



# ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

*Hamilton  
Big Blue*

*Garfield  
Griffins*

*Taft  
Tigers*

6:00 pm  
Saturday, February 8, 2014

Courtyard by Marriott

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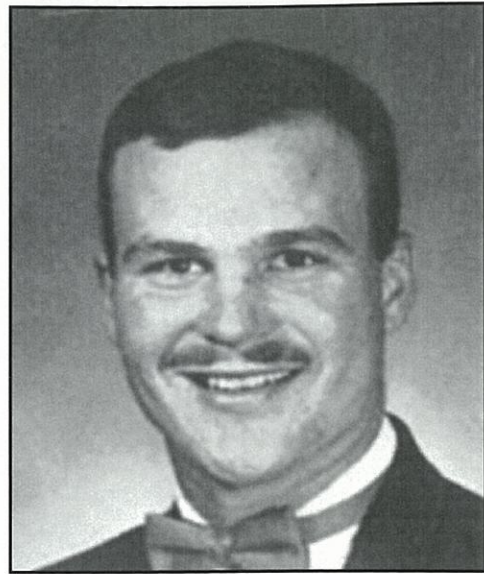
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INTRODUCTION OF HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES



## Robert Barnett - Class of 1988

Bobby Barnett graduated from Hamilton High School in 1988. He earned four letters in football, three in baseball and one letter in basketball. Barnett played football for one year for head Coach Dale Robertson and three years under legendary Coach John Pont. He set 17 school records for passing and punting. He was a four year starter at quarterback and was the first freshman to take a varsity snap. He was named Big Blue's MVP, Top Offensive Player, and a tri-captain in his senior year. He was also selected to play in the East-West All Star game. Barnett was a three year starter in baseball, playing first base and pitching. He was named Second Team All GMC as a first baseman and was second in home runs, right behind fellow Hall of Famer Mark Lewis. He earned a football scholarship to Western Kentucky University and his coaches were Jack Harbaugh and Dave Robinson. He set the school record for a single season mark for highest pass completion percentage. He completed 18 consecutive passes, a WKU Hilltopper record. Barnett was also a holder for extra points and field goals and never missed a snap in his college career.



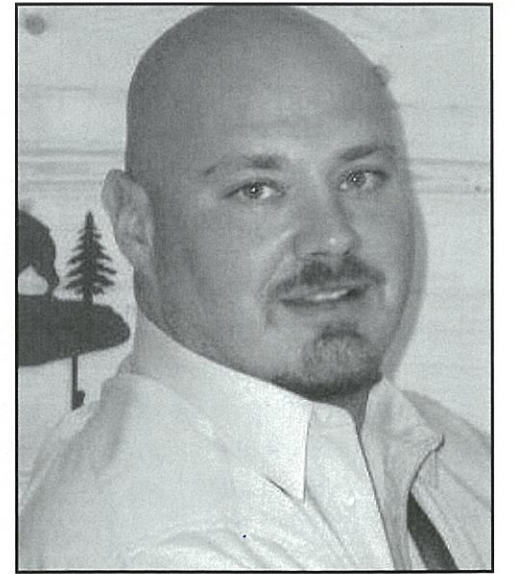
## Dr. Jim Carr - Class of 1944

Jim Carr graduated from Hamilton High School in 1944. He played football for the Big Blue under coach and fellow Hall of Famer Dana King. He was class president of his graduating class. After serving in the United States Navy, he attended Miami University with a degree in Business. He also graduated from the University of Notre Dame with a degree in Chemistry, and interned at the University of Cincinnati Medical School. He graduated from the Indiana University Medical Center where he received his M.D. in the field of Urology. He established the Hamilton High School Athletic Foundation which benefited athletic programs and improvement to athletic facilities. He organized events to honor past championship teams and coaches. However, he insisted that only the HHS Athletic Director's signature appear on all mailings and correspondence. In 1995, Carr established the Hamilton Extra Curricular Advisory Team (HECAT) which was instrumental in establishing an attendance policy for interscholastic activities. He was a member of the Hamilton Board of Education for 16 years. Dr. Carr is a quiet hero, adhering to the philosophy of the old adage "Do good and disappear." He was the team physician for Hamilton High's football and basketball teams for over 20 years, but always made sure that there was an orthopedist on duty. He has organized a team of physicians to administer free physicals for the football team. Carr received the 1997 Ohio Outstanding Team Physician Award from the Ohio State Medical Association.



