



ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

*Hamilton
Big Blue*

*Garfield
Griffins*

*Taft
Tigers*

Saturday, January 26, 2008

6:00 p.m.

Thyme Savor

(Ohio Casualty Building)

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

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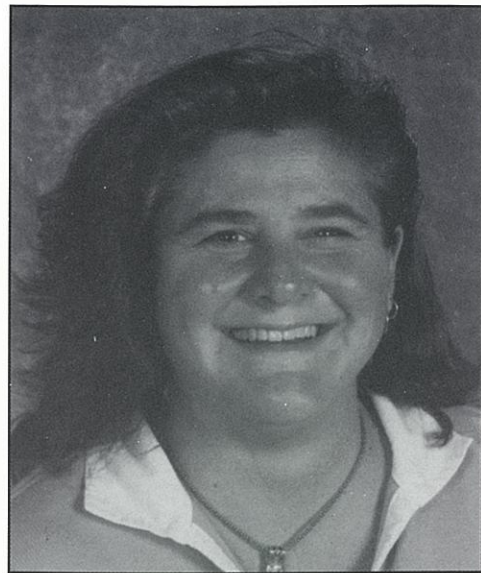
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INTRODUCTION OF HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

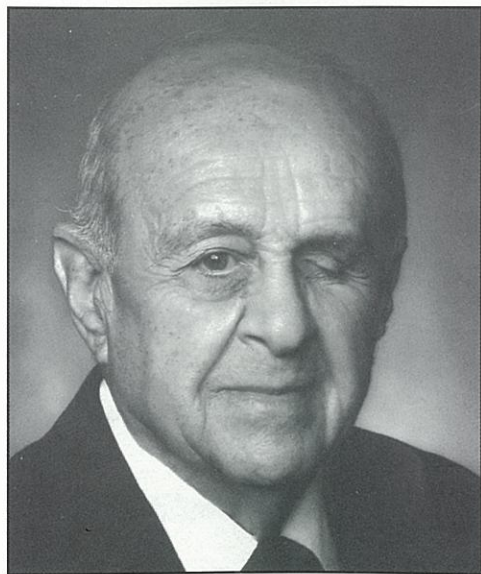
Sheree Barlow - Class of 1983

Sheree Barlow graduated from Hamilton High School in 1983 after playing tennis for three years under coach Darlene Moss and playing fast pitch softball for three years under coach and fellow inductee John Spears. Barlow received the Coaches Award her senior year as Big Blue took second place in the GMC with a record of 7-2. She was named All Conference for all three years and received a softball scholarship to Miami University. While at Miami, Barlow played under coach Peg Conradt and was named All MAC in 1984, 1985 and 1986. She graduated from Miami with a B.A. in Public Administration and Administration of Law and Criminal Justice with a minor in Sociology. She then went on to the University of Cincinnati where she earned a Masters Degree and was enrolled in the Doctorate Program in Sociology. Barlow taught at both Xavier University and University of Cincinnati for five years. In 1999, Barlow moved to Florida where she is currently teaching middle school science. She joins her brother, Bryan, who was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2003.



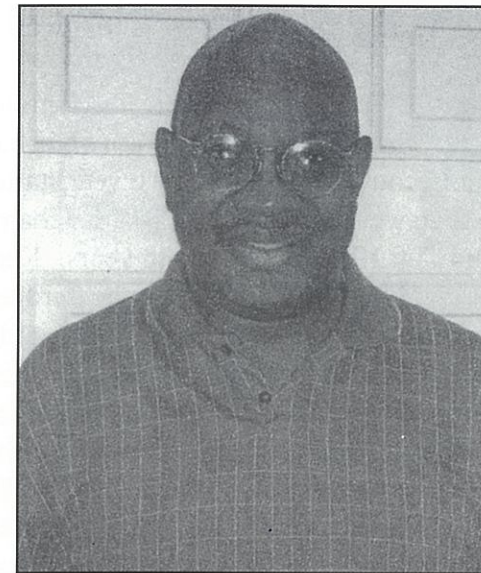
Mike DiStaola - Class of 1947, Athletic Director & Assistant Principal

Mike DiStaola attended Miami University and Cedarville College, graduating in 1951. He began his teaching and coaching career in 1951 at Maple Park School in Middletown where he coached football and basketball. In 1953, he came to the Hamilton City School District, teaching at Lincoln and Jackson elementary schools. During this time he coached in the Babe Ruth League with his teams winning the league three years in row. He also coached the All Star team for three years. He went on to teach at Roosevelt Junior High School and then Harding Junior High School coaching football, basketball and baseball. In 1964, DiStaola moved to Lancaster, Ohio, where he coached basketball at Lancaster High School. He returned to teach and coach in the Hamilton City Schools in 1965. The next ten years he coached football under coach and fellow Hall of Famer Fred Garretson at Taft High School. He also coached basketball and baseball under coach and fellow Hall of Famer Marv McCollum. In 1976, DiStaola became an assistant principal and the Athletic Director at Taft and then, in 1980, the new Hamilton High School. Under his tenure, Hamilton High won the boys state baseball championship (1983) and also won the girls state softball championship (1985). He retired in 1985. DiStaola and his wife have three children.



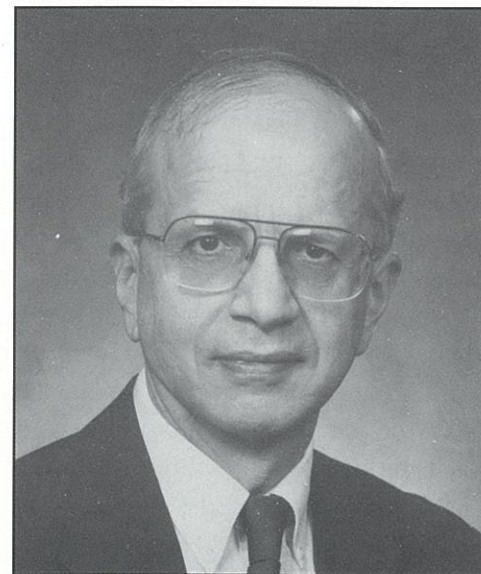
Joe Hudson - Class of 1966

Joe Hudson graduated from Hamilton Garfield High School in 1966 after playing football for three years and running track for two years. He held the Garfield, District and Regional shot put records in 1965 and 1966. As a senior fullback, he was named Griffin of the Week after scoring twice against Woodward. Hudson led all scorers with four touchdowns in the Griffins 59-18 homecoming victory against Fairfield. He also had two touchdowns as Garfield beat Taft and then the Griffins went on to beat fourth ranked Middletown, 14-8, with Hudson scoring a touchdown. He was named First Team All GOL and Second Team All Ohio his senior year. He continued his football prowess at Northwestern University where he graduated in 1970 with a secondary education degree. He played four years under coach Alex Agase and was selected NU's Sophomore of the Year in 1967 and won the Tommy Arth Award for Leadership in 1969. He was selected to play in the 1969 North/South Shrine All Star game in Miami, Florida. Hudson played in all 30 varsity football games while at Northwestern. He served on active duty in the United States Air Force for over 29 years, retiring as a full Colonel in 2001. He earned five USAF Meritorious Service Medals for outstanding performances. He won the 1994 Chief of Staff Air Force Team Quality Award for C-130 aircraft supply support. Hudson lives in Fairborn with his wife and has two children.



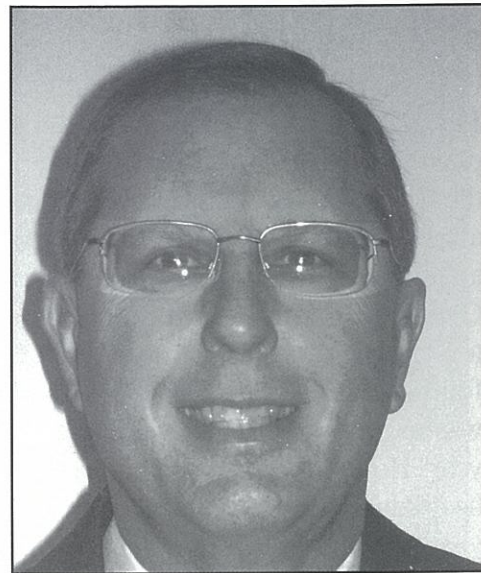
George Jonson - Class of 1952

George Jonson graduated from Hamilton High School in 1952 as an avid supporter for his Big Blue classmates on the sports teams, and continues his support over 50 years later. He graduated from The Ohio State University and was the intramural manager for three years and earned the varsity "O" letter. He was an early president of the newly formed Hamilton High School Boosters and wrote the legal work to incorporate them. After his friend, Virgil M. Schwarm, donated \$500,00 for the renovation of the HHS football field, Jonson and fellow Hall of Famer Chuck Thackara chaired the committee to raise the remainder of the funds needed to complete the renovation to the Virgil M. Schwarm Stadium. He was the leader in creating the Hamilton City School's Alumni Directory and the Athletic Hall of Fame in 1997. He and his wife, Sophia, fed the Big Blue basketball teams before home games for a number of years and has arranged for special banquets for basketball and football teams which have won GMC championships and the state championships. Along with fellow Hall of Famer Bill Wilks, he led the campaign to raise funds for the new turf field at the Schwarm Stadium which was installed in the summer of 2007. Through his efforts, the stadium is a first class venue which held over 100 events during this past football and soccer seasons as Hamilton High and Badin High schools benefitted from this project. He will celebrate 50 years as a member of the Bar in October. Jonson has been a School Board of Education member for 26 years and he and his wife have three children.



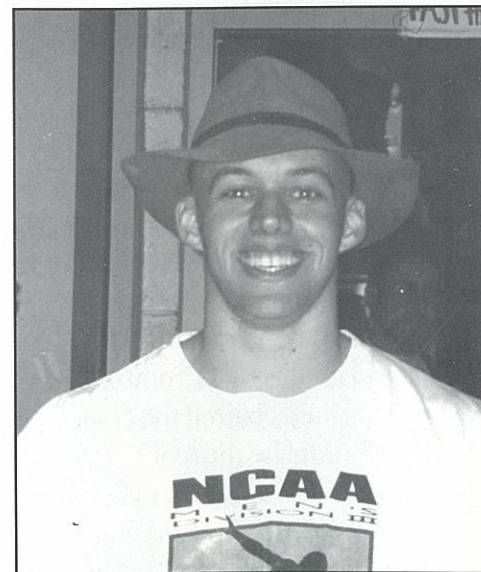
Jim Kernohan - Class of 1970

Jim Kernohan graduated from Hamilton Garfield High School in 1970 after earning 7 varsity letters: two in basketball and baseball and three in cross country. He was a two year starter for the Griffins basketball team which were the GMC and District champions both years, ranking them in the Top 10 in the state both years. Kernohan was leading scorer for the team his senior year and was the third leading scorer in the GMC. He was named All League his senior year and was 10th on the all time scoring list at Garfield when he graduated. His single game high was 33 points for a victory over Princeton his senior year. He pitched at the varsity baseball level all three years and was undefeated his senior year until a 1-0 tournament loss. He went to Morehead State University, graduating in 1973 and received his Masters Degree from Xavier University in 1980. He was the boys freshman, junior varsity and varsity assistant basketball coach at Ross High School, winning five league titles as the j.v. coach. He was the head boys basketball coach for three years, winning two Ft. Ancient Valley Conference championships and being named FAVC Coach of the Year, along with Golden Triangle and Southwest Ohio District Coach of the Year. He has also coached baseball, softball, volleyball and girls soccer. Ross has had five teams advance to Columbus for state tournaments (boys basketball in 1980, and girls softball in 1993, 1994, 1999 and 2005) and Kernohan was the varsity assistant on all five teams. He lives in Fairfield with his wife and has three children.



