

**Milton High School
Hall of Fame
2017 Inductees**

Leon Cole, Jr.

Faculty/Fine Arts



Leon Cole was the band director at Milton High School from 1967 to 1983. Before coming to Milton, he served as an Army officer, received music education degrees from the University of Georgia and East Carolina University, completed coursework for a Ph.D. at Florida State University, and directed bands at other high schools. Mr. Cole directed the Milton bands without assistance, and with only 2 periods each afternoon allotted for that task. He spent mornings teaching future Milton Band members in local elementary schools. The marching band performed 5 different halftime shows each year, each with different music, marching drill, and sometimes costumes and special effects. Each show was performed once at home and once at an away game. After football season, the concert bands would perform a holiday concert. They would then turn to a more challenging repertoire for the regional concert band festival, where they consistently won superior ratings. After school hours, Mr. Cole also led a jazz band, worked with chorus and drama teachers to produce musical plays, and coordinated the Milton Follies, an annual student talent show. For the U.S. Bicentennial celebration in 1976, he formed an early American music ensemble that performed at the Music Educators National Conference annual convention in New Jersey. The Milton Band made at least one overnight trip each year, including a halftime performance at the college football Tangerine Bowl and a concert band trip to Mexico City.

Dexter Fowler '04

Student/Athletics



William Dexter Fowler is an American professional baseball player in the Major League. He is a center fielder for the St. Louis Cardinals. He previously played for the Colorado Rockies, Houston Astros, and Chicago Cubs. He was a Major League All-Star in 2015, World Series 2016 Champion major contributor and starter, US All-star Team to Japan 2014, and Bronze Medalist in the 2008 Olympics in Beijing, China. Mr. Fowler graduated from Milton HS as a two-sport athlete in 2004 (Baseball and Basketball) and signed a Major League Baseball contract. He was a key member of the 2004 Milton HS Georgia State High School Baseball Championship.

Adam Sliwinski '97**Student/Fine Arts**

Adam Sliwinski was involved in many music organizations as a student during his four years at Milton. In addition to playing with the Atlanta Youth Symphony Orchestra outside of school, Mr. Sliwinski was captain of the drumline and the band captain during his senior year. He was chosen for the Georgia All-State band in percussion his freshman through junior years and Georgia All-State Chorus his senior year. He was chosen to attend the Georgia Governor's Honors Program in percussion and was chosen as "Mr. MHS" in the Mr. and Miss MHS pageant competition his senior year. Mr. Sliwinski has built a dynamic career of creative collaboration as a percussionist, pianist, conductor, teacher, and writer. A member of the ensemble So Percussion (proclaimed as "brilliant" and "consistently impressive" by the New York Times) since 2002, Mr. Sliwinski has performed at venues as diverse as Carnegie Hall, The Bonnaroo Festival, Disney Concert Hall with the LA Philharmonic, and everything in between. He has contributed a series of articles to newmusicbox.org. The Cambridge Companion to Percussion of the Cambridge University press featured his chapter "Lost and Found: Percussion Chamber Music and the Modern Age." Mr. Sliwinski is co-director of the So Percussion Summer Institute, an annual intensive course on the campus of Princeton University for college-aged percussionists. He has taught percussion both in masterclass and privately at more than 80 conservatories and universities in the USA and internationally. Along with his colleagues in So Percussion, Mr. Sliwinski is the Edward T. Cone performer-in-residence at Princeton University. He received his Doctor of Musical Arts and his Master's degree at Yale and his Bachelor's degree at the Oberlin Conservatory of Music.

Glenn Stephens**Coach/Education**

Glenn Stephens graduated from the University of Tennessee at Martin in 1971 with a degree in Health, Physical Education, and Recreation. He earned a Masters in Administration and Supervision from Atlanta University, and a Certified Masters in PE at North Georgia College. Coach Stephens taught PE and Health at Milton for 31 years. He coached varsity football for 28 years, track for 10 years, JV girls softball for 1 year, and wrestling for 10 years. He started the wrestling program at MHS in 1973/74, winning the Class A state championship in 1978. He was named the 1978 Class A Wrestling Coach of the Year. He retired from teaching in 2001 and was the Athletic Director at Milton for 4 years before retiring in 2006. The MHS fieldhouse is dedicated to, and named for, Coach Stephens. He has two daughters, Meredith and Katherine, who both graduated from Milton High School.

Allie Ware '10**Student/Athletics**

Allie Ware graduated from Milton in 2010. During her time at Milton, she was a player on the girl's lacrosse team winning the 2007, 2008 and 2010 state championships. She was a two-time First Team All-State selection, two-time All-American, and an Academic All-American. She was elected as the team captain her junior and senior years. Ms. Ware also served as the student body Vice President her senior year and was elected as one of ten "Outstanding Seniors". She also received the Parker Jackson Memorial Scholarship, awarded each year to the most outstanding male and female lacrosse players. Upon graduating from Milton, Ms. Ware attended the University of Richmond where she played Division I lacrosse. She helped lead her team to three conference championship games and was voted a captain her senior year. She graduated in 2014 with a B.S. in Sociology. She received her Masters from Mercer University in Higher Educational Leadership in 2016. Ms. Ware is active with Young Life, a non-profit student

ministry. She successfully climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro during a mission trip with Young Life and helped to provide clean drinking water for the orphanage she lived in prior to her climb. She is a proud graduate of Milton High School and remains active with the lacrosse program. Ms. Ware resides in Macon, GA where she works as the Assistant Director of the Mercer Athletic Foundation.

Thomas Yackley**Faculty/Fine Arts**

Thomas Yackley taught for thirty-one years, including twenty years at Milton High School and eight at Alpharetta High School, retiring in 2012. He held the position of Fulton County Department Chair for High School Choruses for ten years. He served in the Georgia Chapter of the American Choral Directors Association as a board member for nearly twenty years, including as president of the organization. He sang with the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra Chorus under Robert Shaw for five seasons. Since retirement, he has taught several graduate courses at Georgia State University and supervised student teachers for Georgia Southern. Together with his wife, Robin, also a retired music teacher, they are the founders and conductors of the Alpharetta Community Chorus, now in its fifth season. The ACC is a non-auditioned ensemble that embodies the spirit of community. The Yackleys also lead the Park Place Social Singers for seniors in the Johns Creek community. Mr.

Yackley is an avid photographer, specializing in photographing families and babies, and teaches photography through his business, Yackley Photo.