

***Athletic Hall Of Fame***  
**INDUCTION CLASS**

**VAUGHN BOOKER**

*Taft H.S. Class of 1986*

Football

**COURTNEY COLEMAN**

*Hughes H.S. Class of 1999*

Basketball

**BARBARA  
WEINSTEIN MCGRATH**

*Walnut Hills H.S. Class of 1976*

Diving

**BILL ROTHAN**

*Western Hills H.S. Class of 1970*

Baseball and Basketball

**COACH JIM ENGEL**

*Taft H.S. & Cincinnati Academy of  
Physical Education (C.A.P.E.)  
Track & Field*

**SID FRIEDMAN**

*Western Hills H.S. Class of 1937*

Football, Basketball, Baseball  
and Track & Field

**ROY LAGALY**

*Western Hills H.S. Class of 1941*

Swimming

**DONNA BURKS**

*Western Hills H.S. Class of 1980*

Basketball, Softball and Track & Field

**DASHIA GRIGSBY**

*Withrow H.S. Class of 1989*

Basketball

**LINDA MILES**

*Hughes H.S. Class of 1997*

Basketball

**BILL ZIMMER, JR.**

*Western Hills H.S. Class of 1948*

Football and Baseball

**COACH FRED WILLIS**

*Withrow H.S.  
Cross Country, Basketball and  
Track & Field*

**ED JUCKER**

*Woodward H.S. Class of 1936*

Basketball

**TOM MERRITT**

*Central Vocational Class of 1966*

Gymnastics

## **~~2015 Hall of Fame Program~~**

### **Masters Of Ceremony:**

John Popovich, Sports Director WCPO Channel 9 &  
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### **The Coaching Honorees are:**

Jim Engel, Taft H.S. &  
Cincinnati Academy of Physical Education  
Fred Willis, Withrow H.S.

### **The Posthumous Honorees are:**

Sid Friedman, Western Hills H.S.  
Ed Jucker, Woodward H.S.  
Roy Lagaly, Western Hills H.S.  
Tom Merritt, Central Vocational

### **The Living Athlete Honorees are:**

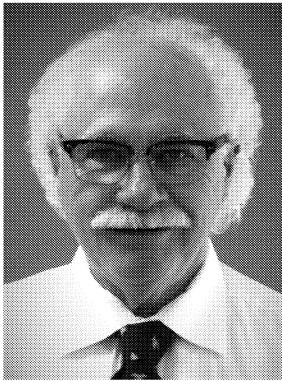
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Barbara Weinstein McGrath, Walnut Hills H.S.  
Linda Miles, Hughes H.S.  
Bill Rothan, Western Hills H.S.  
Bill Zimmer, Jr., Western Hills H.S.

### **Members of the 2015 Selection Committee**

Bill Meridith, Daryl Patrick, Jack Cover, Dick McCoy, Joe Bell, Jim Engel, Rev. Damon Lynch, Jolinda Miller, Lori Troescher, Joanne Rook, Mike O'Bryant, Wayne "Box" Miller, Tom Groeschen, & Dennis Bettis.

# THE 2015 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

## COACHES



**Jim Engel, Taft HS and Cincinnati Academy of Physical Education (C.A.P.E.)**

His high school coaching career began as Head Football Coach and Boys & Girls Track and Field Coach at Taft H.S. from 1980-82. Having coached and taught in inner city public schools for more than 30 years, his focus was to develop the girls programs at Taft High School and the Cincinnati Academy of Physical Education (C.A.P.E.). His most recognized achievements were leading the C.A.P.E. Girls Track Team to the 1986 Ohio Division III State Championship and the 1988 Girls Team to a runner-up finish. His 1986 400M Relay Team consisting of Tyra Gordon, Trina Pate,

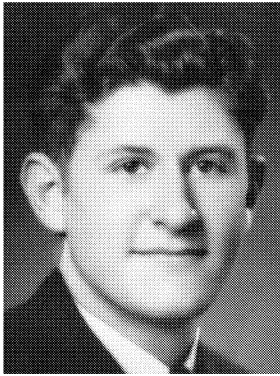
Jackie Jordan and fellow CPS Hall of Famer Michelle McGruder finished first with a Division III state record time of 49.14. McGruder was the Division III 100M Dash Champion four straight years. It might be noted that all of this was accomplished at a school without a running track to practice or compete on. A graduate of Xavier University, he has held numerous positions with the United States Track & Field Association. He has coached World Youth Track & Field Teams in Morocco and the Czech Republic. He was inducted into the LaRosa's Sports Hall of Fame in 2008. Today, he is a contractor with Primax Computer Consultants. After five years as an Assistant Track Coach at St. Ursula Academy from 2000-05, he has been an Assistant Track & Field Coach at St. Xavier H.S. from 2005 to the present.



