

# ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

Class of 2016 20th Year

Hamilton
Big Blue

Garfield Griffins Taft Tigers

6:00 pm Saturday, January 23, 2016

**Courtyard by Marriott** 

## ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

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## **ATHLETIC** HALL OF FAME

## **MASTER OF CEREMONIES** Tyler Bradshaw

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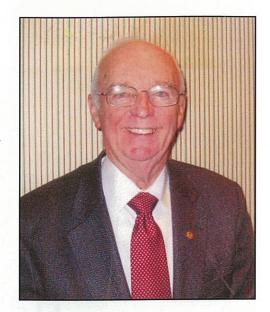
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INTRODUCTION OF HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

## Harry Bradbury - Class of 1948

Harry Bradbury graduated from Hamilton High School in 1948 after playing tennis for two years and being a member of coach and fellow Hall of Famer Jim Grimm's famous Flip Twisters for four years. He was the Strength and Efficiency Champion his senior year, as well as the YMCA's Table Tennis Winner. He attended Miami University for two years and then transferred to Springfield College in Massachusetts. He was a head cheerleader there for two years and graduated cum laude with a Physical Education degree. He was inducted into the Montgomery County Tennis Hall of Fame in 1987 for directing the county's tennis tournament for 10 years, and the YMCA's tennis tournament for 15 years. He was inducted into Dayton's Runner's Hall of Fame in 1989 as a guide for his blind friend and runner Larry Smith. They ran in numerous eight mile runs, 15 half marathons, and three marathons, including the 10th Boston Marathon. In 1991, Bradbury was inducted into the Ohio State Handball Hall of Fame



for developing a Handball Club at the Dayton YMCA, which hosted several state handball championships. He won Dayton's handball doubles title. Bradbury was inducted into the YMCA's Volleyball Hall of Fame in 2010 and is certified as a National USVBA referee.

## Tracy Goosey Daniels - Class of 2000

Tracy Goosey Daniels graduated from Hamilton High School in 2000 after competing four years as a springboard diver for the Big Blue Swimming and Diving teams. She was undefeated in dual diving meets the entire four years she competed and was named All-Greater Miami Conference (GMC) all four years as well. She was named First Team All-GMC her senior year and was the GMC Diving Champion. She was a finalist in the Southwest Ohio Coach's Classic all four years and was named Hamilton's Most Valuable Player all four years. Daniels reached the District Championships three years and set Hamilton High School's scoring record of 348.67 points at the District championships her senior year. This record still stands today. She was an Ohio Championship Diving Finalist her senior year. She was listed as one of the Top 20 divers in Ohio all four years. She received a scholarship to the University of Louisville where she was on the Athletic Director's Honor Roll, the Red and Black Honor



Roll and the Conference USA Commissioner's Honor Roll. She finished in the Top 10 at the Conference USA Midwest Championship in 2002. Daniels received two prestigious "Cards Care" Awards given to a University of Louisville female athlete for outstanding community service in her sophomore and junior years.

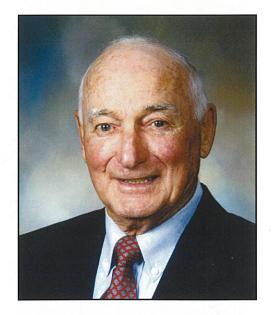
## **Kyle Hodges** - Class of 2005

Kyle Hodges graduated from Hamilton High School in 2005 after lettering four years in golf. He was a two time state qualifier in both his freshman and senior years. He won Ohio's state championship his senior year. He was a sectional medalist in 2002 and 2004 and was the 2004 Greater Miami Conference (GMC) Player of the Year. Hodges was named All Conference GMC four times. In his senior year, he was named Greater Cincinnati Player of the Year, First Team All State, and Ohio Division I All Academic. He boasts Hamilton's career lowest scoring average of 37.4. He holds the 9 hole scoring record with 32 and did this twice in his high school career. He was named All-Academic GMC three times and Cincinnati All-Stars four times. He received a scholarship to play golf at Xavier University where he was a four year member of the mens golf team. He was named Atlantic 10 Rookie of the Year in 2005 and helped the Musketeers to four tournament titles. Hodges has won the Hamilton City Golf tournament five times so far.



