



Cardinal
GIBBONS
High School

**XVIII ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME
INDUCTION CEREMONY**



October 7, 2021

*Hail to Cardinal Gibbons High School
All our love we give to thee
Lying still beside the waters
Of Atlantic's pale blue sea.*

*You have lit our lamps of knowledge
You have given us the sword
We are armed to carry wisdom
From your halls into the world.*

*Clothed in red and white we challenge
Any foe or any fray
With the knowledge we will conquer
Before sunset on God's day.*

*O you halls of sacred learning
We will carry forth your word
And the name of Cardinal Gibbons
Shall forever be revered.*

*Charlotte Blitstein 1966-1999
Faculty Member - Author*

Induction Ceremony

Welcome

Oscar Cedeño: *Principal*

Invocation

Carlos Perez-Cubas, Class of 1979: *Director of Student Activities / Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2018*

Hosts

The Administration, Athletic Department, and Staff of Cardinal Gibbons High School

Presentation of Inductees

Michael Morrill: *Athletic Director / Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2017*

Margo Flack, Class of 1998: *Assistant Athletic Director / Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2012*

Matthew DuBuc, Class of 1992: *Assistant Athletic Director / Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2011*

Athletic Hall of Fame 2021 Inductees

Athletes

George "Hutch" Eckerle, Class of 1975

Tami Green, Class of 1990

Liz Stewart Michel, Class of 1995

Michael Cabana, Class of 1997

Cara Jane Cospers Penn, Class of 1999

Matthew Cabana, Class of 2001

Coach

Raul Perez-Cubas, Class of 1976

Benefactor

The Stepelton Family

Teams

1992-1993 Girls Volleyball State Champions

1993-1994 Girls Volleyball State Champions

1994-1995 Girls Volleyball State Champions

1995-1996 Girls Volleyball State Champions

1996-1997 Girls Volleyball State Champions

1998-1999 Girls Volleyball State Champions

Hall of Fame Members

Inaugural Class of 2004

Thomas Denehy: Administrator
Sister Marie Schramko: Administrator
Louise Crocco: Athletic Director / Class of 1965
Jim Gurzynski: Athlete / Class of 1965

Class of 2005

Dora Castorri: Coach
Don Marino: Coach
Laurie Fleming Rowley: Athlete / Class of 1973
Pam Giblin: Athlete / Class of 1975
Gus Crocco: Athlete
Dave Shepard: Athlete / Class of 1972

Class of 2006

Walt Green: Administrator
Jude Abrams: Coach / Class of 1973
Glenn Lee: Coach
Joseph LaRocca: Athlete / Class of 1968
Donnell Bennett: Athlete / Class of 1990
1975 Girls Volleyball State Championship Team

Class of 2007

Tony Licata: Coach / AD
Jo Cabana: Coach
Dennis Romanelli: Athlete / Benefactor / Class of 1973
Denise Sanscrainte Faber : Athlete / Class of 1977
1987 Baseball State Championship Team

Class of 2008

Jill Stephens: Athlete / Class of 1991
Fran Giblin: Coach
Josh Fogg: Athlete / Class of 1995
Micah Gardner: Athlete / Class of 1988

Class of 2009

Bill Googe: Athlete / Class of 1973
Kathy Gluth Scher: Athlete / Class of 1976
Kendra Lasher: Athlete / Class of 1987
Frank Pettineo: Coach
Ryan Shealy: Athlete / Class of 1998
Chain Gain: Special Persons

Class of 2010

Lowe "Junior" Wren: Coach
Rob Castorri: Athlete / Class of 1973
Michon Lubbers: Athlete / Class of 1985
Jason Bostic: Athlete / Class of 1995
Vanessa Fuchs: Athlete / Class of 1997
Paula Ferrante: Special Person
1973 Tennis State Championship Team

Class of 2011

Marcy Sanscrainte Meyer: Coach / Class of 1969
Kieran O'Connor: Athlete / Class of 1978
Pauline Milano: Special Person
Marty Grady: Coach
Joanna Sahn: Athlete / Class of 1988
Matt DuBuc: Athlete / Class of 1992
1980 Boys Tennis State Champions

Class of 2012

Br. Michael Brickman: Special Person
Margo Miller Flack: Athlete / Class of 1998
Missy Meyer: Athlete / Class of 1991
David Montiel: Athlete / Class of 1989
Tommy Peragine: Athlete
1977 Girls Tennis State Championship Team
1978 Girls Tennis State Championship Team

