



**Welcome to the 2024  
Central District Baseball Coaches Association  
Hall of Fame Banquet**

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**Inductees for tonight:**

**Ryan Alexander**

**Grove City**

Presenter - Tom Marker, Olentangy Orange

**Scott Todd**

**Central Crossing**

Presenter - Mike Weaver, Olentangy Berlin

November 7, 2024

St. Charles Prep School

Columbus, Ohio



## **Ryan Alexander - Grove City**

Coach Ryan Alexander is here with his wife Melissa, daughters Avery and Harper, and son Ryder. He is being presented into the Hall of Fame by his good friend, Tom Marker from Olentangy Orange High School. Currently, he teaches at Grove City High School as an Intervention Specialist mainly working with special needs math students for the last 10 years in the 11th and 12th grade. Ryan has 22 years of teaching and coaching experience, and he is the head baseball coach at Grove City High School. During his time as the head coach, Coach Alexander compiled a record of 291-124 with a 70% winning percentage.

Coach Alexander grew up in Martins Ferry, Ohio in the Ohio Valley. He played baseball and basketball at St. John Central HS in Bellaire, OH. During his High School career, he was the district player of the year in 1999, and the OVAC player of the year in 1999. Ryan moved on to play baseball at Muskingum University. He was an Academic All-American in 2002 and 2003. All OAC 2001, 2002, 2003. All-American Midwest Region in 2003. Coaches that he would love to mention helped him build his belief system as a coach include his high school coach Tom Sliva, college coaches Gregg Thompson and James Grandey, youth coaches Joe Phillipovich, Vee Jay Beadling, Eric Petho.

Coach Alexander's championships and COY honors are listed below with notable alumni turning professional; Mike Mayers - 2010, Tyler Kent - 2012, Chase Antle - 2015.

OCC Champs: 2010, 2012, 2014, 2015, 2017, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 DISTRICT Champs: 2011, 2012, 2014, 2022, 2023 REGIONAL Champs: 2011, 2012, 2022 2022: State Runner-up

OCC Coach of the year: 2010, 2012, 2014, 2015, 2017, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 ABCA Regional Coach of the year-- 2022

Ryan has served on the Central District Coaches Association Executive Board for six years, Central District Rep at the state level for the OHSBCA for four years, and numerous years as a poll voter. His support and love for Central Ohio baseball does not go unnoticed and we thank him for that. When asked about his thoughts on the Central District, Ryan said, "I have loved all the great battles against the

coaches in the Central District and OCC Ohio. This group of coaches truly cares about developing the individual kid and not just as a baseball player.”

What he loves most about being the head coach at Grove City is the ability to tie in the great community of Grove City with his program. They have a great following that truly love supporting his guys. They average over 200 kids at their annual program summer camp every year, and he has sent over 65 players to play college baseball since 2009. In the words of Coach Alexander, “Dirtbag nation has continued to grow over the last decade.”

On behalf of the Central District Baseball Coaches Association, we welcome and congratulate Coach Ryan Alexander to the class of 2024 Hall of Fame.

## **Scott Todd - Central Crossing**

Coach Scott Todd is here with his wife Dena, daughter Skylar, and son Preston. He is being presented into the Hall of Fame by his good friend, Mike Weaver from Olentangy Berlin High School. Currently, he is the Athletic Director at Grove City High School after stops at Thomas Worthington and Grove City as an assistant before taking over as the head coach at Central Crossing for 20 years. He has 26 total years in education and coaching.

During his time as the head coach, Coach Todd compiled a record of 225-259 with a 47% winning percentage. Coach Todd's teams won the sectional championship in 2005, 2009, 2015, 2019, 2022 with a district runner-up in 2022. Coach has been named the OCC COY twice in his career and had over 25 players play baseball in college.

Coach Todd was born in St. Louis, Mo, but mostly grew up in Worthington, Ohio. He went to Worthington High School, which is now home to Thomas Worthington High School. He played basketball and baseball in high school before attending The Ohio State University in 1992 to play baseball for his father and head coach at the time, Bob Todd. He was Academic All-Big Ten four times and won three Big Ten championships during his playing career.

When asked about his feelings and memories about his time in the Central District, Scott said, "I loved the relationships built over the many years coaching in the Central District. There is so much camaraderie and respect among coaches in the Central District that is hard to find in other districts."

What coach loved most about his educational career in teaching and coaching was the bonds and lifelong relationships with his players that have lasted well beyond their playing days as well as helping them be successful in life.

On behalf of the Central District Baseball Coaches Association, we welcome and congratulate Coach Scott Todd to the class of 2024 Hall of Fame.

