

MELANEE (SCHURING) BORNEMANN, CLASS OF 1999

Known for her work ethic and her “never give up attitude”, Melanee Schuring was one of the great track and cross-country athletes in the 1990s for the Mustangs. In cross country Melanee was a four time All-conference harrier and helped lead Central to three Big Eight championships. During her tenure on the track, she led the Mustangs to four straight conference championships. In addition, she was a two-time big eight conference champion and at the time of graduation Melanee held two varsity records. In addition to her accomplishments on the track she was co-captain sophomore, junior, and senior years. Melanee has the distinction of being on seven conference championship teams. Melanee continued competing in track and cross country at the University of Michigan.

Greatest thrill in athletics: *“breaking the all-time Kalamazoo area record for the 3200 meter relay. Our relay team had been working towards it all season, so it was exciting when all of us had great races at the right time”.*

Portage Central and College Honors

Cross Country

- **Big 8 All-Conference – 1995, 96, 97, 98**
- **4-Year State Finals Qualifier**
- **Helped lead PC to 3 Big 8 Championships and First-Ever Regional Championship in 1998**
- **Team Captain – 1998 and 1999**
- **Team MVP – 1996**
- **In the 1998 Conference Meet, Melanee had a collision with a deer and still placed high enough to earn All-Conference Honors.**
- **Set the 800 Meter PC School record of 2:20.2 in 1999. Is currently third all-time.**
- **Member of the Kalamazoo Area all-time record-holding 3200 meter relay team of 9:35.3 in 1997. This record still stands.**
- **Helped lead team to four Big 8 Team Championships and one Regional Team Championship.**
- **4-year State Finals Qualifier including the Regional 800 meter Championship in 1999.**
- **Team Co-Captain – 1997, 98, 99**
- **Team MVP 1999**

Track and Field

- **Academic All-State – 1997**
- **All-Conference – 1997 and 1999**
- **GK 400 Meter Champion in 1998 and 800 Meter Champion in 1999**
- **Big 8 800 meter and 1600 Meter Champion in 1999**
- **Set the 1600 Meter PC School Record of 5:21.4 in 1999. Is currently second all-time.**
- **Other Achievements**
- **Earned a total of 9 letters including one in Volleyball.**
- **A member of the University of Michigan Women’s Cross Country Team in 1999 and 2000.**