

**ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME
INDUCTION CLASS**

Honoring the Hall of Fame Class of 2022

during the CPS Basketball All-Star Showcase

March 26, 2022 at Fifth Third Arena

LIVING ATHLETE INDUCTEES

Norman Hatchet, Withrow
Katrina Clark Sanders, Withrow
Carol Kiradjieff, Western Hills
Diondra Holliday, Clark Montessori
Desmon Gault, Western Hills/Dater
Ben Wilson, Central Vocational/Courter Tech
Mark Thompson, Western Hills
Ray Apple, Hughes

COACH INDUCTEES

Coach Dennis Bettis, Woodward
Coach Pat Eagan, Western Hills

POSTHUMOUS ATHLETE INDUCTEES

Donald Hill, Walnut Hills
Robert Lee, Hughes
Fred Ratterman, Withrow
Robert "Bud" Stille, Western Hills



2022 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES: LIVING ATHLETES



NORMAN HATCHET **WITHROW, CLASS OF 1972, WRESTLING**

Norman Hatchet attended Withrow High School from 1968 to 1972. There, he lettered in wrestling for three seasons. In 1972, during his senior season, Norman went 32-0 in his weight class, winning the State Championship and earning the honors of being listed by the Cincinnati Enquirer as 1st team in his weight class as well as being named the Wrestler of the Year.

Norman went on to receive a wrestling scholarship from the University of Oklahoma, where he contributed to their 1974 National Championship run. He then transferred to the University of Arizona, where he continued to wrestle until his graduation. Norman has since returned to the Cincinnati community, and he still remains very active in the wrestling community.

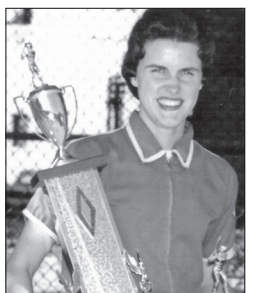


KATRINA CLARK SANDERS **WITHROW, CLASS OF 1990, BASKETBALL, TRACK & CROSS COUNTRY**

Katrina Clark was a three-sport athlete at Withrow High School, lettering in basketball, track, and cross country. Katrina excelled at basketball, where she helped lead Withrow's basketball team to a district championship during her senior year, and was named the Most Valuable Defensive Player multiple times. She also excelled at track; during her senior year, she ran the open 400 in only 58 seconds, earning her the Outstanding Sprinter's Award.

Upon graduating, Katrina received basketball scholarships to The University of Sullivan and The University of Cincinnati. During her time at the University of Sullivan, she earned the honor of making into the 500 Rebound Club, recognizing her outstanding efforts in rebounding.

Katrina now resides in Cincinnati, and takes part in the Queen City Blue Star Mothers of America OH64 and a candidate to become a member of the Order of the Eastern Stars. She has worked at Sands Montessori as a paraprofessional for 17 years, part of Cincinnati Public Schools.



CAROL KIRADJIEFF **WESTERN HILLS, CLASS OF 1958, TENNIS, BASKETBALL, SOFTBALL, FIELD HOCKEY & VOLLEYBALL**

Carol Weiss Kiradjieff attended Western Hills High School, where she lettered in five different sports: basketball, tennis, softball, field hockey, and volleyball. In the era before Title IX, this meant she participated in every possible sport available to her, except for swimming. She participated in each sport from grades 7-12, earning a Chenille Emblem in all 5 sports. Carol was the captain and manager of the basketball team her senior year. She won the G.A.A. tennis tournament as a sophomore, junior, and senior. In addition to playing softball for Western Hills, she also played softball out of school, winning the league title several times.

Carol continued her softball career after high school, playing on the team sponsored by Ruten-schroer Florist. She participated in the World Tournament of Softball on six different occasions between 1961-1967, being named an All-Star 3rd Baseman in 1964. In 1991, Carol was honored by being inducted into the Greater Cincinnati Softball Hall of Fame. When her husband, Joe, was inducted into the Greater Cincinnati Softball Hall of Fame in 2000, they became the first, and only married couple to both be inducted into the Hall of Fame. Carol was also included by cincysoftball.com on their list of All-Century Softball teams, naming Carol the Second-Team 3rd Baseman.

After graduating from Western Hills, Carol went on to attend the University of Cincinnati, where she earned a degree in English Literature while maintaining a job at The Cincinnati Gas & Electric Company. Carol currently lives in Cincinnati, where she does extensive volunteer work at her church and serves on the Western Hills High School Athletic Board of Directors.





2022 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES: LIVING ATHLETES



DIONDRA HOLLIDAY

CLARK MONTESSORI, CLASS OF 2007, BASKETBALL & SOFTBALL

Diondra was an outstanding athlete at Clark Montessori High School, earning varsity letters in basketball and softball. She played basketball from grades 7-12, scoring over one thousand points in her career while also setting all-time records at Clark Montessori in points, steals, and assists.

