

Honoring the Hall of Fame Class of 2023

LIVING ATHLETE INDUCTEES

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GAIL ASH **HUGHES, CLASS OF 1986, BASKETBALL & VOLLEYBALL**

Gail was an outstanding student as well as athlete at Hughes High School. She graduated in the top ten percent of her class (ranked 7th), while participating in sports. She earned varsity letters all four years for basketball and volleyball. Gail started playing basketball in the ninth grade (for the first time) and made the varsity team, as a starter. She scored over a thousand points in her career and is now listed as one of the top scorers in girls' basketball at Hughes High school.

Gail received scholarship offers for academics as well as athletics. She chose the athletics scholarship and attended Miami Dade South Community College in her freshman and sophomore years. After graduating from Miami Dade South (Business Administration), she received a scholarship from DePaul University.

Gail averaged 23 points and 16 rebounds a game in high school her junior and senior year. She earned all-district IX All-American honors from the Kodak/Women's Basketball Coaches Association in the 1987-88 season. At Miami Dade, she averaged 18 points and 14 rebounds a game, leading them to a 24-7 record. Ash would be selected as first-team all-conference and second-team all-state as a sophomore.

DePaul University: While attending DePaul, Gail had a good first year as a strong rebounder and scorer. She finished her basketball career tied for third on team in scoring and rebounding, second on the squad in field goal percentage and ninth in the North Star 1988-89.

After graduating from DePaul (Marketing Degree), Gail attended Xavier University and graduated with a Masters Degree in Special Education in 2008. She now is working for Cincinnati Public Schools as an Intervention Specialist (30 years).



JOHN DEININGER **CENTRAL VOCATIONAL, CLASS OF 1957, DIVING**

John Deininger graduated from Central Vocational High School in 1957. While at Central, he participated in Swimming, Diving, and Track, lettering in each sport. John's talents were most recognizable in the pool, and more specifically, competing as a diver. During his high school career, Deininger qualified for three straight district meets, and advanced to the state meet in each of those years from 1955-1957, giving him one of the most accomplished resumes of any CPS diver to ever compete.

After high school, John would go on to win the Junior National Championship while attending the University of Michigan. Shortly after, he transferred to the University of Washington where he was named an All-American.

John continued to dive after his time in college concluded. In 1964, Deininger claimed the World Professional Diving Championship and became solidified as one of the all-time greats. Over his career, he won 30 Masters World Championships and even helped organize the very first Masters National Championship in 1985. Upon retirement, John was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 2005.



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FERNANDO (B.J.) LOWERY

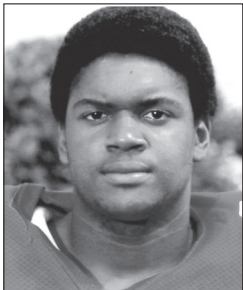
HUGHES, CLASS OF 2010, FOOTBALL, BASKETBALL, TRACK, BASEBALL

B.J. was an outstanding athlete at Hughes Center High School, earning 12 varsity letters in football, basketball, baseball and track. Additionally, he was awarded with nine first-team all-conference awards during his time as part of the Big Red. During the 2008 football season, Lowry won the Old Spice Player of the Year Award to add to his legend! BJ would ultimately earn first-team all-conference honors in four different sports his senior year, including player of the year in football and baseball, and would also bring home first-team all-state honors in the sport of football. He'd finally top off his list of high school accolades by earning the Archie Griffin Sportsmanship award.

Lowery earned a full-ride scholarship to play football at the University of Iowa. In his senior season, he earned first-team all-Big Ten honors as one of the league's best defensive backs. B.J. would go on to graduate from Iowa with his Bachelor's degree in Leisure Studies.

After pursuing a career in the NFL, Lowery would go on to play professionally in Europe for five seasons, which included winning an ELF (European League of Football) championship with the Frankfurt Galaxy in 2021.

