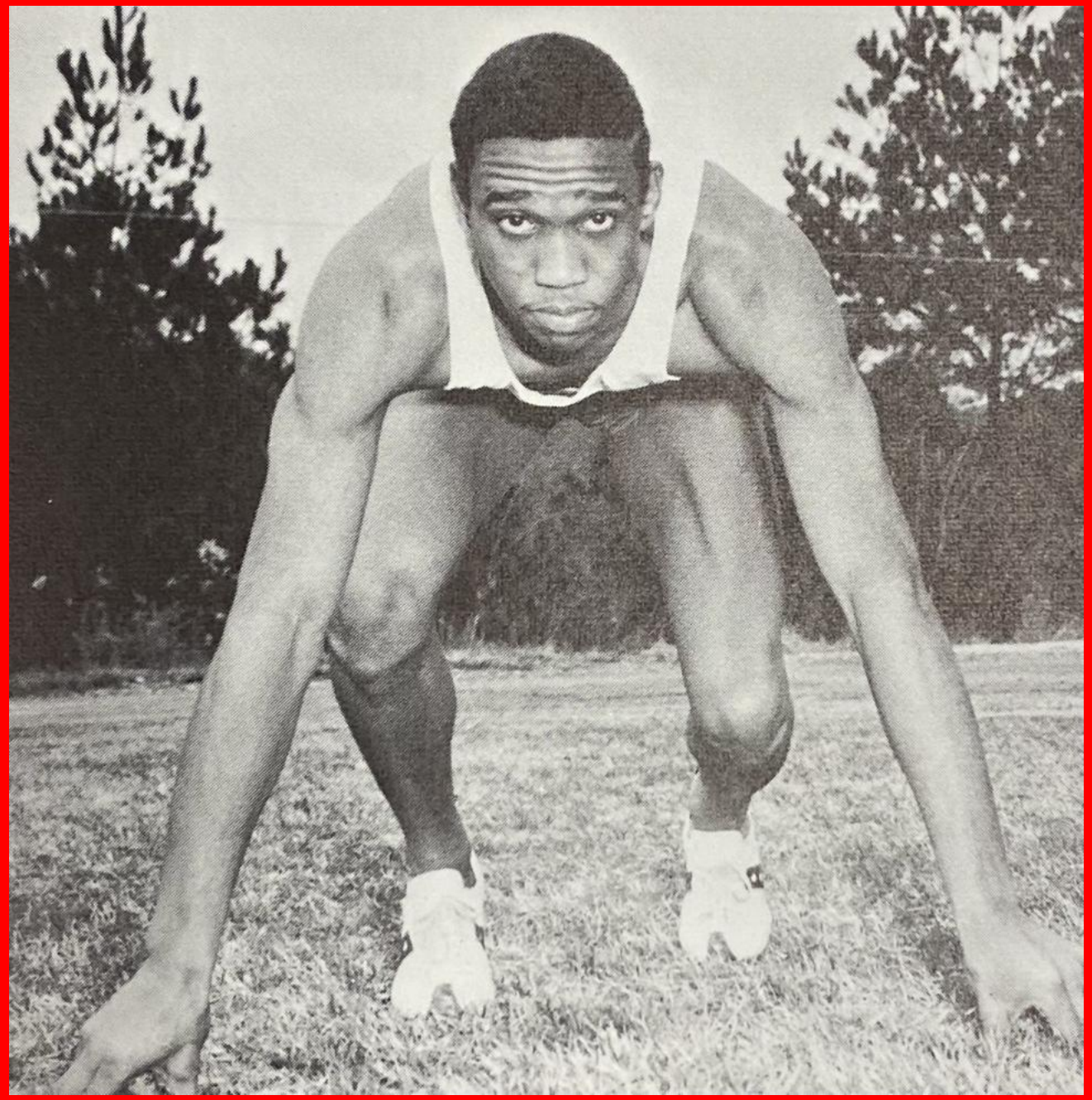

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CLEVELAND STROUD

- Wall of Fame – Class of 2023
- Taught & coached at RCHS for 41 years, earned Teach of the Year honors in 1988
- Coached basketball, softball, track, and baseball at RCHS – won multiple Region Championships & Coach of the Year Awards
- Served on the Georgia Hall of Fame Selection Committee
- Earned many state, national, and international awards recognizing his character/integrity - including the Pierre Courbertain Fair Play Award from the International Olympic Committee
- Served as a Conyers City Councilman & named the Conyers Citizen of the Year 3 times as well as the Georgia Citizen of the Year & received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Rockdale Chamber of Commerce



