

ALEXANDRIA CARDINAL ATHLETIC FOUNDATION

Official Newsletter of ACAF
ISSUE 8—May 2014

“The greatest accomplishment is not in never falling, but rising again after you fall.”

-Vince Lombardi

Mission

The Alexandria Cardinal Athletic Foundation exists to positively impact the lives of student athletes by supporting, promoting, and enhancing the athletic programs, facilities, and equipment of School District 206. Understanding that athletic participation complements the education and development of the whole person—the Cardinal Athletic Foundation is committed to serving as a capital fund raising partner so that today's student athletes can be equipped to serve as tomorrow's leaders. We will strive to provide the resources necessary to allow our school sports programs to excel and become a model for other communities to follow.



Upcoming 2014 Events

June 8: JHS Graduation

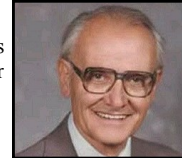
June 14: Cap Paciotti Memorial Golf Tournament.

September 20: Homecoming at Alexandria Area High School

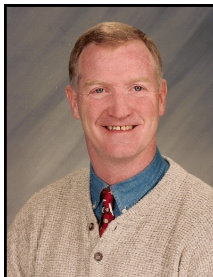
Paciotti Golf Tournament set for June 14

The Cap Paciotti Memorial Golf Tournament will be held at the Alexandria Golf Club on Saturday, June 14, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. Our major sponsors this year are Bell State Bank and Alexandria Center for Diagnostic Imaging (CDI). Fees for this annual tournament have not changed for many years and are \$500 for a 4-person team (\$125/player), which includes 4 meal tickets for the honoree banquet following the tournament. A Corporate Sponsorship of \$600 includes the same for a 4-person team and meals, plus your company name will be proximately displayed at one hole on the course along with recognition at the banquet.

Thanks to the Paciotti family for continued support of this tournament and the many sponsors that donate. Last years tournament raised more than \$15,000 for the Foundation and Cardinal athletes. Since the inception of the Cap Paciotti Golf Tournament, more than \$125,000 has been raised to support the many fine Cardinal Athletes and Athletic programs. To register your team go to: <http://www.alexcards.com/4001/index.html>



Roger Johnson 2014 Golf Tourney Honoree



We are proud to announce this year's honoree is Roger Johnson. Roger spent 31 years as a Health and Physical Education teacher and coach for Alexandria. Roger graduated from Concord High School in Elkhart, Indiana and received a B.A. from North Central College in Naperville, Illinois. His teaching career brought him to the communities of Oswego and Plano, Illinois before landing in the Alexandria school system. His resume is long on coaching many of the successful athletic programs in Alexandria. He was head coach of Varsity Boys Basketball and Varsity Baseball and assistant coach of Varsity Football. In 1994 Roger was selected the Jefferson Senior High School Teacher of the Year. In addition he was Northern MN Lions All-Star Team Coach in 2003, Education Trainer for the Department of Education and a Presenter for MN Education Association convention. Roger's community activities include MSHSL Target Student Athlete and Football, Baseball and Basketball Officiating He has been on the Developing Boards of Let's Make a Difference Day and District 206 Career Day. The Cardinal Athletic Foundation is proud to be honoring Roger Johnson at the 2014 Cap Paciotti Golf Tournament on June 14. Please join us!

Be sure to visit www.AlexCards.com to learn more about the Alexandria Cardinal Athletic Foundation and how you can help us make a positive impact on our student athletes.

www.AlexCards.com

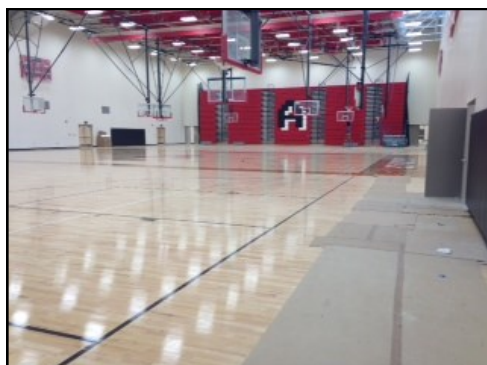
Briquelle Bowden wins Tom Lehman Award

The Athletic Foundation annually awards the Tom Lehman Scholarship (\$3,000) to a multi-sport athlete who, through his or her academic and athletic career, has demonstrated determination, commitment, and the drive to be successful in any endeavor they pursue.

We are proud to announce the 2013 recipient was Briquelle Bowden. Briquelle was a 2-time Minnesota State Track participant (2012, 2013), earned All-Conference honors in track & field 6 times, was the Minnesota All-Around State Gymnastics champion in 2013 and earned All-Conference honors 6 times. Currently she is attending the University of South Dakota, where she is on the Track & Field team and majoring in Kinesiology.



Above: AAHS Football Field
Below: AAHS Gymnasium



ACAF Board of Directors

Mary Ellen Thompson—President
Jeff Restad—Vice President
Eric Gronholz—Past President
Andrea Nelson—Secretary
Sam Steidl—Treasurer
Lynelle Brickweg, Sara Illies, Carl Wittenburg,
Derek Trosvig, Mike Johnson, Craig Zwillig, Jon
Cullen, Andrea Tripp, Doug Houska.

Foundation Contributions to New Sports Facilities

The Alexandria Cardinal Athletic Foundation has contributed \$100,000 to several new sports facility projects at Alexandria Area High School. The projects included the installation of sports turf in the stadium, expanding the gyms square footage, and building 12 tennis courts.

The turf field in the stadium was installed last fall (2013) and will be ready for use in July 2014. We have already been asked to host a Section Final football game and 2 Section final soccer games in the fall of 2014. The MSHSL has inquired about hosting 2 State Quarterfinal football games as well.

The two gyms are installed and lines are currently being painted. Bleachers will be installed in May. The expanded space will better facilitate practices, games, and community usage with seating for 200 people near four of the five courts. The auxiliary gym will be able to host a dance quadrangular or wrestling match at the same time as a basketball game. This will provide scheduling advantages and opportunities if rescheduling is necessary.

The tennis courts will allow Alexandria to have varsity and junior varsity practice and compete at the same site. It will also create a great sports station for physical education classes allowing all the students to be in a tennis unit at one time. The money contributed by the Foundation was used as a leverage to secure over \$60,000 in grants from other sources.

One of the goals of the Alexandria Athletic Foundation is to support, enhance, and improve athletic facilities, and these projects would not have become reality without the vision of this foundation. The influence of these new expanded facilities will be impacting students for decades.