Luther College Hall of Fame Members 1930-1939

Vester G. Luther - 1930 - Inducted - 1975
- Participated in basketball, track, football, and baseball
- Named to the first United Press All-State Team as an end
- Served as captain of the baseball team
- Only lost two games during his four years as a pitcher
- Batted .306 as a sophomore and .375 as a junior
- Hit safely in 13 consecutive games his senior year
- Taught and coached at Bertha, Minn., Kasson, Minn., and Wartburg College
- Owner of Luther Beverage Company, Willmar, Minn.

Sigurd J. Ode - 1930 - Inducted - 1990
- Earned four letters in track and field as a sprinter and hurdler
- Set Luther record in the 100-yard dash (9.9 seconds)
- Coached Duluth Denfield High School track team to state runner-up finish in 1948, a state championship in 1949, and a fourth-place finish in 1950
- Inducted into the Minnesota Track Coaches Hall of Fame, 1976

Marvin C. Olson - 1930 - Inducted - 1975
- Won 12 letters in football, basketball, and baseball
- Named to the first all-conference teams in basketball and baseball as well as the first all-state baseball team
- Most valuable player twice in baseball and once in basketball
- Twice led the team in hitting with a personal high of .474 and a four year average of .400
- Twice led the team in RBI
- Served as captain of the basketball team
- Played second base for the Boston Red Sox
- Served as a scout for the Minnesota Twins

Erwin Haldorson - 1931 - Inducted - 1981
- Three-year letter winner in basketball
- Played as a senior on the team that defeated St. Olaf twice when it was Minnesota Conference Champion
- Four-year letter winner in tennis
- Teacher and coach at Osseo, Wis., from 1931-35

Robert J. Halverson - 1931 - Inducted - 1975
- Earned four letters in football, two in basketball and three in baseball
- Twice named to Associated Press all-conference first team at tackle
- Captain of football team and was named most valuable player
- All-conference second team in basketball
- Batted .374 as a senior to lead the team and was named Most Valuable Player
- Taught and coached at Radcliffe, Iowa and at Lamberton, Minn.
- Since 1938 farmed near Delavan, Minn.

Olaf J. Kaasa - 1931 - Inducted - 1976
- Chosen to all-time Luther basketball team by College Chips in 1951
- Led team in scoring as a junior and senior playing at center
- Served as captain and was named Most Valuable Player as a senior
- Led Luther to 15 straight wins as a junior and a 17-4 record as a senior
- Named to all-conference and all-state teams
- Member and chairperson of the Board of Pension of the American Lutheran Church
- Assistant treasurer of the American Association of Retired Persons

Alfred G. Kvammen - 1931 - Inducted - 1976
- Earned four letters in football as a tackle and end
- Captain of the football team his senior year
- Named to all-conference team and was an honorable mention all-state honoree as a senior
- Was an assistant football coach in 1930 and 1949
- Taught and coached in South Dakota and Waukon, Iowa for 18 years
- Also worked for the Iowa State Highway Department for 20 years

Gerhard H. Wollan - 1931 - Inducted - 1984
- A regular at center for three successive winning football seasons, earning three letters
- M.S. and Ph.D. in mathematics
- Mathematics teacher at Memphis State and Purdue University for twenty-five years, Professor Emeritus of Mathematics at Purdue
- Editor of two professional journals
- Received certificate for meritorious service from the Mathematics Association of America

Robert M. Bungum - 1932 - Inducted - 1977
- Three-year letter winner in football at right halfback
- Called “Busting Bob Bungum” by Chips
- Served as team captain
- Also earned letters in track and baseball
- Served as a volunteer naval officer during World War II
- Coached football and track at Luther 1946-1950
- Served 24 years at Waldorf College as registrar, football coach, teacher, and athletic director

Owen L. Olson - 1932 - Inducted - 1983
- Two-year letter winner in football, basketball, and track
- A guard on Luther’s first IIAC basketball conference championship team in 1932
- Broke his personal and the school’s records in the shot put several times, setting a record that stood for several years
- Received M.A. degree in education from University of Iowa, 1939
- Had a career as mathematics teacher, coach, and administrator in the public schools of West Union, Hawkeye, Sheffield, and Muscatine, Iowa
- Retired in 1975

Everett G. Ritland - 1932 - Inducted - 1977

- Four-year participant in both football and basketball
- First team all-conference in basketball - 1932
- All-conference honorable mention in football
- Played on first Luther IIAC championship basketball team - 1932
- Served in the Navy during World War II
- Spent 42 years in education including 39 years at Ames High School as a teacher, coach, athletic director, vice principal and guidance counselor

Lester B. Shafland - 1932 - Inducted - 1982

- Three-year letter winner in basketball
- Named to Associated Press All-Iowa Conference basketball team as a junior and senior
- Played four years as a member of the tennis team and three on the football team
- Served as an officer at the U. S. Navy Pre-Flight School at the University of Georgia - 1947-48
- Served as an officer and coach of the Iowa Seahawks Pre-Flight Basketball team in Iowa City and Ottumwa - 1945-47
- From 1948 until his retirement in 1973 he was the Coordinator of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Services for services of Veterans Administration facilities in Knoxville, Iowa, New York, and Danville, Ill.