Diondra then earned a full athletic scholarship to Northern Kentucky University where she played two seasons, and in her freshman season was a member of the 2008 NCAA Division II Women's Basketball National Championship Team.

After her time at NKU, Diondra earned her Bachelor's Degree in Social Work and is now a licensed social worker in the state of Ohio, as well as a small business owner. Diondra now resides in Cincinnati.



DESMON GAULT

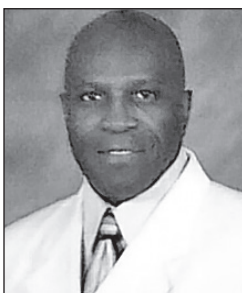
WESTERN HILLS/DATER, CLASS OF 2004, FOOTBALL, WRESTLING & TRACK

Desmon attended Gilbert A. Dater High School for academics, while serving as a three-sport athlete in football, wrestling, and track for Western Hills High School. He was the recipient of the MVP Award and earned First Team All-League honors in all three sports. As a senior, Desmon's accomplishments in football earned him the honor as the starting running back for the Cincinnati Division 1 Football East/West All-Star Game. Desmon held the all-time lead rushing record for Western Hills from the years 2004 to 2019. Desmon was also a two-time recipient of the Southwest All-League Champion in Wrestling and the Bette Jo Bere Angel Character Award.

In addition, he earned the Iron Man Athlete Award, United States Marine Corps Distinguished Athlete Award, the Triple Crown Athlete Award, and Wrestling Rookie of the Year Award.

After graduating from Dater, Desmon accepted an invitation to play football at the University of Tennessee at Martin, where he played during his freshman year. In 2006, Desmon started his semi-pro football career playing for the Northern Kentucky Xtreme, and in 2011 ended his semi-pro career with the River City Night Hawks.

After graduating from the University of Cincinnati in 2012 with an Associate's Degree in Computer Systems Support, Desmon now resides in Cincinnati and spends his time giving back to the community, serving in his local church, and providing a role model for his children.



BEN WILSON

CENTRAL VOCATIONAL/COURTER TECH, CLASS OF 1966, TRACK & GYMNASTICS

Benjamin was a two-sport standout, earning 2 varsity letters in Track and 3 varsity letters in Gymnastics. In 1965, he won the Gold Medal in the OHSAA State Gymnastics Championship in the Long Horse competition, representing what was then known as Central Vocational High School; his performance helped to lead his team to an overall fourth-place finish. During his championship performance he became the first ever high school gymnast to attempt the Yamashita Vault, which had the highest level of difficulty at the time. His record setting vault earned him an 8.65, the highest score in the state finals that year. In 1966, during his senior year he led (newly renamed) Courter Tech to a third-place finish in the state competition, winning a bronze medal in the tumbling event.

He graduated from Courter Technical High School in 1966 in the top 5% of his class, serving as a positive role model to his 10 younger siblings. After graduation, Benjamin's career included time as an Ohio State Highway patrolman, special agent for Norfolk Southern Railroad, and Forest Ranger for the state of Florida. Now retired, Benjamin resides in Cincinnati and spends time working with the Men's Ministry.





2022 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES: LIVING ATHLETES

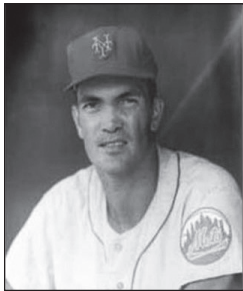


MARK THOMPSON

WESTERN HILLS, CLASS OF 1980, SOCCER & BASEBALL

Mark Thompson attended Western Hills High School, where he lettered for three years in soccer and baseball, and served as the captain for teams during his senior year. Mark excelled at both sports, and was named 1st-team All-Conference and 1st-team All-City in both soccer and baseball. During his senior year, Mark was honored in baseball as the PHSL Conference's Player of the Year as well as being chosen for Mizuno's All-State Baseball Team.

After graduating from Western Hills, Mark accepted an offer to attend the University of Cincinnati on a baseball scholarship, where he would letter for four years. After his playing career ended, Mark returned to Western Hills, where he served as the Varsity Soccer Coach and Assistant Baseball Coach from 1985-1989. Mark currently resides in Cincinnati, and has served as the Head Coach of the baseball team Elder High School since 1990.



