

Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools

Sports Hall of Fame



Induction Ceremony

April 17, 2025
Nissan Stadium

Welcome to the induction ceremony for the Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools Sports Hall of Fame. Today, we will recognize seven outstanding men and three outstanding women who learned some of life's most important lessons in a gymnasium or on a grassy field.

We applaud their achievements in athletics, in business and service to others, and we thank them for years of inspiration and motivation. They have each earned a place in Nashville history, and we proudly celebrate them today.

Those we honor today know the value of athletic competition. At some time in their lives, the concept of teamwork and working with others was taught by a coach. They learned to face challenges, to devise strategies to reach goals, to work hard and to keep trying no matter how tough the opposition. Those are life skills we all need.

Throughout Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools, you will find a variety of athletic programs. In the past year, more than 12,000 students participated in one or more areas of athletic competition, including football, volleyball, cross country, golf, soccer, basketball, wrestling, bowling, baseball, softball, track, tennis and cheerleading.

What is it that makes athletics so important for schools? It is not just one thing, it's many. Sports provide the opportunity for regular, healthy exercise. They allow students to develop social relationships with others. They help students accept success and disappointment. They help students learn to follow and accept directions and respect others. They help students understand fair play, rules and regulations. And athletics help students develop various skills and a positive self-image.

Children who participate in athletics tend to do better academically, are less likely to get into trouble, are less likely to use illegal drugs, are less likely to become pregnant and are more likely to graduate and be successful in life. They have learned, as famed sportswriter Grantland Rice noted, that it's not about winning and losing; it's about how you play the game.

We are proud to honor those who have played in the past—they are our champions and our heroes.

WELCOME



About the Medal

The front of the official medal of the Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools' Sports Hall of Fame depicts the school bell from Howard High School, now sitting in front of the Central Administration Building at 2601 Bransford Avenue, and the three stars from the Tennessee State Flag. The 16 stars on the back of the medal represent the 16 inaugural members of the Hall of Fame, inducted in 2005.

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Selection of Inductees

The Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools Sports Hall of Fame has been established to honor, preserve and perpetuate the names and accomplishments of outstanding athletes and other sports personalities who are native to Davidson County or who have competed in Davidson County Schools, Nashville City Schools and Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools. Honorees have been selected by a committee of active and retired educators.

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Joe Fisher

Master of Ceremonies

Moment of Silence

Cane Ridge High School Chorus

Music

**Maplewood High School Presentation of Colors
Pledge of Allegiance**

Introduction of Guests

Introduction of 2025 Hall of Fame Inductees

Jim Barr

Richard "Pea Head" Burnett

Lavoisier Fisher Sr.

Kim Gaines

Jean Patton Latimer

Gayle Kinzer Ngwube

Roosevelt Sanders Jr.

Ronnie Stevenson

Michael Tribue Sr.

Charles Watkins Jr.





JIM BARR
Two Rivers High School
Class of 1966

Jim Barr has worked for Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools (MNPS) as a teacher, coach, and administrator for 54 years. He retired in 2020 but continues to serve as a coach and athletic business manager at Martin Luther King Jr. High School.

Barr played football and ran track in high school. He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU) and taught at several MNPS schools. With a passion for coaching, Barr amassed numerous championships, honors, and recognitions. He coached boys' and girls' teams in track, football, and basketball at various high schools. In 2000, he was named TIAAA (Tennessee Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association) State Athletic Director of the Year and in 2001, Tennessee Representative

National Athletic Director of the conference.

His accolades include leading an undefeated football team in 1974, winning city track championships at Wright Middle School, and securing AAA Eastern Division NIL and TSSAA Track Championships at East High School. At Maplewood and Hillwood high schools, he coached TSSAA district team champions, a long jump state champion, and multiple region and state champions.

Barr received the TSSAA Distinguished Service Award as an official and was inducted into the Metro Nashville Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame as an administrator.



RICHARD
"PEA HEAD" BURNETT
Posthumous
Cameron High School
Class of 1968

Richard "Pea Head" Burnett was called the "Best Player in Town" by Hall of Fame Coach Cornelius Ridley for his skill on the basketball court. Named to every All-State Team in 1968, he had numerous scholarship offers but chose Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU), where the coach called him the "best player in the state."

Burnett led Cameron to a 109-52 victory over Nashville Christian Institute, the second-highest scoring total in NIL (Nashville Interscholastic League) and Metro history. He also helped Cameron end Pearl's 52-game winning streak with a 68-62 victory in

front of more than 6,000 fans at TSU.

Burnett earned many honors, including All-State first team in 1968 and All-Tournament Team/All-Star 17th District in 1966. Known for his ability to dunk with either hand, Burnett scored 27 points against Two Rivers, 30 against Central, and 34 against Overton during the 1968 season.



**LAVOISIER A.
FISHER SR.**

Pearl High School
Class of 1982

Lavoisier Fisher Sr. was a three-sport superstar and was one of the top four football prospects in the state. He excelled in baseball, basketball and football. As a junior, he averaged 14 points and 7 rebounds in the 1981 Tennessee Secondary Schools Athletic Association (TSSAA) basketball state tournament as Pearl won the state championship. The Tennessean named him to the 1980's All Decade team in basketball.

Fisher received several honors while at Pearl, including the first team All NIL (Nashville Interscholastic League) Team in football, basketball and baseball. He was the WSMV

NIL Defensive Player of the year in football. The Tennessean named him the NIL Male Athlete of the Year in baseball, basketball and football. Fisher lettered four years in football for the University of Tennessee as a linebacker, playing in the Peach, Citrus, Sun and Sugar Bowls.



LISA KIM GAINES
Madison High School
Class of 1979

Kim Gaines Kim Gaines is recognized for her contribution as a student athlete, coach and athletic administrator in Metro Nashville Public Schools.

Gaines played basketball at Madison High School, where she was the leading scorer, Most Valuable Player, All-District, All-NIL second team, and was voted Most Athletic her senior year. She also played softball, helping pioneer the sport when it was sanctioned by TSSAA. After high school, Gaines attended Austin Peay University and later transferred to Bethel College, where she played volleyball and received MVP in several tournaments.

Gaines began her career at Joelton Middle before transferring to Two Rivers Middle to teach and coach basketball. She later moved to Overton

High, where she has spent 36 of her 41 years with Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools.

Her accomplishments include coaching volleyball for 36 years, basketball for 20 years, softball for 10 years and tennis for 5 years. Her teams have made 15 regional appearances in volleyball and four in basketball and she has received Coach of the Year honors eight times in volleyball and twice in basketball. Fourteen of her players have gone on to play post-secondary sports.



JEAN PATTON LATIMER

Posthumous

Pearl High School

Class of 1949

Jean Patton was a standout athlete at Pearl, leading her basketball team to the 1949 State Championship. Her athletic career expanded to track after winning a May Day school race.

Patton earned a work scholarship to Tennessee A&I State University (now Tennessee State University). In 1949, she won the 100-meter dash at the AAU Outdoor Championship and the 100-meter dash at the 1950 Indoor AAU Championship. That same year, she led her university to victory at the 21st Tuskegee Relays and impressed more than 50,000 fans at the Los Angeles Coliseum Relays by defeating a favored Australian athlete.

In 1951, Patton joined the U.S. Women's Track & Field Team for the inaugural Pan American Games in Buenos Aires, winning gold in the 200 meters and 4x100 meters relay,

and silver in the 100 meters. Nashville celebrated "Jean Patton Day" on May 18, 1951. She was the first Tennessee State student-athlete to hold a world record in the 100-yard dash, earning the title "World's Fastest Woman." She graduated in 1953 with a degree in health and physical education.

Patton was a certified recreational therapist, serving as a camp director, coaching the inaugural Special Olympics team in 1968, creating fitness trails, and leading therapeutic activities.



GAYLE KINZER NGWUBE

Pearl-Cohn High School

Class of 1999

Gayle Kinzer was a standout basketball player and an all-around athlete, also excelling in volleyball and track. As a sophomore, despite not being a starter, she scored 26 points and grabbed 5 rebounds in a state tournament game against McNairy County, earning All-State second team honors.

During her junior and senior seasons, Kinzer was named All-District, All-Region, and All-Nashville Interscholastic League (NIL). She scored a game-high 39 points in one game and was also named Most Valuable Player (MVP). Kinzer scored more than 1,000 points in her high school career and was a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA).

Kinzer received a scholarship to Vanderbilt University, where she

averaged 9.2 points per game and grabbed 107 rebounds as a freshman. She was honored with the Nashville Civitan Sportsmanship Award. In her sophomore year, she averaged 21.4 points and 8.7 rebounds per game, with a game-high 35 points against Belmont University. She received several honors at Vanderbilt before transferring to Austin Peay University. Since college, Kinzer has coached several teams, including the Music City Magic's AAU team.



**ROOSEVELT
SANDERS JR.**

Glencliff High School
Class of 1977

Roosevelt Sanders is recognized for more than 40 years of contributions as a student athlete, coach, and athletics administrator in Metro Nashville Public Schools.

Sanders, a graduate of Glencliff, earned a full athletic scholarship to Calhoun Community College (1977-1979), where he earned his associate's degree. He received another scholarship to Austin Peay State University—graduating with his bachelor's degree in 1982. Sanders began his career in law enforcement but transitioned to education in 1984, returning to Glencliff High School as a teacher and assistant coach for the boys' and girls' basketball teams. He earned a master's degree in administration and supervision from Tennessee State University and expanded his coaching to boys' and

girls' track and cross-country teams, and freshman basketball.

In 1997, Sanders was appointed assistant principal and athletic director at Glencliff High School. He became a TSSAA area coordinator in 2006 and was named TSSAA Athletic Director of the Year in 2008. In 2010, he became the first African American district athletic director for Metro Nashville Public Schools, a position he held until his retirement in 2023.

In 2022, Sanders was instrumental in developing a district-wide elementary athletics program and successfully launched cross-country and soccer programs that served more than 2,000 students across 70 elementary schools.



RONNIE STEVENSON

McGavock High School
Class of 1989

Ronnie Stevenson was a standout, two-time state wrestler, and is currently ranked 48th among the TSSAA's 50 Best Prep Wrestlers with a career record of 160-1.

While at McGavock, he earned numerous honors: City and District Champion (18-0) in 1985; City, District and Regional Champion (25-0) in 1986; City and Regional Champion, third in the State in 1987; and City, District, Regional and State Champion in 1988 and 1989.

Stevenson was also named to the Tennessean Dream Team and voted regional and state Most Valuable Player - Best Wrestler.



MICHAEL TRIBUE SR.
Donelson High School
Class of 1970

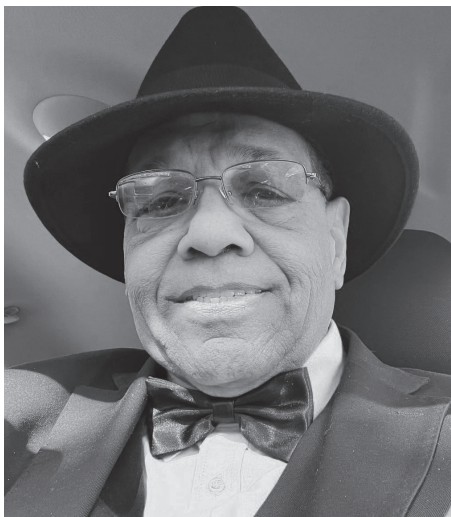
Michael Tribue was one of the first African American students at Donelson High School. Despite significant adversity, he excelled as a four-sport athlete in football, basketball, track, and baseball. His talent earned him a spot on the All-Nashville Interscholastic League football team, and in 2018, he was recognized as one of Nashville's greatest high school players of all time.

After high school, Tribue continued his athletic career at Fisk University, where he played football and was named to the All-Conference team. He also served as team captain and earned both his bachelor's and master's degrees.

Tribue taught and coached track and football at McGavock High School. As the track coach, he led his team to victory at the TSSAA State Team

Track Relays. His leadership abilities propelled him to the positions of assistant principal and eventually executive principal at McGavock. He also served on the TSSAA Board of Control for nine years. Even after retirement, Tribue remained dedicated to education, working as an assistant principal and coaching at several high schools.

Tribue ran the summer league basketball program for Metro Parks for many years and officiated basketball games for 32 years. He worked at the TSSAA state basketball championships and was selected as an NAIA official for the national championships for five consecutive years. He also is a track official and has served as director of the TSSAA state track meet.



CHARLES E. WATKINS JR.
Cameron High School
Class of 1962

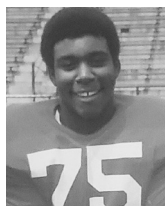
Charles Watkins has been a TSSAA official for more than 50 years, officiating volleyball, basketball, baseball, and softball and receiving numerous awards. He has officiated at various tournaments, including two TSSAA State Basketball Tournaments, and served as a TSSAA supervisor for 28 years.

Watkins' quest for training and developing officials' skills resulted in the first sanctioned TSSAA Basketball Officiating Camp at MTSU, which is now required to officiate TSSAA girls and boys high school basketball. He was a charter member of the TSSAA Volleyball and Middle Tennessee Volleyball State and Local Associations more than 50 years ago when TSSAA sanctioned the sport. His officiating at junior college, National Association of

Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA), and Division 1 college baseball, basketball and volleyball games led to his serving as a staff official for eight Division 1 conferences.

2024 Honorees

GEORGE STOKES HENDRICKS JR.
Overton High School
Class of 1973



George Hendricks Jr. attended John Overton High School, where he played football under Coach Nick Coutras. After high school, Hendricks attended Tennessee State

University (TSU) on a football scholarship and majored in animal science. He played under another coaching legend, Joe Gilliam, who was TSU's defensive coordinator coach at the time.

Hendricks received district and regional tournament honors in wrestling. In high school, he played in the Blanket, Tobacco and Clinic Bowls; AAA Western Division & Region 3 Championship; and the TSSAA Class AAA State Playoff Semifinals. He was named Nashville Interscholastic League (NIL) player of the week multiple times and was runner-up for NIL Player of the Year. The Nashville Banner named him to its NIL-AAA Western Division Team and The Tennessean named him to its All-NIL Team. He played on the West TSSAA All-Star Team. At TSU, he was a member of the 1973 undefeated championship team and a 1974/1975 all-time letter winner.

CHARLES MCTORRY
Overton High School
Class of 1996



Charles McTorry was a three-sport star at Overton who made his mark as one of the state's all-time greatest wrestlers, tallying more than 200 victories in his high

school career. McTorry won two individual state championships and was named the state's Best Wrestler in 1994 and 1996; led Overton to the 1996 team state championship; and won the 1996 national high school wrestling title in the 171-pound weight class.

McTorry wrestled collegiately at Nebraska. In 2000, Sports Illustrated included McTorry as one of Tennessee's all-time greatest sports figures in a special issue naming the top 50 for each state.

RICK MILLER
Two Rivers High School
Class of 1969



Rick Miller was a standout athlete at Two Rivers High School, where he excelled in playing basketball, football and golf. Miller accepted a scholarship to play basketball at Tulane

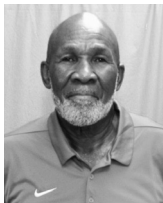
University, where he was team co-captain and leading rebounder. He also holds the record for the most points in one half (25).

Miller's high school basketball accomplishments were bright; he was named First Team All NIL, 2nd Team All-State, and chosen to start on the East-West All-Star Game. In football, Miller broke four NIL passing records, was named All NIL First Team Quarterback, and assisted Two Rivers to an Eastern Division Championship.

As a golfer, Miller was unbeaten in match play for five years, was the NIL scoring leader his senior year, regional champion his freshman and senior year, and state champion his junior year.

2024 Honorees

ROBERT E. MOORE
Cameron High School
Class of 1966



Robert Moore was a four-sport scholar athlete, playing basketball, baseball, golf and tennis at Cameron High School, continuing his athletic career at Fisk University, again playing

all four sports for Fisk.

Moore lettered each of his four years at Fisk and is one of the university's all-time leading scorers in men's basketball. He was chosen as one of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SIAC) players and to play in the Tennessee-Kentucky All Star game. After graduating from Fisk, Moore played semi-pro basketball and golfed on the United Golfers Association circuit with other great black golfers.

Moore went on to coach high school baseball, track and tennis. He was the head basketball coach for boys and girls at Pearl High School and won district and city championships from 1979-1982. He returned to Pearl-Cohn from 1990-2000 as head girls' basketball coach and received Coach of the Year recognition. His high school coaching career also included coaching teams at Hume-Fogg Magnet High to the Sub-State and State Tournament finals and he coached his boys' basketball team at Hillwood High to regional finalist.

At the time of his induction, he was the head golf coach for both the men's and women's teams at Fisk University and has also coached tennis and been assistant coach of the women's basketball team.

JIM NORRIS
Madison High School
Class of 1966



Jim Norris lettered in three sports at Madison High School: football, baseball and track. During his senior year, he led the Nashville Interscholastic League (NIL) in hitting, ran the

2nd leg on the mile relay team that won the bronze medal at the state track meet, and was selected to the Tennessean All Metro Baseball Team.

Norris may be the only Metro athlete to medal in the state track meet and play in the state baseball tournament in the same year. In college, Norris lettered in baseball two years at Tennessee Tech University and was named to the Ohio Valley Conference baseball team as outfielder during his senior year.

After graduation, Norris taught and coached football and baseball for 36 years at McGavock High School and was the head baseball coach for 15 years, posting 300 wins. Under his tenure, McGavock participated in the state baseball tournament 10 times, earned 12 district championships, three regional championships and two Final Fours. He is probably the only person in Metro Nashville to participate in the state tournament as player, assistant coach and head coach.

Norris was selected twice by The Tennessean as AAA Midstate Coach of the Year, was inducted into the Tennessee Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2007 and inducted into Metro Football Coaches Hall of Fame in 2008 as an assistant coach.

ALFONZA J. PATRICK
MNPS Coach
Posthumous



Alfonza Patrick, called "Patrick" by those who knew him, spent 32 years as an educator and coach in Nashville's public schools. Patrick graduated in 1962 as valedictorian of Booker

T. Washington High School and received an academic scholarship to Morehouse College in Atlanta. He transferred to Tennessee State University (TSU), majoring in mathematics. After one year of teaching and coaching in North Carolina, he returned to Nashville and taught in Metro Nashville Public Schools until his retirement in 1998.

Patrick spent 22 years at Apollo Middle School, coaching girls' basketball and volleyball, and leading his teams to several district championships, including 1989 City Champions, 1994 City Runner-Up, 1995 City Champions and 1998 City third place. He also received "Teacher of the Year" recognition. After retirement, he worked as an assistant coach for the TSU women's basketball team.

WALTER L. POPE SR.
Pearl High School
Class of 1950



Walter Pope Sr. is a graduate of Nashville's public school system and an Army veteran who served in the Korean War. Pope returned to Nashville to serve as a teacher while coaching

various sports. Pope taught from 1958 until his retirement in 1990 at Carter Lawrence Elementary, Rose Park Middle, Cohn High, East High and Maplewood High. His dedicated service earned him the commemorative award for Distinctive Classroom Teacher.

Pope sponsored and conducted many basketball clinics for Nashville youth through his memberships and affiliations with civic organizations. He is an active member and past president of the Metropolitan Nashville Education Association (MNEA). He was awarded Coach of the Year by the Tennessee Athletic Association, named Region VI AAA Hall of Fame Inductee, and received the Legends Award from the Black Coaches Association.

BESSIE STOCKARD
Pearl High School
Class of 1951



Bessie Stockard, a pioneering Black athlete, coach, and administrator, made significant contributions to sports over seven decades. Excelling in basketball and tennis at

Nashville's Pearl High School, she earned a scholarship to Tuskegee University, where she captained the basketball team and starred in tennis. Despite segregation, Stockard excelled on the American Tennis Association (ATA) circuit, winning numerous national titles and breaking barriers on the Virginia Slims Tours.

Transitioning to coaching at Federal City College, now the University of the District of Columbia (UDC), Stockard established the institution's first women's basketball program and coached tennis, volleyball, and softball. In 1976, she became the first Black woman assistant coach for the US Women's National Basketball program, contributing to the selection of the inaugural US women's Olympic Basketball Team. Recognized for her achievements, Stockard was inducted into the Tuskegee University Athletic Hall of Fame, the Washington DC Sports Hall of Fame, the Black Tennis Hall of Fame, and the UDC Athletics Hall of Fame.

MARGARET LESLIE TRISDALE
Goodlettsville High School
Class of 1959



Margaret Leslie Trisdale was the Nashville Banner's first Nashville Interscholastic League (NIL) Girls Basketball Most Valuable Player. She led Goodlettsville High School to a 15-3

record and the 1959 NIL Girls Basketball Championship, scoring 23 points in the title-clinching final game. In her senior season, Trisdale led the NIL in scoring, averaging 23.7 points per game, including a 48-point outburst in one game hitting 13 field goals and a remarkable 22 free throws.

In addition to the Nashville Banner's MVP award, she was named to the Tennessean's 1959 six-member All-City Team, as well as being honored as the Nashville Optimist Club Player of the Year. Trisdale scored more than 1,000 points in her career, lettered all four years of high school, and is a member of the Goodlettsville High School Hall of Fame.

2024 Honorees

JOSEPHINE WRIGHT

Glenclyff High School

Class of 1976



Josephine Wright excelled in basketball and track and field at Glenclyff High School. She achieved All District and All City awards and runner-up and second place in track and field at the TSSAA State tournaments.

Wright studied at Columbia State Community College and Middle Tennessee State University, where she received athletic awards from each institution. She competed in the Women's USSSA Class A Slow Pitch Straight Arrow Softball Team, where she was named two-time All-American. She was selected to play ASA (Amateur Softball Association) with the University of Pikeville and earned MVP honors and multiple world championships.

The inaugural WABL (Women's Professional Basketball League) drafted Wright in 1981 and she played for two years. She returned to Nashville and began a 31-year career with Metro Parks and Recreation teaching life skills, training athletes and coaching teams.

2023 Honorees

BRIAN BAKER

Hillwood High School
Class of 2003



Brian Baker is the most accomplished tennis player in the history of Metro Schools. A TSSAA state champion, Baker joined the professional tour and rose to the top of the profession; being

ranked as high as second in the world on the junior circuit in singles and 5th in doubles.

After a string of injuries and 11 surgeries, Baker returned to professional tennis and advanced to the final of the 2012 Open de Nice Cote' d' Azur, competed in the Australian Open, the French Open, Wimbledon, and the US Open. Baker was a member of the 2016 U.S. Olympic Tennis Team—competing for the United States in Rio de Janeiro.

Baker coached tennis at Belmont University and currently serves as coach for the U.S. Men's Tennis team.

HELEN BEARD

Pearl High School
Class of 1980



Helen Beard was a stand-out basketball player and a three-year starter at Pearl High School. She was recognized as All-District, All-Region, All-State and Nashville Interscholastic

League (NIL) MVP, among several other honors in high school. In 1983, Beard received a scholarship to the University of Chattanooga, but transferred to Fisk University in 1984.

Beard received the Women's Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Most Valuable Women's Basketball Player Award for four consecutive years. She averaged 24 points per game and was one of the nation's leading scorers her senior season. She was inducted into the American Athletic Hall of Fame in 1988.

After her playing career, Beard coached women's basketball and track and field at Fisk University. She also coached at several local high schools and was a participant in training camps for professional players. Beard was a team member on the Athletes in Action Spring Tour of Women's Basketball in Perth, Australia in 1998. She was inducted in Fisk University's Sports Hall of Fame in 2018.

SCOTT BRUNETTE

MNPS Coach and Administrator



Scott Brunette served as a long-time administrator with Metro Nashville Public Schools, as well as teacher, coach, coordinator and discipline hearing officer. Brunette taught

at Napier Elementary School, Whites Creek High School and McGavock High School. He was assistant principal, athletic principal and special education principal at Stratford HS. He was named director of athletics and physical education coordinator for the district in 1991 and held this position until retirement in 2010. While retired, he was a contracted discipline hearing officer.

