

Who are your Nominees?

President

1. Mitch West

The West family joined the Timberwolves in 2008 when Mitch became Head Coach of the Bantam White football squad with son Mac playing for the first time. Mitch has been head coach for 3 additional football teams in Bantam, Feather and Middleweight. Mitch has also been a Head and Assistant coach for the Lacrosse program since its inception (3 years). The oldest West child Erin (14) cheered and played 2 years lacrosse, Mac (13) has played 4 years football/3 lacrosse and Teddy (11) has played 3 years football/3 lacrosse. Jennifer West has contributed time and treasure volunteering for the program for 5 years.

Mitch West is currently the Director of Corporate Marketing at Abbott. He has spent his 20+ year career in marketing building brands and growing businesses. He serves on the Board of Directors of PADS Lake County, the largest homeless network in northern Illinois. He and his family are active members of Annunciation of Our Lady Episcopal Church. His high school football experience earned him a scholarship to University of Mount Union in Alliance, Ohio. Mitch earned a bachelor's degree in Mathematics from the University of Texas-Arlington.

"I'm running for President to give back. I can think of no greater honor than coaching your own child in sports and no greater responsibility than to coach other people's children. Watching a team gel as the season progresses, building bonds with coaches during tough times, sharing my love of sports with kids that are experienced or new to the game, listening to music and laughing before practice, all the cheers and all the tears. I owe these memories to the Timberwolves program."

2. Garrett Horn

I've been proudly involved with the Lake Villa Timberwolves as a coach and volunteer since 2001. This season will be my 5th year as a parent participant for my son, Zach.

Timberwolves History

2009-2012 Big 10 Bantam - Head Coach
2009- 2011 Flag Football - Head & Assistant Coach
2007, 2008 Lightweight - Assistant Coach
2006 Middleweight - Assistant Coach
2004, 2005 Featherweight - Assistant Coach
2001-2003 Bantam -Assistant Coach

Coaching Accomplishments

2009-2012 Bantam Playoffs
2007, 2008 Lightweight Super Bowl Champions
2006 Middleweight Super Bowl Champions
2004, 2005 Featherweight Super Bowl Champions

Certifications/Education/Qualifications

USA Football Certified
Glazier Football Coaching Clinics
Timberwolves Round Table Seminars
Small Business Owner since 1997

My Vision for the Role:

- Cultivate an enjoyable environment for our kids to learn fundamentals of their sport, while participating in a highly organized and competitive program.
- Promote respect, sportsmanship, integrity, self-discipline and self-confidence.
- Ensure each player receives the opportunity to maximize their individual potential through positive motivation, coaching and encouragement.
- Develop a fundamental skill set to be taught throughout the program to better prepare players for the next levels of sport.
- Continue to provide optimal equipment and facilities to ensure greater safety for our players.
- Introduce mentoring programs to encourage participation and confidence in younger, less experienced players.
- Expand optional off-season conditioning opportunities for year-round development and well-being.
- Reinforce the importance and high priority on scholastic achievement to our Student Athletes.
- Strengthen unity between the sport programs and within the levels of play.
- Support coach participation in key certification programs and mentoring opportunities.
- Provided increased and more effective communication to parents and the community.
- Grow additional, more visible partnerships with local businesses for greater support and stronger community awareness of our outstanding program.

Treasurer

1. Chris Courtney

The Courtney family joined the Timberwolves in 2005 with their oldest son, Trevor. As of the past season, their youngest son, Colin completed his 4th season and Chris was the Assistant Coach of the Bantam Red team. Chris has assisted with coaching in multiple seasons with both of his sons over the past 7 years. Leanna Courtney has also contributed time by volunteering as a team mom for the program.

Chris Courtney is currently the Division Manager of the JM&A Group. He oversees four states. He has been in the automotive finance business for the past 17 years. His responsibilities include dealership finance audits, review financials, and he assists in setting up off shore companies. He and his family belong and are active members of the United Methodist Church of Libertyville. I believe playing sports helps give kids a positive attitude and teaches them how to work together and build camaraderie as a team. Chris earned his degree from Purdue University.

