

## Milton High School Hall of Fame 2022 Inductees

***Jackie Angel***

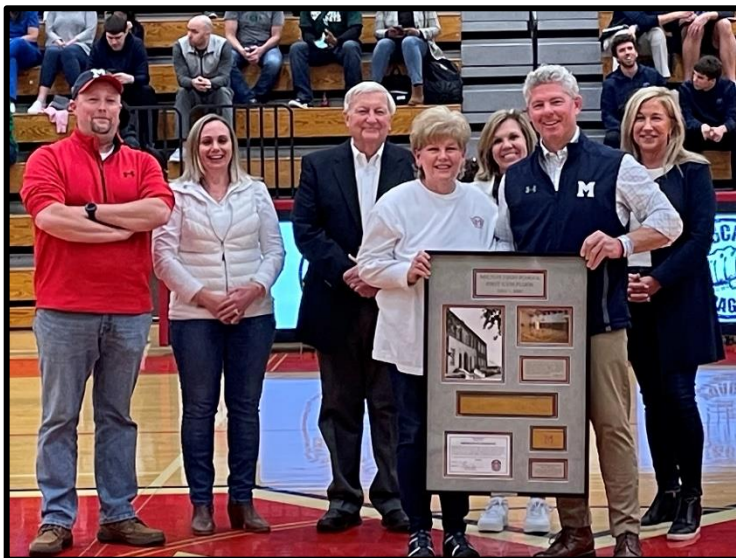
***Faculty***



Jackie was a member of the MHS faculty from 1990 - 2021. She earned her Bachelor's in Social Work from the University of Georgia and Master's in Social Studies Education from Georgia State University as part of the Master Teachers of Economics Education program. She worked for the Georgia Council for Economic Education leading teacher workshops at universities across the state of Georgia before being hired by Fulton County Schools in 1986 to teach at Palmetto High School. Jackie spent her entire career with Fulton County Schools, retiring in 2021 after 35 years. When Palmetto HS closed, Jackie was moved to MHS where she spent 31 years as a teacher in the Social Studies Department, finishing the last 15 years as the Social Studies Department Chair. She taught Economics, AP U.S. Government, Constitutional Law, Sociology, Current Issues, and Personal Finance. Seeing civic education as integral to teaching Social

Studies, every year Jackie took her students to the state capitol to interact with legislators and lobbyists and watch the General Assembly in action. A highlight for her and her students for many years was also attending criminal trials at the Fulton County courthouse which was very eye opening for them all. Jackie was the school's Voter Registrar, registering both students and faculty. She also worked together with the Alpharetta City government, and later city of Milton's government, on a mock city council meeting every year where students played the roles of mayor and city department heads. The students would meet with their real city counterparts to research and plan for the city council meeting with students ultimately carrying out the entire meeting on their own. This was always covered by the local news organizations and led several students to become regular attendees at city meetings. The relationship Jackie forged with the city of Alpharetta led to the creation of the Alpharetta Youth Council which included students working on city projects and furthered many students' interest in community activities. Another part of her civic education mission was to sponsor the student Close-Up trip to Washington, DC for several years. In 2002, Alpharetta Mayor Chuck Martin and the city council issued a resolution honoring Jackie's contribution to civic education. In addition to teaching, she sponsored the Anchor Club, which included organizing the Mr. and Miss MHS Pageant and the Sadie Hawkins dance. For several years, she organized the MHS Talent Show and Lip Sync Show, popular fundraising events. She sponsored both the Young Republicans AND the Young Democrats and Rho Kappa – the Social Studies National Honor Society. She also worked on the Fulton County Homework Hotline for 8 years and was the MHS Varsity Boys and Girls Basketball scorekeeper for 5 years. In 1990, Jackie was selected as a Summer Fellow with the National Endowment for the Humanities at George Washington University in Washington, DC. In 1995, she was chosen as the Milton High School Teacher of the Year, and that same year she was tapped as the MHS representative to the Martin Luther King, Jr. *Teach-In*. In