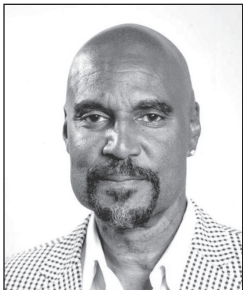
RAY APPLE

HUGHES, CLASS OF 1956, BASKETBALL, BASEBALL & CROSS COUNTRY

Ray Apple attended Hughes High School, where he lettered for four years in basketball and baseball, and for three years in cross country. While attending Hughes, Ray excelled in basketball, being named to the 1st team All-City as well as Captain All City by all three major publications in Cincinnati: The Enquirer, Post, and Times-Star.

Despite earning more accolades in basketball during his time at Hughes, Ray Apple would ultimately find success and a career in baseball. He attended Ohio State University where he lettered in both baseball and basketball. Ray's accomplishments as a pitcher in baseball would be highly noticed, as he was signed right out of college by the New York Mets, becoming the first ever pitching prospect signed by the new franchise. Ray pitched in the minor leagues before sustaining an injury that would end his career prematurely. He currently resides in Nashville.

2022 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES: COACHES



COACH DENNIS BETTIS

WOODWARD, 1983-2017, BASKETBALL

Coach Dennis Bettis began his basketball career as a player for Woodward High School, where he was starting varsity point guard three of his four years in high school. While playing basketball at Woodward, Dennis was named to the All City 1st Team. After graduating from high school in 1975, Dennis earned a full scholarship to Northern Kentucky University and was a four-year starting point guard, a position in which he led the team in assists. During the 1978 season, Dennis helped to lead NKU to a 20-8 record and their first ever post-season tournament. After earning his Bachelor's Degree from NKU, Dennis went on to play professional basketball overseas in Germany and Australia.



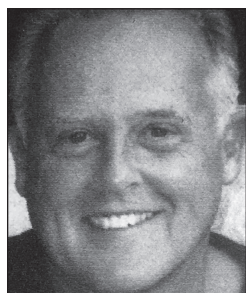
2022 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES: COACHES

After moving back to Cincinnati, Dennis joined the Cincinnati Fire Department and became an EMT. After leaving the fire department, Dennis earned his real estate license and ultimately decided to return to his beloved alma mater, Woodward High School, in 1983 as a staff member and assistant basketball coach.

Dennis would go on to coach at Woodward High School for more than 34 years. Dennis played an instrumental role in helping the basketball team win a State Championship in 1988. During his tenure as a coach, it was well noted that Dennis was committed to helping all area youth improve their basketball skills, not just the students at Woodward.

In the mid-1980s, Dennis founded the Pro-Am Summer Basketball League, which ultimately became the Deveroes' Summer League. This new league showcased incoming and current college players from all divisions, as well as professional basketball players with careers abroad. Dennis' passion behind the summer league was a driving force in keeping the league operational for nearly 30 years and helping countless players strengthen their skills and achieve their goals, including some who went on to play in the NBA and the NFL.

Dennis passed unexpectedly in the fall of 2019, but his legacy as one of the "most beloved basketball ambassadors that the Greater Cincinnati area has ever known", according to WCPO, will live on! We hope that The LaRosa's Hall of Fame Committee, on which Dennis served prior to his passing, will recognize the contributions that Dennis made to the sport and select him for this well-deserved honor.



COACH PAT EAGAN

WESTERN HILLS, 1976-1995, WRESTLING, GIRLS' TENNIS & ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Coach Pat Eagan dedicated his life to guiding young athletes become outstanding men and women through his concentrated effort to not just improve their game, but to improve their lives. Whether that effort came as a ride home on a snowy night after wrestling practice, as a few sharp words to inspire or as a bear hug to celebrate, Pat truly cared for his athletes.

Pat found his passion for sports at an early age and would sleep in his baseball uniform before games played for St. William Catholic School on the West Side of Cincinnati. Being a three sport standout here would afford him entry into the St. William Sports Hall of Fame in 1990. Pat went on to lead Elder High School's baseball team and the entire city of Cincinnati in hitting in 1966. Pat was awarded a baseball scholarship to The University of Cincinnati where he went on to play centerfield and was named All-Missouri Valley Conference in 1968. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Education in 1971.

Following a stint in the Ohio National Guard with training at Fort Lewis in Seattle, Pat embarked on a 30 year teaching and coaching career at Western Hills High School in 1973. Coaching at WHHS now replaced playing as Pat's passion. He immediately launched into becoming an assistant coach for WHHS football, basketball, baseball and wrestling until he was named Head Wrestling Coach in 1976.

In an unprecedented record of success, Pat would be named PHSL Wrestling Coach of the Year for 10 consecutive years from 1976-1985 as his WHHS Mustang wrestlers won 10 consecutive PHSL Wrestling Championships. He was elected President of the Southwestern Ohio Wrestling Coaches Association from 1983-1984. Pat then went on to become the WHHS Head Girls' Tennis Coach from 1985-1995 and was named the Metro Conference Tennis Coach of the Year in 1995.

