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ACS ATHLETIC WALL OF FAME TO WELCOME 2024 INDUCTEES AT OCTOBER 11th HOMECOMING

AKRON, NEW YORK (June 18, 2024) – The Akron Central School Athletic “Wall of Fame” Committee has announced the 2024 inductees for the ACS “Wall of Fame” and the induction ceremony to be held at 6:00PM in the performance gymnasium during the school’s homecoming events scheduled for Friday, October 11, 2024. This year’s inductees include three individual athletes with exceptional athletic careers. Additionally, the “Eye of the Tiger” award will be presented.

Mrs. Wendy Pazderski, current secretary for the Akron Schools Athletic Department, has been selected for the “Eye of the Tiger” award. Pazderski, who has held her position for nearly eight years, has transformed and streamlined many processes for the Athletics Department. Affectionately known as Mrs. Paz, she has dedicated herself to getting the details right and improving the student-athlete experience at Akron Schools. The Wall of Fame committee created the special award to recognize significant supporters of the ACS athletic program who may not be athletes or coaches themselves.

The youngest individual of this year’s inductees is **Nelson Logan**, a member of the Class of 2018, with an exemplary high school career in lacrosse. Logan was a three-year varsity player, team captain, 1st Team All-WNY and the Tom Borelli-Buffalo News Outstanding Male Lacrosse Player recipient. He went on to play college lacrosse and is currently a member of the Tigers’ coaching staff.

Tommy James, Class of 2014, has been selected to the Wall of Fame for his stellar sports career for the Tigers’ baseball and football teams. James is a two-time 1st Team Niagara-Orleans All-League and second team All-League baseball player with 20 career wins. He played three years of varsity football earning 1st Team All-League, Offensive MVP and Class C North Defensive Player of the Year.

The third athlete to be inducted will be **Casey Neill O’Meritt** of the Class of 2008. Casey made her mark with the Tigers as a five-year cross-country runner and as a distance runner for the track team. She was a member of three cross-country teams earning a trip to the NYSPHSAA state championship and in 2006, competed at the state championship as an individual. In 2007, she was named the team’s MVP. In spring of 2008, she and her relay-mates on the track team were Niagara-Orleans champs in the 4x800.

The Wall of Fame Committee asks fans and community members to save the date, Friday, October 11th, to join in celebrating the athletic feats of those being inducted. More details about the school’s traditional homecoming events will be shared as the date draws near.

For additional information, please contact Mr. Justin Gerstung, ACS Wall of Fame Committee Chairman, at (716)542-5040 ext. 6126 and visit the website www.akronschools.org/WOF.

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