



ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

*Hamilton
Big Blue*

*Garfield
Griffins*

*Taft
Tigers*

**Saturday, January 16, 2010
6:00 p.m.
Courtyard by Marriott**

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

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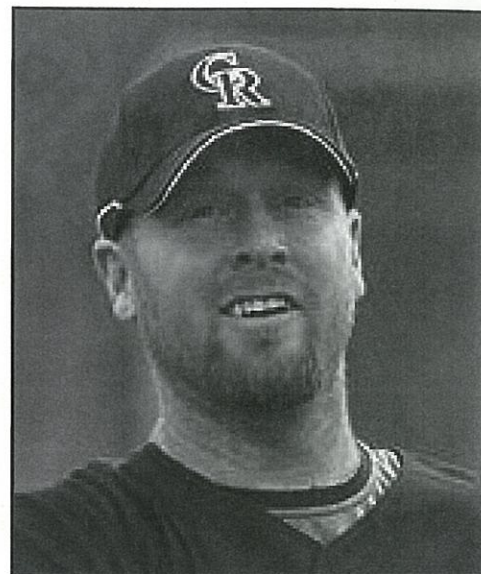
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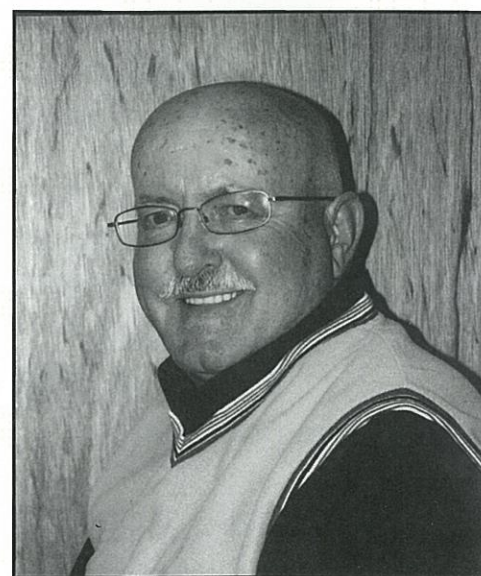
Aaron Cook - Class of 1997

Aaron Cook graduated from Hamilton High School in 1997 after a stellar pitching career at Big Blue. He was moved up to the varsity level at the end of his freshman year. This right hander was named second team GMC his sophomore year and named first team in both his junior and senior years. Cook helped Hamilton win the 1997 Ohio State baseball championship, as the team was ranked #2 in the nation and finished with a 30-2 record. He was the starting pitcher for the final game against Toledo Start, coming in with a 10-1 record and a 1.23 ERA. He pitched five innings before teammate and fellow Hall of Famer Curtus Moak came on in relief. He was named first team All-State and chosen as the Gatorade Player of the Year for Ohio. Cook has the most wins in Hamilton High history as a pitcher. He was drafted by the Colorado Rockies in the second round of the draft in June 1997. In 2000, he was named to the single A South Atlantic League All-Star Team. In 2002, he was named to the double A Carolina League All-Star team and was named to the Future Games All-Star Team. He made his major league debut on August 10, 2002. In 2005, Cook received the Major League's "Tony Conigliaro Award" which is given annually to the major league player who best overcomes a major life altering obstacle and continues to thrive through the adversity. He pitched in the 4th game of the World Series in 2007 as a member of the Colorado Rockies against the Boston Red Sox. In 2008, he was named to the National League All-Star Team where he pitched three scoreless innings, including a no-out, bases loaded jam after two errors and an intentional walk. Cook is currently a member of the Colorado Rockies.