"I am running for Treasurer to give back to a program that has done so much for my own children. There is no greater honor than working with the children in the program. I hope to bring a positive experience for all the kids in the program. I look forward to providing great opportunities and experiences to all the children in the Timberwolves Organization."

2. John Carr

As a proud member and coach of the Lake Villa Timberwolves since 2007, this will be my 7th year as a parent volunteer for my sons, Ryan (12) and Nathan (7).

My Vision for the Role:

- Provide timely and accurate financial reporting to the Board.
- Ensure all financial transactions are conducted in a professional, business-like manner.
- Work closely with past Treasurer to conduct regular internal and 3rd party audits of financial records.
- Support open annual meeting for members to inquire about Timberwolves financials
- Monitor annual budgets to ensure our kids continue to receive excellent equipment and facilities. Our kids deserve the best.
- Promote respect, sportsmanship, integrity, self-discipline and self-confidence.
- Expand optional off-season conditioning for year-round development and well-being.
- Reinforce importance and high priority of scholastic achievement to our Student Athletes.
- Enhance communication to parents and the community.
- Cultivate program awareness and opportunities to attract new coaches and participants.
- Strengthen unity between Football, Cheer and Lacrosse. One Team...One Family.

Timberwolves History & Accomplishments

2012	Big 10 Middleweight & Flag Football - Head Coach Spring 7 on 7- Assistant Coach
2011	Big 10 Featherweight - Head Coach Flag Football - Assistant Coach
2010	Big 10 Featherweight - Assistant Coach
2009	Big 10 Bantam - Assistant Coach
2008	Flag Football - Head Coach
2007	Flag Football - Assistant Coach

Coaching Accomplishments

2012	Middleweight Big 10 Playoffs
2011	Featherweight Big 10 AAA Super Bowl Champions
2010	Featherweight Big 10 Playoffs
2009	Bantam Big 10 Playoffs

Certifications/Education/Qualifications

USA Football Certified- Halas Hall Coaching School
Annual Glazier Football Coaching Clinics and Throw IT Deep Academy
Timberwolves Football "Round Table Seminars" Instructor
Timberwolves Speed & Conditioning Clinic Instructor
Played High School and College Football
College Majors: Economics & Political Science
Business Expertise: Finance, Supply Chain, Quality Improvement & Cross-Functional Management

Director of Football Operations

1. Virgil Canon

My wife and I are truly blessed to be parents to three wonderful kids (Virgil, Dimitri and Jasmine). Each one of our kids are currently members of the Lake Villa Timberwolves program (2 in football and 1 in cheer), so as you can see I'm fully invested into future success of Timberwolves program. I have 10 years of coaching experience including 1 year of college and 1 year of high school. With the Timberwolves I have coached 4 years of flag football and 2 years of tackle; presently I'm a head coach at LW Level.

My vision for program is "simple":

- Each head coach position at Sunday or Saturday level will be open and each candidate will be given a chance to be interviewed by a panel.
- Another change you will see is that each Coach will be expected to teach certain fundamentals at each level. My goal just like any other parent is to make sure that each year my son or daughter is being taught fundamentals of the game of football. If we can become consistent within our program from Bantam level to upper levels our kids should attain a wealth of skills due to excellent fundamentals.
- Offseason coaching programs will be created for each Levels
- Offseason condition camps will be broken down into three phrases
 1. Core Training
 2. Speed and Quickness
 3. Football Fundamentals

In Closing: My passion, vision and the ability to organize is second to none when it comes to football. I have been tremendously blessed to play a game that I truly love and now I have a chance to share this blessing with the kids of the Lake Villa Timberwolves program. Thank you for taking the time to read my Bio.

2. Matt Mader

My name is Matthew Mader and I am currently the Director of Football Operations. I am married to Jennifer Staley Mader and I have one Son, John, who lives in Turkey and two Step-Sons, Ryan and Nathan. Ryan is a sophomore at GNHS and played both football and lacrosse for the Timberwolves and Nathan is a current Timberwolves lacrosse and football player.