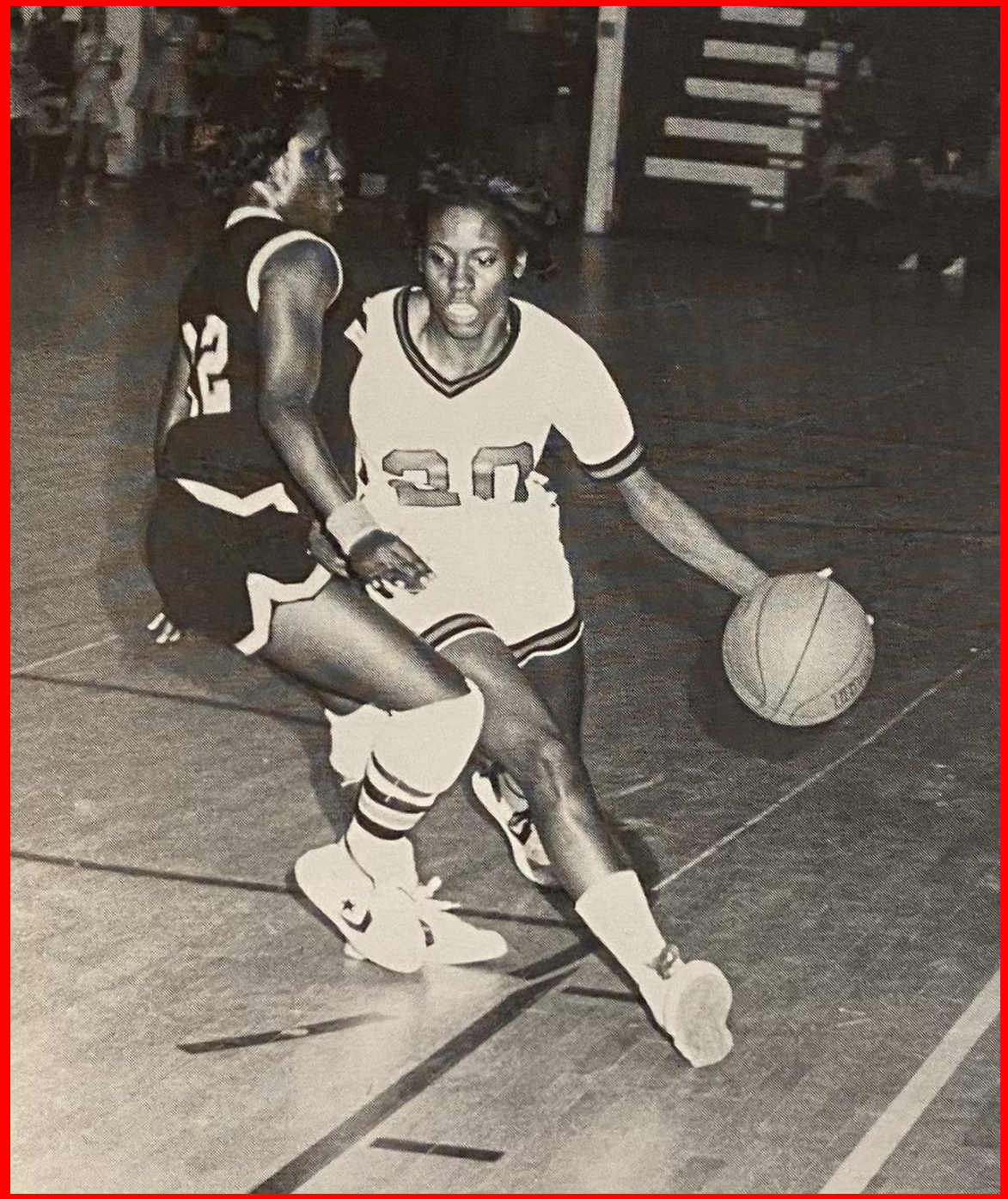
WILLIE GILSTRAP

- Wall of Fame – Class of 2023
- RCHS Class of 1969
- First black athlete at RCHS
- Lettered in football, basketball, & track
- Led RCHS to wins over three #1 ranked basketball teams & a State Runner-up finish in 1968
- Finished as 2-time Region Champion & State Runner-Up in Triple Jump
- Honorable Mention All-State in football
- Moved on to play basketball at North Georgia College
- 50th Anniversary “Trailblazers Award” from Rockdale Progressive Club



JESSE BAKER

- Wall of Fame – Class of 2023
- RCHS Class of 1975, letterman in football, wrestling, & track
- All-State First Team in 1973 & 1974
- Played college football at Jacksonville State University – 1989 JSU Hall of Fame inductee
- Defensive MVP of the 1977 Grantland Rice Bowl
- 2nd Round NFL draft pick by Houston Oilers (1979)
- 35 sacks in 128 NFL games (10 seasons)



TRACI WAITES

- Wall of Fame – Class of 2023
- RCHS Class of 1984
- 3-time Parade All-American
- 2-time Miss Georgia Basketball, led RCHS to 1984 State Championship
- Played at University of Georgia & Long Beach State
- Led UGA to 1984 SEC Championship & NCAA Championship Game
- 2-time All Big-West Conference
- Only female to play in Final Four for two different teams
- Head Coach at Pitt & Columbia, Assistant Coach at Arizona



HARRY KUSTICK

- Wall of Fame – Class of 2023
