TROJAN HALL OF FAME 2024 INDUCTEES



Frank Wuts

Frank graduated from Fife High in 1971. He earned a Bachelor's Degree in Biology from the UW and then a Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science from WWU. Then, Frank headed to Los Angeles and went to work in the movie industry. He was hired by Robert Able and Associates to create special effects and animation. In 1987, Frank and several fellow employees formed their own visual effects and animation company called Rhythm & Hues Studios. In the studio, Frank worked on over 130 films between 1990-2013 and received the Academy Award for Best Visual Effects for *Babe* (1995), *The Golden Compass* (2008) and *Life of Pi* (2013).



Tina Vinyard Eller

Tina graduated from Fife High School in 1992, voted the 'best personality'. She anchored the girls' basketball team for 4 years, finishing her senior year undefeated in league. Tina went on to EWU to play basketball and earned a BA in Applied Psychology. She returned to FHS as a paraeducator with the Life Skills classes and coached basketball from 1999-2006. Tina earned teaching certificate from PLU in 2006 and became the teacher of the Life Skills classes at Columbia Junior High until 2020. It is there that she passionately found ways to support her students and their families. Currently, Tina is head of Student Services at the Fife Schools district office.



Mark Jones

Mark graduated from Fife High School in 1987 and, as a senior, assisted the boys' basketball team to a 3rd place finish in the State tournament. After graduation, he was on the coaching staff at Fife and then attended WWU, earning a Bachelor's Degree in Math Education. Mark returned to Fife High in 2005 to teach math. He also started coaching girls' basketball, managed the Trojans into the State playoffs, and stayed at the helm until 2014. He then took over as the golf coach from 2015 to 2022. Mark was able to improve his teams before handing them off. In his 19th year teaching math at Fife, he is still craves helping his students and truly cares about their well-being.



Jo Bushnell McGrath Markey

Jo has been a dedicated Special Education math teacher at Fife High School for 26 years. She does everything in her power to make sure her students are treated equally. Jo started the swim class for FHS, which led to coaching the girls' swim team since 2006. In 18 years, her swimmers and divers reached the State tournament 18 times and produced 14 State champions. Jo was the 2A State Coach of the Year in 2010. She started the boys swim team in 2016, producing District and State champions, and was named 2A State Coach of the Year in 2024. Jo's influence has extended beyond the classroom and the pool, leaving an impact on the Trojan community for years to come.



Brandon Howard

Brandon graduated from Fife High School in 2000. His classmates chose him as Senior Sweetheart, most athletic, and the male athlete of the year. As a wrestler, Brandon grappled his way to the State finals as a sophomore, junior, and senior – victorious as a State champion. He studied at CWU, earning his degree, and returned to Fife in 2007 to teach and coach wrestling. Taking over as head coach for the Trojan wrestlers in 2011, Brandon guided his teams to 3rd, 4th, and 5th place finishes in the State Tournament. He coached the next 3 State Champion wrestlers for Fife. Now, Brandon is teaching the next generation of wrestlers at Fife Thunder to be champions.