



# ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

*Hamilton  
Big Blue*

*Garfield  
Griffins*

*Taft  
Tigers*

6:00 pm  
Saturday, February 16, 2002

Hamiltonian Hotel

# ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

Jim "Boxcar" Bailey  
Kevin Grevey  
Judy Kraft  
Paul Sarringhaus  
Greg Stokes

## *Class of 1997*

Frank Clair  
Jim Grimm  
Marvin McCollum  
Warren Scholler  
Chuck Thackara  
Bill Wilks

Alex "Boo" Ellis  
Derek Howard  
Joe Nuxhall  
Jack Smith  
Mike Townsend

Shauna Bowman  
Bill McCormick  
Floyd "Breezy" Reid  
Pat Sword

## *Class of 1998*

Bill Evans  
Rudy Oaklets  
Leonard (Jim) Smith  
Charles "Skip" Taylor

Bernie Griesinger  
Carl Ott  
David Stalls  
David "Chuggy" Waller

Mel "Moody" Baker  
Jack Gordon  
Mark Lewis  
Bill "Coach" Sharp

## *Class of 1999*

Taylor "Tay" Baker  
Jerry Johnson  
Ervin J. Nutter  
Arthur "Ray" Tilton  
David Weaver

Elize Spears Combs  
Andy Kolesar  
Bernie Reid  
Willie Townsend

Lou Florio  
Demus Jones  
Terry Merz  
Harry Phillips, Jr.

## *Class of 2000*

Jim Hall  
Don Knodel  
Barbara Norman Fitton  
Virgil M. Schwarm  
Bob Wainscott

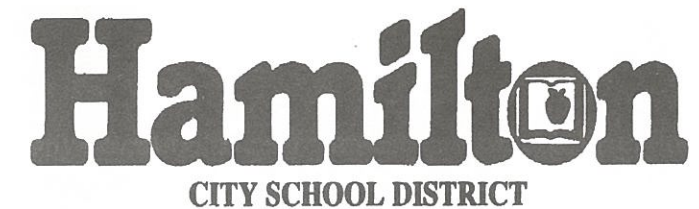
Ragan Hnery  
Kent McCormick  
Joe Okruhlica  
Jim Sutton

Karen Baker  
Dana King  
Jim Patterson  
Bill Shank

## *Class of 2001*

Ron Couch  
Marcy Maurer  
Leonard Rush  
Ralph Smith  
Payton Townsend, Jr.

Dick Dallmer  
Don Nuxhall  
Alson Scrivner  
Clint Spearman, Jr.



# ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

RECEPTION FOR INDUCTEES AND SPOUSES  
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MASTER OF CEREMONIES  
*John Wade*

INVOCATION  
*Jack Young*  
*Class of 1948*

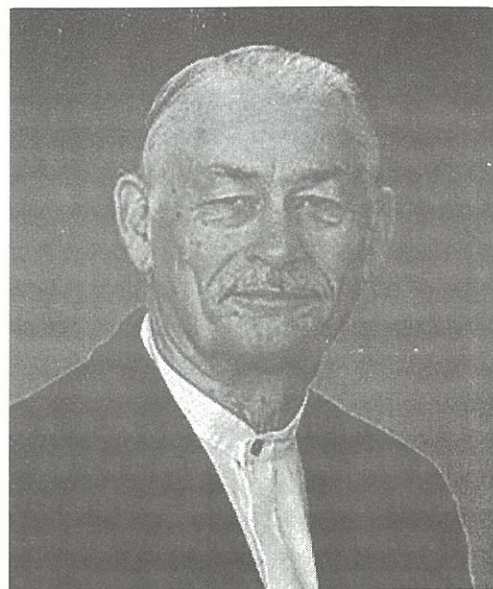
WELCOME  
*George Jonson*  
*Class of 1952*

INTRODUCTION OF HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES



## Fred Belden - Class of 1949

Fred Belden is one more fine athlete from the outstanding Class of 1949. Under the leadership of Jim Grimm (a fellow Hamilton City Schools Athletic Hall of Famer), Belden was a member of the Fliptwisters gymnastic squad all three years in high school. He received first and second place awards from the YMCA and other invitational competitions. Belden also competed as a diver in Rotary swim meets in the 1940s from both the one meter and three meter boards which complemented his gymnastic talents. The fliptwisters performed at most of Hamilton High School's basketball games and performed at the Holland Tulip Festival in Holland, Michigan. They also performed during the half-time of the 1949 Ohio state high school basketball championship game in which the Big Blue won. He is no doubt the most outstanding gymnast to have graduated from Hamilton High School. He attended The Ohio State University for one year and was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1951. He served in Korea in an Artillery unit. Grimm was also responsible for Belden's involvement with the Elktones Barbershop Chorale group for over 30 years. He also enjoyed water skiing for many years.



