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WPHS ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME TO INDUCT INITIAL CLASS OF 15 HONOREES

WHITE PLAINS, NY --- Pro football Hall of Famer **Art Monk**, Olympic gold and silver medalist **Larry James**, world class miler **Craig Masback**, and the locally legendary father-son duo of **Glenn** and **Dean Loucks** head a list of 15 outstanding individuals scheduled to be enshrined on Friday evening, November 13, during the initial Induction Ceremony being conducted by the White Plains High School Athletics Hall of Fame.

The Induction Event will take place in the Media Center at the high school, beginning at 6 pm. The proceedings are open to the public, and there is no charge for admission.

The roster of initial honorees also includes: former athlete, coach and administrator **Harry Jefferson**; college basketball All-American and former Boston Celtic **Mal Graham**; ex-Dallas Cowboy **Jay Saldi**; track star **Nicole Boykin**; former Major League Baseball player and coach **Grover "Deacon" Jones**; pro football player and coach **Dick Nolan**; college All-American and pro football player **Frank Briante**; standout athlete and longtime medical community leader **Anthony "Champ" Marano**; former coach **Len Watters**; and early 20th century high school sports doctor **Jason Parker**.

Here are brief capsules about the inductees:

NICOLE BOYKIN --- 2001 grad. Evelyn Nicole Boykin. Has doctorate degree in psychology. Standout runner in cross country, indoor and outdoor track; specialist in 800, 1,600 and 3,200. Multiple league, county and Section 1 champion. Two-time Journal News "Runner of the Year." NY State Federation X-C champion (18:22) in 2000. Undefeated Section 1 senior X-C season. Set several school records. ConEd Scholar Athlete.

FRANK BRIANTE --- 1923 grad. Served 1951-61 on White Plains Board of Education, including seven years as president. Went to the "old, old" high school on Main Street in White

Plains. NYU (Class of 1927) football captain and All-American who broke Red Grange's collegiate rushing record. Played professionally for the Staten Island Stapletons and Newark Tornadoes in early NFL. As president of School Board, oversaw significant enrollment growth and construction of new school facilities, including the current high school on North Street.

MAL GRAHAM --- 1963 grad. Full name: Robert Malcolm Graham. Retired justice of the Massachusetts Appeals Court. Standout high school and college basketball player renowned for passing, dribbling and shooting prowess. Averaged 23.0 ppg (21 games, 483 pts) in WPHS senior season; finished high school career with then school-record 910 points. Also was an All County high jumper and Con Ed award winner. Third in nation in college basketball scoring (28.7 ppg) in NYU senior season. First round (11th overall) pick in 1967 NBA draft by the Celtics. Member of two NBA championship teams. Playing career curtailed in 1969 by medical condition.

LARRY JAMES --- 1966 grad. Full name: George Lawrence James. Personal bests of 43.97 at 400 meters, 50.2 in 400 hurdles. Member of several WPHS relay teams that set national records. NCAA indoor and outdoor champion multiple times; set numerous Villanova school records still standing. Won silver medal in 400 at 1968 Olympics in Mexico City, and ran third leg on USA's 4 x 400 gold medal relay team which set then world record (2:56.16). Double gold medalist at 1970 World University Games. Longtime athletic director at Richard Stockton College in New Jersey, where multipurpose outdoor stadium is named for him. Inducted 2003 National Track and Field Hall of Fame. Died in 2008 at age 61.

HARRY JEFFERSON --- 1953 grad. Outstanding student, football and track athlete, teacher, coach, administrator, assistant principal. Captain, running back and tenacious defender on early 1950s powerhouse Tigers football teams. Track captain, NY State high school 180-hurdles champion. All Big Ten and All-American running back at Univ. of Illinois. Brief pro stint with NY Giants cut short by injury. Coached WPHS football and basketball teams at various levels. Affectionately called "Coach Jeff."

GROVER "DEACON" JONES --- 1952 grad. Outstanding three-sport athlete; three-year starter in football, basketball and baseball. First recipient of then brand new Con Edison Scholar Athlete of the Week award in Sept 1951. American Legion baseball national player of the year while still in high school, with plaque hanging at Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, NY. Standout at Ithaca College drafted by Chicago White Sox; played in both major and minor leagues, then became coach, manager, scout at various levels, including jobs with Houston Astros, NY Yankees, San Diego Padres, Baltimore Orioles. As minor leaguer, won H&B Silver Bat award for hitting .409 in 1956, highest batting average for all levels of pro baseball that season.