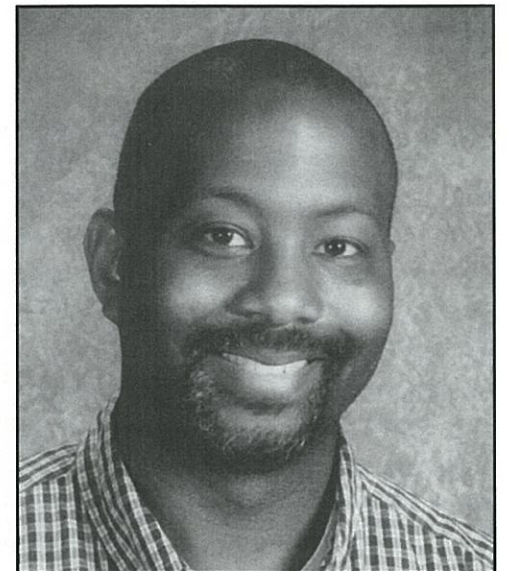
## Michael Dully - Class of 1990

Mike Dully graduated from Hamilton High School in 1990. A three year letterman in football, he was coached by John Pont in his sophomore year and coached by fellow Hall of Famer Ed Mignery for his junior and senior years. As a senior, he was voted the Most Efficient Offensive Lineman and was named to the First Team All GMC. Dully also ran track for two years and basketball for one year. He earned a football scholarship to Ohio State University where he was a two year letterman as an offensive lineman. In 1993, the Buckeyes' record was its best since 1979, boasting a 10-1-1 record. OSU was co-champion with Wisconsin for the Big Ten Conference. The Buckeyes played in the 1993 Holiday Bowl in San Diego where they beat Brigham Young with a score of 28-21. In 1994, they defeated Michigan, ending a six year winless streak against the Wolverines. They also played in the Citrus Bowl in Orlando, Florida, where they lost 24-17 to the Alabama Crimson Tide, a team that was only one point away from playing in the national championship game. Some of Dully's teammates on the 1994 team were Luke Fickell, Eddie George, Joey Galloway, Terry Glenn, and Orlando Pace.



## Eric Higgins - Class of 1991

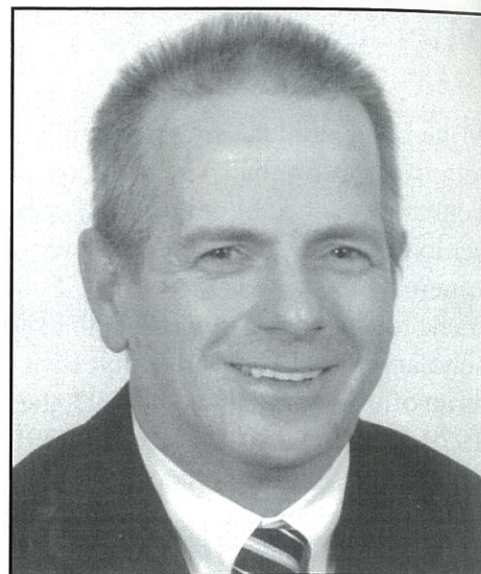
Eric Higgins graduated from Hamilton High School in 1991. He played two years of basketball under coach and fellow Hall of Famer John Smith. In his junior year, the Big Blue team was the District champions in basketball. Higgins was a three year letterman in track and field and holds Hamilton High School's record in the high jump at 7 feet. He was a two time state qualifier in the high jump in 1990 and 1991. He was the district champ in the high jump in 1991 with a jump of 7 feet. Higgins was named First Team All GMC in his senior year. He attended Miami University and graduated in 1995 with a Bachelors degree in Elementary Education. While at Miami, he was a four year letterman in track and field and was coached by Robert Condon and Chuck Zody. Higgins was a member of the 1993 Mid American Conference (MAC) outdoor team championship. He won the 1993 MAC outdoor championship in the high jump. He won the Drake Relays championship in the high jump with a jump of 7 feet, 3 inches. He was named NCAA Indoor All-American High Jumper in 1993 and holds the indoor record at Miami at 7 feet 3 1/4 inches. In his senior year, Higgins was named Ford/MAC Athlete of the Week in May 1995.