## Dr. Russ Bowermaster - Class of 1954

Russ Bowermaster was a two-sport standout at Hamilton High School. As senior captain for the Big Blue football team, he was named all-Ohio. He also played an important part for the 1954 Big Blue state championship basketball team. Woody Hayes recruited Bowermaster to play for the Buckeyes and he was a member of O.S.U.'s national championship team in 1957. He was a third-round draft choice of the Cleveland Browns. He received his Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from O.S.U. Dental School and completed a residency in Oral Surgery at O.S.U. He returned to Hamilton to establish a practice in oral surgery with fellow Athletic Hall of Famer Dr. David Weaver. Golf is now his passion and he has chaired the 1992 Amateur Golf Tournament and was vice-chair of the Memorial Tournament at Muirfield Village. He has been the captain of the Muirfield Golf Club. Bowermaster was inducted into the Butler county Sports Hall of Fame in 1995.



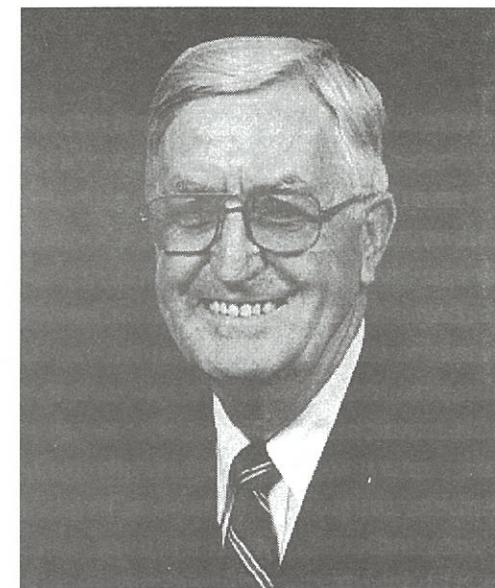
## Robby Cobb - Class of 1979

Robby Cobb lettered in four sports his senior year at Garfield - soccer, football, basketball and baseball. He scored the most goals in Garfield's history with 39 on his way to being named All District in soccer. He was named honorable mention All State for basketball and was named All State for baseball. He was captain of his Griffin's soccer, basketball and baseball teams. In all, Cobb received nine letters at Garfield and this Top 10 student was recruited by colleges for soccer, football, basketball and baseball before deciding on attending The Ohio State University on a baseball scholarship. He was a scholar athlete for four years as he started and lettered all four years. He was named First Team Academic All Big 10 for three years. He also was named First Team Academic All-American. Cobb was a member of Team U.S.A. in the United States World Cup which won a bronze medal. He received the trophy for the Most Runs in the World Games. He was named All Big 10 one year and was the leading hitter for the Buckeyes in 1983 with a .426 batting average. Captain of his team in his senior year at O.S.U., he was honored with the prestigious "Potter Run Maker Award" his sophomore and senior years. When Cobb graduated from O.S.U., he had set the career records for most hits, most runs scored, runs batted in, doubles and walks. He also set the single season records for hits, runs scored, doubles and at bats. These records held for many years until O.S.U. started playing more games per year, but he stills holds the record for most runs scored as well as maintaining Top 10 status in numerous categories. After graduating from O.S.U. in 1983, Cobb was drafted and signed with the Montreal Expos and spent three years in the Minor Leagues.