During his tenure as MNPS athletic director, he facilitated the NFL Play It Smart Program with the Tennessee Titans; served as board member of the Nashville Sports Council and the Tennessee High School Athletic Administrators Association; completed a nine-year term as ex-officio member of the TSSAA Board of Control and Legislature Council; and served as a board member and executive secretary (2005-2016) with the National Football Foundation & College Hall of Fame, Middle TN Chapter. He is a founding member of the MNPS Athletic Hall of Fame Committee.

Brunette earned many awards during his career, including: Metro Nashville Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame/ Administrator; National Wrestling Hall of Fame; TAHPERD Athletic Director of the Year; TSSAA Administrator Distinguished Service Recognition; Metro Nashville Football Coaches Hall of Fame, Administrator; Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce Sports Council Volunteer of the Year; Nashville City Civitan Club Civitan of the Year; TSSAA A.F. Bridges Sportsmanship Award as School System Administrator of Year; TN High School Athletic Administrators Association NIAAA State Award of Merit and TN Athletic Coaches Association State High School Wrestling Coach of the Year.

2023 Honorees

CARLTON COLLIER

MNPS Coach

Posthumous



Carlton Collier was a native of Erin, TN, who had a memorable career as a coach in Nashville's public schools. Collier began his coaching career in Nashville at Bailey Junior High and,

after one season, left to become the boys' basketball coach at Madison High in 1966.

While at Madison, Collier coached cross country, softball and golf. In 1986, he moved to the newly opened Hunters Lane High, where he taught and coached boys' basketball and cross country until his retirement in 2001. The Hunters Lane gym is named in Collier's honor.

Collier's honors and highlights are well documented. In 1960 his team qualified for the Florida State Tournament. His teams also qualified for the state tournament in 1985, 1991, 1992 and 1999. He was named District Coach of the Year in 1988, '91, '93, '96, '97, '98 and '99; Nashville Interscholastic League Coach of the Year 1974; Nashville Banner Coach of the Year in 1992 and 1998; National High School Coach of the Year 1989; and Tennessean Coach of the Year in 1974 and 1998.

Coach Collier also received honors as the Regional Basketball Association Coach of the Year in 1997; Sports Nashville Coach of the Year, 1998; Madison Chamber of Commerce Coach of the Year, 1998; A.F. Bridges Coach of the Year, 1998 and 1999; and Tennessee Athletic Coaches Association (TACA) Coach of the Year in 2000.

Collier's Hunters Lane team was Regional Champion in 1997, 1999 and Sectional Champion in 1999. He coached the Tennessee All-Star Shootout at Florida State University in 2000.

His coaching honors in softball included five district championships, three regional championships, two Sub-State championships, two semi-final appearances at the state tournament.

GLEN FALLS

Joelton High School

Class of 1956



Glenn Thompson Falls served as a teacher, coach and administrator in Metro Nashville Public Schools for 60 years. The gymnasium floor at Glencliff High School is named the "Glenn Falls

Court" in his honor.

Falls started his career after graduating from the University of Tennessee, teaching and coaching at several junior high schools in Nashville before moving to Glencliff in 1978, where he spent most of his coaching career.

Falls coached junior high and freshman level teams, earning several district championships. Later, he coached both Glencliff volleyball (1979-2021) and girls' basketball (1980-2004). His volleyball teams dominated District 12 AAA as district champions for 25 years and won the district title for 21 straight years from 1983-2003. More than 50 of his student athletes played college basketball and volleyball.

While at Glencliff, Falls received many honors. He coached in 757 basketball games, compiling a 460-297 winning record (61%); he coached in 1,377+ volleyball games, compiling a 1163-214 winning record (84%); he had two basketball teams reach the state tournament, and in 1990, was runner-up with another appearance in 1996. Three volleyball teams he coached reached the state - winning a state championship in 1986 (42-2). Falls has been honored with multiple coaching awards in basketball and volleyball, including Tennessean Coach of the Year for both sports and TSSAA Tennis Coach of the Year.

Outside of coaching, Falls was director of multiple District 12 AAA basketball and volleyball tournaments. MNPS awarded him top Career Level Distinction and, after retirement from teaching in 2004, he became the district's PE & Lifetime Wellness lead.

BRAD GAINES

DuPont High School

Class of 1986



Brad Gaines excelled on both sides of the football, breaking the former DuPont High School's single season rushing record at running back and earning All-Metro honors at defensive back

as a member of DuPont's final football team before the school was closed. He was nearly unstoppable his senior year, becoming one of the nation's top recruits.

After high school, Gaines attended Vanderbilt University and played running back and wide receiver, appearing in 33 games in three years, scoring six touchdowns, catching 91 passes for 933 yards, and rushing for 308 yards. In 1989, his 67 receptions led the SEC and was among the top 10 in the NCAA.

CHARLES HATHAWAY
Hillwood High School
Class of 1996



Charles Hathaway was a standout basketball player at Hillwood High School. Hathaway scored 2,064 points during his high school career and was named a McDonald's All-American, Parade

All-American and Gatorade All-American, as well as being named to All-City and All-State teams. During one memorable game at Hillwood, he netted 50 points with 13 dunks, 13 rebounds and 10 blocked shots. His number, 55, is retired at Hillwood High School.

After high school, Hathaway enrolled at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and played basketball for the Volunteers. He made the NCAA Sweet 16 appearance with UT Men's Basketball. Hathaway was in the National Basketball Development League (NBDL) – drafted the 8th pick in the 10th round where he played for the Roanoke Dazzles. After playing with the NBDL, he played in the Continental Basketball Association (CBA) for Flint, Michigan. Hathaway played his final years with teams in Istanbul, Turkey and Argentina.

JOE HERBERT
Pearl High School
Class of 1966



Joe Herbert attended Pearl High School from 1963-1966, where he lettered two years in basketball. After playing on the junior varsity team his sophomore year, the following two years

Herbert was a member of two consecutive state championship teams ('65, '66). He was the starting point guard his senior year and led his team in assists. That year, Pearl High won the first integrated state championship in Tennessee history. That team is widely regarded as the state's greatest high school basketball team, with a record of 32-0.

Pearl High Hall of Fame Coach Cornelius Ridley once said, "Joe was a hustler and shined on defense." By the time he graduated, Herbert was considered among the elite defenders in Pearl's history, winning every varsity game he started (32).

After graduation, Herbert earned a basketball scholarship to Fisk University, where he played basketball for three years and baseball for two years. He majored in health and physical education and enjoyed a 43-year career in education as a teacher, coach, assistant principal, principal and coordinator of Adult Education.

JAMES STONE
Maplewood High School
Class of 2010



James Stone is a standout football player from Maplewood High School who went to the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. He was drafted into the NFL and played for the Atlanta Falcons

from 2014-2016, the Oakland Raiders in 2017 and the Chicago Bears in 2018.

Stone received several honors while playing football at Maplewood. He was named Tennessee AA Lineman of the Year, Tennessee Sports Writers All-State First Team, Tennessee Class 2A Mr. Football Lineman, Under Armour All-American and was awarded the William Hume Award in 2009. While in college, he was named a Sporting News/Football Writers Association Freshman All American, was on the Rimington Award Watch list, and he participated in the 2013 East West Shrine Bowl. In 2013, he was awarded the University of Tennessee Football Unsung Hero Award for exceptional leadership on the team and in the community.

2023 Honorees

ROBIN WHITTAKER

Antioch High School

Class of 1983



Robin Whittaker's career at Antioch High helped ignite the popularity of softball in Nashville and Metro Schools. Whittaker was a two-time All-Region, All-City and All-NIL player; Tennessean

Player of the Year in 1982; and named Nashville Banner Most Valuable Player in 1982 and 1983. She earned a softball scholarship to Southern Mississippi and was named to the school's All-Decade Team and All-Century team following her stellar college career.

Following college, Whittaker continued to play softball and was named All-American 10 times, National MVP three times and is a member of the Amateur Softball Association Hall of Fame.

2022 Honorees

LEON BRADLEY

Pearl High School

Class of 1952, Posthumous



In 1957, Leon Bradley began working in the Nashville Public School system. He began his professional education career as a teacher, coach and guidance counselor at Cameron

High School and moved rapidly up the administrative ladder in the school system.

In 1966-67, he served as assistant coordinator of special projects. He was named supervisor of professional personnel in 1967, director of personnel in 1969, and became the first African American assistant superintendent of personnel in 1973. He was also instrumental in recruiting and increasing the black employment ratio for teachers and principals in Metro Nashville. Bradley served as assistant superintendent until he retired in 1992 with 35 years of service.

Bradley was a trailblazer in the American Association of School Personnel Administration (AASPA). He chaired the national convention in 1983 and was elected the first African American president of the AASPA in 1984. The AASPA paid tribute to him for his dedication to the organization by establishing a scholarship in his name that continues today.

Bradley was also an outstanding athlete who lettered in basketball and baseball in the early 1950s and was captain of both teams his senior year at Pearl High School. His athletic ability and honors led him to a scholarship in basketball to South Carolina State University (SCSU), where, again, he was a star basketball and baseball player. He was named basketball captain of the SCSU Bulldogs his senior year. Bradley, along with his teammates (Ben Jobe, Ed Martin and Oscar Butler), became outstanding educators and well-known coaches among Historical Black Colleges and Universities. It is worthy to mention that, even though he earned a basketball scholarship to SCSU, after college he still had the talent and played for the Elite Giants, a black minor-league baseball team.

RICKY COLLINS

Pearl High School

Class of 1974



Ricky Collins graduated from Pearl High School, where he was a three-year basketball starter and co-captain under Coach Cornelius Ridley. His honors at Pearl include: three-time All

District (1972-1974); two-time All Regional (1973 & 1974); Nashville Tennessean two-time first team; All NIL (1973 & 1974); Nashville Banner All Nashville (1974); First American District Player of the year (1974); St. Petersburg Times Honorable Mention All -American (1974); Tennessee Sports Writers, AP and UPI All-State teams (1974); and Nashville Banner, NIL Most Valuable Player (1974).

In addition to basketball, Collins also lettered three years in track and field for Coach Willie Stevens. He was a member of the 1973 440 yards and 880 yards relay teams that finished fourth at the TSSAA state track meet. After high school, he accepted a basketball scholarship to Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU), where he was a member of the first men's team to win the Ohio Valley Conference (OVC) regular season and tournament championship (1975). He later transferred to Cumberland College. While at Cumberland, Collins' team won the Eastern Division Championship and he was named most valuable player.

Collins' graduated with his bachelor's degree from the University of Tennessee at Martin, and a master's degree from Trevecca Nazarene University. He embarked on a successful high school coaching career, which included Trenton, TN, Peabody High, Memphis Technical High, Memphis Central High, Pearl High, Antioch High and Whites Creek High Schools.

Collins guided his high school teams to four sub-state games, two state final four games and several district and regional championships. He was Regional boys Basketball Coach of the Year in 1998 and has also coached football, cross country and tennis. Collins was inducted as a member of the Metro Nashville Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2019. Currently, Collins serves as senior advisor to the head basketball coach at Tennessee State University.

SHERRI WRIGHT DICKENS

Overton High School

Class of 1990



Sherri Dickens received 11 AAA All District 1st Team, Nashville Banner All Nashville Softball 1st Team, The Tennessean All Mid-State Softball 1st Team and Most Valuable Player just to name a few.

After high school, Dickens attended Central Michigan University where she played softball from 1990-91 before transferring to Belmont University to play softball until 1994.

Dickens received many accolades during her time in college as well, including All Mid-American Conference Softball 1st Team, Best Pitcher in the Tusculum College Invitational National Batting Champion Runner-Up, and many more. Her college career highlights include five perfect games, batting average of .576 and an average of 9.10 strikeouts per game. Dickens was the first softball player to be inducted into the Belmont University Hall of Fame and, in 2014, was named one of the all-time top female collegiate athletes of Middle Tennessee.

2022 Honorees

JEFF EDWARDS

DuPont High School

Class of 1981



Former pro baseball player Jeff Edwards earned numerous honors while playing for DuPont High School. Named to the all-district and all-city teams his junior and senior years, Edwards

was also named the Nashville Banner 1981 NIL Player of the Year (left-handed pitcher), 1981 Tennessean All-NIL First Team, and was named the MVP in 1981.

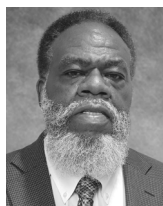
During his junior year of high school, Edwards was the only junior named to the 1980 Tennessean All NIL First Team. He had a remarkable 0.41 ERA and, in one stand-out game, struck out 19 Maplewood batters before darkness called the game. As a senior, he posted a 3-1 record and struck out 20 batters in 14 innings in a game against rival McGavock High School and had an 0.80 ERA.

After high school, he played for Vanderbilt University before being selected in the 1984 draft by the Los Angeles Dodgers. He spent 10 years playing professional baseball, also playing with the Houston Astros and the Cleveland Indians. He played six years in the minor league and coached two years before retiring at the age of 56. He was inducted into the DuPont High School Hall of Fame in 2017.

MAURICE FITZGERALD

Hume-Fogg High School

Class of 1974



Maurice Fitzgerald has been a long-time coaching fixture in Nashville for more than 35 years. He has been affiliated with Smithson-Craighead Charter School, Pearl Cohn,

Stratford, John Overton and Hillsboro High Schools.

He and his teams have attained numerous accomplishments, awards and honors. The list of honors includes: 1974 All Class A Football Team, All District Baseball, District Coach of the Year (COTY), 1979 All American TSU Football Captain, signed free agent with the Philadelphia Eagles, Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) All-Star Game, 1991 Tennessee Athletic Coaches Association (TACA) Softball District COTY, 1996 Warren Dunn COTY, 1997 USA Coaches Award, 1997 Tennessean All Mid State 4A COTY, Region 4A COTY, Tennessee Oilers COTY, 1998 Region 4A COTY, Walter Nippers Civitan COTY, Region 4A TACA COTY, 2001 TACA COTY Region 6-4A, 2002 TACA COTY Region 6-4A, 2005 106.7 The Fan COTY, All American Football Foundation High School Coaches Award, 2006 Coca-Cola Metro Hall of Fame and 2009 Tennessee Titans Coach of the Week.

Twenty-five years ago, during Fitzgerald's time at Pearl-Cohn, the football team achieved the unthinkable by winning nine games in a row and beating an undefeated Knox Hall football team 18-14 for the class 4A State Championship.

Coach Fitzgerald is a faithful member of Corinthian Missionary Baptist Church, Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), Tennessee Athletics Coaches Association, Nashville City Civitan, One Nashville (charter member), founder and member of Coaches against Violence and founder and president of a non-profit mentoring/tutoring organization (In Full Motion).

REGINALD GRIMES

Hunters Lane High School

Class of 1995



Reginald "Reggie" Grimes was an all-around high school athlete, playing as a four-year starter for the Hunters Lane High School football team while also competing in basketball and track.

During his football career, he accounted for more than 4,000 yds. of total offense and 50 touchdowns, including 1,388 yds. on 131 carries and 27 touchdowns his senior year alone. Grimes received several awards during his high school career, including three-time All District, All Metro, and All Mid-State honors; two-time All- State Metro Offensive Player of the Year; Region 6-5A Offensive Player of the Year; US Army All American; Hume Award recipient; and Mr. Football finalist.

Grimes also played basketball, averaging 10 points and six rebounds per game. He had two career highs – one scoring 25 points against Whites Creek in 1995 and the other one being 12 rebounds against Maplewood in 1994. In track, he was a two-time state finalist and won a state championship in discus with a throw of 165'4 – which still stands as the school record.

Grimes received a football scholarship to the University of Alabama and was a four-year starter. He was team captain and SEC Defensive Player of the Week when Alabama played Mississippi State in 1999, two-time SEC Western Division Champ (1996 & 1999), and SEC Champion (1999). During his professional career, he played with the New England Patriots, Seattle Seahawks, Chicago Bears, Atlanta Falcons and the Berlin Thunder of NFL Europe. While playing in Berlin, he led all defensive tackles in sacks.

LILLIAN JACKSON

Isaac Litton High School

Class of 1937, Posthumous



Lillian Jackson, aka "Bird Dog," experienced life as a professional baseball player and shared her experiences as an advisor to the 1993 movie, "A League of Their Own."

Jackson graduated

from Isaac Litton High School, where she lettered in basketball for three years and was team captain her senior year.

After graduation, Jackson took classes at Nashville College and played on its softball team, where she was spotted by a scout for the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League, a team founded by Chicago Cubs owner Philip Wrigley. She was invited to the final tryouts at Wrigley Field in Chicago, which became her first trip outside of Nashville.

Jackson relocated to the Rockford Peaches in Illinois. She saw little action during her rookie year and was traded to the expansion team Minneapolis Millerettes for the 1944 season. One day, Jackson ran the bases and the outfield like a "bird dog" and the nickname stuck throughout her career. That season, Jackson posted a .201 average. She also scored 23 runs and stole 24 bases in just 58 games. The Minneapolis franchise folded before the 1945 season and was replaced by the Fort Wayne Daisies. In her final game for the Daisies, Jackson chased a foul ball into the left field bleachers and caught the ball for the final out of the game.

After softball, Jackson took a job in Chicago with Sunbeam Corporation, where she worked for 30 years. She lived in Chicago for nearly 50 years, before moving to Green Valley, AZ, with her dear friend and companion, Ruth Heiden. The National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum in Cooperstown, NY, established a "Women in Baseball" permanent exhibit to honor Jackson and other women pioneers of professional baseball.

Jackson died in 2003 in Tucson, AZ, following a brief illness.

SHAWNEY BO WYNN

Cameron High School

Class of 1969



Shawney Bo Wynn went to Rose Park School and played football for one year before being transferred to the high school team at Cameron High School and starting as a varsity freshman. He

lettered in four sports—basketball, football, track and field, and baseball.

Cameron was poised to win the state in football and basketball before a suspension of the school ended the season. He made the All-Eastern Team and sports writers nominated Wynn as one of the "Most Feared Football Players" in the country and the state of Tennessee. The Tennessean included Wynn as one of its picks for the top five players in America.

After high school, Wynn started and played five years at Tennessee State University (TSU) under scholarship. Three of those five years, his team went undefeated. He was voted "One of the Quickest Football Players in America." His defensive line was known as "The Million Dollar Line." His record at TSU was 50 -2-1.

Wynn was drafted as the second pick by the New Orleans Saints during his junior year. The Saints later rescinded their offer due to Wynn's having had knee surgery and because legendary TSU Coach John Merritt would not release him.

After football, Wynn became a professional wrestler. He wrestled with the NWA before it became WWE. He wrestled against many of the greats such as Junkyard Dog, Macho Man Randy Savage, Tojo Yamamoto, Andre the Giant and Rocky Johnson.

Wynn has had an interesting professional career. In addition to sports and wrestling, he acted in the Opera "Turandot" in Hartford, Connecticut, playing the role of an executioner; and he is singer/songwriter on a record he released titled, "Horse Dance." He worked as a professional bodyguard for some of the world's famous entertainers, including Michael Jackson, Rick James, Natalie Cole, and many more.

2021 Honorees

DERICA BAKER DUNN

Glenclyff High School

Class of 1986



Derica Dunn was a member of the Glenclyff High track team and captain of the basketball cheerleading squad. Upon graduation from Glenclyff, she attended Tennessee State

University, where she was a member of the famous Tigerbelles track team. She later attended Lipscomb University.

Dunn was a regional champion in track in 1985 and 1986. In 1986, she was chosen as Miss Optimist (track and field), Nashville Banner-Track Woman of the Year, Miss Glenclyff, homecoming queen and graduated with honors.

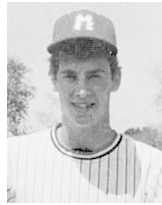
While at TSU, Dunn was an Ohio Valley Conference (OVC) 100 M Champion in 1989 and 1990, OVC440 M relay team champions in 1989 and 1990 (first leg), OVC 1600 relay champion in 1990 (last leg) and OVC 55M indoor champion in 1989 and 1990. In 1992, Dunn was selected as an Olympic Track Barer.

She is a founding member of Nissan Toastmasters and Nissan Women Business Synergy Team as well as vice president of Tennessee State University National Alumni Association and vice president of Track and Field Alumni Association.

DANIEL "DAN" PEERY ESKEW

McGavock High School

Class of 1984



Dan Eskew was a standout baseball player at McGavock High School, where he was known as a dedicated and trustworthy player and a leader on and off the field. He later played

for the University of Kentucky, Indian River Community College, University of Tennessee and in the minor league with the Oakland Athletics Organization.

Eskew was the 15th ranked college prospect in America his senior year. During that record 13-0 season, he pitched two no-hitters in post season play, was the 1984 All Metro AAA Player of the Year and led McGavock to the 1984 State Championship.

After graduation, Eskew attended the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, lettering and earning recognition as the MVP in 1987. He graduated with a degree in political science and a minor in business administration.

The Oakland A's drafted Eskew in the sixth round in June 1988. He went on to play for several minor league teams. He holds the organizational record for the Huntsville Stars, which includes the winning percentage in a season in 1990, most wins in a season, most strikeouts in a season and MVP. His professional career record is 23-14 with an ERA of 4.10.

WALTER HOWARD FISHER SR.

Pearl High School

Class of 1966



According to the National Interscholastic League (NIL), Walter Fisher Sr. is one of the best all-around athletes and outside shooters in the NIL history. He lettered in football,

basketball, baseball and track. Fisher attended Head Elementary, Washington Jr. High and graduated from Pearl High School before moving on to Fisk University.

While attending Washington Jr. High, Fisher was a member of three city championship teams from 1961-63. During his tenure at Pearl he was on three state championship teams from 1964-66 and also broke the color barrier in 1966 in basketball. During the 1965-66 season, Pearl went undefeated 32 wins to 0 losses, as well as winning the state championship. While at Fisk, Fisher and team won one Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SAIC) Championship in 1974.

Fisher enlisted and served in the U.S. Army. He is a Vietnam War veteran and was awarded the Bronze Star for bravery.

LARRY E. HOWSE
Glenclyff High School
Class of 1970



Larry E. Howse was the first African American student-athlete to graduate from Glenclyff High School, where he averaged 25 points and 16 rebounds per game.

He was a three-year

letterman and was recognized as All Metro, All State and All Region in basketball, football and track. He was offered numerous scholarships from various schools in football and basketball and he accepted a four-year football scholarship from Tennessee State University (TSU).

While at TSU, he was an All-American defensive back who also played corner and safety. Howse was coached by legendary coaches John A. Merritt and Joe Gilliam Sr., and played during three undefeated TSU seasons. He graduated from TSU in 1975.

Howse was a free-agent prospect and was picked up by the Seattle Seahawks in 1976, the year the Seahawks entered the NFL. After leaving professional football, Howse began coaching defensive backs in the Joe Gilliam Camps while coaching AAU basketball. He coached track and basketball while employed with Metro Parks and Recreation.

In 2007, he founded and coached the Tennessee Future Stars AAU team, being one of the first black coaches with a team to qualify and compete in the national championship tournament held in Orlando, Florida. Howse worked and retired from Bridgestone Tire with 23 years of service. He also coached at Stratford and Whites Creek High Schools and continues to coach at Stratford High School.

Howse continues to coach defensive backs with the Joe Gilliam Camp, which is the oldest football camp in the Nashville area.

BEN W. JOBE
Pearl High School
Class of 1951, Posthumous



Ben Jobe attended Pearl High School. In 1950, Jobe earned all-district and all-state honors as a point guard and was named to the 1951 all-national high school team. He enrolled at

Fisk University, earning All-Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference honors during his junior and senior seasons. He earned a bachelor's degree from Fisk and later earned a master's degree from Tennessee State University.

