



## **Congratulations to our 2026 Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees:**

***Joshua Clark***

***HTHS Class of 1996!***

Josh participated in Football, Basketball, Wrestling and Track & Field as a student at HTHS. He was a 3-year Varsity letter recipient in Football and earned 4 Varsity letters as a Track/Field athlete. During his Senior year, he earned All-League honors & All-District honors for football and track/field. Josh also was a state placer in the 300M Hurdles in his Senior Year! He went on to participate in football at the college level at The University of Dayton where he was a 3-year letter recipient as a wide receiver.

Congratulations, Josh!

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***Jeffrey Newsome***

***HTHS Class of 1996!***

As a student at HTHS, Jeff participated in Football earning 3 Varsity letters and was Captain his Senior year. As a Wrestler he earned 2 Varsity letters and as a member of the Track/Field team he also earned 3 Varsity letters. Jeff was part of various MSL championship teams for wrestling and track/field as well as an individual scholar athlete. As a wrestler, he was a 2-time 189 lb. League Champion and earned 1<sup>st</sup> Team MSL honors both years. He went on to participate and become a Sectional Champ and District Qualifier both his Junior and Senior Year. He placed 6<sup>th</sup> in the District his Senior Year. As a track/field athlete, Jeff earned a school record throw of 159' 11" in the Discus breaking an old record set in 1967! He was MSL Champion in Discus in 1995 and 1996, District Champion in Discus in 1996, and was 1st team all mid-state league both years in discus. In 1996 he was on the All-Central District track and field team. He went on to the State qualifier in 1996 and placed 10<sup>th</sup>! He was the 1996 Discus Champion at Fairfield Union, Teays Valley and the HTHS Elmo Kallner Invitationals. Jeff went on to play Football at the college level at Ohio Wesleyan University.

Congratulations, Jeff!

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***Dominique "Nikkie" White***

***HTHS Class of 2017!***

Our next inductee is someone who absolutely dominated the volleyball court, changing the game every single time she stepped onto the hardwood. If you ever watched her play, you know that her power as a blocker and hitter were unmatched and her fierce and intimidating presence left opponents scrambling and fans on their feet. Her career was nothing short of legendary. She commanded our league, earning First Team MSL honors and rightfully claiming the title of MSL Player of the Year. But her dominance didn't stop at the Mid-State League. She went on to earn All-State recognition and solidified her legacy as an Honorable Mention All-Ohio Volleyball Player-Div I. The first volleyball player to earn that title in school history. She earned her spot in the Ranger 1000 Career Kills Club (1,357) and guided our 2016/2017 Volleyball team to a 22-3 record. The most wins of a volleyball team in school history. She currently holds the title for Most Blocks for a Season (108 in 2015) as well as a Career (341). Nikkie went on to play at the collegiate level at Indiana State University where she was a 4-year letter winner as well as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-Conference honors player.

Congratulations, Nikkie!

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***This Year's Ranger Award of Merit is Matt Thompson!!***

Matt just retired from Hamilton Local Schools after 34 years! He has served as a Teacher, Basketball Coach for both boys and girls, Dean of Students, Assistant Principal and for the past four years he has been our dedicated Athletic Director! He has worked diligently with our students as both a teacher and as a coach helping to guide them both on and off the field. His dedication to our district will be missed as he moves on to the next chapter of his life.....Retirement!

Congratulations, Matt!

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*Please join us on September 4th for our Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony prior to the start of the Varsity Football game as they take on the Independence Sixers! It's sure to be an exciting evening for our 2026 Hall of Fame Inductees!*