



Class of 2025

28th Class

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Saturday, February 1, 2025

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Hall of Fame Class of 2025

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Invocation

Dinner

Tribute

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**Introduction of the 28th Class
of the Hamilton City School District
Athletic Hall of Fame**

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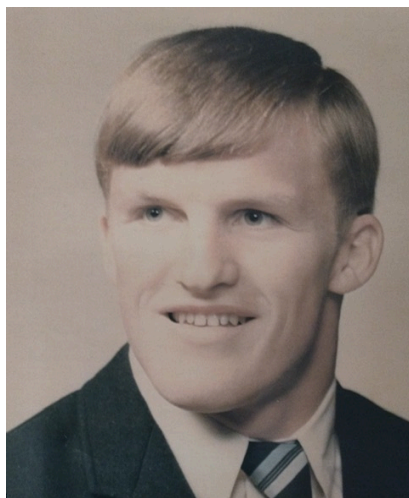
Eddie Baker - Class of 2001

Eddie Baker, a 2001 graduate of Hamilton High School, made a name for himself on the golf course, earning four varsity letters. He was named team MVP twice and received All-Greater Miami Conference (GMC) honors three times. During high school, Baker and his teammates were sectional runners-up, earning a spot in the district tournament. Individually, Baker set a school record with a nine-hole average of 37.4, held the second-lowest 18-hole average, and shot a course record of 62 at Potters—a mark later broken by fellow Hall of Famer Kyle Hodges. In his senior year, Baker achieved remarkable success, finishing as both sectional and district individual runner-up, which qualified him for the state tournament, becoming the first Hamilton golfer to qualify for the state tournament since the reconsolidation of Hamilton High School. Baker placed 11th overall, earning All-State and All-Southwest Ohio honors. Baker continued his golf career at Union College, where he was a four-year letter winner. His team captured the AAC League Championship, and he earned individual All-AAC honors. Baker claimed individual medalist honors twice and was named to the All-Tournament team eight times. He graduated from Union College with bachelor's and master's degrees in Physical Education. Baker later served as the head golf coach for Hamilton High School and now works as an Electrical Controls Technician. He resides in Hamilton with his girlfriend, Tara.



Rick Harrison - Class of 1971

Rick Harrison, is a 1971 graduate of Garfield High School, where he excelled in football, basketball, and baseball for the Griffins. On the football field, Harrison played under Hall of Fame coaches Lou Florio and Rudy Oaklets. As a sophomore and junior, he starred on defense, earning Defensive Player of the Year and All-League honors. In his senior season, he transitioned to running back, again earning All-League recognition, highlighted by a standout performance against Springfield South, where he rushed for 234 yards and two touchdowns. In basketball, Harrison was instrumental in leading Garfield to a GMC and District Championship. On the baseball field, he shined as a left fielder. As a junior, he earned Second-Team All-League honors, hitting five home runs. In his senior year, he earned First-Team All-League recognition and delivered the game-winning hit in the District Championship, securing Garfield's first-ever district title. After high school, Harrison enjoyed an illustrious softball career, winning 25 major city championships. He was inducted into the Butler County Softball Hall of Fame in 1995 and the Ohio Amateur Softball Association Hall of Fame in 2008. Now retired from Southwestern Ohio Steel, Harrison resides in Hamilton and is the proud father of two children, Chris and Jeremy.