1999, she was chosen as one of thirty teachers nationwide to attend the U.S. Supreme Court Institute at Georgetown Law School in DC where she got to meet Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, the first woman to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court. Two years later, Jackie was one of ten teachers nationwide to win the 2001 Close-Up/MCI Capitol Opportunity Essay Contest, along with one of her students. She was a member of the Georgia 6<sup>th</sup> District Congressional Education Advisory Sub-Committee from 2005–2017 and was chosen as the MHS September 2017 Teacher of the Month and the 2019 Homecoming Parade Grand Marshal. From 2000 until her retirement in 2021, Jackie was the Senior Class Sponsor. This duty started by helping with graduation every year and eventually turned into the Graduation Coordinator position, managing all the logistics surrounding senior year activities and graduation. It all started with the ceremony on the football field at the old building, moved to the football field at the new building, and ended with the 100<sup>th</sup> graduation ceremony at Ameris Bank Amphitheatre. In 2017, when Fulton County announced that the original MHS building would be torn down, Jackie worked with one of her former MHS principals, Phil Thomas, to save many MHS artifacts from the original building and campus and organized a final walkthrough ceremony that drew over a thousand members of the MHS community. That experience led to Jackie becoming the MHS 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Chairperson. The planning started in 2017 and culminated with the year-long celebration in 2021. The celebration events were planned and executed by the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary committee that consisted of alumni, faculty, administrators, and parents. For Jackie, being able to finish with the 100<sup>th</sup> MHS graduation and celebration was a highlight of her career. Jackie serves on the Alpharetta and Old Milton County Historical Society Board of Directors and is a member of the UGA Silver Dawgs Guest Services Team. She currently lives in Atlanta with her husband, Steve Angel. She has a daughter and son-in-law, Beth and Matt Kelley.



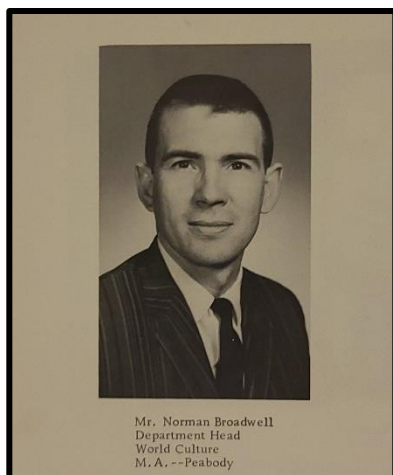
## Norman Broadwell

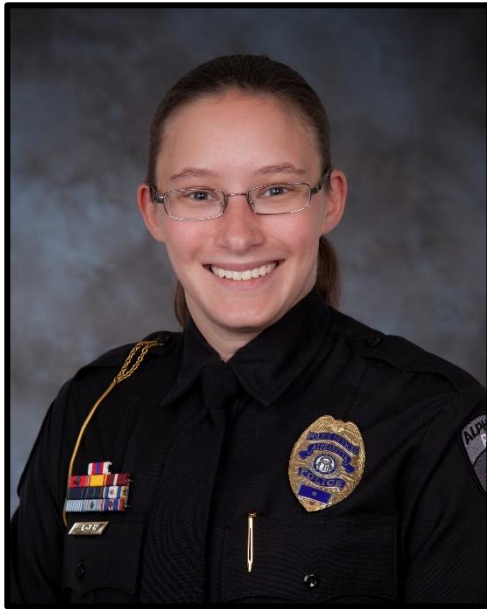
## Faculty/Administration



Norman was a member of the MHS faculty and administration from 1960 – 1969 and 1982 – 1991. Norman grew up in the Roswell community, graduating from Roswell High School, Young Harris College, and Georgia Southern University. He also attended Peabody College, Vanderbilt University's teacher college, earning his graduate degree. Shortly thereafter, Norman began his teaching career at Milton High School in 1960 in the Social Studies Department. In addition to teaching, he coached football, basketball, and track and was instrumental in starting the school's first tennis teams as well. In 1969, Norman was offered a Social Studies department chair position at Riverwood High School and made the move to advance his career. He completed his Education Specialist degree in Administration through the University of Georgia and while at Riverwood advanced into school administration. This