### **Fred Willis, Withrow High School**

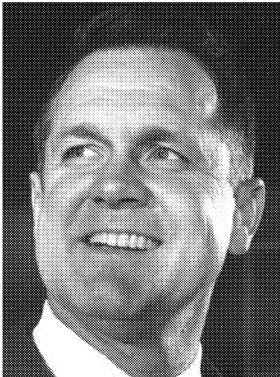
His coaching career at Withrow spanned the years from 1974-2005. He was voted 1983 *Enquirer* Coach of the Year for Basketball and Track & Field. His teams won District Basketball Championships in 1983 and 1990 and he was recognized as Southwest Ohio District Basketball Coach of the Year in 1983 and 1990. He coached several boys & girls District Championships in Track & Field. He was inducted into the Communiplex Hall of Fame in 1987. His 1989 and 1990 Girls Basketball teams were voted City Champions by the Cincinnati *Enquirer*. His 1991 Boy's Track & Field team won the District Championship and went on to a runner-up finish at the 1991 Division I Regional Meet. In January, 2000, he was presented an Outstanding Service Award by the Greater Cincinnati Basketball Officials Association. He was voted the 2000 *Enquirer* Girls Track & Field Coach of the Year. There are other Conference championships in Girls Basketball and Girls and Boys Track & Field too numerous to mention along with many Conference Coach of the Year Honors bestowed on him during his career at Withrow. Two of his former Basketball players, Dashia Grigsby, Withrow Class of 1989, and Regina Williams, Withrow Class of 1984 have also been inducted into the CPS Athletic Hall of Fame. He currently serves as Boys and Girls Track & Field Coach and the Director of Athletics at Riverview East Academy.

## POSTHUMOUS



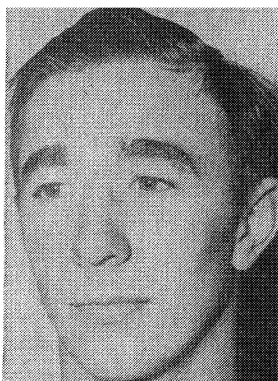
### **Sid Friedman, Western Hills High School Class of 1937**

He earned ten Varsity Letters, three in Basketball, two in Football, two in Baseball and two in Track & Field while at Western Hills H.S. His H.S. Baseball Coach was Pappy Nohr and his H.S. Track Coach was Arch McCartney who are both prior inductees into the CPS Athletic Hall of Fame. He was voted Team Captain and All-City his senior year in both Football and Basketball. He led the PHSL in Basketball season scoring as a junior and again his senior year. He set a PHSL record with a long jump of 19' 5". He continued his outstanding play at the University of Cincinnati where he lettered in Football, Basketball and Baseball before graduating in 1941. He served as a Head Basketball Coach at Madeira H.S. from 1946 to 1953 before moving to Woodward H.S. where he coached the Varsity Boys Basketball team for 26 years from 1953-1974. He was voted Coach of the Year twice and Coach of the *Enquirer* All Star Game twice. He also coached Cross Country at Woodward winning two District titles and finishing third one year at the State Meet. He also coached Tennis, Golf and Baseball while at Woodward. In 33 years of coaching basketball at the high school level, his teams won 355 games. He was inducted into the LaRosa's Sports Hall of Fame in 1985. He passed away in 2004 and is survived by his wife Sylvia and his three daughters, Ellen, Terri and Donna.



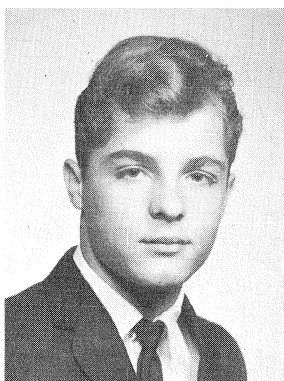
### **Ed Jucker, Woodward High School Class of 1936**