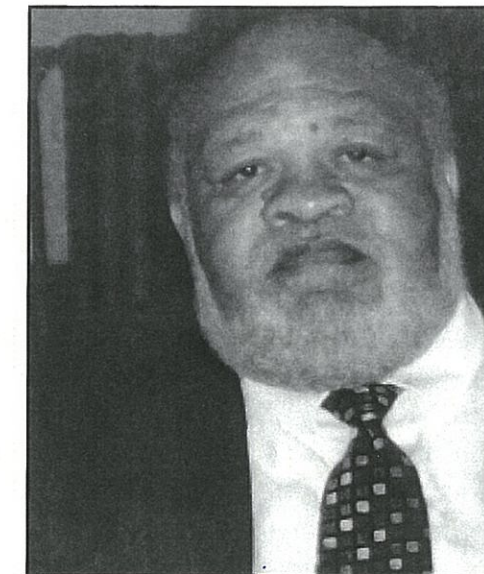
Don Curtis - Class of 1958

Don Curtis graduated from Hamilton High School in 1958 after playing football and baseball for three years, and basketball for one year. He was named Most Efficient Back in his junior year of football and was a co-captain his senior year. His head coaches for football and baseball were fellow Hall of Famers Chuck Thackara and Lou Florio. He was named Greater Ohio League (GOL) honorable mention his junior year and first team his senior year in which the Big Blue was GOL co-champions on the gridiron. One of his outstanding performances on the baseball field occurred when he pitched a 4-1 victory over the Middletown Middies in which he drove home all four runs (including a two-run homer) and he fanned 13 and only allowed two hits. He attended Miami University on a football and baseball scholarship. Curtis was invited to the Spring Training tryouts in Vero Beach, Florida for the Dodgers in 1959. He played slow pitch softball for many years with the Wilsman Trucking team which won various local, city, state and regional titles. He was captain for four years and was named honorable mention in the All National Tournament in 1962. He also played fast pitch softball for the Hamilton Hurricanes for four years and again the team won various local, state and regional championships. He helped coach various youth baseball, football and basketball teams for many years. He has been an umpire and referee for over 25 years and was the umpire in chief for the 1986 women's national finals. Curtis is also a member of the Butler County Softball Hall of Fame.



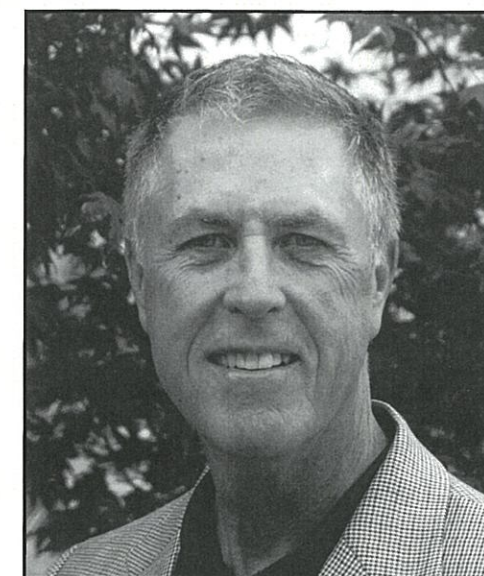
Alex Davis - Class of 1967

Alex Davis graduated from Garfield Senior High School in 1967 after playing football for two years and running track for three years. He was a member of the 1966 undefeated football team which had a 9-0 record and was led by coach and fellow Hall of Famer Lou Florio. As co-captain of the team, Davis played on both sides of the ball and was named the team's Most Valuable Player and was also named All-Greater Ohio League (GOL), All-Greater Miami Conference, All-District, All-State and All-American. He played in the North-South All-Star game. He joins his teammates Charlie Pater, Elbert Walker, Bill Evans and Clint Spearman, Jr. in the Athletic Hall of Fame. He continued his football prowess at Purdue University and was named Freshman Lineman of the Year in 1967. He was coached by Jack Mollenkopf and Bob DeMoss while playing for the Boilermakers. He is a high school teacher in Memphis, Tennessee, and is an assistant football coach.



Bob Garretson - Class of 1962

Bob Garretson graduated from Garfield Senior High School in 1962 after playing football and running track for three years. He was co-captain of the football team his senior year along with fellow Hall of Famer Skip Taylor. The team was ranked #4 in the state as the Griffins finished as Greater Ohio League (GOL) champions with a 9-1 record. He played both defensive linebacker and offensive guard and was named All-GOL and All-State. He played for head coach and fellow Hall of Famer Lou Florio and his father, Fred Garretson, was his Defensive Coach. The Toledo Blade newspaper named him an All-American high school football player and he played in the North-South All-Star game in Canton, Ohio. Garretson went on to play football at the University of Kentucky under head coach Charlie Bradshaw for one year. He transferred to Miami University and was red-shirted his sophomore year. He was a two-year letterman for Miami University under coach Bo Schembechler where he played inside linebacker. He was a member of the Mid American Conference (MAC) co-champions in 1965 and was also named MAC Defensive Player of the Week for his outstanding performance against Bowling Green. Garretson joins his father, Fred, and his brother, Jack, who are also members of the Athletic Hall of Fame.



