



*19th Bi-ennial
Banquet
&
Induction
Ceremonies*



October 16, 2021
John C. Myers Convocation Center
Ashland University
Ashland, Ohio



Honoring the Members of the Class of 2020



Welcome...

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Ashland County Sports Hall of Fame, we welcome you to the Nineteenth Bi-Ennial Banquet and Induction Ceremonies. We feel very fortunate in Ashland County to have our own Sports Hall of Fame that was started thirty-six years ago in 1984, under the direction of the late Bill Mills. Since that time we have inducted 204 individual members and 22 Great Teams of the Past. Ashland County has produced many tremendous male and female athletes over the years and we are very proud to honor them.

Our organization needs more volunteers to assist in the continued growth of the Hall of Fame. Please consider joining us. We hold our meetings at the Ashland County Historical Society in the Noonan House, which is where our Hall of Fame plaques of Inductees, Trustee Achievement honorees, Great Teams of the Past and the Bill Mills Scholarship Winners are on display.

Visit our website at www.ashlandcosportshof.org to see what the Hall of Fame is all about, as well as complete bios on all past inductees, honorees, and teams. There are also nomination forms on our website. We must have completed nomination forms for any person or team for our nomination committee to consider. The website will explain the procedures and requirements for nominations.

We certainly appreciate your attendance tonight to honor the Class of 2020.

Dave Gray, President
The Ashland County Sports Hall of Fame

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Ashland County Sports Hall of Fame

2020 Induction Ceremonies and Banquet

**Ashland University
John C. Myers Convocation Center**

October 16, 2021

6:00 PM

Welcome.....Steve Paramore, Master of Ceremonies

Invocation.....Paul Dienstberger

Dinner

Opening CeremoniesSteve Paramore

RemarksDave Gray, President
Tom Herron, Secretary-Treasurer

Induction PresentationsSteve Paramore

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**Class of 2020
Inductees to the
Ashland County Sports Hall of Fame**

Brent Barr

James H. Deppen

Marcus Fuller

Bud Halada

Jennifer Hendershott-Kinn

Jacob Stephen Howell

Bill Linder

Jeff Miller

Ann Burns Tolliver

Andrea White

Tom R. Williams

Trustee Achievement Award

Ed Fulton, Jr.*

Great Teams from the Past

1991 Mapleton High School Football Team

*Deceased

Class of 2018 Hall of Fame Inductees and Nominators

Inductee	Nominator
Brent Barr	Lynn L. Wess
James H. Deppen.....	Joe Deppen
Marcus Fuller	Dan & Patty Fuller
Bud Halada	Marilyn Halada
Jennifer Hendershott-Kinn.....	Jeff Hendershott
Jacob Stephen Howell.....	Mark Howell
Bill Linder	Shawn Grundy
Jeff Miller	Mike Bargar
Ann Burns Tolliver	Jonathan Emery
Andrea White.....	Bill Bardy
Thomas R. Williams	Trevor Cline

Trustee Achievement Award

Ed Fulton Jr.*	Paul Dienstberger
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Great Teams of the Past

1991 Mapleton High School Football Team	Jim Anderson
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How Candidates are Selected for the Hall of Fame

Anyone may nominate an individual for consideration by turning in an official application form, available from the Hall of Fame organization, listing the accomplishments of the nominee.

The nomination committee, of seven or more members, shall give consideration to nominees (living or deceased) who have resided in Ashland County for not less than four years and who have distinguished themselves within any organized official sports program at an accredited high school, college, university, or in any other area of amateur or professional athletics. If, however, nominees have not resided in Ashland City or County, the nominees must otherwise have distinguished themselves within any organized, official four-year sports program in an Ashland County high school, accredited college, university, or in any other Ashland County area amateur or professional athletic program. Nominee consideration may also include promotion, sponsorship and officiating performed within the context of the guidelines as beforehand stated. All nominees must have attained the age of twenty-five years.

Each member of the nomination selection committee individually evaluates the material turned in for each nominee and rates it on a scale of 5 to a maximum of 20 points. The committee then meets as a group to discuss, evaluate, and tally the points given each nominee. A maximum limit of ten inductees will be selected. In the case of ties in points for the tenth position, the candidates will be discussed by the committee, then voted on secretly to break the tie. Age, moral character, years in activity, honors, community services – all have influence in voting.

