



SIMON
ATHLETIC COMPLEX

A LEGACY OF CHARACTER

PRINCIPIA SCHOOL



The Bill Simon Athletic Complex . . .

a momentous step forward for Principia—one that establishes true equity between the boys' and girls' athletic programs, creates an inviting and inclusive space for the greater community to experience Principia's guiding principles, and provides a state-of-the-art facility for our student-athletes to excel and overcome limitations.

And it's built on a firm foundation, honoring the exceptional character educators, teams, and students who have demonstrated the **high-minded, hard-fighting** ideals of a Principia athlete. Won't you join us in this important work by honoring your favorite Principia character educator?





GRACE AND SPIRITUAL STRENGTH

From concept to completion, the Simon Athletic Complex manifests the spirit of legendary coach and educator, Bill Simon (US'54). It offers students, teams, and the wider community a welcoming environment in which to “strive together,” the Latin root of the word competition. Inherent in the concept of the whole person is an embrace of every person at Principia, and “Willy K” was a groundbreaking leader when it came to gender equity. In the hearts he touched, the lives he shaped, and across Principia’s athletics program, Coach Simon expressed gentle grace, spiritual strength, and unconditional love. These qualities live on at Principia. The Bill Simon Field House exemplifies this dedication, servant-leadership, and commitment to excellence.



BILL SIMON



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What you give, you gain. What you save, you lose.”

—Bill Simon



BE THE BEST

Known for his timeless articles in the *Christian Science Sentinel* and *The Christian Science Journal*, an illustrious rugby career, and a life-changing passion for character education, Eric Bole touched innumerable lives during his service to Principia. From his two decades of academic leadership to his service as a member of Principia’s Board of Trustees to fulfilling his life’s aspiration as a Christian Science practitioner and teacher, Eric’s drive to “Be the Best” (as his well-known article in *The Christian Science Journal* highlights) has inspired Principians of all ages and talents. Students also know and honor his life lessons and example in Bole House, one of the Upper School’s four Houses.



ERIC BOLE



Being the best means being Godlike. It means being one’s true self, what God has already created one to be as His perfect emanation.” —Eric Bole





ENGAGING ENTHUSIASM

The Crandell family has blessed the Principia community for more than 40 years—as coaches, educators, mentors, and inspiring role models. Gary (C’62) and Connie (Brunson, C’77) Crandell had a hand in shaping nearly every Principia athletic program. Lower School teacher Rachel (Wentworth) Crandell’s (C’65) passionate environmental vision created new vistas for Principia students in and outside of the classroom, radiating enthusiasm for cherishing the natural world. The Crandell family has been a model for Principia’s teachers, coaches, and students—exuding love, kindness, and gentle strength.



CRANDELL FAMILY



“Anyone in Rachel, Connie, or Gary’s presence felt the shared joy of their passion and commitment. My thrill of competing on Gary’s soccer team was matched only by the joy of watching my children blossom in Rachel’s always engaging classroom.”

—Lee Barron (US’72, C’76)



EDUCATING THE WHOLE PERSON

As a houseparent, math teacher, humanities teacher, chorus director, cross-country coach, and dean of boys, Jack Eyerly epitomized the “whole person” concept throughout his 40 years at Principia. Principia’s true “Renaissance man,” he was revered for his soft-spoken resolve; he never failed to bring out the best in his students and athletes. At the blackboard, on the performance stage, or at the finish line, he was an inspiring presence and a model of how character can be expressed through an individual. Mr. Eyerly’s example shines through every aspect of Principia’s character education.