Class of 2013

Dr. John Bloom: Team Physician / Class of 1974
Jim Scott: Coach
Mary Dunn: Athlete / Class of 1989
Bruce Link: Athlete / Class of 1992
Michael Werle: Athlete / Class of 1997
Jodi Kenoyer-Zeman: Athlete / Class of 1999
2002 Wrestling State Championship Team
2003 Wrestling State Championship Team

Class of 2014

Jim Drotos: Coach
Mercedes Ballne ter Maat: Athlete / Class of 1980
Joni Vollman: Athlete / Class of 1978
Rafael Ferreira: Athlete / Class of 1998
Jennifer Ridenoure: Athlete / Class of 1998
Robert Stiegele: Athlete / Class of 1984
1976 Girls Volleyball State Championship Team
1977 Girls Volleyball State Championship Team
1978 Girls Volleyball State Championship Team
1979 Girls Volleyball State Championship Team

Class of 2021

Hall of Fame Members

Class of 2015

Carrie Fleming Cromartie: Athlete / Class of 1975
Marty Durkin: Athlete / Class of 1985
Chuck Klee: Athlete / Class of 1995
Reid Sinclair: Athlete / Class of 1996
Tahaji Felder: Athlete / Class of 1999
1985 Boys Tennis State Championship Team
1986 Boys Tennis State Championship Team
1987 Boys Tennis State Championship Team
1988 Boys Tennis State Championship Team

Class of 2016

Carrie Rowley Bennett: Athlete / Class of 1999
Nancy Taylor Schuster: Athlete / Class of 1985
Kathy McPadden Potter: Athlete / Class of 1979
Justin Meyer: Athlete / Class of 1998
Richard Welsh: Athlete / Class of 1966
Dr. AJ "Bud" Tight: Benefactor
1990 Girls Tennis State Championship Team
1995 Girls Tennis State Championship Team
1996 Girls Tennis State Championship Team

Class of 2017

Michael Morrill: Coach
Deidre Benam: Athlete / Class of 1973
Evans Celestin: Athlete / Class of 1993
Beth Elleston: Athlete / Class of 2007
Daniel Perry: Athlete / Class of 1981
Rich Tunison: Athlete / Class of 1987
Bob & Jackie Hanke: Special Persons
1984 Girls Volleyball State Championship Team
1985 Girls Volleyball State Championship Team
1986 Girls Volleyball State Championship Team
1988 Girls Volleyball State Championship Team
1989 Girls Volleyball State Championship Team

Class of 2018

Antwan Chiles: Athlete / Class of 1991
Sandi Fox Cabeza: Athlete / Class of 2000
Jonathan JT Taylor: Athlete / Class of 2003
Jenna Romanelli: Athlete / Class of 2007
John Chikerotis: Coach
Carlos Perez-Cubas: Special Person/ Class of 1979
1998 Cheerleading State Championship Team
2005 Wrestling State Championship Team

Class of 2019

Joey Accardi: Special Person / Class of 1994
Michael DiPierro: Athlete / Class of 1999
Ellen Dunne: Athlete / Class of 1996
Eugene Morrison: Coach
Paul Ott: Special Person / Class of 1966
Janie Valentzas: Athlete / Class of 1996
Blair Walsh: Athlete / Class of 2008
2005 Boys Volleyball State Championship Team

Class of 2020

Jennifer Crittenberger: Athlete / Class of 2009
Julie Blackmore: Athlete / Class of 2005
Katie Cabana Miness: Athlete / Class of 1998
Coleen Crocco: Athlete / Class of 1994
Asheiki Preston: Athlete / Class of 1990
Tom Garner: Athlete / Class of 1979
George Bracy: Athlete / Class of 1966
Ben Preston: Special Person
1991 Boys Tennis State Championship Team
1995 Boys Tennis State Championship Team
1996 Boys Tennis State Championship Team
1997 Boys Tennis State Championship Team
1998 Boys Tennis State Championship Team

“Cardinal Gibbons Athletic Hall of Fame” was formed for the purpose of recognizing and honoring those student-athletes, coaches, teams, administrators and special individuals who have made an outstanding contribution and/or offered extraordinary service to Cardinal Gibbons Athletics. The following criteria are considered when making inductee selections.

