

# ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

Hamilton
Big Blue

Garfield Griffins Taft Tigers

6:00 pm Saturday, January 24, 2015

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# **ATHLETIC** HALL OF FAME

# **MASTER OF CEREMONIES** Tyler Bradshaw

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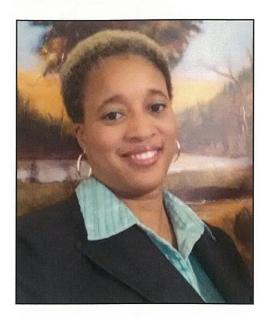
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INTRODUCTION OF HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

# Anissa Booker - Class of 1989

Anissa Booker graduated from Hamilton High School in 1989 after playing three years as a varsity basketball player: one year for coach and fellow Hall of Famer Pat Sword and two years for coach Dan Brandenburg. She held the season record of 21 points per game in her junior year for the Big Blue and was named to the First Team All Greater Miami Conference (GMC) and the Second Team All Southwest District. She was named First Team All GMC and had a single game record of 35 points her senior year, placing her in third place for most points in a single game. She also had the school record for two point field goals in a single game with 14 her senior year and ended her season with a field goal percentage of .638 (125 out of 196 shots). She ranks in the top fifteen in career scoring with 668 points. Booker played basketball at Northeastern Oklahoma A & M for two years. The Lady Norse team was junior college champion runners-up in 1991. She then attended Cleveland State University where she was



named Newcomer of the Year and Second Team All Conference. She was the rebound leader and is ranked 10th in the Vikings' all time blocked shots.

### Kara Bray - Class of 1993

Kara Bray lettered in three sports (volleyball, basketball, and softball) before she graduated from Hamilton High in 1993. In volleyball, she was named Best Defensive Player her sophomore year and was named Most Valuable Player her senior year for the Big Blue team. She was selected All GMC in both her junior and senior years. In basketball, Bray was named Second Team All GMC in her sophomore and junior years and First Team All Butler County in her junior and senior years. She was also named First Team District 15 Division 1 her senior year and Associated Press Southwest District Division I. In her junior year, Hamilton boasted a 15-5 basketball record under coach Dan Brandenburg. She ranks sixth in all time scoring with 779 points in basketball. She lettered for four years in softball under coaches Stacey, Hon, and Heckman and was named First Team All GMC in 1993. Classmate and fellow Hall of Famer Angie Harris was a teammate of Bray in all three sports.



#### Jeff Marchant - Class of 1990

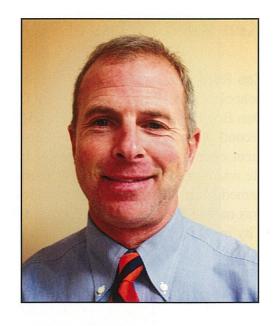
Jeffrey Marchant graduated from Hamilton High School in 1990 after being a four year varsity member of the Big Blue football team. Led by coach and fellow Hall of Famer Ed Mignery, Marchant was named First Team All GMC as a kicker and earned All GMC Academic honors four times. One of his teammates was classmate and fellow Hall of Famer Mike Dully. He set several kicking records during his career and was named Hamilton High School's Outstanding Male Athlete his senior year. Marchant received a National Football Foundation Scholar Athlete Award in 1990. He also played baseball for two years under coach and fellow Hall of Famer Dan Bowling as the 1990 Big Blue team boasted an 18-9 record, 10-4 in the GMC. He earned two All GMC Academic honors in baseball and honorable mention GMC as an outfielder in 1990. His teammate was current Hall of Fame inductee Ken Reed. He continued his football prowess at Ohio University where he led the team in scoring



his freshman year. He was also the Bobcats' starting kicker for four years. He was named to the Mid American Conference (MAC) First Team All Academic team his senior year. He graduated from OU in 1994 Suma Cum Laude and attended the University of Idaho College of Law where he graduated in 1999.

## **Brad Myers** - Class of 1987

Brad Myers played three sports as a sophomore athlete before graduating from Hamilton high School in 1987. He was on the varsity soccer team for three years under coach Aaron Schectman and the Big Blue boasted a 10-5-2 record his sophomore year. He was named First Team All GMC and Second Team All Southwestern Ohio in his junior year as Hamilton won the GMC title. He was the Most Valuable Player and Best Offensive Player on the 15-3-2 record, the best season in the history of HHS soccer. He was a co-captain his senior year and again was named All GMC. He played three years of baseball for coach and fellow Hall of Famer Dan Bowling and was named All GMC in both his junior and senior years. He also played one year of basketball his sophomore year and kicked for the football team his senior year. Myers attended Belmont University and was a three year starter for the baseball team and earned the Tony Hayward Hustle Award in 1992. Myers directed the Battle



Ground Academy High School team to its first state baseball championship in 2012. BGAHS is a Division III school, but plays up a division. He was the head coach at the Franklin, Tennessee school for 20 years as his teams racked over 450 wins for a .620 winning percentage. He is the most successful baseball coach in the schools' 125 year history. He has won eight regular season championships and six regional tournament championships. He was also selected in 2006 and 2012 as the Division III Region IV Coach of the Year covering Ohio, Kentucky, Illinois, Michigan, Indiana, and Tennessee by the American Baseball Coaches Association. Many of his former players have gone on to play college and professional baseball.

