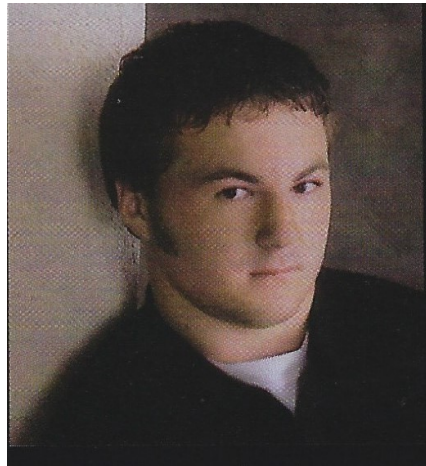


**Tom Busch**  
**Class of 2003**



Tom is one of the best football players to come out of Park High School. He was All-Conference 3 times, All-State twice (2001, 2002), two-time captain, and was a member of the All-Metro team. He was the Bigger Faster Stronger National Athlete of the Year (2002-2003).

Tom went on to play football at Iowa University. He was a four-year starter as a Fullback for the Hawkeyes and team captain his senior year. Tom won the following awards while playing at Iowa: Big Ten Sportsmanship Award, Coaches Appreciation Award, and Hustle Award (twice). Coach Ferentz described Tom as “a hard-nosed, tough competitor on the field who impacted all our teams in a very strong and positive way. But most important, Tom is a first-class person and was an outstanding teammate - we are extremely proud he is an Iowa Hawkeye.”

Tom went on to coach in the American Football League in Europe. He coached in Italy, Germany and Spain.

**Introduced by: Doug Ekmark**

*Acceptance remarks: Thank you for this great honor. Thanks to my mom and dad who supported me in all my endeavors. Thanks to my brothers who inspired me to be great. Thanks to my coaches who believed in me. Thanks to my teammates who encouraged me. Thanks to my teachers who shaped me. Thanks to my friends who endured with me. Thanks to our community for making this possible. I'm forever in your debt.*