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Derrick Huff - Class of 2004

Derrick Huff, a 2004 graduate of Hamilton High School, excelled as a multi-sport athlete in football, basketball, and track. On the football field, Huff was a standout defensive back, earning All-GMC honors twice. He also received All-County honors and was selected to play in the prestigious East/West All-Star Game. On the basketball court, Huff played under Hall of Fame Coach Larry Allen. During his two seasons on varsity, the Big Blue achieved an impressive 45-7 record, highlighted by a regional runner-up finish in his junior year and the 2004 OHSAA Division 1 state championship. Huff earned a football scholarship to Eastern Kentucky University, where he was a four-year letter winner and started over 30 games for the Colonels. He recorded 14 career interceptions, including a nation-leading nine during his senior season. Huff



helped lead his team to a conference championship and earned numerous accolades, including All-Conference honors, Conference Defensive Player of the Year, and First-Team All-American recognition. After college, Huff continued his football career, playing arena football for the Columbus Destroyers and Rio Grande Valley Dorados. He graduated from Eastern Kentucky with a degree in Computer Electronic Networking and is now employed as a Senior Security Cyber Network Manager. Huff resides in Honolulu, HI, with his wife, Taylor, and their two sons, Davian and Devyn.

Brenda Laboffe-Pierson - Class of 1978

Brenda Laboffe-Pierson, a 1978 graduate of Hamilton Taft High School, follows in the footsteps of her late mother, Anna Harvey, a 2009 Hall of Fame inductee. Pierson served as the Hamilton High School Cheerleading coach across three different periods (1986–1987, 1993–2011, and 2019–2021). During her tenure, she transformed Hamilton cheerleading into a powerhouse on both the local and national stages. Under her leadership, the Big Blue competitive cheerleading team won eighteen national championships with many cheer companies, including Americheer, Jamfest, COA, and American Championships. The seven with Americheer, including three straight (95-97) and five in six years, earned Pierson the Americheer Coach of the Year in 2001 and the squad receiving proclamations from both the City of Hamilton and the Ohio House of Representatives. Several of Piersons squads went undefeated through their competitive seasons. Pierson believed her



teams' success stemmed from her core value of family, viewing every athlete and parent as part of her extended family. Her guidance and support left a lasting impact on many young women, with whom she continues to maintain strong bonds. Pierson retired from HCS D as a teacher of 32 years, but remains involved overseeing the spirit shop for the Hamilton High School Boosters. Pierson and her husband, Pat, reside in Hamilton. Pierson has two children, Kayla and Kris.

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Joey Lewis - Class of 1983

Joey Lewis, a 1983 graduate of Hamilton High School, was a multi-sport athlete, playing soccer, basketball, and baseball. However, his greatest success came on the baseball diamond. Lewis earned Second-Team All-GMC honors as a junior and First-Team honors as a senior, finishing his final season with an impressive .420 batting average. Throughout his three-year varsity career, Lewis consistently ranked among the team and league leaders in batting average, runs scored, and stolen bases. His teams achieved an extraordinary 80-3 record over three seasons, never losing a GMC game. The highlight of his career came in 1983 when Lewis and his teammates capped off the season by winning the Class AAA State Baseball Championship. Lewis continued his baseball career at The Ohio State University, where he was a three-year letter-winner for the Buckeyes. After college, he returned to Hamilton and began his coaching career under his former coach, Hall of Famer Dan Bowling, serving as an assistant coach for 19 seasons, where they led the program to numerous GMC titles, three Final Four appearances, and the 1997 Division I State Championship. In 2011, Lewis became the head baseball coach, amassing 171 career wins, including Sectional Championships in 2015 and 2016. Over his coaching career, Lewis has mentored 11 players who have been inducted into the Hamilton City School District Hall of Fame. Lewis is a teacher at Hamilton High School and resides in Hamilton with his wife, Jana. They have two children, Taylor and Jackson.