JACK EYERLY

“Our greatest opponent is *I can’t* and *I won’t*.” —Jack Eyerly



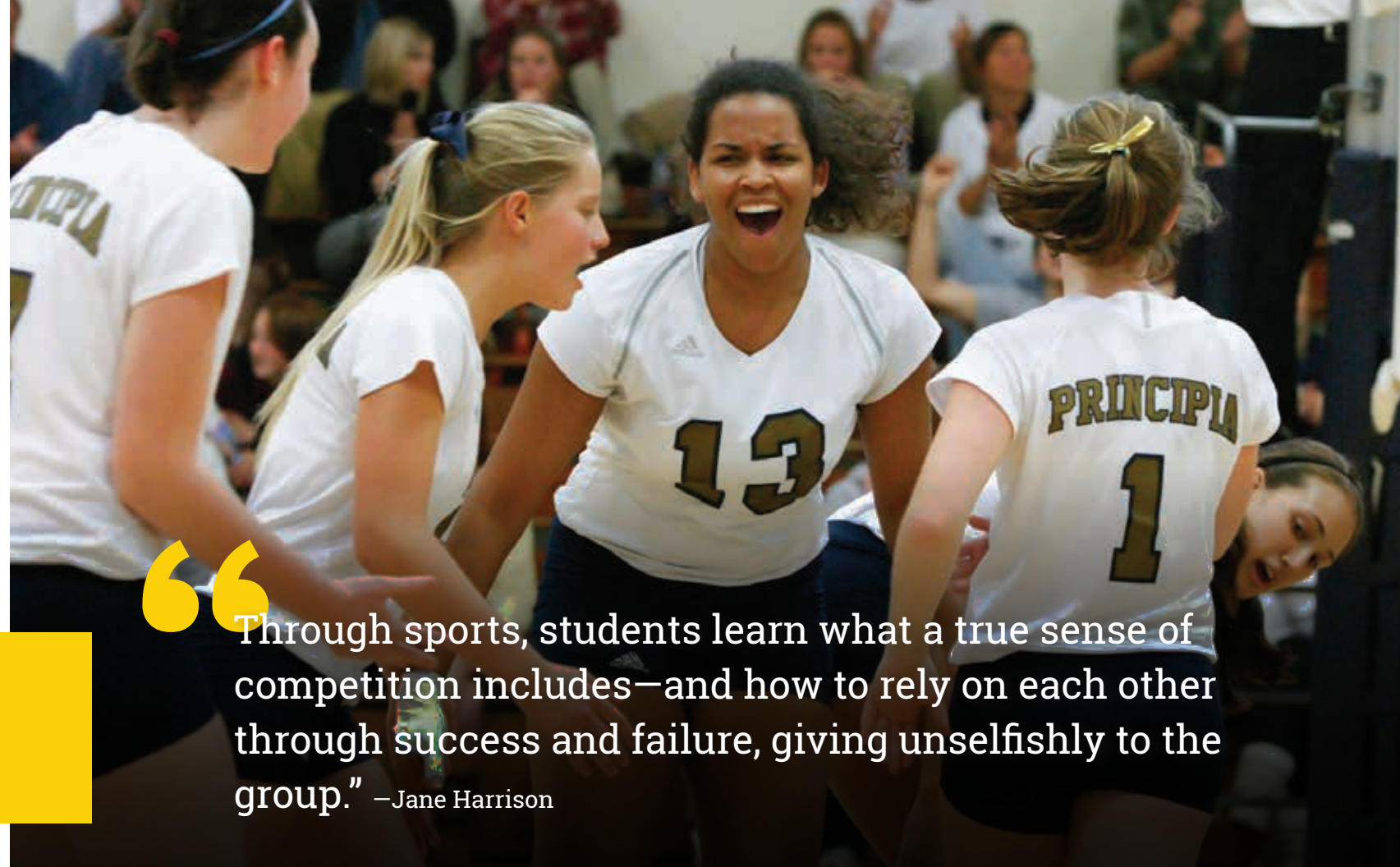


COMMITMENT TO TEAM

Lifelong Principian Jane (Herrmann) Harrison (US'78, C'82) carries on the love of education gleaned from her mother, longtime Upper School art teacher, Kathi Herrmann, and the competitive spirit inherited from her father, Athletic Director Dick Herrmann. Harrison has coached every girls' sport, led as girls' athletic director and Lower School P.E. teacher, and served as acting Lower School principal. Harrison embodies every quality of the ideal Principia athlete. This team room will carry on her tradition of selfless teamwork and the loving pursuit of excellence.



JANE HARRISON



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Through sports, students learn what a true sense of competition includes—and how to rely on each other through success and failure, giving unselfishly to the group.” —Jane Harrison



A TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE

The Marston family represents a combined 146 years of service to Principia—and counting. Comprising three generations of legendary educators, coaches, and athletes, the Marstons have pioneered a tradition of excellence in education and athletics. The family includes Howard and his wife Elizabeth “Beth” Marston (C’50) and their children Nancy (US’84) and Bill (US’75, C’80)—who followed in Howard’s footsteps teaching math and coaching baseball. Bill is pictured below (far left) with his wife Cindy (McCleary, C’81) and their children, current College head baseball coach Chris (US’06), far right, his wife and current teacher Kiersten (C’13), and standout baseball and softball star Jenna (US’09), second from right.



