

Darin Pint's journey as an athlete and coach has taken him through Wapsie Valley, Coe and Kirkwood Community College.

Now it's taken him all the way to the Hall of Fame for the NJCAA Men's Golf Coaches Association.

The Coaches Association announced Monday that Pint has been selected as a member of the Hall of Fame Class of 2019 for his outstanding work as the men's golf coach at Kirkwood the past 23 years.

Pint is coaching in the NJCAA Division II national tournament this week for the 23rd straight year. He's taken his entire team to the national tournament in 16 of those years and he's led individuals from Kirkwood to the tournament in the other seven years.

TJ Redding of Kirkwood was the individual national champion in 2006 and the Eagles finished second in the team standings in 2006 and 2016. Pint was named the National Coach of the Year in 2016. He has coached 17 All-Americans.

"It is an unbelievable honor, but a lot of credit goes out to our administration at Kirkwood and the numerous players, families and coaches that I've been fortunate enough to be part of their lives," Pint said after learning about the honor.

"To be inducted into the NJCAA Hall of Fame is a tremendous honor and one that I share with many people that helped me get here. I'd like to most importantly thank my wife and kids for supporting me in this crazy world of coaching."

Pint and his wife, Anna, live in Fairfax with their two daughters, Nadia and Katia.

Pint was a four-sport star at Wapsie Valley High School (1991 grad). He played basketball and golf at Coe College (1995 grad).