Albert H. Bell - 1933 - Inducted - 1980

- Four-year letter winner in baseball
- In his first collegiate game the baseball never reached the first baseman as he faced 27 batters, struck out 16, did not give up a walk and allowed one hit
- During his career won games over Iowa, Missouri, Michigan State, Carleton, Upper Iowa, Gustavus Adolphus and Hosei University of Japan
- Served as captain in senior year
- Pitched for amateur league teams in Minnesota and participated in four state tournaments, including three with Owatonna and one with Austin
- He pitched an exhibition game against the Minneapolis Millers and struck out Ted Williams three times
- Served in U.S. Army - 1942-66

Ove E. Berven - 1933 - Inducted - 1983

- Transferred to Luther in 1931 from River Falls State, Wis.
- Two-year letter winner in basketball
- Played on first Luther IIAC championship basketball team - 1932
- Led the team in scoring from his pivot position as a senior
- As mathematics teacher and basketball coach at his home town of Spring Valley, Wis., from 1933-39, he led his teams to three state tournaments
- From 1939-64 he coached basketball at Austin, Minn., leading his teams to nine conference championships
- Fourteen times his teams went to the state tournament placing second twice and winning state championships in 1946 and 1958
- Received several awards for his contributions to coaching as well as community honors

Adolph C. Christensen - 1933 - Inducted - 1978

- Four-year letter winner in football
- Served as team captain his senior year
- Helped lead Norsemen through four winning seasons, climaxed by Luther's first Iowa Conference championship - 1932
- Named all-Iowa Conference as a senior
- Prior to his death in 1961, taught and coached at Mabel, Spring Grove, and Richfield, Minn.

Frederick "Ted" Ellingson - 1933 - Inducted - 1982

- Four-year letter winner in football
- Also played basketball and baseball
- As the starting quarterback he led Luther to three winning seasons, including Luther's first conference championship in football in 1932
- Teacher, coach and athletic director at Wayland Academy, Beaver Dam, Wis., 1936-42
- Assistant field director, American Red Cross, 1942-1944
- Served as teacher, coach and audiovisual and adult education director at Riverside-Brookfield High School, Riverside, Ill., 1944-74

Clifford H. Hansen - 1933 - Inducted - 1974

- Four year letter winner in football, basketball and track
- Most valuable player on 1932 football team - Luther's first conference championship team
- That same year he led the conference in scoring and was selected on Des Moines Register's all-conference and mythical All-State Team
- Played professional football with Chicago Bears
- In track, he was a member of the half mile relay that placed first at the Drake Relays and conference meet setting a school record in the process
- Spent the last 29 years of his teaching, coaching and athletic director career in his hometown of Glenwood, Minn.

Lawren B. Nesset - 1933 - Inducted - 1979

- Two-year letter winner in football playing on Luther's first Iowa Conference championship football team - 1932
- Four-year letter winner in track
- At the 1932 Conference Meet he placed first in the 100-yard dash (9.9) equaling the conference record; anchored first place 880-yard relay team breaking the conference record (1:30.6)
- He also set the 220-yard Luther record (21.8) earlier that same year
- M.D. degree from University of Minnesota - 1944
- Served as a surgeon in the 97th Infantry Division, ETO - 1944-46
- In 1975 retired from the practice of medicine at Bloomingotn Lake Clinic, Minneapolis, Minn.

Edwin M. Albertson - 1934 - Inducted - 1975

- Played every inning of Luther's entire baseball schedule for four years
- During this time Luther was 44-16
- Served as captain and was named team's most valuable player
- Played basketball for three years and was the starting fullback on the football as a senior
- Signed with the Detroit Tigers in 1934 and played several seasons
- Following baseball career he taught, coached and was the principal at Lansing and Monona, Iowa, taking his baseball teams to six state tournaments
- Moved to Springfield, Minn., where he taught mathematics and served as Athletic Director since 1947

Fred W. Deines, Jr. - 1934 - Inducted - 1984

- Came to Luther from Wartburg College, then a junior college
- PM.E. from the University of Iowa, 1953
- Three year letter winner in basketball, baseball and track
- Helped lead Luther to first conference basketball title in 1932
- All-conference guard his senior year
- Held the Luther javelin record for 20 years
- Served in the U.S. Navy, 1944-46 with the rank of petty officer
- For 40 years served as a public school teacher and coach in Iowa and Texas
- Led the Stratford boy's team in 1938, the girl's team in 1943 and Independence (IA) boy's team in 1954 to state tournaments