1. Nominations are based on the following categories: athlete, coach, team, administrator or special individuals.
2. Athletes must have graduated 10 years before an individual or team can be considered.
3. An athlete must have lettered in at least one varsity sport.
4. An individual (if not selected posthumously) must be present to accept the award, unless unforeseen circumstances prevent him/her from attending. Without these unforeseen circumstances a nominee has only 3 years to be present to be inducted.
5. If there is a tie in the nominations the earlier graduate will be chosen.
6. An individual may be nominated for more than one category at one time and may be inducted as an individual and team in the same or different classes.
7. An equal number of male and female athletes are strongly suggested.
8. Recommendation forms and nominee information must meet all deadlines to be eligible for consideration.
9. Anyone in the Hall of Fame may nominate a person or team who the individual feels is worthy and meets the above criteria. However, if you are not a Hall of Fame member, you must do so through a current Hall of Fame member. It will be the Cardinal Gibbons Hall of Fame member's responsibility to fill out the nomination form, thereby verifying, endorsing the credentials, qualifications and character of this nominee. All nominations must be presented to the Board with facts to back up the reasons why this person should be a member of the Hall of Fame. All information on eligible candidates will be presented to the Board. The Board, in turn by vote, will choose the candidates for the respective year.
10. The Hall of Fame Committee consists of the Selection Committee Members and all inducted members.



GEORGE ECKERLE HAS A rich history of supporting the educational and athletic endeavors of students at numerous educational institutions. As a student at Cardinal Gibbons, Eckerle was a multisport athlete, playing football, baseball and basketball and running cross country. He earned All-County honors in both basketball and baseball and was selected as a participant in the Broward All-Star basketball game. After graduating from Cardinal

Gibbons in 1975, Eckerle went on to play two years of basketball at Biscayne College and graduated with Dean’s List honors.

In 1979, Eckerle returned to Cardinal Gibbons as a teacher, coach and co-athletic director, before leaving to attend St. Thomas University in 1985, where he served as a graduate assistant for the basketball program until 1987. He spent the next 30 years working in the education industry in South Florida and Georgia, serving in various capacities including teacher, coach, athletic director, assistant principal and principal, before retiring in 2017.



TAMARA "TAMI" GREEN WAS

a multisport athlete at Cardinal Gibbons, playing volleyball, basketball and softball. Green received numerous accolades for her outstanding athletic achievements, including multiple All-County first and second-team nominations for volleyball and softball and the title of Broward County Athlete of the Year for 1989-1990. After graduating from Cardinal Gibbons in 1990, Green went on to

play volleyball for the University of South Carolina on a full athletic scholarship, where she excelled both athletically and academically, earning SEC Academic Honor Roll and Gamecock Scholar-Athlete Awards, as well as the Women's Volleyball Coach's Award. Green was previously inducted into the Cardinal Gibbons Athletic Hall of Fame in 2017 as a member of the 1988 and 1989 state champion girls' volleyball teams.



LIZ STEWART MICHEL EARNED

varsity letters in both swimming and golf during her four years at Cardinal Gibbons. She served as captain of the swim team and was a state finalist and All-American Honorable Mention while also earning academic accolades, including a BCAA Scholar-Athlete award and a top-ten ranking in the Class of 1995. After completing a degree in Chemistry with a specialization in Biochemistry

at the University of Virginia, Michel returned to Cardinal Gibbons as an assistant coach for the girls' and boys' varsity swim teams, where she coached over 100 swimmers over a three year period and helped numerous athletes to earn individual district and state titles.

Throughout her professional career, Michel has been recognized numerous times for her values-based leadership across three fortune 500 companies: Procter & Gamble, Jonson & Johnson and GlaxoSmithKline. Though she currently works as Head of US Medical Affairs, GSK - COVID Therapeutics, Michel spends much of her personal time making a difference in the local community, coaching local swim teams and serving on numerous advisory boards. She currently resides in Raleigh, North Carolina, with her husband, Jeff Michel '91, and two children, William and Annie.