## Fred Garretson - Coach

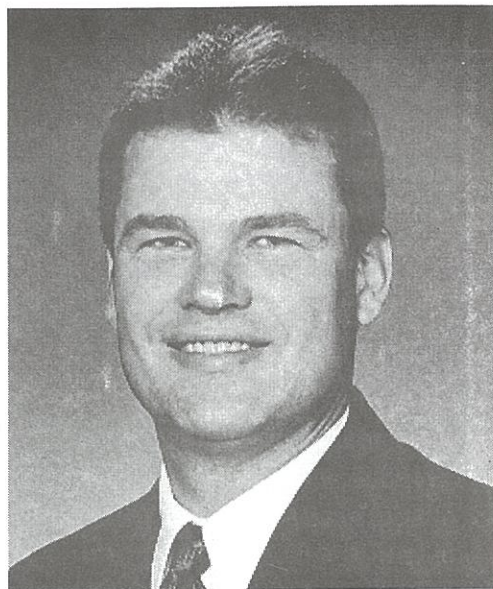
Fred Garretson was the state champion pole vaulter at Huntington (W.V.) High School before attending Miami University. He received a Bronze Star during the Battle of the Bulge in World War II. A student coach for Sid Gillman, he began his high school coaching career at Dayton Fairview. He started his coaching career in Hamilton at Garfield High School in 1959. In addition to his teaching duties, he was also the head track coach for two years and an assistant football coach for the Griffins for three years. He transferred to Taft High School in 1962 to become the Tigers head football coach for nine years. He also was the swimming coach for six years. He was the only coach in Taft's 20-year history to have a career winning football record. He is a member of the Ohio High School Football Coaches Hall of Fame. Garretson was elected to the National College Football Hall of Fame in 1966 and has served on the board of the National High School Athletic Coaches Association for 30 years, serving one year as its president. He was a recipient of the N.H.S.A.C.A. Dwight Keith Award in 1991 in recognition of lifetime service to high school athletes. He was inducted into the Butler County Sports Hall of Fame in 1996. Garretson has also been involved in many service organizations in Hamilton and Fairfield. He is a life member of the 75th Division Infantry, U.S. Army.





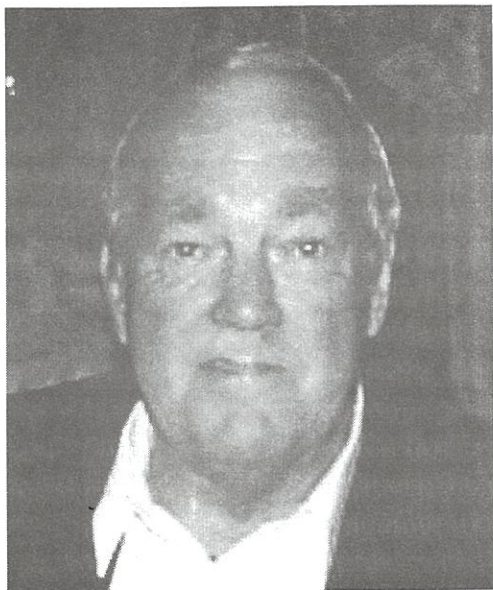
## Dan Hartleb - Class of 1984

Dan Hartleb was an outstanding athlete at Hamilton High School, playing baseball and football. He was a member of the Big Blue's 1983 state championship baseball team. He was named All Conference in 1984 and played in the Greater Cincinnati All-Star game. He attended the John A. Logan Community College where he was a junior college all-star catcher. Hartleb then transferred to Southern Illinois University and appeared in 56 games as a catcher. He was a two-year letterwinner, finishing his playing career with a .305 batting average. He began his coaching career as a graduate assistant coach at S. I.U. in 1989-90. He is beginning his 12th year as a coach at University of Illinois, his second as associate head coach. He is responsible for the pitching staff as well as many recruiting and administrative responsibilities. As pitching coach, he has helped produced three of the last four Pitchers of the Year in the Big Ten Conference, a streak that is unmatched in the conference's history. Hartleb has sent a number of former Illini hurlers to the professional ranks following their collegiate careers, including Jimmy Journell, the St. Louis Cardinals 2001 Minor League Pitcher of the Year. He has brought some of the top recruiting classes in the nation to the University of Illinois in recent years. His 1994 recruiting class, which included the core of the 1998 Big Ten championship team, will go in the books as one of the finest classes ever recruited to Illinois.



## Gary "Spud" Hornsby - Class of 1956

A member of Hamilton High School's Big Blue football, basketball and baseball teams for three years, Hornsby was a natural in all three sports. His senior year, he was named First Team All-State in basketball as a forward and third team All-State Defense in football. He participated in the Ohio/Kentucky All-Star basketball game in 1956. In his senior year, the Big Blue faced the Middletown Middies at the Cincinnati Gardens with over 13,000 fans watching. Against the Middies' Jerry Lucas, Hornsby scored 30 points in the contest. He boasts the former Hamilton High School's single game scoring record (35 points), breaking the record previously held by fellow Hall of Famers Bill Wilks and Boo Ellis. He went on to the University of Cincinnati to play baseball and basketball for two years. Freshmen were ineligible for varsity competition when Hornsby went to U.C., but the freshman team on which he was a starter, along with Oscar Robertson, went undefeated.



