



Class of 2018

22nd Year

6:00PM

Saturday, January 27, 2018

Fitton Center for Creative Arts

Carruthers Signature Ballroom

Athletic Hall of Fame

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Induction Dinner Agenda

Master of Ceremonies

Tyler Bradshaw

Invocation

Jack Young

Coach Sharp Scholarship Recipients

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Induction of the 22nd Class of the Hamilton City School District

Athletic Hall of Fame

Tyler Bradshaw

Hall of Fame Class of 2018

William "Billy" Allen - Class of 2007

William "Billy" Allen was a standout basketball player for Big Blue. While playing for his father, and fellow Hall of Fame member, Coach Larry Allen, Billy recorded over 1,000 points, 400 rebounds, and 200 assists. His career total of 1,071 points is still good for 7th on the career scoring list. Billy earned several distinctions for both his academics and athletics as he was a 4 time All-Academic Award recipient, 3 time All-Conference selection, 2 time All-State honorable mention, as well as the 2007 GMC and All-Butler County Player of the Year. Billy continued his basketball career at the University of Albany where he earned a full ride scholarship. While playing for the Great Danes, he was selected as a 2 time America East Conference All-Academic member, appointed twice to the UAlbany President's Awards for Leadership, and served on the University's Intercollegiate Athletics Advisory Board. Billy earned a B.S. in Physics, a B.A. in Mathematics with Cum Laude Honors, and a M.S. in Nanoscale Engineering. Billy resides in New Hampshire with his wife Caitlin and their three children, Grace, Liam Jr., and Shepard, where he works as a semiconductor engineering manager.



Joe Belew - Class of 1975

Joe was a two year varsity pitcher and infielder for the Taft Tigers. Playing under Coach Joe Urso and with fellow Hall of Fame members, Kent McCormick and Greg Jonson, Joe was the opening day pitcher both his junior and senior seasons and helped lead the team to a Greater Miami Conference title in 1975. He then went on to Belmont College where he played for four seasons helping the Rebels win conference titles three of his four years. During his time at Belmont, Joe also played alongside fellow Hall of Fame member Ron Spurlock. While pitching for the Rebels, Joe earned a career .722 winning percentage which still ranks third in school history and a career ERA of 3.08 which still places him 10th in school history. He graduated with a Bachelor in Business Administration degree and has been employed by U.S. Bank in Hamilton for 39 years as a Managing Director and Senior Portfolio Manager. Joe is a 2005 recipient of the Hamilton Heritage Award for Outstanding Community Service. He is also a 2011 inductee into the Junior Achievement Greater Butler County Business Hall of Fame. Joe resides in Hamilton with his wife Susan. Together, they have two children, Dr. Sarah Belew Cox and Tyler Belew.



Dr. Harold Biedenbender - Class of 1932

Dr. Harold Biedenbender excelled on the golf course for four years while at Hamilton High School. In his senior year, he was the medalist at the Ohio State High School Tournament in Columbus, Ohio. He continued his academic career at Miami University where he was a Pre-Medicine major. He then attended medical school at the University of Cincinnati. Upon graduation, he served in the U.S. Army in England as a doctor at the 183rd General Hospital for three years serving over 200 injured soldiers each day. Following his deployment, he served one year in the Surgeon General's office at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. When he returned to Hamilton, he opened up a medical practice serving the community before returning to surgical school. He then ran a surgical practice in the First National Building for 30 years. Dr. Biedenbender was always passionate about the game of golf - playing frequently in his spare time. He won the Hamilton City Golf Tournament three consecutive years and added a fourth title later on while also winning the Elks Club Tournament many times.



Adam Grissom - Class of 2000

Adam was a key offensive threat for the Big Blue baseball team. While playing for fellow Hall of Fame member, Coach Dan Bowling, Adam was selected to the First-Team Greater Miami Conference three times while helping his team to three conference titles in 1998, 1999, and 2000. During this stretch, Adam batted over .450 each season which helped him earn recognition in the East-West All-Star Game as well as the title of Team MVP his senior year. Adam was also selected to participate in an invitation only tryout for the Chicago White Sox. Adam was also a three time recipient of the GMC Academic Award. Adam then continued his athletic career at Elon University before transferring to Miami University Hamilton where he earned a degree in Secondary Social Studies Education. While at MUH, Adam earned the Team MVP award two times and played on two league championship teams. He served as the Varsity Head Baseball Coach at Northwest High School as well as an Assistant Coach for Miami University Hamilton and the Hamilton Joe's (where he is currently the Head Coach). Adam has a master's degree in Special Education and works as a social studies teacher at Fairfield High School where he is also a varsity assistant coach for the baseball team. He resides in Hamilton, Ohio with his wife, Carrie, and their two children, Kara and Avery.



