



YPSILANTI COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC



YPSILANTI

WILLOW RUN

2018 Induction Ceremony September 14, 2018



September 14, 2018

Dear Inductees, Family and Friends,

It is with great pleasure that we gather this evening to recognize a select group of individuals who will join the Ypsilanti Community Schools Athletic Hall of Fame. This will be our fourteenth class of inductees, and we are excited that you are here to celebrate this prestigious honor.

It is our goal to honor individuals who have brought pride to Ypsilanti High School and/or Willow Run High School not only on the athletic fields, but also those who were athletes who have gone on to make a positive contribution to their community.

The Athletic Hall of Fame has become an anticipated annual event. The organizers of the ceremony have worked diligently to coordinate an evening that will be memorable and will bring recognition to those who have proudly represented both schools.

The goal of the committee is to sustain and expand the program. In order to host the event, the committee is dependent on the generous donations of our alumni and friends. Please consider making a tax-deductible donation and make checks payable to Ypsilanti Community Schools and in the memo line indicate Hall of Fame.

Thank you again for joining us in honoring an exceptional group of people. It is our pleasure to present the YCS Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2018. We applaud each of you.

Sincerely,

The Hall of Fame Committee

Tino Lambros, Co-Chair

Ambrose Wilbanks, Co-Chair

Melvin Anglin

Brian Banks

Jill Deuel

Donald Fields

Jerry Hayes

Diana Jackson

Ray Mellberg

Korinth Patterson

Scott Robinson

Dr. Darryl Warner

Special Consultants

Lawrence Reeves, Athletic Director

**Ypsilanti Community High School
Athletic Hall of Fame
September 14, 2018
6:00 p.m.**

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Reception with refreshments

Welcome and Introductions Tino Lambros
2004 Hall of Fame Inductee

Induction of Nominees

Group Photo of Inductees

Depart for halftime Hall of Fame recognition at Shadford Field

Central Administration:

Alena Zachery-Ross, Interim Superintendent
Jack Bauman, Director of Human Resources
Cathy Secor, Director of Business Services

YCHS Administration:

Cory Gildersleeve, Principal
Raymond Alvarado, Assistant Principal
Amanda Rawski, Assistant Principal/
Special Ed. Supervisor
Lawrence Reeves, Athletic Director/
Assistant Principal

Board of Education:

Sharon Irvine, President
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Meredith Schindler, Treasurer
Ellen Champagne, Trustee
Brenda Meadows, Trustee
Sharon Lee, Trustee

2018

Ypsilanti Community High School Hall of Fame Inductees

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Bruce Allison

Ypsilanti High School

1962

YHS – FOOTBALL – WRESTLING – TRACK

- CO-CAPTAIN – FOOTBALL AND TRACK
- 1961 – scored final touchdown in major upset in Halloween/ Homecoming victory against highly ranked Ann Arbor Pioneer- first win over them since 1948
- Earned 9 varsity letters
- Member of League Championship teams in wrestling and track
- Member of 1961 and 1962 State Championship wrestling teams
- 1961 – Track - member of the All State mile relay team
- Student council president
- Senior class president
- Varsity Club president

POST YHS ACHIEVEMENTS

- University of Michigan football team member – 4-year walk-on player
- 1964 – member of U of M Big Ten Championship team
- 1965 – member of the Rose Bowl Championship team
- 1966 – earned BA in Design from U of M
- Designed the Rose Bowl ring for the U of M team and staff
- Volunteer work for St. Joe's Hospital Radio-thon and coaching youth soccer
- 1976 – saved a drowning person in Three Rivers in Pittsburgh
- Currently lives in Ann Arbor with wife, Sue.



