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Carolyn Howard, a graduate of William Jewell College and University of Kansas Master's Degree recipient, taught Physical Education at Shawnee Mission East High School for 36 years. Prior to that, she taught at Shawnee Mission North and North Kansas City High School. Carolyn served as Head Tennis Coach for 24 years, in which time she led Lancer Tennis teams to win 3 team State Championships. Throughout her tenure as Head Tennis Coach, Mrs. Howard never lost a regional tournament. She was inducted in to the Kansas Tennis Coaches Hall of Fame as an inaugural inductee.

Carolyn served as Head Swim Coach for 10 years winning 7 State Swim Championships. She started the Girls' Basketball program and coached it for 3 years. She also coached track for 1 year. In addition to her multiple roles as coach, Carolyn had her finger on the pulse of Shawnee Mission East and wore many hats including Drill Team instructor for 16 years and sponsoring the cheerleaders for 23 years.

A Lancer to the core, she wrote the fight song and was instrumental in picking the school colors even her house donned East's Columbia Blue & Black.. Carolyn choreographed the start of the basketball games, with the lights off and a spotlight on the cheerleaders, before introducing the basketball teams. She made all the SME tennis dresses herself and had a wagon full of candy bars and drinks at every match for all the players, which she provided out of pocket. She posted a board outside her office acknowledging all her players who had won their matches. Mrs. Howard began work at 4:00 AM or before EVERY DAY and stayed well into the evening to get all the extra work she did for SME finished before she left.

Former student and fellow inductee of this year's class, Carrie (Fotopoulos) Barnthouse states, "She ran a tight ship, which taught us all respect, pride, hard work, and accomplishment. She had her truthful statement, 'It's a tough world'. She worked hard to make SME all that it was and is. We were lucky to have her and I feel very honored to get to be in the same inductee class as her!"

Carolyn R. Howard, a longtime Prairie Village resident, passed away on November 20, 2013.

Karl Englund – Track & Cross Country 1958 - 1998

Karl Englund, for whom the Shawnee Mission East track is named, served as a coach and teacher at East from the school's establishment in 1958 to 1998. In addition to serving as Head Track Coach throughout his tenure, he also coached

Cross Country (31 yrs), Sophomore Football (9 yrs), Swimming (6 yrs), and Girls Basketball (4 yrs). Reflecting on a career that began teaching Driver's Education, Karl says, "I felt most honored and lucky to get a job at what would become a great outstanding school. For 40 years, I taught a number of different courses, ending up in AP United States History and Geography. I was very lucky to have coached 90 Lancer teams during those years." In that time, Karl led 45 individual Cross Country and Track State Champions as well as 7 State Championship teams.

Mr. Englund was named Kansas State 6A Girls Track & Field Coach of the Year in the 1986-87 school year. In 1988, Karl was awarded Outstanding Teacher of American History by the Daughters of American Revolution. In 1991, he was presented the Distinguished Teacher award by the Commission on Presidential Scholars at the White House. In 1999, he was inducted into the Blue Valley District Relays Coaches Hall of Fame.

Karl served as a Kansas Relays referee and was a member of the Games Committee for 5 years. He also received a Certificate of Recognition for his service on the City of Leawood Recreation Commission from 1977 – 1981.

"I could never have had a better job experience than the one I had at Shawnee Mission East.

I'll always be a Lancer!" – Karl Englund

Carrie (Fotopoulos) Barnthouse - Tennis Athlete - Class of 1975

During her years at Shawnee Mission East, Carrie Fotopoulos Barnthouse was a 3 time Undefeated Kansas State Tennis Singles Champion finishing with a career record of 71-0. Carrie was also Head Varsity Cheerleader and Cheerleader for all 3 years of high school, a member of the National Honor Society and Homecoming Queen.

Carrie was the first female athlete to receive a full athletic scholarship to the University of Kansas, where she played #1 Singles every match, was Big Eight Conference Champion, played in the NCAA Tournament all 4 years in both singles and doubles, was the Regional IV College Singles Champion, Missouri Valley Conference Singles Champion, and as a freshman played at SMU (Dallas,TX) ranked #7 in the nation.

She was in Sports Illustrated Magazine's Olympics Issue for being the youngest winner of the Missouri Valley Women's Singles Championships at age 14 (1972, Faces in the Crowd), and was ranked as high as #12 in the nation in Singles and #10 in Doubles.

- Maureen Connolly Brinker Invitational, Dallas, TX. Placed Top 8 Singles, Top 4 Dbls.
- National 18 Girls Championships, Philadelphia, PA. Placed Top 32 Singles
- National City Team Tournament, Played #1 Singles
- Missouri Valley Intersectional Team, Allentown, PA
- Seventeen Magazine Invitational Tournament of Champions, Mission Viejo, CA and Washington DC
- Orange Bowl National Invitational Tournament, Miami,FL
- Sugar Bowl National Invitational Tournament, New Orleans,LA

Joe Johnston – Wrestling – Class of 2001

Joe Johnston attended Shawnee Mission East High School beginning as a freshman and graduating with the Class of 2001. During his high school career, he served as Wrestling Captain (3 yrs), and won 3 consecutive League Championships in 1999, 2000 and 2001, and placed in the state wrestling tournament all 4 years, each year in a different weight class (1998 - 6th in 125 lb, 1999 – 2nd in 135 lb, 2000 – 1st in 145 lb, and 2001 – 1st in 152 lb). He achieved back-to-back, undefeated, State Championships his junior and senior years.

In 2001, Joe was recognized with the following 3 distinguished awards:

- NHSCA High School Nationals Runner-Up
- Kansas City Star Kansas Male Athlete of the Year
- National Wrestling Hall of Fame Dave Schultz Excellence Award winner

Joe holds numerous Shawnee Mission East records including Most Career Wins (142) and Most Falls in a season (32 in 2000). He holds the top 3 places for Most Team Points in a season (274 in 2001, 245 in 2000, and 223 in 1999). He is also 3rd and 4th in All-Time Takedowns in a season.

In addition to wrestling, Joe also played soccer and sang 3 years in the Chamber Singers, He was also a recipient of the Art Newcomer Award, which recognizes excellence in Academics, Athletics, and Activities.

Joe went on to the University of Iowa to wrestle for the Hawkeyes. He is a 2 time NCAA All American finishing 2nd in 2005 at 157lb and 6th in 2006 at 157 lb. He was the Iowa Most Valuable Wrestler in 2005, was named the Hawkeyes Most Courageous Wrestler in 2006, and was named the Iowa Most Dedicated Wrestler On and Off the Mat in 2005 & 2006.

Joe has gone on to coach wrestling at the Division 1 level and currently coaches at the Air Force Academy.