Support Spartan Athletics!

I hope you get the opportunity to experience an athletic contest during Homecoming weekend. We are extremely proud of our student-athletes and they will be excited to have your support. Our coaches have a goal to enhance the students’ educational experience at Manchester University. The teaching and mentoring that takes place through athletics is not unlike that done in academic buildings – there are simply more witnesses. All of our student-athletes play for one reason - they want to. They love the game, and whether they win or lose today, all will return to their residence halls and blend into our student body. We encourage you to be vocal supporters and show good sportsmanship and appreciation for what these quality young men and women accomplish. Go Spartans!

Rick Espeset
Director of Athletics/Head Baseball Coach
Hall of Fame Inductees

**Mike Kock ’65** helped his Spartan basketball team develop into a championship contender, playing alongside Hall of Famers Stan Weller and Dick Harris. The team improved from 4-16 to 16-6 between his sophomore and junior years, and finished 18-3 his senior year when Kock ranked eighth in NAIA scoring. Known as an exceptional shooter, effective ball distributor and a tenacious defender, he was a three-year All-Conference and two-time All-NAIA player and sits 11th on Manchester’s all-time scoring list with 1,233 points.

**Marc Calixte ’95, ’96ma** lettered four years in soccer, and graduated with all-time records in assists (28), goals (45) and points (118). He currently ranks second in goals and points. Calixte led his team in scoring all four years, led in assists three years, and was involved in half of the team’s goals during his playing career. He was a four-year All-Conference selection and team captain as a senior.

**Cynthia Jackson ’81 Norton** participated four years in the Spartan volleyball and track and field programs. She holds the school records in the 100-meter dash at 11.84 seconds and the 200-meter dash at 24.74 seconds, and was part of the 4x100 relay team that clocked in at 50.3 seconds. On the volleyball courts, Jackson was a presence in the middle, posting team-high totals in kills with 113 and blocks with 96 as a sophomore.

**Rick Mann ’89** was a four-year member of the Manchester football team and set numerous records as the primary receiver for quarterback Mark Conrad. Mann finished his playing career with 1,673 yards receiving on 121 receptions with 15 touchdowns. He
served as the team captain for two seasons, and helped Manchester to consecutive winning seasons. He set records for most reception yards in a game with 141 yards and most touchdowns in a season with 10. To date, he ranks in the top 10 in several categories, including second in touchdowns in a season, third in career touchdowns, and fifth in career receptions and career reception yards.

Tom Jarman was the director of athletics and head wrestling coach at Manchester for 18 years before retiring in 2007. Jarman shepherded Manchester through a transition to Division III athletics and transformed the wrestling program into a national contender. He coached one national champion, 17 All-Americans, 17 Academic Scholar-Athletes, and won HCAC Coach of the Year honors seven times and NCAA Midwest Coach of the Year four times. He compiled a career record of 414-144-1, with a 179-48 record at Manchester, and led his Spartans to 11 Conference Championships. He’s also been inducted into Halls of Fame by Taylor University, Wheaton College, Oswego High School, Indiana Wrestling Coaches, Illinois Wrestling Coaches, and NCAA Division III.

Coach of the Year

Allen Mack ’87 is the 2012 M Association Claude Wolfe Coach of the Year. As boys’ basketball coach at Miami East High School in Ohio, Mack is a well-respected coach statewide with a record of 314-125 overall – 95-21 over the last five years. He has guided his Vikings to three state finals (once against a LeBron James – led St. Mary’s – St. Vincent High School team) and won a Division III Ohio high school class state title. As a cross country coach, he’s led his teams to several titles and has been honored as the Conference Coach of the Year.