Jason Bird
Ypsilanti High School
2001

YHS – BASKETBALL – TRACK

- Captain - basketball
- Basketball – 2 x all conference and 1st team All-Metro West
- 2001 - Led team in points, assists, rebounds, and steals
- 2001 -Led team to district championship and regional finals
- 2001 – Ann Arbor News Player of the Year
- McDonalds All American nominee
- Detroit News top 25 players in the state – regardless of class
- 1st Team All-Metro West
- 2001 – Basketball - 4th team All State – Class A
- 2001 -Track – member of the 4x100 relay- regional and state champions

POST YHS ACHIEVEMENTS

- University of Buffalo basketball scholarship
- 2005 - Co-captain University of Buffalo basketball team
- Set Buffalo's single season 3-point shooting percentage record - 46.7%, ranking in 2004 NCAA Division1 top 25
- 2005 Buffalo basketball team – laid foundation for D - 1 success
- Led the 1st U. of Buffalo basketball team to play in MAC Championships
- Led the 1st U. of Buffalo Basketball team to play in the NIT Tournament
- 2005 – Completed bachelor's degree in economics at University of Buffalo
- Certified Financial Planner – owns own business – Inspired Wealth Planning
- On Board of Directors of UB Alumni Association
- On Board of Trustees at Park School of Buffalo
- Coached youth sports for many years
- Currently lives in Amherst, NY with wife Grace and three sons



Farrolyn Bond-Caver

Willow Run High School

1978

WRHS – BASKETBALL

- Varsity Basketball
- Senior Superlative - Voted Most Athletic Female Athlete
- Captain of cheerleading team
- President Student Union/Government – senior year
- Senior Rotarian
- Member of Class Council
- National honor Society
- Prom Queen

POST WRHS ACHIEVEMENTS

- Volunteer assistant cheerleading coach at Willow Run High School
- Worked at Eastern Michigan University and the University of Michigan athletic facilities
- Graduated with a BS in Communications from Eastern Michigan University
- Volunteer youth coach – baseball, basketball, track and field, volleyball
- Mentored youth in developing academic and athletic success
- Employed by Coca Cola for almost three decades – rose from Service Dispatcher to Group Manager; Inbound and Customer Specialist Team
- Group Manager – coordinates daily activities of 130 Customer Communications Specialists, 4 Team Managers and 4 Floor Supervisors
- Impacts young employees through hiring and promoting individuals
- Works with Coca Cola partnership program – college student given opportunity to work with Coke while in college
- Over 30 years members of Israel Missionary Baptist Church -on Deaconess Board and works with Youth ministries
- Currently lives in Suwannee, Georgia with husband Herbert where they raised their two children



Kyra Caldwell
Ypsilanti High School
2008

YHS – TRACK AND FIELD – CROSS-COUNTRY

- 2006-2008 – 6-Time regional champion-100mh,300mh,1600m relay
- 2007-2008 – 5-Time State champion -100mh, 300mh, 1600m relay
- 2007 – AAU All American – 400mh
- 2008 – Most Valuable Track Athlete Washtenaw County
- 2006 – YHS - Most Valuable Cross-Country runner
- 2006 – All Area Cross Country team selection
- Washtenaw County Scholar Athlete
- National Honor Society
- 2004-2008 – Student Council -representative, Secretary, vice president
- 2008 – Awarded Capt. C. Robert Arvin Award for Excellence Scholarship

POST YHS ACHIEVEMENTS

- Accepted Track and Field Scholarship to Columbia University
- 7 – Time Ivy League Champion -sprints and hurdles
- 2012 – received Columbia University Manniaty Award for Most Outstanding 4-year Athlete
- 2010 – MVP – Ivy League Outdoor Track and Field Conference Championships
- 2010-2015 -400mh Ivy League Conference meet record holder
- 400mh – Columbia University school record holder
- 4x400 Relay – Columbia University school record holder
- 100mh – School record holder
- Active in many service groups and community activities including Athletes in Action, coaching and mentoring at Georgetown Day School, Georgetown Learning Center, church work, and more.
- 2012 – BA from Columbia University in Pre-Medical Studies and Religion
- 2017 – MS from Georgetown in Physiology and Biophysics: Complementary Alternative Medicine – GPA – 3.63 and Class President
- 2017 – completed research project – Central Sensitization Syndrome Project: Assessing GI Microbiome
- Plans to enter Medical School in 2019
- Currently lives in Washington DC



