

Michael J. Griesser

Michael graduated from Carlisle High School in 1995. He was the valedictorian of his graduating class. During his 4 years at Carlisle, he played number one singles and was 4-time team captain of the men's varsity tennis team. During this time he amassed a record of 74-2 in regular season competition, losing only once during his freshman and sophomore seasons, and going undefeated during his junior and senior seasons. He won the SWBL 1<sup>st</sup> Singles championship 4 times in 4 years, while leading his team to two 2<sup>nd</sup> place finishes (freshman/sophomore) and two 1<sup>st</sup> place finishes (junior/senior) in the SWBL team year end standings. All 4 seasons ended with his qualification into the Ohio State Tennis Tournament and being named to the All-area Division II boys tennis team. His final 2 years, he was named the Division II "Player of the Year" by the Dayton Daily News.

He continued his tennis career on a full-ride athletic scholarship to Penn State University. He played number one singles and doubles his final 2 years at Penn State, serving as team captain during his junior and senior seasons, leading the Nittany Lions to their first 2 NCAA appearances in school history. He was additionally featured in Sport's Illustrated "Faces in the Crowd" for his multiple national tennis championships during his time in college. He was named to the academic All-Big 10 4 times, and graduated in the top 1% of his class at Penn State. Upon graduation he was presented with the Earnest B. McCoy award, given to one graduating student athlete who has demonstrated the greatest leadership in both academics and athletics, and after graduation was awarded a "Big 10 Medal of Honor", recognizing the same accomplishments. He continues to be recognized as one of the winningest players in Penn State tennis history.

He continued his tennis career after college with a 3 year stint on the ATP professional tennis tour. During that time he achieved world rankings in both singles and doubles. He continues to hold a designation as the highest level of tennis instructor that can be certified through the PTR (Professional Tennis Registry).

After his retirement from professional tennis, he completed medical school at Wright State University. He then went on to complete his Orthopaedic Surgery Residency at Ohio State University, and finally his Sports Medicine Fellowship at The Cleveland Clinic. He is currently a practicing Orthopaedic Surgeon at Performance Orthopaedics and Sports Medicine in Wilmington, OH, at Clinton Memorial Hospital. He lives in Oakwood, OH with his wife, Michelle, and their 4 children, Taylor (18 years), Paige (5 years), Peyton (3 years), and Blake (2 years).