role led to his return to Milton as an assistant principal in 1982. For the next nine years at Milton, Norman made a tremendous impact on many students and teachers alike. He was a staunch supporter of the Special Education program, served as what is now termed the Curriculum Assistant Principal or CAP, building the master teaching schedule, and helped oversee the athletic programs. He had a passion for serving "at-risk" students and brought the Project Adventure organization to Milton. He oversaw building a ropes course on campus to use for programming and facilitating many workshops for students and faculty. He also took those groups on whitewater rafting trips and made life changing connections through his work. Norman left MHS in 1991 to help open the new Chattahoochee High School and shortly thereafter retired from administration. He taught his always favorite course, 8<sup>th</sup> grade Georgia History, for several more years at Webb Bridge and Sandy Springs Middle Schools before his final retirement, but Norman's heart was always and continues to be a Milton Eagle. He continued his involvement with Milton by being actively involved in the Log Cabin Education program on the old Milton campus and was instrumental in the preservation and relocation of the cabin to its current site near the old building in downtown Alpharetta.

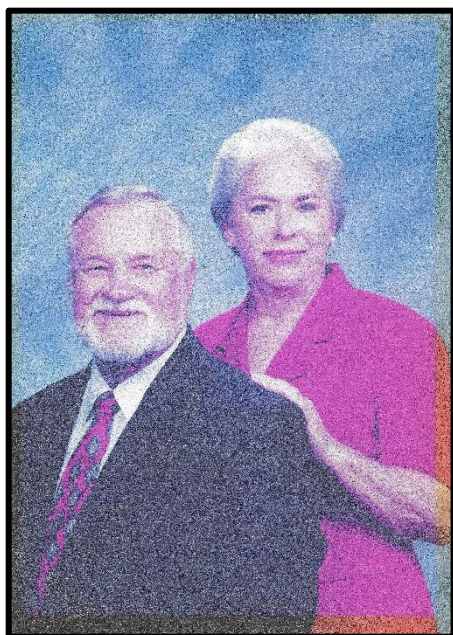




Amanda is an Alpharetta police officer. She became an Alpharetta Police Explorer at the age of 14. After graduating from Milton, she went on to Georgia State to earn her four-year degree and in 2011 came back to Alpharetta to become a police officer in her hometown. Since 2013, she has been a member of the Alpharetta Police Bike Patrol Unit. Officer Clay and her police partner run the ICanBike camp in Alpharetta where each year forty children and teens with developmental disabilities learn to ride a regular, non-adaptive bike in just a little over an hour a day for five days. To keep the costs of attending the camp affordable, she and other members of her family often help foot the bill. She also serves on the Board of Directors of the local bike advocacy group Bike Alpharetta and was instrumental in helping that organization assist the city in achieving Bicycle Friendly Community certification from the League of American Bicyclists. She and her

