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C. Fred Hanson ’20 – Baseball, Basketball, Football
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James Clark ’27 – Basketball, Football, Track & Field
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Raymond Stockton ’27 – Basketball, Football
Alfred Hjortaas ’28 – Baseball, Basketball, Football
LaDue Lurth ’28 – Baseball, Basketball, Cross Country, Football, Track & Field
Arvid Hagberg ’29 – Basketball
Wilber Lundell ’29 – Baseball, Basketball, Football, Swimming & Diving, Track & Field
Leon Scheman ’29 – Baseball, Basketball
Earl Witte ’30 – Basketball, Football
George Stapleton ’31 – Baseball, Basketball, Football, Track & Field
Reuben Youngdahl ’31 – Basketball, Football
Arver Thorne ’35 – Baseball, Basketball, Football
Donald Anderson ’38 – Basketball, Football, Track & Field
Bernard Atkinson ’38 – Baseball, Basketball
Reuben Waltman ’40 – Basketball, Tennis
Chester Tomich ’42 – Basketball, Football, Tennis
John Oist ’43 – Baseball, Basketball, Tennis
Verl Westergard ’43 – Baseball, Basketball, Football, Track & Field
Sven Langsjoen ’48 – Basketball, Football
Jay Skoglund ’48 – Basketball, Golf
Gerald Cady ’49 – Basketball, Football, Track & Field
Roland Malcolm ’50 – Baseball, Basketball, Football
Haldo Norman ’52 – Basketball, Football, Track & Field
Reynold Rehwalt ’52 – Baseball, Basketball
Cliff Straka ’55 – Baseball, Basketball, Football, Swimming & Diving, Track & Field
Jim Springer ’55 – Basketball
Dick Kumlin ’55 – Basketball
Jack Colvard ’56 – Basketball
Bob Erdman ’56 – Basketball, Track & Field
John Patzwald ’56 – Basketball
Don Roberts ’56 – Baseball, Basketball, Football, Coach
Francis Bradley ’57 – Baseball, Basketball, Football, Hockey
S. Wayne Peterson ’58 – Baseball, Basketball, Football, Track & Field
D.L. Smith ’59 – Basketball
Bill Nordstrom ’62 – Baseball, Basketball
Bill Laumann ’66 – Basketball
Phil Rogosheske ’66 – Basketball, Football, Swimming & Diving, Track & Field
Michael Nielsen ’69 – Basketball, Track & Field
Carl Johnson ’70 – Basketball
Dennis Wentworth ’74 – Basketball
Jim Ellingson ’76 – Basketball
Jim Chalin ’76 – Basketball
Mark Hanson ’83 – Basketball
Jay Coatta ’87 – Basketball, Golf
Steve McDermott ’88 – Basketball, Soccer
Tuddie Lindenberg ’25 – Coach
George Myrum – Coach
John Roning – Coach
Whitey Skoog – Coach
Gus Young – Coach