- RCHS teacher & Head Boys Soccer Coach from 1991-1999, won 6 Region Championships & State Runner-Up in 1997
- GSCA “Northeast Coach of the Year” in 1992 & “State Coach of the Year” in 1997
- His 1997 & 1998 Rockdale teams won the Team Academic Award from the NSCAA - only public school in the country to win that award 2 years in a row
- RYSA “Coach of the Year” in 2010
- Advanced Coaching License from the NSCAA
- Head Coach of the United Cerebral Palsy Wheel-Chair Soccer Team that won the 1994 National Championship
- Coached the women's club soccer programs at Georgia State University and Georgia Tech
- Coached the Georgia Revolution to the Southeast Conference Championship in their inaugural season

GRADY JARRETT



- Wall of Fame – Class of 2023
- RCHS Class of 2011
- 2-time All-State in Football
- Clemson University
- NFL Draft Pick (5th Round – Atlanta Falcons)
- Sacked Tom Brady 3 times in Super Bowl LI (tying record for most sacks in Super Bowl game)
- North-South All-Star Game
- State Champion – Wrestling (Heavyweight) & Track (Shotput)



ALONZO ALLEN

- Wall of Fame – Class of 2023
- RCHS Class of 2014
- 2-time State Champion
- 2-time State Runner-Up
- 163-12 high school career record at RCHS
- Conference Champ & 2-time NCAA Qualifier at University of Tennessee-Chattanooga
- Placed 3rd at NHSCA Nationals
- Former RCHS Head Coach & current Assistant Wrestling Coach at Morgan State University