He was a four sport standout athlete at Old Woodward H.S. He lettered three years in Football, Basketball and Baseball and was also a track hurdler. He was Captain of the Basketball Team his senior year and one of the City's leading scorers. During his career in Basketball at Woodward, the Bulldogs won the PHSL title four times. He is listed as #80 on the *Enquirer's* list of Top 100 Boys Basketball Players of All Time in the Tri-State region. He received a scholarship to play Basketball at the University of Cincinnati. He was a professional baseball prospect after graduation but returned to the University of Cincinnati as an assistant basketball and baseball coach and later became the Head Basketball Coach. His Bearcats won back-to-back NCAA Championships in 1961 and 1962 and were runners-up to Loyola of Chicago in 1963. He went on to coach the Cincinnati Royals in the NBA from 1967-69. He was inducted into the Hamilton County Sports Hall of Fame in 1966, the University of Cincinnati Hall of Fame in 1978, the LaRosa's Sports Hall of Fame in 1985 and the Ohio Basketball Hall of Fame in 2014. He passed away at the age of 85 in 2002. He is survived by his four children, Steve, Judy, Karen and Ken.



**Roy Lagaly, Western Hills High School Class of 1941**

He was an excellent all-around athlete while at Western Hills High School. He was an end on the football team for two seasons, pitched a season of Baseball where he helped no-hit the Norwood Varsity Team, ran the mile in Track for fellow CPS Hall of Famer Arch McCartney, and swam for four seasons for fellow CPS Hall of Famer Paul "Pappy" Nohr. He was a City and State Champion and record holder in the 220 yard freestyle as a senior in 1941, and was a USA Interscholastic Swim Champion in the same event in the national finals at the University of Pittsburgh. Roy continued his swimming career at the University of Cincinnati where he recorded Top 10 finishes at the 1942 NCAA Championships in the 100, 220 and 440 Yard Freestyle events. Following service in World War II, he returned to UC to earn All American honors with a fourth place finish in the 1500 Yard Freestyle at the 1946 NCAA Championships, and was UC's first All-American in any sport. After graduation from UC, he coached five years (1952-57) at Central Vocational H.S., a newly opened school. With no experienced swimmers, his teams won two league championships. He started a swim team at Princeton H.S. again with no experienced swimmers that won six straight Hamilton County Championships while he was coach from 1958-63. He returned to UC as the Head Swim Coach in 1964 where he directed the Bearcats to six consecutive Missouri Valley Conference Championships. He was inducted into the UC Hall of Fame in 1983 and the LaRosa's Sports Hall of Fame in 1985 and continued competitive swimming in US Masters events until the age of 75. At the time of his sudden passing in February of 1997, he was married to Virginia Lagaly and has two children, Laura and Lance.



**Tom Merritt, Central Vocational High School  
Class of 1966**

Up until 1973, the Ohio State Championships for Gymnastics, individual or team, were open only to boys. Tom Merritt led his Central Vocational team to a fourth place finish in the 1965 State Gymnastics Meet. He finished third in Horizontal Bar event and won the gold medal in the Parallel Bars event with a score of 7.65.

In 1966, Central Vocational H.S. had relocated and was now known as Courter Tech. As a senior in 1966, he led his team to a third place finish at the State Meet finishing third in the All-Around competition with 41.75 points while capturing two more gold medals on the Parallel Bars with a score of 8.50 and the Horizontal Bar with a score of 7.80. After graduation, he built his own successful plumbing contractor business until he passed away in 2011. He is survived by his wife Billie Ann, daughter Andrea, son Ben and daughter Autumn.

# LIVING ATHLETES



## **Vaughn Booker, Robert A. Taft High School Class of 1986**

He was a three year starter on the defensive line for Taft. He also played tight end on a run oriented offense where he averaged 22.9 yards a reception (16 receptions for 367 yards). Going into his senior season he was considered one of the top football prospects in Cincinnati. He played a major role in the rejuvenation of the Taft program that went from 3 and 7 during his junior year to 7 and 3 in Taft's first year in the newly-formed Western Metro Conference, leading a defense that gave up an average of only 9.3 points per game. He was voted Second Team All-PHSL as a junior and First Team Western Metro Conference and Honorable Mention *Enquirer* All-City as a senior. He received a full scholarship to continue his playing career at the University of Cincinnati. He went on to play in the Canadian Football

League for the Winnipeg Blue Bombers where he participated in the Grey Cup championship game both seasons. He went on to play nine years in the National Football League, the last three with the Cincinnati Bengals. He has four children, Vaughn, DeV Vaughn, Devon and Breana and resides in Indianapolis with his fiancé, Angela.