Tom Hall
Ypsilanti High School
1963

YHS – FOOTBALL – BASKETBALL – BASEBALL

- Football team co-captain
- Earned 9 Varsity letter – 9 out of 9
- 1961 – Football team defeated highly ranked rival Ann Arbor Pioneer – 20-6 Homecoming and on Halloween – first time since 1948
- 1962 – Member of Football League Champions
- 1962 – 1st team All-League Football - quarterback
- 1963 –Member of Basketball League Champions-
- 1963 -Won Districts and lost in Regional finals
- Student Council representative
- 3 – year member of A Cappella Choir and choir vice president

POST YHS ACHIEVEMENTS

- Awarded football scholarship to Western Michigan University
- 1966 – joined the semi pro football team – the Ypsilanti Vikings
- Low handicap golfer, “shooting his age” with 69’s when he was 71 and 72
- 1968 – Volunteered for the draft, then volunteered for Vietnam serving at Military Assistance Command (MACV) in 1969
- Served 10 years in the Florida National Guard, then transferred to US Air Force Reserve and 15 years active duty in the Air Force in Florida
- 1973 completed his BS from EMU in Special Education
- Taught 2 years in Ypsilanti Public School’s PEP program
- 18 years -taught Emotionally Handicapped, socially maladjusted, and behaviorally disordered middle school and high school students
- Volunteer coached State Tournament Special Olympics basketball team
- Coached high school football several years in Florida
- Continued choir singing in Catholic choirs in Florida – toured Italy and Ireland singing concerts and Masses, including singing at St. Peters at the Vatican in Rome
- The last 6 years organize and coordinate YHS multi-class gatherings in Michigan and the Villages in Florida
- Currently lives in Seminole, Florida with wife Nancy



Diana Jackson

Ypsilanti Public Schools

30 Years of Dedicated Service

- Attendance secretary, Athletic Department secretary, and Accounts Payable and Employee Benefits secretary
- Tireless, efficient –Reliable, tasks done well and on time
- Organized and scheduled athletic events
- Worked with more YHS Athletes and coaches than any other YHS employee
- Organized staff and volunteers for athletic events and fundraisers
- Department backbone and “go to person” for many years
- Always professional and kind to everyone
- Did not hesitate to volunteer herself
- 2004 – 2018 – Key member of the Athletic Hall of Fame Committee
- Department /Booster’s Fundraisers – Great Train Show, Holiday Bazaars
- 1981 – Jaycee’s Outstanding Young Woman of the Year
- 1999 – Senior Class – Outstanding Achievement Humanitarian Award
- Past member of Heritage Festival Fundraiser Committee
- Past board member of Ypsilanti Jaycee’s
- Past board member of YHS Athletic Booster’s Club
- Current member Villages Twirlers and Drum Corps
- Current member of the Villages Home decorating Club
- Current member of the Villages Baby Boomer Club
- Volunteer –Feeding His sheep backpack – feeding children on the weekends
- Serve in various areas at the Ypsilanti Free Methodist Church
- Attended Bob Jones University and Washtenaw Community College
- “Nana” and husband Leon between them have 4 children and 5 grandchildren
- Currently living in the Villages in Florida with husband Leon



Howard Neely, Jr

Ypsilanti High School

1950

YHS – FOOTBALL – TRACK

- Vice President – Varsity Club
- Earned 6 Varsity letters
- 1948 - Member of State Championship track team
- 1946 – 47 – 48 - Member of three State Championship football teams