It is endeavored to secure committee members from the county, city, business, education, or industry to serve.

The Hall of Fame organization welcomes all to attend its meetings, give input to, or become involved in the process of those individuals eligible for nomination and ultimate inductee selection.

Nominating Committee

Randy Emmons, Chairman

Paul Dienstberger
Dave Gray

Shawn Grundy
Tom Herron

Gaylord Meininger
Ron Whitehill



Hall of Fame Inductee

Brent Barr



Brent Barr was born and raised in Jeromesville, Ohio. He was the youngest son of John and Linda Barr. His entire family has a love for sports. His older brother Chris would often bring him along to play giving him the opportunity to compete against much older competition. He was always competing in baseball, basketball or any other sport that was played at Lewis Memorial park in Jeromesville.

Brent's varsity playing career began when he started 3 games as a freshman tight end for headcoach Don Meyers. After recovering from an injury that forced him to miss half his freshman season, Brent was able to crack the varsity line up and help the Falcons Basketball team to the district finals in 1991. Brent also achieved success as a versatile member of the track team. He excelled in the high jump hurdles and anywhere else coach Tim Sword needed him.

As a sophomore he was Hillsdale's leading receiver at tight end and took over the kicking duties as well earning 2nd team all league. His sophomore basketball season would begin much the same way. He broke his wrist in a scrimmage and was unable to play until game 9, Hillsdale was off to a 1-8 start. But soon they righted the ship and were 12-8 heading into the tournament where the Falcons lost to eventual state champion Orrville. He was the team's MVP, leading scorer and rebounder; earning him 1st team all league honors.

As a junior; receiver, kicker and linebacker Brent earned 1st team for football. That season was highlighted with an upset of #1 ranked and undefeated Dalton, ending their 18 game winning streak. As a junior Brent was able to stay healthy averaging over 17 points and 12 rebounds per game on the basketball court. He garnered first team all league for the second straight season. Including a career high of 36 points against Tuslaw. He was among the area leaders for assists, blocked shots and steals earning him Times Gazette 1st team honors as well.

Brent's senior football saw him earn first team league and Times Gazette honors. As well as the Wayne County Athletic League's first recipient as the special team's MVP. The Falcon's had their first winning season in over a decade and were the beginning of the program's turnaround. Brent's senior basketball season saw him average over 19 points and 12 rebounds a game. In a game against New London he set school records for rebounds (21) and blocked shots (11) and was one assist away from a quadruple double. He led

his team to Districts with an exciting overtime win vs Loudonville in the sectional finals. Brent ended his career with team MVP honors for the third straight season. He was 1st team all league and chosen as the Times Gazette Player of the Year in 1994. He earned a scholarship to play at Mount Vernon Nazarene College, helping the Cougars earn the school's first trip to the National Tournament. After transferring to Mount Union he was a part of the most successful basketball team in school history making it to the Sweet "16". Brent also rekindled his love for football playing for the undefeated 1996 National Champion Purple Raiders.

Brent would like to thank all of his high school coaches for instilling compassion, work ethic and character. Especially Jerry Miller and Lynn Wess, his varsity football and basketball coaches. They were such an inspiration and the major reason he became a teacher and coach himself. Brent has been a teacher and coach with the Kenston Local School District for over 21 years. Brent resides in Chagrin Falls, Ohio with his wife Leeanna and his two children, Adam and Julianna. He would like to thank the Hillsdale community for all the support they have given to him and especially his biggest fans, his parents John and Linda Barr.



Hall of Fame Inductee

James H. Deppen



James "Jim" Deppen was born in Galion, Ohio in 1956. I am the youngest of four children of Anna and Howard Deppen. The earliest memories of "playing sports" was with my siblings and my parents. My older brother and the boyfriends of my two sisters would often challenge me in play in various sports. Later in my life two of those boyfriends would coach me in football and track.

Growing up I enjoyed playing baseball, football, "Y" basketball, and throwing in track. A 1974 graduate of Galion High School, I was a letter winner in football and track, gaining all conference in football. Inspiration for sports came from the friendships that team sports developed and the joy that came from success. Realizing that success didn't occur because of who you were but rather how hard you worked and how you applied the talents that God gave you.