## **Donna Burks, Western Hills High School Class of 1980**

She lettered in Basketball, Track and Field and Softball while at Western Hills. She was a sophomore centerfielder when her team won the 1978 District Softball Championship. She lettered two years in Track & Field and finished third in Shot Put at the District Meet as a senior and went on to finish tenth at the State Meet. She also competed in the 100 and 220 yard sprints and the 440 yard Relay. She was voted First Team All-City her junior and senior years. She lettered three years in Basketball playing the Center/Forward position. She averaged 15 points and 13 rebounds a game as a junior. As a senior, she averaged 21 points and 20 rebounds per game which earned her All-City honors. She set single game school records when she scored 51 points and hauled down 39 rebounds in a game against Our

Lady of Angels. She finished her high school career as #43 on the *Enquirer's* list of Top 50 All Time Girls Basketball Players. She was the first female and first African American to be inducted into the Western Hills Hall of Honor. She played Basketball for four years at the University of Dayton where she was All-Ohio three times as well as an All-American twice. She still holds UD records for most points in a single game (43) and the highest career field goal percentage (57%). She stands second in career rebounds and third in career scoring. The Flyers were the number one ranked team in the nation her senior year until they lost for the first time in the Final Four. She was runner-up for Player of the Year honors. She has been inducted into the University of Dayton Hall of Fame. She has worked for the past 18 years for Time-Warner Cable as a Technical Operations Center Coordinator.



**Courtney Coleman, Hughes High School Class of 1999**

As a Senior, she was voted Queen City Conference Player of the Year, First Team *Enquirer* All-City, First All-Southwest Ohio District and Honorable Mention All-State. As a senior, she led her team to a record of 19-3. She finished sixth in Ohio averaging 15.9 rebounds per game including hauling down 28 rebounds in a single game while averaging 17.0 points per game with an impressive season shooting percentage of 66%. She was named to the Ohio Girls Basketball Magazine “Dream Team” and was a member of the Junior Olympic National Team. She is listed as #48 in the *Enquirer’s* List of Top 50 Girls Basketball Players of All Time in the Tri-State region. She continued her career as a scholarship player at Ohio State where she became a member of the “1,000 Point Club”. In 2003, she led all Division I players, men and women, in field goal percentage and named as an Honorable Mention Kodak All-American. She was drafted with the 13<sup>th</sup> pick by the Connecticut Sun and is the only female CPS graduate to be chosen to play in the WNBA.



**Dashia Grigsby, Withrow High School Class of 1989**

An outstanding basketball player, she is one of the few Withrow players to have her number retired in honor of her outstanding accomplishments during her career playing for the Tigers. As a junior, she was voted First Team All-Eastern Metro Conference and Honorable Mention *Enquirer* All-City and All-Southwest District. As a senior, the *Enquirer* recognized the Withrow Girls Basketball Team as City Champions. She was voted Player of the Year in the Eastern Metro Conference, First Team All-City, Southwest Ohio District Player of the Year and First Team Division I All-State. She signed a full scholarship offer to continue her basketball career at Grambling State University. She transferred to Sullivan Junior College where she was recognized as a Junior College All-American and a member of the Sullivan J.C. “1,000 Point Club”. She finished her career as a scholarship player at the University of Cincinnati and was voted Great Midwestern Conference “Newcomer of the Year” in 1993.



**Barbara Weinstein McGrath, Walnut Hills High School Class of 1976**

She captured 33 Ohio AAU Age-Group titles on the three meter diving board while attending Walnut Hills H.S. from seventh through twelfth grade. The AAU Age-Group competition was the precursor to the present day Ohio State Diving Championships sanctioned by the Ohio High School Athletic Association. She was an Honor student who graduated Cum Laude from Walnut Hills. She continued her diving career at the Ohio State University and the University of Michigan where she became a three time National Champion in the 10M platform event and a four year Collegiate All-American. Representing the United States, she won the gold medal on the platform at the 1979 Pan American games. She earned a spot on the 1980 Olympic Team but was prevented from representing her country due to America’s boycott of the Moscow Olympics. As a member of the 1980 Olympic Team, she was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal, the highest civilian honors bestowed by the United State Congress. She graduated the University of Michigan with distinction as a Phi Beta Kappa. Today she owns her own event planning business and has been tireless in her efforts to raise more than \$5 million dollars to support “Volley for the Cure” to increase breast cancer awareness and prevention.