Due to his committed dedication and record of excellence, Pat was chosen as Western Hills High School Athletic Director and served from 1993-1995. He retired from this position and all coaching in order to spend time with his family.

Pat was inducted into the Southwestern Ohio Wrestling Hall of Fame in 2000, The Association of Western Hills Alumni Athletes Hall of Honor in 2001, and posthumously into the Price Hill Baseball Oldtimers' Hall of Fame in 2016. Pat lost his battle with cancer in 2005, but countless young athletes made sure to attend the funeral and pay their respects.



2022 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES: POSTHUMOUS ATHLETES



DONALD HILL **WITHROW CLASS OF 1969, BASKETBALL**

Donald Hill attended Walnut Hills High School where he lettered in swimming for four years and track for three. Don really excelled as a swimmer. In 1950, he set the national interscholastic high school record for the 100-yd freestyle en route to winning the State Championship.

After graduating from Walnut Hills, Donald went on to attend the University of Michigan, where he continued to compete in swimming. At Michigan, Don won the NCAA Championship in the 50-yd freestyle, tying the national and world records in the process. He was also a part of the 400-yd relay team that won the NCAA Championship three consecutive years, from 1952-1954. Donald was selected to the NCAA All-American team in 1952, 1953, and 1954 as well.

After his time at the University of Michigan, Donald would go on to earn 56 gold medals in national and international world Masters championships in 50, 100, and 200-yd freestyle events. He won 7 gold medals at the Tokyo Masters World Championships in 1986, earning him recognition in Sports Illustrated. Later in his swimming career, he became an accomplished rough-water swimmer, competing in many Maui Channel Relay Swims for the Olympic Club. Don was inducted into the Olympic Club Hall of Fame in 2007.



ROBERT LEE **HUGHES, CLASS OF 1927, FOOTBALL & TRACK**

Robert Lee graduated from Hughes High School in 1927. While at Hughes, he participated in both football and track, lettering in both sports. With track, he would earn runner-up nationally in the javelin throw, while also being named 1st-team All-District in the 100-yard dash, shot put, and javelin. Lee really thrived in football, where he was the captain of the team at Hughes, and named 1st-team All-City in 1927 by the Times-Star.

After graduating from Hughes, Lee accepted a football scholarship to attend Dartmouth University. At Dartmouth, he played both quarterback and halfback, and set the school record for longest touchdown, when he scampered for a 95-yard score. This record still ranks amongst the all-time longest runs ever by football player at Dartmouth.



FRED RATTERMAN **WITHROW, CLASS OF 1930, FOOTBALL, BASKETBALL & BASEBALL**

Fred Ratterman graduated from Withrow High School in 1930 with two letters in football, basketball, and baseball. As the QB of the football team, Fred led the Tigers to two league championships, and the 1929 team was recognized as City Champs. During his senior season, experts representing two city newspapers labeled Ratterman as an All-City quarterback as well as the City Captain. Fred was also a major contributor to the basketball team, which won the league championship during his senior season. Fred also served as team captain and

pitcher during his baseball tenure.

After high school, Fred attended the University of Michigan on a football scholarship, where he played both quarterback and halfback. After college, Fred continued his football career, and played one season for the Cincinnati Reds of the National Football League in 1934. Ratterman passed away in 1988.





2022 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES: POSTHUMOUS ATHLETES



ROBERT "BUD" STILLE **WESTERN HILLS, CLASS OF 1933, TENNIS**

Robert "Bud" Stille lettered in tennis for four years at Western Hills High School. In 1931, he won the Southwest District Championship in singles tennis. Also in 1931, Bud earned the #1 ranking for Junior Singles. He was a runner up in the State tennis tournament in both 1932 and 1933.

After high school, Bud's tennis career continued to thrive. He won the Cincinnati, Butler County, and Ohio Valley Tournaments in singles, doubles, and mixed doubles categories. Bud also saw much success as a badminton player, winning numerous regional tournaments between 1939-1952. In 1951, he was ranked #3 nationally in badminton for men's doubles, and #8 nationally for mixed-couples (with his wife as his partner). Bud's tennis legacy still lives on today.



CONGRATULATIONS TO PREVIOUS CPS ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES



To view the previous Hall of Fame induction classes, from 2010-2019, please visit:

<https://www.cps-k12.org/schools/athletics/hall-of-fame>



All proceeds from the event will be donated to Project Connect.

Founded in 1996, Project Connect provides advocacy paired with specialized educational services and lifestyle enrichment opportunities for children who have neither a voice, nor a choice, in being homeless.





2022

**ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME
INDUCTION CLASS**