Inspiration also came from the coaches throughout my childhood and adulthood. The head coaches as well as the assistant coaches. I have had the opportunity to work with coaches in track, wrestling, and football. I also found inspiration in the athletes that I coached with throughout the years at Galion, Columbus Bishop Ready, and especially at Ashland City Schools.

Being a middle school science teacher in Ashland, I was able to see the development of individuals as they matured from middle school athletes to high school athletes. My recognition comes from my longevity of coaching here in Ashland, Ohio and also from the successes of the athletes that I have coached. Starting in 1986, I began coaching freshman football, middle school wrestling, and middle school track. I coached middle school wrestling and middle school track for two years and then coached wrestling at the high school level for 6 years (three of those seasons as head coach), track at the high school level for 12 years, and if there is a football season in 2021 it will be my 36th season at the high school level for coaching football in Ashland.

Special thanks go out to the four head football coaches that I had the privilege of working with, Coach Bob Quackenbush, Coach Dick James, Coach Scott Valentine, and Coach Sean Seder. I also have gained much knowledge from Coach Dan Fuller and Coach John Saccomen throughout the years. Thank you also goes out to the many combinations of administrators that I worked with in my years at Ashland.

I would like to thank my wife Ruth Anne for her love and for helping our family to stay connected all these many years. Thank you to my children for their love and support. Their belief in me as a father and coach is how I was nominated for this honor. I hope to always make them proud. My daughter Dr. Krisanna Deppen a 1998 graduate of Ashland High School, my son Joseph a 2005 graduate of Ashland High School, and my son Anthony a 2010 graduate of Ashland High School. I know that it is cliché, but my go to saying, “Character is who you are when no one is watching” was used more than once in our household. My hope is that as I finish my coaching career and my life that I can live that statement. Thank you to the Ashland County Hall of Fame committee for this recognition.





Hall of Fame Inductee

Marcus Fuller



Marcus Fuller is a 2011 graduate of Ashland High School, where he excelled academically and athletically. Marcus was Valedictorian of his class and was also named Mr. Football and Male Athlete of the Year as a senior.

For Marcus, the game of football was a constant presence in his life from a young age. He began frequenting team meetings and practices from age 5 while his father Dan, an inductee of the Ashland University Sports Hall of Fame, was a member of the AU coaching staff. Marcus followed his dad to AHS when he became Defensive Coordinator in 2002, where he made his first contributions to the program as a water boy.

His contributions to Arrow football would not stop there. Taking over as starting quarterback during his sophomore season in 2008, Marcus went on to lead some of the highest scoring offenses in area history, making back-to-back Regional Finals appearances in Division II from 2009-10. He broke nearly every notable school and area passing record during his time at Ashland, posting career marks of 528 completions, 7,848 yards and 100 total touchdowns. At the time of his graduation, Marcus ranked 11th all-time in career passing yards and 13th all-time in career passing touchdowns in the history of Ohio High School football. An Ohio Cardinal Conference Champion in 2009, he was named Ashland Times-Gazette Player of the Year, OCC Player of the Year, and Northwest District Offensive Player of the Year between 2009-10. Marcus was also named First Team All-Ohio and OHSAA Academic All-Ohio in back-to-back seasons as a junior and senior. In 2011, Marcus was awarded the Ashland County Sports Hall of Fame, Bill Mills Scholarship.

Upon graduation, Marcus accepted an offer to play Division 1 football at Brown University of the Ivy League. He went on to start two seasons for the Bears and still ranks top-10 in school history across multiple passing categories. Marcus became the third player in school history to be named team captain in consecutive seasons in 2015. He graduated from Brown in 2015 with a BA in Business, Entrepreneurship, and Organizational Studies.

Marcus has since enjoyed a successful career on the business side of sports and entertainment. He spent one year working in the front office for the New England Patriots during their run to winning Super Bowl XLIX. He then transitioned to a consulting role with sports marketing agency Octagon, conducting international media and sponsorship valuations for some

of the most influential brands and rights holders in the world.