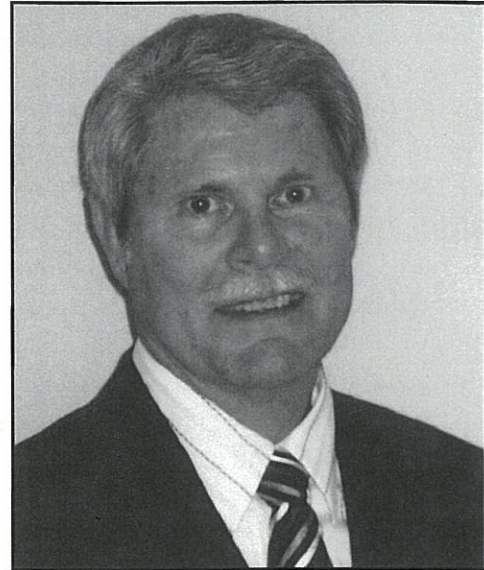
Tina Gregory - Class of 1986

Tina Gregory graduated from Hamilton High School in 1986 after playing three years of fast pitch softball. As a sophomore, she boasted a 6-1 record as Hamilton won the Greater Miami Conference (GMC). During the summer, she pitched for the Junior Olympic League Champs and had a 5-0 record. In her junior year, the Big Blue posted a 28-2 record on their way to winning the State Championship under coach and fellow Hall of Famer John Spears. She was 9-0 and was named 2nd team All-GMC as a Designated Hitter with a .528 batting average. Hamilton won the GMC in her senior year and she compiled a 12-1 record. Gregory won the team's Coaches Award, All-Academic GMC Award and was named first team GMC, first team All-Southwest and first team All-State Pitcher. She won the "Spirit of Victory" scholar/athlete award from the US Army Reserve and she pitched in the Southwest Ohio All-Star game. Her high school pitching record was 32 wins and only 2 losses and a 1.31 ERA. She was elected to the Butler County Softball Hall of Fame in 1993. She has played on a co-ed slow pitch team, which has won the league championship and were city champions in 1998 and runners-up in 1999. She has umpired girls' ASA fastpitch softball.



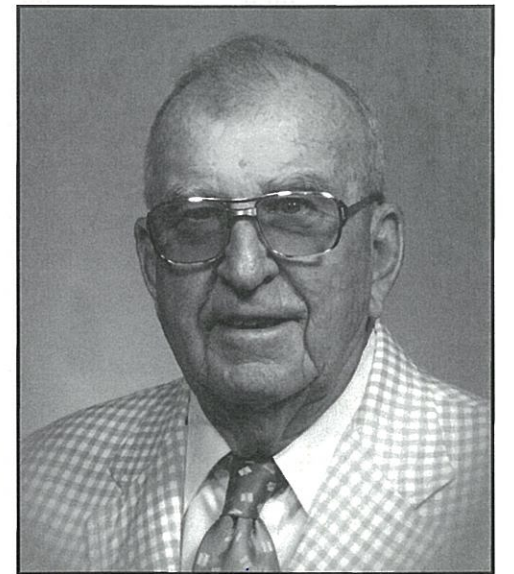
Jerry Law - Class of 1965

Jerry Law graduated from Taft Senior High School in 1965 after playing both football and basketball for three years, and track for two years. As a junior, he led the football team in interceptions and was awarded the Most Valuable Defensive Back. As a senior, the Tigers were ranked in the Top 10 in the state with a 7-2 record, including five shutouts under the coaching of fellow Hall of Famer Fred Garretson. He again led the team in interceptions. As a senior on the Tigers basketball team, Law averaged 13 points a game and led the team in steals. He was awarded All-League and All-District honors as the team finished 19-4 under coach and fellow Hall of Famer Marvin McCollum. He joins teammate Fred Thomas in the Athletic Hall of Fame. He ran the 180 yard low hurdles and set a school record that held up for many years. He had scholarship offers for both football and basketball at various colleges and universities, but decided to attend The Ohio State University. As the late and great Journal News reporter Bill Moeller wrote, "Pound for pound, Hamilton's finest all-around athlete."



