Darien District 61 - 2024 Great Starts Honoree

The Darien District 61 Educational Foundation proudly recognizes

Mr. Mike Bukovsky

as the 2024 Starts in District 61 Honoree. This award recognizes former students of District 61 who - having had a "great start" in District 61 - are on exciting paths of learning, service, employment, and adventure in their lives. This program is designed to provide inspiration to current District 61 students.

Mike attended Hinsbrook School (now Mark DeLay) and Eisenhower Junior High School for grades K-8. He graduated from EJH in 1979. He then graduated from Montini Catholic High School and North Central College.

He has been at Montini Catholic High School for 31 years. Currently, he serves as the Admissions Director, Head Football Coach, Head Wrestling Coach, and Assistant Softball Coach. He has been recognized with numerous coaching awards. Earlier this year Mike was inducted into the National Wrestling Coaches Hall of Fame. He has coached 16 High School State Championship teams.

He has many special memories of his time at Hinsbrook and Eisenhower. He got his start in wrestling at EJH.

Recently, Mike visited District 61 and spoke to students at Lace and Eisenhower.

Please visit <u>www.darien61foundation.org</u> to read more about Mike and to learn about the work of the Educational Foundation.