

2021 ISD 88 Hall of Fame Bios

Brian Raabe – Class of 1986

A 1986 graduate of New Ulm High School, Brian Raabe has had a zest for baseball. It was beyond loving the game, it was a desire to not only be the best player he could be but also a fierce and hardworking teammate. While Brian played baseball at NUHS, he also excelled in football and hockey and was named captain in all three sports. He went on to play baseball at the University of Minnesota where he made his mark as the consummate team player. That dedication to working hard and to continually play at a higher level led to Brian being drafted by the Minnesota Twins. In addition to the Twins, he also played for the Seattle Mariners, New York Yankees and played for one year in Japan. His time in the minor leagues resulted in him leading in hitting in four out of the five years he played. After he retired from playing professional baseball, Brian embarked on a new career as a coach. He led the Forest Lake High Baseball team for 10 years in much success. He then provided the spark needed to turn the Bethel University baseball program into a mighty force these past nine years. Brian is also the lead hitting instructor for the Minnesota Twins Youth Training academy, the Play Ball! Minnesota Ambassador and is the part-owner of two instructional hitting facilities in the Twin Cities. His love of baseball began on the fields in New Ulm and has allowed Brian to have a career in a sport that he's passionate about, coaching players the art of the game and doing so with the fire and intensity that has never faded.