

# Nick Griffith

## Class of 1999

### MCHS Hall of Fame Induction 2023

All from the comfort of home, satellite transmissions, huge TV screens, and live commentaries enable sports enthusiasts to remotely attend big games, feel the psyche of the crowd, and get instant interpretations and repeats of strategic plays and calls. But for 20 years, MCHS Hall of Fame inductee Nick Griffith worked the frenzy, interviewed some of the nation's best athletes and coaches, and hustled through gigantic stadiums in person. From Super Bowls to NCAA tournaments and professional basketball playoffs, the 1999 alumnus has covered some of sports' biggest events. Despite the glory and travel of the job, the demands and pressure of the profession equate to a tied championship battle with five seconds to go. Nick had to know where to be when the big moment came, who to interview, what questions to ask based on the game outcome and team/player history, and how to quickly analyze and summarize that data in a few words for those at home. And most importantly, this affable broadcaster had to exude a demeanor that attracted and rated well with viewers. The standard introduction or exit of "This is Nick Griffith from..." became a standard line on multiple television broadcasts in Idaho, Kansas, Missouri, and finally Denver, CO which he now calls home. Although miles and mountains took the alumnus far from Jefferson County Indiana, Madison Consolidated High School ignited the fire for Nick's combined love of sports and journalism. In both fields, Nick learned, contributed, polished his skills, and excelled. He held key leadership roles on the newspaper staff and weekly video newscast and donned the Cub uniform in basketball and baseball. A member of the baseball team that captured the state championship his senior year, Nick himself experienced the thrill of athletic victory and still fondly cherishes how fire engines with lights flashing and horns blaring escorted the new state champs back to Clifty Drive. After graduating from MCHS in 1999, Nick took his passion for sports and journalism to Miami University where he attained a Bachelor of Arts in Communications four years later. From there, his career immediately flourished with sports reporting and lead anchor slots in Idaho Falls, Topeka, Kansas City, and finally to Channel KDVR in Denver, CO where he served as sports director and lead anchor for 11 years. As an affirmation of his professional success, Nick merited the Heartland Emmy Award for Regional Best Sports Anchor in 2021 competing with broadcasters from five states. When sports fans hear the tagline "This is Nick Griffith from...", Madison Consolidated High School loves the message but treasures the fact more that he once belonged to us.