POST YHS ACHIEVEMENTS

- Michigan State - lettered in football and track
- Member of the 1954 MSU Rose Bowl winning team
- 1955 -Member of the National Champion Michigan State Football team
- Earned a BA and MA in Art from Michigan State University
- 1957 -co-captain of the 12th Anti-Aircraft Group football team in Karlsruhe, Germany – battling for the Army football championship of Germany
- 1960 – Played for the Port Huron Raiders – in the Ontario Rugby Football Union – making the championship playoffs
- Boy Scout Leader
- 30 years as a teacher and coach in Lansing School District
- Received Certificate of Merit from Lansing Board of Education for his service to the District
- Lansing Everett High School – Coached football, boys' track, and girls' cross-country for many years
- First black head coach in Lansing schools
- Passed away August 7, 2018



Jacob Rhodes

Ypsilanti High School

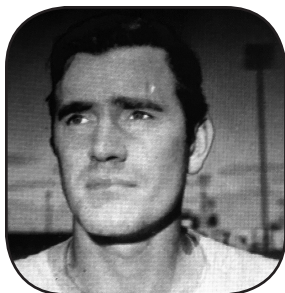
2007

YHS – FOOTBALL – BASEBALL

- K-8 attended Willow Run Schools – Thurston, Holmes, Kettering and Edmonson Middle School
- Entered YHS in 9th grade
- Outstanding catcher for the baseball team
- 3 Time captain of the YHS baseball team
- 2005,2006,2007 - 1st team All-Conference
- 2005,2006,2007 – 1st team All District
- 2006, 2007 - 1st team All Region
- 2006 – 2nd Team All State
- 2007 – 1st Team All State; 2006
- 2007 – Ann Arbor News Player of the Year
- Career Batting average of .435 and career throw out percentage of 70%
- Led the Braves to back to back conference championships

POST YHS ACHIEVEMENTS

- Earned Associates degree from Wabash Valley College
- 2009 – 2010 – 2 time All Conference -Wabash Valley College
- 2010 – GRAC Conference MVP – Wabash Valley College
- 2010 – All American Honorable Mention – Wabash Valley College
- 2012 – Earned Bachelor's in Mass Media Electronics from Murray State
- 3 years professional baseball experience with Traverse City Beach Bums
- 2014 – Frontier League All Star – Traverse City Beach Bums
- 2015 – Frontier League Champions – Traverse City Beach Bums
- Lifetime member of the Church of God
- Volunteer work with children with special needs and develop their talents
- Volunteers by giving back to the community and helping others
- Currently lives in Britton, Michigan with his wife Alyssa



William “Billy” Sorrell

Ypsilanti High School

1959

YHS – FOOTBALL – SWIMMING (DIVER) – BASEBALL

- 1959 – Winner of the All Sports Trophy for outstanding senior athlete
- Earned 9 varsity – 3 in each sport
- Participated in interclass sports
- Appeared in the all school play
- Member of the French Club, Varsity Club and homeroom officer
- Intense, aggressive competitor

POST YHS ACHIEVEMENTS

- After high school, signed minor league contract with Philadelphia Phillies
- Played 12 years in the minors, and parts of 3 seasons in the pros
- Played 2 years in Japan
- Began in Class D and worked up through B, A, AA, and AAA
- 1960 – Appalachian League All Star Team
- 1961 – Led California League stolen bases with 43
- 1965 – called up to the majors with the Philadelphia Phillies
- 1965 – September 2nd became the 10,000th major league player in history
- 1967 – played with the San Francisco Giants for part of the season
- 1970 – played with NY Mets and Kansas City Royals part of the season
- 3rd baseman / left fielder – 267 lifetime major league batting average
- 280 – lifetime career batting average for all levels
- After retiring from baseball, became a successful insurance agent in the San Diego, California area
- Passed away July 22, 2008



Ronald Tarrant

Willow Run High School

1971 – 1990

WRHS – TEACHER – COACH – ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

- 1971 -Developed inter-district elementary basketball program for 5th and 6th graders
- Ran a summer work program for Willow Run students
- 1978-79 – became head basketball coach
- 1979 – 1990 – 4 basketball semi-finalist appearances – first 4 years as head coach
- 9 District Championships
- 4 Regional Championships
- 1980 – won the Class B State Championship
- 5 – Time Coach of the Year – 5 different venues
- 14 All State Players
- Over 20 players attended college on basketball scholarships
- Over 250 wins over a 12-year coaching career
- 1980 – became WRHS Athletic Director
- Currently lives in Milan, Michigan