## Carolyn Hefner McAllister - Class of 1974

Carolyn Hefner McAllister was a three year varsity player in three sports - volleyball, basketball and softball - for Coach Pat Sword (another Athletic Hall of Famer). She scored the most points -69- in the 1973 volleyball season. She was a starter all three years in basketball when the teams played 6 minute quarters, used a standard men's size basketball and there was no 3 point shots. She was the leading scorer as a sophomore, and set a new one-year school record with 189 points. She also set a new school record for individual season average with 17.1 ppg. McAllister won the Most Valuable Player award and the team boasted a 11-0 record her sophomore year. In her junior year, she set a school record for single season free throw percentage at 66% and the team went undefeated, 12-0. As a co-captain her senior year, McAllister set several school records for career totals including total number of points -495 (in 30 games); average (16.5 ppg); field goal percentage (203 - 460 for 44%); and free throws (89 - 143 for 62%). Taft won three consecutive GMC Championships and they set a record for number of points scored in one game - 104 points against Garfield. McAllister pitched a 1 hit shut out in 13 innings for the softball team in 1974 and again, the Lady Tigers won the GMC championship all three years. McAllister continued playing the three sports at Bob Jones University where she graduated in Music Education. She was the leading scorer in basketball every year. The team went undefeated and won the championship for four years. She won the MVP award for three years and made the All-Star team every year. Her college softball team won two championships. McAllister has also played for the First Baptist Church softball team which won the City Championship in 1989.



## Dr. Andrea Walters Moorehead - Class of 1973

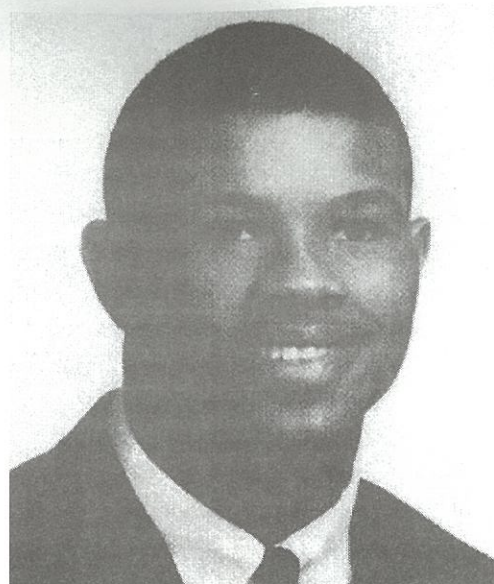
Andrea Walters Moorehead started her athletic career as a member of the Hamilton Mini-Tigers. Under the direction of Jack Voss, the Mini-Tigers tumbled, jump roped and bamboo hopped at half-time shows and parades. At Taft High School, she played three years of volleyball and led in serving points. Her high school basketball career included a 33-0 team record. As co-captain her senior year, the team averaged 64.5 ppg with a defensive average of 26.5 ppg - again with 6 minute quarters, a standard size men's basketball and no three point shots! No doubt the best girls' team in the state, but this was one year before state tournaments for girls began. Moorehead was named Best All-Around Girl Athlete her junior year and was in the Top 20 in her class. She went on to play volleyball, basketball and softball at Taylor University. Its volleyball team was runner-up in the Indiana State championship where she served 13 straight points in the final game and led in serving points. She led her basketball team in scoring for two years and had a career high 31 points against Butler University in 1975. She led in assists and received the "Hustle" award. She was a member of Taylor University's softball team which won the Indiana state tournament in 1976. Moorehead was named "Trojane" Best All-Around Athlete in 1976. In the summer of 1978, she rode 3,200 miles coast to coast from San Diego to Virginia Beach with the Wandering Wheels, a bicycle club. She graduated from O.S.U.'s College of Optometry in 1980 and was an Associate Clinical Professor at the University of Houston for two years. She practices optometry in Hamilton with her husband, Mike.