T.J Warren

- Wall of Fame – Class of 2024
- RCHS Class of 2015
- 2014 Track Region champion Region 2 6A. Placed 4th in 6A track overall
- 1,000 all-purpose yards, All-County WR/DB, 2x Athlete of the Week, Region 2 6A All-region WR, All-state WR, 4 Star ATH according to ESPN, Top 50 rated 44 in the nation. Hold the 300m Dash record
- University of Missouri/ Murray State
- Mizzou Stats: 35 tackles (29 solo, 6 assist), 1 INT, 2 Pass breakups. Sec academic All American
- Murray State Stats: 97 tackles (62 solo, 35 assists) , 3.5 TFL, 1 INT, 5 Pass breakup, 2 forced fumble, and 2 safeties. All - OVC
- Arena Football Charlotte Thunder Jack (Rookie of the year, Conference Champions)
- PFL national champions.
- “You know I’m always going to find a light through the dark” - Tajaun TJ Warren
- “Life isn’t about finding yourself. It’s about creating yourself”- George Bernard Shaw



Breanna Richardson

- Wall of Fame – Class of 2024
- RCHS Class of 2013
- Softball: All-Region 8-AAAA 2012,8-AAAA Softball Dugout Club 2x Player of the Month (Sept. 2010, August 2011), Offensive Player of the Year: 2010,2012
- Basketball: Lead 11-12 Bulldogs to a 20-6 record and No. 1 seed in region. . leading to Sweet 16 appearance in the State Playoffs -State Super 64 Selection -Over 1,000 career points-
- All-Region 8-AAAA honors 2012 and 2013-Ranked #79 Nationally College Athletic Summary Atlanta Tipoff Club All-Metro Atlanta 3rd Team Selection (2013) -Newton Citizen All-Area Team -Honorable Mention All-State CLass
- -SEC All-Freshman Team 2014 -SEC Freshman of the Week 2013/2014 (2/17) -SEC First-Year Academic Honor Roll 2014 -SEC Academic Honor Roll 2015,2016,2017
- -MSU School record for career games played (143) -1,110 career points (18th in MSU), 727 career rebounds (8th in MSU)
- First Final Four 2017 National Runner Up 2017 WNIT Preseason Championship 2014
- “Be You and Trust God” Breanna Richardson



Dr. Jessica F. Woodson

- Wall of Fame – Class of 2024
- RCHS Class of 2007
- Four-year starter in varsity soccer and three-year starter in varsity basketball
- All-state soccer team 2007
- 2007 Region 8-AAAA Student Athlete of the Year
- 2007 Rockdale Citizen Newspaper Player of the Year (Basketball academic award winner 2006 and 2007, RCHS High School Heisman Award nominee)
- Columbus State University College
- NCAA Peachbelt Conference Presidential Honor Roll
- 2007 and 2008 NCAA Peach Belt Conference Champions
- 2007 and 2008 NCAA Division II Women's Soccer Championship Quarterfinalists.
- Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine
- Teamwork makes the dreamwork.



Al Sadler

- Wall of Fame – Class of 2024
- RCHS Class of 1990
- Was MVP for all 3 sports (basketball, baseball, football),
- Dugout Player of Month/Week
- Tipoff Player of the Month
- Mr. RCHS and Mr. Ebony
- Northeast All Star for baseball (Senior year).
- At the time he had the homerun record with 9
- the most passing yards in a season with 900+ in 6 games
- Drafted in the 40th Rd by the Padres out of RCHS.
- All Conference at Middle Georgia Junior College in baseball and basketball (1st in school history).
- MVP and Most Outstanding Pitcher for baseball.
- Texas League Player of the Week for AA EL Paso Diablos
- "attitude reflects leadership" ," A mistake is just that until it happens again then it's a choice"



Jamese C Scott

- Wall of Fame – Class of 2024
- RCHS Class of 2016
- Varsity Volleyball (Captain 2016), Basketball, Track and Field.
- 2015-2016President of Fellowship of Christian Student Athletes , NHS,French Honor Society, student council Member
- 2015-2016 6-AAAAAA 1st team all region Volleyball
- 2015-2016 Volleyball Offensive player of the year
- Life University(2016-2018), Savannah State University (2018-20)
- Life University Volleyball Academic All Mid-South Conference Honors, x2
- Savannah State University (Women's indoor Volleyball, track and field)
- SavanStatenah Student Athlete of the Year- MEAC
- 2019-2020 #1 ranked blocks in SIAC
- 2018-2019 Defensive Player of the Year
- Lead with love, spread kindness, seek joy and take chances!If you fall, you just might learn to fly” -Jamese Scott