Duane "Dewey" Friedlund - 1934 - Inducted - 1980

- Three-year letter winner in football, playing both offensive and defensive positions
- Coach Pete called him the midget tackle who helped lead Luther to its first Iowa Conference Football championship in 1932
- For 31 years he was a pilot and chief pilot for Western Airlines until he retired in 1975

Lloyd (Esky) Holm - 1934 - Inducted - 1983

- Four-year letter winner in basketball who helped Luther to four winning seasons
- Served as captain of basketball team in 1934 and was named most valuable player
- That same year he made two free throws that gave Luther a 26-25 victory with seconds over the Globe Trotters
- Served in U.S. Navy 1943-46
- As a high school coach in Minnesota, he had a record of 531-246
- He was the only coach to have won district championships in four different regions and the only coach in Minnesota basketball history to have state tournament entries from three different cities
- His 1940 and 1941 Red Wing teams finished as state runner-ups
- His 1947 Duluth Denfield team won the state championship
- Inducted into the Minnesota Coaches Hall of Fame in 1981

Adolph Leo Belding - 1935 - Inducted - 1975

- Member of football, basketball and track teams
- Served as captain for both basketball and track teams
- In the final track meet of his freshman year he won the high hurdles, low hurdles, 100-yard dash, 200-yard dash and was a member of the winning half-mile relay team for a point total of 21 1/4 points
- As a sophomore and junior, he frequently won four events (high and low hurdles, 100-yard dash, and broad jump) and anchored the half-mile relay
- Individual high scorer at the Iowa Conference meet as a senior
- Employed by the Great Northern railway system until his death in 1962

August "Augie" Luther - 1936 - Inducted - 1976

- Recognized as one of Luther's greatest four-sport athletes
- In three years of competition he earned 12 letters, three each in football, basketball, baseball and track
- Scored 6 touchdowns and 5 extra points against Western Union for a total of 41 points a Luther and Iowa Conference single game record
- Set Luther record for longest run of 102 yards for a touchdown against St. Mary's (MN)
- Punted 18 times for 828 yards for a 46-yard average in a 0-0 game with Iowa Teachers College - now University of Northern Iowa
- Twice voted Luther MVP
- Two-time all-conference quarterback
- All-state quarterback as a senior
- Batted .420 in baseball during senior year
- In track he was part of the first place half mile relay team for Iowa Colleges at the Drake Relays
- Signed with the Minneapolis Millers and the American Association but arm trouble cut his professional career short
- Following baseball career he spent 39 years in education, 33 as an administrator at Forest City, Iowa and Fertile, Iowa

Howard "Steve" Lybeck - 1936 - Inducted - 1981

- Four-year letter winner in football
- Played left end on the 1932 and 1935 championship teams
- Served as captain is senior year
- Three-year letter winner in baseball, playing mostly center field
- Graduate of Luther Theological Seminary, St. Paul
- Served 37 years as a pastor of the American Lutheran Church
- Served as U.S. Army chaplain during World War II - 1943-46

Clarence E. Nelson - 1937 - Inducted - 1982

- Four-year letter winner in football and three-year letter winner in basketball
- Played guard on conference championship football team in 1935
- Named all-conference that same year
- Served as co-captain as a senior year
- In basketball he played forward and led the team in scoring
- The 1937 team won the conference championship and was selected to play in first NAIA National tournament
- After seven years as a high school teacher and football coach, he served as lieutenant in the U.S. Navy from 1944-46
- President of Johnny's Steak House, Inc., in Hollywood, Calif., which he has owned for 25 years

Arthur Grangaard - 1938 - Inducted - 1976

- Three-year letter winner in football, basketball and baseball
- Voted MVP by his teammates in all three sports
- Led football team to undefeated season in 1935
- All-conference half back that same season
- All-conference guard in basketball during the 1936-37 season
- Played professional baseball for three seasons with Milwaukee Brewers
- Head basketball and baseball coach and assistant football coach at St. Olaf College
- Enlisted and served in the U.S. Navy in World War II and was decorated with the Asiatic Pacific Combat Ribbon
- Inducted into Minnesota State Baseball Hall of Fame in 1960

Minnard "Dusty" Hanson - 1938 - Inducted - 1978

- Four-year letter winner in football and basketball and two in baseball
- Member of undefeated Iowa Conference championship football team - 1935
- Served as team captain for basketball team his senior year and was named to All-Iowa Conference and Des Moines Register's All-State basketball teams
- He was the leading scorer on Luther's 1937 Iowa Conference championship team
- Lieutenant, U.S. Navy, 1941-46 in the Pacific Theatre in World War II

