

## *Dr. Tim Petsche – Class of 1986*



Dr. Tim Petsche is a member of the Hinsdale South graduating Class of 1986. He is a highly successful orthopedic surgeon and his career accomplishments include advancing at Fox Valley Orthopedic Institute from associate physician to partner and part owner, to medical executive committee member, and now medical director.

In this time, he successfully directed the ambulatory surgery center as medical director and supervised the expansion from 2 to 4 operating rooms. He created and implemented an efficiency initiative to improve surgeon productivity by more than 50%, and he served as assistant team physician for the Miami Heat NBA team.

When asked about the influence of his high school experience on attaining excellence, Dr. Petsche replied: “From my childhood experiences at Gower elementary through graduation at Hinsdale South High School, I was influenced by a great number of community members. This would definitely include many of my teachers and athletic coaches at HSHS. It was during my high school advanced placement classes that I really learned how to learn. The skills I acquired during that time enabled me to excel during college while practicing springboard and platform diving at the Big Ten level. It was the competitive spirit that I developed as a member of the HSHS state runner up Swimming and Diving team that helped me learn how to compete at the Division 1 level in college. My experiences in the AP classroom at HSHS put me far ahead of other college students that did not have the advantages. My academic background and my many athletic experiences (soccer, baseball, swimming, diving, and gymnastics) at HSHS help me relate to my patients on a daily basis as I treat injured athletes in my office.

### **Legacy Message**

“Life is full of challenges, and the challenges you face in high school may seem difficult now but the most difficult challenges you face are ahead of you. Now is a time to focus on learning from new experience, from accepting and seeking out new challenges, and from enthusiastically seeking out new and exciting opportunities. Search out new ways to challenge yourself, to compete with your peers, and eagerly accept the advice of family and friends. Without constructive criticism you will not improve, and you must improve to become the best that you can be.”