

The Distance Medley Relay Team of 2001

The Distance Medley Relay Team of 2001, made up of Lauren Kloss, Deanna Willard, Jaci Pfeiffer and Kristen Meyer, is the first team to be inducted into the HHS Athletic Hall of Fame. This team was National Scholastic Indoor Distance Medley Relay National Champions in 2001.

Lauren Kloss

Lauren was an accomplished field hockey and track athlete. In field hockey she won All-Skyland Conference, All-Somerset County, and All-Area awards, and in 2002 earned All-State honors as well. In her senior year, she was the captain of the field hockey team and chosen as the most valuable player.

In track, Lauren was named to the All-Skyland Conference, All-Somerset County Area and All-state teams all four years. She was a six-time All-American and was a Somerset County champion as an HHS runner.

After HHS, Lauren attended William and Mary where she won All-Colonial Athletic Association Conference awards.

Kristen Meyer

At HHS, Kristen has earned an outstanding number of personal honors in cross country, indoor and outdoor track and field. In her four years, she earned twelve varsity letters. Overall, for the 2000-2001 school year, she was Hillsborough High School's Athlete of the Year, the Skyland Conference Scholar-Athlete and the Somerset County Scholar Athlete.

In cross country, she was a County Champion, 1st Team All-Somerset County, 1st team All-Skyland Conference, 1st Team All-Central Jersey, All- State and her team's MVP.

In indoor track and field, her honors include All-Group State Champion in 3200m, Skyland Conference Champion, New Jersey Nets Athlete of the Month, County Athlete of the Year, Area Athlete of the Year, Central Jersey Runner of the Year, State Athlete of the Year, 1st Team All-Conference, All-State, All-American and her team's MVP.

In outdoor track and field, Kristen was Somerset County Champion, Skyland Conference Champion, Central Jersey Group IV Champion, Central Jersey Runner of the Year. 1st Team All-Somerset County, County Athlete of the Year, 1st Team All-Skyland Conference, All-Area Athlete of the year, All-central Jersey, All-State and her team's MVP.

Kristen graduated with many school records. In cross country, she set school records at the county course at Pleasant Valley Park, the conference course at Deer Path Park, and the state course at Holmdel Park. In indoor track, she set records in the 600m, 800m, 1000m, 1600m, Mile, 3200m, 2-Mile, 4x800m relay, 4x1 mile relay, Sprint Medley relay and the Distance Medley relay. In outdoor track, she set records in the 800m, 1600m, Mile, 3000m, 3200m, 4x400m relay, 4x800m relay, 4x1600m relay, the Sprint medley Relay, and the Distance Medley relay.

Upon graduating, she was awarded a four-year athletic scholarship to the University of Connecticut, the Ricky Proehl Scholar-Athlete Scholarship, the George H. Efinger Foundation Scholarship, and the Lewis J. Gray Memorial Foundation Scholarship.



While at UCONN, Kristen was the captain of her Cross Country Team and Indoor Track and Field team her junior and senior years. She was also the captain of her Outdoor Track and Field team in her senior year. She graduated with the school record in Indoor Track and Field in the 3000m with a time of 9:48.31. In Outdoor Track and Field, she holds the fifth fastest time in the 5K and the third fastest time in the 3000m steeplechase.

She also earned the Cross-Country Student Athlete Awards in 2005, the ESPN Academic All-American Nomination in 2004-2005, was a New England Scholar from 2003-2005, and was a UCONN Director of Athletics Scholar in the fall of 2001-2004 and in the spring of 2002-2005. She was a member of the Big East Cross Country and Track and Field Academic All-Star teams from 2001-2005. She was a member of the All-Region Team for Collegiate Runners from New Jersey in 2003, All-New England Track And Field in 2002 and 2003 and All Big East Track and Field in 2003 and 2005.

Jackie Pfeiffer

While at HHS, Jaci was an outstanding individual track athlete. She was the Somerset County Champion and the Group IV State Champion in the 400 meter intermediate hurdles. She was a two-time All-American in the shuttle hurdles, and in 2002, she was recognized as the Outstanding Female Senior Athlete. Jaci was also voted to the All-Area team in the 4 x 400 meters and the 400 meter intermediate hurdles, both of which she holds school records in.

After HHS, Jaci attended Kutztown University where she was the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference Champion in the 4 x 400 meters and was voted to the All-PSAC team in the 100m high hurdles, the 400m intermediate hurdles and the 400 meters. She graduated cum laude and was on the scholar-athlete Dean's list for seven semesters.

Deanna Willard

Deanna graduated from HHS with twelve varsity letters: two in soccer, two in cross country, four in winter track and field, and four in spring track and field. She holds the individual school record for the 200m steeplechase, and in her senior year was awarded the Most Valuable Player award in cross country and in track the Most Improved Athlete as well as the Wolfe-Hart "Raw Dawg" award. In 2001 and 2002, she was honored with the Fred Mountjoy Award for Courage and Character. Deanna was also selected as a 3rd team All-American in the 4x1 mile indoor event and the captain of the National Champion Distance Medley Relay Team.

After graduation, Deanna attended Lehigh University where she was a four-year varsity letter winner in cross-country, winter track and field and spring track and field. She was a two-year varsity captain of those three sports, leading her team a total of six seasons. She set school records in the 4 x 800m and the Distance Medley. She was voted All-Patriot League in the indoor one mile run, the outdoor 300m and the steeplechase in 2003 and 2004. Deanna was also a Penn Relay Qualifier in the 300m and the steeplechase. Additionally, she was a member of the All-American Academic Team and the Dean's list, a four year member of the Patriot League Cross Country and Track and Field Academic Honor Roll and won the Scholar Athlete Award in Cross Country in 2004.

There is no doubt that these women are gifted individual athletes, but together they were able to reach even greater heights. It is for their collective accomplishments that the HHS Hall of Fame Committee is proud to welcome this team to the 2008 HHS Athletic Hall of Fame class.