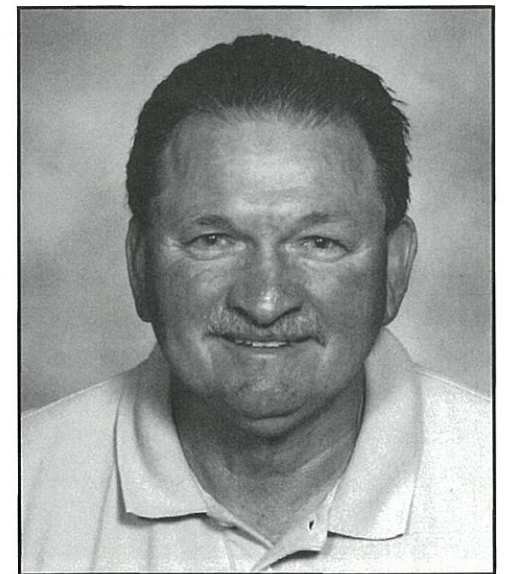
Stan Lewis - Class of 1931

Stan Lewis graduated from Hamilton High School in 1931 after playing football, basketball and track. The Big Blue football team went 10-0 in his junior year under head coach and fellow Hall of Famer Dana King. Lewis played on both sides of the ball, along with punting duties. He was the top-scoring high school football player in the nation in 1929 with 205 total points out of the team's 331 total points. The opposing teams scored only 13 total points. Three of his football teammates were fellow Hall of Famers Jack Smith, Ervin Nutter and Jim Hall. The Big Blue basketball team played in the state tournament in 1931 and lost to Canton McKinley. He continued his football prowess at Miami University where he helped lead Miami to a Buckeye Conference championship in 1932 and a co-championship in 1933. He was honorable mention All-America in 1933 and second team All-Buckeye Conference and honorable mention All-Ohio in 1934. In one of his most memorable games, he returned the opening kick-off 94 yards for a touchdown and in the fourth quarter, he scored two more touchdowns against Ohio Wesleyan. He graduated from Miami in 1935 after earning two letters in football and one in baseball. During his 29 years working with the Middletown Middies, Lewis was a teacher, an assistant coach, Assistant Principal and Athletic Director. He was inducted into Miami University's Athletic Hall of Fame in 1984. Lewis died in 1993.



