

Nicolet NATIONAL BANK PRESENTS Senior Spotlight

Asia Chevez, Green Bay West High, cross country and track

Parents' names: Erica Skenadore and Francisco Chevez

Siblings: Jayvon Chevez, Leanna Chevez, and Susana Chevez

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Position or events: Track- Thrower (Shot put and Discus)

Career highlight: Biggest career highlight is hitting 30ft in shot put, hitting 92 in Discus and running a 23 minute 5k

At what age did you start running track and/or cross country?

I started track my sophomore year at 15 years old with the intention of running but I decided to join the throwers for practice because I had shin splints and the rest is history. I started running cross country my junior year at 16 years old, after a lot of convincing from my track head coach. I remember being so surprised she saw cross country potential in me because I was just starting out track and I was only a thrower.

How has balancing academics and athletics been different for you from your freshman year to your senior year?

Freshman year I never did sports. I was focused academically but I always knew I had a passion to be a leader and be on a team someday. After minimum involvement during my freshman year my sophomore year I joined track. Then junior and senior year I was on the cross country and track team. As you can see freshman year was very easy for I didn't do sports, personally sophomore year wasn't too much of a challenge for me. During my Junior and Senior years it was more challenging because I was in college courses and the workload was more demanding, but I was able to balance it by doing schoolwork as soon as I could.

Can you tell us a little bit about the Rising Phoenix Program and how important it is to you?

The Rising Phoenix Program allows students the



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opportunity to earn their high school diploma and a two-year Associate of Arts and Sciences (AAS) degree upon high school graduation by dual enrolling in college credit courses. Overall, it was a great, yet humbling experience. I

quickly learned that college is a far different experience from high school. I was a high schooler and an independent college student, all within a few months. I was the only student within my school within this program, so I felt like I lost a sense of

community, as no one else could relate to the feeling of not belonging anywhere. I wasn't a full-time high school student anymore, yet I wasn't a full-time college student. Since it was online, independence and accountability were essential skills for success. It was a struggle at first to complete schoolwork on my own time. At the same time, it was great because I could do my class work anywhere, anytime. As many hard days and good days I experienced during this program, the hardships ultimately motivated me more to break barriers and hopefully be able to inspire those around me to challenge themselves.

How does it feel as a senior, to look back throughout high school and see your growth (as a person and athlete)?

As a senior looking back throughout high school and seeing my growth as a person and athlete is enjoyable. I truly have grown a lot mentally. My first two years of high school I was very quiet and had very low

self esteem. Then getting more involved and finding myself I have become more outgoing and confident in who I am.

Any memorable coaches or teammates you'd like to give a shout out to?

Shout out to all my teammates and a special shout out to my coaches, Coach Tomita, Coach Noskowiak, and Coach Setzer for all not just caring for me just as an athlete but also as a student and person!

Future Plans? (college, sport, major, career, etc)

I plan to attend St. Norbert College in the Business Program. When I graduate I will already have earned an associates degree in business thanks to the once in a lifetime opportunity of the Rising Phoenix program. I have taken free college courses throughout my high school career, even taking some over the summer to have the credits to earn my associate degree! In addition, I look forward to furthering my track career as a thrower Knight!

St. Norbert College announces hiring of new assistant director of athletics

BY SNC ATHLETICS FOR THE PRESS TIMES

DE PERE – Nathaniel Duncan has been named St. Norbert College Assistant Director of Athletics Communications.

Duncan arrives after spending the 2023-24 academic year as the sports information director at Newman University, a private, Catholic NCAA Division II school in Wichita, Kan. Duncan, who was selected from a pool of over 130 applicants, will start June 10.

"Nathaniel has experience at the scholarship level at a school with similar sports offerings to St. Norbert," St. Norbert assistant athletics director/communications Dan Lukes said. "His enthusiasm and experience running a Division II



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athletics communications program will help showcase the storytelling and positive growth of our student-athletes and campus."

Duncan, a St. Louis native, served as an intern at Newman during the 2022-23 school year while completing his master's degree

in sports management at Wichita State University.

"I am very excited to be a part of the Green Knight family," Duncan said. "St. Norbert just felt like home to me the moment I stepped foot on campus. Getting to work at an excellent school and in an outstanding athletic department makes this even more rewarding."

Duncan completed his bachelor's degree in journalism with an emphasis in sports media in 2022 at The University of Kansas. He worked for the KU athletics department his senior year as one of the voices for Jayhawk softball and called the national championship win for Kansas men's basketball on the campus radio station.

Tom Stover announces retirement after 55 years

BY GREEN BAY ATHLETICS FOR THE PRESS TIMES

GREEN BAY – Tom Stover, a legendary coach for the Green Bay swimming and diving program, has announced his retirement.