Marcus Oliver - Class of 2013

Marcus Oliver, a 2013 graduate of Hamilton High School, was a talented multi-sport athlete for Big Blue. He was a two-year varsity member of both the basketball and baseball teams, playing under fellow Hall of Fame inductee Joey Lewis. On the football field, Oliver stood out as a three-year starter at linebacker for the Big Blue. He earned All-GMC honors three times, including two First-Team selections, and was named the GMC Defensive Player of the Year as a senior. Throughout his career, Oliver tallied 244 tackles, 8.5 sacks, 7 forced fumbles, and 6 fumble recoveries. He also contributed offensively, rushing for over 600 yards and 9 touchdowns. His exceptional performance earned him All-Southwest District and All-State honors. Oliver continued his football career at Indiana University, where he excelled as a defensive standout. As a freshman, he was named to the All-Big Ten Freshman Team. Throughout his career, Oliver set a program record at Indiana University with 12 forced fumbles and contributed to 13 takeaways across 39 games (25 starts). He amassed 255 tackles (157 solo), along with five sacks, and 24.5 tackles for loss. A standout leader, Oliver earned All-Big Ten honors twice and served as a two-time team captain for the Hoosiers. He graduated with a degree in Liberal Arts and now serves as a Public Health Environmental Administrator for the City of Hamilton. Oliver resides in Hamilton with his girlfriend, Katie, and their child, Ozzie.



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Perry Shazier - Class of 1961

Perry Shazier, a 1961 graduate of Hamilton Garfield High School, was a member of the football, basketball, and track and field teams, earning seven varsity letters during his years with the Griffins. Shazier was named Captain of all three teams. On the football field, Shazier played for fellow Hall of Fame Coach Lou Florio. During his time on the field, Shazier scored 16 points, while leading the inaugural Griffin Football teams to a 14-6 record over those two seasons. In Basketball, Shazier helped lead the Griffins to the 1960 Sectional Championship and his 1961 team claimed the Greater Ohio League (GOL) Championship. Shazier scored 367 points in his two seasons for the Griffins. Shazier was also a standout in track and field, in which he went to the OHSAA State Track and Field Championships twice for the high jump. During his junior season he finished in third place and in his senior season he was the State Runner-up. Shazier went onto Central State University on a Basketball Scholarship, before joining the United States Marine Corps and serving in the Vietnam War. Shazier had nine children, Damita, Twanette, Dewayne, Perry, Alisha, Zachary, Beatrice, Christopher, and Nina, and was married to Janice.



Terry Spivey - Class of 1979

Terry Spivey, a 1979 graduate of Hamilton Taft High School, was a key three-year contributor to the football and wrestling teams. On the football field, Spivey was a dominant force as a three-year starter on both the offensive and defensive lines under the guidance of fellow Hall of Famer, Coach Terry Merz. His outstanding play earned him numerous accolades, including two selections to the All-GMC Team, the All-Golden Triangle Team, and honorable mentions for both All-Southwest District and All-State. Additionally, Spivey was recognized as the Taft Tigers' Most Valuable Defensive Lineman. Spivey continued his football career at Kent State University and Ball State University, ultimately earning a bachelor's degree in Education. He went on to dedicate his life to education, spending 35 years as an educator and coaching both football and wrestling in Butler County, where he positively influenced countless students. Now retired, Spivey lives in Hamilton with his wife, Kelly. They have two daughters, Abby and Allyson, and are proud grandparents to six grandchildren.



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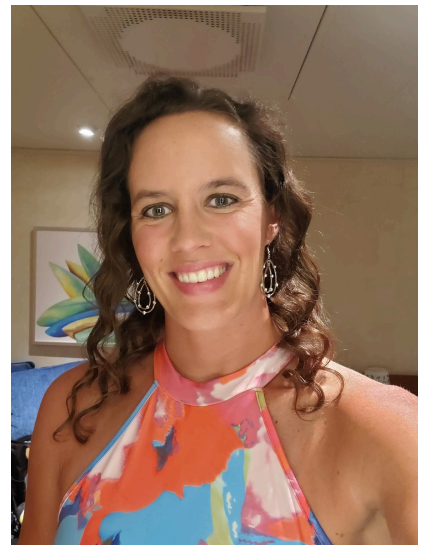
Jillian Spurlock - Class of 2013