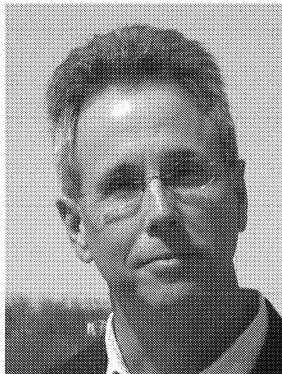




**Linda Miles, Hughes High School Class of 1997**

An outstanding basketball player while at Hughes H.S., she was voted First Team All-Queen City Conference during each of her four years. She was a three time First Team All-City selection by the Enquirer, First Team All-Southwest District and First Team All-Ohio as a senior. As a senior, she averaged 16.9 points, 13.7 rebounds, 6.9 assists per game with a season shooting percentage of 49%. She scored 1,144 points during her career and was picked as #26 on the *Enquirer's* list of their Top 50 Girls Basketball Players of All Time in the Tri-State region. She was honored as a USA

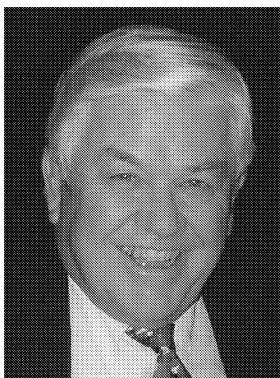
Today Super 25 All-American, a Nike All-American and a Street & Smith All-American. After graduation from Hughes, she continued her basketball career as a scholarship player at Rutgers University.



**Bill Rothan, Western Hills High School Class of 1970**

He was voted West High's MVP in basketball and baseball in his Senior year. As a Senior on the Baseball team, he was selected to pitch for the West Team in the East-West Ohio All-Star baseball series in Columbus and was named PHSL Player of the Year, with a batting average of .397, pitching record of 7-3 with a 0.58 ERA while averaging 1.3 strike-outs per inning. He led the Mustangs to the Class AA District Baseball title advancing on to Regional Tournament making the 1970 Mustangs team the last PHSL team to play a high school tournament game at Crosley Field. He played in the first PHSL All-Star Baseball game and received a plaque from

the CPS Coaches Association naming him as an outstanding athlete in Baseball. In Basketball, he was leading scorer his Junior and Senior years. In 1970, he was selected to the PHSL All-Star Basketball Team and All-City All-Star Team. He scored 30+ points multiple times; won the PHSL City League scoring title averaging 20.9 points per game, more than four points per game more than his nearest rival and sixth in the metro area. He was ranked #17 on Hamilton County's List of Top 20 Players for 1970. In 1969, he had a record of 13-1 as a pitcher for the Budde Post American Legion Team that won the Regional and State championships to represent Ohio in the American Legion World Series. After compiling a 13-1 record on the mound, he was selected to the American Legion All-Tournament Team. He was drafted in the 1970 to play professional baseball for the California Angels. In 1976 he was traded to the St. Louis Cardinals, his first year of pitching AAA ball. In 1978, with the St. Louis Organization, he started out 9-1, was voted Most Valuable Pitcher, yet never receiving the phone call to promote him to the big leagues. He retired from professional baseball in 1979 and came back to Cincinnati to work for CG&E/Duke Energy, retiring after 31-years of service. Today he is President of the Association of Western Hills Alumni Athletes (AWHAA) and serves on the Western Hills Alumni Committee. He and his wife Sue (also a West Hi grad) have 3 children and 3 grandchildren.



**Bill Zimmer, Jr. Western Hills High School Class of 1948**

A two year Varsity letter winner in football, he was voted All-City and All-State his senior year. He earned four Varsity Letters in Baseball and was acknowledged as team leader, Captain and clean-up hitter on West High's 1948 State Baseball Championship Team where he played second base alongside his cousin Don Zimmer, who played shortstop and Glenn Sample who played third base, both past CPS Hall of Fame inductees. The left fielder on the Championship Team was Jim Frey, a future Major League Manager. The coach of the Mustangs was Paul "Pappy" Nohr, also a past inductee into the CPS Hall of Fame. He served as Junior and Senior Class President, Student Council President, Maroon W President, was named "Mr. Western Hills" and honored as 1948's All-Around Boy. He played on the 1947 Bentley Post American Legion Team that won the National Championship. He continued his baseball career at The Ohio State University where he was a major contributor to Ohio State's Big Ten Championship Team, the first Buckeye team to qualify to play in the College World Series. He was inducted into the Western Hills Athletic Hall of Honor in 1996 for his achievements in high school. He and Virginia, his wife of 64 years, split time now between homes in Cincinnati and Florida.