I have been with the Timberwolves since 2008. I began my volunteer time with the Timberwolves in 2010 as the coordinator of our Field Marshal program. In 2011, I was selected to be the Coordinator for PAC Middle, light and heavyweight. In 2012, I was elected to be the Director of PAC. Most recently, I was appointed to be the Director of Football. In our lacrosse program, I have been an assistant coach for two teams and I was the head coach last season for Lightning Gold.

I have worked my way up through the ranks of Timberwolves Football and I have the experience and knowhow of what it takes to keep football running. I also have the drive and passion to keep Lake Villa as the premiere youth football organization in the area. That is why I hope to serve as your Director of Football. I care deeply about the success of each child in our program. Not just success on the football field but in the classroom and in the community. Lake Villa is about more than creating excellent football players, we are creating our future leaders through Pride, Respect and Teamwork. That is also, why I wish to serve as your Director of Football.

Director of Big/Mac 10 Football

1. James King

I have coached in LVT organization as a Head Coach for almost 10 seasons at all levels from Bantam to Heavyweight with 70% plus winning percentage. I'm proud to say I never had any formal or informal incidents on any of my teams. I am on my 2nd rotation with my youngest child and I am committed to nothing more than the unification and success of all the sports in this organization. Please help me be the representative you and your children expect to keep the Timberwolves as the most respectful, creditable, and honorable organization in the TCYFL.

2. Jeff Gebert

My name is Jeff Gebert and I am running for the position *Director of Big Ten/ Mac 10 Football*. I have been a part of the Timberwolves program for the past seven years. Five years as a head coach and two years as an assistant coach. During this time I also served two years on the board as the Coordinator of Bantam, Featherweight, and Middleweight Football. Leaving this position was due to a change in my work schedule which required me to travel. Now my job allows me the time to be a bigger part of the program again. I have coached both at the Pac and Bog 10 level. As my oldest son decided after five years of football with the Timberwolves to pursue his passion for hockey, I stayed on with the program to continue coaching and building relationships with the players and parents.

I have decided to run for this position so that I can help this program continue to grow in a positive direction. During my time on the board I was able to be a part of voting yes to welcome the lacrosse program into the Timberwolves family. I have always supported our entire program and am proud as I watch it continue to grow. My only agenda is to help this program become bigger, stronger and better as I get ready for my youngest son to begin his Timberwolves career in 2014. I enjoy the opportunity to create a positive football experience for those kids I coach, and look forward to helping provide that same kind of experience for all the kids in the program.

3. Joe Nunes

Director of Pac 10

1. Casey Carr

The Carr's joined the Timberwolves in 2008 with our son, Matt, playing football for the Pee Wee Black Team. Since then Casey has been involved as an assistant coach with two Timberwolves football teams at the middleweight and lightweight level. Casey has also been involved with the Lacrosse program, coaching at both the lightning and the junior level. Our son, Matt, has enjoyed three years of football and two years of Lacrosse with the Timberwolves. Matt will continue to play both football and lacrosse with the Timberwolves until graduation.

Casey has been involved in sports since his youth. He played goalie for his ice hockey teams in high school, as a junior, in college, and as a semi pro player. He understands the sacrifices the players and the family's must make for the team to be successful. Casey earned a scholarship to Illinois State University for hockey where he earned a degree in Agribusiness. Casey is currently V.P. of Business Development at Breezy Hill Nursery.

Although not a member of the board the past two years, Casey has always helped with whatever it takes with both football and lacrosse. This may include being at the football field on weekends to help with the set up or helping with the set up of the lacrosse fields. He believes it is all about giving back for the kids.

2. John Vertuno

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Timberwolves Football experience:

2012 Feather Weight MAC Head Coach
2012 Timberwolves Speed and Conditioning Clinic Instructor
2011 Bantam Pac Head Coach
2010 Bantam Big Ten Assistant Coach & Flag Head Coach
2009 Bantam Pac Assistant Coach & Flag Head Coach
2008 Flag Head Coach
2007 Flag Assistant

Football Certifications:

USA Football Certified member since 2009
TCYFL Football Certified member since 2009
Glacier Football seminars participation last three years
Aurora Christian Football Certified 2012
Attended every Timberwolves Round Table discussion last three years

Personal Experience:

