

GILMANTON HIGH SCHOOL

Alumni Spotlight

Graduate: Darin M. Gray Class of 1994

After High School: UW-River Falls, B.S. in Agriculture Education; Concordia University, M.S. in School Administration

Career Information: I taught and coached 15 years for the Independence School District. Following that, I was the Agriscience Instructor, FFA Advisor, and Head Boys' Basketball coach for the School District of Mondovi. I am currently employed as the Mondovi MS/HS Assistant Principal & Transportation Director.

Career Highlights: I was an assistant coach on the 1995-96 Gilmanton Boys' Basketball team that lost in the sectional final. I earned my M.S. in School Administration in 2015.

Advice to Current Students:

Don't be afraid to try new things. Some of my biggest regrets are the things I didn't do. Listen to your parents, teachers, etc. More often than not, they are correct and have your best interests at heart. Push yourself and do your best at everything you do. No one who accomplishes great things does so by just getting by.

Strengths of Gilmanton High School: I was fortunate to be in a very talented class, surrounded by intelligent, gifted classmates. My teachers were caring individuals who helped me in countless ways. Much of what I learned about work ethic, responsibility, and leadership came from my experience at Gilmanton High School.

Fond Memories of Gilmanton High School: I was blessed to have great teachers who helped me become who I am today. My fondest memories definitely came from time playing basketball for the Panthers. My teams accomplished some great things and did a lot to establish a tradition of excellence for the program.

Other Accomplishments: I've been a part of the Bennett Valley Gray Band since I was 5 years old. I've made countless memories with the band

and played a lot of fun venues, including the Gilmanton Fair for many years. I have coached basketball, softball, and baseball for the Gilmanton, Independence, and Mondovi School Districts. I have coached basketball for a total of 22 seasons at every level.

Other Info: My loving wife Jennifer and I have been married for 19 years. We have three children: Evan (16), Ava (13), and Addyson (10). We live across the road from where I grew up.

Darin was nominated for the GHS Alumni Spotlight by Brett Serum