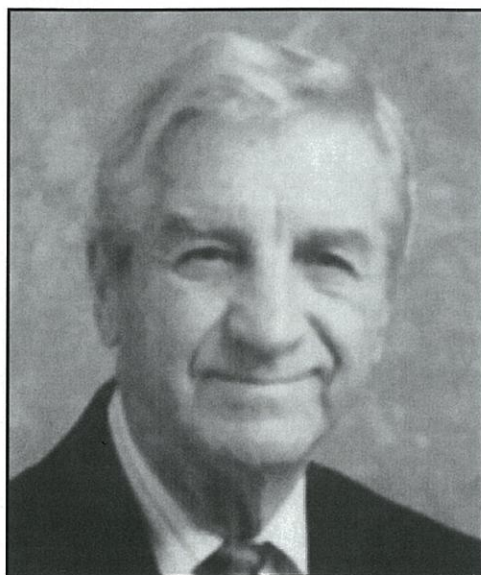
## Bryan Jackson - Class of 1984

Bryan Jackson graduated from Hamilton High School in 1984. He earned three varsity letters in soccer and was team captain his senior year in which the Big Blue boasted a 12-4 record, including a 11-3 Greater Miami Conference record. He was named the team's MVP, named First Team All GMC, Second Team All City in Cincinnati, and played in the East-West All Star game in Cincinnati. He also played in the North-South Dayton versus Cincinnati All Star game. Jackson earned two varsity letters in baseball and was a starter and key contributor on the 1983 state championship baseball team coached by fellow Hall of Famer Dan Bowling. In his senior year, Jackson led the team with the highest batting average and was named First Team All GMC and All Greater Cincinnati. The Big Blue also won the GMC for the third straight year. One of his classmates and teammates was fellow Hall of Famer Dan Hartleb. He went on to Northern Kentucky University to play baseball where he set a number of hitting records, some of which he is still in the Top 10 list. Jackson was named All Conference for two years, All Region for two years, and All American for one year. He was named a Division II All American in baseball his senior year at Northern Kentucky University. Jackson was also named MVP of the world championship team while playing club baseball with the Storm Club in Cincinnati.



## Gordon Kraft - Class of 1939

Gordon Kraft graduated from Hamilton High School in 1939. He was a member of the basketball team coached by fellow Hall of Famer James Hall. He was a member of the Big Blue's state semi-finalist basketball team in 1938. He also was a diver on the Big Blue swim team. He won the city's Junior Diving Championship and the Southwestern Ohio trophy in 1938 and 1939. He was also Ohio's state champion in 1939 in diving. He was the owner of Clark's Sporting Goods and built a relationship with the county high school sports' programs for over 50 years. He teamed with E. T. Karsh in 1953 to start the West Side Little League baseball program and then started the West Side Babe Ruth Baseball League in 1954. A noted basketball official, he served for 10 years as secretary of the Butler County Officials Association. Kraft is a member of the Butler County Softball Hall of Fame as well as the Butler County Athletic Hall of Fame.



