

# Brent Olson

## PHS Class of 1964

### Football, Basketball, Track & Field

Brent Olson was an outstanding student and athlete at PHS. He exemplified what it means to be a multi-sport athlete and he excelled at them all: football, basketball, and track & field. Brent also participated and excelled in many other areas of PHS life: band, student government, and academics. His senior year, 1963-1964, he served as the Student Body President and graduated with High Honors in 1964.

Where Brent shined brightest, as an athlete, was in football. He played for Payson High under the legendary Coach Jim Durrant. In 1962 and 1963 Brent was named to the All-Region Team and in 1963 to the All-State Team. Most notably, in 1963, his senior season, Brent was named as All-American. That year he also served as the football team's Defensive Captain.

After graduating from Payson High School, he attended Brigham Young University on a full-tuition scholarship for football and leadership. In 1965 Brent helped BYU football win the Western Athletic Conference (WAC) Championship, BYU's first conference championship in their history. He was also named to the Academic All-Conference Team in the WAC.

Inducted 2020

#### Accomplishments:

- PHS Student Body President, 1963-1964
- Bigler Award for Scholastic Leadership, 1964
- Football Team Defensive Captain, 1963
- All-Region, Football, 1962 and 1963
- All-State, Football, 1963
- All-American, Football, 1963
- All-Region Honorable Mention, Basketball, 1964
- Full tuition scholarship to Brigham Young University

- Member of Phi Eta Sigma National Scholastic Honorary Fraternity
- Played football for BYU for four years
- Member of BYU football's Western Athletic Conference Championship (WAC) team, 1965
- Academic All-Conference (WAC)
- Awarded "Outstanding Wildlife Officer of the Year" by Shikar-Safari International, and the state of Utah, 1989
- Awarded the "Silver Beaver" by the Boy Scouts of America, 1990

Payson High School has inducted the multi-talented All-American athlete Brent Olson into the Sports Hall of Fame. We recognized him at the football game on 9/30/2022.

Brent Olson was an outstanding athlete at Payson High School, and demonstrated the advantage of being a multi-sport athlete. His senior year, (class of 1964), in addition to being the student body president and team captain of the football team, he was awarded All-Region, All-State, and All-American honors in Football. He was also accomplished in Band, Basketball, and Track & Field. In college, Brent played football for BYU where he helped them win their first conference championship in school history.

You can read more about Brent Olson's life and athletic achievements in the Hall of Fame section of the Payson High School website. Unfortunately, Brent passed away in 2009. We offer our deepest condolences to the Olson family. At the game to receive this award on his behalf were his wife Dawn, his daughter Cynthia, his daughter-in-law Valerie, and other members of the Olson family.

We are proud to call Brent Olson a son of Payson High School and include him in our Sports Hall of Fame.