MARSTON FAMILY



The Marston family legacy has touched countless lives, both on the baseball diamond as well as in the classroom. From generations of Principians taught, mentored, and inspired, their impact is remarkable. Marston Family Field will continue to honor that legacy well into the future.”

—Pete Paciorek, Head Baseball Coach





“WE’RE WINNING”

Over nearly four decades coaching football and track and field, and teaching U.S. History, Brian Morse (C’61) mentored more than 1,000 young athletes and countless more students in the classroom. He personified toughness on the field and gentleness off, inspiring athletes to overcome adversity and break limitations through boundless, relentless love. His approach to competition reflected Mary Baker Eddy’s statement, “The objects we pursue and the spirit we manifest reveal our standpoint, and show what we are winning” (*Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, p. 239). To demonstrate the value of this approach, his teams would finish every conditioning workout by shouting, “We’re winning!”



BRIAN MORSE



“ Pray to God . . . and fight like hell.”

—Brian Morse

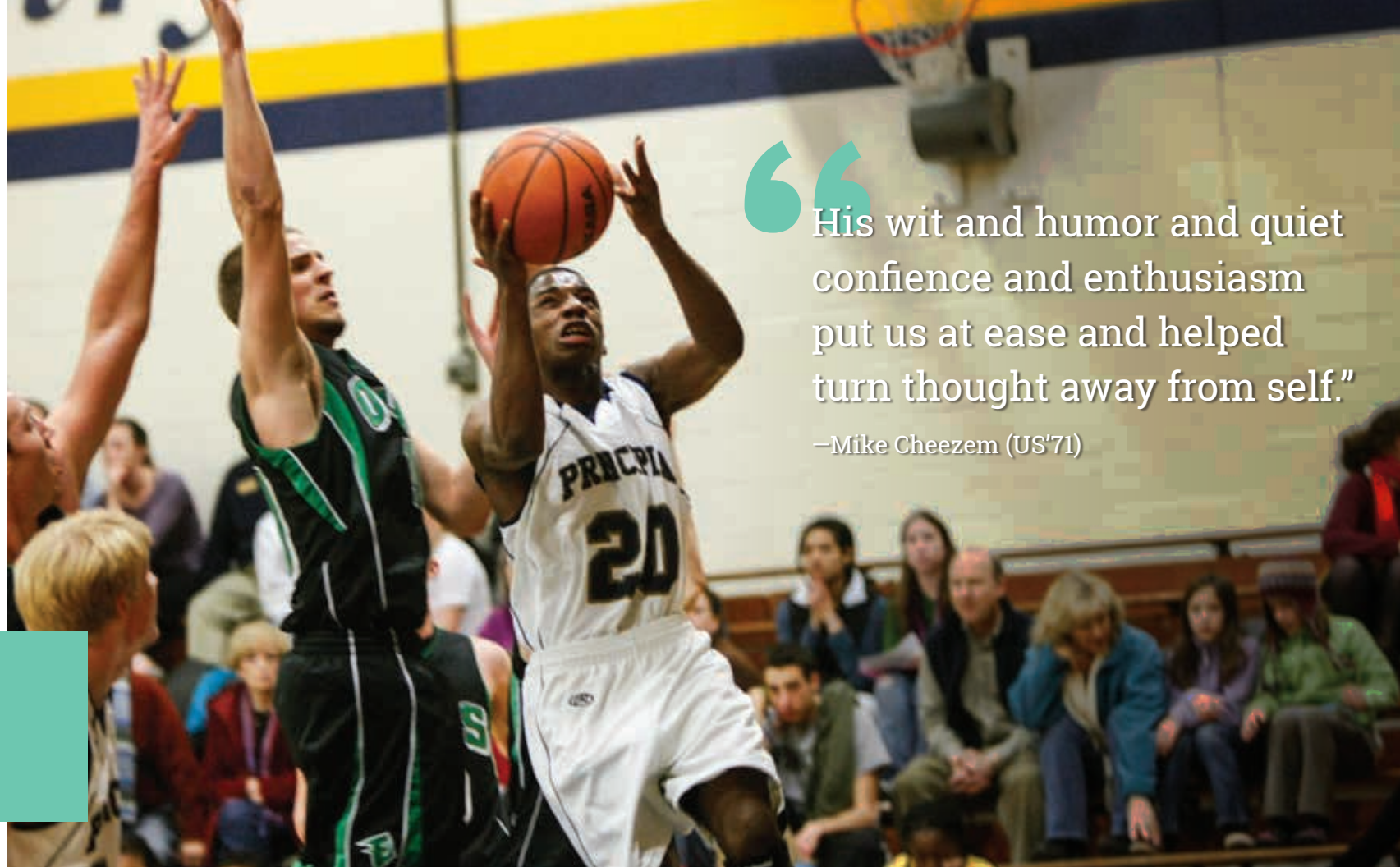


THE IMPORTANCE OF BOUYANCY