1992 -2009 President of top retail electronics store
2008 -2012 Electrical Construction Union Electrician
2010 – Present Electrical Construction Project Manager

Purpose for running for PAC Director:

- Expand on what previous Board members have started. (quality equipment, fields, concessions, fun)
- Uphold the Timberwolves reputation for being a great football program.
- Implement football drills that are required to be taught from Bantam level up.
- Work with the Timberwolves Board to get information to the Coaches more efficiently.
- Encourage Coaches to help each other and share coaching experiences and strategy.
- Help coaches understand football philosophies and that there is more to coaching than just holding a pad.
- Improve introduction of tackle football to the flag players and parents.
- Get the Cheerleaders and Football players more involved as a cohesive team.
- Get the Cheerleaders out of the mud and more visible during the games.
- Encourage the older Football players to help mentor the younger players.
- Get the Big 10, MAC, and PAC levels all on the same page as one football family.
- Expand our new 7 on 7 Football Pilot Program.
- Keep the off season football agilities program growing.
- Most importantly help the players learn how to play football SAFELY while having FUN!

Coordinator of Pac 10 Bantam and Feather

1. Angelo Flores

Our family has been part of the Lake Villa Timberwolves program since 2004. My oldest son Noah (14) started the same year the flag program was introduced. He played 2 years of flag and moved onto tackle. Noah was a Timberwolf through 8th grade. My two younger sons, Nolan (9) and Nathan (5) are currently active with the program. Nolan started at the age of 4 and played flag for 3 years. Then moved onto tackle, where he just completed his 3rd year of Bantam as an older/lighter. Nathan started his Timberwolf career this year as a flag player. I have volunteered many years as Head Coach and/or Assistant Coach at different levels from Flag to Middleweight. My wife, Yvonne Flores has also volunteered her time throughout the years as Team Mom for our boys (Flag to Lightweight level). Through our time and dedication with the Lake Villa Timberwolves, we now know the true meaning of "One Team, One Family".

Timberwolves Coaching History

2012 Bantam Gold Big 10 - Assistant Coach
2011 Bantam Black Pac 10 - Head Coach
2010 Bantam Black Pac 10 - Head Assistant Coach
2009 Middleweight Pac 10 - Head Assistant Coach
2009 Flag Cardinal - Head Coach
2008 Pee Wee Red - Assistant Coach
2008 Flag Navy - Head Coach
2007 Flag Green - Head Assistant Coach
2005 Flag Cowboys – Assistant Coach

Football Certifications

TCYFL Certified
USA Football Certified
Galzier Football Coaching Clinics
Timberwolves Round Table Seminars

I'm very fortunate to have been part of this successful football organization for all of these years. With my youngest just beginning, I have many more years to contribute my coaching and leadership skills. The experience and relationships built through my coaching and as a parent on the sidelines have given me the opportunity to give back more as a Board Member. Through your vote of confidence, I'm ready to continue the growth of our Football, Cheer and Lacrosse program. As a parent and coach, I feel that not only sportsmanship and fundamentals are important, but showing the kids that hard work can also mean fun. At the end of the day, it's about the kids and for the kids.

Aside from volunteering time with community sports, I have been employed with Gypsum Supply Company for over 20 years. Currently, I hold an Operations Manager position and have managed 18(+) employees. If I were to compare 18 grown adults to 18 youth football players, I would have say my players are much easier to manage and more enjoyable to work with.

My purpose to run for Coordinator of Pac 10 Bantam and Featherweight is to provide support to all players, parents and board members at any capacity. Whether, it's coaching on the field or helping implement a firm foundation of integrity, pride and respect for the Lake Villa Timberwolves community.

I appreciated your time and consideration. May you and your family have a blessed holiday season.

Your support and vote are important, please come out on December 5th - Lake Villa Field House @ 6pm!

2. Doug Zeman

The Zeman family has been in the Timberwolves organization for three years now. My sons, Brett(11) and D.J.(9), started football at the Feather and Bantam level in 2010. D.J. has also played lacrosse for the past two years. My wife Jennifer has been a team mom all three years for both football and lacrosse. I myself have been an assistant coach for football the last two years with my older son Brett at the feather and middleweight level. Next year I plan to move back to Featherweight PAC to coach my younger son D.J. In addition to my immediate family, I also have family members involved in the cheer program.

