

OTTAWA HIGH SCHOOL HALL OF FAME

2019



THOMAS E. JOBST, Ed.D. Class of 1969



At Ottawa Township High School Tom Jobst was the president of his junior class, battalion commander in the OTHS military program, on the student council, went to state in track and field, and was all-conference in football playing for the Pirate Varsity for two years during which the team had a 17-1 record. He continued both his education and football at Iowa Wesleyan College and then commenced a teaching, administration, and coaching career. In addition to a bachelor's degree in English education from Iowa Wesleyan, he received his Masters of Arts in Human Development Counseling from the University of Illinois in Springfield, a Certificate of Advanced Studies in Educational Administration and Foundations from Illinois State University, and his Ed.D. from Illinois State University. As an employee of OTHS he was the head football coach from 1990-1993 before moving to administration and ultimately serving as OTHS Superintendent from 2002-2007. His coaching career, particularly in football, has been extraordinarily successful. In addition to OTHS he has coached at Fort Dodge Community Schools in Fort Dodge, Iowa; Hall Township High School in Spring Valley, Illinois; New Berlin High School in New Berlin, Illinois; Morrison Community High School in Morrison, Illinois; and Marquette Academy in Ottawa, Illinois. As a head coach his teams have won 10 conference championships, have reached the playoffs 12 times – 3 times quarter-finalists and 2 times semi-finalists, and 7 times completed the regular season undefeated. Coach Jobst has been honored as the Three Rivers Conference Coach of the Year in 1986 and 1987; inducted to the Morrison High School Athletic Hall of Fame in 2009; twice coached in the Illinois Coaches Association East-West Shrine Game; and in 2016 was inducted into the Illinois High School Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame.