



ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

*Hamilton
Big Blue*

*Garfield
Griffins*

*Taft
Tigers*

**Saturday, February 7, 2009
6:00 p.m.
Tori's Station**

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

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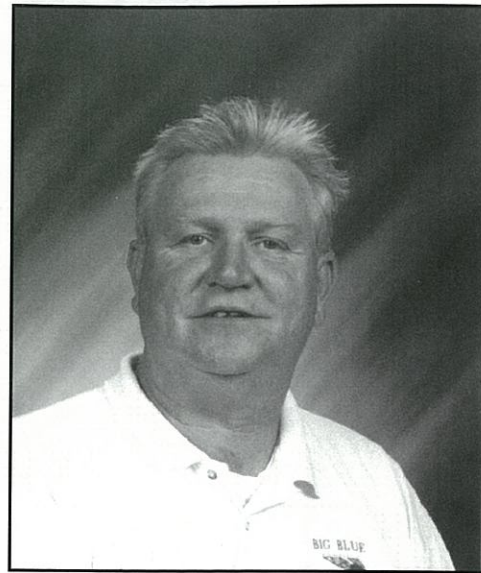
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INTRODUCTION OF HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

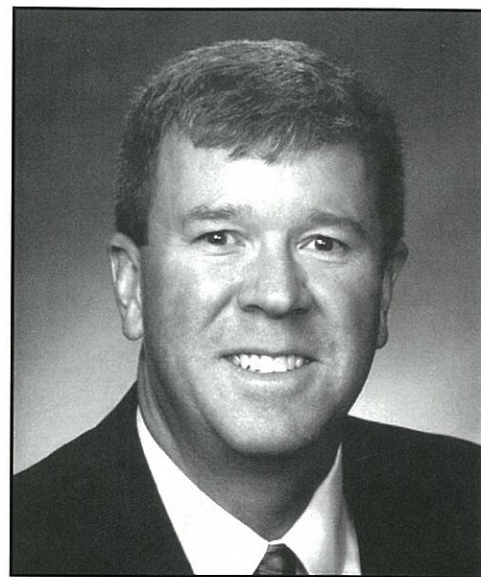
Larry Allen - Class of 1972 & Coach

Larry Allen graduated from Taft High School in 1972 after playing basketball for three years under coach and fellow Hall of Famer Marvin McCollum. His total career points for the Taft Tigers of 1,015 are second only to fellow Hall of Famer Kevin Grevey. Allen was the leading rebounder both his junior and senior years and was named the team's Most Valuable Player in 1972. He continued his basketball prowess at Miami University until an injury ended his playing career after his junior year. As a senior at Miami, he helped coach Miami's junior varsity team. After graduating, he coached the Garfield's girls basketball team and spent five years coaching at the junior high level. In 1997, Allen became head coach of the Hamilton Big Blue. He coached for 11 years and retired from coaching in 2008 with a 163-91 record. During his tenure, he was named GMC and District 15 Coach of the Year three times. He was named Ohio's Coach of the Year in 2004 after the Big Blue finished with a 25-2 record on their way to winning the state championship. It was truly a family affair as Allen's son, Billy, was a member of the team and his brother-in-law, Buddy McCollum, was one of his assistant coaches. Allen joins his father-in-law, Marvin McCollum, and his nephew, Michael McCollum, in the Hamilton City School District's Athletic Hall of Fame. Allen and his wife, Melanie, have three children.



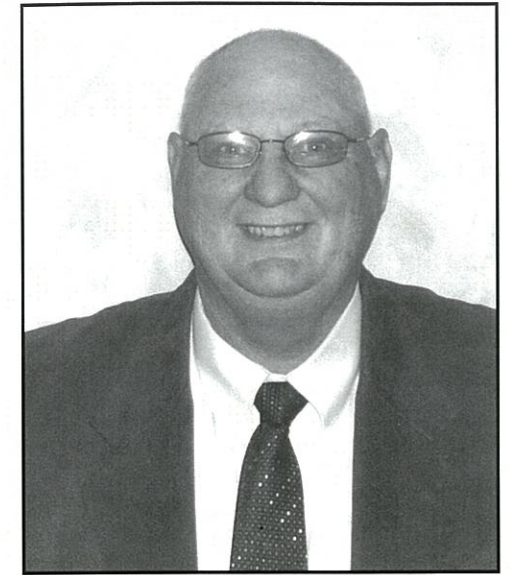
Don Baker - Class of 1981

Don Baker graduated from the first class of Hamilton High School in 1981 after playing baseball for two years and both football and basketball for three years. He was named second team All GMC and second team All Butler County in his junior year of football under head coach Dale Robertson. He set a Hamilton High School record for most pass receptions that same year with 38. Baker was selected his senior year to play in the Ohio North/South All Star Game in Massillon, Ohio. He started on the basketball team under coach and fellow Hall of Famer Marvin McCollum for two years, but injuries cut short his participation, having played part of his senior year with a cast on one hand. The Big Blue team won 25 straight games before losing in the regional finals to the eventual state champions. The team ended the season with a 25-1 record and was ranked second in the state. Baker was named the schools' Outstanding Male Athlete and was in the Top 20 of his class of over 700 students. He attended North Carolina State University on a football scholarship for one year and then transferred to Miami University. Baker joins both his father, Mel, and his sister, Karen, as a member of the Hamilton City School District's Athletic Hall of Fame. Baker and his wife, Judith, have two children.



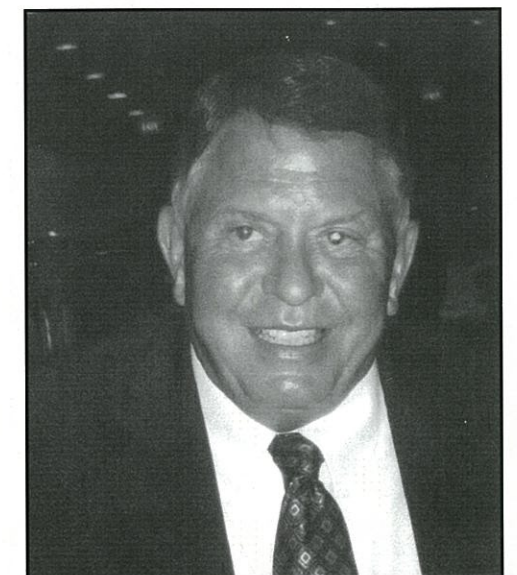
Bill Dinger - Coach

Bill Dinger graduated from Fairfield High School in 1961 after playing four years of varsity baseball and two years of varsity football. He attended Freed-Hardeman Junior College, playing basketball, baseball, track and gymnastics. He then transferred to Miami University. He came to Hamilton and coached for 35 years in the district, beginning at Roosevelt Junior High School. His track teams were the city champions for three out of the four years he was the head track coach. He was an assistant coach for baseball for two years and assistant coach for basketball for six years. He assisted Roosevelt's football teams for three years and was the head coach for three years in which the Mustangs were the city champions for two years. His 1969 team went undefeated. He moved to Garfield High School where he was an assistant football coach for 10 years and the head wrestling coach for 10 years for the Griffins. He started an elementary wrestling tournament while coaching at the high school level. He went to the newly consolidated Hamilton High School in 1980 where he was an assistant football coach for 20 years. During his tenure, the 1994 and 1997 teams were GMC champions and made the state playoffs. He was named Assistant Coach for the Southwest Ohio Football Coaches Association (SWOFCA) East West All Star game and was inducted as a lifetime member of the SWOFCA in 2000. He was also the head swimming coach for seven years, being named GMC Co-Coach of the Year in 1983. He has helped numerous student athletes secure college scholarships during his coaching career. After retiring, he was an equipment assistant for the Cincinnati Bengals for eight years. He and his wife, Ellie, have three children.



Edward Eberth - Class of 1964

Edward Eberth graduated from Taft High School after playing tennis for four years under Coach Chris Geckler. He was named the team's Most Valuable Player in 1962, 1963 and 1964 and was the Butler County high school champion in singles play for three years. He was the sectional champion for two years and the regional runner-up in 1964. Eberth was the Butler County singles tennis champ for three years and was the Butler County doubles winner for two years with partners Tom Manring and Mike Morgenstern. He received a scholarship to Western Kentucky University where he was the conference champion as a #5 singles for four years. He played #3 doubles for three years and was on the Ohio Valley Conference Championships teams from 1965 through 1967. He was an assistant tennis pro in Cleveland in 1968, was head tennis pro at the Mayfield Country Club for three years and was also the head tennis pro at the Tuckahoe Tennis Club in McLean, Virginia. Eberth was an assistant coach of the Georgetown University boys varsity tennis team for two years. He was in an exhibition for Congress at the White House in 1970. He played in the Indianapolis Open in 1972 and was the Indianapolis Racquet Club mixed doubles champion with his wife, Marianne. Dr. Eberth has written several articles on the treatment of tennis elbow in the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons and presented at conferences. He has also been published several times in the *Sports Illustrated* magazine. Dr. Eberth and his wife, Marianne, live in Madison, Indiana, and have four children.



Anna Harvey - Booster

Anna Harvey has been involved with the Hamilton High School Boosters Club since 1985. She has been president of the parent group for most of the 23 years she has been involved. In 1986, she received the Outstanding Woman of the Year from the Hamilton Community Women and received the Ohio High School Athletic State Award in 1996. For her many hours of time and talent, Harvey was selected to be the Grand Marshall of the 2008 Homecoming Parade. Under her leadership, the Boosters have raised funds for the turf field, Virgil M. Schwarm Stadium, Hamilton High Rotary Club Auditorium, along with many other areas of the high school. Band, music, drama, English contests, library/media needs, specific classroom and teacher requests, sport teams and administrators requests have all benefitted from the Boosters' hard work in which Harvey has been instrumental in leading. She has spent thousands of hours organizing and volunteering her time at concession stands, craft shows, meet the teams, spirit shop, recognition dinners, grandparents' breakfasts and teacher appreciation events. Under her leadership, hundreds of thousands of dollars have been raised and returned to Hamilton High and the Hamilton Freshman School to benefit students, staff, parents and community members. She has been a member of the Hamilton City School District's Board of Education for eight years. Harvey has two daughters who teach in the district.



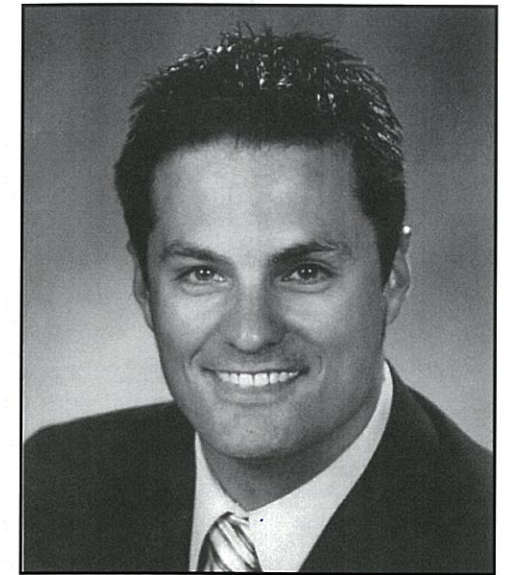
Tom Jones - Class of 1976

Tom Jones graduated from Taft High School in 1976 after playing three years of football, two years of track and one year of basketball. He was a two year member of head coach and fellow Hall of Famer Demus Jones' Tigers football team and played his senior year under head coach Bob Moschetti. He was named Most Valuable Defensive Back for the Tigers and was named to the second team All Golden Triangle for one year and All GMC for two years. Jones continued on to Miami University where he played under head coaches Dick Crum and Tom Reed. Jones earned a full athletic grant-in-aid scholarship as a walk-on for the Redskins who were the Mid American Conference champs in 1977 with a 10-1 record. While living in Lexington, Kentucky, Jones played for several state softball teams which were nationally ranked. He was also a member of Fraley's Wildcats, a National Flag Football League (NFFL) team which won state championships and finished fourth in the world. He was named First Team All-American and was named the league's Most Valuable Defensive Player of the Year. He has been involved with professional golf since 1981 and in 2000, he was instrumental in bringing the PGA tour to greater Cincinnati through the development of the TPC at River's Bend. He co-chaired the 100 years celebration of Hamilton football in 1997. He is the President of The First Tee of Greater Miami Valley, a youth development program which teaches life skills and life core values. Jones and his wife, Betsy, have two children.



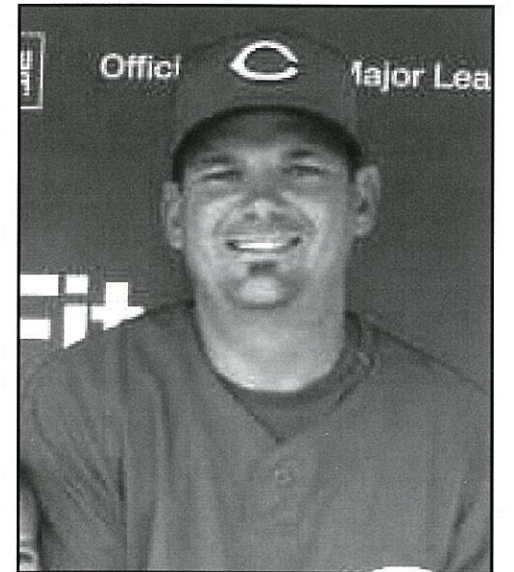
Curtus Moak - Class of 1997

Curtus Moak graduated from Hamilton High School in 1997 after playing three years of baseball for head coach Dan Bowling. He was a member of the 1997 Ohio state championship team and was the winning pitcher of the championship game. That year, the Big Blue team was ranked *USA Today's* #2 in the nation. He played with the Midland Redskins in the summer of 1997 and his team won the AABC Connie Mack National Championship. He continued his baseball prowess at the University of Cincinnati where he was named First Team and Second team All Conference, All Regional Player Award and Pre-Season First Team All American. He is the only NCAA player to hold both the wins and saves records at his school. He was drafted by the Cincinnati Reds in 2001. In his first professional season, his Billings Mustangs team won the Pioneer League Championship. He spent the next season with the Dayton Dragons and in 2003, he played in the Northern League with the Fargo-Moorhead Redhawks. He was selected to the Northern League All Star team which won the Northern League Championship. In 2004, Moak was picked up by the Oakland Athletics and played one season in the minor leagues for them. He retired due to arm trouble. Moak and his wife, Amanda, have three children.



Ricky Stone - Class of 1994

Ricky Stone graduated from Hamilton High School in 1994 and was a pitcher for the Big Blue baseball team for three years. He was named First Team All GMC his senior year and was also voted Most Valuable Player and Top Pitcher. He played in the East West All Star game in 1994. He spent his high school summers playing for the Midland Redskins and they won the Connie Mack World Series his last year with the team. He was drafted by the Los Angeles Dodgers in the fourth round. He played seven years in the Dodgers organization including three years at the Triple A level. During that time, he won two championship rings. His career continued in 2001 as he signed as a free agent with the Houston Astros. He spent his first summer in Triple A and then received his first ever major league call up in September, 2001. He remained with Houston from 2001-2004. He was named Rookie of Year in the organization in 2002 and led the team in appearances. He spent 2005 and 2007 with the Cincinnati Reds and split time between the Triple A Louisville club and the big league team. He retired in 2006, but in 2007 gave it another shot. He also spent two months in Taiwan and pitched as a closer for the Uni-President Lions. Stone and his wife, Tracey, have two children.



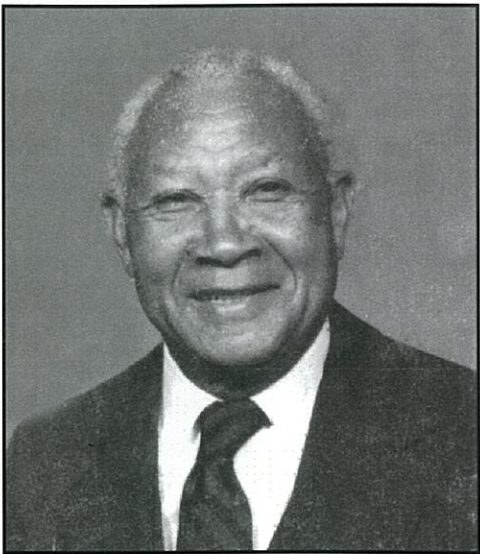
Sally Belew Streeter - Class of 1977

Sally Belew Streeter graduated from Taft High School in 1977 after playing tennis for three years. During her junior high years, she was Hamilton's City Singles Champion in 1973 and 1974 when she was just 14 and 15 years old, becoming the youngest champion in Hamilton history. She also won the city's Women's Double Championship with partner Pam Manring in 1974. That same year, she was named Hamilton's Female Athlete of the Year. She took top honors in both the Jaycees Singles and Doubles in the Ohio State Junior Tennis Tournament held in Middletown with doubles partner and fellow Hall of Famer Sue Barber. Since girls state tournaments weren't offered until 1976, Streeter was eligible to play on the boys' varsity team in her sophomore and junior years at Taft with coach John Kolley. She played #3 singles in her junior year. During her senior year, she was coach Darlene Sharp's #1 singles player and was named to the girls All Star Team for the GMC. The team record was 9-0, winning six out of the nine matches with easy 5-0 tallies on their way to winning the GMC. Streeter played in the first state tennis tournament for girls. Streeter continued to play tennis at Hillsdale College as one of the first female tennis players to receive a four year athletic scholarship. She played #1 singles on the Chargers team as a freshman and was the champion in the #1 singles in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. Streeter and her husband, Charles, live in Beverly Hills, Michigan, and have three boys.



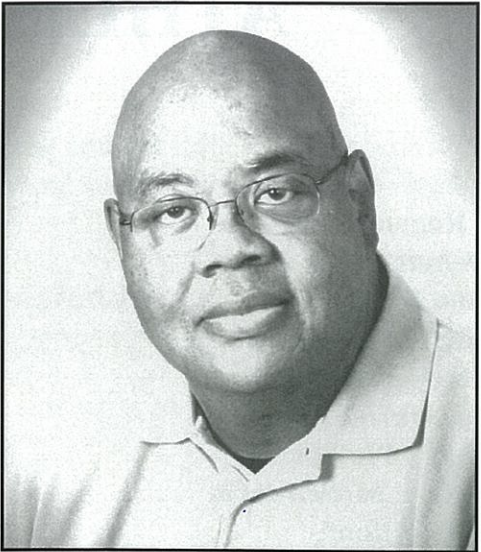
Tom Taylor - Class of 1930

Tom Taylor graduated from Hamilton High School in 1930 after playing basketball and track under coach and fellow Hall of Famer Arthur "Ray" Tilton. According to the Hamilton High School yearbook, *The Annual*, Taylor was the silent type but could out jump most everyone. He was a 220 and 440 hurdler and a high jumper for the Big Blue. The basketball team finished with a 8-4 record in Taylor's junior year. He received an athletic scholarship to Wilberforce University and attended two years. He played basketball, football and track while there, but was called to serve in the United States military. He served during World War II and participated in three major European campaigns including The Battle of the Bulge. He worked at the Booker T. Washington Center from 1949 until 1953 and was in charge of the men and boys' activities. He then was in charge of men and boys' activities at the Linden Center in Dayton. He became the Director at the Irvin Center and then at the Stuart Center in Dayton. He graduated in 1958 with degree in Liberal Arts and Physical Education. Taylor completed his career as the Director of Municipal Athletics in the Division of Recreation for the city of Dayton until his retirement in 1975. He has been a member of the Wayman A.M.E. Church for 56 years where he is a Trustee Emeritus. He was married to his wife, Francis, for 65 years. Taylor lives in Dayton, Ohio.



Elbert Walker - Class of 1968

Elbert Walker graduated from Garfield High School in 1968 after playing football for four years as a defensive lineman and wrestling for one year. He was a member of head coach and fellow Hall of Famer Lou Florio's 1966 undefeated football team. He received an athletic scholarship to the University of Wisconsin and was a three year letterman. After college he was drafted by the Kansas City Chiefs and played offensive guard for two years. He then went on to play in the Canadian Football League as a member of the Saskatchewan Roughriders in 1974 through 1976. He earned a black belt in martial arts in 1982. Walker was the winner of the 1994 BBQ on the Bow Cook-off Contest in Calgary, Alberta, Canada and is the author of the *Real Barbeque's Cookbook*. He helped coach the 1997 Hamilton Big Blue football team to a 10-1 record. He and his wife, Joan, live in Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada.



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

* Denotes Deceased

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME MEMBERS

* 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

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

Class of 2008
Sheree Barlow
Mike DiStaola
Joe Hudson
George Jonson
Jim Kernohan
Michael McCollum
Gerald "Jerry" Scrivner
John Spears
Otto Swanner
Fred Thomas

* Denotes Deceased

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.*