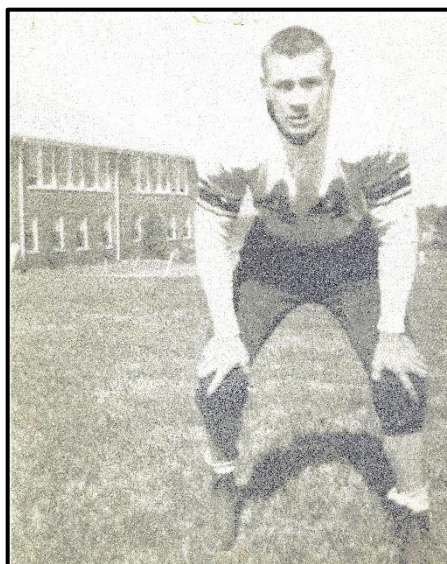
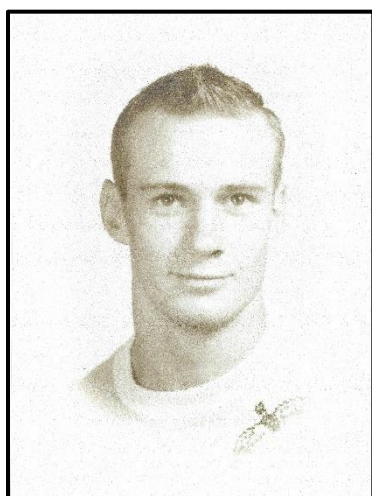
bike patrol partners organize every Bike to School Day and she also rides with seniors on regularly scheduled Silver Spokes trail rides on adult tricycles. In addition to her Bike Patrol duties, Amanda is a member of the department’s Honor Guard, the North Fulton SWAT Crisis Negotiation Team, and an advisor for the Alpharetta Police Explorers Post 919. Some highlights at Milton that Amanda recalls are FCA meetings on Friday mornings and theatre. She was one of the first students to letter in theatre (after the county agreed to grant theatre letters) and still has her letter jacket. She says she was “a theatre nerd and spent every possible second of my day in the theatre or learning about it. Of particular interest to me was technical theatre, learning about set and lighting design. The behind-the-scenes portion of theatre was a huge part of my time at Milton. This was at a time before technical theatre was an actual class you could sign up for. I had to learn between classes, on the weekends, and before and after school. Getting to learn from Mr. Sim Jones was a highlight and something I will always cherish. He had a significant impact on my life and I am proud to still be friends with him today. The theatre program at Milton kept me involved and connected to a community at a time in my life when I needed that. Teachers like Mr. Jones deserve to know that the impact they make on their students is lasting and lifelong.” Amanda met her husband, Jonathan Hickel, MHS class of 2005, also an Alpharetta Police Officer, and the group of friends she still spends time with today, at Milton. Of Milton High School, she says, “I’m grateful for the education and community I received by attending Milton and hope other students see that you get out of high school what you put into it.”





Gene entered Milton at the same time as MHS began establishing a sports program, and the timing was perfect. Otherwise, Estes would not have had the opportunity to display his incredible athletic skills. He had a major impact on the community in the way that local sports fans saw him and came out to see him and his school compete. Gene is still revered by those who were at Milton during that time as the first significant sports figure in MHS history. Because of Estes, Milton gained early prominence in high school sports in the 1950s. He became the darling of Atlanta sportswriters. Between 1953 and 1955, there were at least twenty-five articles in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution touting Estes. One article was titled "Estes Goes Berserk as Milton Triumphs," summarizing his amazing play in the district baseball playoffs. As a sophomore, Estes led the football team, which was just getting started, to division and region championships. With one more win Milton would have played in the state championship game. When the season ended, Milton was ranked number three in the state. Estes was named to the

