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WPIAL Announces 16-Member Hall of Fame Class of 2022

The 15th annual WPIAL Hall of Fame class was revealed at John Heinz History Center

Pittsburgh, Pa. – Jan. 19, 2022 – The Western Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic League (WPIAL) is proud to introduce the WPIAL Hall of Fame Class of 2022, which features 16 inductees across seven different categories. The 15th annual WPIAL Hall of Fame class was revealed to the public on Wednesday morning in a press conference at the Senator John Heinz History Center and Western Pennsylvania Sports Museum.

Out of the 16 inductees, eight are listed in the Athlete category, two in Coach, two in Team, and one each in Official, Contributor, Heritage, and Courage. The full class is listed below, as well as a brief overview on each inductee's career.

WPIAL Hall of Fame Class of 2022

Dion Bentley	Athlete	Penn Hills	Track & Field
Mallory Dietrich	Athlete	Oakland Catholic	Swimming
Bob Gorinski	Athlete	Mt. Pleasant	Baseball, Football
Micah Mason	Athlete	Highlands	Basketball
Jason Nolf	Athlete	Kittanning	Wrestling
Brianne O'Rourke	Athlete	Oakland Catholic	Basketball
Chad Salisbury	Athlete	Frazier	Football, Baseball, Basketball
Brian Simmons	Athlete	Peters Township	Baseball
Robert Kalp	Coach	Hempfield Area	Softball
Chuck Tursky	Coach	Kiski Area, Burrell	Wrestling
1990 Aliquippa Girls' Basketball	Team		
2011 Mars Girls' Soccer	Team		
Ron Tyburski	Official	Monessen	
Ruth Ann Burke	Contributor	Peters Township	
Johnny Lujack	Heritage	Connellsville	Football
Sydney Willig	Courage	Norwin	Soccer

Dion Bentley (Athlete) – 1989 Gatorade National High School Athlete of the Year ... Two-time PIAA champion in long jump (1988, 1989) ... Four-time WPIAL champion, winning three in long jump (1987, 1988, 1989) and one in the 110-meter hurdles (1989) ... PIAA record holder in long jump (25-5¼) ... Competed in track & field at the University of Florida

Mallory Dietrich (Athlete) – 14-time WPIAL champion ... 12-time PIAA champion ... Qualified for the 2008 U.S. Olympic Team Trials in 100 breaststroke ... Two-time All-Patriot League First Team at the U.S. Naval Academy (2007, 2009) ... Seven-time Patriot League champion ... Navy school record holder in 200 medley relay

Bob Gorinski (Athlete) – Drafted 22nd overall by the Minnesota Twins in the 1970 MLB Draft, becoming the first WPIAL student-athlete to be picked in the MLB Draft first round ... Played 10 professional baseball seasons, one in the MLB for the Twins ... Helped lead Mt. Pleasant to the 1970 WPIAL baseball title ... Rushed for 3,350 yards as a runningback in football ... Signed a scholarship to play football at Penn State University before choosing baseball

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Micah Mason (Athlete) – WPIAL record holder for career three-pointers (346), breaking the mark set by 2016 WPIAL Hall of Fame inductee and current Indiana Pacers guard T.J. McConnell ... Two-time Pittsburgh Tribune-Review Terrific 10 (2011, 2012) ... Two-time Pittsburgh Post-Gazette Fab Five (2011, 2012) ... Two-time PIAA 3A All-State (2011, 2012) ... Led the WPIAL in scoring as a junior and senior ... Played basketball at Drake University and Duquesne University

Jason Nolf (Athlete) – Four-time WPIAL champion (2011, 2012, 2013, 2014) at 103, 113, 132, and 145 weight classes ... Three-time PIAA champion (2011, 2013, 2014) ... Final high school record of 176-1 ... Three-time NCAA and two-time Big Ten champion at Penn State University in 157 weight class

Brianne O'Rourke (Athlete) – Helped lead Oakland Catholic to two WPIAL championships (2002, 2005) and two PIAA titles (2003, 2005) ... Two-time Street & Smith's All-America Honorable Mention (2003, 2004) ... Named to the Associated Press All-State First Team, Pittsburgh-Tribune Review Terrific 10, and Pittsburgh Post-Gazette Fab Five ... Four-year letterwinner and three-time All-Big Ten selection at Penn State University ... Played professionally overseas