Upon retirement from football in 2022, Lowery moved back home to Cincinnati where he plans to follow in the footsteps of his former athletic directors, who have inspired him to want to change the lives of student-athletes, just as they've done for him.



LINWOOD MARSHALL

WESTERN HILLS, CLASS OF 1979, FOOTBALL

Linwood Marshall was an outstanding football player at Western Hills High School between 1975 and 1979. As a three-year starter and letterman, he was racked up a plethora of accolades: All Blue-Chip Football American, Best Defensive Player in Cincinnati, West All-Star in the Cincinnati East-West Game, Southwest Ohio First Team Defense, All-State First Team Outside Linebacker and PHSL Player of the Year. Linwood was a captain for the 1978 season and MVP in the Western Hills-Elder game in 1978. That season marked the first time in two decades that Western defeated Elder.

Linwood committed to The Ohio State University after being recruited by Woody Hayes, in addition to powerhouse schools across the country. He played in the 1980 Rose Bowl versus USC, where the Buckeyes were narrowly defeated 17-16. Following his freshman year, he transferred to the University of Cincinnati, where he lettered all three years as a Bearcat. He finished his playing career as a captain, an honor voted on by his peers.

After receiving his Communications degree from UC, Linwood moved to Jacksonville, Fla., transferring his on-the-field leadership skills to the logistics industry. He retired in 2019 from UPS Freight as a Regional Sales Manager in Northeast Florida. Linwood is a board member of several charities and is actively involved in ministries at his church.





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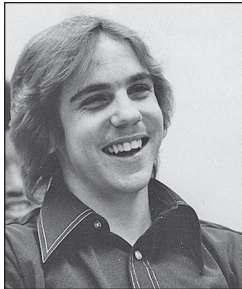


LINDA NORWELL **WALNUT HILLS, CLASS OF 1973, BASKETBALL**

Linda was an outstanding athlete that attended Walnut Hills High School from 1969-1973, however, Walnut Hills did not offer organized sports to female students during her time as an Eagle. Growing up with six brothers, who were all sports enthusiasts, gave her an opportunity to try sports like football, basketball, and baseball, where she discovered her natural talent and desire to compete. While she has no official high school record to refer to, Norwell created a reputation for herself through her recreation that was strong enough to earn a spot on

Cincinnati's Top 50 Women's High School Basketball Players list, ranking 15th overall! Additionally, she would go on to earn a scholarship to the University of Cincinnati to play basketball.

At UC, Linda averaged 21.2 points per game and led the Bearcats in scoring in each of her four seasons on the team. To add to her legend, during Norwell's junior year she averaged a UC record 18.4 rebounds per game. When she played her last game in Clifton, Norwell would leave as the program's top all-time scorer and rebounder and would ultimately become the first women's basketball inductee to ever be selected into the Cincinnati Bearcats Hall of Fame in 1987.



MIKE RAITA **AIKEN, CLASS OF 1976, SOCCER, FOOTBALL, BASKETBALL, BASEBALL**

A varsity letter-winner in football, soccer, basketball and baseball as a senior, Aiken High School's Mike Raita was a captain of the soccer and basketball teams.

As a kicker for the football team, Mike provided the winning points to beat Walnut Hills during the Falcons' first-ever PHSL championship season. As a captain of the basketball team, Mike jokes that his leadership and tenacity in practice are what turned fellow CPS Hall of Famer Bobby Austin into the player he became. A centerfielder on the school's first-ever PHSL championship baseball

team, Mike was known for his defense and speed on the basepaths. But it was the sport of soccer where Mike really made his mark.

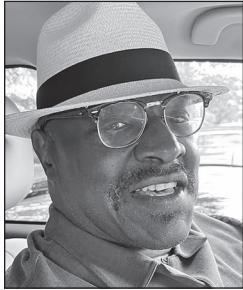
Mike was named to the All-City and All-State soccer teams as a junior and senior. After finishing second in the city in scoring his senior year, Mike was the top vote-getter for All-City honors. His success earned him the first-ever athletic scholarship for soccer given by the University of Cincinnati.