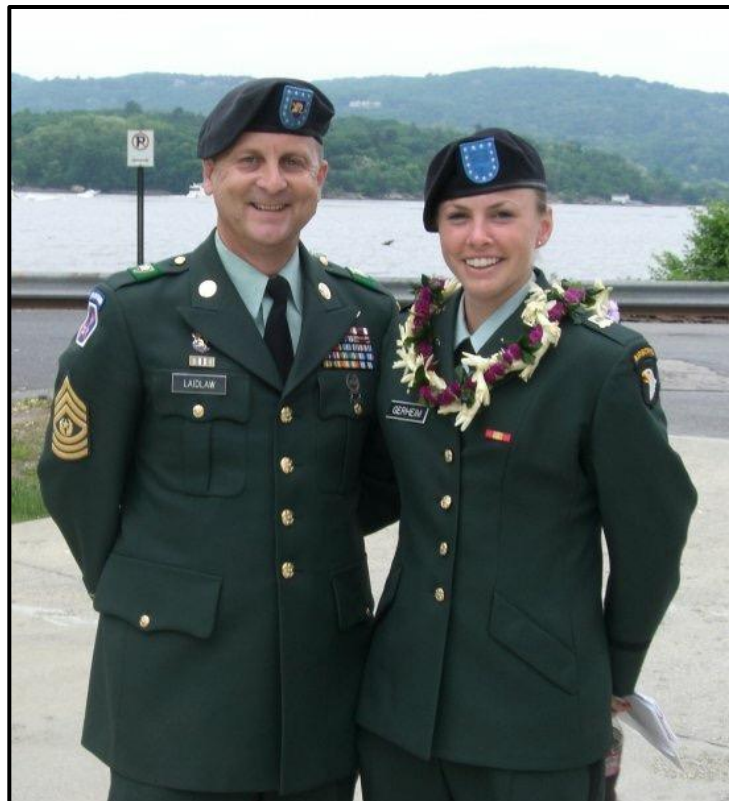
All-State team as a sophomore and went on to be named to the All-State teams his junior and senior years also. As a senior, he was named the state's Class B "Back of the Year." After Estes graduated, the football program's success faded and wouldn't recover for decades. In the highly competitive 1955 Fulton County track meet, Estes won four events: the 220-yard dash, high jump, broad jump, and the 440-yard relay. He scored more points as an individual than any other team's total points. Milton won the first-place trophy by a large margin. In baseball, Estes was the primary pitcher, the top hitter, and team captain. He led the Eagles to win the 1955 baseball state championship. That would not happen again until 2004. Estes was selected to play in the annual North Georgia vs. South Georgia All-Star Baseball Game. The teams were comprised of the best players in the state. Typically, the best two players for each team were chosen as co-captains. Estes was a North team co-captain. The North won the game when Estes' double brought in the winning run. In 2004, the MHS baseball team asked Estes to throw out the first pitch of the season. That team went on to win Milton's second state baseball championship. In 1955, just after his MHS graduation, the Kansas City Royals baseball team tried to sign Estes and offered many tempting incentives. Instead, he chose to play football for the Georgia bulldogs who had offered him a scholarship. Unfortunately, his leg was broken during his first season. As a result, he came home and married his high school sweetheart and became a firefighter with the City of Atlanta, a job he had always wanted. He retired from the fire department after 23 years due to an injury in the line of duty.





Lindsey is a Major in the U.S. Army and stationed at the White House in Washington, DC. Lindsey currently serves as a Senior Advisor and Director of Operations for the Executive Office of the President's National Cyber Director. In 2020-2021, Lindsey was humbled to be selected as 1 of 14 White House Fellows by the President's Commission and served as a Senior Advisor in the Trump administration's Office of Intelligence and Security at the Department of Commerce and the Biden administration's Office of Personnel Management. Later this year Lindsey is excited to earn her "Aunt" stripes and next summer will join family and friends in celebrating her promotion to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. After graduating from Milton in 2003, Lindsey received a nomination to the United States Military Academy where she earned a BS in Management. While a Cadet at West Point, Lindsey was an All-American Scholar and Captain of Army's Division-1 Softball team. On the diamond she led or broke many Army offensive career and individual records, tied the NCAA record for triples in a game (3), and earned season honors from Lowe's Senior Class, ESPN the Magazine, and the Patriot League. Upon graduation in 2007, Lindsey chose to follow the family tradition--she is the sixth to serve in law enforcement, seventh in the military, and the first to combine paths as a United States Army Military Police Officer. In 2008, after serving in her first duty station at Fort Campbell, KY, then Second Lieutenant Gerheim deployed to Bayji, Iraq for 15-months on her first combat tour overseas to train Iraqi Police in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Later, Captain Gerheim earned her master's degree, took Company Command of 170 Soldiers at Joint Base Lewis McChord, WA and deployed her unit to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. There, her unit was responsible for the security of all high-value detainees and commissions, earning her unit the Army's Superior Unit Award. As a Captain, Lindsey also trained the Army's newest Military Police Officers at Fort Leonard Wood, MO, and in 2016 graduated from the FBI National Academy. Soon after, Captain Gerheim left for her third tour overseas to Kuwait where she served as Aide-de-Camp for the Army Central Command's Deputy Commander and worked with US Ambassadors and host nation military leaders in support of security initiatives across 20 Middle Eastern nations. In the rank of Major, Lindsey returned to Georgia and served in Columbus and Savannah as an Executive and Operations officer supporting 700 Army Special Agents investigating felony crimes in service of over one million military personnel and their families across five continents. While at Milton, Lindsey followed the prowess of her big brother and best friend, Jordan Gerheim (MHS Class of 2000) as a scholar athlete - earning straight 'A's and 12 varsity letters playing softball, basketball, and running track. Lindsey was also the school mascot, Eddie the Eagle, attended Girls State, and was a member of the National Honor Society, the Student Council, Young Life, Anchor Club, Key Club, and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. During the summers Lindsey traveled the nation with her biggest fans, parents John and Wendy, playing softball with

the East Cobb Bullets. Lindsey would like to share this incredible honor with the extraordinary MHS students/faculty/friends/family who love and supported her Alpharetta adventure.