Stover spent nearly two decades coaching in Tittle-town, having arrived in 2005. Of the program's 10 championships between the men's and women's teams, Stover helped the Phoenix collect seven of them, all consecutively from 2005-2011. Stover was extremely impactful, coaching 12 individual conference champions and 15 NCAA Zone qualifiers, including most recently in 2022-23 with Miles Rohrbaugh. His work earned him eight Horizon League Coach of the Year awards.

"It certainly has been quite the journey for me," said Stover. "The legendary Green Bay Phoenix Head Swimming Coach, Jim Merner, offered me a part-time position as Head Diving Coach for the Phoenix men's and women's diving team. I thought I would just try this job for a couple of years...but 19 years later, here I am retiring."

"I am so grateful for all the men and women who were on the many teams I was able to coach," Stover continued. "Their excitement and passion to learn and grow in their sports was very rewarding for me. I want to especially recognize and thank the four head coaches I have worked



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with while at Green Bay: Jim Merner, Reed Robelot, Eddie Gille, and Alex Lewis. I also want to thank Josh Moon and Kassie Wagner for their continued support of Phoenix diving. Finally, I must recognize and thank my wife, Maggie. Coaching is a lifestyle and it can demand much from a family. Luckily, our three daughters, Lindsey, Anna & Kayla, joined the swimming and diving teams, so it was a family affair for many years. Without Maggie's love, support, encouragement, and understanding, I could not have continued coaching for this long."

"Tom is a legend in Phoenix Country," said Director of Athletics Josh Moon. "He has done so much for this program and the University over the years. He helped keep the program together during some challenging times and he has helped countless student-athletes reach their full potential. We will miss Tom dearly."

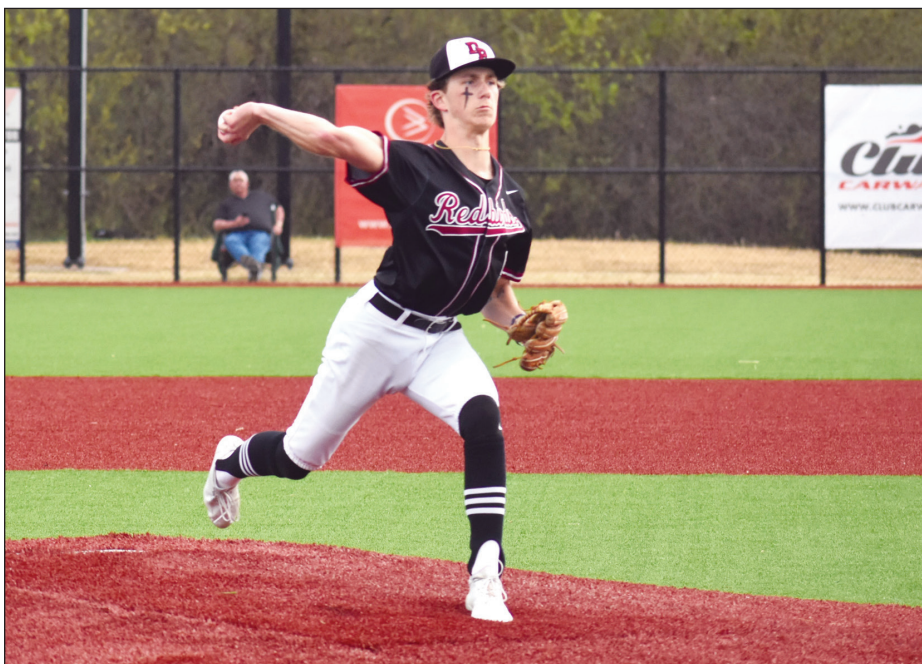
Stover also helped Green Bay swim and dive athletes achieve success in the classroom. The

fall of 2023 marked the second-highest team GPA for the men's program (3.40), while the women's program tied for the second-highest team GPA with a 3.74. Six Phoenix (three from each team) were named to the Horizon League All-Academic team as a result.

"Coach Stover has been the focal point of Green Bay Diving for 19 years," commented Head Coach Alex Lewis. "We are incredibly thankful for his dedication to this program, the University, and the swimming and diving community here in Green Bay. His impact will be felt for years to come at UW-Green Bay. We wish him a happy retirement!"

"Tom was an answer to my dreams of finding the best person for a quality coach that our divers could rely upon," commented Merner. "Without Tom Stover and his contributions, I do not think we would have earned and enjoyed the success we saw in the years he and I were together. He became a good friend during those years. It was an honor to have been around him and to have learned from a true educator that he was. I could not have asked for anything better. I was very thankful that way back Tom agreed to join our program."

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Redbirds take Trojans

De Pere pitcher Devin Weber fires a pitch against Green Bay Southwest on April 29. The Redbirds swept the doubleheader, 6-1 and 15-2. Rich Palzewic photo