Floyd H. Omundson - 1938 - Inducted - 1982

- Came to Luther from a farm in Roland, Iowa at age 24 and had seen only one football game
- Played defense on the football team, lettering three years and chosen captain his senior year
- During the four years he played football, only one opposing team scored on the home field
- Served as a staff sergeant in the U.S. Army, 1942-46, in the Pacific Theater receiving citations and medals for bravery in action
- Following his military service, he was involved in the hardware store business in Blue Earth, Minn., Munising and St. Ignace, Mich., until his retirement in 1973

Merlin P. Elie - 1939 - Inducted - 1989

- Four-year letter winner in football
- Started as a freshman and played virtually every minute on both offense and defense during his four years
- Helped lead Luther to the 1935 Iowa Conference championship outscoring opponents 77-0
- Served as co-captain in 1936
- After graduating he spent 40 years as head boy's physical education instructor, assistant football and basketball coach at East Grand Forks, Minn.

Sanford Lester Forde - 1939 - Inducted - 1984

- Four-year letter winner in football
- Played on two Iowa Conference championship - 1935, 1938
- Four-year letter winner in baseball
- Served as captain his senior year
- Was a teacher and coach in Spring Grove, Minn. - 1939-41
- Served in the U.S. Air Force with rank of 1st Lieutenant During World War II - 1941-45
- Manager of industrial relations for Giddings and Lewis Machine Tool Company until retirement in 1979
- Served on board of directors for Wisconsin Safety Council, Kaukauna Community Hospital and Sheltered Workshop

Ld L. Hillman - 1939 - Inducted - 1984

- Four year letter winner in both football and track
- Played on two championship football teams as running back and halfback - 1935, 1938
- Captain of track team, 1937
- Iowa Conference champion is both the 100 and 220-yard dashes and was the anchor man on the first place 880-yard relay team
- Ran at three Drake Relays
- Served in World War II as an Air Force Captain
- Administrator of Emmanuel Nursing Home and Lamplighter Apartments at Detroit Lakes, Minn., until retirement in 1981
- Named Detroit Lakes Jaycees "Boss of the Year" in 1980

David J. Quill - 1939 - Inducted - 1974

- Came to Luther after earning all-state honors in football at Waco High School, Texas
- Four-year letter winner in football, startint all four years at left tackle
- Member of Iowa Conference championship teams - 1935, 1938
- Two-time all-conference selection
- Following his junior year, "Tex" was voted Most Valuable Lineman
- Following the 1938 championship season, the Des Moines Register picked him as the Outstanding Tackle in the conference and also named him second team all-state
- Graduate of Luther Theological Seminary
- Served on Luther's Board of Regents

Martin S. Soliah - 1939 - Inducted - 1985

- Earned four letters in football and was on two championship teams - 1935 and 1938
- Four-year letter winner in track
- Named team MVP and served as captain his senior year
- Excelled in broad jump, hurdles, high jump, javelin and 880-yard relay
- Won three Iowa Conference championships in the broad jump
- During World War II served as a Sergent in the 10th Mountain Division and then as a Lieutenant fighter pilot flying missions in the Southwest Pacific War Theater
- High school coach and English teacher in Minnesota and then California for 37 years
- Earned M.S. degree from University of North Dakota and did graduate work in English at California State University-Northridge

Anton J. "Butch" Stolfa - 1939 - Inducted - 1974

- Four-year letter winner in football
- Came to Luther after earning all-state honors in football at Riverside High School, Chicago, Ill.
- Member of Iowa Conference championship teams - 1935, 1938
- Luther's first three-time all-conference performer
- Little All-America at quarterback - 1938
- The Des Moines Register named him first team all-state three times
- Had an outstanding record as teacher, football coach and director of health, physical education and athletics, winning football championships at Glenwood, Minn. and Augustana College, Rock Island, Ill.
- Named Iowa Prep Football Coach of the Year in 1955 for his unbeaten and untied Davenport High School team
- Inducted into Iowa's Football Coaches Hall of Fame
- Received the Lyle T. Quinn Award, the highest award bestowed by the Iowa High School Athletic Association and the National Federation of High Schools Award as one of the six outstanding athletic directors in the United States
- In 1973 named President of Palmer Junior College, Davenport, Iowa

Martin H. Studier - 1939 - Inducted - 1981

- Four-year letter winner in football
- As a freshman, played in memorable game against North Dakota State University in Grand Forks and was a regular starter at guard the rest of his career
- Played on the Iowa Conference championship - 1935, 1938
- Two-time all-conference selection
- Four-year letter winner in gymnastics
- Served as captain as a senior
- Served in the U.S. Army - 1942-43
- Senior Chemist for 35 years at the Argonne National Laboratory, making major contributions to energy programs