Currently, Marcus is helping to build market leading sports gambling and fantasy sports products as a Sportsbook Analytics Manager with FanDuel in New York City. Since launching in 2018, FanDuel Sportsbook has become America's number one online sportsbook platform.

For his professional accomplishments, he has been honored with numerous industry awards. In 2017, Marcus was awarded as an inaugural member of the Rising 25 Under 25 in Sports Business from industry publication Front Office Sports. He also received the B1G Initiative Award in 2015 from the University of Michigan which honors the top 10 undergraduate students nationally exhibiting outstanding achievement and promise in sport management.

After experiencing first-hand how academic and athletic excellence helped facilitate opportunities in his own life, Marcus has realized the importance of dedicating his time and energy to help others do the same. He has spent the last four years volunteering as a coach for the New York City Lions, a registered non-profit program dedicated to educating the young people of Manhattan through the game of football. The program competes in the New York City American Youth Football league, a conference that serves as an outlet for young athletes attending school districts that are unable to offer football as an extracurricular activity. Since Marcus joined the program, the Lions have sent several of their players away to continue playing football at prestigious prep schools and universities in the Northeast.



Hall of Fame Inductee



Bud Halada



Joseph “Bud” Bruce Halada was born in Sullivan September 30, 1941. He attended Sullivan High School until 1958. He was in the first graduating class at Black River High School in 1959.

Bud earned 12 letters in football, basketball, and baseball. He was a starter all four years in the three sports except the first six-games in basketball his freshman year, when Coach Ron Bowie inserted him into the starting lineup with four seniors.

In football he he scored over 100 points in his career including several of the last dropkick extra points in Ohio football history (1956). The OHSSA instituted the two point (run-pass) conversion in 1957. His junior year on Sullivan’s six-man football team he scored 50 points and was a unanimous selection at end on the Times-Gazettes All-County team.

His senior year the newly consolidated Black River HS played 11-mn football for the first time. Bud caught 5 touchdown passes and five two-point conversions.

The team won the first four games finishing 4-4-1 in the North Central Conference League. He was one of the captains and picked All-Medina County. The Toledo Blade and Toledo Times named him first-team end on their All-NCCL squads.

Bud’s most significant athletic career was in basketball. His 1256 points placed 4th on the all-time Ashland County list after AC Hall-of-famers: Larry Huston, Larry Aulger, and Shine Zody. His sophomore year (347 pts) earned him 2nd team T-G All-County. He scored 327 points (20, 4 ppg) his junior year at Sullivan and was picked 1st team on the T-G All-County team.

His senior year he scored 509 points (22.13 ppg) with 30 points vs Lodi his best game. He led the Pirates to their all-time best record 21 and 2. and the Lorain Sectional title. He was named first team All-Medina County and was recognized honorable-mention on the Associated Press All-Ohio Class A team.

In baseball Bud was a starter all four years. He played 3rd base his freshman year, and he was a pitcher and catcher the last three years usually batting third or the clean up hitter.

After high school he played one year for Coach Del Noble at Midland College of Commerce. He scored 356 points (21 ppg) and was a teammate with Ashland HOFer Bob Lee. Bud’s best game was 37 points against Malone College.

Bud and his wife Marilyn celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary June 25, 2021. They are active members of the Sullivan Alumni Association and their church: First Congregational of Sullivan. They have four daughters: Deborah (Kevin) Clemons, Diane (Mark) Sabo, Danelle (Randy) Jordan, and Denise (Jason) Herte. They have 12 grandkids, 3 great-grandchildren, and three step-grandchildren. One grandson Tyler Sabo is an All-Ohio golfer, who led Ashland High School to the State Tournament in 2019.

Bud was a truck driver for Reiter Dairy for 35 years.





Hall of Fame Inductee

Jennifer Hendershott-Kinn



Jennifer Hendershott-Kinn, born and raised in Ashland, Ohio. Attended and graduated from Ashland High School. Family life for me was incredible. My parents were hardworking, giving, kind, and very loving. Both of my parents are just extraordinary individuals. I was blessed to have two step parents that also were amazing and loving people. I had 4 brothers, Jeff, Joe, John and Justin who all love me in their own special way. They taught me how to play sports at a very young age including football, basketball, and more. They just treated me like one of the boys which helped me later in life. They were all very nice to me and very competitive at the same time.