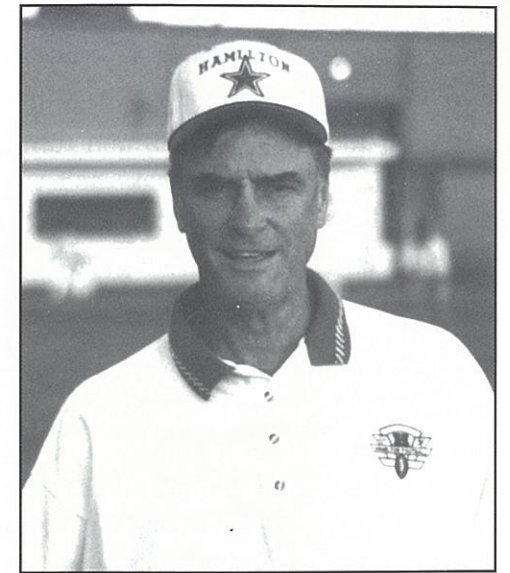
Michael McCollum- Class of 1992

Michael McCollum graduated from Hamilton High School in 1992 after winning five GMC swimming titles in the butterfly, back stroke, medley relay and free relay. He held the school record in five events and currently holds the record in the 100 yd butterfly and the 100 yd backstroke. As Hamilton's swimming team's MVP, he was the YMCA national champion in the 50 meter butterfly in 1992. He was named GMC All-Academic Team. He continued his swimming at Middlebury College in Vermont where he was named nine time Division III NCAA All American from 1993 to 1997 and 10 time New England Conference Champion. He holds three conference records and seven collegiate records. He was named Swimmer of the Year at Middlebury College in 1992, 1993 and 1994. He received the Middlebury College Mike Wilson Award at graduation as the athlete who has shown spirit, enthusiasm and unselfish devotion to members of his team. He was named the 1994 New England Intercollegiate Swim League Swimmer of the Year. He was named Vermont State Swimmer of the Year in 1996 and 1997. He joins his grandfather, Marv McCollum, in the Hamilton City School District's Athletic Hall of Fame. McCollum was the head swimming coach at Bates College in Lewiston, Maine. He also coached the Hamilton High School swimming team for two years. He lives in Hamilton.



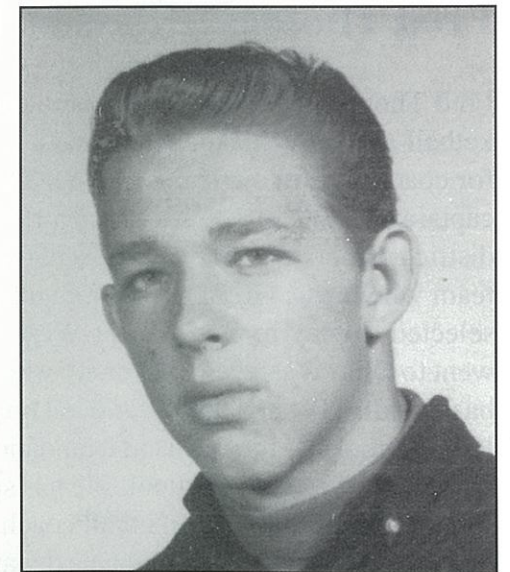
Gerald "Jerry" Scrivner - Class of 1959 & Coach

