

- 1) Mr. Mike Braid  
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Mike has helped work with the Oakridge High School Football team for over 25 years. He was taken in by our former head football coach Jack Schugars when he first arrived in Muskegon. Since then, Mike has become a fixture in the sports medicine/ athletic training community in Muskegon and throughout the state of Michigan. Mike works hard for "his" athletes. He calls them his because he feels an ownership in them due to the hours and hours he spends with them. Whether it be preparing for an upcoming season in Mike's functional training workouts, or rehabbing them after an injury, Mike works hard to get them ready to succeed. Over the years, there have been many schools that have tried to lure Mike away from being our Head Athletic Trainer, but none have been successful because of the loyalty we have shown to Mike and the relationships that have been built over the last 25 years with various head coaches, assistant coaches, administrators and athletes. In turn, Mike's loyalty to Oakridge, our coaches and athletes has been unwavering. When he stands in front of a group of athletes and addresses them, he uses the term "we" He uses that term because he feels that. He feels part of the Oakridge Family. Mike considers himself an Oakridge Eagle just as any coach, athlete, employee or alumnus would. Mike continues to better himself by going to clinics and conventions to increase his knowledge for the job that he loves to do. He recently completed his fellowship in Applied Functional Science. He brings this new knowledge to the workouts he performs with the athletes that he calls his own. He gets them as ready as he can for the next season, in order to be as successful as they can be, and he can watch his Eagles with pride.

- 2) Mr. Tom O'Brien  
4645 Henry Drive  
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Tom O'Brien has been an integral part of the Beaverton High School Football Program for many years. It can also be that Tom O'Brien has been an integral part of the community of Beaverton for much longer. Tom is a local businessman who has devoted his time to various groups and causes. He was a member of the Beaverton Lions Club for 14 years, a member of the Beaverton Booster Club for 4 years and is still currently a member of the Beaverton Downtown Development Association and the Beaverton Business Association.

Sports are Tom's true passion. He coached six years' worth of Beaverton Little Leaguers from T-Ball through Majors, was one of the founding members of Beaverton Youth Football (1997), and coached Beaverton Youth Football players for 14 years.

In 2011, Tom began to help with the Beaverton High School Football Program. Not only did Tom volunteer to coach when needed, he also took on the role of Chief Fundraiser. A job in which he continues to excel. To this day, Tom can be depended on to be the equipment man, water specialist and even has time to organize pre-game meals for all Varsity away games. Tom would probably tell you that the highlight of his week is when our players visit him at his laundromat on Wednesdays for some team bonding as he helps them clean our uniforms.