MICHAEL CABANA WAS A contributing member of three state championship boys tennis teams in 1995, 1996, 1997, dominating the court in both singles and doubles matches. Prior to attending Cardinal Gibbons, Cabana earned a state championship title as a freshman member of the St. Thomas Aquinas boys' tennis team in 1994. After graduating from Cardinal Gibbons, Cabana accepted a tennis scholarship to Catawba College,

where he earned All-South Atlantic Conference first-team All-Conference honors four times. He was also selected MVP in 1999 and was a member of the first and only SAC Tournament Championship for Catawba tennis. In recognition of his outstanding athletic achievements, Cabana will also be inducted into the Catawba College Athletic Hall of Fame in the fall of 2021.

Cabana has now been coaching men's and women's tennis for the past 15 years at Wingate University, where he has led the program to over 400 wins and a combined 17 regular season SAC conference championships and 10 SAC tournament championships. Throughout his 15-year coaching career, Cabana has been selected as the SAC Coach of the Year a combined 14 times, has earned ITA Regional Coach of the Year three times and was awarded ITA National Coach of the Year in 2019.



DURING HER TIME AT CARDINAL

Gibbons, Cara Cosper Penn was a three-time girls' volleyball state champion, earning titles in 1995, 1996 and 1998. Penn earned first-team All-County and first-team All-State honors in 1996, 1997 and 1998, while also earning other individual awards, including the team's "Outstanding Play" award in 1996 and 1997 and the "Outstanding Setter" and "Most Valuable Player" awards in 1998. She received a full volleyball scholarship to Indian

River Community College, where she played from 1999-2001 and was named to the All-American team. Penn then went on to play for Florida Southern College from 2001-2003 on another full athletic scholarship. After earning her Bachelors of Science degree from Florida Southern in 2003, Penn returned to Cardinal Gibbons to coach girls' volleyball alongside Louise Crocco and helped lead the team to one state championship during her four-year tenure.



MATTHEW CABANA IS THE winningest male tennis player in Cardinal Gibbons history, having earned a career record of 164 wins and only six losses. He was a four-time state champion and a two-time national champion, who earned numerous honors, including four first-team All-County nominations and the 2001 Miami Herald Male Player of the Year award. After graduating from Cardinal Gibbons in 2001, Cabana went on

to play Division I tennis at the University of Richmond. As a collegiate athlete, Cabana won three Atlantic 10 Conference championships and participated in three NCAA Division 1 tournaments.

Cabana was previously inducted into the Cardinal Gibbons Athletic Hall of Fame in 2020 as a member of the 1998 boys' state champion tennis team but joins his brother, Michael, as an individual honoree this year.



RAUL PEREZ-CUBAS IS A longtime supporter of the Cardinal Gibbons football program. Perez-Cubas played football all four years of high school and served as team captain during his senior season while earning starting positions on both the offensive and defensive lines. After graduating from Cardinal Gibbons in 1976, Perez-Cubas went on to attend Broward Community College and Florida Atlantic University

before returning to his alma mater to coach the offensive and defensive lines for the junior varsity football team under the direction of head coach Bob Green. Perez-Cubas coached at Cardinal Gibbons until 1980, spending two seasons coaching the varsity team alongside Boyd Rasmussen, before leaving to pursue a career in law enforcement in 1981. In 2007 Perez-Cubas retired as a police officer and detective and returned to Cardinal Gibbons permanently to coach the offensive line of the junior varsity football team.

The Stepelton Family

THE STEPELTON FAMILY BEGAN THEIR LONG ASSOCIATION WITH

Cardinal Gibbons High School in the late 1980's when brothers Sean '91 and Brett '92 enrolled and joined the football team. Their parents, Doug and Vee Stepelton, were instrumental in starting the Touchdown Club to bolster the football program. This coincided with the outstanding performance of the 1989 team that set a school record with a 9 win season. In 1990, the team made it to the state

championship game for the first time in school history. Both contributing athletes, Sean earned All County Honorable mention, and Brett, Co-Captain in his senior year, achieved First Team All-County recognition.

Under the Stepelton leadership, the football field house was renovated in 1994. Shortly after



that, the Don Marino press box was completed. In addition, the family has generously and quietly underwritten scholarships, several capital campaigns at Gibbons, and much more through the decades to provide students a well-rounded and solid Christian education. The family is now supporting the next Stepelton generation through Brett's son Patrick '23 as a member of the football team. Most recently, the Stepeltons have helped spearhead the launch of the 12th Man Booster Club with the Dubuc Family and current administration.