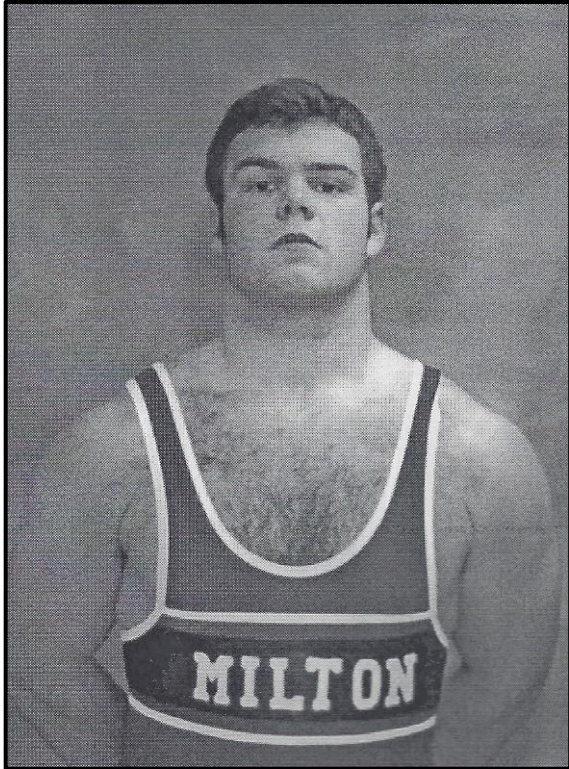




Jay is a Neurosurgical Oncologist, Co-Director of the Brain Tumor Center, and Director of the Stereotactic Radiosurgery program at Piedmont Atlanta Hospital, providing care to patients who suffer from both benign and malignant brain, pituitary, and skull base tumors. He was selected as one of “Atlanta’s Preferred Providers” in the 2019 *Modern Luxury Medicine and Doctor’s* magazine. He also serves as a mentor through the University of Georgia Mentor Program, having provided four students with knowledge and guidance as they prepare for medical school--guiding them through undergrad classes, the MCAT, completing research, and medical school applications. In 2005, Jay graduated from the UGA Cum Laude with Honors, earning a BS in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology and minoring in Microbiology. He was a member of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity

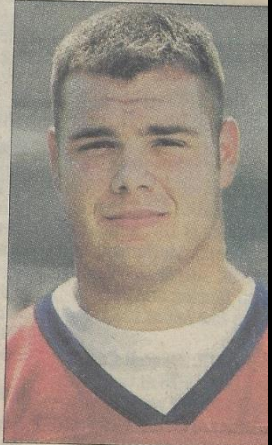
and served as VP of the Interfraternity Council from 2004-2005. He was also a member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, Golden Key International Honor Society, and Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Society. After graduation, Jay worked for the CDC in the department of Bioterrorism from 2006-2007 before entering medical school and graduating from the Medical College of Georgia (Augusta University) with his MD and being elected to Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society in 2011. That was followed by his Neurological Surgery Residency at Emory University with a fellowship in Neurosurgical Oncology. He has written 18 peer reviewed manuscripts/publications, authored three book chapters, and presented scientific research in oral presentations at over 30 regional and national conferences in Neurosurgery. Jay was awarded the Jag20 Emerging Leader Award from Augusta University in 2016 and was recently named to the University of Georgia’s “40 Under 40” by the UGA Alumni Association in 2020. At Milton, in addition to playing baseball his freshman year and being a member of the Key Club, Jay was heavily involved in sports, playing football and wrestling all four years. Jay was captain of the Varsity Football Team from 1999-2001 and was awarded the “Iron Eagle” his senior year. He was also captain of the Varsity Wrestling Team from 1999-2001. He finished 5<sup>th</sup> place at the State Wrestling Tournament in 1999, was Runner-Up to the state champion in 2000, and 5<sup>th</sup> place in 2001. He won many wrestling tournaments at the 215 lbs. weight class and had the most “pins” in MHS history his junior year in 2000. Jay loved math and science which drove his interest in becoming a physician. Latin was extremely intriguing to him as “a dead language which formed the foundation for so much of our current lexicon.” Some of Jay’s favorite teachers were his Diane Cloud, (math) Don Allen (English), Eric Baker (football coach), and Bob Cloy (wrestling coach.) Some of his favorite memories are Friday night football games, weekends at wrestling tournaments, and “Steak Night” on Wednesdays before football games when the team would gather and eat together. When asked about his Milton experience, Jay said he would definitely go back. “It was a wonderful experience. I made tremendous friendships, many of which are still alive and well to this