# Michael Myers - Class of 1999

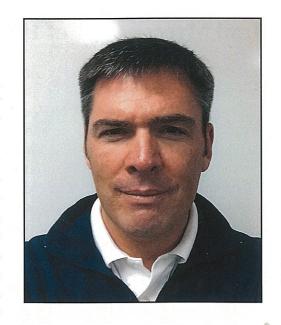
Michael Myers was a four time state qualifier in track and played football before graduating from Hamilton High School in 1999. The Big Blue football team, coached by fellow Hall of Famer Ed Mignery, was 10-0 in Myers' junior year and he was named First Team All GMC, All Butler County, and All Cincinnati, Second team All SW Ohio. In his senior year, he was named First Team All GMC as a Defensive Back and Second Team All GMC as a running back, and Second Team All Southwest Ohio. He was named Big Blue's Most Efficient Defensive Back in his junior and senior years, and won the Pound for Pound Award both years as well. Myers is the all time leading scorer in Hamilton High history, and the all time touchdown leader and all time leader in rush average with a 7.9 yards per carry in HHS history. His track coaches were Harry Phillips, Jr. and fellow Hall of Famers Eric Higgins and Skip Taylor. He was the first person in HHS history to go to state four years in a row and was named First Team All GMC for three years. In his junior year, Myers



posted the fastest time in the GMC for the 100 meter dash, boasting a time of 10.7 seconds. He was a member of the 4 X 100 relay team which had the second best time in the GMC with 43 seconds. His personal best for the 100 meter dash was 10.6 seconds in his senior year. He was named Second Team All GMC in the 400 Relay in his sophomore year, and First Team All GMC in the 100 meter dash his junior year. Myers was named Second Team All GMC in the 4 X 400 relay and Second Team in the 100 meters. He attended Ohio University and the University of Cincinnati to play football.

# Ken Reed - Class of 1990

Ken Reed was a three year varsity baseball player at Hamilton High School before graduating in 1990. Coached by fellow Hall of Famer Dan Bowling, the Big Blue had a 25-6 record his junior year, good for second place in the GMC. They also won the Butler County tournament once again. Hamilton had a 10-4 GMC record his senior year. He was named Most Valuable Offensive Player in 1989 and 1990, and named Most Valuable Pitcher and Most Valuable Player in 1990. Reed was named First Team all GMC in 1989 and 1990 and First Team all City in 1990. One of his teammates was fellow Hall of Fame inductee Jeff Marchant. He was selected in the sixth round draft by the Atlanta Braves in 1990, but did not sign with them. Reed continued his baseball prowess at Ball State University where has was named All Mid American Conference (MAC) for three years. He was selected by the Baltimore Orioles in the 18th round of the 1993 amateur draft and played two years



of minor league baseball. He was the assistant baseball coach at Hamilton for two years when the 1997 Big Blue team won the state championship and the 1998 team went to the state's Final Four. He also coached at Fairfield High School and is now the head baseball coach at Loveland High School.

# Woodrow Steigerwalt - Statistician

Woodrow Steigerwalt is being inducted into his second sports Hall of Fame. Until moving into Hamilton in 1954, he volunteered his services to his high school in Palmerton, Pennsylvania, as statistician for the eight-school Lehigh Valley High School Athletic Association for many years. That earned Woody an induction into the Carbon County area Sports Hall of Fame in 2002. He was also a member of the Palmerton Board of Education. After moving to Hamilton, he became an active member of the Hamilton High School Boosters Association. Later, he was an officer of the Taft Senior High School Boosters Association for two decades. He was responsible for selling advertising and compiling content for the football and basketball programs sold at the games for 20 years. *Journal News* sports reporter, Bill Moeller, called Stiegerwalt's programs "a production that would do credit to many universities." He was football and basketball statistician and record keeper for Taft High



School from 1959 until 1980 and then for Hamilton High School from 1980 to 1985. He was also the statistician and press relations director for the GMC from 1970 to 1985. He was a member of the game-day media relations staff for the Cincinnati Bengals from 1968 to 1988, providing information to writers and broadcasters. Woody attended most Hamilton High football and basketball games, home and away, until he died in 1993.