Craig Keller - Class of 1979

Craig was a two sport athlete for the Garfield Griffins where he participated in both soccer and baseball. Under the direction of fellow Hall of Fame member, Coach Aaron Schechtman, Craig started for two years on the Garfield soccer team. He also manned the right side of the infield playing second base for the Griffins. Craig was an All-Greater Miami Conference selection in both sports his senior year and served as the Co-Captain on the soccer team his junior and senior year. Craig attended Louisiana Baptist University where he earned a Bachelor of Applied Science. He also holds degrees in Religion and Theology from Andersonville Theological Seminary.

Craig has spent many years in sports serving as the Sports Editor for the Hamilton & Fairfield Sun Newspapers as well as serving as an assistant baseball coach at Big Blue with fellow Hall of Fame member, Tim Reed. Craig is also a member of the Fairfield City Council where he will be serving as Vice Mayor this year. Craig is employed as a bailiff and courtroom manager for the Butler County Common Pleas Court. He and his wife, Sandy, live in Fairfield, Ohio and have two daughters Kristy Keller Harden and Rachel Keller Conley, and three grandchildren.



Gerald "Dip" King - Class of 1951

Gerald, or Dip as he was commonly known, was a key member on the Big Blue basketball team where he served as Team Captain during his senior year. Dip was awarded Honorable Mention on the AP All-Ohio team and earned a spot on the third All-Ohio team in the UP selections. Dip's leadership was instrumental on Big Blue's success in 1951 as he helped guide them to Southern Ohio League Champions, District Champions, Regional Champions, and State Runner-Up. Upon graduating, Dip attended Davidson College to play basketball where he earned Player of the Week honors several times. After playing his freshman and sophomore seasons, he completed his military service starring for Fort Lee, Virginia from 1953-1955.

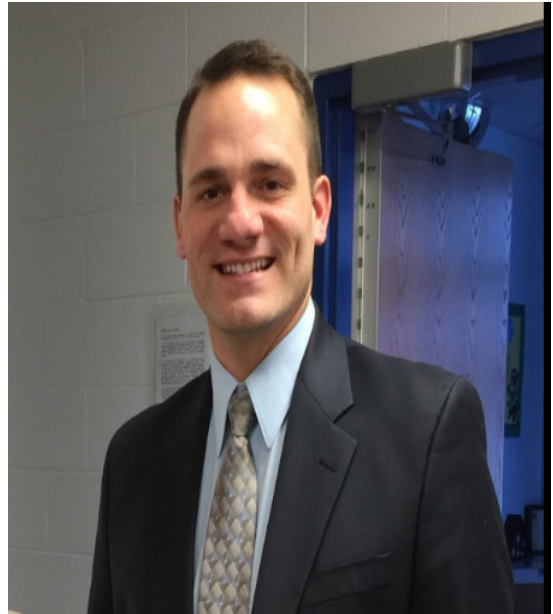
When he returned to Hamilton, Dip took a position in the payroll accounting department at Fisher Body. Dip continued to play basketball competitively, as well as referee basketball until he passed away suddenly while playing in a game for the Saint Marks church team. He is survived by his wife, Patricia, and daughters, Jennifer and Kelly.



Nate Mahon - Class of 2003

Nate was a two sport player at Big Blue playing football for fellow Hall of Fame member, Coach Ed Mignery, and baseball for fellow Hall of Fame member, Coach Dan Bowling. During his athletic career, Nate earned seven varsity letters in both sports and was selected five times to the All-Greater Miami Conference team in either football or baseball. During his baseball career, Nate was selected as the Top Offensive Player two times, served as Team Captain his senior year, and also received the Scholar-Athlete Award. He helped spur the Big Blue through an impressive tournament run in 2001 where they were crowned State Semi-Finalists. On the gridiron, Nate anchored the Big Blue defense from the linebacker position where he led the team in tackles both his

junior and senior seasons. He also served as team Captain his senior year. Nate also appeared in the East / West All-Star Game. After graduating, Nate attended Georgetown College where he played both baseball and football earning the title of 2004 Mid South Conference Freshman Baseball Player of the Year. He then transferred to Miami University to play football where he moved from walk on status to scholarship athlete. Nate is currently an Assistant Principal and Head Football Coach at Little Miami High School. He and his wife, Jinene, live in Maineville, Ohio with their three children, Roman, Kennedy, and Lucas.



Gary Musselman - Class of 1967

Gary played three sports for the Griffins as he competed in football, basketball, and baseball. On the football field, under the direction of fellow Hall of Fame member, Coach Lou Florio, Gary helped lift the Griffins to a perfect 9-0 record in 1966. During that season, he was recognized with the Most Efficient Running Back award. In his career, Gary rushed for 9 career touchdowns and 8 conversions. He remains 13th in career scoring for Garfield. He is also tied with holding the longest run on a kick-off in Garfield history with a 97 yard return versus Fairfield in 1966 and the second longest punt return for 86 yards versus Franklin in 1965. Gary attended Morehead State University but suffered a career ending knee injury. Upon returning to Hamilton, Gary was accepted into the Local Union 648 apprenticeship program. He worked as a union electrician for over 26 years. He also worked as the Superintendent for BLA-Con Industries. Gary is a 2011 inductee into the Butler County Softball Hall of Fame. He lives in Hamilton with his wife, Doris, and they have three children: Kris, Dusty, and Mitch.