Buck Farmer

- Wall of Fame – Class of 2024
- RCHS Class of 2009
- A three-year captain, Holds the Rockdale single-game strikeout record with 22 against Dacula High School in 2008. He was named the MVP of the 2008 Connie Mack World Series, and MVP of the 2008 World Wood Bat Championships.
- Farmer was drafted by the Atlanta Braves in the 46th round of the 2009 Major League Baseball Draft,
- Georgia Tech :sophomore: 11–3 record. He went 8–1 in conference play (most wins by any pitcher in the ACC) junior: pitched a team-high 106 2⁄3 innings (3rd in the ACC), 100 hits with 37 walks and 115 strikeouts (3rd most in the ACC). ACC's only pitcher to pitch a complete-game shutout with his 1–0 win over Duke, earning him the ACC Pitcher of the Week and College Sports Madness National Pitcher of the Week. Senior: He ranked second in the ACC in strikeouts, and finished with a career best in ERA, innings pitched, and strikeouts. He was a semifinalist for the ACC Pitcher of the Year (2013)College Baseball Daily named him #11 in their Top 100 College Baseball Players in the country
- Minor league Midwest League pither of the year, inducted tnto West Michigan Whitecaps Minor league hall of fame.
- “Don’t Let anyone ever prepare more than you is something I like to lived by”



Roderick “Rod” Cole

- **Wall of Fame – Class of 2025**
- **RCHS Class of 1987**
- **High School Accomplishments:**
- 4-year varsity starter at Rockdale County High School
- 1st Team All-State selection
- Honorable Mention All-American
- All-time leading scorer at RCHS
- Averaged double digits in scoring all four years
- North-South All-Star Game selection
- MVP – State Basketball Tournament
- State Championship All-Tournament Team
- Averaged 24 points and 12 rebounds per game as a senior
- **College and Professional Career:**
- 4-year starter at the **University of Georgia**
- Named **All-SEC** and **First Team All-SEC Defense**
- Earned **SEC Player of the Week** honors
- Inducted as an **SEC Legend**
- Enjoyed an **8-year professional career overseas**
- **Quote:** “The dream is free, but the hustle is sold separately.”



Candace Hill

- **Wall of Fame – Class of 2025**
- **RCHS Class of 2017**
- **High School Accomplishments and Awards**
- **Athletic Honors:** 2015 World Youth Championships – **2x Gold Medalist** (100m & 200m), **Former 100m National High School Record Holder** (2015–2019), **Former 100m GHSA State Record Holder** (2014–2022), **Current 200m GHSA State Record Holder** (2014–present), **2015 Gatorade National High School Player of the Year** (first non-senior to receive the award), **2015 World Athletics Rising Star of the Year**, **2015 USATF Youth Athlete of the Year**, **4x GHSA 7A State Champion** (2014, 2015), **First high school female to run sub-11 seconds** in the 100m (10.98), **Youngest track & field athlete to sign a professional contract** (16 years old, with ASICS), Achieved **86 consecutive wins** across high school competitions
- **Academic Honors**: **2017 Rockdale Magnet School for Science & Technology** – *Summa Cum Laude Graduate* (4.3 GPA), **3x RCPS Superintendent's Award Recipient** (2015–2017), **2x Georgia Science and Engineering Fair State Finalist** (2015, 2016), **RMSST Student Ambassador** (2015–2017), **RMSST Math Team** (2015–2017), **RMSST Debate Team** (2016–2017), **National Junior Honor Society Member**
- **Post–High School Achievements and Awards**
- 2016 U.S. Olympic Trials Semi-finalist (100m & 200m), 2016 World Junior Championships – **2x Gold Medalist** (100m & 4x100m), 2017 USATF Indoor Championship – **Bronze Medalist** (300m), 2021 U.S. Olympic Trials Finalist (100m), 2023 **Georgia Track and Field/Cross Country Association Hall of Fame Inductee, Current 150m American Best Holder** (2024–present), 2024 U.S. Olympic Trials Finalist (100m)
- **Personal Quote:**"Keep going, despite how down you may feel or what you think may happen, because chances are, you might pleasantly surprise yourself."
  — Candace Hill
- **Favorite Quote:**"The most important thing is to try and inspire people so that they can be great in whatever they want to do."
  — Kobe Bryant



