



**PINE ISLAND HIGH SCHOOL
ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME**

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Dean Krambeer is a native of Iowa, where he grew up and graduated from Waukon, a city in the northeast part of the state. He became a fixture in the starting lineup in Football, Basketball, and Baseball, where he was an outstanding player at quarterback, guard on the basketball team, and pitched. The talent he displayed in high school allowed him to take it a big step further, as he was a rare two sport athlete at Luther College, in Decorah, IA. He played Football and Basketball for the Norsemen for a few seasons and later earned his degree in Elementary Education. His first teaching and coaching opportunity came at Mabel-Canton Public Schools, where he was an elementary teacher and an assistant Football and Basketball coach. After two years at Mabel-Canton, he was encouraged to apply for a teaching and coaching position at Pine Island, by the legendary educator and head Football coach for the Panthers, Willie Rauen. Dean was interviewed and offered the position as an elementary teacher and assistant Football coach for the fall of 1972. It proved to be one of the great hires in Pine Island Public School history, as Dean served the District as an outstanding 5th and 6th grade teacher while coaching for the next 32 years.

During Dean's coaching tenure, the Panther Football program became one of the premier powers in Southeastern Minnesota. With fellow Pine Island Athletic Hall of Famers, Willie Rauen and assistant coach, Dave Sween, these three men consistently had the Panthers competing at a high level. During their time together, the team was able to capture 10 Conference titles, 3 Section titles, and played in the State Championship game for Class B in 1981. After Coach Rauen retired from coaching Football in 1996, Dean took over as the head coach and with assistant Sween staying on, lead the the Panthers to a Conference and Section championship in 1997. Besides his tremendous knowledge of the game that he passed on to his players, he was recognized for his outstanding character that he displayed in the classroom, athletic fields, and in the community.

Dean and his wife Linda, also a native of Waukon and an outstanding educator in the physical education department of Pine Island, have three children, who were tremendous students and athletes at PI. They are Cori, Dena, and Tom, with Tom following his father into the teaching and coaching profession.