## **PAST INDUCTEES OF THE CDBCA HALL OF FAME**

### **CLASS OF 2000**

JOE PALAZZO, BISHOP READY  
FRED NOCERA, WHETSTONE  
VINCE CHICKERELLA, LINDEN MCKINLEY  
JIM GERFEN, MORAL RIDGEDALE  
DAVE EWING, WALNUT RIDGE  
JIM STAHL, COLUMBUS ACADEMY  
RICHARD TERMEER, WORTHINGTON/OHSAA  
DICK FINN, THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY  
FRANK COZZE, WORTHINGTON  
DAVE KOBLENTZ, COLUMBUS WEST  
GEORGE HAMRIC, HAMILTON TOWNSHIP  
BILL SADLER, WESTERVILLE SOUTH  
JOE NEFF, NEWARK  
DON THORP, LAKEWOOD  
MARTY KAROW, THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY  
JACK RYAN, BISHOP HARTLEY  
DICK FISHBAUGH, OTTERBEIN COLLEGE

### **CLASS OF 2001**

JOHN NELSON, FAIRFIELD UNION  
DAVE KLONTZ, HEATH  
HAROLD BUTT, HILLIARD DAVIDSON  
RICHARD MEYER, BUCKEYE VALLEY  
ARNOLD "DECK" WEBB, JONATHAN ALDER/DUBLIN COFFMAN

### **CLASS OF 2002**

BOB HAEGELE, WESTERVILLE NORTH  
LARRY MERCHANT, MARION HARDING  
BILL ROGERS, NEWARK

**CLASS OF 2003**

GARY SMITTLE, GROVEPORT  
MIKE MATTHAES, UPPER ARLINGTON  
JOE MYERS, UTICA

**CLASS OF 2004**

SCOTT MANAHAN, BISHOP WATTERSON  
TIM SAUNDERS, DUBLIN COFFMAN  
RICH HASKINS, WEST JEFFERSON  
MARK WILEY, LIBERTY UNION  
DAVE PARKHILL, LAKEWOOD

**CLASS OF 2005**

PHIL CALLAGHAN, DUBLIN SCIOTO  
JIM DOUGHERTY, HILLIARD DAVIDSON  
DOUG SAVAGE, MOUNT VERNON  
JEFF SMITH, CENTENNIAL

**CLASS OF 2006**

ED STARLING, MARYSVILLE  
MARK APRILE, PICKERINGTON NORTH

**CLASS OF 2007**

DARRELL GUESS, LINDEN MCKINLEY  
JOHN CANNIZZARO, NEWARK CATHOLIC

**CLASS OF 2008**

RALPH SCHIVONE, UPPER ARLINGTON  
JON BENNETT, GRANVILLE  
DAVE BARROW, FRANKLIN HEIGHTS

**CLASS OF 2009**

DENNY MARTIN, JOHNSTOWN/UPPER ARLINGTON  
DAVE STARLING, REYNOLDSBURG

**CLASS OF 2010**

BOB TALPAS, NEW ALBANY  
MIKE PENN, WORTHINGTON CHRISTIAN

**CLASS OF 2011**

RANDY LEACH, RIVER VALLEY  
JIM HABERMEHL, GROVE CITY

**CLASS OF 2012**

STEVE LITTLE, OLENTANGY  
JEFF BOYER, LICKING HEIGHTS

**CLASS OF 2013**

STEVE GUSSLER, THOMAS WORTHINGTON  
MIKE SHADE, GAHANNA LINCOLN

**CLASS OF 2014**

CHRIS KUBBS, MARION PLEASANT  
RAY BENJAMIN, ST. CHARLES PREPARATORY

**CLASS OF 2015**

CHRIS FUGITT, HILLIARD DARBY  
RICHARD "DOC" CARTNAL, GRANVILLE

**CLASS OF 2016**

CHRIS HUESMAN, DUBLIN JEROME  
TIM BROSKIE, WHETSTONE

**CLASS OF 2017**

TOM NEUBERT, COLUMBUS ST. FRANCIS DESALES  
GEORGE GILLESPIE, ST. CHARLES

**CLASS OF 2018**

DON SCHONE, WATKINS MEMORIAL  
MIKE YINGER, DELAWARE HAYES

**CLASS OF 2019**

TONY CLEVELAND, WATTERSON  
DEAN WASHINGTON, NORTHLAND

**CLASS OF 2021**

TODD DUNKLE, COLUMBUS ACADEMY & BISHOP HARTLEY  
DICK ENGLAND, LANCASTER

**CLASS OF 2022**

DAVE SWALLIE, HILLIARD DARBY & HILLIARD DAVIDSON  
JIM REED, LIBERTY UNION  
CRAIG KYLE, JONATHAN ALDER

**CLASS OF 2023**

KEN CARPENTER, BUCKEYE VALLEY & DUBLIN SCIOTO  
CHICK CAMPBELL, PICKERINGTON BASEBALL  
PAUL PENNELL, COLUMBUS EAST & BRIGGS

**CLASS OF 2024**

RYAN ALEXANDER, GROVE CITY  
SCOTT TODD, CENTRAL CROSSING