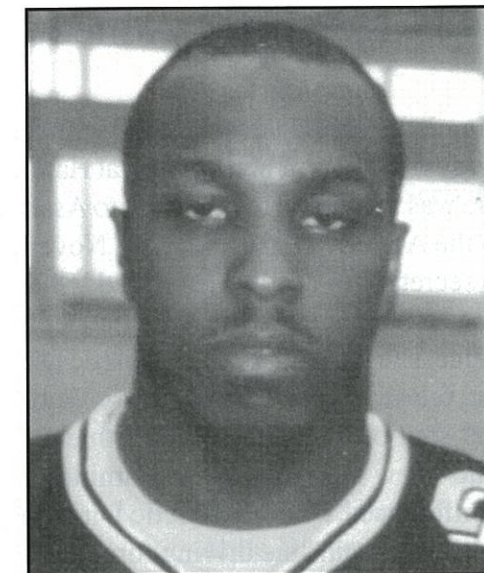
## Katie Halcomb Luff - Class of 2003

Katie Halcomb Luff graduated from Hamilton High School in 2003. She earned four letters in softball for head coach Steve Heckman and two varsity letters on the Big Blue golf team. She was the premier pitcher for the Hamilton High School girls' fast pitch softball team from 2000 to 2003, with a career record of 71-33. She helped guide the Big Blue to the state runners up in 2001, the Final Four in 2002 and regional runners up in 2003. Luff was named First Team All Greater Miami Conference in 2002 and 2003 and was GMC's Player of the Year in 2002. She was named First Team All Ohio in 2002 and Second Team All Ohio in 2003. She was voted the *Cincinnati Enquirer's* Player of the Year in 2001. She was voted Hamilton High School's MVP in 2001, 2002, and 2003 while pitching 30 shutouts, four no hitters and a career ERA of an amazing 1.02. In her senior year of high school, she was voted by the other coaches at HHS as the Outstanding Female Athlete of the Year. Luff attended the University of Rhode Island where she was named the team's MVP in 2006. In 2007, she played professional softball in Germany for the Neunkirchen Nightmares and helped the team qualify for the Nationals for the first time ever.



## Warteze Morris - Class of 2001

Tez Morris graduated from Hamilton High School in 2001. He earned three letters in football under head coach and fellow Hall of Famer Ed Mignery. As captain his senior year, Morris was voted First Team All GMC, First Team All Southwest Ohio, First Team All Cincinnati, Third Team All Ohio, First Team All County, and also selected to the All Dream Team by the Southwestern Ohio Coaches Association. He started as a defensive back his sophomore year, and started as defensive outside linebacker for two years. He also was a running back for two years. He averaged over 11 tackles per game his final season, compiling 116 stops. He also had four caused fumbles and one interception and one fumble recovery. Morris also played three years of high school basketball under coaches Tim Reed and Head Coach and fellow Hall of Famer Larry Allen. He earned three letters for track as well under coaches and fellow Hall of Famers Eric Higgins and Skip Taylor. Morris went on to the University of Pittsburgh where he was a four year letterman as a defensive back. He started all 13 games his freshman year as a free safety and was ranked second on the team with 119 tackles, including 17 tackles in a win over the University of Florida. He was named to the *Sporting News* Big East All Freshman Team and was named a recipient of the Ed Conway Award, annually presented to the team's Most Improved Player. Heading into the 2005 football season, Morris had 35 career starts, the most of any Pittsburgh player.





Angela Tolbert - Class of 2000

Angela Tolbert graduated from Hamilton High School in 2000. She earned three letters in girls' basketball, playing one year under head coach Dan Brandenburg and two years for head coach Dave Churchman. In her sophomore year, she won the Rebounding Award, an Academic Certificate with a 3.4 Grade Point Average, and Honorable Mention All Greater Miami Conference. She also set the school record with a field goal percentage of 59.80 %, going 91 for 152 shots and scoring a total of 222 points for the season. In her junior year, Tolbert lead the GMC in scoring with a 18.5 points per game average and 349 points for the year. She won the Best Offense and Rebounding Award for the third year in a row and also the Academic certificate for three years. She was voted to the First Team All GMC for the second time. She was named All Butler County for three years and was the *Cincinnati Enquirer's* Player of the week two times. Tolbert scored 443 points in her senior year to bring her career total to 1,014, placing her second on the all time scoring list for Hamilton High School's girls basketball. After graduation, Tolbert attended Southern Illinois University where she was called "a pure shooter, has a natural ability to slash to the basket and score and rebound and has the ability to be a solid player defensively."