I am running for a board position to ensure that the focus for the Timberwolves is on the kids first and their supporting families. Being a parent myself, I understand the huge time and monetary commitment it takes from all of our families that make this a fun and successful learning environment for all the kids. I chose to run for the Coordinator of Bantam and Featherweight because I will be at the Martin field next season as an assistant coach. This will make me available to all the parents who may have questions or comments throughout the season. Having worked with younger kids the last few years, I can especially relate to the new parents in the system and hope to improve communications on how the Timberwolves and TCYFL function. I want everyone to have the necessary information to have a fun, worry free season.

We love watching our kids have fun playing sports. The reason I choose to coach my kids is to spend time with them and encourage them the best I can. I enjoy teaching all the players the fundamentals of football so they can advance to the next level. I have no aspirations of being a Big10 or Mac10 coach. I am running for this board position strictly to ensure all of our kids continue to have fun playing their respective sports and putting smiles on the faces of all their families.

Coordinator of Pac 10 MW, LW, and HW

1. Mike Frank

I have been involved with the Timberwolves organization for the past 6 years serving in several different roles. I have spent a number of years as a coach, previously coaching my youngest son in Flag Football and presently coaching my older son in Timberwolves lacrosse. This past year I took on a new role within the football program as a game day Field Marshal working to ensure the smooth operation of football activities throughout the day. Presently I have 2 sons involved in both the football and lacrosse programs – Ryan who is 12 years old and Ethan who is an 8 year old.

In addition to my past and present involvement in the Timberwolves organization, I bring experience in working on the board of non-profit organizations and am familiar with the challenges that come with these organizations. I was previously board chairman and continue to serve as a board member of a Food Pantry affiliated with the Northern Illinois Food Bank. This experience has made me very attentive to the challenges facing organizations like these from creating and maintaining budgets to recruiting and retaining volunteers. My motivation is 3 fold in running for this position: ensuring that this remains an organization focused on our children as I have 2 boys in the program, continue my desire to be of service to the Timberwolves organization and to utilize my past experience working on non-profit boards such as this to help make the Lake Villa Timberwolves organization be the best that it can be in serving our community.

2. Jason Massey

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I have been a part of youth football programs for the past 17 years in various capacities covering all age levels. Before moving to the Lake Villa area I was a part of the Willoughby Youth Football program in Northeast Ohio. During my time with the program I served as Vice President of the league as well as the Head Coach of several successful teams. The past 2 years I have had the privilege of being a part of the Lake Villa Timberwolves organization. Last year I coached on the Bantam Red PAC team and this past year I was the head coach of the Bantam Silver MAC team. Every year of coaching is unique, but the best part of coaching in any sport is watching the kids develop throughout the year and having their entire family know they are a part of the team. Trust, communication and commitment amongst everyone on the team including kids, coaches and families are critical not only to a team, but to an entire organization.

Vision for position

- Help create a culture within the program of trust and transparency between the board, coaches, players and parents.
- Implement a consistent system of teaching basic fundamentals across all levels (blocking, tackling, running, etc.).
- Expand on offseason programs to help develop players.
- Improve the communication to the coaches, families and community.
- Work collaboratively with the board and families in the program to make the right decisions which are in the best interest for the kids.
- Utilize the expertise of the community to bring in other coaches in the area for offseason instruction of Timberwolves coaches and clinics for the kids.

Training/Certifications

- USA Football Certified member
- TCYFL Football Certified member
- Glacier Football seminar
- Aurora Christian Football Clinic
- Baldwin Wallace University Coaches Clinic
- Lake County Football Association Coaches Clinic

Director of Flag Football

1. Tony Lieberum

Director of Cheer

1. Kimberly Zielinski

Special Events

1. Jennifer Staley-Mader

I have been the **Director of Special Events** for the last two years and a proud member of the Lake Villa Timberwolves since 2008. My husband, Matt Mader is currently the Director of Football. I have two boys, Ryan Staley (15), and Nathan Staley (10). Ryan is a sophomore at Grayslake North, and he played football and lacrosse for the Timberwolves. He continues to play both sports at North. Nathan is in 5th grade at Pleviak, and plays football and lacrosse with the Timberwolves. I have worked in finance for the last 20 years, and I currently work for Solo Cup/Dart Container.