Jillan Spurlock, a 2013 graduate of Hamilton High School, excelled on the basketball court as a standout player. A four-year varsity starter for the Big Blue basketball team, Spurlock earned numerous accolades throughout her high school career. During her junior season, she averaged 17 points per game, leading Big Blue to the Sectional Finals while earning First Team GMC honors, a spot on the All-Southwest District Team, and being named Area Player of the Year. During her senior year, Spurlock averaged 22.3 points per game and earned First Team GMC honors for the second time. She was also recognized as First Team All-Area, All-Southwest District, Special Mention All-Ohio, and was chosen to participate in the District 15 All-Star Game. Spurlock graduated as the all-time leading scorer in Big Blue girls' basketball history, amassing 1,214 career points, while also having 491 career rebounds and 203 career assists. Spurlock earned a scholarship to Miami University, where she made an immediate impact during her freshman year, joining the starting rotation and finishing as the team's second-leading scorer with an average of 9.3 points per game (260 total points) and 4.1 rebounds per game. Unfortunately, her basketball career was cut short due to injury. Spurlock graduated from Miami with a Bachelor of Science degree in Kinesiology. She now works in software sales, resides in Hamilton, and is engaged to Jake Heath.



Christina Menche-Wilkins - Class of 2009

Christina Menche-Wilkins, a 2009 graduate of Hamilton High School, was a multi-sport athlete who excelled in diving, track and field, and volleyball. She was named the team's Most Valuable Diver and also competed in track, specializing in the high jump and long jump. Additionally, she was a member of the record-setting 4x400 relay team that advanced to the regional championships. On the volleyball court, Wilkins was a four-year starter for the Big Blue. As a junior, she ranked second in the GMC for total blocks (83) and was named the team's Most Valuable Player. Her senior season was exceptional, as she ranked among the conference leaders in multiple categories: 7th in total kills (206), 9th in hitting percentage (.520), and 3rd in block average (1.3). Wilkins earned All-District honors three times and was a two-time All-GMC First Team selection. She concluded her high school career with impressive totals of 558 kills, 205 blocks, and 62 service aces. Wilkins continued her volleyball career at Miami University, where she was a four-year member of the RedHawks, playing as an outside and middle hitter. In her senior season, she tallied 166 kills, 67 blocks, and scored 216 points, earning All-Mid-American Conference (MAC) Honorable Mention recognition. Wilkins now works as a senior claims analyst and resides in Hamilton with her husband, Carrington.



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Athletic Hall of Fame Members

By Induction Year

*Indicates deceased

Class of 1997

*Jim "Boxcar" Bailey
*Frank Clair
*Alex "Boo" Ellis
Kevin Grevey
*Jim Grimm
Derek Howard
*Judy Kraft
*Marvin McCollum
*Joe Nuxhall
*Paul Sarringhaus
*Warren Scholler
*Jack Smith
Greg Stokes
*Chuck Thackara
Mike Townsend
*Bill Wilks

Class of 1998

Shauna Bowman
Bill Evans
*Bernie Griesinger
*Bill McCormick
*Rudy Oaklets
*Carl Ott
*Floyd "Breezy" Reid
*Leonard (Jim) Smith
David Stalls
*Pat Sword
Charles "Skip" Taylor
*David "Chuggy" Waller

Class of 1999

Mel "Moody" Baker
Taylor "Tay" Baker
*Jack Gordon
Jerry Johnson
Andy Kolesar
Mark Lewis
*Ervin J. Nutter
*Bernie Reid
*Bill "Coach" Sharp
Elise Spears
*Arthur "Ray" Tilton
Willie Townsend
*David Weaver

Class of 2000

*Barbara Norman Fitton
*Lou Florio
*Jim Hall
*Ragan Henry
Demus Jones
Don Knodel
Kent McCormick
*Terry Merz
*Joe Okruhlica
*Harry Phillips, Sr.
*Virgil M. Schwarm
Jim Sutton
*Bob Wainscott

Class of 2001

Karen Baker
*Ron Couch
*Dick Dallmar
*Dana King
Marcy Maurer
*Don Nuxhall
*Jim Patterson
*Leonard Rush
*Alson Scrivner
*Bill Shank
*Ralph Smith
*Clint Spearman, Jr.
Payton Townsend, Jr.