Jerry Scrivner graduated from Hamilton High School in 1959 after playing basketball for one year and football and baseball for three years. He attended Wisconsin State University at Superior and won a varsity letter as a freshman in football and baseball. He played semi-pro baseball in Bowling Green, Kentucky in 1961 and then transferred to Western Kentucky University where he graduated in 1964 with his Bachelors Degree. He received his Masters Degree in 1965. He was the Sigma Nu's Athlete of the Year in 1965. He coached for 40 years for the Hamilton City Schools: coaching football and track at Harding Junior High School (1965-1968), football, basketball and tennis at Garfield High School (1968-1980) and Hamilton High School (1980 - 2005). He was named Miami Valley Assistant Football Coach of the Year in 1997. He was recognized with the Ohio High School Assistant Football Coach Award for his 40 years of coaching. He also received the Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame Award in 1980 with 116 wins and 20 losses, having won five GMC Championships in eight years. He was the recipient of a Ohio Casualty Outstanding Catalyst Award in 1995 for teaching. He was also named a Kentucky colonel by the Commonwealth of Kentucky in 1974. Scrivner lives in Hamilton with his wife.



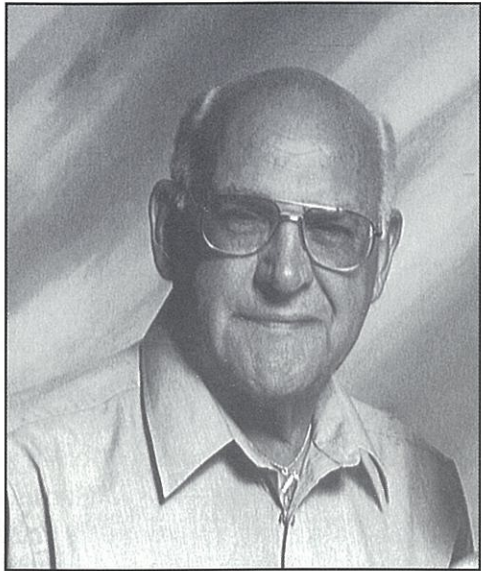
John Spears - Class of 1970 & Coach

John Spears graduated from Hamilton Garfield High School in 1970 and received degrees from Hocking College, The Ohio State University and the University of Cincinnati. He taught in the Hamilton City School District for 25 years. He coached softball at Garfield High School and Hamilton High School. He led the Hamilton High girls softball team to their state championship victory in 1985. He was selected Greater Cincinnati Coach, Cincinnati Post Metro, ASA and Coach of the Year by the Southwestern Coach's Association in 1985. He also coached in the state's first girls softball All Star game in 1985 and was named Ohio High School Coach of the Year. Spears' teams won the district softball championship in 1984 and 1985 at Hamilton High and in 1988 with Lockland High School. He was selected Greater Miami Conference Coach of the Year in 1982, 1984 and 1985. He joins five of his former players in the Hamilton City School District's Athletic Hall of Fame: Shauna Bowman, Karen Baker, Barb Hurley, Mary Ellen Menzer and his daughter, Elise Spears. His coaching record was 100 wins and 24 losses. He has helped more than 12 Hamilton High women receive Division I college scholarships along with 13 women who played on his traveling teams. He has served as both District Softball Commissioner and the State Youth Softball Director for 15 years. He is a member of the Ohio Softball and Butler County Softball Hall of Fame. He has also received the Ray Garrett Sportsmanship Award in 1994 for his many contributions in softball. Spears lives in Hamilton with his wife and has two children.