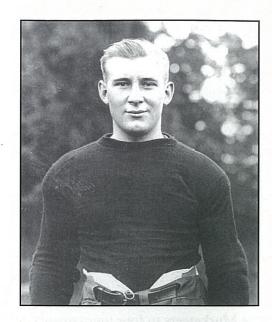
## Floyd Hopper - Class of 1950

Floyd Hopper graduated from Hamilton High School in 1950 after playing football for three years, basketball for one year, and track for two years. The Big Blue football team, coached by fellow Hall of Famer Chuck Thackara, boasted a 9-1 record in Hopper's junior year. His senior football classmates and fellow Hall of Famers include Joe Okruhlica and Robert "Pappy" Smith. Hopper played for the Hamilton Blue Devils semi-pro football team for one year. He officiated high school basketball and football for 26 years. He officiated district basketball tournaments for 21 years, and officiated five regional basketball finals. He was assigned two state basketball finals and was a standby official for the entire state tournament in 1977. He officiated the 1978 state finals. As a football official, Hopper worked three state finals in 1972, 1976, and 1977. He officiated a football regional final in 1981. Hopper was a sideline official (chain gang) for Miami University football games for 45 years, working the chains and down markers from 1961 until 2006.



#### Paul Hurm - Class of 1915

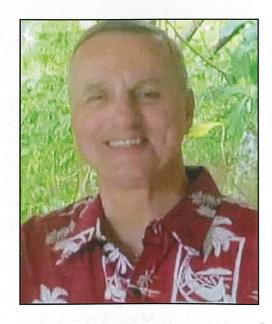
Paul Hurm graduated from the last class of Central High School in 1915. He earned nine letters from playing football for four years, basketball for two years, and baseball for three years. He was Class President and captain of the football team his sophomore and senior years. He helped lead the team to an undefeated season his sophomore year and they boasted an 8-1 record on the gridiron his senior year. He attended The Ohio State University and was a member of the 1916 football team which was the first in OSU history to win the Western Conference with their perfect 7-0 record. Hurm played with and blocked for the famous OSU player Chic Harley. He played in the notable OSU versus Oberlin football game where OSU won 128-0, the most points ever scored against an opponent and still a school record. He is credited with scoring the first touchdown on the first play of that game, with only 36 seconds into the game. He was among a number of football players who quit school to join the Army



during World War I. During training in Allentown, Pennsylvania, he played for the United States Army Ambulance Corps (USAACS) team before being dispatched to France to serve in the Army Medical Corps. The USAACS team was known as a "formidable outfit" that was well known throughout the military circuit. Following his military service in 1919, he returned to OSU but at that time was ineligible to continue to play football. Hurm traveled by train on the weekends to play football for the Pitcairn Quakers, a Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, professional team before the team folded in 1920. He played football with the Hamilton American Legion in 1921.

## Dan Messal - Class of 1967

Dan Messal graduated from Hamilton Garfield Senior High School in 1967 after lettering in football, basketball, baseball, and track. He was a starter on coach and fellow Hall of Famer Lou Florio's football team his senior year. The team went undefeated with a 9-0 record and the Griffins finished fifth in the state ranking. He started both as an offensive and defensive end and was selected as Honorable Mention in the Greater Ohio League (GOL). His classmates and fellow Hall of Famers include Alex Davis, Bill Evans, and Tim Taylor. He was named Most Efficient Defensive lineman by his teammates in his junior year. Messal started his basketball prowess at George Washington Junior High School as the Eagles won the junior high tournament in 1964. As a sophomore, he was chosen for Griffins Reserve basketball team, but quickly moved up to the Varsity level. He was named Most Valuable Player for his pitching skills in baseball. He went on to play football for the United States Air



Force Academy until an injury ended his football career. He was selected as the Airman of the Year in 1969 from the Department of the Air Force. Messal coached Little Pro football in the 1970's and officiated Little Pro, CYO, and high school football in the 1970's and 1980's.