Girls Volleyball '92-'94



1992 / 1993

Jessie Bech Magee
Carrie Beresh Perillo
Jennifer Brin Kovach
Jennifer Bringger Vieco
Beth Chorzelewski McCall
Coleen Crocco
Eugenia Dominguez Cardenas
Elizabeth Dreisacker
Jenny Ei
Stephanie Eyler Fiascos
Cara Kelly
Jennifer Lanza
Maya Mallan Steeves
Jennifer Millikin Roberts
Liz Scherer
Lynn Smisek Hansen
Cassidy Smith Dalaney
Heather Tuel
Christina Valentzas
Janie Valentzas
Jennifer Whitlock Maser
Louise Crocco: Head Coach
Jude Abrams: Coach
Paula Ferrante: Coach
Kathy Gluth Scher: Coach
Carolyn Macklin Littlefield: Coach
Denise Sanscrainte Faber: Coach
Todd Faber: Coach
Jennifer Vollman: Coach
Jason Meyer: Manager

1993 / 1994

Claudia Argiro Borchardt
Jessie Bech Magee
Ruth Ann Blankenheim
Jennifer Brin Kovach
Jennifer Bringger Vieco
Beth Chorzelewski McCall
Coleen Crocco
Eugenia Dominguez Cardenas
Jenny Ei
Maya Mallan Steeves
Jennifer Naeger
Liz Scherer
Lindsay Schriever
Cassidy Smith Dalaney
Heather Tuel
Christina Valentzas
Janie Valentzas
Jennifer Williams Roman
Louise Crocco: Head Coach
Jude Abrams: Coach
Paula Ferrante: Coach
Kathy Gluth Scher: Coach
Carolyn Macklin Littlefield: Coach
Denise Sanscrainte Faber: Coach
Todd Faber: Coach
Jennifer Vollman: Coach
Jason Meyer: Manager



Girls Volleyball '94-'96



1994 / 1995

Claudia Argiro Borchardt
Ruth Ann Blankenheim
Beth Chorzelewski McCall
Jennifer Copertino Milliken
Joanne D'Agati
Jenny Ei
Brooke Jackson Wall
Megan Lynch Boyd
Jennifer Naeger
Jennifer Palat Rider
Coco Roberts Spieker
Lindsay Schriever
Kim Squire Kapella
Janie Valentzas
Jennifer Williams Roman
Louise Crocco: Head Coach
Jude Abrams: Coach
Paula Ferrante: Coach
Kathy Gluth Scher: Coach
Carolyn Macklin Littlefield: Coach
Denise Sancrainte Faber: Coach
Todd Faber: Coach
Marcy Meyer: Coach
Gregg Lasher: Coach
Justin Meyer: Manager

1995 / 1996

Ruth Ann Blankenheim
Beth Chorzelewski McCall
Cara Cosper Penn
Joanne D'Agati
Brooke Jackson Wall
Jennifer Kenoyer Micklos
Mary Liszewski Saunders
Megan Lynch Boyd
Margo Miller Flack
Jennifer Naeger
Trisha Paolucci
Coco Roberts Spieker
Carrie Rowley Bennett
Ashlie Schlager Forum
Britta Schlager Kelley
Lindsay Schriever
Kim Squire Kapella
Janie Valentzas
Jennifer Williams Roman
Louise Crocco: Head Coach
Jude Abrams: Coach
Paula Ferrante: Coach
Kathy Gluth Scher: Coach
Carolyn Macklin Littlefield: Coach
Denise Sancrainte Faber: Coach
Todd Faber: Coach
Marcy Meyer: Coach
Gregg Lasher: Coach
Justin Meyer: Manager