After transferring to Ohio University, Mike graduated with a degree in Broadcast Journalism and embarked on a 35-year career in which he won multiple Emmys and Associated Press Sportscaster of the Year awards. Mike currently serves as a Regional Director on the staff of United States Senator Tommy Tuberville.





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ED SHUTTLESWORTH **WOODWARD, CLASS OF 1970, FOOTBALL**

Ed Shuttlesworth helped power legendary coach Jack Campbell's Bulldogs to three of his many PHSL championships. Undefeated with one tie during those three years in the PHSL were the Bulldogs!

As a senior, Ed was the second leading scorer in Cincinnati with 152 points (22 touchdowns and 10 two-point conversions). He scored a school record 42 points against Western Hills (6 TD's, 3 two point conversions).

Ed played in the Ohio North-South All-Star Game and was named First Team All-City by the Cincinnati Post & Times Star and Second Team All-City by the Cincinnati Enquirer.

Ed went on to play for the University of Michigan where he was a part of three Big Ten Championship teams and one Rose Bowl team.

Ed lives in Decatur Georgia and is retired.



KRISTIE VENEMAN (BRADSHAW) **WESTERN HILLS, CLASS OF 1996, VOLLEYBALL, SWIMMING, SOFTBALL**

While attending Western Hills High School, Kristie (Bradshaw) Veneman was a three sport athlete in softball, volleyball and swimming. Kristie was the recipient of 12 varsity letters. During the four years of attending Western Hills, some of her athletic accomplishments include, being named All Around Girl her senior year, MCC 1st Team All League Short Stop her junior and senior year, Cincinnati Enquirer 1st Team All League her junior year, Western Hills Best offensive player her junior year and Western Hills Most Valuable Player her senior year. Kristie had 103 career total

RBIs and a career batting average of .454. Kristie considers one of her biggest athletic highlights being during her junior year when she was able to be a part of the softball team, lead by Lori Troescher, that had the honor of being the first Cincinnati Public Schools softball team to ever qualify for the State Tournament. The team finished 5th overall in the tournament.

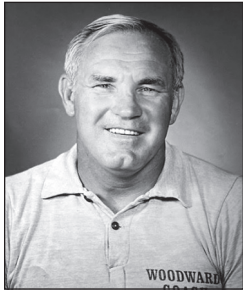
Besides being involved in sports during her time at Western Hills, Kristie also was a part of the Western Hills Marching band for three years. She was voted Marching Band Co-Captain her senior year. Kristie was a member of the Western Hills Breeze newspaper staff for two years. Kristie's academic honors/accomplishments include: finishing in the top 10% of her graduating class, a member of National Honor Society and Spanish National Honor Society for two years, a member of the Daisy Chain, and a Quill and Scroll Honor Society member.

After graduating from Western Hills High School, Kristie attended the University of Akron where she received a Bachelor's degree in Special Education and her Master's degree from the College of Mount St. Joseph. Upon returning home to Cincinnati, Kristie accepted a position at Western Hills High School as a Multiple Disabilities teacher. After five years, the unit was then put under the direction of Dater High School, where she has been ever since. Kristie has been teaching for Cincinnati Public schools for over 22 years. She had the opportunity to coach with Lori Troescher for three softball seasons and assisted with coaching the Western Hills tennis team with Victoria Perkins for two years.