Jobe began his coaching career at Cameron High School, where his first and only team won a school-record 24 games. Following that record year, Jobe moved to Sierra Leone, West Africa, to coach a junior college basketball team and posted back-to-back undefeated seasons. He returned to the United States and spent three years coaching at Talladega College in Alabama.

Jobe coached the Southern University Jaguars from 1986-1996. He returned to Southern again in 2001 for two more seasons, retiring completely from college basketball in 2003. At Southern, Jobe compiled a 209-141 record, led the Jaguars to the NCAA tournament four times, went to the National Invitational Tournament (NIT), won five Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Championships and won 11 Southwestern Athletic Conference Championships.

His most memorable moment as a college coach was his Jaguars' 93-78 win over then champions, Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets, during the first round of the 1993 NCAA Tournament in Tucson, AZ.

Jobe was also a widely regarded influential coach of the former San Antonio Spurs guard Avery Johnson and the late Charlotte Hornets player Bobby Phills. Coach Jobe was a "Giant of a Man," who was known for his character, knowledge of basketball, strong values and advocacy for justice and civil rights. Upon his retirement from Southern in 2003, Jobe had accumulated 526 wins as a head coach in college basketball spread among eight teams over 31 seasons (.611 win%).

SANDRA McMURTRY
DuPont High School
Class of 1964, Posthumous



Sandra McMurtry, a student at the former DuPont High School, was a powerhouse player within Nashville Interscholastic League (NIL) girls' basketball. The 5' 10" forward was a two-

time NIL Basketball Player of the Year, the first junior to win the award in 1963 and the first repeat MVP in 1964. She scored more than 1,700 points and averaged 28.2 points a game during her career at DuPont, including 36.4 points per game her senior season. The final three games of her career she scored a mind-boggling 132 points, averaging 44 points per game.

DuPont Coach Judy Pearl once described McMurtry saying, "She's just the finest. That's all."

McMurtry died April 21, 2008, at the age of 62.

2021 Honorees

FARRELL OWENS

Cohn High School

Class of 1963, Posthumous



Farrell Owens was a baseball legend in Nashville. While at Cohn High School, Owens batted .450 and was named All-Western Division and All-City in 1963 in addition to being

a starting guard on the Cohn basketball team. Owens earned a baseball scholarship to David Lipscomb College, where he was a standout player, earning a place in the Lipscomb University Athletic Hall of Fame in 1992. He was player of the year, coached in amateur baseball leagues, was named to the Nashville Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame, served as president of the Old Timers Baseball organization and was awarded the Junie McBride Mr. Baseball Award. Owens left his job as a teacher and coach in Metro Nashville Public Schools to help bring professional baseball back to Nashville. He was one of the original owners of the Nashville Sounds baseball club and served as its first vice president and general manager.

When Owens left the school system, he became involved in several business ventures. After several years of being the first vice-president and general manager of the Nashville Sounds, he went back into the business world working with Purity Dairies before re-entering the teaching profession, teaching again with MNPS. Upon retirement, he continued to be involved in local baseball activities, as well as the Cohn High School Alumni Association, serving as president. Owens passed away Nov. 20, 2020.

Throughout his career, Owens received numerous awards and honors. He was a starting guard on the 1962 Nashville Interscholastic League (NIL) basketball team; made the first team 1963 All-City high school baseball team; was selected to the All-Western Division high school baseball team in 1963, and was the Tri-State League pennant winner in 1966, 1967 and 1968. Owens was voted Most Valuable Player in the Tri-State Baseball League in 1969. He was later inducted into the Nashville Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame and, in 1997, was awarded the Junie McBride "Mr. Baseball" Award. Owens also started an amateur baseball newspaper called "The Sandlotter," and was president of the Old Timers Baseball organization.

WAYNE PARKER

Litton High School

Class of 1966



Wayne Parker served Metro Nashville Public Schools as a teacher, coach and administrator for 36 years. As a student at Litton High School, he was captain of the 1965 football team and

a member of the 1966 state champion track team. As a coach, his teams won city championships in wrestling, football and in the Banner and Optimist relays in track. He was named freshman wrestling coach of the year in 1981.

In 2000, Parker won the TSSAA A.F. Bridges Sportsmanship Award Athletic Director of the Year, and as the MNPS executive director for high schools, he won the TSSAA Administrator of the Year in 2005-06. He was awarded the 2009 Distinguished Service Award from the Tennessee Interscholastic Administration Association and is a member of both the Metro Football Coaches (2009) and Metro Basketball Coaches (2016) Halls of Fame.

In 2005, Parker was the driving force in creating and launching the Metro Nashville Public Schools Sports Hall of Fame and designed the logo, medals, plaques and program.

MOSES PHILLIPS JR.

Hillsboro High School

Class of 1990



Moses Phillips was a three-sport athlete in football, track and basketball at Hillsboro from 1986-1990. His football accomplishments in 1989 included All-District

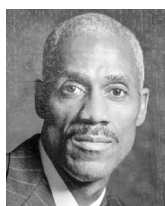
Quarterback and District MVP, All-Metro Banner Quarterback, Nashville Banner Player of the Year, All-Metro Quarterback, Tennessean Player of the Year, All State, Offensive Player of Year, All-State Defensive Back, Dixie Dozen Honorable Mention, All-Star Football Team, Quarterback and Free Safety and Tennessee "Elite11."

In 1990, he received an athletic scholarship to attend the University of Tennessee. While there, he was a three-year starter at running back and was a part of the 1990 SEC championship victory. He played in several bowl games, including the Sugar, Fiesta, Gator and Hall of Fame Bowls.

After leaving the University of Tennessee, he played fullback in the Arena Football League for the Memphis Pharaohs in 1995 and for the Portland Forest Dragons in 1996. He returned to coach at his alma mater, Hillsboro, in 1997. In the spring of 2000, he played semi-pro football in Germany for the Straubing Spiders before returning to MNPS to teach and coach at Hillsboro. He led his teams to a three-year run to the state championship.

Phillips currently teaches and coaches in MNPS, where he enjoys mentoring young men. His mission is to teach young men they will always be a part of a team - their family - and that they should always assume the role of captain and lead their family.

JAMES "DOC" SHELTON
Hume-Fogg High School
Class of 1977



James Doc Shelton was born in Nashville and obtained degrees from Aquinas Junior College, Tennessee State University, American Baptist College and Lipscomb University.

Shelton was employed by Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools for 31 years, retiring in 2014. He spent 25 of those years at Martin Luther King Jr. Magnet High School (MLK), where he was the head coach of the boys' varsity basketball team. Shelton's overall coaching record at MLK was 414 wins and 292 losses.

Under Shelton's leadership, MLK's basketball teams won eight district championships and four regional championships. Before the public/private schools split into three divisions, Shelton's teams advanced to seven state tournament appearances, winning two state championships. Shelton is one of the first MNPS coaches to win state championships in two different classes. Two of his players were voted most valuable player in their state tournaments. During his coaching career, 12 players signed basketball scholarships to play at the college level.

In April 2015, Shelton was inducted into the Metro Nashville Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame. In December 2015, the basketball court in MLK's gymnasium was named the James "Doc" Shelton Court.

Shelton is president and founder of the Nashville Black Coaches Association and the Doc Shelton Academy for Excellence Basketball Camp and Outreach Center. He is a past member of the Nashville City Civitan (Chaplain) and has received the Reese Smith Award, Educator of the Year and Trailblazer Award.

HOMER "BUTCH" STINSON
Cohn High School
Class of 1969



Butch Stinson excelled in every way at Cohn High School. He was valedictorian, president of the National Honor Society, all-state cello player, all-state choir and a three-sport

star. In football, Stinson was First Team All-AA and won the coveted Hume Award, as well as the National Football Foundation Scholar Athlete Award. In basketball, he was First Team All-City and All-District, averaging 20.9 points per game his senior year. He moved on to play basketball for two years at David Lipscomb College.

In baseball, Stinson was one of the most dominant pitchers in Nashville history. Named MVP by the Nashville Banner and Player of the Year by The Tennessean, he had an Earned Run Average (ERA) of 1.54, struck out 113 batters in 68 innings, and batted .354 his senior year. In college, Stinson was named National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) All-American for three years. He is a member of the David Lipscomb College Athletics Hall of Fame, as well as the NAIA Baseball Hall of Fame. He was drafted in the first round by the Chicago White Sox and pitched a rare no-hitter for the White Sox AAA affiliate.

Stinson earned his degree in mathematics from Lipscomb University and a graduate degree in biostatistics from Vanderbilt University.

SEAN WALLER
Hunters Lane High School
Class of 2002



During his time at Hunters Lane High School, Sean Waller led the school to two consecutive state track championships. His senior year was legendary.

In 2002, Waller was The Tennessean's Track Athlete of the Year and dominated the state championship track meet, winning the 100- (10.86), 200- (21.25) and 400- (47.51) meter dashes; finishing second in the high jump (tie, 6-6) and triple jump (47-2 $\frac{1}{2}$); and third in the long jump (22-1 $\frac{3}{4}$). His 52 points in the state meet were more than the second-place team scored collectively.

Waller was also a running back on the football team and rushed for 1,171 yards on 173 carries and scored 12 touchdowns his senior year. After graduation, Waller played football and ran track at Middle Tennessee State University.

2019 Honorees

ALEX BEAVERS

Madison High School

Class of 1966



Alex Beavers set the standard for three-sport student athletes in Nashville, excelling in football, basketball and baseball, as well as in the classroom. His athletic career earned him many

awards. The Tennessean named him the 1966 Nashville Interscholastic League (NIL) Athlete of the Year. In football, the Madison High quarterback earned All NIL and All State honors and won the prestigious Hume Award. As a star basketball player, Beavers averaged more than 30 points per game his senior year and was named NIL Most Valuable Player, All State, All Southeastern and Honorable Mention All-America. On the baseball diamond, he was Nashville's best player his senior year with a perfect 8-0 record as a pitcher and was named the NIL Most Valuable Player. In the classroom, he was a straight-A student.

After high school, Beavers attended Vanderbilt University on athletic scholarship where he played two sports, basketball and baseball, and graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor's of science in electrical engineering. He continued his studies with a National Science Foundation Fellowship at the University of Houston, where he earned master's and doctoral degrees in electrical engineering. He continued his education at Boston University, where he earned an MBA.

Beavers went on to have a long career as a high-tech executive, entrepreneur and author working in the fields of artificial intelligence, automation and enterprise systems. He was a senior executive at GE, Schlumberger, and Stanford Research Institute, a managing partner at PwC, CEO of Thomson Industries, and the founding CEO of two Silicon Valley ventures. He is the author of one patent, two books and 25 papers in technical journals.

MEL BROWN

MNPS Coach



Mel Brown began his teaching and coaching career in 1966 at Two Rivers High School, which served students in grades 7 through 12. He taught U.S. History and World History in

a World War II-era portable classroom located between the main school building and the athletic fields—a fitting setting for a man who taught two subjects and coached three sports. His coaching duties included middle school boys' basketball and assistant coach in high school football and baseball.

When McGavock High School opened in 1971, Coach Brown became the school's varsity baseball and assistant football coach. He coached football until 1977, but his baseball coaching career spanned much longer—lasting 20 years.

In those 20 years, McGavock's baseball program never had a losing season. They won 18 championships, six region championships and finished second in the state in 1976, 1985 and 1989. They won three state championships in 1975, 1984 and 1986.

McGavock's was the first high school baseball program in the state to win 500 games, winning a total of 582 games. In addition, 127 players and seven statisticians and managers received college scholarships in that 20-year period.

Brown is a member of the TSSAA Hall of Fame, Tennessee Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame and McGavock High School Hall of Fame.

In 1992, the baseball field at McGavock High School was named "Coach Mel Brown Field."

PATTI SUE FALLS

Joelton High School

Class of 1951



Patti Sue Falls was a well-rounded student athlete from Joelton High School who was both athletic and intelligent. She played piano for Forest Grove Church, led Joelton

High to an undefeated basketball season and graduated as class valedictorian. Her upbringing on the family farm instilled a very strong work ethic that led Patti to many individual honors.

Among those honors are first team All-American, District MVP, Region MVP, playing in Texas for the Gold Blooms Basketball Team during her senior year, Beta Club president, Daughters of American Revolution Award, yearbook staff and Chorus Club president. In 1951, her essay "Democracy" won her a chance to attend and counsel for a program called Hands Across the Sea, where she met and worked with many students from Europe for the summer.

In her years at Joelton High, Falls was a four-year starter on the basketball team, on the staff of the Blue Jay journalism club, the Tri of Joelton Singers, Glee Club, Future Farmers of America and was voted "Most Likely to Succeed."

After graduation, she attended the University of Tennessee. She finished her degree in education at Peabody and later taught at Dodson Elementary.

LONNIE SADLER
Madison High School
Class of 1972



Keith Lonnie Sadler is one of the greatest running backs in the history of Nashville high school football. He rushed for more than 2,900 yards for Madison High, twice earning All Nashville

Interscholastic League (NIL) honors, and was named All-State in 1971. Sadler, a member of the All Decade Team for the 1970s, was recently named one of the all-time 50 greatest Nashville-area high school football players.

Sadler played college football at Vanderbilt, where he rushed for more than 2,000 yards and still ranks among Vanderbilt's top 10 career rushing leaders. He was the first African-American football team captain at Vanderbilt.

TOMMY DAN SPRINGER
Glenclyff High School
Class of 1976



Tommy Springer was born in 1958 in Dickson County and began playing baseball and football in 1968. As a fifth-grader, Springer played basketball as a member of the 8th grade

team at Dickson Elementary School. He moved to Nashville in 1972 when he was 13-years-old and played basketball for Litton Jr. High. Springer then played for Glenclyff High as a starter each year.

During his senior year, he averaged 27 points per game. After graduating from Glenclyff in 1976, Springer played for Vanderbilt University on a basketball scholarship and won a gold medal representing the USA in the world university game in 1979.

Other achievements during his basketball career included being named All SEC (1978/second team; 1979/second team; 1980/third team).

In 1980, the Denver Nuggets drafted Springer in the 7th round. He later returned to Vanderbilt University to complete his Bachelor of Science in Health & Physical Education.

In giving back to the Nashville community, Springer helps develop athletes by teaching them basketball.

SANDY CARTER TINNON
Stratford High School
Class of 1973



Nicknamed "Cat Quick" by The Tennessean, Sandy Carter Tinnon was a standout on the court at Stratford High School. Her junior and senior year she was named to the All District, All City, All

Tournament (MVP), and All Region teams 1972 & 1973.

In addition to serving as co-team captain her senior year, Tinnon received Stratford's Best Defense and Most Valuable Player awards. The Nashville Banner selected her as All Nashville's Player of the Year and The Tennessean named her the NIL Girls' Most Valuable Player. Tinnon went on to start and play in the East-West All Stars game 1973.

Tinnon also excelled in track, placing third in the district's 50-yard Dash, first in Standing Broad Jump, second in region, and third in state. Winner of the Hume Award, an academic college scholarship, Sandy attended the University of Tennessee at Knoxville where she contributed to an undefeated basketball season her freshman year.

After graduating college, Sandy returned to MNPS as a teacher, coach, principal and central office administrator, including assistant superintendent and chief instructional officer. After 33 years of service to MNPS, she retired in 2010.

2019 Honorees

DAVID VAUGHN III **Whites Creek High School** *Class of 1991*



David Vaughn III was a standout basketball player at Whites Creek High School. As a sophomore, Vaughn helped Whites Creek to a 32-5 season and a trip to the state tournament.

His junior year brought more success. Whites Creek won the Arby's Classic Tournament held in Bristol and Vaughn was named tournament MVP. Overall, the team had a stellar season, posting a 34-1 record and Vaughn was named AAA Mr. Basketball. In his senior year, he averaged 23 points and 11 rebounds per game, which helped lead his team to the state championship. Vaughn received Gatorade Player of the Year for the state and south region, and was selected to play in the McDonald's All American game. USA Today named Vaughn as a 1st team All American and Parade Magazine selected him as a 3rd team All American.

Vaughn's overall record at Whites Creek was 100 wins and 7 losses. He received a full scholarship to Memphis State University and was drafted by the Orlando Magic in the first round (25th overall).

The 6'9" Vaughn played four seasons in the NBA with Orlando Magic, Golden State Warriors, Chicago Bulls and New Jersey Nets. He played 118 games and scored 341 points. After leaving the NBA, he played in Europe, then returned to Orlando. He and his wife still reside in Orlando with their children.

JUNIOR WARD **East High School** *Class of 1960*



Junior Ward played basketball, football and ran track at East High School. He won a combined nine gold medals in track state meets in 1958, 1959 and 1960—winning

an impressive four gold medals in 1960, resulting in the Nashville Banner and the Tennessean both naming him Most Valuable Player in track. Ward also set the state record running on the 440 and mile relay teams in 1959 and 1960. He was the Tennessee Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Champion in the long jump and triple jump, and ran on the championship mile relay team.

Ward's accomplishments have been recognized over the years with multiple honors, including the National Football Foundation & College Hall of Fame's "Art Demmas Outstanding Official" award, the TSSAA Hall of Fame, Region VI Basketball Hall of Fame, Lifetime Achievement and Community Service Award from The Unique Gents, and the Legends Award from the Nashville Black Coaches Association.

Ward was the director of the State Cross Country Meet from 1972 until 2000 and the director of the TSSAA Regional and State Decathlon. He is currently the President/CEO of the East Nashville Football Stadium Foundation and serves on the Board of Directors of the National Football Foundation & College Hall of Fame of Middle Tennessee Chapter.

Ward founded the A.F. Bridges Cross Country Classic Meet, which celebrates 50 years this year. The Tennessee Cross Country Classic was renamed for him in 2000. He has officiated three TSSAA state championship games and recently celebrated 52 years of officiating. Presently, Ward is the football assigning officer for the Middle Tennessee Football Official Association, where he also serves as the supervisor. Ward taught and coached in Metro Nashville Public Schools, retiring after 35 years of service.

2018 Honorees

JAMES "COACH" ARMSTRONG

Pearl High School

Class of 1953, Posthumous



James Armstrong graduated from Pearl High School in 1953, where he played football all three years. After graduation, he went on to receive two degrees from Tennessee State

University and a Doctorate of Education from Peabody College of Vanderbilt University in 1982. Armstrong began his teaching and coaching careers at Attucks High School in Hopkinsville, Ky.

In 1963, Armstrong returned to Nashville to teach and coach at Pearl High. He spent the next 17 years there teaching and mentoring student-athletes. Armstrong is credited with helping get African-American schools into the all-white N.I.L. After another strong season, Armstrong convinced the Clinic Board Committee to give Pearl a chance and let them compete in the Clinic Bowl. They ended up defeating Maplewood 6-0.

Coach Armstrong's career included receiving the Distinguished Service Award from the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA). He was inducted into the Region 6-AAA Metro Hall of Fame for football and basketball as well as the TSSAA Hall of Fame. He was also named Coach of the Year. After teaching, Armstrong moved into administration. He served as principal at several Metro Schools before moving to Central Office and becoming an adjunct professor at Tennessee State University.

JIM BEVANS

Donelson High School

Class of 1964



Jim Bevans, known as "Jimbo" Bevans, earned many honors while at Donelson High School. He was named All-City third team for football and All-State AP first team and All-NIL for

basketball. Bevans played on the 1964 State Championship Basketball Team and the 1964 State Baseball Team.

Bevans attended West Point, where he was a two-year starter on the football team. He was named All-East first team for his play at linebacker and played in the East-West Shrine Game. Bevans had eight interceptions in a 10-game season – the most in Army Football history.

Bevans received All-American honorable mention and was named, by the coaches' vote, the most valuable player. He graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1968 and spent a year in Vietnam as an Army Fixed Wing Pilot from 1971 to 1972.

Bevans graduated from the University of Tennessee Dental School in 1977 and from the University of Kentucky Periodontal Program three years later.

STEVE BURGER

Donelson High School

Class of 1969



Steve Burger played football, baseball and basketball while at Donelson High School. He was named to the Nashville Tennessean's All-Metro football and basketball teams and was

named the 1968 NIL Football Player of the Year in the Class AAA Eastern Division.

Burger was the National Football Foundation Nashville Chapter Scholar Athlete of the Year in 1968. That same year, he was also a finalist for the Hume Award.

Burger played multiple positions including quarterback, tailback and fullback at Vanderbilt University from 1969 through 1972. He was named to the AP All-SEC Sophomore Team in 1970. During his career at Vanderbilt, Burger rushed for 1,308 yards including 21 touchdowns and passed for 1,252 yards and threw for seven touchdowns.

Burger also played baseball at Vanderbilt from 1972 through 1974. He played on the 1972 SEC runner-up team with a 6-0 pitching record. In 1974, Vanderbilt won the SEC Baseball Championship after beating Alabama twice.

2018 Honorees

KEITH DAVIS

Overton High School
Class of 1984



Keith Davis set the standard for running backs in Nashville. He was named Tennessean Offensive Player of the Year his junior and senior seasons and was named AAA Metro Player of the

Year in 1983.

Davis was named to the All-State, All-South and All-American teams. He won the Lawrenceburg Quarterback Club Player of the Year Award as well as the Hertz No. 1 Award. He was the top prospect in the state and was named to the U.S. Army Reserves All-Star Class of 1984.

In track and field, Davis won the state 200- meters event, placed second in the 400-meters event and earned the Trackman of the Year Award in 1984. Davis was also a starter on Overton's District Champion Basketball team.

Davis attended the University of Tennessee and finished in the top 10 for rushing yards and yards per rush in the SEC in 1985. He also led the SEC in yards per kickoff return in 1988.

JOE FISHER

Antioch High School
Class of 1977



Joe Fisher is a native Nashvillian who graduated from Antioch High School and Middle Tennessee State University. During his years at Antioch, he was a standout on the

tennis court. At the age of 16, Fisher called Rudy Kalis, a longtime anchor at local broadcasting station WSMV-TV, to find out how to break into the broadcasting business. A few weeks later, he was hired to work part-time answering phones and helping around the sports department.

Fisher graduated with a degree in broadcast journalism. He began his career in radio at WMOT-FM in Murfreesboro. From there, Fisher moved to WSMV-TV where he spent nine years as a sports anchor and reporter before moving on to WKRN-TV. Fisher spent two seasons doing play-by-play for Vanderbilt University's women's basketball before being named director of broadcasting for Vanderbilt athletics. Fisher is now in his 20th season doing playby- play for the Commodores.

Fisher has won numerous broadcasting awards over the years including a regional Emmy. He was named Nashville's Favorite Sports Personality and co-Sportscaster of the Year in 2013. Fisher is a founding member of the Tennessee Radio Hall of Fame advisory board.

CAROL GALLOWAY

Litton High School
Class of 1965



Carol Galloway is a 1965 graduate of Litton High School. While Galloway attended Litton, they won the NIL in 1964 and she was named Tennessean All-City and All-District in basketball.

In 1965, while averaging 23 points per game, Galloway was named Tennessean All-City, All-District and Banner All-Nashville. She was also recognized as Miss Nashville High School that year.

Galloway was an involved student-athlete and participated in basketball, skiing and golf. Galloway topped the 30-point mark on five different occasions while on the court – with her best effort being 33 points in a victory against Hillsboro High School.

Galloway studied at the University of Tennessee, University of Memphis and later graduated from Belmont University in 1969.

DANNY GIBSON
East Nashville High School
Class of 1960



Danny Gibson was a two-time state champion golfer for East High, winning the 1958 and 1959 TSSAA individual state golf tournaments. His dramatic win in 1959 was clinched when he

sank a curling, downhill 25-foot putt on the first hole of a sudden death playoff. He followed those two championships with a runner-up finish in 1960. Gibson led the East High golf team to the State Championship in 1958 and won the Nashville Banner NIL Golf Championship in 1959.