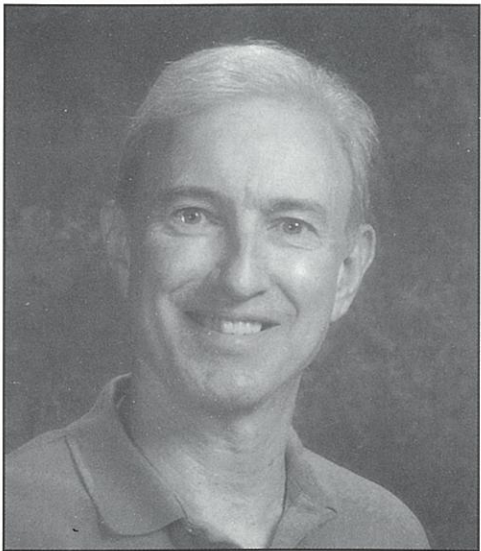
Otto Swanner - Class of 1953

Otto Swanner graduated from Hamilton High School in 1953 after playing football and basketball and running track for three years. He was named Best Offensive Back and was honorable mention All State in 1952 under coach and fellow Hall of Famer Chuck Thackara. The Big Blue football team was ranked second in the state in 1950 and ranked fourth in 1951 with a 9-1 record. He qualified for the state in the 440 dash in 1952 and was awarded a football scholarship to The Ohio State University and later transferred to Miami University. Swanner enlisted in the United States Marine Corp in 1957 and served his country for over three years. He went on to graduate from Xavier University in 1968. In 1984, he won the Ohio Elks golf championship, finishing first out of over 200 golfers in the state tournament in Columbus. Swanner lives in Fairfield with his wife and has five children.



Fred Thomas - Class of 1965

Fred Thomas graduated from Hamilton Taft in 1965 after playing basketball and baseball for three years. As a two year basketball starter for coach and fellow Hall of Famer Marv McCollum, he was senior co-captain of the team which boasted a 19-4 record on their way to becoming district runners-up. He was also a two year starter on the Tigers' baseball team which was Greater Ohio League champs his senior year. He was selected to play in Ohio's East-West All star baseball series. Thomas went to Ohio Wesleyan University where he played freshman and varsity basketball. He taught and was head boys basketball coach at Mariemont High School and four years as a guidance counselor and assistant football coach at LaSalle high School. He has spent 23 years as a guidance counselor and football and basketball coach at Lakota and Lakota West High Schools. He is currently guidance department chairman, peer counseling coordinator and assistant girl's basketball coach at Lakota West. Three of his six junior varsity girls squads have been GMC champs. Thomas lives in Loveland with his wife and has three children.



ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME
MEMBERS

Class of 1997

- *Jim "Boxcar" Bailey
- * Frank Clair
- Alex "Boo" Ellis
- Kevin Grevey
- *Jim Grimm
- Derek Howard
- *Judy Kraft
- *Marvin McCollum
- *Joe Nuxhall
- *Paul Sarringhaus
- Warren Scholler
- *Jack Smith
- Greg Stokes
- Chuck Thackara
- Mike Townsend
- Bill Wilks

Class of 1998

- Shauna Bowman
- Bill Evans
- Bernie Griesinger
- *Bill McCormick
- *Rudy Oaklets
- *Carl Ott
- *Floyd "Breezy" Reid
- Leonard (Jim) Smith
- David Stalls
- Pat Sword
- Charles "Skip" Taylor
- *David "Chuggy" Waller

Class of 1999

- Mel "Moody" Baker
- Taylor "Tay" Baker
- Elise Spears Combs
- Jack Gordon
- Jerry Johnson
- Andy Kolesar
- Mark Lewis
- *Ervin J. Nutter

- Bernie Reid
- *Bill "Coach" Sharp
- *Arthur "Ray" Tilton
- Willie Townsend
- David Weaver

Class of 2000

- *Barbara Norman Fitton
- Lou Florio
- *Jim Hall
- Ragan Henry
- Demus Jones
- Don Knodel
- Kent McCormick
- Terry Merz
- Joe Okruhlica
- Harry Phillips, Sr.
- *Virgil M. Schwarm
- Jim Sutton
- Bob Wainscott

Class of 2001

- Karen Baker
- Ron Couch
- Dick Dallmer
- *Dana King
- Marcy Maurer
- Don Nuxhall
- Jim Patterson
- Leonard Rush
- Alson Scrivner
- Bill Shank
- Ralph Smith
- Clint Spearman, Jr.
- Payton Townsend, Jr.

