A graduate of the University of Kansas School of Fine Arts, Martin has received more than 150 local and national awards for his creativity and talent. In his long and distinguished list of commissions, Martin's work has crossed many professions and includes professional sports greats like Arnold Palmer, Bob Cousy, Len Dawson, and Joe DiMaggio. His talent has also touched the business, educational and political arenas with many notable commissions.

Martin's artwork has been featured on programs for various sporting events, including five World Series, four all-star games, and an NBA all-star game. He has also done many art prints and posters, including the 1993 Ryder Cup Team for the PGA. In addition, Martin continues to do work for various organizations on an annual basis, including the Ottawa University Braves Athletic Hall of Fame, Kansas Sports Hall of Fame, Kansas City Chiefs Hall of Fame, and the Kansas City Royals Hall of Fame.



Ottawa University Fight Song

O'er the stands of shining yellow
OU's banners fly;
Cheer on cheer like volley'd thunder
Echoes to the sky.
See, the OU tide is turning,
Gaining more and more.
Then fight, fight, fight,
For we win tonight:
OU forever more.

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