2023 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES: COACHES



JACK "BEAR" CAMPBELL **WOODWARD, 1962-1978 AND WALNUT HILLS, 1979-1985**

Intense, determined, tenacious, dedicated, hard working and legendary are just a few words used to describe Coach Campbell. "The Bear," a nickname given by his line coach at the University of Cincinnati, was described as "a man who didn't believe in figurative emotion – he meant it, demonstrated it." In his fifties he demonstrated tackling and blocking without equipment. In the summer of 1984 he lifted a seven man blocking sled himself, turned it around then solely drove it downfield for 25 yards. Ask a football alumnus about Coach Campbell and you'll hear stories of broken clipboards, bloody noses (his own), pulled out hair (again his own), his whistle being removed by breaking the cord off his own neck, but you will also hear, "he was tough as nails on the field, but a perfect gentleman off the field." Underneath the hard facade he cared tremendously for his players, and went to great lengths to do what was best for them.

Jack grew up in Springfield, Ohio and graduated from the University of Cincinnati where he played football for the legendary Sid Gillman. He was a starting guard all three varsity seasons, playing both ways, offense and defense! Campbell was named All-Ohio Guard, Most Valuable Lineman, Honorable Mention All-American, played in the 1950 Sun Bowl, as well as the 1954 East-West Shrine game in San Francisco. His first coaching job was at Schroeder Junior High, after two years he moved on to Woodward High becoming head football coach in 1962. In 1979 he transferred to Walnut Hills and retired from full time teaching and coaching in 1985.

During his time as the Bulldogs leader they compiled an overall record of 60 wins, 22 losses and 3 ties. Their league record was 50 wins, 7 losses and 3 ties. They captured 12 PHSL championships in 16 years. The 1963 squad was undefeated, 10 wins and 0 losses, including victories over St. Xavier and Elder. "The Bear" was named *Enquirer* Football Coach of the year several times. Campbell also coached track at both Woodward and Walnut. In 1981 the Eagles captured the class AAA sectional championship and he was named the *Enquirer* Track Coach of the Year. Although his switch to Walnut brought new challenges, the 1981 football squad won the PHSL championship. As described by an Eagle player, "things had changed at Walnut Hills. The league doormat became the PHSL champions, outscoring opponents 259-162."

More importantly, all records and stats aside, Jack "Bear" Campbell loved what he did, helping and guiding young student-athletes find their paths forward in life. He had a way of encouraging, challenging and bringing out the full potential in his players. He believed in hard work, discipline, grit and dedication, but he also believed in second chances. This most certainly came as a result of receiving a second chance himself as a young, headstrong college kid. He took advantage of his opportunity, got himself on track and worked his way towards success. Let's honor Coach Campbell's legacy, integrity, determination and spirit by encouraging, guiding and offering second chances to our young, influential student-athletes of today.





2023 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES: COACHES



LANNIS TIMMONS

WESTERN HILLS, 1995-2001, WOODWARD 2003-2013, AND OYLER 2017-2018

Lannis Timmons was born and raised in Cincinnati. Lannis attended South and North Avondale Elementary school, and then attended Woodward High School in grades 7-12. During his time at Woodward, Lannis played baseball, basketball, and football. He was captain of the baseball team and lettered in all three sports. He made the First Team All-League his senior year in high school which earned him a scholarship to Central State University to play basketball, where he graduated with a degree in Education.

Lannis returned to teach Physical Education at Sawyer Junior High from 1976-1977. While at Sawyer, Lannis coached basketball and led his team to win the seventh and eighth grade city championship. Lannis coached and taught at Bloom Junior High from 1977-1980. Lannis coached and taught six years at Princeton city schools and ten years at Middletown city schools, before he returned to CPS to coach at Western Hills High School from 1995-2001. Lannis has received the Trail Blazer Award from Western Hills High School as the first African American coach of any varsity sport in the Western Hills school history. During his time at Western Hills, Lannis received Coach of the Year in 1999, 2000 and 2001, as well as achieved two consecutive undefeated conference seasons at 14-0. Lannis led Western Hills to three consecutive seasons as League Champs in 1999-2000 and 2001, as well as team sectional and district championships.