Luke Manget

- **Wall of Fame – Class of 2025**
- **RCHS Class of 1999**
- **High School Stats and Awards:**
- Lettered 3 times in football and 4 times in soccer
- Converted 19 of 29 field goals and 34 of 36 PATs
- Averaged 40 yards per punt
- Named to the *AJC All-State Football Team* (1998)
- Selected to the *Parade All-American Team* (1998)
- **After High School:**
- Four-year starter as placekicker for *Georgia Tech* (1999–2003)
- *First Team All-Atlantic Coast Conference* (2000, 2001)
- *Second Team All-Atlantic Coast Conference* (2002)
- Finished career with:
  - NCAA record for most consecutive PATs
  - 3rd leading scorer in ACC history
  - Leading scorer and highest field goal percentage in Georgia Tech history
- Inducted into the *Georgia Tech Sports Hall of Fame* (2014)
- **Quote:** "All life is an experiment. The more experiments you make the better."
  — Ralph Waldo Emerson



Caitlin Dingle

- **Wall of Fame – Class of 2025**
- **RCHS Class of 2004**
- **High School Stats and Awards:** Three-year letterwinner under Coach Daniel Deplanche, Set the Rockdale County High School record with **207 career goals** in just three seasons, Named **Divarsity Player of the Year** all three years, Selected **Atlanta Journal-Constitution All-Area Team** (3x), Named **Rockdale Citizen Offensive Player of the Year** (3x), Earned **Rockdale Citizen All-Area honors** each year of her career, Scored **eight goals in a single playoff win** against Martin Luther King High School, Named **Divarsity Women's Soccer Athlete of the Week** as a freshman, Member of the **Olympic Development Program (ODP) State Team** (2001–2003), Selected to the **ODP Region Pool** in 2003

- **College Career**: **2005 – University of Georgia,** Appeared in 18 of 20 games as a freshman, Tied for fourth on the team in scoring with **7 points (3 goals, 1 assist),** Scored **two goals in her collegiate debut** vs. Georgia Southern (8/26) , Scored the **game-winning goal** in a 2-0 victory over Middle Tennessee State (8/28), Registered her **first collegiate assist** in a 6-0 win over Louisiana-Monroe (8/31)
- **2006 – Kennesaw State University:** Transferred to KSU and made an immediate impact, Started 15 of 17 games, scoring **7 goals and 4 assists (18 points),** Ranked **2nd in the Atlantic Sun (A-Sun)** in points per game (1.06), Led all KSU forwards with **1,222 minutes played,** Recorded **two multi-goal games** (vs. Jacksonville and Belmont) Finished **2nd on the team in points (18)** and goals (7), and **3rd in game-winning goals (3) 2007 – Kennesaw State University** Started 20 of 21 games for the Owls, Named **First Team All-Atlantic Sun Conference** and **A-Sun Tournament MVP**, **Three-time A-Sun Player of the Week** (9/21, 10/1, 10/15), Ranked **8th in the NCAA** in goals per game and **9th in points per game,** Led the conference in: **Points (39), Points per game (1.86), Goals (17), Goals per game (0.81), Shots (110)** and **shots per game (5.24),** Scored **two hat tricks** (vs. Stetson and Lipscomb) ,Recorded **five game-winning goals** (tied for 2nd in the A-Sun), Scored **in both A-Sun Tournament wins** over East Tennessee State and Mercer, Notched at least **one point in 15 of 21 games** to lead the Owls