Gibson attended Memphis State University on a golf scholarship and became a golf professional at Harpeth Hills, Riverview and Shelby Golf Courses. He served the city for many years as the Superintendent of Golf Courses for Metro Nashville.

Gibson retired in 2002 and currently resides in Goodlettsville, Tenn.

FELICIA GRINTER
Glencliff High School
Class of 1987



Felicia Grinter lettered in five sports during her time at Glencliff High School. She played basketball, volleyball, softball and competed on the track and cross-country teams. She

received numerous awards including being named to multiple all-district, all-city, all-regional teams as well as the TSSAA Region 6 Volleyball Champions in 1986.

Grinter took her passion for sports and turned it into a career. While on a basketball scholarship at Volunteer State Community College, she enrolled in a basketball officiating class. That class would jump-start her career and would help Grinter become one of the top women's basketball referees in the country.

Grinter has worked in all the major college conferences and was selected to officiate the 2012 Summer Olympics in London. She was the only American referee chosen to work the summer games that year. Besides receiving countless awards at home, she has also been recognized internationally by several countries including Colombia, Spain, the Czech Republic and Russia.

2017 Honorees

TIM DOBBINS

Glenclyff High School

Class of 2001



Tim Dobbins is a graduate of Glenclyff High School and helped lead the Colts to the 1999 TSSAA Class 5A Champion Runner-Up and was named as a first team All-State Linebacker

during his senior year in 2001.

After graduating, he attended Copiah-Lincoln Community College in 2002-2003 and made the All-Mississippi Association of Community and Junior College Team both years before attending Iowa State University, where he earned All-Big 12 honors in his senior season. He led the Cyclones to the Houston Bowl in 2005 and the Independence Bowl in 2004.

Dobbins was selected by the San Diego Chargers 151st overall in the 5th round of the 2006 NFL Draft. During his professional career, Dobbins played with the Chargers, Miami Dolphins, Houston Texans, Atlanta Falcons and the Dallas Cowboys. He is an All-American football linebacker whose career NFL statistics as of 2013 included 253 tackles, two quarterback sacks, 12 passes defended and three interceptions.

CHARLIE FENTRESS

Cohn High School

Class of 1955



Charlie Fentress graduated from Cohn High School in 1955. Fentress was an all-around athlete who excelled in three sports in particular – football, basketball and baseball.

From 1952-1955, he was named to the All-District team, Tennessean All-State Basketball team, Banner All-Nashville team, NIL Basketball Champion, team captain, and Banner Weekly All-Nashville. He was also co-captain of the football team and named All-City Team. He was also a member of the TSSAA Regional Baseball Champions and received Banner All-City Baseball Team for three years.

After high school, Fentress played basketball and baseball for four years at Belmont College and was Basketball MVP and Honorable Mention Basketball College All-Mid State Team.

Fentress continued to receive many awards for his post-college play in the Gilbert League Baseball and City League Baseball leagues. The prestigious Nashville Old Timers Baseball Association inducted Fentress into the Nashville Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame.

CHRIS GAINES

DuPont High School

Class of 1983



A multi-talented football and basketball standout at DuPont High school, Chris Gaines developed into one of the most fierce and successful linebackers in SEC history at Vanderbilt University.

Gaines played quarterback and defensive end at DuPont High for most of his high school football career. At halftime of the first game his senior season, he was switched from quarterback to tailback and rushed for 200 yards in the second half, marking the beginning of a dominating season in which Gaines was virtually unstoppable at tailback.

Another position change in college sparked a record-breaking career at Vanderbilt. Recruited as a fullback, the Commodores switched Gaines to linebacker after a redshirt-freshman year. As linebacker, Gaines dominated. He was elected captain his senior season of 1987, and he still holds several Vanderbilt records for most tackles in a game and in a season. Gaines recorded 214 tackles, including 136 solo tackles, four sacks, nine tackles for loss, and three forced fumbles. His 214 tackles (an average of 19.5 tackles per game) still holds the SEC record, as well as the Vanderbilt record for most tackles in a game with 37. Gaines played every defensive snap of every game his senior year.

Following the 1987 season, Gaines was named to the Kodak All-American First Team, First Team All-SEC by the AP and UPI, Vanderbilt Athlete of the Year, and the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame Amateur Athlete of the Year. He was named MVP in the Blue-Gray Bowl, a college all-star game where he finished with 18 tackles. Gaines was also Academic All-SEC in 1986 and has been recognized as one of the SEC Football Legends.

Drafted by the Phoenix Cardinals, Gaines played for the Miami Dolphins in the NFL and the Toronto Argonauts of the Canadian Football League, where he intercepted six passes in 1991 and tied the franchise record for most tackles in a season. His team won the Grey Cup Championship.

Following his playing career, Gaines coached for the Toronto Argonauts and then for Vanderbilt, where he was named SEC Linebackers Coach of the Year.

WALTER "BUGS" JORDAN
Stratford High School
Class of 1975



Walter "Bugs" Jordan played football and basketball at Hillwood High School from 1971 to 1972 before transferring to Stratford High School from 1972 through 1975.

At Stratford, Jordan played football as a safety, wide receiver and running back, in addition to playing basketball and baseball.

Jordan was selected to the All NIL football teams for both his junior and senior years. In his final year at Stratford, Jordan was the recipient of the Lonnie Matthews Award recognizing outstanding sportsmanship and leadership presented by the Stratford School Men's Club. He was also named to the TSSAA West All-Star Football Team.

After graduation, Jordan played for Vanderbilt University and went on to be a three-year starting cornerback from 1976-1979. In 1979, he was named to The Tennessean High School NIL All-Decade Team as a defensive back.

Since graduating college, Jordan has enjoyed a rewarding career with Ally Financial (formally known as G.M.A.C.).

CATHERINE MILLER-BOWERS
Whites Creek High School
Class of 1969



Catherine Miller-Bowers is a 1982 graduate of Whites Creek High School. Miller-Bowers excelled in basketball in which she was named All-District and All-Region, cross-country

and track. Bowers was the 1982 state track champion in the 100m hurdles and was ranked nationally as a top 10 All-American.

She was also the 1982 Pentathlon Champion and still holds the record. Bowers attended Arizona State University (ASU), where she received numerous accolades, including ranking top 10 in the PAC-10 Conference and NCAA Division I Championship in the 400m hurdles and the triple jump.

In 1987, Bowers was a graduate assistant coach at ASU and had the privilege to coach several outstanding athletes for the 1988 Summer Olympics.

JEFFERY O. POWELL
Whites Creek High School
Class of 1981



Jeffery Powell was a standout athlete in both high school and college. He graduated from Whites Creek High School and attended the College of William & Mary before transferring

to the University of Tennessee, graduating in 1985.

While at Whites Creek, Powell received numerous honors, including being a member of the 400-meter relay team that tied the national high school record, 6 time all-American, 110-meter high hurdles Tennessee State champion, 300-meter intermediate hurdles Tennessee State Champion, Adidas All-American, Banner Trackman of the Year, William P. Lawrence Award winner, plus many more. He also holds the state record in 110-meter high hurdles.

In college, Powell continued to receive accolades and was named to the U.S. Jr. Pan-American team. He was a silver medalist in the Jr. Pan-Am games in Venezuela (110 meter high hurdles), named to the U.S. Jr. World Team, a gold medalist in the Jr. World Games in Seoul, South Korea, and Virginia Collegiate State Champion. Powell set a record at William & Mary in the 300 meter and 50 yard dash. He also set an East Coast record in the 55 meter high hurdle. He was on the 1985 SEC Championship teams for both track and football and in 1986, he was a sixth round NFL draft pick for the Chicago Bears.

In 1992, Powell graduated from Vanderbilt University Law School.

2017 Honorees

JOE SHAPIRO

MNPS Coach

Posthumous



Coach Joe Shapiro graduated from the University of Oklahoma in the 1930's and returned to Nashville to work on his Masters at Peabody College. He then moved to Alabama,

where he taught and coached two State Championship football teams, one in 1945 and the other in 1946, from Talledega High School.

In 1947 he returned to Nashville, teaching and coaching at West End High School from 1950 through 1968. During those years, he coached football, basketball and baseball.

He had many accomplishments during his coaching career, including; Basketball; 360 wins, 156 losses (five District, two NIL, one Regional and one State Championships); Football; 43 wins and 35 losses (two State Championships); Baseball; 44 wins and eight losses (two NIL and two Regional Championships, one State Runner-up).

SAM SMITH

MNPS Coach

Posthumous



Sam Smith was born in Canton, Miss., and graduated from Jim Hill High School in Jackson. Upon graduation, Smith attended and graduated from Tennessee State University. He was a

member of MNEA, TEA, TSSAA, American Coaches Association, and USATF youth chair for the State of Tennessee. Coach Smith has been a McDonald's Coach of the Year honoree.

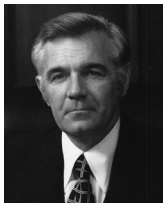
Early in his career, Smith was the head girls' track coach, assistant football coach and taught health and physical education at Whites Creek High School. He also served as the head girls' soccer coach. Later, he served as the head baseball coach at North High School, as well as assistant football coach, and taught biology. Smith later became a trainer and the assistant women's track coach at Tennessee State University (TSU) under the famous Coach Ed Temple. In 2004, he won the USA Track & Field award and recognition from the National Youth Coaches Association.

In 1988, Smith served as the head coach of the United States Men and Women's Para-Olympics' track and field teams in Seoul, South Korea. In 1990, he was the manager of the South Women's Olympic Festival track team in Minneapolis. In 1991, he was the head track coach for South Women's Olympic Festival and Track team in Los Angeles. He is president/founder, head coach and fundraiser of the Continental T-Belle track club, which is a non-profit that helps girls from the Middle Tennessee area develop track skills. He has been the head track and field coach for the Tennessee Amputee team and spent eight years at TSU with the National Youth Sports Program.

Smith served as director of All Comers Track Meet and South Regional Track and Field Championship. He was an official in the Track and Field Association (TN National Masters), basketball referee, softball umpire, TN Amputee official, president of USA track & field youth coaches. Coach Smith has championship records dating from 1982 to present.

2016 Honorees

RICHARD HARMON (DICK) FULTON **East High School** *Class of 1945*



Richard Fulton's illustrious record of service to the city of Nashville makes him one of the most respected and revered men in the city's history. Mr. Fulton served in the State

Senate from 1957 to 61; six terms as a United States Congressman from 1963 to 1975; and three terms as Mayor of Metro Nashville from 1975 to 1987.

At East High School, he was a football star. Fulton excelled on the Eagles' frontline on offense and defense. Fulton was named All-City by the Tennessean in 1943 and 1944, All-City by the Nashville Banner in 1944, All-State and All-South his senior year and was one of the city's best linemen of the decade.

After graduating from East in January of 1945, he served on a Navy destroyer near the end of World War II and returned to play college football for General Neyland at the University of Tennessee.

Fulton was called to politics in 1952, won a State Senate seat in the 1950s and was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in the 1960s. He served twelve years in Congress before returning to Nashville to serve as Mayor. His courage and visionary approach, while tirelessly exercising an uncommon dedication to detail, remain a shining example to all elected officials.

LES HUNTER **Pearl High School** *Class of 1960*



Les "Big Game" Hunter attended Pearl High with teammate Vic Rouse. They were a powerhouse combination on a Pearl team that carried a 54-game winning streak and won national championships in 1958, 1959 and 1960.

After his success at Pearl, Hunter attended Loyola University in Chicago. At Loyola, he served as the starting center of the team that upset the University of Cincinnati in overtime to win the 1963 NCAA Men's Division I Basketball Championship. He and the other four starters played the entire game. Another milestone at Loyola was a first-round Midwest Regional victory by Hunter and the Ramblers over Tennessee Tech. They won 111-42, a score that remains a record margin of victory for an NCAA men's basketball game.

Hunter was drafted by the Detroit Pistons in the second round of the 1964 NBA draft. He played for one season in the NBA with the Baltimore Bullets and 6 seasons in the ABA with the Minnesota Muskies, Miami Floridian, New Jersey Nets, Kentucky Colonels and the Memphis Tams. Hunter scored 5,735 points in his professional career and was a two time ABA All-Star.

After retiring from basketball, Hunter moved to Kansas City in 1976. He owned a restaurant for 10 years and now works as an instructor helping students who did not graduate take online classes to complete high school.

On July 11, 2013, Hunter and former Loyola teammates John Egan, Jerry Harkness and Ron Miller met with President Barack Obama in the Oval Office to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the school's 1963 national championship. To date, that championship remains the only NCAA Division I basketball championship won by a university from the state of Illinois.

In September 2013, the entire '63 Loyola Ramblers team was inducted into the Chicagoland Sports Hall of Fame. That same November, the 1963 Loyola Ramblers were also the first team to be inducted into the National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame.

BRENDA THOMPSON LAWRENCE **Stratford High School** *Class of 1969*



Brenda Lawrence graduated from Stratford High School in 1969 with numerous accomplishments, including BETA Club and Miss Stratford. A standout on the court, she was

named All-City in 1967-68 and 1968-69, All-Metro in 1967-68 and 1968-69, MVP of the Nashville Interscholastic League (NIL) in 1969, All State in 1969 and a member of the East-West All-Star Game in the summer of 1969. She averaged 37 points each game in 1969, achieved the highest points scored - 54 points against Madison in 1968-69, and most free throws in a game at 25.

During the summer of 1971, Lawrence toured Europe with the UT Singers. In 1972 and 1973, she attended Oral Roberts University, where she played basketball, was on the men's tennis team and was the leader in Youth for Christ. In 1974, Lawrence was named Miss Belmont and first runner-up to Miss Tennessee. Upon graduation in '74 she and her sisters sang on WSM TV & Radio for the Noon Show and Waking Crew.

Lawrence taught physical education at Walton Ferry Elementary School during the 1974-75 school year and was Miss Nashville in 1975.

In 1976, she met and married Texan Clark Lawrence and worked with him in various ministries, including FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes), where she sang at events all over the country. She and her husband also worked for Joe Gibbs in founding the Youth for Tomorrow Boys Home.

2016 Honorees

RAY MADDUX

Stratford High School

Class of 1969



Ray Maddux was an outstanding Stratford High School basketball player with countless titles and awards to show for his career. For two consecutive years he was named the Nashville

Interscholastic League (NIL) Player of the Year, the Region V MVP and was an All-City and All-State athlete. He was a part of Stratford's district, region, state and all tournament teams. In Maddux's last year, he was chosen to be a part of the Dixie Dozen—a group of the top 12 high school players of the southeast. He still holds the record for most points scored in a game at Stratford (53 pts.) and was named the Nashville Banner Player of the Decade for the 60's.

Maddux also made an unmistakable mark through his academic and leadership achievements. He held the title of Stratford High School Student Body President from 1968-1969 and was the President of Nashville Public Schools Inter-High Student Council in 1969. He went on to play for Vanderbilt University on a full scholarship, graduating four years later with a major in civil engineering and a minor in biomedical engineering.

While playing basketball at Vanderbilt, Maddux set a freshman rebounding record, lettered for all four years and was on the All SEC Academic Team from 1972-1973.

HERSHEL MOORE

Goodlettsville High School

Class of 1945



After more than 60 years on the sidelines, 88-year-old Hershel Moore is still relishing his role as a high school coach. Moore admits he was never a very good athlete, though he played

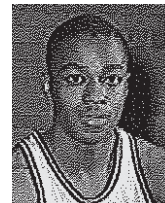
basketball and football. He was a football walk-on at MTSU, and after graduating in 1951, he began his coaching career as an assistant at Isaac Litton High School.

Moore gained confidence as a coach and later became the head assistant at Litton. In 1958, he became a head coach for the first time at the new Glenclyff High School, and later coached at Cumberland University, where his team led the nation in rushing in the NAIA (1995-1996, 1999 and 2001).

VIC ROUSE

Pearl High School

Class of 1961



Vic Rouse was instrumental in the Pearl High 1958, 1959 and 1960 National Championships that helped to name them as one of the best high school basketball teams

in the south. Because of segregation, Pearl's team may not have gotten the credit they deserved— but 54 straight wins and 22 black state titles over a 30-year span cannot be overlooked.

After high school, Rouse played basketball at Loyola University with his former teammate, Les Hunter. They continued to be a force to be reckoned with, on and off the court. Rouse was taking a full academic load of six courses during Loyola's championship season. Rouse said he would study six days a week even with basketball games and practice.

On the court Rouse is remembered for a buzzer-beating shot, known as the "The Shot Heard 'Round the Basketball World." On March 23, 1963 in Louisville's Freedom Hall, Loyola came back from a 15 point deficit in the last 10 minutes to tie the game with Cincinnati. In overtime, Rouse rebounded teammate Les Hunter's shot to win the game and end Cincinnati's two year run as NCAA Champions. The Chicago Tribune later ranked this comeback win as No. 7 on its 1998 list of the 150 Most Memorable Moments in Chicago Sports. Rouse helped cement that moment in history with his game winning shot and also earned himself a spot in the 1964 NBA season.

While he did not choose to join the NBA, Rouse found a different path to success after graduation. He moved on to work for a management consulting industrial relations firm with a focus on minority employee programs. At the age of 28, he founded his own company and continued to advocate for minority programs by writing articles on motivating socially and economically disadvantaged workers. Over the course of his life, Rouse earned a bachelor's degree, two master's degrees and a doctorate.

2015 Honorees

JOE HOUSTON ALLEN MNPS Coach



Coach Joe Allen graduated from Forrest High School in Chapel Hill in 1954. He was the captain of the football and basketball teams in 1953-1954 and played football, basketball,

and baseball all four years. He graduated from Martin Junior College in Pulaski in 1956, where he played basketball and was the captain of the 1955-1956 teams. He earned a Bachelor's Degree from Middle Tennessee State University along with a Master's Degree and additional hours from Tennessee State University.

Allen taught math at both Donelson and McGavock High Schools. He coached sports for boys and girls throughout his career. Coach Allen's record for boys basketball includes more than 500 wins in 791 games. He had nine All-State players, one Moss Oliver Award player, 75 players who received college athletic scholarships, three professional players (overseas), and one NBA player (Charles Davis). Coach Allen earned Coach of the Year recognition in 1964, 1972, and 1974. His teams won numerous basketball championships over 10 years. Coach Allen also coached tennis and volleyball, winning championships in those sports as well.

Coach Allen is listed in many Halls of Fame. They are TSSAA (Coach), Martin Methodist Sports, Region VI Basketball, and McGavock High School, where the gym floor was named in his honor in 2008.

He has served as a TSSAA volleyball official. Other academic responsibilities include teaching extended learning, math coach and adult education, and summer Recreation Director for Metro Parks. He has held leadership positions for the Ravenwood Country Club, Donelson Kiwanis, and TN Bicentennial Playground Committee.

PRESTON BROWN Maplewood High School Class of 1976



Preston Brown was a standout in football and track in high school. He is considered by many to be the city's all-time best running back and one of the fastest of all Nashville athletes. When his high

school football career ended, he held the single season rushing record (1,974 yards) and career rushing record (3,463 yards in three years). He led Maplewood to finish as state runner-up and was named All-American, All-Southern, All-State, All-City, All-Metro, NIL Offensive Player of the Year, and NIL MVP. He was also named Most Valuable Player in the TSSAA Football All-Star Game and NIL Athlete of the Year.

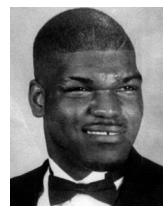
Brown did not run track until his senior year at Maplewood, and that one year of track was enough to establish him as one of the state's all-time greats. He led Maplewood to the team state title, anchoring the championship 440-Yard Relay, and winning two individual state championships - the 100-Yard Dash in a remarkable time of 9.4 seconds, and the 220-Yard Dash in a time of 21.2 seconds. His time in the 100-Yard Dash was one of the fastest in the country that year and qualified him for the Junior Olympics.

In college, Brown played football at Vanderbilt University and was named Third Team All-American as a senior after leading the SEC in receptions (52) and receiving yards (786). His 100-yard kickoff return against Ole Miss in 1977 is a school record that has stood for more than 37 years. That record-breaking return started deep in the end zone, but is listed as only 100 yards because football records at the time did not recognize anything longer than that.

After his senior year, Brown was invited to play in several All-Star games including the Blue-Gray Classic and the Senior Bowl.

He was drafted by the New England Patriots in 1980 and played four seasons in the NFL for the Patriots, New York Jets and Cleveland Browns.

JOHN NATHAN HENDERSON Pearl-Cohn High School Class of 1997



John Nathan Henderson, nicknamed Big John or Big Hen, is a former football defensive tackle who played 10 seasons in the NFL. He played college football for the University of Tennessee

and was a two-time consensus All-American. The Jacksonville Jaguars chose him in the first round of the 2002 NFL draft, and he was selected for the Pro Bowl twice.

Big John attended Pearl-Cohn High School, where he played defensive tackle and tight end for the Firebirds. His teams won back-to-back state championships during his junior and senior years. He was named All-State as a junior. As a senior, he finished with 150 tackles and two sacks, to go with 45 catches for 560 yards and 11 touchdowns. He was also selected as a High School All-American by Parade Magazine, USA Today, Blue Chip Illustrated, National Recruiting Advisor, and Super Prep. He was ranked as the 7th best high school player in The Sporting News Top 100 and was ranked 1st in the State of Tennessee by the Knoxville News Sentinel and the Chattanooga Times Free Press. Henderson also was named All-State in basketball.

While attending the University of Tennessee, Henderson played for Coach Phil Fulmer's Tennessee Volunteers football team from 1998-2001. At Tennessee, he lined up at left defensive tackle next to Albert Haynesworth. He played in the 1999 Fiesta Bowl, 2000 Cotton Bowl Classic, and the 2001 Citrus Bowl. Throughout his college years, Big John's career highlights included 2x Pro Bowl (2004, 2006), 2nd team All-Pro (2006), Consensus All-American (2000-2001), 1st team All-SEC (2000-2001), and Outland Trophy winner (2000).

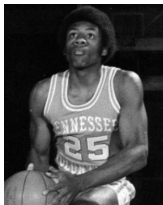
Henderson was the Jacksonville Jaguars' 1st round pick (9th overall) in the 2002 NFL Draft. During his NFL career, he played in 146 games, had 493 tackles, 44 passes defended, 29 quarterback sacks, and eight forced fumbles.

2015 Honorees

MIKE JACKSON

Stratford High School

Class of 1973



Mike Jackson was a standout basketball player who started his career at Stratford High School. While there, he garnered many honors, including being named All-NIL, All-City, All-

District, All-State, Metro Player of the Year, MVP of the Tennessee All-Star Basketball Game, and was Honorable Mention on the High School All-American Basketball Team. Jackson was also named as the Boys State Representative and a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

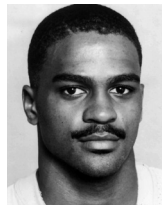
Jackson attended the University of Tennessee, where he played under Coach Ray Mears from 1973-1977 and was part of the infamous "Ernie & Bernie Show" with legendary stars Ernie Grunfeld and Bernard King. Jackson, a 4-year letterman, scored 1,243 points in his career at UT, averaging 14.3 points per game for his career. He served as co-captain of the 1976-1977 Southeastern Conference Basketball Championship team. Jackson led the Vols in free throw percentage in both 1975 and 1977 and finished his career with an average above 80%. Jackson is the record holder with 100% field goal percentage in one game and was named All-Southeastern Conference. During his 4 years in Knoxville, the Vols had a 78-29 record for a 73% winning percentage.

After a standout collegiate career, Jackson was drafted by the Buffalo Braves (now the Los Angeles Clippers) of the NBA, and opted to play for Athletes in Action.

FRANK PILLOW JR.

Whites Creek High School

Class of 1983



NFL Standout and native Nashvillian, William Frank Pillow Jr., was born March 11, 1965. Pillow attended St. Vincent Catholic School and graduated from Whites Creek High School.