Lannis then coached at the University of Akron from 2001-2003, before returning to his alma mater, Woodward High School. Lannis began teaching Physical Education and coaching basketball at Woodward. While at Woodward his 2006, 2007, and 2008 his teams were Sectional Champions and reached district Finals in 2006, 2007 and 2010. Lannis's team reached the Regional Semi-s in 2006, as well as accomplished winning the Elite Missouri and Louisville Johnstown tournaments. Lannis retired from teaching in 2013 but continued to coach at Woodward until 2014. He also coached at Oyler in 2018, where his team achieved a winning record.

Lannis has kept busy in his "retirement," serving on the Cincinnati Public School board in 2018, coaching the Semi-Pro Men's Ohio Kings in 2020 and 2021, and more recently receiving the Friars Club Coach of the Year in 2023. Lannis is married to Friars Club President, Annie Timmons of twenty-six years. He and Annie served as Grand Marshals of the 2021 Black Family Reunion, as well as are members of the Cincinnati chapter of THE MOLES. Lannis has dedicated his life to mentoring young men and women on and off the court. He has a love for young people and prides himself as a disciplinarian who works hard to help young people develop good "people" skills. He believes in working hard and that a young person's basketball skills are not half as important as their "people" skills.





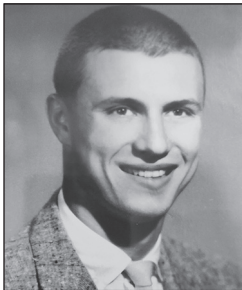
2023 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES: POSTHUMOUS ATHLETES



LUCINDA APPLEBURY (FARRIS) **AIKEN, CLASS OF 1985, TRACK AND FIELD**

Lucinda Farris was part of the Aiken Class of 1985 where she became a five-star track and field runner. She participated in the 100-meter, 200 meter, and relay races and was also selected to be included in the Wilma Rudolph camp as a result of her competitive standing. At the end of her high school career, she had earned a scholarship to go to Tennessee state university.

Linda went on to be a hairstylist for 20 plus years and also had a small catering service where she had contracts with various inner-city restaurants. Farris took pride in being more than an athlete and impacted so many in her lifetime. She will truly be missed.

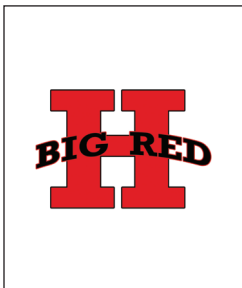


RALPH CROSTHWAITE **WESTERN HILLS, CLASS OF 1954, BASKETBALL**

Ralph attended Western Hills High School and graduated in 1954. Ralph's love for basketball showed in his many achievements that he accomplished over his four years as a Mustang. In his junior season, he scored a total of 316 points (16 ppg), and led his team to a PHSL championship with a 10-0 record. He came back stronger in his senior season campaign and went on to score 433 points (21.7 ppg), and won another PHSL championship with a record of 11-1. Additionally, Ralph's senior year was full of highlights, including leading his team to the District Finals, scoring 44 points against Elder and making his third all-city team.

Ralph went on to attend Western Kentucky University on a full-ride scholarship for four years. In 1995, Crosthwaite was recognized as one of the university greats when he was inducted into their athletic hall of fame for his impact on the basketball court. Later on, he became an NBA player when the Detroit Pistons selected him 26th overall in the 1958 draft.

When Ralph stepped away from basketball he served with Hamilton County Juvenile Court as a probation officer for 30 years. He was very dedicated to helping juveniles and he worked closely with schools, principals, and teachers to guide youths in the right direction. His ministry was working with an after school program at Clovernook Christian Church. Furthermore, he also coached basketball at St. Rita for the Deaf after learning sign language. Ralph passed away on October 28, 1999.