day. I loved the small town feel of Milton despite the large size of the graduating class. I felt that I always had friends and teammates that supported and genuinely cared about one another.” Jay loves UGA football and playing softball and golf. He’s played golf in 40 states and hopes to play in all 50 states by the time he turns 40. Jay and his wife live in the Atlanta Morningside neighborhood with their 9-year-old daughter and 6-year-old son.

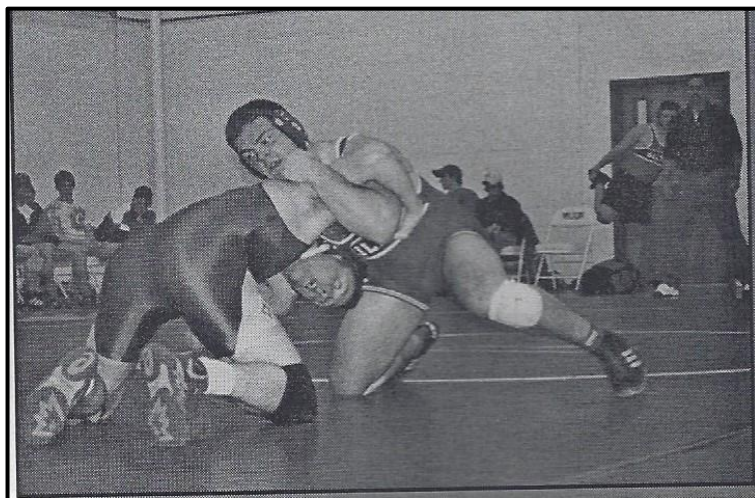


**JAY McCRACKEN**

- **Position:** LB
- **School:** Milton
- **Class:** Senior
- **Vital statistics:** 6-0, 230 pounds; runs a 4.68 40-yard dash; bench-presses 395 pounds; registered 112 tackles, two QB sacks and one interception in 1999; three-year starter; 4.0 GPA and 1260 SAT.
- **The word:** An explosive hitter with lots of intensity and good instincts for the ball. Was the state Class AAAA wrestling runner-up at 215 pounds last winter. . . . Interested in Georgia Tech, Virginia, Richmond, Princeton, Harvard and North Carolina. . . . Favorite movie is "Gladiator." . . . Wants to be remembered as one of the hardest workers and hardest hitters.



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## ***Jason Reichert***

## ***Class of 1991***



Jason graduated from Milton in 1991. While at Milton, he was a friend to everyone and an active member of his class. He played varsity football, sang in various choirs, and participated in Musical Theatre. It was during his high school career that the foundation was laid for what would become his life's work and profession. Jason (also known as JJ Boogie) has been a professional musician for 22 years, performing with Blues musicians such as Mudcat, Sean Costello, Tinsley Ellis, and Taj Mahal, amongst others. Jason is now the lead guitarist and tours internationally with the two-time Grammy Award winning group "Arrested Development." He has served as the Mixing Engineer for the group, producing two top ten hits, and is currently

working on mixing their next album. He also performs with his wife, Nanyana, as the duo Fire & the Knife. He is a songwriter, producer, audio engineer, and music teacher to all ages wanting to learn how to play guitar. He is also dad to his son Rhythm and daughter Phoenix.