In high school, Pillow was a rising star athlete in two sports: track and football. As a freshman, he won All-City in the long jump and high jump. During his senior year (1983), he was named to the High School All-American team in the long jump. In 1983, the White's Creek track team won the state championship. In the last event, the mile relay, anchored by Pillow, the team set a state record with a time of 3:17:1. He was also the state long jump champion, with a jump of 23'10". This achievement earned him All-American status in the long jump.

In football, he started as defensive back with four interceptions his junior year. By his senior year, he was the leading receiver, with 41 catches for 574 yards. He also returned three kick-offs for touchdowns. Amazingly, at defensive back, only one receiver caught him the entire year. Pillow attributes his high school athletic achievements to legendary Coaches Sam Smith and Doris Armstrong.

Pillow attended Tennessee State University (TSU) on a full athletic scholarship and earned a Bachelor's of Science degree. As a freshman, he was a leader in receptions until he suffered a broken leg which ended his first season. In his senior year, Pillow achieved the school's record for most receptions and yards in one game—12 receptions and 242 yards against Central State.

Pillow was drafted by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in the 10th round in 1988. Pillow, or "Wideout" as he was fondly referred to, earned the title as the Leading Rookie Receiver for the Bucs, with 22 receptions and 420 yards and two touchdowns. In 1991, he was traded to the Detroit Lions before joining the Canadian Football League's Winnipeg Blue Bombers. Pillow ended his career with the Indianapolis Colts in 1994.

2014 Honorees

DR. LARSON DALE BECK

Howard High School

Class of 1949



Larson Dale Beck graduated from Howard School, where he played football, basketball, and baseball. Beck was exceptional on the football field and was named Class A All-City

in football. He played on the Howard team that won the Class A championship against Donelson High School in 1948. In baseball, Beck was named all Nashville MVP by the Nashville Banner in 1949—the year Howard won the all-city baseball championship. In basketball, Beck was named to the all-tournament five when Howard won the regional basketball tournament in 1949.

In addition to his athletic prowess, Beck was also exceptional in the classroom and is one of the few multiple year winners of the prestigious Hume Award for excellence in the classroom as well as on the football field. He was the Hume Award recipient in both 1947 and 1948. Beck signed a grant in aid with Vanderbilt and played freshman football. He was signed by the New York Yankees and played in their farm system.

After graduating from Vanderbilt in 1953, Beck was recruited into the U.S. Naval Officer Training School at Newport, RI and was commissioned as an ensign. He served four years in the Navy – two of which were in the Pacific during the Korean conflict. After his honorable discharge with the rank of Lieutenant Junior Grade, Beck was accepted at the University of Tennessee Medical School in Memphis, receiving his M.D. degree in 1962.

Following internship and residence training, Dr. Dale Beck received board certification in Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery. He was inducted into the American College of Surgery in 1970. Dr. Beck returned to Nashville and began his practice in Madison. He retired in 1994 after 27 years in practice.

JOSEPH CAMPBELL

Stratford High School

Class of 1988



Joseph Campbell played three football seasons at Stratford High School (1985-87) before graduating in the spring of 1988. He led his team to district championships and the TSSAA playoffs

for the first time in school history. Joe started at running back, defensive back and kick returner and led the team in rushing all three years. Joe earned All-American, All-Midstate and All-State honors. Joe's last carry at Stratford was a 99-yard touchdown run vs. MBA in a 28-7 win in the TSSAA playoffs. Joe was named MVP of the Tennessee vs. Kentucky all-star game. He graduated as the all-time leading rusher not only at Stratford, but also in the history of NIL/Metro with 4,447 yards in three seasons.

In addition to his dominance in football, Joe was a great basketball player. He was a starter at point guard, was named All-District and All-Nashville, and led his team to district, regional and sub-state championships, as well as advancing to the TSSAA state tournament.

After turning down scholarships to several out of state colleges, Joe signed with MTSU. Joe was the starting running back at MTSU for four seasons, leading the team in rushing records. The team won back-to-back OVC championships and earned three NCAA playoff appearances. Joe still holds rushing records for most 100-yard games (18) and is still MTSU's all-time leading rusher with 3,863 yds. Joe was MTSU's first two-time All-American and OVC Player of the Year. In 2008 Joseph Campbell was inducted into MTSU's Hall of Fame.

In the spring of 1992, Joe was drafted by the NFL's Los Angeles Rams. He also played for the Houston Oilers, the CFL's Ottawa Roughriders, Hamilton Tigercats and the Nashville Kats. After his playing career, Joe spent several years coaching. He was an assistant for the Nashville Kats before becoming head coach of the AFL's Columbus War Dogs.

After moving back to Nashville, Joe coached at Stratford and Hunters Lane High Schools.

LARRY CANTRELL

Goodlettsville High School

Class of 1985



Larry Cantrell dominated track and field in Tennessee in the mid-1980s. Cantrell won the state championship three years in a row in the 100, 200 and 400 meter, improving his time each

year in each event. In his junior year (1984), he also won the long jump and single-handedly won the team state championship for Goodlettsville High School. Thirty years later, Cantrell still holds the state record in the 400m (46.7 seconds) Cantrell was a three sport star at Goodlettsville until a knee injury in his senior year ended his football and wrestling careers.

Larry had many accolades in high school. In 1983-85, he was the TSSAA State champion in the 100, 200 and 400 meter; the Nashville Banner Trackman of the Year; Sports Illustrated Faces in the Crowd; 400 meter TSSAA State record (46.7 seconds); 400 meter All American; Civitan Medalist; and 400 meter TCA National Champion. These are just a few among many of his honors.

After graduating from Goodlettsville High School, Larry continued his education at the University of Alabama. There he received additional honors in track. In 1986 and 1987, he was an All-American on the 400 meter relay team. In 1989, he was the 500 meter SEC indoor champion and 4 x 800 meter SEC indoor champion. Mr. Cantrell is included in the Academic Hall of Honor. His graduate studies were at Lipscomb University, where he received the 2001 Lipscomb University Distinguished Alumni Award.

2014 Honorees

NICK COUTRAS

Hillsboro High School

Class of 1953, Posthumous



Nick Coutras played quarterback and was captain of the 1953 Hillsboro High School football team, graduating that same year. In 1957 he received a

Bachelor's degree from

MTSU where he played football on two OVC Championship teams. Nick received his Master's degree while teaching at Hillsboro and McMurray Junior High School, where he coached basketball, track and football. In 1969 Coach Coutras was named head football coach at John Overton High School.

In 1972, he turned down a job offer from the Washington Redskins to remain at Overton. Coach Coutras was the first Nashville Coach to be named Head Coach of the TSSAA East/West All-Stars. In 1981, Coach Coutras won the first AAA Football State Championship.

During his 16 years as head coach at Overton, his teams had a record of 144-36-1 and were ranked in the highest classification of AAA. They spent eleven years ranked top ten in the state and were the first team in the state to break the top 25 USA Today Poll. Coach Coutras was named NIL Football Coach of the Year three times, and in 1983 was the first Nashville coach to receive the Contribution to Football Award from The National Football Foundation. His students won many awards, too. There were six Hume Award winners in his 16 year career at Overton.

The Metro Council voted to name the stadium at John Overton High School after Coach Coutras, listing his many accomplishments and contributions, including "his giving of his free time and free labor to the athletic facilities at Overton High." Coach Coutras never took a penny for his extra time and labor. In 2002, Coach Coutras was inducted into the TSSAA Hall of Fame. He is also in the Hall of Fame at Cumberland University, where he started the football program. The Nick Coutras Award has given more than \$100,000 in scholarships.

KENNETH DUKE

Isaac Litton High School

Class of 1949, Posthumous



Kenneth Duke was one of the city's greatest athletes during the 1940s. He played football, basketball and baseball at Isaac Litton High School. His outstanding feats on the

gridiron convinced the football coaches of the NIL to select him as the Most Valuable Player in 1947. He was selected All-City by the Nashville Banner and the Tennessean in 1947 and 1948, All State, and to the All-Eastern Baseball team in 1949.

On Thanksgiving Day in 1947, in a rematch between MBA and Isaac Litton, Duke had one of his greatest games. Highlights of the game were a touchdown spree that saw three touchdowns in the space of 32 seconds. Duke rambled 18 yards for a touchdown that was answered by MBA's Billy J. Ehrhart returning the kickoff 90 yards for a six-pointer. Duke followed with an 80 yard kickoff return of his own. He scored on 18, 80 and 30 yard runs and gained 165 yards in 25 carries. That 1947 Thanksgiving Day game was so exciting that it gave way to the start of the Clinic Bowl in 1950.

Duke originally signed with the University of Tennessee, but changed to Southern Methodist University, where he played for one year. He joined the United States Marine Corps in 1950 when he was a sophomore. At the time of his enlistment, he was playing behind Kyle Rote (All-American and New York Giants). Duke played football for Camp Pendleton Marines in 1950 and was sent to Korea in 1952. He was killed in action Oct. 16, 1952.

The great sports writer Edgar Allen wrote of Sgt. Kenneth Duke, "he possessed a fire and determination and desire that must have made him an excellent fighting man in the Marines." Duke goes down as one of the greatest—if not the greatest—player in Litton's history. "Maybe we've had boys with more ability," said former Litton Coach Bob Cummings, "but one thing's certain, we've never had anyone with more determination." Upon receiving news of Duke's death, Coach Cummings immediately retired his #33 jersey worn in 1946, 1947 and 1948.

JULIE BROWN ROLLINS

Madison High School

Class of 1962



Julie Brown Rollins distinguished herself on the basketball court and the tennis courts. During her high school basketball career, Rollins was named to the All Banner Tournament

and All Tennessean teams four times, was the All Banner NIL Most Valuable Player, Optimist Player of the Year, and achieved the highest points scored in a game (44 points). She was also a member of the Madison High tennis team for four years and team captain. Rollins was a D.A.R. Medalist, inducted to the National Honor Society and voted Most Athletic superlative.

After graduation, Rollins attended and graduated from Tennessee Tech in 1966, where she was the dormitory president for two years, Tech Women's Organization President for two years and "Miss Tech." She graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree from the school of social sciences.

Rollins coached at Hendersonville High, Goodpasture Christian, Christ Presbyterian Academy, Pope John Paul II and Harpeth Hall. During her coaching years, there were many professional accomplishments. They included coaching her team to TSSAA State and Region championships in 1968 and 1969. She also took her team to the semi-finals twice and placed third in 1970. Rollins' teams won 77 games in her first two years as a head coach. She retired from 1971-1983 to raise four children.

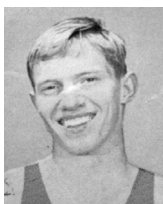
Rollins ended her retirement to become an assistant coach, head coach, and later an athletic director. She was TSSAA Coach of the Year for two years and had more than 650 total wins in her coaching career. She has served on several TSSAA committees over the years, coached a Miss Basketball and had 11 players to continue on to play at the college level.

2013 Honorees

JERRY BALLOU

Isaac Litton High School

Class of 1966



Jerry Ballou excelled in three sports, football, baseball and track, while a student at Isaac Litton High School. As a member of the baseball team, he was named All-City by The Tennessean

in 1965 and 1966. During these same two years, he was also named All-City by the Nashville Banner. He had a batting average of .432 in 1965 and .388 in 1966. In the summer of 1966, Ballou signed with the San Francisco Giants.

During the 1965 and 1966 seasons, he achieved an outstanding record in track. In the 1965 State Track Meet, he came in third in the 100 yard dash and in the 220 yard dash. In the 1966 State Track Meet, Jerry came in first in both the 100 and 220 yard dash. He tied the State record in the 100 yard dash at 9.8 seconds. In the 220 yard dash, at 21.5 seconds, he set the NIL Record. It is interesting to note that in the morning qualifying, Jerry ran 20.6 seconds but was disallowed because of a 7 mph wind (an NIL Record).

In 1966, the National Record was 20.2 seconds, and only three sprinters in the nation ran faster than 20.6 seconds. In 1966, Jerry was recognized as the Nashville Banner's Most Outstanding Trackman Award and the 1966 Tennessean's Most Outstanding Track Award.

Jerry served two years in the Army and received an E-4 Honorable discharge. He served 29 years with the Metropolitan Fire Department.

MELVIN C. BLACK

Pearl High School

Class of 1955



Melvin Black has spent his adult life teaching, coaching, and officiating. He began his coaching career at Burt High School in 1960, in Clarksville, Tennessee. He returned

to his Alma Mater, Pearl High School, where he served as assistant football and basketball coach and head track coach. Under his leadership, in 1963 and 1964, the track team won two state titles and two Nashville Banner Championships in 1968 and 1969. The team also won several district and regional titles. Adding to his accomplishments, he was Assistant Basketball Coach at Pearl when they won the 1965 National Negro Basketball Championship and in 1966 when they won the TSSAA Championship.

Mr. Black began his career in officiating junior and senior high school football and basketball in 1964, with the Tennessee High School Secondary Athletic Association. He later joined the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association officiating football, basketball, and track for the past 15 years. He has continued officiating and has worked for the National Football League as a scout and evaluator for prospective officials.

He was a Metropolitan Nashville Councilman from 1996-2003. He was inducted into the Region VI Basketball Hall of Fame in 2000. In addition, he has received the Distinguished Award from the Middle Tennessee Basketball Officials Association, Distinguished Service Award for Outstanding Officials (TSSAA), and many other honors and received his B.S. and M.A. degrees from Tennessee State University.

MICHAEL COLEMAN

Stratford High School

Class of 1994



Michael Coleman was a two-sport star at Stratford High School. He lettered in both baseball and football. On the gridiron, he played tailback and cornerback, while handling the

kicking duties. He gained more attention from his football ability and was recruited by dozens of colleges. However, he turned down a football scholarship from the University of Alabama to pursue a professional career in baseball.

The Boston Red Sox selected Coleman after high school in the 18th round of the 1994 amateur baseball draft. He also played with the New York Yankees, Cincinnati Reds, and the Tampa Bay Rays. In 2001, Coleman appeared in 12 games for New York, where he would hit two home runs. He posted seven runs batted in and a .211 batting average during his time in New York, and was granted free agency following the 2001 season. He retired in 2006.

2013 Honorees

REGINALD HAYDEN

Pearl High School

Class of 1974



Reginald Hayden was a two-year football starter and a three-year letterman. He was the team captain for two years. During his junior year, he made the All-NIL and All-State first

teams and received Honorable Mention All-American. Reginald's senior year was outstanding. He made 1st team All-NIL, 1st team All-State and 1st team All-American. In addition, he was the Tennessee East-West MVP of the All-Star Game. He was also a Hume Award runner up.

After high school, Reggie attended Tennessee State University for one year. He transferred to Western Kentucky University, where he was a three-year starter. During his sophomore year, he was named to the All-OVC 2nd team. He continued his outstanding play during his junior year, where he made the 1st team All-OVC and Little All-American Honors 2nd team. During his senior year, he continued his tradition and made All-OVC 1st team, Little All-American Honors 1st team, was team captain, team MVP, and Academic Award Winner. Reginald played in the USFL Professional League for the Birmingham Stallions.

CHARLES "CHUCK" LEWIS

Madison High School

Class of 1961



Charles Lewis was an outstanding athlete at Madison High School, where he played fullback and was named All-City, All-Mid-State, and 1st Team All-Banner. He attended Tennessee Tech

and UT Martin, where he continued to play football. He was voted MVP by his team at UT Martin.

Chuck pursued a career in coaching football and track and field. He coached at Madison High School, Union City High School, Cameron, Antioch, Hillsboro, Hunters Lane, and Hillwood. He was named Coach of the Year five times in track and field. Other outstanding achievements: won 7 state championships (5 at Hunters Lane and 2 at Hillsboro); won 10 city championships; won 8 region championships; and won the Banner Relays 7 times.

In his 17 years at Hunters Lane, his teams never finished below 12th in the state, which consisted of over 100 schools.

GRANVILLE "SONNY" LYONS

Pearl High School

Class of 1970



Granville "Sonny" Lyons was a three-sport letterman in football, basketball, and track at Pearl High School from 1967 to 1970, under coaches James Armstrong, Cornelius

Ridley, and Willie Stevens. Sonny was an integral part of the 1969 Clinic Bowl Championship football team, which defeated Maplewood 6-0 on Thanksgiving Day at Vanderbilt Stadium. With Maplewood driving for a winning score, Sonny intercepted a pass to end the drive.

In 1970, Coach Joe Gilliam Sr. personally recruited and signed Sonny to a football scholarship at Tennessee State University. He became a four-year starter at safety. Sonny was selected as defensive captain for the 1974 season and was voted to the Associated Press All-American team. He played on two undefeated Black National Championship football teams – teams that won three bowl games in four years. Almost forty years later, Sonny Lyons still holds the TSU career interception record. After his playing career at TSU, he signed free agent contracts with the Atlanta Falcons and the Minnesota Vikings.

After short coaching stints at TSU, Fisk University, and Hillwood High School, he became employed with the Metropolitan Government, where he has worked for the last 35 years. He has given back to his community by coaching youth football and basketball leagues. He has also officiated high school and college basketball for a number of years, and was selected to work the TSSAA State Basketball Tournament.

He serves as an Associate Minister at the Lake Providence Baptist Church. He also serves as a board member for the Men of Valor Prison Ministry.

MARYNELL MEADORS
Hillsboro High School
Class of 1961



Marynell Meadors played basketball at Hillsboro High School. She earned her Bachelor's and Master's degrees at Middle Tennessee State University, where she played and coached

before it became a varsity sport.

Meadors spent five seasons as General Manager and Head Coach of the WNBA's Atlanta Dream. In four seasons, she has led the Dream to three consecutive playoff appearances and back-to-back WNBA final appearances in 2011 and 2012. She also served as Assistant Coach for the USA Basketball team and helped the team to a gold medal at the 2010 FIBA World Championship and served as an assistant for the 2012 gold medal team in the London Olympic Games.

Under the leadership of Meadors, the Dream was the two-time defending Eastern Conference Champions, finishing with a franchise best 20-14 record in 2011. She was awarded the WNBA Coach of the Year in 2009 after leading the Dream, to the second greatest single season turnaround in WNBA history. Prior to joining the Dream, she spent time with the Washington Mystics and now defunct Charlotte Sting.

Meadors also has an extensive background in women's college basketball, serving as the head coach at Florida State, Tennessee Tech and an assistant coach at the University of Pittsburgh. At Tennessee Tech, Meadors became the first female head coach of the women's basketball program. She received numerous accolades, including OVC Coach of the Year and two-time Metro Conference Coach of the Year. She led the Golden Eagles to four OVC championships and became the first major women's coach to win 350 games at one institution. Meadors was inducted into the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame in 2011.

RANDOLPH LAMARR WILLIAMSON
Pearl High School
Class of 1973



Randolph Williamson was an outstanding athlete at all levels. He began his athletic career at Washington Junior High School, where he lettered in all sports and was voted Mr. Basketball

for two consecutive years. After making his mark at this level, he entered Pearl High School. He continued his excellent athletic ability on the football field, as well as in basketball and track.

Williamson was a member of the Pearl basketball team, where he lettered three years. He was a two-time Mid-State 220 yard Track Champion. In addition, he was selected to All-City and All-NIL Football teams. He scored the winning touchdown in the 1973 High School All-Star football game held at the University of Tennessee.

After graduation, he accepted a football scholarship at Tennessee State University. While there, he lettered in football and was a three-year starter for the TSU Tigers. He played on the 1973 team that went undefeated with an 11-0 record.

The next step in Randolph's sports career after graduation from TSU was being signed with the NFL Philadelphia Eagles as a free agent during the 1978-1979 season as a wide receiver and kickoff/punt returner. He also played with the CFL Rough Riders and the B. C. Lions during 1980-81.

2012 Honorees

CHARLES ANDERSON

Cohn High School

Class of 1952



Charles Anderson was an outstanding basketball coach. A graduate of Cohn High School, Anderson received his undergraduate degree from Middle Tennessee State University and

then obtained two graduate degrees at George Peabody College. From 1952-1955, Coach Anderson served in the U. S. Navy. He began his coaching career at Central High School in 1959 and was a high school coach for 19 years at Central, Stratford High School, Bellevue High School, and Hillsboro High School, with a record of 409-132. In 1981, he became the head basketball coach at Aquinas Junior College, and, in his 20 years there, he compiled a record of 451-179. He took three teams to the National Junior College Tournament, winning in 1991, the first time in history for a basketball team from Tennessee.

Anderson was selected as "Coach of the Year" on several occasions and amassed a record of 1,044-460. In 1991, he was selected the Junior College Coach of the Year. He is a member of The Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame, TSSAA Hall of Fame, Tennessee Junior College Hall of Fame, and the National Junior College Hall of Fame.

AVION CARLOS BLACK

Maplewood High School

Class of 1996



Avion Black lettered in football and track and is presently coaching men's and women's track at Fisk University. In the fall of 1996, Avion Black entered Tennessee State University, playing

football in seasons 1997 through 1999, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts and Science degree. In 1998 and 1999, Avion played on back-to-back OVC Championships with an 11-0 record. He maintains the all-time kickoff return yardage record in a season at TSU, garnering 958 yards. His return average of 36.9 yards is still the best in the Ohio Valley Conference (OVC). Black ran back four touchdowns in 1999, a school record and piled up 1,982 all-purpose yards, ranking as the third best in school history. He was named a first team All-American in 1999 by the Sports Network and was two-time All OVC selection.

Black was drafted in the fourth round and 121st overall by the Buffalo Bills in 2000. Avion played two seasons in Buffalo. He signed with the Houston Texans in the expansion draft in 2002 also for two seasons. In the 2002 season, he was the first player in Houston Texans history to return a punt for a touchdown. He signed with the New York Giants in 2005, and the Minnesota Vikings in 2006.

CHUCK BOYD

Madison High School

Class of 1964



Chuck Boyd was a very talented and versatile athlete. He was an NIL Most Valuable Player, as well as being named All City, All State, All Southern, and was included in several high

school All-American lists. He received a football scholarship from Vanderbilt University. He was also a three-year starting guard in basketball for the Rams. He made his mark in track where he was the State Decathlon Champion his junior year. He was a favorite to repeat but a torn groin muscle midway through track season his senior year ended this opportunity. In 1963, he was named NIL Athlete of the Year.

Boyd continued his football career at Vanderbilt University, where he began as the starting quarterback. During his sophomore year he switched to running back and returned kickoffs and punts. In his junior year he started at split-end, then running back later in the season while continuing as a kickoff and punt returner. During this year he suffered a major knee injury and spent 18 months in rehabilitation. He returned in 1968 for his senior year and continued to excel. Even though he had a most productive senior year, his injury ended his hopes of playing professionally. Besides being an outstanding athlete, he was an excellent student and found time to serve as president of his fraternity, Alpha Tau Omega.

JAMES G. DOUGLAS

Pearl High School

Class of 1967



James G. Douglas was a stellar basketball player at Pearl High School. He was the captain of the team in his junior and senior years. In 1966, he was a member of the famous undefeated

Pearl squad which won the State Championship. He was selected as a High School All-American. Having been offered scholarships from over 100 colleges and universities, he chose to attend the University of Memphis.

From 1967-1971, James excelled on the basketball court at the University of Memphis. He scored over 1,000 career points, averaging 16 points and 10 rebounds. He started at both forward and guard, scoring in double figures in more than 80% of the games in which he played. He was selected to play in the East-West All-American Basketball Game in April 1971.

FREDERICK R. SUMRALL

Pearl High School

Class of 1966



Frederick Sumrall played football at Pearl High School during the years of 1963, 1964, and 1965. He was an offensive and defensive lineman. He was also the captain of Pearl's 1965 team, which

only lost one game. After graduating from Pearl, he accepted an offer from Tennessee State University, since his father had been an all-star lineman at Tennessee State. Fred played at Tennessee State from 1966 to 1969 under legendary coach John Merritt. For the two years that Fred started as a defensive lineman, the team went undefeated.