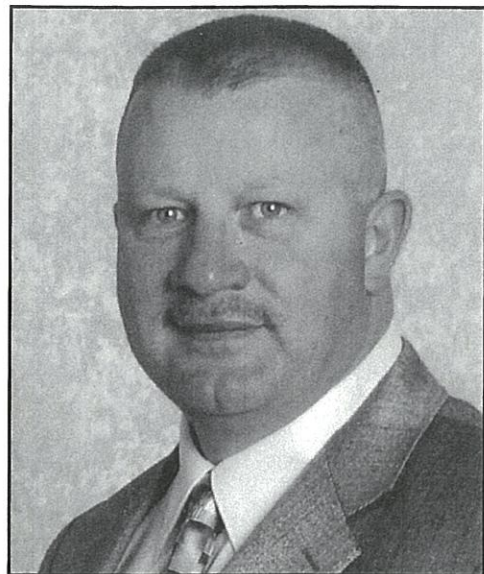
Ed Mignery - Coach

Ed Mignery played football for Hamilton Badin under legendary coach Terry Malone for four years. The Rams were undefeated for three years and only lost 1 game during Mignery's four years. He graduated from Badin in 1966. He was awarded a scholarship to Morehead State University where he started four years as an offensive lineman. He was named All-Ohio Valley Conference and honorable mention All-America his senior year. He has coached for 26 years and has tallied a 144-118-1 record. His coaching awards are numerous. He was named Clark County's Coach of the Year in 1980 when he coached the Springfield Shawnee football team. He was named Greater Miami Valley Coach of the Year in 1987 as his Trotwood-Madison High School team compiled a 9-1 record on their way to becoming the GMVC champions and was ranked #2 in the Dayton area. During his 14 years at Hamilton High School, his teams had 77 wins which puts Mignery in third place with total wins for Hamilton coaches, behind fellow Hall of Famers Dana King and Lou Florio. His 1994 team had a 8-3 record and won their first Greater Miami Conference title in 30 years and made its first ever play-offs in 26 years. His 1997 football team had a 10-0 record on their way to the GMC championship and earned another playoff bid. He was named GMC Coach of the Year in 1994 and 1997. He was also named the AP Division I Coach of the Year in 1994 and was the head football coach of the South team in 1995 in the Ohio North-South All-Star Game. He was instrumental in updating the Virgil M. Schwarm Stadium and building the Blue Room which displays memorabilia of all Central High, Hamilton High, Garfield High and Taft High schools' football teams. Mignery has sent 97 Hamilton High School students on to play at the college level.



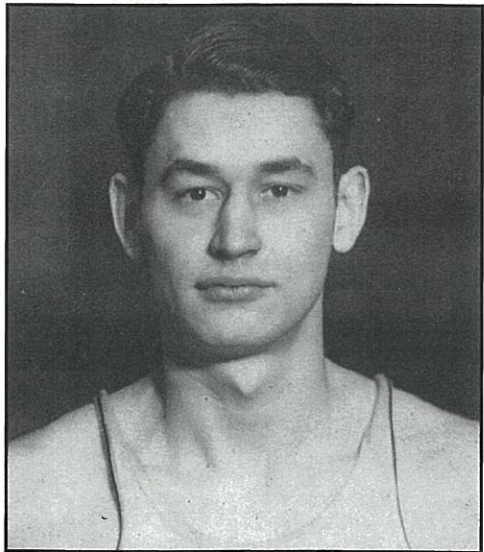
Craig Mills - Class of 1982

Craig Mills graduated from Hamilton High School in 1982 after playing baseball for three years under coach Bert Pringle. He was named the Big Blue's Most Valuable Player in 1981 and was also named All-GMC. The team had a 16-9 record and was third in the GMC. In his senior year, he was again named All-GMC and All-State. The 1982 team boasted a 25-1 record, including 10-0 against GMC teams and Mills was the leading hitter with a .449 batting average. One of his teammates included fellow Hall of Famer Rob Huffman. He played shortstop for the Midland summer team in 1981 and 1982 and his second base teammate was Barry Larkin. He was drafted by the Detroit Tigers in 1982 and was named Most Valuable Player for the Bristol Tigers in 1984. He was named to the Appalachian League All-Star team in 1984 and the Florida State League All-Star team in 1986. Mills has also played softball and his team won six Hamilton city championships. He played five years on Cincinnati's Powerhouse and nationally ranked Jays softball teams. He was named to the All-Cincinnati METRO All-Star team five straight years as a left fielder.



Garland Munz - Class of 1937

Garland Munz graduated from Hamilton High School in 1937. He played basketball for four years under coach Lou Hirt and two of his fellow teammates were fellow Hall of Famers Carl Ott and Warren Scholler. In 1937, the Big Blue won the state tournament with a 24-0 record and he was named first team All-State. On their way to the state championship, Hamilton beat Perrysburg 56 to 27, breaking the state record for most points in a state tournament game. The Big Blue won the state championship with a 37-32 victory over Massillon, which was led by legendary coach Paul Brown. This was also the last year of the center jump in which, after each score, the ball was taken back to center court and the players set up for a jump ball. Munz scored 266 total points during his basketball career as the center and was the leading rebounder. He continued to play basketball at Ohio University, but suffered an injury after his first year there. He played in the Hamilton Industrial League for the Champion Mill for several years and also coached both men's and women's basketball teams which played at the Central YMCA. He was also an avid bowler for many years at Linden Lanes. Munz died in 1996.



