

Michael Hoffman Class of 1999 Male Athlete Inductee

Michael Hoffman graduated from Holton High School in 1999. Hoffman demonstrated powerful athleticism throughout his high school career. As a football and wrestling athlete, Hoffman left a legacy on the field and on the mat.

Hoffman's domination on the football field was easy to see. As a four-year football athlete, he played key positions both on offense and defense. On offense, his strength as a running back led to positive yardage nearly every play. Hoffman was also critical to key blocks that led to great play execution. On defense, Hoffman's speed and aggressiveness made him a defensive force as a middle linebacker. He helped his football teams earn winning records and helped lay a foundation for Holton football to build on.

Hoffman was also a four-year member of the Varsity Wrestling team. He finished his sophomore season with an impressive 32-5 record. As a junior and senior, he placed 3rd at the Wrestling State Finals. In his senior year, Hoffman served as one of the team's captains helping lead the team to a District Championship. During his time as a Red Devil Wrestler, he led the team in takedowns, 2pt and 3pt near falls, shutouts, technical falls, pins, and wins. One of Hoffman's most memorable contributions to Holton Wrestling might be his mastery of delivering some of the best chicken wings ever seen on the mat.

With his tenacity, strength, and determination, after high school Hoffman went on to serve over 24 years in the United States Navy in Naval Special Warfare Command including as Senior Chief Petty Officer leading Navy Seals and Special Warfare Combatant Crewmen on critical global missions. He has remained connected to Holton Athletics and the Holton community through visits to the school, sponsoring programs, and coming back to coach and volunteer at wrestling tournaments. Michael Hoffman's athletic success and impact on Holton's Football and Wrestling programs make him a worthy inductee into the Holton Athletics Hall of Fame.