My first memory of any sports is probably my mom putting me into dance lessons as age 2. I remember the dance recitals, with all the make up, hair, and costumes. I would then go home after dance lessons and play football and basketball with my brothers. I grew up in a very active, loving, and busy family.

My inspiration has always been my family. My parents, brothers, and nieces and nephews and their children. I feel like they are always watching me and looking up to me. Even at a young age I felt like my family put me on a pedestal and pushed me to be my best which lead me to doing the best I could to make them proud. I strive every day to represent the Hendershott by being a loving, honest, kind and giving person.

I started dancing at age 2 and danced with Opus of Ashland in my later years. I studied ballet, tap, and Jazz. In my middle school and High School years I ran track and field and was a cheerleader for the Ashland Arrows. I had amazing leaders like Debbie Delaney, Paul Dienstberger, and Ron Whitehill who both pushed me and believed in me no matter what I did.

I graduated from Ashland High School in 1991, Attended Wright State University after High School, then transferred to the Ohio State University, where I graduated with a bachelors Degree of Science in Education in 1997. I then attending a 2 year program and completed it in 1999 at Ashland University with a bachelors Plus degree in Elementary Education K-8.

At Ashland High School I help lead our team to being Cheerleading Champions 1989-1991, I won the first ever-Best Individual Cheerleader award out of 54 girls in the state of Ohio 1991 for Ashland High School. My love for gymnastics, dance, and cheerleading lead me to years of cheering and dance in college-I add the following to my resume. A Wright State University Varsity Cheerleader 1991-1993, A Former Ohio State University Varsity Cheerleader

1994-1995 and a Former Ohio State University Dance Team Member 1995-1997. I danced for the Ohio State University dance team at the ESPN Nationals for 2 years which was one of the best experiences of my life at that time.

I have always loved being active, which led me into my later career and my love for fitness. After graduating, and with no more cheer or dance team, I was introduced into lifting weights and cardio training around age of 25. This idea of competing in fitness where I could use my years of dance, gymnastics, and leadership skills led me to become one of the best fitness champions in the world. These accomplishments led me to creating several small businesses in the health and fitness industry and I soon developed a love for entrepreneurship.

In the fitness industry I was most known for my inventive and highly energetic and difficult gymnastic routines as well as running a motivational fitness camp for women to inspire them to love themselves, love to exercise and focus on their overall health. My highest achievements have been winning Arnold Schwarzenegger's 2005 Fitness International and The 2005 Fitness Olympia events followed by wins at the 2008 Fitness Olympia and the 2009 Fitness International to cap off my career in competitions.

My list of accomplishments are as follows. Founder and Creator of Get PHAT Online and a company called PHAT Camp where I traveled the world and motivated and educated thousands of women in health and wellness. I won the Fitness Olympia twice and the Fitness International twice. I placed Top 5 every year over a course of 13 years, which placed me as the #1 Fitness Athlete in the World for 6 of those years. I was Athlete of the year in my industry in 2008, Committee chairman for the Arnold Classic, I have written and published a book *The Curvelle Lifestyle*, in 2008 won the Living Beautiful award, I have certifications in nutrition and ISSA personal training, and am the ONLY woman in the state of OHIO to win a Fitness International Title at The Arnold Schwarzenegger Classic to this day in 2020. I retired in 2009 after winning my last world title.

After many years of competing, we moved several times. Currently we are spending winters in Florida and summers in Ohio with our families. I have continued to mentor women and men to live a long and healthy life through various avenues as health and fitness will always be a part of my life.

Currently, with the help of my husband Brian, I operate a non profit organization called Carolina Coastal Community, where we help families, businesses and communities in need of relief and recovery after hurricanes. We have been blessed to raise hundreds of thousands of dollars to help families in need internationally and locally.

I also continue to work out daily, advise freely to others to help with their health and wellness and use my energy and time to help anyone who needs a shoulder, a hand, or a hug. I believe in the theory life is short and we must live each day like it's our last. I would like to Thank everyone who has stood by my side during the good and bad times. A champion is not built on its own but by the team it has behind them.