## **Jason "JJ Boogie" Reichert**





Nate is a 2020 Paralympic Champion and world class athlete. When he was 10 years old, he was playing golf with some friends when a player from another group hit a ball that went astray and struck Nate in the back of the head. He suffered a brain injury and partial paralysis on his right side. His early prognosis wasn't good. The doctor said he would never walk without a limp and would never play competitive sports. Nate made it his mission to prove the doctor wrong. He ran cross country while he was a student at Milton, earning All-American honors at the Cross-Country Junior Olympic Nationals in 2009 and 2010, was runner-up in cross country at state in 2012, and was chosen as an Outstanding MHS Senior in 2013. After Milton, Nate competed the first two seasons of his collegiate career at Furman University where he was an all-conference runner and as a freshman was part of the team that claimed the 2013 Southern Conference

cross country championship for the Paladins. Prior to the start of his junior season, he transferred to the University of South Alabama where he earned a degree in Communications and was a key runner on the cross-country squad placing second in his first two meets. Nate was also a spokesperson for the Children's Miracle Network for six years. He currently hosts his own podcast, "Strides with GrayWolf," which focuses on high-performance sports. Nate currently lives in Milton and has both U.S. and Canadian citizenship. His mother, Ardin Tucker, who worked at MHS for a short time, was a Canadian pole vault champion in 2000. She has had a great influence on him and now Nate also competes for Canada. He received T38 International Paralympic Committee (IPC) classification in 2018. He received the Arnold Boldt Award for Para Athlete of the Year in Ambulatory Events for both 2018 and 2019 from Athletics Canada. As of July 2021, he held the world records in the T38 800m and 1500m. Nate also took 1<sup>st</sup> place in all these events: 2019 IPC World Championships 1500m (Dubai, UAE), 2019 Parapan American Games 1500m Gold Medal (Lima, Peru), 2019 Portland Twilight Meet 1500m, and 2018 Berlin Grand Prix 1500m and 800m. At the 2020 Paralympics in Tokyo, Nate won the Gold Medal in Athletics – Men's 1500m. A favorite amongst the Milton teachers while he was a student, one teacher said of Nate "He is SUCH a great kid! One of the greatest kids you'd ever meet!" Another said, "I don't think I've ever taught a more polite, hard-working student."





Shannon was a standout basketball player during his years at Milton. He led the Boys Basketball program to three consecutive state championship games in 2009, 2010, and 2011, winning the state championship title in 2010. In those three years, Shannon helped Milton to an 82-15 record in 3 seasons, including 29-3 his senior year. As a senior, Shannon was recognized as the 2011 Gatorade Player of the Year for Georgia, the Atlanta Tip-Off Club Mr. Georgia Basketball, the AJC Player of the Year, McDonald's All-American, Jordan Brand All-American (first in school history), USA TODAY 3<sup>rd</sup> Team All-American, Hoophall Hall of Fame Champion, and recognized as 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-State. As a student at Milton, Shannon maintained a B average while taking honors

and AP classes along with his sports commitments. He was a devoted parishioner in his church and volunteered locally as a youth basketball coach. After Milton, Shannon had a great college basketball career playing at Ohio State where he played in 143 games (good for 6<sup>th</sup> all time in school history) while also recording 211 steals (good for 2<sup>nd</sup> in school history.) He is also 3<sup>rd</sup> all-time in career assists while holding the single game record to this day (16.) Following Ohio State, Shannon began his professional basketball career. He spent time in the NBA G-League as well as time with the Toronto Raptors and the Brooklyn Nets. He also has spent time playing professionally in Greece, Venezuela, Lithuania, and Germany. Away from the court, Shannon has worked at the NBA office in New York and is marketed by Under Armor Basketball. In 2021, Shannon was voted runner up for the NBA Jason Collier Sportsmanship Award. He continues to give back to the Milton community by coming back regularly in the Fall to speak to, advise, and mentor the current Milton basketball players on preparing for college, understanding the life of a student-athlete on and off the floor, and navigating life after high school.