Beloved educator, coach, and mentor for 37 years, Ted Munnecke Jr. (C'57) coached nearly every boys' sport, taught Upper School biology, and led numerous outdoor trips. Known for his buoyant sense of humor and dogged work ethic, "Munn" set an example for all with whom he interacted. His high standards lit the way for many of today's Upper School coaches and teachers and continues to serve as a shining example of Principia's ideal of character education.



TED MUNNECKE



“His wit and humor and quiet confidence and enthusiasm put us at ease and helped turn thought away from self.”

—Mike Cheezem (US'71)



ENDURING VISION

Girls' and Boys' Athletic Directors Julie Oakes (US'40, C'44) and Dick Herrmann led Principia School athletics through a combined six decades of service. They built esteemed and enduring athletics programs and laid the foundation for the life-changing, character-building programs we have today. A gift to the Oakes-Herrmann Athletic Director's Office ensures their legacy of visionary leadership will continue with the highest quality of thought and action they brought to Principia Athletics.



**JULIE OAKES
DICK HERRMANN**

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Julie was so committed to the Principia way! Her passion for girls' athletics enabled girls to learn about teamwork, sportsmanship, collaboration, and leadership.”

“Dick Herrmann recognized the importance of bringing together the girls' and boys' athletics department as one association.”

—Jane (Herrmann) Harrison (US'78, C'82)



