

O'Dea Fighting Irish

Athletic Wall of Honor

2018 Inductees

Kyle Benn, Class of 1997

O'Dea: Football – 1996 First Team All-State/All-District/All-Metro (OL/DL); 1995 First Team All-Metro (OL/DL); Member of 1994 and 1995 State Championship Football Teams; Member of 1994/1995/1996 Metro League Championship Teams; 3 year Varsity Letterman; 1996 Team captain; 1996 Metro League MVP; 1996 Metro Lineman of the Year; helped O'Dea to a 35-game winning streak during his career; 35-1 overall Varsity record. Track – 2 Year Letterman; Finished Second in Metro in Shotput as a Senior;

College: University of Washington – Football. 4 year varsity letter winner; 3 year starter at Center; Started 36 consecutive games; Member of 5 bowl teams (Aloha, Oahu, Holiday(2), Rose Bowl); Member of 2000 Pac-10 championship team; helped the Huskies lead the Pac-10 in rushing as a sophomore and junior and to the 2001 Rose Bowl championship; 2000 Pac-10 honorable mention center; 2001 Pac-10 first team center; 2000 and 2001 Pac-10 Academic First Team, 2001 Academic All American; Elected 2001 team captain; 2002 University of Washington Male Athlete of the Year; During the 2001 season he was one of just two Pac-10 players to be named a first-team member to both the All-Pac-10 team and the Pac-10 All-Academic squad. He was also recognized as a Region VII Academic All-American; Graduated with a degree in Business Administration from the University of Washington



NFL: He was a free agent selection by the Tennessee Titans following the 2002 NFL draft.

Coaching: UW – Offensive Graduate Assistant Coach ('04/'05)

Mitch Johnson, Class of 2005

While at O'Dea, Mitch was a 4-year starter in basketball and a member of the 2004 and 2005 O'Dea High School Basketball State Champion teams! He was named Washington State Tournament MVP in 2004. Mitch was a 4-time All-Metro and 2-time All-State player. He received an athletic scholarship to play at Stanford University where he was a 3-year team captain, the only player to receive that honor in Stanford's basketball program history. At Stanford, he was selected to the All-Pac-10 Freshman Team and All-Pac-10 team. He finished 2nd in assists in school history.



Taylor Mays, Class of 2006

Taylor Mays was a 3-year two-way varsity player at O'Dea, playing wide receiver and safety. He was an All-Metro and All-State football player, 2004 State track Champion in the 100m, 200m and 400m relay. Mays was named a Washington State 2005 Parade All-

American and Walter Payton, National Gatorade Player of the Year. Mays attended the University of Southern California where he was named 1st Team Defensive Freshman of the Year and a part of the Sporting News Freshman All-American first team. Mays was a 3 time 1st Team, Associated Press/ESPN All American and the 1st-Runner up for the Jim Thorpe Award. He was

drafted in the second round of the 2010 NFL Draft by the San Francisco 49ers and spent time with the Cincinnati Bengals and Oakland Raiders during his career.



1997 Basketball Team

The 1996-1997 O'Dea Fighting Irish basketball team cemented their name in the history books with an undefeated record of 29-0 and claiming the school's second state championship in basketball by defeating Cheney High School 59-46.

The Irish were known for their chest-to-chest, smothering defense and team oriented, offensive efficiency. They were statistically dominant statewide in the largest two classifications both offensively and defensively, ranking #2 in points scored per game with an average of 72.71, and #1 in points allowed per game with an average of 42.39. This dominance was evident in their state leading point differential of 30.32 points per game. There was no better display of this than at the four-day state tournament, where the Irish averaged a 19.25 point differential against their opponents as well as setting a tournament record for team field goal percentage of 55.0%.

Along the way, the Irish collected Metro League and Seaking District II Tournament Championships. The USA Today recognized the Fighting Irish with a final ranking of #3 on the West Coast and #21 nationally.