## Alex Mignery - Class of 1997

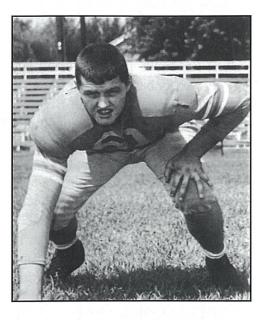
Alex Mignery graduated from Hamilton High School in 1997 after playing football and basketball for three years. He joins his football coach and father, Ed, and brother, Andy, in the Athletic Hall of Fame. The Big Blue football team won the Greater Miami Conference (GMC) his sophomore year with an 8-3 record and qualified for the playoffs. He was the leading tackler for Hamilton High School that season. He was a two way player both his junior and senior years as a tight end and linebacker. He was named Honorable Mention All GMC as a linebacker his junior year as the Big Blue went 7-3. As captain his senior year, Mignery was named First Team All-GMC and played in the East-West Cincinnati All Star game. He was selected to play in the North-South All-Ohio All Star game, but was unable to play due to Air Force Academy obligations. He played basketball for three years under head coach and fellow Hall of Famer John Smith where Mignery was named All-Academic GMC.



He continued his football prowess at the United States Air Force Academy where he lettered for two years and coached for one year. The 2001 team was the Western Athletic Conference (WAC) Champions and the Vegas Bowl champions. They finished with a 12-1 record and were ranked 10th at the end of the season. Mignery is a Major in the United States Air Force and has served three tours in Iraq and Afghanistan.

## Clyde "Tiny" Murrell - Class of 1956

Clyde "Tiny" Murrell graduated from Hamilton High School in 1956 after playing football for head coach and fellow Hall of Famer Chuck Thackara. The six foot, seven inch tackle helped the Big Blue boast a 9-1 record, winning the Greater Ohio League (GOL). Hamilton finished 12th in the state ranking. His quick speed allowed him to run the 100 yard dash in full football uniform in 10.2 seconds. He was selected as an All American by *Look Magazine*, an All American by *Scholastic Magazine*, and All American Wigman-Wiseman of America. Murrell was named All-GOL, All-State and First Team All-Ohio All Star Squad by the *Associated Press*. His teammates and fellow Hall of Famers include Francis Parrish and Gary "Spud" Hornsby. He attended the University of Kentucky and while working on his degree, he was repeatedly contacted by National Football League (NFL) coaches, including Coach George Allen of the Los Angeles Rams and several coaches from the Green Bay



Packers. He declined their repeated requests to play. He was an outstanding lineman for Kentucky's undefeated Freshman squad and captured the 60 yard dash and two second place spots, one in the 50 yard and one in the 100 yard dash. During his 28 year military career, Murrell was the Provost Marshal at West Point Military Academy and head of the military police. He was stationed in many different locations around the world. He was a consultant for the Air National Guard in New York City and an advisor to the Cadets at West Point. Murrell received many decorations medals, citations, and campaign ribbons throughout his storied career.

#### Tim Reed - Class of 1979

Tim Reed graduated from Hamilton Taft Senior High School in 1979 after playing varsity basketball and baseball for three years. He also played soccer and ran cross country. He was named All-State in basketball under head coach and fellow Hall of Famer Marv McCollum. The Tigers boasted a 16-6 record his senior year, winning the GMC title. He was named All State in basketball and baseball his senior year and named to the First Team All-GMC. He was the Golden Triangle Player of the Year in basketball. He led the team in assists with 105. He was named First Team All-GMC in both his junior and senior years in baseball and played in the Ohio All-Star baseball game in Columbus. He was voted Taft's Most Valuable Player in baseball his senior year and was named All Golden Triangle for baseball in both his junior and senior years. Reed hit 24 home runs in his three year career. He has more wins than any other pitcher in Hamilton history. He was named All-GMC as the



soccer goalie his junior year. He continued to play baseball at Belmont College for four years. As a freshman, he beat the Southeastern Conference (SEC) Champions Vanderbilt, winning the game 4-0 with a four hit shut-out. He hit a home run against Austin Peay to help win Belmont's Coach Whitten's 300th victory of his career. Reed taught for 30 years in the Hamilton City School District and coached soccer for three years, football for 13 years, baseball for 26 years, and basketball for 29 years.