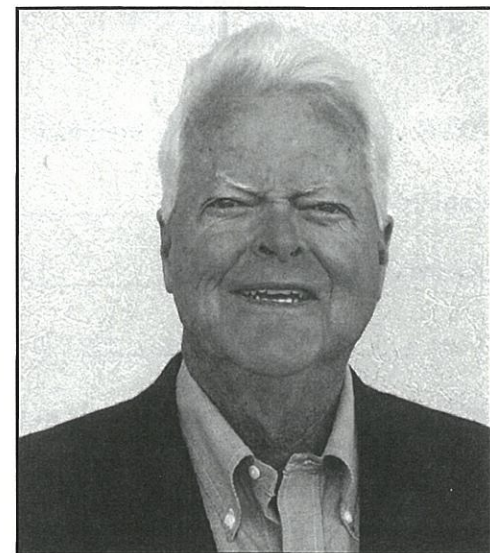
Brian Nicley - Class of 1993

Brian Nicley graduated from Hamilton High School in 1993 after playing football for three years under head coach and fellow Hall of Famer Ed Mignery. He was the starting center and won the Most Efficient Offense Award. He was named to Blue Chip magazine's All-Region team and All-Midwest team. He played in the North-South All-Star game and also the East-West All-Star game his senior year. He was named to Channel 5's Chris Collinsworth All-Star team. He received a US Army Scholar Athlete Award and accepted a football scholarship to Purdue University. In 1995, he was named the Top Conditioned Athlete for the Boilermakers. In 1996, he won the Mr. Hustle Award and was Most Valuable Player of the Purdue-Minnesota game. As a senior in 1997, he helped lead Purdue to a 9-3 record, finishing the season ranked 15th in the nation. Purdue won the Alamo Bowl that year by beating Oklahoma State 33-20. Nicley had 28 career starts at Purdue at center and guard.



Ted Norris - Class of 1960

Ted Norris graduated from Garfield Senior High School in 1960 after playing both tennis and basketball for three years. He played basketball his junior year at Hamilton High School under coach and fellow Hall of Famer Marv McCollum and with teammates and fellow Hall of Famers Dave Connell and Skip Taylor. The team boasted a 17-5 record. He was named to the Dell Sports Mention All-America in 1959 and to the All-Greater Ohio League in 1960. He was named All-State in tennis in 1959. In 1960, the new Garfield High School's basketball team went 14-9 in its first year under coach Rollie Barton. The Griffins were sectional champions in tournament play. He continued on to Bowling Green State University and played basketball under coach and fellow Hall of Famer Warren Scholler and played tennis under coach Bob Keefe. Bowling Green's basketball team was ranked in the Top 10 in the country and the Falcons tennis team won the Mid American Conference (MAC) title. Norris has been Florida's Doubles Champions three times and has won the national United States Professional Tennis Association (USPTA) doubles champion in the 45 age bracket. He has coached tennis at the University of Rhode Island for five years and also coached one year of freshman basketball at URI.



ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME
NOMINATION

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

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

Send your form to:
Hamilton High School
1165 Eaton Avenue
Hamilton, OH 45013
Attn: Mike Dellapina

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

Criteria for Selection

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

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

Nominee _____ Maiden Name (if applicable) _____

*Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Year of Graduation _____

Outstanding Accomplishments while in High School _____

Why do you feel this person should be inducted into the Hall of Fame? _____

Petitioner’s Signature _____ Phone _____

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

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

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME
MEMBERS

Class of 1997

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

Class of 1998

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

Class of 1999

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

Class of 2000

- *Barbara Norman Fitton
- Lou Florio
- Jim Hall
- * Ragan Henry
- Demus Jones

- Don Knodel
- Kent McCormick
- Terry Merz
- Joe Okruhlica
- Harry Phillips, Sr.
- *Virgil M. Schwarm
- Jim Sutton
- *Bob Wainscott

Class of 2001

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

Class of 2002

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

Class of 2003

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

Class of 2004

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

Class of 2005

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

Class of 2006

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

Class of 2007

- John Bercaw
- Larry Bowling
- Jack Garretson
- Chris Kingsbury
- *Claude “Cat” Neeley
- David Raab
- Bob Rainey
- *Gary Reist
- Stacy Boling Wilson

Class of 2008

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

Class of 2009

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

* Denotes Deceased