DEAN LOUCKS--- 1953 grad. Named Glenn Dean Loucks, was standout in both football and basketball. Quarterbacked Tigers (1950-51-52) to three undefeated football seasons, earning All County, All Met and All-American honors. Led basketball team in scoring in senior season; his Tigers were 52-4 and won two sectional titles on the court. Named All Ivy and All East in football at Yale. Taught and coached at White Plains High School (1960-68); then helped rebuild program as head coach at Fordham.

GLENN LOUCKS --- A prominent community leader and educator, popularly called "Coach". Glenn Dacey Loucks was a longtime WPHS teacher, athletic director and football, basketball and track coach. First came to WPHS in 1930 after accomplished upstate Oneida high school and Syracuse University playing career in three sports. Coached highly successful football Tigers teams for 24 seasons, which included 35-game winning streak over four years. His WPHS basketball teams won five sectional titles. Active in many civic organizations.

"CHAMP" MARANO – 1952 grad. Anthony "Champ" Marano, M.D. Outstanding all around athlete; was captain and fullback of powerhouse football Tigers in early 1950s. Graduated from Williams College and Cornell Medical School. Early Con Ed weekly award winner who served as chairman of Con Edison's Sports Award Organization. Was chief of cardiology at White Plains Hospital where Cardiac Care unit is named for him. Was physician for the White Plains School District for many years, attending sports events and taking care of athletes. Active in many civic groups.

CRAIG MASBACK --- 1973 grad. All County and All State indoor and outdoor high school track star, NY State and Golden West 880 champion, Princeton standout, world class miler. 1980 U.S. indoor mile champion and then American record holder at 2,000 meters. His 3:52.02 mile in 1979 --- one of his 30 sub four-minute competitive miles --- ranked him sixth fastest in history at the time. Represented U.S. multiple times in international events. Worked for IOC, numerous television entities, was CEO of USA Track & Field; current top exec at Nike.

ART MONK --- 1976 grad. James Arthur "Art" Monk. Football and track star. Won NY State track titles as senior in 120 (13.5) and 330 (37.1) hurdles in then record times; won national HS 330 hurdles title. All-American in football at Syracuse University. First round pick 1980 NFL draft, 16-year pro career as wide receiver with Washington Redskins, New York Jets, Philadelphia Eagles. Three-time Super Bowl champion. Amassed 940 receptions, 68 touchdowns, 12,721 yards. NFL 1980s All Decade team. Elected 2008 to Pro Football Hall of Fame. Active supporter of youth sports & education programs.

DICK NOLAN --- 1949 grad. Richard Nolan, grew up in house across street from Parker Stadium, home of the Tigers. All County tailback at WPHS, star for Univ. of Maryland national champions (1953). Standout defensive back for NY Football Giants, winning NFL championship in 1956. Nine-year pro playing career. NFL assistant coach in Dallas; head coach in New Orleans, San Francisco (eight seasons with 49ers); 1970 NFL coach of the year.

JASON PARKER, M.D. --- Doc Parker was a community leader in White Plains during 1910s and 1920s; official physician for the White Plains School District for more than 20 years until his passing in 1929. Familiar figure at high school sports events, tended to Tigers athletes without charge. All school offices and buildings in White Plains were closed the day of his funeral. For more than 60 years, until Tigers moved varsity football games to the North Street campus, the stadium in the Highlands was called Parker Stadium.

JAY SALDI --- 1972 grad. All County in basketball; All County, All State and All Decade NY State TE/LB in football. Tri-captain of undefeated, untied 1971 Tigers that won inaugural Section 1 football championship. Played football for Univ. of South Carolina. Nine seasons in

NFL as tight end and special teams standout with Dallas, Chicago. Appeared in five NFC championship games; member of Cowboys Super Bowl XII winning team.

LEN WATTERS --- WPHS athletic director and football coach 1929-1941, 45-47. Tigers teams compiled 104-24-7 record, nine undefeated seasons, 10 Westchester County titles. Tigers represented New York on New Year's Day 1931 vs. All-Florida team in what is now the Orange Bowl. Prior to WPHS, coached Glenn Loucks at Oneida (NY) High School; played pro football for Buffalo Bisons and Buffalo All-Americans. After service in World War II, coached Williams College for 15 seasons (68-47-4). In college, was captain of Springfield football team.

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