

Athletics and Ethics: Can They Coexist?

A Panel Discussion

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Attea Middle School • 2500 Chestnut • Glenview



It seems that every week another star athlete falls off the pedestal. Willingly or not, such personalities serve as role models for our children. In light of these falls from grace, what can we do to help guide our youth toward demonstrating good character -- as athletes, students and members of our community? **Join CHARACTER COUNTS! for this panel discussion featuring local athletic experts.**

Panelists

Bob Berland

Olympic Silver Medalist • Olympic Coach • Entrepreneur • CEO

Mr. Berland is a two-time Olympian in the sport of Judo and was named the 2004 Olympic Judo team coach in Athens, Greece. He played a key role in Chicago's 2016 Olympic bid effort, and currently serves as third generation President of Berland Communications.

Pat Fitzgerald

Head Coach • Northwestern University Wildcat Football Team

Mr. Fitzgerald has been Head Coach since 2006, leading the team to three bowl berths and 24 wins since 2008. But community service is also a priority for his players. A member of the American Football Coaches' Association Ethics Committee, Mr. Fitzgerald was appointed to the Governor's Illinois Reform Commission in 2009.

Brian Hansen

2010 Olympic Medalist • Speed Skating

Glenview resident Brian Hansen won a silver medal in Men's Team Pursuit at the 2010 Winter Olympics. A 2009 graduate of Glenbrook South High School, he won two bronze medals at the 2010 U.S. Speed Skating Championships and currently holds five Junior American records and one Junior World record.

Denis Savard

Former Chicago Blackhawk Player and Coach

Mr. Savard's 18 years in professional hockey earned him a spot in the Hockey Hall of Fame, where he was inducted in 2000. Today, his Blackhawk jersey is one of six retired jerseys hanging from the rafters at the United Center. Mr. Savard also served as a Blackhawks coach for nine seasons, including three as head coach.

A.J. Schurr

Senior, Libertyville High School • Captain, School Baseball and Football Teams

Mr. Schurr, an Honor Roll student, has been involved in athletics throughout his time at Libertyville High School. In addition to serving as Captain of both the Baseball Team and Varsity Football teams, he is an Officer for Athletes Committed to Excellence. Mr. Schurr will be attending West Point Military Academy on a football scholarship next year.

Jim Schwantz

Former Chicago Bear, Dallas Cowboy, and San Francisco 49er • Mayor, Palatine

A member of the Dallas Cowboys Super Bowl XXX winning team, Mayor Schwantz was a recipient of the NFL's "Unsung Hero Award," and a member of the Pro Bowl as the Special Teams Player in 1996. Elected to his position in 2009, he has been actively involved in his community including the Special Olympics and the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Paul Stevens

Head Coach • Northwestern University Wildcat Baseball Team

Mr. Stevens, a Glenview resident, is in his 24th season as Northwestern's Head Baseball Coach. During his tenure the team has enjoyed 15 straight 20-win seasons. Community Service is key: among other activities, at the annual "Buddy Ball," each player is paired with a child with disabilities for a special game.

This event is free and open to the public.

Founded in 1996, CHARACTER COUNTS! In Glenview is a nonprofit made up of a diverse group of community leaders and professionals. Its goal is to actively promote the six pillars of character — trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship — throughout Glenview's schools, businesses, youth sports leagues, and other organizations. Find out more at www.ccglenview.org