Chad Salisbury (Athlete) – Threw for over 4,500 yards and 44 touchdowns in football ... Scored 1,700 points in basketball ... Batted .400 with 10 homeruns in baseball ... All-State selection in football and baseball ... Played quarterback at New Mexico State University and the University at Buffalo ... Played eight seasons in the Arena Football League

Brian Simmons (Athlete) – Won 10 letters in four varsity sports at Peters Township ... All-Section selection in baseball and basketball ... Competed in the WPIAL Golf Tournament ... Two-time MLB Draft selection, going 35th round in the 1992 MLB Draft to the Baltimore Orioles and second round in the 1995 MLB Draft to the Chicago White Sox ... Enjoyed 10 professional baseball seasons, three in the MLB for the White Sox and Toronto Blue Jays ... Played collegiately at the University of Michigan

Robert Kalp (Coach) – Posted a 431-111-1 record in 25 years guiding Hempfield Area softball ... Seven-time WPIAL champion (1998, 2009, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019) ... Four-time PIAA champion (1999, 2016, 2017, 2018) ... Named FloSoftball National Coach of the Year in 2018

Chuck Tursky (Coach) – Posted a 505-143-2 record in 36 years coaching Kiski Area and Burrell wrestling ... Two-time WPIAL champion (1997, 2003) with Kiski Area ... Member of the PA Wrestling Coaches Association Hall of Fame, Southwestern Pennsylvania Wrestling Hall of Fame, Slippery Rock Athletic Hall of Fame, Alle-Kiski Valley Sports Hall of Fame, and Kiski Area High School Hall of Fame

1989-90 Aliquippa Girls' Basketball (Team) – WPIAL and PIAA champions at the 2A classification ... WPIAL title was the program's fourth consecutive ... PIAA championship was second straight ... Defeated four PIAA opponents by 20 points or more, including an 89-62 win over Trinity in the championship game

2011 Mars Girls' Soccer (Team) – WPIAL and PIAA champions at the 2A classification ... Finished with a 25-0-1 record and outscored opponents by a margin of 168-6 ... WPIAL title was the program's second of three consecutive, also winning in 2010 and 2012 ... Posted a clean sheet in three of four PIAA contests, including 1-0 win over Villa Joseph Marie in championship

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Ron Tyburski (Official) – Currently one of the nation’s top NCAA basketball officials, working games in numerous conferences including ACC and Big Ten ... Officiated 14 WPIAL championship games (6 basketball, 5 baseball, 3 football) ... Worked three PIAA championship games (2 basketball, 1 baseball) ... Graduate of Monessen High School

Ruth Ann Burke (Contributor) – Formed the league formerly known as the WPGAL, giving high school girls the opportunity to compete in the 1960s ... First female member of the WPIAL Board of Control, serving on it and both the WPIAL and PIAA Steering Committees for girls’ sports ... Coached and taught at Peters Township High School

Johnny Lujack (Heritage) – Oldest living Heisman Trophy winner at age 97, winning it in 1947 for the University of Notre Dame ... Won three national championships at Notre Dame ... Valedictorian and class president at Connellsville while also competing in baseball, football, basketball, and track & field ... Earned All-Pro First Team honors in 1950 with the Chicago Bears ... Served his country during World War II ... Member of the College Football Hall of Fame

Sydney Willig (Courage) – Diagnosed with cystic fibrosis at just two weeks of age ... Has been able to return to the pitch thanks to medication newly approved by the FDA ... Currently plays soccer at Geneva College, recording two assists as a freshman in 2021

The WPIAL Hall of Fame was organized as a means of recognizing, preserving, and promoting the heritage of interscholastic sports in Western Pennsylvania. Many individuals have made extraordinary contributions and have achieved superb accomplishments in high school sports. The WPIAL Hall of Fame honors the contributions and accomplishments of these individuals who are worthy of recognition as examples for others to emulate.

The annual WPIAL Hall of Fame induction banquet will be held on Friday, May 27 at the DoubleTree Hotel in Greentree (500 Mansfield Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15205).

About the WPIAL

Founded in 1906, the Western Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic League (WPIAL) represents Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA) District VII, which is one of the 12 districts governed by the Constitution and By-Laws of the PIAA. The WPIAL represents its member schools by promoting academics, the safety of participants, sportsmanship, citizenship, and lifelong values as the foundation of interscholastic athletics. The league holds championships for 26 different sports, and its member schools are made up of 10 state counties: Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Fayette, Greene, Indiana, Lawrence, Washington, and Westmoreland.

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