



Tom Patterson ***CLASS OF 1966/COACH***

Tom Patterson was a member of the track and field, basketball, football and golf teams during his athletic tenure at Park High School. Tom served as a captain and earned All-Conference honors in track, basketball and football. During his senior year, Tom was the conference and district champion in both the high jump and the high hurdles and placed 3rd in the high jump at the state meet after winning the regional meet. He also earned WCCO All-State football honors. He was a three year starter on the on the basketball team. Tom participated in college track and field at both the University of Minnesota and Mankato State University.

Following college, Tom returned to Oltman Junior High where he taught health for over 30 years. Tom coached many junior high sports teams including football, basketball, track and field, and swimming. Tom's track and field teams won the district meet 8 different times. Several of Tom's junior high athletes went on to be excellent high school and collegiate athletes with a few even continuing beyond college to become semi-professional and elite athletes.

Tom resides in Prescott with his wife, Karen. They have two grown daughters, Gretchen and Beth.