## Cincinnati Public Schools Past Inductees

### 2010 Induction Class

Erbil Barkley - Central Vocational - 1952  
Ricky Calloway – Withrow H.S. - 1985  
Robin Freeman - Hughes H.S. - 1952  
Deb Gentile - Western Hills H.S. - 1970  
Harold Horne – Central Vocational – 1952  
William DeHart Hubbard – Walnut Hills H.S. – 1921  
Coach Angus King – Withrow H.S.  
Reggie McAfee - Courter Tech H.S. - 1969  
Coach Paul Nohr – Western Hills H.S.  
Glenn Sample – Western Hills H.S. - 1949  
Carlos Snow - C.A.P.E. - 1987  
Willard Stargel, Jr. – Woodward H.S. – 1940  
Tony Trabert - Walnut Hills H.S. - 1948  
LaSalle Thompson - Withrow H.S. – 1979

### 2011 Induction Class

Eddie Brinkman – Western Hills H.S. – 1960  
Vinnie Clark – C.A.P.E. – 1987  
Willis Conatser – Western Hills H.S. – 1951  
Larry Elsasser – Central Vocational - 1960  
Dick Ernst – Withrow H.S. – 1950  
Coach Janie Fairall – Hughes H.S. & Woodward H.S.  
Joel (Joby) Haynes – Withrow H.S. – 1960  
Tonya Hunt – Western Hills H.S. – 1990  
David Plunkett – Withrow H.S. – 1952  
Sam Stoller – Hughes H.S. – 1933  
Coach Steve Sheehan – C.A.P.E., Withrow H.S., & Clark Montessori  
Billy Talbert – Hughes H.S. – 1936  
Carl Ward – Taft H.S. – 1963  
Don Zimmer – Western Hills H.S. - 1949

### 2012 Induction Class

John Anderson – Hughes H.S. – 1925  
Coach Willard Bass – Walnut Hills H.S.  
Eddie Beamon – Withrow H.S. – 1974  
Dr. Howard Bellamah – Woodward H.S. – 1946  
Coach Anita Burke – C.A.P.E., Walnut Hills & Hughes H.S.  
Wilce Carnes – Withrow H.S. – 1936  
Marshall Chambers – Walnut Hills H.S. – 1940  
Damon Flint – Woodward H.S. – 1993  
Larry Hoover – Hughes H.S. - 1949  
Kannard Johnson – Taft H.S. – 1983  
Thomas Jones – Central Vocational – 1950  
Dave Parker – Courter Tech – 1970  
David Pool – C.A.P.E. – 1985  
Dr. Herman Turner – Central Vocational – 1946

### 2013 Induction Class

Harry Andreadis – Withrow H.S. – 1950  
Bobby Austin – Aiken H.S. – 1978  
Bill Clarke – Central Vocational – 1957  
Joe Craynon – Hughes H.S. – 1967  
George Graff – Hughes H.S. – 1947  
Charles Heard – Central Vocational – 1960  
Jerry Kanter – Walnut Hills H.S. – 1947  
Coach “Red” Krueck – Hughes H.S.  
Michelle McGruder – C.A.P.E. – 1989  
Helburn “Bud” Meadows – Central Vocational – 1949  
Ray Nolting – Hughes H.S. – 1931  
Coach Ken Selby – Western Hills H.S.  
Regina Williams – Withrow H.S. – 1984  
Barvenia Wooten – Hughes H.S. – 1979

### 2014 Induction Class

Willie Anderson – Taft H.S. – 1956  
Rodney Heath – Western Hills H.S. – 1992  
Walter Johnson – Taft H.S. – 1961  
Annette McCall – Withrow H.S. – 1994  
Coach Arch McCartney – Western Hills H.S.  
Al Nelson – Taft H.S. – 1961  
Louis Orr – Withrow H.S. – 1976  
Horace Pumphrey – Withrow H.S. – 1942  
John Rau – Walnut Hills H.S. – 1950  
Coach Arthur Reisner – Central Vocational  
Karl “Tuffy” Rhodes – Western Hills H.S. – 1986  
Michael Schott – Western Hills H.S. – 1966  
Reginald G. Victor – Central Vocational – 1951  
Phil Wheeler – Western Hills H.S. - 1952



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