The Director of Special Events coordinates with the coaches, the team moms, the parents, and the kids. It is truly a team effort. I have been fortunate enough, over the last two years, to work with wonderful groups of parents. It is my job to bring information from the Board meetings to the Team Moms for parent distribution. A few of my responsibilities are listed below.

- Volunteers - Coordinate for concessions, kick-off weekend, 50/50 tickets, etc...
- Picture Day – Schedule, organize, and deliver pictures.
- Cookie Dough Fundraiser – Collect, tally, enter over 400 orders.
- Trophies – Order all trophies for football/cheer. Submit name file and insure 700 trophies are correct and delivered on time
- Special Events or requests – Plan as needed

As a program, we have had successful kick-off weekends, great pictures of our children, and each year, we have raised more money than the last to help support the future of the Lake Villa Timberwolves.

In 2013, from a Special Events perspective, Timberwolves Football, Cheer, and Lacrosse programs will expand our community involvement and our Timberwolves name. With new ideas and growth in sight, I am excited to bring on new volunteers. The Lake Villa Timberwolves are much more than just a ball, a helmet, a pom or a stick. We work as a Team, and we are a Family.

With your vote, I hope to continue to serve as the Director of Special Events in 2013

2. Stacy Holter

My family has been a part of the Timberwolves program for the past 6 years while our youngest sons Gavin and Logan, advanced from the flag to tackle divisions, and my husband Jim, served as an assistant coach for numerous seasons. I have not only represented my sons as an enthusiastic parent cheering on the sidelines, but as both co and head team mom for several years including Cardinal Flag in 2009, Bantam Black for the 2010 and 2011 seasons, as well as the 2012 seasons for both Bantam White and Featherweight White. I have extensive marketing and event planning experience from not only co-owning a home automation business with my husband, but also from serving as the Regional Marketing and Special Events Manager for a global organization. My responsibilities over the years have included organizing, scheduling and promoting regional trade and sales events, content and layout design and development of marketing collateral, and the selection and distribution of promotional items to increase brand awareness. This year I helped further promote the Timberwolves brand across the Football, Lacrosse and Cheer programs by developing, organizing and distributing numerous wearable and spirit items to individual teams and parents throughout the season.

I am running as Director of Special Events because I feel the Timberwolves organization truly lives by the creed - One Team, One Family. I have been fortunate enough to have wonderful parents support me in my efforts as team mom over the years. Parents who have helped volunteer, who have come to me asking how else they could help and parents who have gone above and beyond because they believed in me and in all the efforts I put forth for our teams, our children. I am running for this position because many Timberwolves parents have asked me to- because their belief in my abilities and support of my ideas is unwavering.

Director of Concessions

1. Chris Gonyea

I have lived in Lake Villa for the past 32 years along with my wife and son.

My son has been involved in the tackle football program for the past 2 years. This current year I had the honor of being an assistant coach on my sons featherweight team.

I have been very encouraged by the Timberwolves organization as a whole. From management to coaches, the dedication and time given by each individual is admirable. The parents and various volunteers commitments to their sons and daughters clearly show a devotion to a program that not only teaches their children athletic skills, but more importantly, life skills that will help them as they progress into young adults. All this while achieving the ultimate goal for the kids...having fun.

I envision being in the program for another 5 years until my son reaches high school age. I would like to continue the excellence that has been established in the program but also in turn, improve upon the foundation that has been established.

I have been involved in various aspects of business for the past 25 years; purchasing, negotiation, scheduling, contracts, and management to name a few. In my experience, the key to overall success is organizational skills and I feel that this is one of my strongest qualities. I believe that you make a detailed plan complete with contingencies and outliers and execute that plan.

I believe that these skills in conjunction with the strong ties that I have cultivated within the Lake Villa community make me qualified for the position of Director of Concessions. I look forward to working with you all.

Director of Lacrosse

1. Tim Ryan