Class of 2002

*Fred Belden
*Russ Bowermaster
Robby Cobb
*Fred Garretson
Dan Hartleb
*Gary "Spud" Hornsby
Carolyn Hefner McAllister
Andrea Walters Moorehead
*Ray Pryor
*Charles Schwing
John Smith
Richard Smith
*Robert "Pappy" Smith
Tyrice Walker

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Class of 2003

Bryan Barlow
Tony Blaine
Scott Grevey
Barb Hurley
*Mike Marks
Mark Martin
*Winston Metcalfe
*Richard Nelson
*Cash Powell, Jr.
Ron Sutton
*Harold "Buster" Treinen
*Jack Young
Dot Smiley Zaragoza

Class of 2004

*Jim Blount
*John Born
Wayne Bowling
Lisa Eggleston Brown
*Gary Fox
*Henry "Woody" Herzog
Bill Hibbard
Jerry Mathews
Marty New
*Frank "Eddie" Simpson
*Lowell Storm
*Jimmy Wagner

Class of 2005

Dick Boggs
Norm Grevey
Luke Hibbard
Greg Jonson
Bobby Lakes
*Phil Lillard
Mary Ellen Menzer
Charlie Pater
Andy Reid
Fred Weinman

Class of 2006

*Dave Bauer
*Eric Childs
*David Connell
Jay Fry
*William Hamm
Rob Huffman
Elgene Mainous
*Phil Phelps
Michael Reese
Marty Reist
Ron Spurlock
Sue Barber Westin

Class of 2007

John Bercaw
Larry Bowling
*Jack Garretson
Chris Kingsbury
*Claude "Cat" Neeley
David Rabb
Bob Rainey
*Gary Reist
Stacy Boling Wilson

Class of 2008

Sheree Barlow
*Mike DiStaola
*Joe Hudson
*George Jonson
Jim Kernohan
Michael McCollum
Gerald "Jerry" Scrivner
John Spears
Otto Swanner
Fred Thomas

Class of 2009

Larry Allen
Don Baker
Bill Dinger
*Edward Eberth
*Anna Harvey
Tom Jones
Curtus Moak
Ricky Stone
Sally Belew Streeter
*Tom Taylor
*Elbert Walker

Class of 2010

Aaron Cook
Don Curtis
Alex Davis
Bob Garretson
Tina Gregory
Jerry Law
*Stan Lewis
Ed Mignery
*Craig Mills
*Garland Munz
Brian Nicely
Ted Norris

Class of 2011

Matthew Blauvelt
Dan Bowling
Pat Burtis
Malcom Dixon
Mark Hopkins
Ron McWhorter
*Francis Parrish
Chad Pennington
Richard Prather
John Ross
Tracy Collett Trunck
Larry Wood

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Class of 2012

Dewey "Duke" Baker
*Rollie Barton
Brett Couch
Pearlman "Tony" Hicks
*Lewis "Lew" Hirt
Angela Harris Martin
Mark McCormick
Seth Morris
Fred Rodgers
Greg Siereveld

Class of 2013

Phil Griesinger
Mike Gurr
*Dennis Harget
Andy Mignery
Linda Milholland
*Cecil New
Damita Shazier Rhodes
Michael "Tim" Taylor
Karen Turman
Sean West

Class of 2014

Robert Barnett
*Jim Carr
Michael Dully
Eric Higgins
Bryan Jackson
*Gordon Kraft
Katie Halcomb Luff
Warteze "Tez" Morris
Angela Tolbert
*Marcia White

Class of 2015

Anissa Booker
Kara Bray
Jeff Marchant
Brad Myers
Michael Myers
Ken Reed
*Woodrow Steigerwalt
Tracy Trauthwein
Dale Werk
Earl Whiteside