YHS Hall of Fame Inductees

2004

Rodney Barber
Eric Ball
Eugene Beatty
Fred Cofield
Linda Crabtree
Jill Deuel
Patrick Dignan
Dane Emerson Fortney
Rodney Holman
Tino Lambros
Robert Moffett
Dick Ouellette
Sue Parks
Lowell Perry
Kirk Profit
Levi Simpson
Roy Wilbanks

2005

Bob Arvin
Monica Ball Honoré
Mike Bass
Charles Beatty, Jr.
George Beaudette
Ron Isbell
George Kielwasser
Rita Passage
Ralph Perriello
Delbert Pearson, M.D.
Jim Philippou
Ed Shadford
Ernie Slater
Ruth Ann Wallace
Claude Wilbanks
Bill Ziegler

2006

Charles Bates
Bob England
Ernest C. Gillum III
Ronald H. Gillum
Dennis Lewis
Nancy Oestrike
Dwight Eugene Walls, Sr.
Bert Waterman
Nicole Wilson
James Wolter

2007

Louis Batterson
Michael Bradley
Leo Clark
Jeff Fulton
Annette Kubiske
Jessica Riccobono Thomas
Richard Robb
Richard Roberts
Don Schwall
Ambrose Wilbanks

2008

Dottie Davis
Ralph Deetz
Gary Hawks
David Hill
Fred "Fritz" Kessler
Thomas Manchester
Korinth Patterson
Lawrence C. Perry
Larry Powell
Charles Ramsey

2009

Kathleen (Kubiske) Allen
Walt Church
Scott Davis
Karl Fink
Jerry Hayes
Eugene Jacobs
Dave Johnson
Kerchavel Patterson, Sr.
Ken Robinson, Jr.
Eugene Seidl

2010

Thomas D. Biggs
Douglas Davis
Maia Knox
Michael McIntosh
Kerchavel M. Patterson, Jr.
Steve M. Repko
Rev. Garther Roberson, Jr.
Clifton Robinson
Rob Sepanek
Norman Taylor

2011

William Bailey
Kendra Clark
Johnny Epps
Carolyn King
Frederick Lett
Ken Mirer
Daniel Roberts
Scott Robinson II
Fred Trosko, Jr.
Jon Patrick "Pat" Zuureich

2012

Greg Boik
John Dignan
Todd Hendricks
Richard Lee
Wendell Lewis
Robert Perry
Robert Raham
Alison Roccobono
Jim Sapanek
Tanisha Williams

2013

School Consolidation

2014

Janae Bridges
David Clifton
Duane Delvin
Larry Hamilton
Steve Jentzen
Chuck Koch
Dan Phillips
Daphne Smith
John Terris
Dr. Darryl Warner

2015

Brian Anderson
Katy Biggs-Krieg
Marcus Bond
Jill Lorie Day
James Hale
Thomas Hill
Chelsea Knight-Brady
Paul McCarty
Alex Ofili
Robin Raymond

2016

Gregory Anglin
Elwood Brown
Theresa Burgard
David Cook
Chris Dessellier
Eugene Eddie Hughes
Wes Ichesco
Jeffrey Jentzen
Ted Meadows
Frank Ofili

2017

Melvin Anglin
Keith D. Armstrong
John Joseph Dignan
Tom Micallef
Tiffany Ofili-Porter
Frank Reaume
David Stewart
Diane Warmington-Johnson

YCHS Athletic Hall of Fame Mission Statement

The Athletic Hall of Fame has been organized as a way of maintaining the rich heritage and tradition of successful athletic programs. In addition it will serve as a means of recognizing, preserving and honoring the athletes, coaches and individuals who have made significant contributions to the athletic programs.