### Nathan Rusbosin - Class of 2002

Nathan Rusbosin graduated from Hamilton High School in 2002 after playing varsity basketball for three years for head coach and fellow Hall of Famer Larry Allen. The Big Blue team was sectional and district champions in Rusbosin's sophomore year, and made it to the regional finals. They again reached the sectional finals in his junior year with a 14-5 record. He was named Second Team All-GMC and Second Team All-County. As a co-captain his senior year, Hamilton won the GMC championship, and again were sectional champions, making it to the district finals. He was named GMC Player of the Year, First Team All-GMC, Butler County Player of the Year, First Team All-Butler County, the *Cincinnati Enquirer's* First Team All-City, and the *Associated Press* Division I All Ohio Special Mention. He also played in the OHSSA Southwest District All-Star game. He is ranked number 25 in Hamilton's scoring record with a total of 485 points. He continued to play basketball



at Rollins College, a Division II school in Winter Park, Florida, on an academic and athletic scholarship. During his freshman year, Rollins was the Sunshine State Conference Champions and the team was the NCAA regional #1 seed and lost in the Sweet 16. They were eliminated in the Elite 8 his sophomore year and again made it to the NCAA tournament his senior year. Rusbosin was a graduate assistant coach as Rollins again captured the Sunshine State Conference championship and once again played in the NCAA tournament. He was a member of the only Rollins team to make it to the Elite 8. Rusbosin remains in the record books for helping the team win more games (91) in a four year career than any other player in the history of Rollins' program.



# ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME MEMBERS

\*Zlass 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

#### **Class of 1998**

**Bill Wilks** 

Mike Townsend

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

\*Denotes Deceased



## ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME **MEMBERS**

#### **Class of 2006**

\*Dave Bauer

\*Eric Childs

**David Connell** 

Jay Fry

\*William Hamm

**Rob Huffman** 

**Elgene Mainous** 

**Sue Barber Westin** 

**Class of 2007** 

John Bercaw

**David Raab** 

**Bob Rainey** 

\*Gary Reist

Class of 2008

**Sheree Barlow** 

Mike DiStaola

\*Joe Hudson

George Jonson

Jim Kernahan

John Spears

**Otto Swanner** 

**Fred Thomas** 

**Class of 2009** 

Larry Allen

Don Baker **Bill Dinger** 

\*Edward Eberth

**Anna Harvey** 

**Tom Jones** 

Michael McCollum

Gerald "Jerry" Scrivner

**Larry Bowling** 

**Jack Garretson** 

**Chris Kingsbury** 

\*Claude "Cat" Neeley

**Stacy Boling Wilson** 

\*Phil Phelps

**Michael Reese Alex Davis** 

**Marty Reist Bob Garretson** 

**Ron Spurlock Tina Gregory** 

Jerry Law

**Curtus Moak** 

Sally Belew Streeter

**Ricky Stone** 

\*Tom Taylor

Class of 2010

**Aaron Cook** 

**Don Curtis** 

\*Elbert Walker

\*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

Pearlman "Tony" Hicks

\*Lewis "Lew" Hirt

**Angela Harris Martin** 

**Mark McCormick** 

**Seth Morris** 

#### **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

#### Class of 2014

**Robert Barnett** 

\*Jim Carr

Michael Dully

**Eric Higgins** 

**Bryan Jackson** 

\*Gordon Kraft

**Katie Halcomb Luff** 

**Warteze Morris** 

Angela Tolbert

\*Marcia White

#### **Class of 2015**

Anissa Booker

Kara Bray

**Jeff Marchant** 

**Brad Myers Michael Myers** 

Ken Reed

\*Woodrow Steigerwalt

**Tracy Trauthwein** 

Dale Werk

**Earl Whiteside** 

**Brett Couch** 

Fred Rodgers

**Greg Siereveld** 

#### \*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: 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.

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

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.

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?

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

Petitioner's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_

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