DON ROSENTHAL **HUGHES, CLASS OF 1950, SWIMMING**

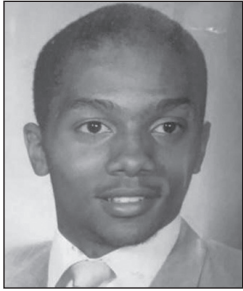
Don Rosenthal graduated from Hughes High School in 1950. While at Hughes Don was an exceptional swimmer. As an upperclassman, he really found his stroke, and made waves in the freestyle and medley relay competitions. When Rosenthal was a junior he finished as the state runner-up in both the 50 and 100 freestyle at the State championships. As a senior for the Big Red, he took home 1st in State in the 50 freestyle, 2nd in State in the 100 freestyle and also participated in the State final for the 150 medley relay.

After high school, Don moved out west to California where he'd link up with a hall of fame swimming coach, John Joseph at Santa Monica Community College. Rosenthal would go on to have an undefeated record at Santa Monica where he also set five national community college records, including 3 in the same race!





2023 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES: POSTHUMOUS ATHLETES



BRIAN R. "BAM" FRAZIER, SR., WOODWARD, CLASS OF 1982, FOOTBALL, BASEBALL, AND TRACK & FIELD

Brian "Bam" R. Frazier, Sr., was an exceptional student-athlete who attended Cincinnati public schools and graduated from Woodward High School in 1982. He lettered in football, baseball, and track. In Bam's senior year of high school, he was voted "Best Athlete" and "Best All Around." Bam was the 1982 Homecoming King, and he was also a member of the National Honor Society, French Club and Computer Math Club. He grew up in the Silverton and North Avondale neighborhoods of Cincinnati. Bam, beginning at age 5, played sports: baseball, football, swimming, track, skating and gymnastics. He was especially fond of playing baseball and football with the KEN-SIL Athletic Organization. After high school, Bam earned an associate degree in social justice studies from West Valley College, Saratoga, California, while playing football on scholarship. He then attended Miami University (Ohio) on full scholarship, where he received a bachelor's and master's degree in sports management. He attended Northern Kentucky University, Chase Law School, where he earned a Juris Doctor Degree. Bam's legal career included his being a Law Clerk, Hamilton County Courts, and Tax Law Specialist, for over 17 years with the Internal Revenue Service.

On April 20, 1985, Bam suffered a spinal cord injury while playing football at Miami University. That injury changed the course of Bam's life. Bam's accomplishments after the accident are noteworthy, to say the least. He completed college and law school, was married, had a son, became a grandfather, and had successful professional and business careers. While attending school, Bam operated a lucrative t-shirt business. While working full time, he personally owned and participated in the operations of a restaurant and professional maintenance company.

Bam was active in the Greater Cincinnati community, whether he was coaching his baseball team, conducting workshops and presentations, or serving on the board of the Center for Independent Living Options. Bam often invited family and friends to share in community activities, by attending events, serving the community, and supporting charitable organizations. With Bam's passing, at age 54, on May 1, 2019, the local news media headline stated... "Spinal injury didn't stop former Miami football player Brian "Bam" Frazier. Although Bam was confined to a wheelchair for most of 35 years, he succeeded in life, nonetheless!" Bam was a man of faith and a family man. He lived life unencumbered. Bam dreamed big and pursued his dreams with faith, humility, trust, and love! On behalf of Bam, and the entire Frazier family, namely his mother, Beverly J. Frazier and his son, Brian "BJ" Frazier, Jr., we are eternally grateful for this posthumous honor to Bam!





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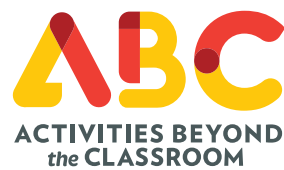
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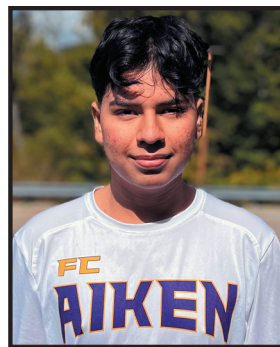
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