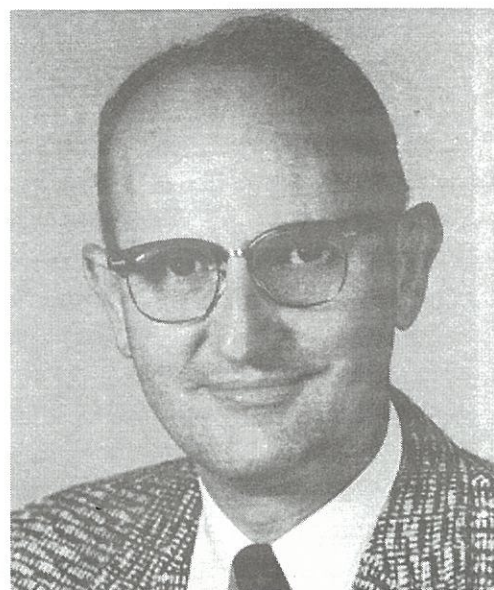
## Dr. Ray Pryor - Class of 1963

Ray Pryor was an Academic All-State football player and graduated in the Top 5 of his Garfield Class of 1963. He received scholarship offers from all the Big Ten Conference schools, and chose The Ohio State University where he excelled in football. He was chosen as All-American Center for O.S.U. in 1966. The Baltimore Colts drafted him to play professional football. Pryor graduated from O.S.U. medical school. He then graduated from the University of Toledo Dental School. He practiced dentistry for several years in Hamilton prior to his death in 1979. He was inducted into the Butler County Sports Hall of fame in 2001.



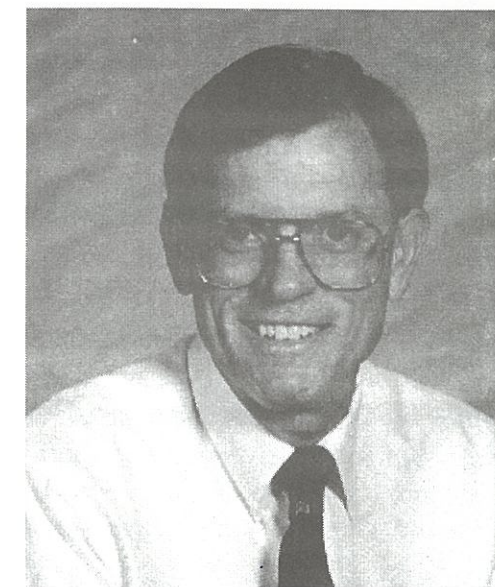
## Charles Schwing - Coach

Charles Schwing played football, basketball and baseball at Trenton High School. He played basketball one year at Miami University where he received his Bachelor and Masters Degrees in Education. Schwing can boast that he was one of the founders of the Greater Miami Conference which initially included six teams - Fairfield, Middletown, Taft, Garfield, Princeton and Miamisburg. He began his teaching career at Roosevelt Junior High School in 1939 where he coached tennis. His 20 years of service at Roosevelt includes positions as a teacher, attendance officer, Dean of Boys and Assistant Principal. He moved to Taft High School when it opened in 1959 as an Assistant Principal. He also served as the first Athletic Coordinator at Taft High School. He was a tough disciplinarian, but was loved by all students and took the time to listen and counsel them. Schwing retired in 1970.



## John Smith - Coach

John Smith played basketball and golf for three years at Niles McKinley High School before graduating in 1961. He was a four year member of the golf team at Capital University where he received his degree in Education. He was voted "Most Likely To Succeed" in his graduating class at Capital. He received his Masters degree from The Ohio State University in 1969. Smith has been a head basketball coach for 23 years, beginning at Columbus Marion Franklin (one year) and Columbus Mifflin (eight years). He was an assistant coach at Furman University from 1982 through 1984 when he came to Hamilton to coach the Big Blue. His 13 years at Hamilton High School boasted two GMC championships (1992 and 1993) and three GMC co-champions (1986, 1987 and 1990). His teams were Division I District Champs in 1990 and 1992 and Division I Regional runner-up in 1990. He also coached for one year at Columbus Briggs. His coaching honors include being named the Associated Press's Central District AA Coach of the Year in 1977 and 1978; the U.P.I. Ohio AA Coach of the Year in 1978; the A.P. Southwest Division I Coach of the Year for two years; GMC Coach of the Year for four years; and the *Journal News* Golden Triangle Coach of the Year for two years. Smith was named the Butler County Coach of the Year in 1996. His overall high school coaching record is 332-182.