Marcia White - Athletic Secretary

Marcia White began her career with the Hamilton City School District in August 1984, as a library clerk at Hamilton High School. In October 1986, she was promoted to secretary to Assistant Principal, serving as secretary to the Athletic Department. In November 2002, her job was reclassified to secretary to Department Head. She served 29 years in the district, with 27 years devoted to the Athletic Department. In her time in the Athletic office, she worked for four Athletic Directors: John Pont, Mike Dellapina, and fellow Hall of Famers Larry Wood and John Ross. She was the heart and soul of the Athletic Department. White was a fixture to the people who knew her, not only in Hamilton, but throughout the Greater Miami Conference. Former Athletic Director Mike Dellapina said it very well, calling Marcia "the driving force" of the Athletic office, going above the call of duty and often working 15 hours days, first in the office, and then selling tickets at sporting events. He said he couldn't call her a sports fan, but rather she was a fan of the school and the students. Former Athletic Director Larry Wood said of Marcia, "She was very dedicated to the Athletic Department and the school system, She will be thoroughly missed by all."



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
- Jack Gordon
- Jerry Johnson
- Andy Kolesar
- Mark Lewis
- \*Ervin J. Nutter
- Bernie Reid
- \*Bill "Coach" Sharp
- Elise Spears
- \*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

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
- Stay Boling Wilson

Class of 2008

- Sheree Barlow
- Mike DiStola
- Joe Hudson
- George Jonson
- Jim Kernahan
- Michael McCollum
- Gerald "Jerry" Scrivner
- John Spears
- Otto Swanner
- Fred Thomas

Class of 2009

- Larry Allen
- Don Baker
- Bill Dinger
- \*Edward Eberth
- Anna Harvey
- Tom Jones
- Curtus Moak
- Ricky Stone
- Sally Belew Streeter
- \*Tom Taylor
- Elbert Walker

\*Denotes Deceased



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## MEMBERS

### Class of 2010

Aaron Cook  
Don Curtis  
Alex Davis  
Bob Garretson  
Tina Gregory  
Jerry Law  
\*Stan Lewis  
Ed Mignery  
Craig Mills  
\*Garland Munz  
Brian Nicley  
Ted Norris

### Class of 2011

Matthew Blauvelt  
Dan Bowling  
Pat Burtis  
Malcolm Dixon  
Mark Hopkins

Ron McWhorter  
Francis Parrish  
Chad Pennington  
Richard Prather  
John Ross  
Tracy Collett Trunck  
Larry Wood

### Class of 2012

Dewey "Duke" Baker  
\*Rollie Barton  
Brett Couch  
Dr. Pearlman "Tony" Hicks  
\*Lewis "Lew" Hirt  
Angela Harris Martin  
Mark McCormick  
Seth Morris  
Fred Rodgers  
Greg Siereveld

### Class of 2013

Phil Griesinger  
Mike Gurr  
Dennis Harget  
Andy Mignery  
Linda Milholland  
\*Cecil New  
Damita Shazier Rhodes  
Michael "Tim" Taylor  
Karen Turman  
Sean West

*\*Denotes Deceased*

## HAMILTON'S

## PLAYERS OF THE YEAR

## FOR THE STATE OF OHIO

1939  
1947  
1949  
1981  
1985  
1988  
1990  
1993  
1997  
1999

Paul Sarringhaus  
Joe Nuxhall  
Bill Wilks  
Greg Stokes  
Elise Spears  
Mark Lewis  
Tyrice Walker  
Chris Kingsbury  
Aaron Cook  
Seth Morris

Football  
Basketball  
Basketball  
Basketball  
Softball  
Baseball  
Basketball  
Basketball  
Baseball  
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: Todd Grimm**

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.*