

Craig Vandermause graduated from Slinger High School in 1995 as a three-sport athlete, earning eight combined letters in football, basketball and track and was recognized as the Scholar Athlete of the Year for the Parkland Conference.

In football, Vandermause excelled on both sides of the ball at the quarterback and safety positions. His senior year, he was named First-Team All-Conference and First Team All-County for both positions and was voted Team Captain and Team MVP.

In basketball, Vandermause led the Owls averaging over 17 points per game at the guard position. Vandermause was named First-Team All-Conference and First Team All-County and was selected to play in the Wisconsin All-Star Game. Vandermause was also voted Team Captain and Team MVP his senior year.

In track, Vandermause shined in the 110M Hurdles, 300M Hurdles and 1600M Relay. His senior year, Vandermause placed first in all events at the Conference Indoor, Outdoor and Relay meets, helping the team win the Triple Crown. Vandermause capped off his career by qualifying for the WIAA State Track and Field Championships where he finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 110M Hurdles and 5<sup>th</sup> in 1600M Relay in the state.

Vandermause continued his athletic career at Lake Forest College where he played all four years of basketball for the Foresters and finished his senior year as the Team's Captain. Following his collegiate career, Vandermause worked in the National Football League for a decade with the Chicago Bears and Detroit Lions where he concluded as the Director of Football Operations & Salary Cap. However, his loyalties never wavered from the Green and Gold.

Vandermause continues to stay active in athletics, managing American sports hero and NFL legend John Madden and former NFL head coach Steve Mariucci's annual "Battle of the Bay" Bocce Tournament in the San Francisco Bay Area. The celebrated charity event unites all six Bay Area sports franchises to support local non-profit organizations.

Vandermause credits his head coaches Fred Spaeth, Alan Schieve and Steve Acker for their support and guidance in striving to be an excellent athlete and honorable human. Their mentorship shaped Vandermause's character and overall approach to life and work, proving that a TEAM mentality, hard work, and dedication play a role in managing daily challenges and successes. Vandermause also thanks his parents (Rick and Julie) for their unwavering support through the years, having attended "every" sporting event both near and far. Lastly, Vandermause thanks his wife and life partner (Katie) and his children (Kyle and Kasey) for their love, support and drive to be the best man he can be.

Vandermause dedicates this honor to his late friend and Owl teammate, Brad M. Wiedmeyer, #24 for always pushing him to be the best.