Hall of Fame Inductee

*Jacob Stephen
Howell*



Jacob Stephen Howell was born in Muncie, IN, on September 24, 1983, to Stephen and Heidi Howell. He is a 2002 graduate of Ashland High School and continued his education at The Ohio State University where he graduated cum laude in 2007 with a degree in Strategic Communication. He went on to earn a Master of Science in Teaching degree from Pace University (NYC) while teaching 5th grade in inner-city Brooklyn, NY with Teach For America. He now works as a dental sales consultant and helps his doctors integrate equipment and technology solutions to increase clinical efficiency and the patient experience.

Jacob was born into a loving family where sports were a part of a well-rounded childhood. As a child his parents encouraged him to try lots of different sports. He enjoyed tennis, golf and basketball (Jacob has fond memories of being coached in 8th grade by then-future Dallas Cowboys kicker Tim Seder), but from a young age Jacob gravitated toward baseball.

Toward the end of Jacob's freshman year at Ashland he was called up to varsity by Coach Jeff Burnett for the OHC tournament. Over the next few years he learned to develop his speed while playing centerfield and set the career stolen base record for the Arrows (51). He was a three-time letter winner for Ashland, a three-time All-OHC selection and a two-time Division I All-Northwest District selection. Jacob's years under the leadership of AHS coaches Jeff Burnett, Harley Eichhorn and Rick Gough were deeply formative for his years at Ohio State and he deeply appreciates their mentoring.

While he was a solid high school player, Jacob was far from a standout in the way many Division I college athletes are in high school. When considering colleges his junior year (he had a few offers from DII and DIII schools), Jacob told his parents that if he could go to the Ohio State Baseball summer hitting camp (at Bill Davis Stadium in Columbus) and spend a few days on the same field the Buckeyes play on, it would be a dream come true. His parents encouraged him to go, and the coaches liked what they saw in his swing and especially liked his "coachability". Head Coach Bob Todd began recruiting Jacob and made him an offer to come play outfield for the Buckeyes on a scholarship. Jacob stayed with Nick Swisher, future MLB All-Star, on his official visit to campus, and decided OSU was where he would spend his college career.

In Columbus and wearing #11, Jacob redshirted his first year (2003) and used the time to develop physically and mentally, coming out strong his

freshman year (2004). He knew he had to work harder than anyone on the team and arrived early and stayed late, often hitting until his hands bled. One of the strongest memories of his career came in his first at bat as a Buckeye, at Minute Maid Park (Houston Astros) vs. Kansas State. He hit a standup triple down the left field line and subsequently earned a starting position for the Buckeyes.

Jacob went on to be named a Freshman All-American and the Big Ten Freshman of the Year in 2004. That year he also set the all-time record for hits in the Big Ten Tournament, with 12.

Over the course of his career at Ohio State, the four-year letterwinner struggled with recurring hamstring and shoulder injuries but developed resilience. Jacob was selected Team Captain twice by teammates (2006 and 2007). He was a three-time champion of the Big Ten Tournament and participant in the NCAA Tournament. He was named to the All-Big Ten Team in 2004 (2nd Team) and 2006 (3rd Team).

Jacob was named to the 2007 NCAA Regional All-Tournament Team (Outfield, College Station, TX) and was featured with his sister Hannah in Sports Illustrated, recounting her incredible story surviving a ruptured brain aneurysm.

He was a two-time member of the Big Ten All-Tournament Team (Outfield, 2004 and 2007), won the 2007 Big Ten Sportsmanship Award and was also named:

- 2007 Academic All-American Third Team
- Two-Time Co-SIDA Academic All-District
- Four-time Academic All-Big Ten
- Five-time Ohio State Scholar-Athlete

Jacob finished his career as a Buckeye with a .333 batting average. Upon graduation, he held the Ohio State all-time career record for triples (13), ranked 7th all-time in stolen bases (47), 12th in at-bats (693), 13th in hits (231) and 25th in runs scored (140).

Let the record state that Jacob beat the Michigan Wolverines the last time he ever played them.

Jacob married Pami in 2007 and they have 3 children: Judah (10), Piper (8) and Gabriel (5). They live in Westerville, OH and attend Vineyard Columbus church where Jacob leads groups that help people slow down to live emotionally healthy lives. He spends much time singing and playing piano, wrestling his children and riding bikes. He is forever grateful to his family for their endless sacrifices, love and support throughout his career.