Fred joined the Washington Redskins team as a free agent in 1970 and played for two years as a defensive lineman. He also played semiprofessionally for three years in Maryland. Fred coached at Boise State, Morgan State, and Tennessee State. One of the years that he coached at Tennessee State, the team only lost one game.

DONNA VAUGHN HOWELL

Maplewood High School

Class of 1966



Donna Vaughn Howell played at Maplewood High School from 1962-1966. During that time she was on an undefeated Junior High team which won the title. Donna was voted Most

Valuable Player of the tournament. After that tournament, Donna went on to play as a freshman for the Maplewood High School team coached by Pam Hickman. She was on the All-Decade Team of the 1960's. During her junior and senior years, she led her team by scoring 29.9 ppg. Her team went undefeated during her senior year until the state tournament. She earned honors such as All-District, All-Region, All-State (junior and senior years), Most Valuable Player of the Region both years, and NIL Tennessean Player of the Year in 1966. In addition to basketball, Donna ran track and played tennis while at Maplewood. She was also a Student Council officer. Howell graduated from Peabody College. She became a teacher and basketball and tennis coach at East High School.

2012 Honorees

TOMMY ELBERT WELLS

Cohn High School

Class of 1957



Tommy Wells became one of the greatest running backs in the history of the Nashville Interscholastic League (NIL). He settled on the scholarship offer from Georgia Tech University.

He was elected President of the Senior Class and voted the Most Handsome Senior Superlative. He received many awards in high school as a result of his athletic ability. Among the awards was the prestigious William Hume Award that is based on character, integrity, academics, and athletics. Other awards included the NIL Most Valuable Player of the Year, Optimist Club Player of the Year, All-American, and many other honors.

Tommy continued his football greatness at Georgia Tech as a field goal kicker. He shattered the SEC record for seven field goals and missed setting a new national record of eight field goals. After college, Tommy signed a contract to play as a field goal kicker in the American Football Leagues with the Dallas Texans (now the Kansas City Chiefs).

REGGIE WHITEMORE

McGavock High School

Class of 1975



Reggie Whittemore played baseball for McGavock High School, which he led to a state championship. He went on to play at Lipscomb University in the late 1970s where he was

part of two national championship teams (1977 and 1979). Reggie's career slugging percentage was an impressive .668, establishing him as one of the greatest hitters to wear a Lipscomb uniform. Whittemore's professional baseball career lasted for nine years and was spent primarily in the Boston Red Sox minor league system. In the early 1990s, he was asked by Charlie Finchum, a long-time executive of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Nashville, to bring the Reviving Baseball in Inner Cities (RBI) program to Nashville. Whittemore began Nashville RBI with six teams and since then the organization has grown to include over 1,000 children.

2011 Honorees

CAROLYN ALDRIDGE

Glencliff High School

Class of 1992



Carolyn Aldridge excelled in basketball while attending Glencliff High School. She was All-District, All-Region, McDonald's All-American, and Most Valuable Player for the

District, Region and State Tournament. She also excelled in track and field being named All-District, All-Region, and All-State. Aldridge helped lead her team to the State Championship basketball game.

Ms. Aldridge went to Tennessee State University from 1992-1995 and majored in math. While playing basketball, she had career highs in most categories; including highs in points, rebounds, assists, blocked shots, field goals made, steals, and many more. Aldridge went on to set a Tennessee State scoring record for the most points in a single game against Wake Forest with 51 points. She was a three-time first team Ohio Valley Conference player in 1993, 1994 and 1995. She is a member of the 1000 point club, single season 50 point club, and the 30 point club.

BRENDA MOON DAVIS

Goodlettsville High School

Class of 1965



Brenda Moon Davis began playing basketball in the fifth grade in Cedar Hill, Tennessee, and in the eighth grade began her basketball career at Goodlettsville High School. In 1964 and

1965, she was named to The Tennessean's All-City Team and the Nashville Banner's All-Nashville team. In 1965, she was also named All-Tournament for District 19, All-Tournament for Region 5, The Tennessean's All-City Team and was the NIL Player of the Year.

From 1965-1969, Ms. David played in more than 800 games with the All-American Red Heads. The Red Heads team was a trailblazer for the game of women's basketball from 1938 through 1988, playing against men's teams and using men's rules before that was the norm. The playing season would run on average from October into May, consisting of roughly 200 games. In 2010, the Red Heads was among the field of nominees for induction into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame. In June 2011, the Red Heads were honored by the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame for their contributions to the game.

DOUGLAS EUGENE HALL

Hume-Fogg High School

Class of 1943, Posthumous



Douglas Eugene Hall first played basketball in a backyard. For two years, he played on East Nashville Junior High School's team and in September 1940, he enrolled in Hume-Fogg

and became captain of the school's first basketball team. After returning from service in the U.S. Navy, he enrolled at George Peabody College where he received both his bachelor's and master's degrees. Hall was hired by the Nashville Board of Education and accepted a position at Turner Elementary School.

In fall of 1953, Hall began teaching at Bellevue High School where he rose through the ranks to become head football and basketball coach, and was the school's first and only boys and girls track and cross country coach. When Bellevue and Hillwood were consolidated, Hall was named the Hilltoppers coach for both the cross country and track teams. In Hall's 33 years of coaching, he won the Coach of the Year award in 1958, 1962 and 1966 for basketball; 1971 for football; 1979 for girls cross country; and 1980 for boys cross country.

2011 Honorees

WALTER OVERTON

Pearl High School

Class of 1970



During Walter Overton's years as a member of Pearl High School's football team, he received many honors. In 1968, he was named to the All-Metro Nashville Football Team and was

the Metro Bowl MVP. In 1969, Overton was the Nashville Interscholastic League Co-MVP, NIL Western Conference Player of the Year, Clinic Bowl MVP, and the NIL Co-Athlete of the Year, and was named to the All-Metro Nashville and the All-State Football Teams. During his high school years, he lettered in four sports – football, basketball, baseball, and track – and in 1969 was the Regional Banner Relays Track 100 Yard Dash record holder, with a time of 9.8 seconds.

In 1970, Overton became the first black MNPS student to receive a football scholarship to Vanderbilt University. In 1972, he was named to the 2nd Team Coaches All-SEC Football Team and in 1974 he was on the team that went to the Peach Bowl. Overton is a long-time TSSAA football and basketball referee. Overton is a member of many Nashville community and civic groups.

SHELTON QUARLES

Whites Creek High School

Class of 1990



In 1990, while at Whites Creek High School, Shelton Quarles was named All-State in football. He went on to attend Vanderbilt University, where he was named to the SEC

All-Freshmen team in 1990 and All-SEC in 1992. He played for the British Columbia Lions in 1995-1996, being named B.C. Lions ALL-CFL in 1996. He played with the Miami Dolphins in 1994, but moved to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in 1997.

During his 10 seasons on the football field, Shelton Quarles helped lead the Tampa Bay Buccaneers to three division titles (1999, 2002, and 2005), while also earning a world championship following the 2002 season in Super Bowl XXXVII. Quarles played all three linebacker positions during his career and remains as the only player in team history to record a touchdown and a safety. In 2001, he recorded the longest play in team history with a 98-yard interception return for a touchdown. In 2010, he completed his fourth season as a pro scout for Tampa Bay, and in January of 2011, he was named coordinator of Pro Scouting.

JONATHAN QUINN

McGavock High School

Class of 1993



During his years at McGavock High School, Jonathan Quinn was named All-District, All-Region, and All Mid-State in football. In 1992, he played in the Tennessee/Kentucky All-Star game

and was a nominee for the prestigious Hume Award. He was also All-District, All-Region, and All-Metro in basketball. Quinn played football at Middle Tennessee State University, where he was All-Conference in 1997 and the Outstanding Student-Athlete for 1997-1998. During college, he broke or tied 11 school records. In 1997, Quinn was awarded the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame Scholar-Athlete Award.

Quinn was drafted number 86 overall in the 1998 NFL Draft and was a member of three playoff teams—Jacksonville Jaguars, Kansas City Chiefs, and Chicago Bears. He later played with the Berlin Thunder. Quinn is currently the head coach at MidAmerica Nazarene University. In 2010, he won the NAACP Olath Branch Diversity Advocate in Sports Award, the Heart of America Athletic Conference Coach of the Year, and the AFCA Region 3 Coach of the Year (NAIA).

BRIAN RANSOM
North High School
Class of 1979



Brian Ransom was an exceptional athlete in high school, college, and professional football. At North High School, Ransom played football, basketball and participated in track

and field. He was the high school division Player of the Year in 1978, All-City in football, and an honor student (top 5% of his graduating class).

After high school, Ransom attended Tennessee State University, where he excelled as a quarterback. He was a Black College All-American, Sheridan Broadcasting Network Player of the Year (1981), Alpha Kappa Mu National Honor Society, Outstanding Young Men of America, active student leader, and numerous other accolades. He holds several records in passing yards at TSU, including most completions.

Brian entered the professional arena by being drafted and signed by the Dallas Cowboys, later going to the Houston Oilers and the Montreal Alouettes of the Canadian Football League, where he led the league in pass completions and yards in 1986.

BOB DUDLEY SMITH SR.
West High School
Class of 1948



During his basketball career at West High School, Bob Dudley Smith Sr. received many awards and accolades. He was named to the All-State Tournament Team in 1947 and 1948.

In 1948, West won the State Tournament and Smith was the high scorer for the tournament. He was also voted the Outstanding Basketball Player in the state that year. During the years 1943-1953, he was selected to the All-Time NIL Basketball Squad.

After high school, Smith was offered a contract with the Boston Red Sox but instead chose to attend Vanderbilt University on a basketball and baseball scholarship. In 1950-1951, Smith was selected to the All-SEC Basketball Team. He became one of the best free throw and field goal shooters in Vanderbilt basketball history. When Vanderbilt selected its top 100 athletes of the century, Smith was ranked 87th overall and 28th in basketball. Smith received invitations to workout with the Detroit Tigers and the Milwaukee Braves. After being discharged from the Naval Reserve in 1954, he signed with the New York Giants and played in their minor league system.

2010 Honorees

CECIL MAURICE BEAIRD

Cameron High School

Class of 1971



Cecil Maurice Beaird was an exceptional athlete at Cameron High School. He ran track and lettered in all three sports and was recognized by his classmates as "Most Athletic." Beaird

received many honors including All-Nashville Interscholastic League, All-State, All-Region, All-Metro, All-City and earned a position on the All-Tournament team in 1971. Beaird was co-captain of the Cameron High Panthers basketball team that won TSSAA State Championship titles in 1970 and 1971.

Beaird was offered many athletic scholarships from colleges and universities; but he chose to attend Nashville's Fisk University on a football scholarship. Fisk University's football team won the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SIAC) championships in 1973 and 1976. As a member of those teams, Beaird was named SIAC Division II All-Conference Receiver 1972 and 1975 and he was named to the SIAC All-Region for four consecutive years. During his junior year, he was offered a contract with the Philadelphia Bell of the U.S. Football League, but declined the offer to finish his last two years of college. He was drafted by the St. Louis Cardinals in 1976.

BILL BRIMM

Central High School

Class of 1943



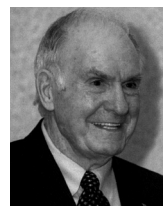
Bill Brimm played football, basketball, and baseball all four years at Central High School. After high school, he went to Tennessee Tech University and played basketball. He received

his master's degree from Peabody College and served with the United States Navy Seabees for two and half years. With his playing days behind him, Brimm coached football, basketball, baseball, and golf at Madison High for 20 years. During his coaching career he received "Coach of the Year" in every sport he coached: six times in football, three times in basketball, four times in baseball and once in golf. Madison High School's football field, gymnasium and courts were dedicated to him. Brimm's honors include "Nashville's Most Outstanding Man In Sports" in 1961 by the Nashville Banner and Madison Community "Most Outstanding Citizen" in 1966 by the Madison Chamber of Commerce. He has been inducted into National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame and the TSSAA Hall of Fame. Brimm is a founding board member of the Fellowship Christian Athletes of Nashville and Middle Tennessee.

JOE CASEY

North High School

Class of 1946



While attending North High, Joe Casey lettered in six sports: basketball, baseball, football, softball, track and golf. He was named All-City in baseball in 1945 and 1946 and pitched five

no-hitters. He played in the first high school all-star football game in Nashville, was named All-City in basketball in 1946, and even coached North High's junior high basketball team his last two years of high school.

After graduation, Casey played professional baseball for five years with the Boston Braves farm system. He played professional basketball for two years with the Nashville Vols in the Southern Basketball League. He also managed and played baseball for the Nashville City League for several years. Casey is recognized as one of the charter members for Nashville's Babe Ruth baseball league, where he led the team to the World Series, the first time for a Nashville team. Casey was inducted into the TSSAA Hall of Fame in 2008 as an official and into the Old Timers Baseball Association Hall of Fame in 2009.

JOHN GORDY

Isaac Litton High School

Class of 1953, Posthumous



John Gordy played and lettered in football and baseball at Litton High School. He did not play football until his senior year, but was an immediate standout. He was awarded a football

scholarship at the University of Tennessee; there he was a two-year starter at right tackle and captain of the team his senior year. This was the same year that the Vols won the Southeastern Conference and were ranked No. 2 in the nation. After his four years at UT, Gordy was drafted by the Detroit Lions and played in the 1957 World Championship, now known as the Super Bowl. He was selected to play in the Pro Bowl four times, and played in three of the games. In his first year, Gordy was named to the All-Rookie team and he also served as captain of the Detroit Lions.

In 1968, Gordy became president of the NFL Players Association, an organization he helped form. He negotiated the first collective bargaining agreement in sports history. In addition to his involvement in sports on the professional level, he found time to be involved with young athletes.

THEODORE "TED" RHODES

Pearl High School

Posthumous



Theodore "Ted" Rhodes, is recognized as the first African-American professional golfer. Tiger Woods and Lee Elder have both attributed Rhodes' devotion to their success. His

encouragement and assistance enabled minority golfers to develop and mature in the game of golf.

After serving in the U. S. Navy during WWII, Rhodes was discharged in Chicago. There he became friends with entertainer Billy Eckstine, and athletes Sugar Ray Robinson and Joe Louis. Louis would eventually sponsor Rhodes in various golf tournaments. Rhodes rarely had the opportunity to show his talent in Nashville because of the Jim Crow laws that kept him off the city's various municipal golf courses. In 1948, he played in the U. S. Open. He was inducted into the Tennessee Golf Hall of Fame in 1998, and in 2009, the PGA of America granted him posthumous membership.

RONALD W. SHARER

West High School

Class of 1958



Ronnie Sharer was an outstanding athlete in high school and at the collegiate level. In high school, Sharer was named "Most Valuable Player" his junior and senior years in the NIL.

He also earned All-State both his junior and senior years and was voted "Best in the State" his senior year. After high school, Sharer attended Belmont University on a basketball scholarship. He was voted "Most Valuable Player" in the VSAC Conference his senior year and inducted into the Belmont Sports Hall of Fame in 1991.

2010 Honorees

LEONARD STAGGS

Issac Litton High School

Class of 1941, Posthumous



Leonard Staggs, a great football player for Isaac Litton High School, was named "NIL Player of the Year" in 1940 and later went to the University of Mississippi on a football scholarship. After his

freshmen year, he joined the Army and fought during World War II. After the war, he played football at Middle Tennessee State University. He was a member of the first two of seven Volunteer State Athletic Conference Championship Teams.

Staggs began his coaching career at Giles County High School and then moved to Lawrence County High School in the fall of 1948. For the next 22 years, Lawrence County High football team won 125 games, had 11 winning seasons and Staggs was named "Coach of the Year" in 1964 and 1965. In basketball, his teams won 354 games, six district titles, four regional championships and appeared in six state tournaments – finishing in the final four twice. He was inducted into the TSSAA Hall of Fame in 1988 and the MTSU Blue Raider Hall of Fame in 2002.

JOHN HENRY TISDALE

MNPS Coach

Posthumous



John Tisdale was an excellent math teacher at Washington Junior High. The Tennessee State University graduate had an overall win/loss record as a coach of 656-33 for a 95.2% winning

percentage from 1935-1985. During one stretch, his basketball teams went undefeated for 75 straight games.

Coach Tisdale has been inducted into the Region 6 Basketball Association Hall of Fame in 1990. Many of his players went on to become outstanding high school, college and professional players.

JACQUELYN A. TURNER

Hillsboro High School

Class of 1948, Posthumous



Jackie Turner had an outstanding athletic career in high school. She was one of the most dominating players in the NIL during her four years of varsity basketball.

She was named All-City

in basketball for the 1947-1948 school year. After graduating from Hillsboro, she attended Vanderbilt University and majored in chemistry. Graduating from Vanderbilt in 1952, Turner was employed by the Davidson County Public Schools at Cumberland High and then Hillsboro High School.

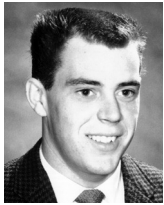
Turner was named "NIL Girls Basketball Coach of the Year" several times, her teams won numerous District and Regional Championships, and participated in the state basketball championship series. After leaving Hillsboro, Jackie taught chemistry at Franklin Road Academy. Her hobbies included reading and attending spring major league baseball games with her father, Jim Turner, the legendary New York Yankees pitching coach and MNPS Hall of Fame inductee.

2009 Honorees

WAYNE BUSH

Glencliff High School

Class of 1961, Posthumous



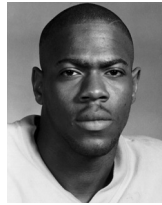
Wayne Bush, known by many as "the Big Horse," was a brilliant tailback at Glencliff High and named the Nashville Interscholastic League (NIL) Most Valuable player for 1960. Bush

was named All-State and First Team All-American in Parade Magazine's All-American Team. In two short years, Bush became the highest scorer in NIL history with 343 points. Bush's number 29 jersey was retired after his departure. Following high school, Bush was awarded a four-year Grant-in-Aid dual scholarship for football and baseball to the University of Tennessee Knoxville. While attending UT, Bush played football for three years and received his B.S. in Education. He later received his Masters and Plus 30 in Education from Middle Tennessee State University.

CORY L. FLEMING

Stratford High School

Class of 1989



Cory L. Fleming was a standout athlete in high school, college, and during his professional career. At Stratford, Fleming lettered in football, basketball and track. As a member

of the Spartans football team, Fleming was named All-Metro, All-City, All-State, McDonald's All-American, Mr. Football Back AAA Runner-up, and Atlanta's Touchdown Club Best Back in the State in 1988. After high school, Fleming attended the University of Tennessee and played wide receiver and quarterback for the Vols. He was an All-SEC, All-American selection, and the UT Athletic Director's nominee for college football's "Good Works Team," which recognizes a player's contributions to the community.

Fleming was drafted in the third round of the 1994 NFL draft. He signed with Dallas and played in Super Bowl XXX when the Cowboys defeated the Pittsburgh Steelers 27-17. From 1997-2006, Fleming played in the Arena Football League; he was named AFL Rookie of the Year in 1997. He played with the Nashville Kats from 1997-2001, then spent a year with the Carolina Cougars, and his final years with the Orlando Predators.

JOE GILLIAM II

Pearl High School

Class of 1968, Posthumous



Joe Gilliam II was an outstanding quarterback at Pearl High from 1966-68. He led the team during the city's first season of integrated football. After high school, he played at

Tennessee State University, where he became an All-American quarterback. Gilliam led his team to two Black College National Championships in 1970 and 1971. He was voted AP All-American and National Black College Player of the Year in 1971 and 1972.

He was drafted in 1972 in the 11th round by the Pittsburgh Steelers and worked his way into a starting position. In 1974, he led the Steelers to a 30-0 win over the Baltimore Colts, becoming the first black quarterback to start a regular season NFL game. During his time with the Steelers, Gilliam earned two Super Bowl rings.

2009 Honorees

WILLIAM J. GUPTON

MNPS Coach

Posthumous



Gupton graduated from Clarksville Burt High School in 1930 and then attended Tennessee A & I University. While coaching at Pearl High, Gupton led his varsity team to 11 state

tournaments in 22 years. His teams won three consecutive national tournaments in 1958, 59, and 60. He was named "Coach of the Year" six times at the state level, and three times nationally. In 1939, Gupton and Pearl High hosted the first statewide basketball tournament in Tennessee.

He was the first black principal at an integrated school in Davidson County and spent 36 years serving with the Metropolitan Nashville School System.

DICK HAYS

Antioch High School

Class of 1948



Dick Hays was an outstanding athlete in high school and college. At Antioch High, Hays was All-Nashville in basketball and All-City in baseball. He also excelled in football.

After high school, Hays played football, basketball and baseball for Austin Peay State University, where he was named All-Conference in football, basketball and baseball. He also received the Joy Award and the Governor's Award. At APSU, Hays was elected student body vice-president. In 1978, he was inducted into the university's Athletics Hall of Fame.

After his time in the service, he served as football and baseball coach at North High, head football coach at Antioch High, assistant principal at Apollo Middle, and then principal at Cameron, Glenclyff and Ezell-Harding high schools. Hays was recognized for Outstanding Leadership in Fellowship of Christian Athletes, an organization he presided over; Outstanding Service to MNPS; Dedicated Christian Service and Example to the Youth of Nashville; and Region Six Football Coaches Hall of Fame.

PAMELA HICKMAN

Cohn High School

Class of 1955



Pamela Hickman excelled in and out of the classroom while attending Cohn High. She was a DAR Medalist, student council officer, and class officer.

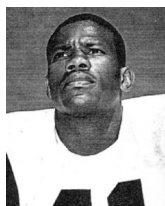
Hickman was also a standout in basketball and tennis. At Cohn, Hickman was named 1954 All-District Tournament MVP. She later won the Nashville City Tennis Tournament five consecutive years (1962 - 1966); she won the Tennessee State Closed Tennis Tournament in 1966; she won the Tennessee State Open Tennis Tournament in 1968; and she was named vice-president of the Nashville Tennis Association in 1968. Hickman began working for MNPS in 1959. She taught and coached basketball and tennis at Maplewood High for 27 years, and then at Hunters Lane High for six years, where she was instrumental in building both athletic programs.

While coaching, Hickman received the 1966 Downtown Optimist Club NIL Basketball Coach of the Year, the First American National Bank District Coach of the Year, the Tennessean Basketball Coach of the Year, the TACA District Class AAA Girls Basketball Coach of the Year, the TACA District Girls Tennis Coach of the Year, and the 1998 Region VI Basketball Hall of Fame Inductee.

LEON COLLINS MOORE

Cameron High School

Class of 1963



Leon Moore was an exceptional athlete at Cameron, playing football, basketball and running track. He was a member of the 1962-63 Cameron Regional Championship

Basketball Team and was selected All-City and All-State in basketball and football. Moore attended Tennessee State University, where he started as defensive back. He was named All Mid-Western Athletic Conference and was a member of the Grantland Rice Bowl Championship team.

He also played baseball while enrolled at TSU. After college, Moore was drafted by the L.A. Rams and played defensive back. He was also a member of the "Taxi Squad." Moore was a member of the historic All-Black Tennessee Pride baseball team and a member of the semi-professional Tri-State League. He was awarded the Schofield Knights Award for Outstanding Contributions in Football, and was a member of the Army National Guard and U.S. Army. Moore also served as assistant football coach at Fisk University, Central State University, Texas Southern University, Fayetteville State University, and Tennessee State University.