Girls Volleyball '96-'99

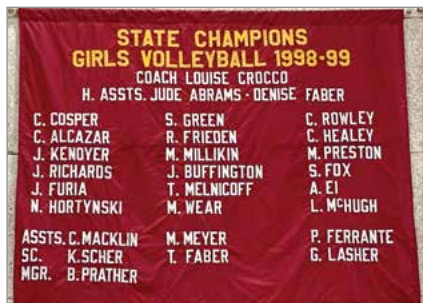


1996 / 1997

*Sandi Fox Cabeza
Ruth Ann Blankenheim
Kelly Conner
Cara Cosper Penn
Katie Daly Strittmater
Erin Davies Raschke
Susan Green Crawford
Chrissy Healey
Brooke Jackson Wall
Jennifer Kenoyer Micklos
Lauren Komara Benavent
Mary Liszewski Saunders
Margo Miller Flack
Megan Miller Syppolt
Melissa Millikin Foggy
Stephanie Palat Bridwell
Jamie Richards
Carrie Rowley Bennett
Ashlie Schlager Forum
Britta Schlager Kelley
Louise Crocco: Head Coach
Jude Abrams: Coach
Paula Ferrante: Coach
Kathy Gluth Scher: Coach
Carolyn Macklin Littlefield: Coach
Denise Sancrainte Faber: Coach
Todd Faber: Coach
Marcy Meyer: Coach
Gregg Lasher: Coach
Justin Meyer: Manager*

1998 / 1999

*Sandi Fox Cabeza
Cristy Alcazar Ruiz
Julie Buffington
Cara Cosper Penn
Ashley Ei Welsh
Rebecca Frieden Branding
Jennifer Furia Backus
Susan Green Crawford
Chrissy Healey
Natalie Hortynski Clarke
Jodi Kenoyer Zeman
Lauren McHugh Wailand
Tara Melnicoff
Melissa Millikin Foggy
Abraxis "Missy" Preston Malisos
Jamie Richards
Carrie Rowley Bennett
Michelle Wear
Louise Crocco: Head Coach
Jude Abrams: Coach
Paula Ferrante: Coach
Kathy Gluth Scher: Coach
Carolyn Macklin Littlefield: Coach
Denise Sancrainte Faber: Coach
Todd Faber: Coach
Marcy Meyer: Coach
Gregg Lasher: Coach
Bryan Prather: Manager*



In Memoriam Jude Abrams



MISS ABRAMS WAS INTEGRAL

in starting this Hall of Fame program and was a part of the Gibbons volleyball program for over 30 years. In 1974, Miss Abrams began her coaching career as assistant coach with Varsity Volleyball, Basketball and Softball while attending college. In 1976, Cardinal Gibbons added three JV programs: Volleyball, Basketball and Softball. Miss Abrams was the first JV coach for these sports. Her JV Volleyball team held the record for consecu-

tive wins and she is wholly responsible for setting the groundwork for what is considered one of the most outstanding Jr. Varsity programs in the state and country.

Miss Abrams was herself an outstanding athlete. She moved to Ft. Lauderdale from New York in her junior year of high school. While at Gibbons, Miss Abrams lettered in volleyball, basketball and softball. She was Captain of the softball team her senior year and also received All-League and Most Valuable Player. She received many offers to play in college and did accept a basketball scholarship.

Miss Abrams graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Education. From 1977-1979, she taught PE at St. Coleman Parochial School and coached volleyball, basketball and softball at the junior high level. Many of her players moved on to play on State Championship Volleyball Teams here at Gibbons.



In Memoriam Jude Abrams

On July 28, 1995, Miss Abrams received a lifetime achievement award as Outstanding Assistant Coach of the Year. This award is voted on by the Florida Athletic Coaches Association. Miss Abrams is the first coach in south Florida to receive this award. In September 2005, Jude was inducted into the Cardinal Gibbons Athletic Hall of Fame, a well-deserved honor for her years of dedication to Cardinal Gibbons athletics. Miss Abrams retired from the Cardinal Gibbons faculty in 2006 after teaching here since 1979 but she remained the backbone of our volleyball program.

As the Volleyball Program Coordinator, her duties expanded and thanks to her tireless efforts the program has achieved a first class reputation in the field of volleyball and in the local community. Miss Abrams is the “Unsung Hero” of the girls’ sports programs at Cardinal Gibbons.

In recognition of Miss Abram’s selfless dedication and all that she has done for the Volleyball Program and the Athletic Department of Cardinal Gibbons High School, an award will be given in her honor to someone who emulates the qualities Jude has shown throughout her career here at Cardinal Gibbons. This award has been named the “Jude Abrams Unsung Hero Award.”

*~ JUDE YOU WILL ALWAYS BE IN OUR
HEARTS AND NEVER BE FORGOTTEN*



SPECIAL THANKS

*To all who were involved in our
Athletic Hall of Fame Ceremony!*

*This event would not have been
possible without your assistance.*

Pride

CGG

Tradition