Class of 2016

Harry Bradbury
Tracy Goosey Daniels
Kyle Hodges
*Floyd Hopper
*Paul Hurm
Dan Messal
Alex Mignery
*Clyde "Tiny" Murrell
*Tim Reed
Nathan Rusbosin

Class of 2017

Chris Calihan
Dawnjene "DJ" DeLong
Rusty Hargraves
David Huff
Jennifer McKee Dyson
Adam Myers-White
Maurice "Mo" Riggins
Jon Smith
Ted Steed
Jason Vessely

Class of 2018

William "Billy" Allen
Joe Belew
*Harold Biendenbender
Adam Grissom
Craig Keller
*Gerald "Dip" King
Nate Mahon
*Gary Musselman
Donnie Riggins
Aaron Schechtman
Annette Smiley Manley

Class of 2019

Morris "Moe" Flaig
Nancy Fry Sturgeon
*Clyde Gilbert
Bryan Grevey
Mimi Mahon
*Jeff Michael
Perletha "Butch" Printup
Damon Pugh
Tom Townsend
*Jim Truett

Class of 2020

Denicos Allen
Mike Daniels
Tom Downey
Steve Fisher
Kim Hibbard Madden
Kim Lakes Barrett
Phillipkeith Manley
Gregg Pettit
Christy Smith
*Richard Stephenson

Class of 2022

Lanny Ash
Marvin Bonar
Robert Bond
Haleigh Daniels
Jessica Fansler
*Donald Gillespie
*Joann Scruggs-Hiatt
Dan Ratliff
Regina Renner
David Young

Class of 2023

Dan Brandenburg
Diana (Holderbach) Burtchin
*Dean Curtis
Matt Hubbard
Brittany Lightfoot
Joe Moschetti
Adam Pankey
Gary Richardson

Class of 2024

Tim Anderson
Kelly Connaughton
*Thomas Ferris
Charlie Hatcher
Bridget Henry
Keith Jones
*Travis Fitton Kinch
*Steve Mathews
Tim Ruecking
*Jim Smith

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HAMILTON ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME NOMINATION FORM

The Hamilton City School District has a rich heritage of producing outstanding student-athletes from its Senior High Schools: Garfield, Taft, and Hamilton. These fine student-athletes have gone on to become outstanding citizens as well. We are pleased to recognize these distinguished individuals.

We encourage our alumni and friends' input and nominations.
Please submit your nominee's information, using the criteria below.

Send your nomination form to:
Hamilton High School
1165 Eaton Avenue
Hamilton, OH 45013
Attention: Missy Harvey, Director of Athletics
Or
Email your information to
Missy Harvey: mharvey@hcsdoh.org
Mike Dole: mdole@hcsdoh.org

Please feel free to submit news clippings, statistics sheets, etc. to help support your nomination.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION:

1. The nominee, either living or dead, has made a significant contribution to athletics in high school or beyond.
2. A player nominee must be a graduate of a Hamilton high school (Garfield, Taft, or Hamilton) for the last 10 years.
3. A coach nominee must no longer be an active coach in the Hamilton City Schools.
4. The nominee must be or have been a contributing member of society.
5. The nominee may be a Hamilton supporter who did not participate in a particular sport but has contributed to the school's athletic program.

***NOTE: Once nominated, the nomination stays in an active file.

Nominee: _____ Maiden Name (if applicable): _____

*Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: (____) _____ Year of Graduation: _____

Using separate sheets of paper:

Please attach the accomplishments of this individual.

Please describe the reasons you feel this individual should be inducted into the Hamilton Athletic Hall of Fame.

Petitioner's Signature: _____ Phone Number: (____) _____

*If you do not know the current address of the nominee, please submit all other information.

Please feel free to use additional paper for your comments. Unsigned nomination forms will not be considered.