

Crawford County

SPORTS

HALL OF FAME



Teresa Luidhardt Oberlander

Teresa Luidhardt Oberlander graduated from Buckeye Central in 1984. Teresa was a multi-sport athlete excelling in track and basketball. As a freshman in high school, Teresa came in 5th in the state in the 100m hurdles and 4th in the state in the 800m relay. She was part of the 1600m relay that set a team record of 4.12.6 minutes, which was broken in 2018, 38 years later!

During her sophomore year, Teresa came in second in the state in the 800m relay and set another school record, which still stands today. She also set school records in the 200m dash and the 100 m dash. Teresa was also a member of the Buckeye

Central Girls basketball team that were state runner-up.

As a junior, Teresa set another school record of 23 rebounds in basketball against Columbus Whitehall, an AAA team at that time. Track season once again included a trip to Columbus where Teresa came in second in the 100m hurdles and eighth on the 400m relay team, which included her sister Julie, Chris Suver and Gail Guttenberg. This team set another school record at 51.7 that stands today.

Teresa's senior year brought more school records and a state championship! Teresa won the 100m hurdles and was state champion at a time of 14.71 which is a school record. She participated in the long jump for the first year and came in second in the state, with a jump of 17', 3 1/2". She also set a school record in the 300m hurdles. As a team, Buckeye Central placed seventh at the state track meet, with Teresa as the only member who participated. Altogether, Teresa competed in 11 state championship events during her high school career.

Teresa also graduated first in her class with a 4.0 GPA. She was inducted into the inaugural class of the Buckeye Central Sports Hall of Fame in 2001.

Following graduation, Teresa attended college at Marion College in Indiana (now Indiana Wesleyan University). While there, she was named MVP of the track team all four years of college. She was All-American NCAA starting her freshman year. She received the Senior Scholar-Athlete Award and Senior Certificate of Merit for four years of field hockey, two years of basketball, and four years of track. Teresa placed in at least three events at the National Track meet every year of college; running on two National Champion Relay teams. As a senior, she received the conference Wheeler Award for athletics/academics/service.

Teresa majored in Chemistry and Math and graduated Summa Cum Laude with a 3.9 GPA in 1988. After graduation, Teresa began her career as a lab technician at Ross Labs in Columbus. Teresa coached JV field hockey for six years at Columbus Bishop Hartley High School.

Teresa married her husband, Mike, and moved to the Chicago area to work at Abbott Laboratories. Teresa supports chemical research for new drug development and has been awarded for many project completions.

Her current interests include volunteer work at food and book banks, and the school backpack program. She supports the school band program and helps the near 300 members with their uniforms. Their son, Ryan, attends the University of Illinois in Computer Engineering.