LARRY SCHMITTOU

Cohn High School

Class of 1958



Larry Schmittou was an outstanding basketball and baseball player. In basketball, he and his team advanced to the state tournament. At Cohn, Schmittou threw two no-hitters

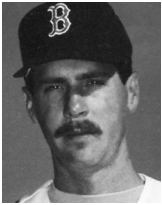
in baseball. He received his Bachelor of Science degree from Peabody Teacher's College in 1961. After college, Schmittou began teaching in the Nashville Public School System and was the head football and basketball coach for Bailey Junior High, then as head basketball coach for Goodlettsville High. After his career as a baseball scout, Schmittou became head baseball coach and head football recruiter for Vanderbilt University, where they won more the 300 games, including four consecutive Eastern Divisional Championships and Southeastern Conference Championships in 1973 and 1974.

Schmittou was named 1973 and 1974 SEC "Coach of the Year," and was two-time recipient of the Larry MacPhil Award. He was named Sporting News Double A and Southern League Executive of the Year in 1978 and 1981 and also named Triple A Executive of the Year in 1989.

2008 Honorees

TOMMY BOLTON

Antioch High School
Class of 1980



Tommy Bolton was a dominant pitcher at Antioch High School. As a sophomore in 1978, Bolton was 7-1 with a 1.19 ERA. As a junior, he went 10-2 with a 1.11 ERA and, as a senior, he went

9-1 with a 0.88 ERA. His high school career record was 26-4, with a 1.06 ERA and 279 strikeouts. Tommy was All-NIL in 1979 and 1980 and All-State in 1980. He pitched Antioch to a AAA State Championship in 1979.

After graduating in 1980, Tommy was drafted by the Boston Red Sox. He played for Boston from 1980-1992, for the Cincinnati Reds in 1992, for the Detroit Tigers in 1993, and for the Baltimore Orioles in 1994. Tommy served as both a starter and as the number one left-handed reliever out of the bullpen in the major leagues. He finished his professional career pitching for the Chicago White Sox (1995) and the Pittsburgh Pirates (1996-1998) minor league teams.

AUSTIN DENNEY

Donelson High School
Class of 1962



At Donelson High School, Austin Denney lettered in football, basketball, and baseball for three years. He was named All-Nashville (NIL) in all three sports and was named Nashville's Athlete of the

Year in 1962. Austin was awarded a football scholarship to the University of Tennessee, where he lettered in 1965 and 1966. He was co-captain in 1966 and helped lead the team to a victory in the Gator Bowl. He was named All-SEC and All-American in 1966. Austin currently holds the record for the most touchdown pass receptions in a single season by a tight end at Tennessee and was honored by the selection as tight end on the Tennessee Football's "Best of the 60's" team.

In 1966, he was drafted by the Dallas Cowboys, traded to the Chicago Bears, and was the starting tight end for Chicago from 1967 through 1969. He Received "Player of the Game" honors in 1968 against the New Orleans Saints. Austin played for the Buffalo Bills in 1970 and 1971 and was selected as the "Most Popular Player" in 1970.

JIMMY EDWARDS

MNPS Principal
Posthumous



After graduating from Vanderbilt University with a degree in engineering, Jimmy became a math teacher and coach at Bellevue High in 1933. While at Bellevue, he coached boys and girls

basketball and baseball, as well as starting the school's first football team. In 1939, he became principal at Cumberland High, where his 10-year tenure was interrupted from 1943 until 1945 by military service during WWII.

After earning a masters degree in education from George Peabody College, he served as principal of Dupont High School from 1949-1952. In 1953, Mr. Edwards was appointed principal of Donelson High School where he would remain until the high school closed in 1971. He then became principal of Antioch High School until retiring in 1974.

DIANNE FRIERSON FOWLER**Hillwood High School****Class of 1976**

A graduate of the 1976 class at Hillwood High School, Dianne Frierson Fowler lettered in basketball, cross-country, volleyball, track and field, and tennis. Dianne was the

NIL girls basketball all-time leading scorer (2,984). She was selected four times to the NIL all-girls basketball team, two times NIL Most Valuable Player, four times All-Regional girls basketball team, and Tennessee All-State girls basketball team (1976). In 1976, she was also a member of the AAU National Basketball Champions (Junior Olympic team) and in 1977, won the Junior Pan AM Championship in Mexico City as a member of Coach Pat Head Summit's USA national team.

While attending UCLA, Dianne was a four-year women's basketball starting point guard (1976- 1980), NWIT All-American in 1977, and Academic All-American (Third Team) in 1980. She was selected as one of the top 15 women basketball players in the first 25 years of UCLA basketball.

ROY HERALD**Howard High School****Class of 1950**

Roy Herald was All-City in football, basketball, and baseball in 1949 and 1950. In 1950, Roy was also the winner of the prestigious Hume Award for outstanding senior football player in Metro

schools and won the baseball batting championship with a .541 batting average.

Roy attended Middle Tennessee State University, then David Lipscomb College on basketball scholarships. After college, Roy attended the New York Yankees training camp in Springfield, Missouri. He signed a one year contract with the Pittsburgh Pirates. Roy was a graduate of the U.S. Secret Service Protection School in Washington, D.C. and provided protection for seven U.S. presidents. Roy retired from the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department after 42 years of service with the rank of Major.

RONALD LAWSON SR.**Pearl High School****Class of 1959, Posthumous**

Ronald "Scat" Lawson Sr. helped lead his Pearl basketball team to two of its three straight Black National High School Championships. Upon graduation, Ronald attended UCLA on

scholarship and played for legendary coach John Wooden. While at UCLA, Ronald set freshmen team scoring and rebounding records which stood until broken by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar. After transferring to and graduating from Fisk, Ronald played for the Harlem Magicians and a local semi-professional team, the Nashville Shamrocks.

Ronald began coaching in 1964 at Cameron High School, eventually leading his team to two consecutive state championship titles. The Cameron Middle School gymnasium is now named in his honor. When Cameron closed as a high school in 1971, Ronald became head coach of the men's basketball team at Fisk University, where he won the Southern Inter-Collegiate Athletic Conference (SIAC), was named SIAC Coach of the Year, and led the Fisk team to the NCAA South Region. When Ronald retired from coaching in 1979, he was ranked in the top 10 winningest coaches in Division III.

2008 Honorees

JOHN MITCHELL

John Overton High School

Class of 1983



John Mitchell was All-NIL in basketball and Nashville Banner and Tennessean Most Valuable Player in baseball his senior year at Overton High School.

During his senior year,

John had a 9-0 record with a 0.41 ERA and was signed by George Digby, scout for the Boston Red Sox. Later, he was signed by the New York Mets and was the AAA Minor League Pitcher of the Year with the Mets. John was called up to the Mets and pitched for them from 1986-1989. In 1990, he played for the Baltimore Orioles.

HAROLD RICE

Cameron High School

Class of 1958



Harold Rice was an outstanding football player at Cameron High School from 1962-1965. He signed a football scholarship with Tennessee State University and starred for

four years with the Big Blue Tigers football team under the direction of the late, great, legendary coach John Merritt and defensive coordinator Joe Gilliam.

In 1969, Harold was drafted by the Oakland Raiders and played for three years under head coach John Madden. Following his professional football career, Harold was employed by Tennessee for the Department of Corrections at Spencer Youth Center/Woodland Hills Development Center for 27 years. He influenced the lives of many children through his dedicated teaching, coaching, and counseling.

MARGARET SEXTON GLEAVES

Bellevue High School

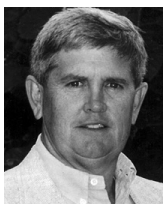
Class of 1938, Posthumous



Margaret Sexton Gleaves, an outstanding basketball player in the 1930's and 1940's, was an eight-time All-American guard. She played on five national championship teams and was one of

the original 16 inductees into the Helms Basketball Hall of Fame in 1966. For a span of 10 years, Margaret Sexton Gleaves was honored as an AAU All-American while playing for Bellevue High School in 1939, Nashville Business College 1939-1942, Vultee Aircraft 1944- 1945, and Cooks Goldblumes 1946-1949. In 1948, Margaret was selected the Most Valuable Player in the National AAU Tournament. Orioles.

TOMMY SQUIRES
Madison High School
Class of 1966



Tommy Squires played basketball at Madison High School and went on to work in journalism at The Tennessean, covering sports for more than 38 years. He covered preps for more

than 10 years and was inducted into the Middle Tennessee Coaches' High School Hall of Fame in both football (1991) and basketball (1994).

In 1982, Tommy was selected to help launch USA Today in Arlington, VA and three years later Florida Today. In 1998, Tommy returned to Nashville and started three new sports publications: Titans Exclusive, Sports Nashville, and Kats Klaw.

DAVID VAUGHN JR.
Cameron High School
Class of 1971

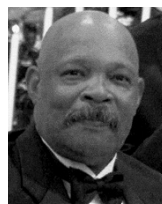


At Cameron High School, David Vaughn served as captain of the basketball team which held the State Championship title in both 1970 and in 1971. David was named to the All-State and All-

Tournament teams and held records for most points in a single game and most field goals. David was the 1970-1971 Most Valuable Player in the TSSAA basketball tournament and the Most Valuable Player in the 1971 All-Star Game. David was named a High School All-American, and in 1971, was named NIL Player of the Year.

David attended Oral Roberts University where he was the team's second leading scorer and the #1 rebounder averaging 23 points and 14 rebounds per game. He holds the national record for most rebounds record in a single game at 34. After college, David accepted an offer to play professional basketball with the Virginia Squires in the American Basketball Association in 1974-1976. He led the team in rebounds and was the third leading scorer.

PORTER W. WILLIAMS
Pearl High School
Class of 1969



Porter played football, basketball, and ran track at Pear High. He was cocaptain of the football and basketball teams and was chosen as Mr. Esquire, the highest honor awarded for a

senior male student at Pearl High School. Porter was only the second player in NIL history to make the All-Nashville and All-Metro teams three times (1967, 1968, and 1969). He was selected as a member of the TSSAA All-Stars team, the All-State team, the NIL All-Decade team (1960-1969), and the All- NIL League team. He was a contributor to the school's history-making 1969 season, winning the Litkenhous State Championship.

Porter attended Western Kentucky University where his football achievements were highlighted by local, regional, and national awards. He was named All-OVC and All-American. In 2005, he was inducted into the Western Kentucky University Athletic Hall of Fame.

2007 Honorees

GLENDA JOANNE ARNOLD TRIBUE

Antioch High School

Class of 1978



Joanne Tribue graduated from Antioch High School in 1978 in the top 10% of her class and with 12 years of perfect attendance. She served as class president every year in high school, was

selected the "Optimist Award" winner, and won the "E. R. Harris Award" presented to the most outstanding senior. She participated in volleyball, basketball and track. In track, she was the state champion in 1977 in the 80-yard low hurdles and set a national record. She also won the first State Pentathlon Championship, was selected "Track Woman of the Year" her senior year by The Tennessean and "Track Woman of the Year" her senior year by the Nashville Banner. She finished in the top five in the state in 10 different events. In basketball, Joanne was selected All-District, All-Region and All-NIL during her junior and senior years. Joanne attended Austin Peay State University, where she held the school record for most blocked shots in basketball. In track, she was selected "OVC Track Woman of the Year" twice and selected "All-American" in the hurdles. She became a teacher and has won numerous awards as a high school coach.

PAM CHAMBERS COMPTON

Madison High School

Class of 1976



At Madison High School, Pam Chambers Compton was All-City and "Most Valuable Player" in the Nashville Interscholastic League in 1974, 1975 and 1976. She was also a First Team All-State Forward

in 1974, 1975 and 1976 and was on the National Junior Olympic Championship Team in 1976. In track, Pam was the 1975 state champion in the 80-yard low hurdles and set a national record. In 1976, she was the state runner-up in the same event.

Pam went on to play basketball at Tennessee Tech University where she was team captain for three years. At Tennessee Tech she was named All-Tournament Team three years; All-OVC two years; 1979 OVC Most Valuable Player; All-Region two years; led her team to the OVC Championship in 1978; inducted in the Tennessee Tech Hall of Fame; and had her #21 jersey retired. As head basketball coach, she led the Franklin High School team twice to the final four in the TSSAA State Basketball Tournament (1992, 1993). She was named "District Coach of the Year" in 1993.

JIMMY DAVY

North High School

Class of 1951



In high school, Jimmy Davy was named North High's Civitan Medalist for citizenship and was the editor of the school newspaper, The North Star. Jimmy was also a member of North High's

state championship baseball team in 1949.

Jimmy attended Lipscomb University and received a B.A. Degree in English in 1955. He served in the Army from 1956-1957 and was editor of the Fort Chaffee, Arkansas newspaper. Jimmy worked for The Tennessean for 45 years and retired in 1998 as a senior sports writer. Jimmy was the director of the United States Basketball Writers Association and a member of the All-American Selection Committee.

JINX DEMETROS COCKERHAM

Hillsboro High School

Class of 1966



Jinx Cockerham was an outstanding high school athlete and coach for more than three decades. In basketball, she was All-City (The Tennessean) for two years, All-Nashville (Nashville Banner) for

two years, "Nashville Interscholastic League Most Valuable Player", "The Tennessean Player of the Year" and was selected to the "All-Decade Team".

Jinx attended Middle Tennessee State University and was president of Chi Omega (1970). Jinx was a teacher and coach at Father Ryan High School. As a coach she was voted several years as "Coach of the Year" by The Tennessee Coaches' Association; selected to coach the Tennessee All-Star Matches; received "The A. F. Bridges Coach of the Year" (2002) and "The National Federation Coach of the Year" (1993) awards; and coached her teams to four state championships.

GREG GAINES

DuPont High School

Class of 1976



Greg Gaines was an outstanding high school, college, and professional football player. At DuPont High School, Greg was an All-NIL and an All-State player and a two-time "AAA Player of the

Year" (1975 and 1976). Greg attended the University of Tennessee where he was a three-year starter and also was selected to "The All-Academic SEC Team" in 1978.

After graduating, Greg Gaines was selected in the NFL draft by the Seattle Seahawks where he was a five-year starter. He completed his NFL playing career with the Kansas City Chiefs in 1989. After ending his NFL playing career, Greg coached at Donelson Christian Academy in 1990-1991, served as a scout for the Los Angeles Rams from 1992-1998 and was director of Pro Personnel for the San Diego Chargers from 1998-2001.

ROGER JONES

Pearl-Cohn High School

Class of 1987



During his high school career at Pearl-Cohn, Roger Jones lettered four years in football and track. In football, Roger was All-District for two years (1985 and 1986) and a National Scholar-

Athlete Award winner. He was MVP for his school for four years. In track, he received numerous medals and was his school's MVP for two years. After his high school years, he entered Tennessee State University and was a walk-on football player.

After college, Roger played in the NFL for seven years with Tampa Bay, the Cincinnati Bengals and the Tennessee Oilers/Titans. He started numerous games and received numerous awards. His most outstanding year was in 1995. Roger started all 16 games for the Bengals and recorded 86 tackles, returned an interception for a touchdown, was voted special teams "Player of the Week" several times, and recorded two sacks.

2007 Honorees

DON MCILHENNY **Hillsboro High School** *Class of 1952*

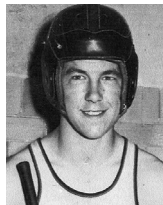


In 1951, Don McIlhenny was chosen All-Nashville, All-State, All-Southern and the "NIL's Most Valuable Player." He was the first Hillsboro High School student to win the NIL MVP award. In

the fall of 1952, Don enrolled at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, where he was named Southwest Conference "Freshman of the Year" and "Sophomore of the Year." After completing his senior year in college, Don was chosen to play in the North-South Shrine All-Star Game, the Senior Bowl and the College All-Star Game, and was the 26th choice overall in the NFL draft.

As a rookie running back at Detroit, Don started his career with five touchdowns in his first four games. In 1957, he was traded to the Green Bay Packers and played for the Packers in 1957, 1958 and 1959. The following spring of 1960, he was awarded to the Dallas Cowboys in the expansion draft and became the team's first running back. He finished his career in 1961 with the San Francisco 49ers.

J.B. PROCTOR **Cohn High School** *Class of 1945*



J. B. Proctor was a standout in football, basketball, baseball, golf and tennis at Cohn High. J. B. was the 1945 William Hume Award winner as the top scholarathlete in football in the city. He

also was selected the "Nashville Banner Most Valuable Football Player," All-City, All-Midstate and All-State. As captain of the team, he led Cohn to its first Nashville Interscholastic League Championship with 10 straight victories and to the Unit II Basketball Tournament Championship. In baseball, J. B. was offered a professional contract with the Little Rock Travelers. He was the number one golf player in school, and in 1947 won the Junior Title Golf Championship. He was also the best tennis player in school. After high school, J. B. enrolled at the University of Tennessee to play football. He started at quarterback and halfback at UT and led the team to many victories. J. B. played three outstanding years at the University of Tennessee before completing his football career at Middle Tennessee State University. While at MTSU, he was also an outstanding pitcher.

MAXIE RUNION **Cohn High School** *Class of 1947*



In football, Maxie Runion was All-City three years, All-State and All-Southern. He was nicknamed the "blond blaster" and the "Doc Blanchard of the Interscholastic League"

by prep sports writers. The Cohn Tigers won three straight City Football Championships and set the longest win streak in Nashville history during his playing career. Along with J. B. Proctor in 1945, and then with Billy Jaynes in 1946 and 1947, they were referred to as "the touchdown twins".

In baseball, Maxie Runion hit .400 his senior year and was twice chosen All-Nashville. The New York Giants also started courting Maxie Runion to sign with them. Maxie was senior superlative for "Most Pleasing Personality" and "Best All-Around Boy" and finished runner-up for the William Hume Award in 1947. After high school, Maxie signed with the University of Tennessee but during his freshmen year switched allegiances to Middle Tennessee State University. He was All-conference, All-American and captain of the Blue Raider football team.

CORNELIUS RIDLEY

Pearl High School

MNPS Coach



When one thinks of an MNPS Hall of Fame coach, Cornelius Ridley's name immediately rises to the top of the list. Coach Ridley's honors include a win-loss record of 684-171; 15

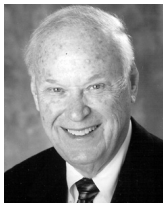
district championships; eight regional championships; five state championships; six other state tournament appearances; the Nashville Sports Council Lifetime Achievement Award (2002); the 100 Black Men Forerunner Award (1995); the Civitan International President Award (1994); the Greater Nashville Alliance of Black School Educators Award (1999); the MNPS Board of Education Appreciation Award (1991-1996).

Coach Ridley has been inducted into the TSSAA Hall of Fame (1991) and the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame (2007). After retirement, he served as a member of the Metropolitan Nashville Board of Public Education from August 1991 to August 1996.

2006 Honorees

BILLY JOE ADCOCK

West High School
Class of 1946



Billy Joe Adcock did it all at West High School in Nashville. Starting in 1943 through 1946, he was a three-year letterman in football, basketball and baseball. He was twice a member of the State

Basketball Championship Team and played in the 1945 All-Star football game at Dudley Field.

Adcock was offered the first basketball scholarship given by Vanderbilt University. He also received basketball scholarship offers from other SEC universities, including Kentucky and Tennessee. He enrolled in Vanderbilt and immediately made his mark. During the 1947-48 season, he averaged 17.1 points per game, highest in the SEC and 13th best in the nation. Highlights of his career include: For three years, he was on the All-SEC Basketball Team and All-SEC Basketball Tournament Team. He was the first Vanderbilt basketball player to score over 1000 career points, team captain his senior year, and the first Vanderbilt player to receive All-American recognition. A graduate of Vanderbilt University, where he maintained a 3.1 GPA in the College of Engineering, Adcock was drafted by the Minnesota Lakers (now the Los Angeles Lakers).

HAROLD "BUSTER" BOGUSKIE

Cumberland High School
Class of 1942



Harold "Buster" Boguskie was an All-City basketball player at Cumberland High School and played second base for the Nashville Vols in the Southern League.

Boguskie played on the 1952 Vols team that broke the world record for double plays with 222 in one season. He retired with a .290 lifetime batting average and was named "Mr. Baseball" in 1990 by the Nashville Old-Timers Baseball Association. Boguskie was also the head baseball coach at Belmont College.

Boguskie served in the U. S. Army in World War II and fought in France and Germany. He was a charter member of the Metro Council and served as councilman from 1963 to 1995, served as president of the Stratford High School Athletic Booster Club, and served as president of the Optimist Little League. The football field at Stratford High School was named after him in 1985.

JACKIE COWAN FREEMAN

Whites Creek High School
Class of 1982



Jackie Cowan Freeman scored 30 points in her first high school basketball game as a freshman on the first varsity team at Whites Creek High. In 1979-80 she was First-Team

All-NIL, and in 1980-81 she was MVP in the NIL, All-State and averaged 23 points and 12 rebounds per game. In 1981-82, Cowan Freeman was second in the state in scoring, averaging 23.9 points per game, MVP in the NIL, made All-State, Parade All-American, NIL Track Woman of the Year, The Tennessean Female Athlete of the Year, and was the first female in the state to score 2,000 points in five-on-five basketball. She was a state champion in track in the high jump and a member of the State Championship Track Team in 1982. In 1982, she took a scholarship to play at Vanderbilt. She ranks fourth on the Vanderbilt career scoring list with 1,875 points. She was selected All-SEC Coaches' Team in 1986 and SEC All-Tournament Team in 1986.

BARBARA FRAZIER
Pearl High School
Class of 1981



Barbara Frazier excelled in basketball and track. She was a member of the first five-on-five Girls' State Championship Basketball Team in 1980, compiling a 29-4 record. As a junior, she won

a state track championship in the 100-yard dash and a runner-up finish in the 200-yard dash. During the 1981 season, Frazier won the state championship in both the 100 and 200-meter dashes and was selected as the "Female Athlete of the Year" by The Tennessean in both 1980 and 1981. In 1981, Frazier became the first MNPS athlete to become a member of the world famous Tigerbelles, accepting a track scholarship from Tennessee State University. In 1984, she qualified for the Olympic Trials and in 1985, she became captain of the Tigerbelles. Frazier was inducted into the High School Track and Field Hall of Fame in 1981 and the Tennessee State University Athletic Hall of Fame in 1992.

TOMMY Z. HAYNES
North High School
Class of 1970



Tommy Haynes was an honor graduate at North High School and co-captain of the football and track teams in 1969-70. He was also a member of the 1970 All-State Football

Team. Haynes attended Middle Tennessee State University and was a four-time All-American in track, holding the MTSU and NCAA record in the triple jump. He was the Silver Medalist in the 1975 Pan-American Games held in Mexico City. He was also the co-captain and team member of the 1976 Olympic Track and Field Team and finished fifth in the Triple Jump.

After completing the 1976 Olympics in Montreal, Haynes became an assistant track coach for the United States Military Academy at West Point. He compiled a career record of 55 wins, four losses and one tie. He is a member of the MTSU Hall of Fame, a member of the All-Army Track and Field Team (1974-89), and coached two state championship track teams at Western Hills High School in Frankfort, Kentucky. Haynes served for 20 years in the U.S. Army.

ANN HUTCHESON PRICE, M.D.
Hillsboro High School
Class of 1968



At Hillsboro, Ann Hutcheson Price excelled in basketball, tennis and track. In basketball, she earned All-Region, All-Mid-State, NIL Player of the Year in both 1967 and 1968, and was chosen

The Nashville Banner "Basketball Player of the Decade for the 1960s." In 1968, Price was the singles state tennis champion.

Price attended Vanderbilt University where she played for the Vanderbilt Women's Tennis Team and made two rounds of 16 appearances in the Women's National Collegiate Tennis Tournament. She received her M.D. from Vanderbilt in 1978, where she received the Up John Achievement Award, the Janet M. Glasgow Award of Achievement, and the Founder's Medalist for Academic Achievement. Dr. Price trained in internal medicine at Johns Hopkins and Vanderbilt University and was the chief resident in internal medicine for St. Thomas Hospital (a Vanderbilt teaching affiliate) in 1981-82.