Donnie Riggins - Class of 1987

Donnie was a defensive specialist on the Big Blue basketball team. His leadership was integral in the team's success as he served as Team Captain both his junior and senior seasons helping guide the Big Blue to back-to-back GMC Championships. Playing for fellow Hall of Fame member, Coach John Smith, Donnie was awarded the distinction of Top Defensive Player of the Year both his junior and senior seasons. He also received All-Greater Miami Conference recognition during these two years. Donnie ranks 35th in Career Scoring at Big Blue with 451 points (1981-Present). He then went on to Saint Joseph's College to play basketball. While playing for the Pumas, he served as Team Captain for two seasons and also showed off his defensive skills earning Top Defensive Player awards two times. Donnie earned a Bachelor of Science in Psychology. He lives in Altamonte Springs, Florida with his wife, Jennifer, and their daughter, Mackenzie. Donnie is employed as a Police Lieutenant for the City of Altamonte Springs, Florida.



Aaron Schechtman - Class of 1960

Aaron in a unique way played football for both Hamilton High School and Taft High School. Playing for fellow Hall of Fame member, Coach Lou Florio, Aaron helped to anchor the offensive line. He was selected to the First Team All Greater Ohio League and received All-State Honorable Mention. At the Taft football banquet, Aaron was given the Offensive Lineman of the Year award in 1959. He then attended Bowling Green State University where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Education & Counseling and served as an Undergraduate Assistant Coach after suffering an injury his freshman year. Aaron returned to Hamilton and worked as a guidance counselor. During his time, Aaron was deeply involved in athletics, coaching the soccer programs at both Garfield and Hamilton High School. He won the GMC Championship in 1985 as well as Coach of the Year recognition. During his coaching tenure, he recorded over 100 victories. He also spent many years assisting athletics in the district with many tasks. Aaron lives in Loveland, Ohio with his wife, Stephany. They have three children, Alan, Joel, and Michelle.



Annette Smiley Manley - Class of 1983

Annette participated in both basketball and track & field for Big Blue. Playing with fellow Hall of Fame members, Barb Hurley and Mary Ellen Menzer, Annette helped guide the team to an 18-6 record. The team captured the GMC Championship and finished as District Runner-Ups. Annette was the team's leading scorer her senior year contributing 714 points. She earned several recognitions including First-Team GMC, GMC Player of the Year, Golden Triangle Player of the Year, First-Team District 15, Honorable Mention All-State, and AP-UPI All-State Second-Team. She was also selected to participate in the North-South All-Star Game. She then continued her basketball career at St. Mary of the Plains College. Annette lives in Hamilton, Ohio and has two children, Mercury and Phillip. She is employed as a Manufacturing Technician for Ford Motor Company.



Athletic Hall of Fame Members

By Induction Year

*Indicates deceased

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 Dallmar
*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 Rabb
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

Class of 2009

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

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
Malcom 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
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

Class of 2014

Robert Barnett
*Jim Carr
Michael Dully
Eric Higgins
Bryan Jackson
*Gordon Kraft
Katie Halcomb Luff
Warteze "Tez" 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

Class of 2016

Harry Bradbury
Tracy Goosey Daniels
Kyle Hodges
Floyd Hopper
*Paul Hurm
Dan Messal
Alex Mignery
*Clyde "Tiny" Murrell
Tim Reed
Nathan Rusbosin

Class of 2017

Chris Calihan
Dawnjene "DJ" Delong
Rusty Hargraves
David Huff
Jennifer McKee Dyson
Adam Myers-White
Maurice "Mo" Riggins
Jon Smith
Ted Steed
Jason Vessely

HAMILTON ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME NOMINATION FORM

The Hamilton City School District has a rich heritage of producing outstanding student-athletes from its Senior High Schools: Garfield, Taft and Hamilton. These fine student-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 nomination form to:
Hamilton High School
1165 Eaton Avenue
Hamilton, OH 45013
Attention: Todd Grimm, Director of Athletics
Or

Email your information to:
Todd Grimm: tgrimm@hcsdoh.org
Tyler Belew: tbelew@hcsdoh.org
Lynda Lehman: llehman@hcsdoh.org

Please feel free to submit news clippings, statistics sheets, etc. to help 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, Taft or Hamilton) for the last 10 years.
3. A coach nominee must no longer be an active coach in the Hamilton City Schools.
4. The nominee must be or have been 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 athletic program.

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

Nominee: _____ Maiden Name (if applicable): _____

*Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: (____) _____ Year of Graduation: _____

Using separate sheets of paper:

Please attach the accomplishments of this individual.

Please describe the reasons you feel this individual should be inducted into the Hamilton Athletic Hall of Fame.

Petitioner's Signature: _____ Phone Number: (____) _____

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

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

