



# News Release

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## Centennial Graduate and Members of the Centennial Community Inducted into District Hall of Fame

*Mike Diggins, Glen Huebner, and Mike Watson  
honored at homecoming festivities*

September 22, 2017 (Circle Pines, MN)—**Mike Diggins, Glen Huebner, and Mark Watson** will be inducted into the Centennial School District Hall of Fame today, Friday, September 22. The induction coincides with various homecoming events, including a luncheon, pep fest, honorary ball toss, and the homecoming half-time show. The induction will take place at 11:45am at Centennial High School, 4757 North Road, Circle Pines, Minnesota. The District's Hall of Fame recognizes its alumni and members of the community for their professional accomplishments and commitment to youth and the District's communities.

"These three inductees have made an impact on Centennial students, training and guiding them, shaping their lives for successful futures," said **Brian Dietz, Superintendent of Centennial Schools**. "The Class of 2017 demonstrates outstanding professional accomplishments as teachers and coaches and has a longstanding history of service to the District."

**Mike Diggins**, Distinguished Alumnus, Class of 1982. Diggins has coached high school softball, baseball, adaptive floor hockey, boys hockey, and football for 27 years at Centennial and is nearing his 70<sup>th</sup> season. Diggins has been the head varsity football coach since 2010, leading the Cougars to a NWSC Conference Football Championship in 2014 and was named the 2014 Coach of the Year. He is also the coach with the most wins in Centennial Girls High School Hockey history and leading the girls to two state tournament appearances, four section coach of the year awards, and four conference championships. Although he is known for his work with teams on the field, as a Diggins is an advocate for students with disabilities. As a developmental adapted physical education teacher, his greatest achievements are from the students he works with at Centennial Middle School where he makes an impact on hundreds of students each and every day. He Diggins was also responsible for our turf stadium, one of his many visions for the Centennial community.

**Glen Huebner**, Distinguished Service, 1964-1998. Huebner was a long-time math teacher and coach at Centennial High School. Huebner taught eighth grade math and advanced Math classes, including Advanced Placement classes through Anoka-Ramsey Community College. He also taught driver's education every summer until he retired. Huebner was a dedicated teacher and coach, supporting students on and off the field. He served as the math team coach and on the field he coached boys cross country, football, and was the head coach of track and field for 33 years, 19 of those as the head coach of both the boys and girls track teams.

**Mike Watson**, Distinguished Service, 1978 to 2010; and 2013 to 2016. Watson taught in Illinois before he began his 36-year career at Centennial High School. Coach Watson taught health, physical education, and social studies and coached

track, wrestling, and was head football coach from 1978 to 2010 leading the team to the state championship game in 1984. He returned in 2013 as assistant coach and last year decided to take a break after 50 years of coaching. He has prepared students for their future, trained them for a game, and shaped Centennial graduates to be the best they can be.

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