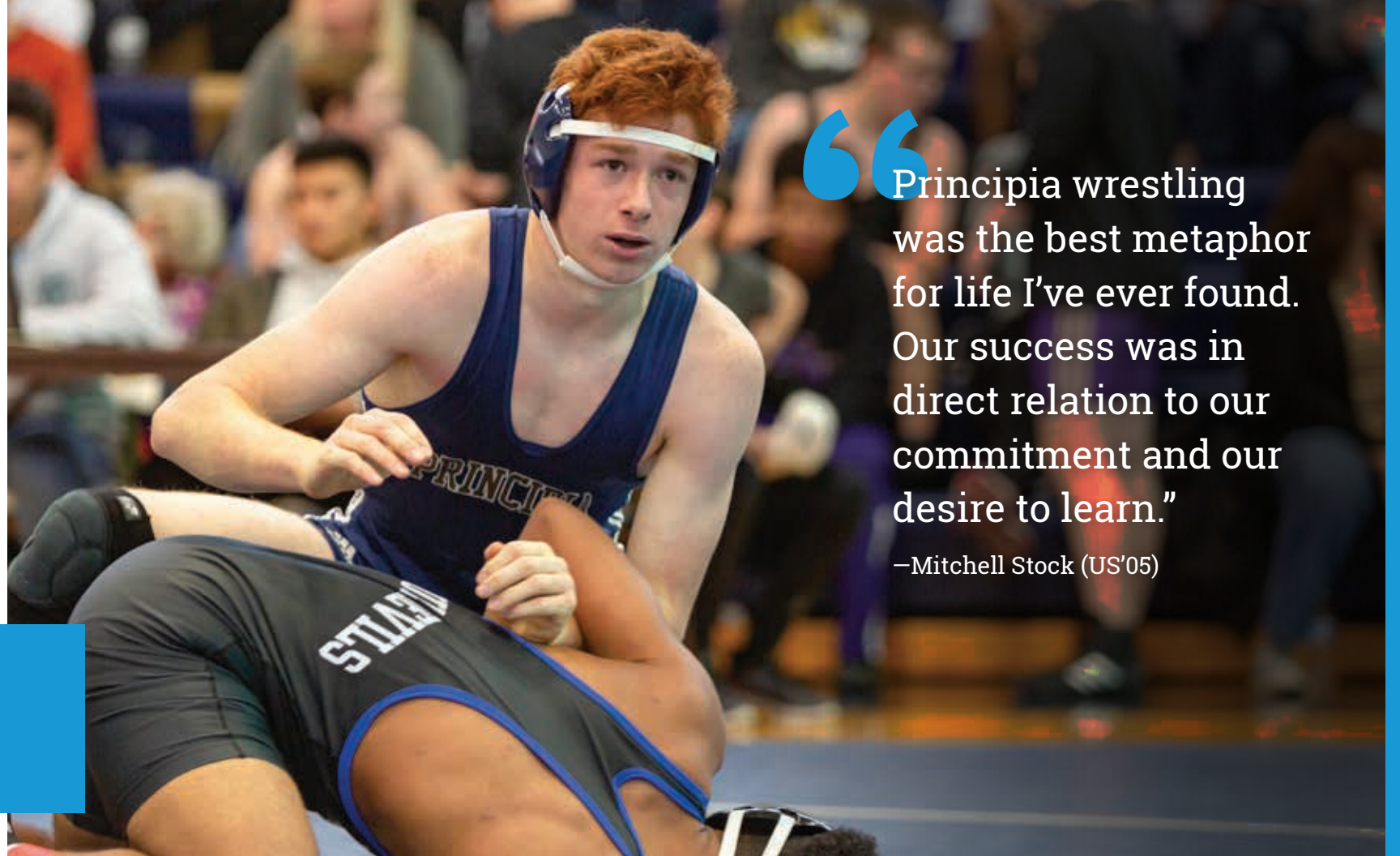


DEDICATION AND DESIRE

Known as the godfather of American Greco-Roman Wrestling, Alan Rice (US'46) was a two-time state wrestling champion at the Upper School, back-to-back Big Ten wrestling champion, and a member of the U.S. National team at the Pan-American Games, World Championships, and the 1956 Olympics in Melbourne, Australia. He returned to the Olympic stage as head coach of the U.S. Greco-Roman wrestling team in the 1972 Munich Olympics. Alan is a distinguished member of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame. Alan's compassion, generosity, heart, and continued commitment epitomize the Principia character and educator.



ALAN RICE



“Principia wrestling was the best metaphor for life I’ve ever found. Our success was in direct relation to our commitment and our desire to learn.”

—Mitchell Stock (US'05)



DAILY DEMONSTRATION

Art (US'47, C'51) and Mary Anne (Davis, C'53) Schulz impacted every aspect of Principia during their three decades of service. Mary Anne led with compassion and grace as a partner to Art as he served as dean of boys, headmaster, and president of Principia, as well as the president of the Missouri Independent Schools Association, while continuing to coach football, basketball, and baseball. Art's legendary Upper School chapel talks were compiled in the book, *Gathered Grain*, where his emphasis on daily demonstration continues to be powerful and inspirational. In 1960, Art coached the legendary undefeated and unscored-upon "B" football team.



ART AND MARY ANNE SCHULZ

“The opportunity of experiencing true inspiration and spiritual healing comes almost daily to the Principia athlete.”

—Art Schulz, *Gathered Grain*, p. 206





A NEW LEGACY

In 2012, the varsity girls' soccer team overcame adversity and a number of setbacks to become the first Principia Upper School soccer team to reach the State Championship, ushering in an era of excellence that saw the girls return to State three times and the boys three times in the next eight years. Head Coach Travis Brantingham (US'94, C'98) credited the team play and incredible support among a collection of athletes with raw talent but very little experience: "It wasn't about all-stars; it was always the team."



2012 GIRLS' SOCCER TEAM



“They played with grace. They played with courage. They epitomized what makes Principia athletics special: overcoming adversity, letting go of ego, and indomitable spirit.”

—Travis Brantingham, Former Head Soccer Coach, Athletics Director, Head of School

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—Mary Kimball Morgan, *Education at The Principia*, p. 221

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