

Roosevelt Hall of Fame

Cornell College (Mount Vernon, IA) B.S., 1923
University of Minnesota, M.A., 1935



Al Gowans

RHS Teacher 1937-65

- Gained reputation as a beloved and distinguished coach and teacher at RHS
- Earned all-conference football honors at Cornell College in 1921 and 1922
- Served as captain of the 1922 Cornell College football team
- Installed in the Cornell College Athletic Hall of Fame
- Served as head football coach at the University of Des Moines, 1925-29
- Served as head coach of football and basketball teams at Macalester College, 1930-36
- Taught social studies and history at RHS from 1937 to 1965
- Served as RHS head football coach from 1937 to 1953
- Led the Teddies to three Minneapolis City Conference (11 schools at the time) football championships
- Served as RHS assistant football coach from 1954-65, during which time RHS achieved the Minnesota State Championship in 1956
- Served as the winning head coach of the North Team of the state high school all-star game
- Honored by Minneapolis Public Schools by naming the RHS athletic field "Al Gowans Field"

Inducted September 17, 2016