2006 Honorees

E.J. JUNIOR **Maplewood High School** *Class of 1977*



E. J. Junior graduated from Maplewood High in the top 10% of his class, served as student body president for two years, was a member of the National Honor Society and was awarded

the Hume Award, the city's top scholar-athlete in football award in 1976. He was Nashville's MVP Football Player in 1977, was All-American in 1976 and All-State in 1975 and 1976. Junior was also a member of the State Championship Track Teams in 1975 and 1976. In addition, he was an Eagle Scout, an intern for Senator Al Gore and was voted "Nashville's Most Outstanding Athlete" in 1997 by The Tennessean.

E.J. attended the University of Alabama where he was a four-year starter, earned All-SEC honors, was a consensus All-American, and earned the SEC Defensive Player of the Year. He was named an Lombardi Award finalist in 1980, and won the Defensive MVP for the South for his play in the 1981 Senior Bowl. After graduating, Junior was the first round draft choice of the St. Louis/Phoenix Cardinals. He earned All-Rookie in 1981 and was selected to the Pro Bowl in 1984 and 1985. He later played for the Miami Dolphins and the Seattle Seahawks.

LESTER McCLAIN **Antioch High School** *Class of 1967*



Lester McClain distinguished himself as an outstanding person and an outstanding football player at an early age. He played football at Haynes High and then at Antioch High. He

was selected "All-Metro" and "Honorable Mention All-State" as a prep player playing the positions of wide-receiver, running back and defensive back. Following his graduation from high school, he played on scholarship at the University of Tennessee where he was the first African-American to receive a football athletic scholarship, a three-year starter at wide-receiver, and selected "Honorable Mention All-SEC." Following his senior year at the University of Tennessee, he was drafted by the Chicago Bears. He has served as a member of the State Human Rights Commission, UT Athletics Board and Knoxville Boy Scouts Council.

TOM MOORE **Goodlettsville High School** *Class of 1956*

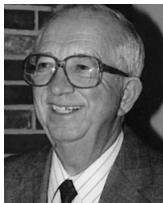


Tom Moore attended Goodlettsville High School from 1953-56. He was selected as All-State football player in 1955. Moore was signed to a football scholarship and attended Vanderbilt

University from 1956-60. He was selected as "SEC Offensive Player of the Year" in 1959. In 1960, Moore was the firstround pick of the Green Bay Packers and the first player drafted by Coach Vince Lombardi. He played for the Green Bay Packers from 1960-65 and was a member of the NFL World Champions in 1961, 1962 and 1965. Moore was the NFL kick-off return leader in 1960, selected to the NFL Pro Bowl in 1962 and was the NFL leading receiver for running backs in 1966. He played for three NFL teams—the Green Bay Packers 1960-65, the Los Angeles Rams in 1966, and the Atlanta Falcons in 1967. Moore owned and operated Tom Moore Realtors in Hendersonville, prior to retirement.

2005 Honorees

EDGAR ALLEN **East High School** *Class of 1942*



After graduating from East Nashville High School, where he served as student body president, Edgar Allen attended Peabody College. His experience in high school as the

assistant editor of the East Gray Eagle set Allen on his career path and led to an extraordinary career as a sports reporter and editor. During his 37 years at the Nashville Banner, he served 26 years as prep sports editor and 11 years as sports editor.

After retiring from the Banner, Allen became the director of media relations for Churchill Downs in Louisville, Ky. and editor of the TSSAA Yearbook. He was named National Sportswriter of the Year in Tennessee in 1961, 1972 and 1976. He served as president of the Basketball Writers' Association in 1978 and the Football Writers' Association in 1979. He was inducted into the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame in 1998.

JOHNNY BEAZLEY JR. **Hume-Fogg High School** *Class of 1936*



After graduating from Hume-Fogg High School in 1936, John Andrew "Johnny" Beazley Jr. pitched for several minor league teams before moving up to the major leagues in 1941. He

pitched two winning games for the St. Louis Cardinals in the 1942 World Series against the New York Yankees—earning the nickname "Yankee Killer" and helping the Cardinals win the title. He was selected as the 1942 "Rookie of the Year" by the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

World War II intervened in his baseball career and Beazley served as a First Lieutenant in the United States Army Air Force from 1942-1945. While serving in the military, Beazley injured his pitching arm during an exhibition game. It was an injury that would follow him back into his professional career and eventually cut his career short. After the war, he returned to the Cardinals and then was traded to the Boston Braves, where he completed his pitching career. He was inducted into the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame in 1977.

CHARLES E. DAVIS **McGavock High School** *Class of 1976*



After graduating from McGavock High School, where he was a member of the State Basketball Championship team, state tournament MVP and Tennessee Player of the Year, Charles E.

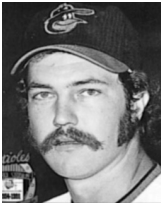
Davis attended Vanderbilt University. While playing at Vanderbilt, he received All-SEC Team Honors, led his team in rebounding and scoring for three seasons, was named Runner-Up SEC Player of the Year and is the seventh leading scorer in Vanderbilt history.

In 1981, he graduated and was drafted to play for the Washington Bullets. He went on to play for the Milwaukee Bucks, San Antonio Spurs and Chicago Bulls before returning to Vanderbilt as a member of the men's basketball coaching staff. In 1998, Davis was inducted into the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame.

2005 Honorees

WAYNE GARLAND

Cohn High School
Class of 1968



Wayne Garland was an All-City baseball player for three straight years at Cohn High School. After graduating from Cohn in 1968, he played at Gulf Coast Junior College.

He was drafted into the major leagues by the Pittsburgh Pirates and went on to play for the St. Louis Cardinals and Baltimore Orioles.

Garland signed a major league contract with the Baltimore Orioles in 1969 and played in their system for seven years. In 1976, Garland compiled a 20-7 record and finished third in the Cy Young Award voting for top pitcher in the American League. From 1977 until 1981, he pitched for the Cleveland Indians. In 1977, with the Cleveland Indians, Garland finished second in the league in innings pitched and second in the league in complete games.

JUNIOR GILLIAM

Washington Junior High School
Class of 1942



Junior Gilliam was signed by the Brooklyn Dodgers as an amateur free agent in 1951. He also played for the LA Dodgers when they moved to the West Coast. He was named an All Star in 1956 and

1959. He received the National League Rookie of the Year Award in 1953 and was named in the Top 10 for the MVP Award for the National League in 1956 and 1963. His batting average in 1956 was .300.

He made seven World Series appearances. Dodger high points include setting a modern Major League record with 12 assists at second base in a single game, setting a club record of 105 wins with the other well-known "Boys of Summer," which included Jackie Robinson, and clinching the Dodgers' first win at Dodger Stadium in April 1962 over the visiting Cincinnati Reds. He retired after 1964 to become Los Angeles' third base coach, but in 1965 hit .280 for the World Champion Dodgers. He retired again and returned once more to help the Dodgers repeat as NL champions in 1966. Gilliam coached until his sudden death of a brain hemorrhage just before the start of the 1978 World Series.

HENRY ALLEN KIMBRO

Mt. Zion School



Henry Allen "Jumbo" Kimbro attended Mount Zion school through the sixth grade. As an adult, he was a star player in the Negro Baseball League for 14 years.

He played center and left field. He began his professional career with Tom Wilson's Washington Elite Giants, a team that originated from the Nashville Elite Giants and later became the Baltimore Elite Giants. Later, Kimbro played for the New York Black Yankees and the Birmingham Black Barons.

Regarded as the best center fielder in the Negro National League, he was an equally talented offensive player. During his career, he achieved a lifetime batting average of .315 and appeared in six All-Star Games. In 1945 Kimbro led the league in stolen bases. In 1946, he tied with Cool Papa Bell for league lead in at-bats, hit .371, and led the league in runs scored. In 1947, he hit .353 and tied for the lead in doubles. He was also a standout player in the Caribbean winter leagues, leading the Cuban league with a .346 average in the 1947-48 season. He was selected for both the Baltimore Orioles Baseball Wall of Fame and the Milwaukee Brewers' Wall of Fame.

**VICE ADMIRAL WILLIAM
LAWRENCE (RET)**
West End High School
Class of 1947



William P. "Billy" Lawrence was president of the student body, and he graduated first in his class from West End High School. Athletic honors included All-City in football, All-

State in basketball, member of the state championship basketball team and State Boys Tennis Champion. He was also a recipient of the William Hume Award.

At the U.S. Naval Academy, Lawrence played three varsity sports, served as class president and ranked 8th out of 725 academically. He was assigned to Fighter Squadron 193 during the Korean War. In 1958, he became the first naval aviator to fly twice the speed of sound in a navy airplane. While commanding officer of Fighter Squadron 143, Lawrence was shot down over North Vietnam in June 1967 and held as a prisoner of war until March 1973. While a POW, he composed a poem entitled "Oh Tennessee, My Tennessee," which was designated by the State Legislature as the official poem of the state. He was awarded the Silver Star and the Distinguished Service Medal. Lawrence received the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame Gold Medal and the National Collegiate Athletic Association's Theodore Roosevelt Award.

THEODORE McClAIN
Pearl High School
Class of 1967



Ted McClain, nicknamed "the Hound" for his quick hounding skills on defense, was named All-City, All-State and All-Tournament Teams in basketball while attending Pearl High. He

helped lead the undefeated (31-0) Pearl team to the state championship and was voted MVP in the state tournament.

After graduation, McClain attended Tennessee State University. He was named a Small College All-American in 1970 and NCAA Division II Most Valuable Player. He played professionally for the Carolina Cougars, Kentucky Colonels, New York Nets, Denver Nuggets, Philadelphia 76ers and Phoenix Suns. He was the leader in steals one year in the American Basketball Association, All League defense in the ABA, and earned two championships with Kentucky and New York.

BOB MONTGOMERY
Central High School
Class of 1962



While a student at Central High School, Bob Montgomery earned All-City Baseball honors for four years. After his graduation, Montgomery played catcher for the Boston Red Sox for nine

consecutive seasons from 1970-1979.

In all, he played for the Red Sox for 10 seasons and was a member of the 1975 World Series team when the Red Sox played against the Cincinnati Reds. He is a multiple Emmy award-winning major league sports commentator with 14 years in television and radio. Montgomery is also an accomplished motivational speaker, VIP host, and corporate spokesperson. He has been recognized in his community as the Bosox Man of the Year as well as receiving the Good Scout Award and Big Brother Association Award. Montgomery is also a Jimmy Award Winner, a member of the Jimmy Fund Golf Committee, and the 1972 recipient of the Unsung Hero Award for the Red Sox.

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CHARLES MURPHY

Central High School

Class of 1954



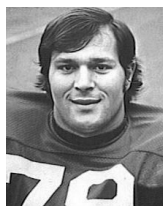
After graduating from Central High School, Charles M. "Bubber" Murphy attended Middle Tennessee State University. At MTSU, he earned letters playing football, basketball,

tennis and baseball. He was named an Associated Press Little All-American in 1936. After graduation, Murphy remained at MTSU and during his 34 years of employment served as head football coach and director of athletics, simultaneously filling both positions for 22 years. He is the all time winningest coach in MTSU football history with a record of 155-63-8, and was named OVC Coach of the Year in 1965. The Murphy Complex, the sports complex at MTSU, was named in his honor.

BONNIE SLOAN

Litton High School

Class of 1969



Bonnie Sloan, born deaf, never let that stop him from playing football. His middle school coach at Jere Baxter recognized his ability and desire and practiced with him. He rapidly became one of

the team's leaders, as well as a star player. During Sloan's years as an end and tackle for the Litton Lions football team, he was selected for the All-City teams and was included on the second All-State tea.

Sloan attended Austin Peay from 1969 through 1973 earning All-OVC and All-American Honorable Mention honors and was named to the Austin Peay Hall of Fame. In 1973, Sloan achieved another dream and made NFL history when he lined up as a defensive tackle for the St. Louis Cardinals in their opening game against Philadelphia. He was the first deaf player to make it in professional football. He left the Cardinals in 1975 to play for the New Orleans Saints. While an injury during his first game in the NFL cut his career short, his impact was tremendous. Through Bonnie Sloan's drive, determination and ability, he was able to open a door into the NFL for other deaf players.

JUDY ELLER STREET

DuPont High School

Class of 1958



At DuPont High School, Judy Eller Street earned many honors playing basketball, including being named Nashville MVP in 1957 and 1958. Her senior year, she averaged more than

25 points per game and scored a one-game high of 50 points. She attended the University of Miami, Florida where she excelled as a member of the golf team. A seven-time Tennessee Women's Golf Champion, she was named the Women's Southern Golf Champion in 1959 and 1960, and the Women's Intercollegiate Golf Champion in 1959.

Street has been inducted into the University of Miami Hall of Fame and the Tennessee Golf Hall of Fame, and presented with the Babe Didrickson Zaharis Award. She is a past president of the American Heart Association, past director of the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame, and past chairman of the Advisory Board of the Women's Basketball Coaches Association.

JOHN R. TILLMAN
Litton High School
Class of 1956



Bob Tillman was a triple threat at Isaac Litton High School, playing and excelling at football, basketball and baseball. In football, he was named to the All-City, All-State and All-

American teams. In basketball, he earned All-City and All-State Tournament Team honors. In baseball, he was named to the All-City team two years and was chosen NIL MVP for two years.

Tillman was captain of the freshman basketball team at Georgia Tech and played quarterback on the MTSU football team. Later, Tillman played for several professional baseball teams, including five seasons with the Boston Red Sox, one season with the New York Yankees and four seasons with the Atlanta Braves.

JAMES RILEY TURNER
Cane Ridge High School
Class of 1920



After graduating from Cane Ridge High School in Antioch, James Riley "Jim" Turner began an illustrious career as a professional baseball player that spanned 51 consecutive years. After

14 years in the minor leagues, he moved up to the major leagues and pitched nine additional years.

In his first year in the Major Leagues, 1937, he won 20 games for the Boston Bees, had the lowest Earned Run Average in the National League, and pitched 24 complete ballgames, including five shutouts. After his career as a pitcher, he served as pitching coach for the Cincinnati Reds for five years and the New York Yankees for 19 years. He saw action in 13 World Series, three as a pitcher and 10 as a pitching coach. Turner was a highly admired pitching coach, working first for Casey Stengel, after having pitched for Casey with the Boston Bees. Turner also managed the Nashville Vols.

GEORGE A. VOLKERT
Litton High School
Class of 1953



George A. Volkert is remembered for his athletic ability which brought him success in several different sports. While a student at Isaac Litton High School, Volkert played football,

basketball and ran track. He was an All-American football player in high school—a title he retained while playing football at Georgia Tech. Volkert, who lettered in football at Georgia Tech from 1953- 1956, helped his team to four straight bowl game victories in the 1954 Sugar Bowl, 1955 Cotton Bowl, 1956 Sugar Bowl and the 1956 Gator Bowl. During this time, Volkert was a two-time All-Southeastern Conference selection and was named to the 1955 second team All-SEC by the Associated Press. In 1956, he served as captain of his Georgia Tech team. After college, Volkert served in the Army Reserves.

2005 Honorees

PERRY EUGENE WALLACE JR.

Pearl High School

Class of 1966



At Pearl High School, Perry Wallace lettered in basketball and track each year. In his senior year, Wallace was captain of his basketball team and was named All-State and to the All-State

Tournament Team as well as All-American on the undefeated Pearl High School basketball team. He was valedictorian of his senior class and chosen as Mr. Esquire, the highest honor awarded to a male student.

After graduation, Wallace attended Vanderbilt University where he became the first black varsity basketball player in the SEC to attend school on a scholarship. He served as captain of the team his senior year and is the 2nd leading rebounder in the school's history. His basketball jersey was retired in February 2004. He excelled academically and earned the Stein Stone Award (Outstanding Engineering Student), the Bachelor of Ugliness (Mr. Vanderbilt Award) and was named to the Dean's List. He served as a Specialist 5 in the United States Army before receiving his law degree from Columbia University.

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Billy Joe Adcock , West	1946	2006	Austin Denney , Donelson	1962	2008	Lillian Jackson , Litton	1937	2022
Carolyn Aldridge , Glenclyff	1992	2011	Tim Dobbins , Glenclyff	2001	2017	Mike Jackson , Stratford	1973	2015
Edgar Allen , East	1942	2005	James Douglas , Pearl	1967	2012	Ben W. Jobe , Pearl	1951	2021
Joe Allen		2015	Kenneth Duke , Litton	1949	2014	Roger Jones , Pearl-Cohn	1987	2007
Charles Anderson , Cohn	1952	2012	Jeff Edwards , DuPont	1981	2022	Walter "Bugs" Jordan , Stratford	1975	2017
James Armstrong , Pearl	1953	2018	Jimmy Edwards		2008	E.J. Junior , Maplewood	1977	2006
Joanne Arnold Tribue , Antioch	1978	2007	Judy Eller Street , DuPont	1958	2005	Henry Allen Kimbro , Mt. Zion School		2005
Brian Baker , Hillwood	2003	2023	Dan Eskew , McGavock	1984	2020	Vice Admiral William Lawrence , West	1947	2005
Derica Baker Dunn , Glenclyff	1986	2021	Glen Falls , Joelton	1956	2023	Ron Lawson Sr. , Pearl	1959	2008
Jerry Ballou , Litton	1966	2013	Patti Sue Falls , Joelton	1951	2019	Chuck Lewis , Madison	1961	2013
Cecil Beaird , Cameron	1971	2010	Charlie Fentress , Cohn	1955	2017	Granville "Sonny" Lyons , Pearl	1970	2013
Helen Beard , Pearl High	1980	2023	Joe Fisher , Antioch	1977	2018	Ray Maddux , Stratford	1969	2016
Alex Beavers , Madison	1966	2019	Walter Fisher Sr. , Pearl	1966	2020	Lester McClain , Antioch	1967	2006
Dale Beck , Howard	1949	2014	Maurice Fitzgerald , Hume-Fogg	1974	2022	Ted McClain , Pearl	1967	2005
Johnny Beazley Jr. , Hume-Fogg	1936	2005	Cory Fleming , Stratford	1989	2009	Don McIlhenny , Hillsboro	1952	2007
Jim Bevans , Donelson	1964	2018	Barbara Frazier , Pearl	1981	2006	Sandra McMurtry , DuPont	1964	2020
Avion Black , Maplewood	1996	2012	Dianne Frierson Fowler , Hillwood		2008	Charles McTorry , Overton	1996	2024
Melvin Black , Pearl	1955	2013	Richard Fulton , East	1945	2016	Marynell Meadors , Hillsboro	1961	2013
Harold "Buster" Boguskie , Cumberland	1942	2006	Brad Gaines , DuPont	1986	2023	Rick Miller , Two Rivers	1969	2024
Tommy Bolton , Antioch	1980	2008	Chris Gaines , DuPont	1983	2017	Catherine Miller-Bowers , Whites Creek	1982	2017
Chuck Boyd , Madison	1964	2012	Greg Gaines , DuPont	1976	2007	John Mitchell , Overton	1983	2008
Leon Bradley , Pearl	1952	2022	Carol Galloway , Litton	1965	2018	Bob Montgomery , Central	1962	2005
Bill Brimm , Central	1943	2010	Wayne Garland , Cohn	1968	2005	Brenda Moon Davis , Goodlettsville	1965	2011
Julie Brown Rollins , Madison	1962	2014	Danny Gibson , East	1960	2018	Herchel Moore , Goodlettsville	1945	2016
Mel Brown , Coach		2019	Joe Gilliam , II, Pearl	1968	2009	Leon Moore , Cameron	1963	2009
Preston Brown , Maplewood	1976	2015	Junior Gilliam , Washington Jr. High		2005	Robert M. Moore , Cameron	1966	2024
Scott Brunette , Administrator		2023	John Gordy , Litton	1953	2010	Tom Moore , Goodlettsville	1956	2006
Steve Burger , Donelson	1969	2018	Reggie Grimes , Hunters Lane	1995	2022	Charles Murphy , Central	1954	2005
Wayne Bush , Glenclyff	1961	2009	Felicia Grinter , Glenclyff	1987	2018	Jim Norris , Madison	1966	2024
Joe Campbell , Stratford	1988	2014	William J. Gupton		2009	Walter Overton , Pearl	1970	2011
Larry Cantrell , Goodlettsville	1985	2014	Douglas Hall , Hume-Fogg	1943	2011	Farrell Owens , Cohn	1963	2021
Sandra Carter Tinnon , Stratford	1973	2019	Charles Hathaway , Hillwood	1996	2023	Wayne Parker , Litton	1966	2021
Joe Casey , North	1946	2010	Tommy Haynes , North	1970	2006	Alfonza J. Patrick		2024
Pam Chambers Compton , Madison	1976	2007	Dick Hays , Antioch	1948	2009	Mose Phillips Jr. , Hillsboro	1990	2020
Jinx Cockerham , Hillsboro	1966	2007	John Henderson , Pearl-Cohn	1997	2015	Frank Pillow Jr. , Whites Creek	1983	2015
Carlton Collier , Coach		2023	George Stokes Hendricks Jr. , Overton		2024	Walter L. Pope Sr. , Pearl	1950	2024
Ricky Collins , Pearl	1974	2022	Roy Herald , Howard	1950	2008	Jeffery Powell , Whites Creek	1981	2017
Nick Coutras , Hillsboro	1953	2014	Joe Herbert , Pearl High	1966	2023	J.B. Proctor , Cohn	1945	2007
Jackie Cowan Freeman , Whites Creek	1982	2006	Pamela Hickman , Cohn	1955	2009	Shelton Quarles , Whites Creek	1990	2011
Charles Davis , McGavock	1976	2005	Larry Howse , Glenclyff	1970	2020	Jonathan Quinn , McGavock	1993	2011
Keith Davis , Overton	1984	2018	Les Hunter , Pearl	1960	2016	Brian Ransom , North	1979	2011
Jimmy Davy , North	1951	2007	Ann Hutcheson Price , Hillsboro	1968	2006	Ted Rhodes , Pearl		2010
						Harold Rice , Cameron	1965	2008

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Maxie Runion , Cohn	1947	2007
Lonnie Sadler , Madison	1972	2019
Larry Schmittou , Cohn	1958	2009
Margaret Sexton Gleaves , Bellevue	1938	2008
Joe Shapiro , Coach		2017
Ronald Sharer , West	1958	2010
James "Doc" Shelton , Hume-Fogg	1977	2020
Bonnie Sloan , Litton	1969	2005
Bob Dudley Smith , West	1948	2011
Sam Smith , Coach		2017
Tommy Springer , Glencliff	1976	2019
Tommy Squires , Madison	1966	2008
Leonard Staggs , Litton	1941	2010
Homer "Butch" Stinson , Cohn	1969	2020
Bessie Stockard , Pearl	1951	2024
James Stone , Maplewood	2010	2023
Fred Sumrall , Pearl	1966	2012
Brenda Thompson Lawrence , Stratford	1969	2016
John Tillman , Litton	1956	2005
John Tisdale		2010
Margaret Leslie Trisdale , Goodlettsville	1959	2024
Jacquelyn Turner , Hillsboro	1948	2010
Jim Turner , Cane Ridge	1920	2005
David Vaughn Jr. , Cameron	1971	2008
David Vaughn III , Whites Creek	1991	2019
Donna Vaughn Howell , Maplewood	1966	2012
George Volkert , Litton	1953	2005
Perry Wallace , Pearl	1966	2005
Sean Waller , Hunters Lane	2002	2020
Junior Ward , East	1960	2019
Tommy Wells , Cohn	1957	2012
Robin Whittaker , Antioch	1983	2023
Reggie Whittemore , McGavock	1975	2012
Porter Williams , Pearl	1969	2008
Randolph Williamson , Pearl	1973	2013
Josephine Wright , Glencliff	1976	2024
Sherri Wright Dickens , Overton	1990	2022
Shawney Bo Wynn , Cameron	1969	2022



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