Class of 2002

- Fred Belden
- Russ Bowermaster
- Robby Cobb
- Fred Garretson

- Dan Hartleb
- Gary "Spud" Hornsby
- Carolyn Hefner McAllister
- Andrea Walters Moorehead
- *Ray Pryor
- *Charles Schwing
- John Smith
- Richard Smith
- * Robert "Pappy" Smith
- Tyrice Walker

Class of 2003

- Bryan Barlow
- Tony Blaine
- Scott Grevey
- Barb Hurley
- Mike Marks
- Mark Martin
- *Winston Metcalfe
- Richard Nelson
- Cash Powell, Jr.
- Ron Sutton
- Harold "Buster" Treinen
- Jack Young
- Dot Smiley Zaragoza

Class of 2004

- Jim Blount
- John Born
- Wayne Bowling
- Lisa Eggleston Brown
- Gary Fox
- Henry "Woody" Herzog
- Bill Hibbard
- Jerry Mathews
- Marty New
- Frank "Eddie" Simpson
- *Lowell Storm
- Jimmy Wagner

* Denotes Deceased

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME MEMBERS

Class of 2005

Dick Boggs
Norm Grevey
Luke Hibbard
Greg Jonson
Bobby Lakes
Phil Lillard
Mary Ellen Menzer
Charlie Pater
Andy Reid
Fred Weinman

Class of 2006

Dave Bauer
Eric Childs
David Connell
Jay Fry
William Hamm
Rob Huffman
Elgene Mainous
*Phil Phelps
Michael Reese
Marty Reist
Ron Spurlock
Sue Barber Westin

Class of 2007

John Bercaw
Larry Bowling
Jack Garretson
Chris Kingsbury
*Claude "Cat" Neeley
David Raab
Bob Rainey
*Gary Reist
Stacy Boling Wilson

* Denotes Deceased

HAMILTON'S PLAYERS OF THE YEAR FOR THE STATE OF OHIO

1939	Paul Sarringhaus	Football
1947	Joe Nuxhall	Basketball
1949	Bill Wilks	Basketball
1981	Greg Stokes	Basketball
1988	Mark Lewis	Baseball
1990	Tyrice Walker	Basketball
1993	Chris Kingsbury	Basketball
1997	Aaron Cook	Baseball
1999	Seth Morris	Baseball

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME NOMINATION

The Hamilton City School District has a rich heritage of producing outstanding athletes from its senior high schools: Garfield, Hamilton and Taft. These fine athletes have gone on to become outstanding citizens as well. We are pleased to recognize these distinguished individuals.

We encourage our alumni and friends' input and nominations.
Please submit your nominee's information, using the criteria below.

Send your form to:
Hamilton High School
1165 Eaton Avenue
Hamilton, OH 45013
Attn: Mike Dellapina

Please feel free to submit news clippings, statistic sheets, etc. to support your nomination.

Criteria for Selection

1. The nominee, either living or dead, has made a significant contribution to athletics in high school or beyond.
2. A player nominee must be a graduate from a Hamilton high school (Garfield, Hamilton or Taft) for at least 10 years.
3. A coach nominee must no longer be an active coach in the Hamilton City Schools.
4. The nominee must be a contributing member to society.
5. The nominee may be a Hamilton supporter who did not participate in a particular sport, but has contributed to the school's sports program.

NOTE: Once nominated, the nomination stays in an active file.

Nominee _____ Maiden Name (if applicable) _____

*Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Year of Graduation _____

Outstanding Accomplishments while in High School _____

Why do you feel this person should be inducted into the Hall of Fame? _____

Petitioner's Signature _____ Phone _____

* If you do not know the nominee's current address, please submit the other information.

*Please feel free to use additional paper for your comments.
Unsigned nomination forms will not be considered.*