## Richard Smith - Class of 1962

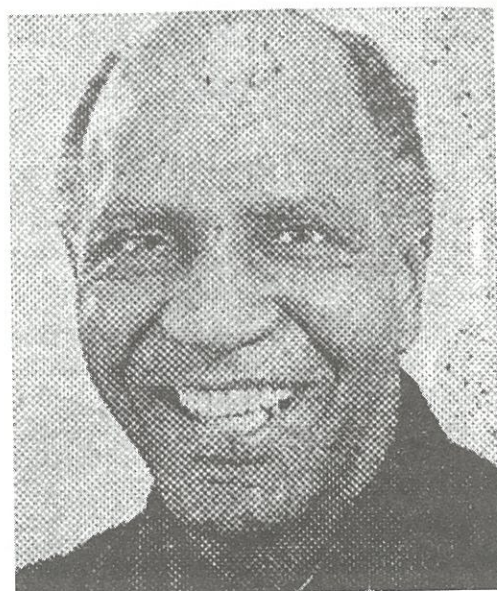
Richard Smith was a member of Garfield High Schools track, football and basketball teams. He was named All-League in football for two years. He was given the Outstanding Defensive Lineman Award for the 1961 Griffin football team. He attended Northwestern University where he played football all four years under head coaches Ara Parseghian and Alex Agase. After graduating with a degree in Education, Smith played professional football for five years - one year with the Dallas Cowboys, two years with the Washington Redskins and two years with the Montreal Alouettes. He led the league in receptions in 1970 while a member of the Alouettes. Smith has made a career in the music world, singing R & B and church music. He was called to sing at the opening of the 64th annual Pigskin Club Award Banquet honoring local and national football players and coaches from the greater Washington area.





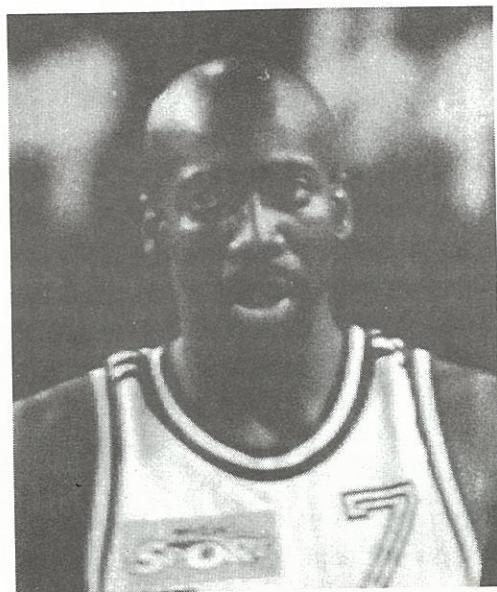
## Robert "Pappy" Smith - Class of 1950

Another three sport standout for the Big Blue, Robert "Pappy" Smith played baseball and football, but was best known for his basketball prowess. He was a member of Hamilton's state championship team in 1949 and came back as a member of the 1950 team as one of the leading scorers and rebounders. The Big Blue was once again a force to be reckoned with during the 1950 tournament. Smith turned 19 years old mid-way of the tournament and was ineligible to play against Springfield, which went on to win the state championship. Since that time, the Ohio High School Athletic Association rules have changed to allow a player to play out the season even though he reached the age limit during the season. He was named Most Valuable Player at the Paul Walker All-Star game. He went on to play basketball for Central State University where he averaged over 18 points per game. Smith served in the military Armed Services as a Military Police (MP) in Germany. He continues to live in Hamilton and has retired from Champion International.



## Tyrice Walker - Class of 1990

Tyrice Walker played basketball at Hamilton High under Coach John Smith (a fellow inductee this year) for three years. He was a member of the 1990 team which won the GMC championship, the Sectional championship and the District championship on their way to being the Regional runner-up. He was named First Team All-League and First Team All-State. He was named Ohio's Mr. Basketball, and boasted Player of the Year awards from the *Journal News* and *Cincinnati Enquirer*. He played four years at Xavier University under head basketball coach Pete Gillen where he was named Second Team All-Conference in 1994, and Conference Player of the Week three times. As a three year starter, Walker was team captain in 1994 and won the coveted Leadership Award. He played for the Pekaes Prusekow team in Poland for eight years and was voted Most Valuable Player of the League in 1995 and 1997. He was a member of the All-Star team for seven seasons. His team won the championship in 1995 and 1997 and was runner-up in 1998 and 1999. He was the leading scorer in the country for two seasons and he was voted Best Foreigner of the Decade in the 1990s.



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