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2026 OTHS Hall of Fame Profile: 2012-2013 OTHS Varsity Football Team

The coaching staff and players of the 2012-13 Ottawa Township High School (OTHS) varsity football team are inductees to the 2026 OTHS Hall of Fame sponsored by the OTHS Educational Foundation.

The varsity Pirate football team, which competed in the 2012 season, compiled an overall record of 11-1 which ties for the most wins in a season in the history of the OTHS Pirate football program. Their undefeated 9-0 regular season record notched a Northern Illinois Big 12 West title with a 5-0 undefeated conference record.

The Pirates won the first game of the IHSA Class 6A football playoffs against Normal Community High School. They won the second round by one point, defeating Rock Island High School 21-20 in a thrilling game hosted at historic King Field, advancing them to the quarterfinals.

Their first loss of the season was also their last game that year, losing the quarterfinal round to the eventual IHSA Class 6A state champion Crete-Monee High School.

The Pirates scored 322 points overall in the regular season while yielding just 103 points to their opponents.

The Pirates were led by all-state halfback Michael Hermosillo who set several school records and was crowned the Northern Illinois Big 12 West conference offensive Most Valuable Player (MVP) along with Cyrano Rayfield, named the conference defensive MVP. Tyler Skolek, Austin Burant, Luke Lambert, Bobby McNutt, Nick Neurohr, Christian Price, J.D. Bryant, Will Hoffman and Diego Martinez were also selected for conference honors.

The OTHS Educational Foundation established the Ottawa Township High School Hall of Fame in 2006, focusing on recognition of excellence while a high school student, after leaving OTHS, or a combination of both. While honorees may or may not have attended OTHS, they were significant and accomplished contributors connected to the school district.

A ceremony honoring the 2026 OTHS Hall of Fame inductees is scheduled for Saturday, January 24, 2026, beginning at 4PM in the OTHS auditorium followed by a banquet at the Rivers Edge event center. Tickets are \$45 and may be purchased by contacting Susan MacDonald at smacdonald@ottawahigh.com or Kelly Schmitt at kschmitt@ottawahigh.com.



2012-2013 Varsity Pirates Football Team

Seated left to right in the first row: assistant coaches Mark Cooper, Glenn Weatherford, Gordy Kirkman, head coach Trent Swords, assistant coaches Tom Jeppson, Mark Andrews and equipment manager Kevin Francis

Second row: Trevor Rexroat, Frankie Filippi, Alex Fuentes, Devon Jones, Dylan Thomas, Alex Hinrichs, Brandon Anderson, Garrett Hoffman, assistant coach Pete Sutton

Third row: Alex Hartman, Diego Martinez, Will Hoffman, Nate Roberts, J.D. Bryant, Michael Hermosillo, Laron Coleman, Caleb Dougherty, Logan Killen, Tristan Cunha

Fourth row: Jake Slechta, Daylon Bishop, Carter Krause, Luke Lambert, Austin Burant, Dean Thomas, Tyler Skolek, Kyle Damyen, Jeff Niemann, Jeff Kofoid, Nick Neurohr, Bruce Szobar

Fifth row: Nolan Blankenship, Cahill Horner, Rayden Fisher, Cyrano Rayfield, Aaron Pittman-Teague, Christian Price, Nick Smeets, Cody Stokes, Billy Moore, Jacob Vanda, Austin Bowden, Bobby McNutt, Chaz Jonassen