# **Tracy Trauthwein** - Class of 1975

Tracy Trauthwein graduated from Garfield Senior High School in 1975 after running cross country and track for the Griffins. He set the school record for the two mile run his sophomore year as Garfield won their first GMC crown in cross country. He was the team's Most Valuable Player in 1974 and 1975 and had an undefeated record for dual and triangular meets, boasting a 11-0 record his junior year. Garfield finished fourth in the sectional meet and Trauthwein qualified for the district meet that same year. The Griffins cross country record was 17-4, becoming the GMC champions and finishing fourth out of 19 schools in the sectional meet. He holds Garfield's individual track records in the two mile run, the one mile steeplechase, and the triple jump. He holds the records in the distance medley and mile medley relays with three other teammates. Trauthwein was the record holder at both Garfield and Taft cross country courses. He never lost a GMC race in his three year career. He was



selected as a 1975 National Prep Track and Field Athlete of the Year by the *Coach & Athlete Magazine*. After graduation, he joined the United States Marine Corps and competed in divisional team meets.

#### Dale Werk - Class of 1974

Dale Werk graduated from Garfield Senior High School in 1974 after being a three year starter on the Griffins baseball team. He was named to the All Greater Miami Conference (GMC) team in both his junior and senior years, playing the left side of the infield as a shortstop and third baseman. He led his team in runs scored and stolen bases in his senior year, and shared Most Valuable Player honors with his teammate, pitcher Dave Couch. Werk was the starting shortstop on the first Garfield team in school history to capture the GMC League Championship in 1974. He led off the district championship game with an inside the park home run in which the Griffins eventually lost, 3-1. Garfield finished the season with a 20-8 record. He managed the Immanuel Baptist Church softball team to three Hamilton City championships while also playing shortstop. The team won four city championships, two second place and one third place finish twice in a seven year span between 1980 and 1987. Werk



is considered one of the top shortstops in Butler County softball history and was inducted in the Butler County Softball Hall of Fame in 2012.

#### Earl Whiteside - Class of 1960

Earl Whiteside graduated from Garfield Senior High School in 1960 as an outstanding student athlete. As a sophomore and junior at the old Hamilton High School, Whiteside played football both ways under head coach and fellow Hall of Famer Lou Florio. In his sophomore year, Whiteside returned a 90 yard punt against Western Hills for a touchdown and the Big Blue finished with a 8-2 record that year. He earned All State honors in 1958 and 1959. and was named All Greater Ohio League (GOL) both years as well. Whiteside ran track for two years at Hamilton High School under coach and fellow Hall of Famer Marv McCollum and played baseball at Garfield Senior High School for coaches and fellow Hall of Famers Jack Young and Rollie Barton. He continued his football prowess at Bowling Green State University where he was named the Most Valuable Defensive Back as a freshman. After graduating from BGSU, Whiteside was a counselor at Garfield Senior High School and



taught physical education in the Cincinnati Public Schools. After working as a guidance counselor in New Jersey, he worked for the College of Virgin Islands for 10 years and traveled to various countries in West Africa where he was involved in building schools in African villages. He returned to the United States and taught in Arlington, Texas, and later was a guidance counselor and worked with bilingual students in the English as a Second Language Program. Whiteside spent a total of 43 years in education.



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

#### Class of 2000

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

#### Class of 2001

Karen Baker
Ron Couch
Dick 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
Stay Boling Wilson

#### Class of 2008

Sheree Barlow
Mike DiStaola
Joe Hudson
George Jonson
Jim Kernahan
Michael McCollum
Gerald "Jerry" Scrivner
John Spears
Otto Swanner

#### **Class of 2009**

**Fred Thomas** 

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

\*Denotes Deceased

Elbert Walker

# ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME MEMBERS

#### Class of 2010

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

#### **Class of 2011**

Matthew Blauvelt
Dan Bowling
Pat Burtis
Malcolm Dixon
Mark Hopkins
Ron McWhorter
Francis Parrish

Chad Pennington Richard Prather John Ross Tracy Collett Trunck Larry Wood

#### **Class of 2012**

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

#### **Class of 2013**

Phil Griesinger Mike Gurr Dennis Harget Andy Mignery Linda Milholland \*Cecil New

Damita Shazier Rhodes Michael "Tim" Taylor Karen Turman

#### **Class of 2014**

Sean West

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

\*Denotes Deceased

# HAMILTON'S PLAYERS OF THE YEAR FOR THE STATE OF OHIO

1939	<b>Paul Sarringhaus</b>	Football
1947	Joe Nuxhall	<b>Basketball</b>
1949	<b>Bill Wilks</b>	Basketball
1981	<b>Greg Stokes</b>	Basketball
1985	Elise Spears	Softball
1988	<b>Mark Lewis</b>	Baseball
1990	Tyrice Walker	<b>Basketball</b>
1993	<b>Chris Kingsbury</b>	Basketball
1997	Aaron Cook	<b>Baseball</b>
1999	<b>Seth Morris</b>	<b>Baseball</b>

#### 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: Todd Grimm** 

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.

Nominee	Maiden Name (if	Maiden Name (if applicable)		
Address	City	State	Zip	
Phone	Year of Graduation	on		
Outstanding Accomplishments while in High				
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Why do you feel this person should be induct	ted into the Hall of Fame?			
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Please feel free to use additional paper for your comments.

Unsigned nomination forms will not be considered.