GMC Athletics Hall of Fame

Fred Nelson '40
A three-sport athlete and '40 graduate of Green Mountain Junior College, Fred was instrumental in leading the football team to a pair of consecutive undefeated seasons in '39 and '40 while also starring on the basketball team. He was the top-sprinter for the track team and set a team record in the discus event with throw of 125 feet, 6 inches. Upon graduating with a degree in science, Fred enlisted with the Army Air Force and, as a pilot, achieved the rank of captain. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for his leadership as the commander of a bomber squadron over the Salomon Islands in the South Pacific. After serving his country for many years, Fred passed away in 1964.