Neville Hewitt

- **Wall of Fame – Class of 2025**
- **RCHS Class of 2011**
- **High School to Professional Career Highlights**
- Earned football scholarships to **Georgia Military College** and **Marshall University**
- **Georgia Military College (2011–2012)**
  - Recorded 65 tackles, 5 tackles for loss, and 5 pass breakups in 2012
- **Marshall University (2013–2014)**
  - Two-year starter for the Thundering Herd
  - Posted 208 tackles, 16.5 tackles for loss, 7.5 sacks, 2 interceptions, 4 pass breakups, 2 fumble recoveries, and 1 forced fumble
  - Led Marshall to a **13-1 Conference USA Championship** season
  - Named **Conference USA Defensive Player of the Year (2014)**
  - Selected as **Marshall's Defensive MVP (2014)**
- **Personal Achievement:** First member of his family to graduate college
- **Professional Career (NFL)**
  - Signed as an **undrafted free agent**
  - Currently in his **10th NFL season**
  - Has played for the **Miami Dolphins**, **New York Jets**, and **Houston Texans**
  - Currently playing for the **New York Giants**



Kevin Ware

- **Wall of Fame – Class of 2025**
- **RCHS Class of 2011**
- **High School Accomplishments:** Emerged as one of the nation's top basketball prospects, Rated a four-star recruit by *Scout* and *Rivals,* Earned a 92/100 evaluation from *ESPN,* District Player of the Year, First Team All-State, McDonald's All-American Nominee, Jordan Brand Classic Nominee, Ranked #2 in Georgia / Top 25 Nationally, North-South All-Star Game Selection, Derby Classic Game Selection
- **College / Professional Career:** National Champion, Served as Louisville's first guard off the bench behind Peyton Siva and Russ Smith, Recorded a career-high five assists against Colorado State and 11 points against Oregon in the NCAA Tournament, Key contributor on a national championship-caliber team, Sun Belt Player of the Week, Sun Belt Conference Tournament MVP, Cup Final Champion (London, UK), Led League in Steals (Czech Republic), 9-Year Professional Career Overseas
- **Quote:**
  "I moved in silence when the world got loud—turned my pain into purpose, my scars into light. I don't chase the spotlight; I am the shadow that rises through it."



Randolph Barksdale

- **Wall of Fame – Class of 2025**
- **RCHS Class of 1972**
- **High School Athletics:m**Three-sport athlete: Football, Basketball, Baseball, Captain of all three teams during senior year, Football: MVP Player of the Year,Basketball: Team leader and standout performer, Baseball: Key contributor on the team
- **College Athletics: DeKalb South Junior College:** Basketball MVP, 1973, Continued basketball career at North Georgia College,
- **Coaching Career:** Coached football at Rockdale County High School, Assistant basketball coach at Georgia State University and Vanderbilt University, **Georgia Southwestern State University – Head Coach (1979–1997)** First season record: 7–17; second season: 18–11, Career record: 540–309, Conference titles: 6, National tournament appearances: 6, Conference Coach of the Year: 4 times, District 25 Coach of the Year: 2 consecutive years
- **Athletic Administration: Athletic Director – Georgia Southwestern State University (2001–2008)** Oversaw transition from NAIA to NCAA Division II, Conference championships: 3, National tournament appearances: 13 Basketball court named “Randolph Barksdale Court” in January 2014
- **Community Involvement:** Co-founder of **BrettWorks**, supporting job training and placement for adults with disabilities , Supporter of **A.R. “Gus” Barksdale Boys & Girls Club,** Active participant in local ministries providing services to underserved residents, Contributed to local high school athletics and a sports league for individuals with disabilities

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