Hall of Fame Inductee

Bill Linder



Bill Linder was born in Ashland, Ohio on July 14th, 1972, the son of Jay and Marilyn Linder.

He attended Polk Elementary and graduated from Mapleton High School in 1990. He graduated from Baldwin-Wallace College in 1994 with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration. Bill joins the other outstanding 2020 HOF inductees based on his accomplishments in high school and at the collegiate level.

At Mapleton High School, Bill was a three sport athlete participating in football, basketball and track. In basketball he was a 3 year starter at the guard position. In football, his favorite sport, Bill was a three year starter at defensive back and also played running back and returned kicks. He set the school interception record his sophomore year with 10. His senior year he earned 1st team All-Gazette for special teams as a kick returner. He was also selected as 1st team offense and defense by the Firelands Conference and NCO Coaches Association. His senior year he was third in the area in scoring and had punt returns for touchdowns of 73, 75 and 83 yards. He was selected to participate in the NCOFA All-Star Classic game after his senior year.

On the track, Bill had an outstanding career as a sprinter, hurdler and middle distance runner. As a junior he helped the team win the district and regional team titles. He qualified for the state meet that year in the 4x100 relay that just missed placing. His senior year he was a state qualifier in the 300 IM hurdles, 4x100, 4x400 and 4x800 relays. The 4x400 and 4x800 relay teams placed 3rd at the state meet. With 20 points, the boys team placed 5th overall, only 5 points behind champion Yellow Springs. He received the Most Valuable and Leadership award for his efforts. Bill set records in the 300 IM hurdles, 4x100, 4x400 and 4x800 relays. The 4x800 relay still stands today. Outside of sports, Bill was very active in clubs at Mapleton. He was a class officer, President of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, member of the Academic Challenge team, Student Council and yearbook committee.

Bill's athletic career went well beyond his high school accomplishments as he went on to play football and run indoor and outdoor track at Baldwin-Wallace College. He was a four-year letterman in both sports. On the football field, he was a 3 year starter at defensive back for the nationally ranked Yellow Jackets. As a senior he earned All-American honors from Champion-USA and Dan Hansen's Football Gazette. He also received the Ohio Athletic Conference Lee Tressel Award as the top defensive back in 1993. He

also was named Division III National Defensive Player of the Week by the Football Gazette for his most memorable game against Moravian College. In that game, Bill had two interceptions. The second interception came on the final play when Moravian had the ball on the Baldwin-Wallace 25 yard line with a chance to win the game. Linder intercepted the ball at the 4 yard line and ran 96 yards for a touchdown to secure the 25-13 win. After football season was over, Bill went right into indoor track where he concentrated on short sprints including 55, 100 & 200 meter dashes. He was the Ohio Athletic Conference indoor 55 meter champion in 1993 and 1994. As a senior, he qualified for the Division III national meet held in Wisconsin-Oshkosh. His 4x200 relay set a school record and placed first at the conference meet. In outdoor season, Bill earned All-Conference awards in the 100 and 200 meters and 4x100 relay. As a result of his success he received the Paul “Sparky” Adams Scholarship and Kenneth F. Steingass Award as Baldwin-Wallace’s Most Outstanding Senior Male Athlete. Bill was a Dean’s list student and a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity.

After graduating Baldwin-Wallace College in 1994, Bill has worked as a salesman in the construction products industry. He moved to Medina in 2001 and is blessed with three children: Briana (25), Brandon (24) and Brady (19). His biggest joy in life has been being their father and watching them grow into young adults. In his free time, he enjoys coaching youth sports, golfing, and spending time with friends.

Bill would like to thank his mother and father for their amazing love and support, his coaches and especially all of his teammates. He went into every practice with two goals in mind: Work hard and find a way to have fun doing it. His coaches and teammates definitely had the same mindset.





Hall of Fame Inductee

Jeff Miller



Jeff Miller grew up, in a farming family, in Jeromesville, OH. Early, he learned the values of hard work, dedication, and competition. Tennis rackets, golf clubs, and ball gloves accompanied the family on most trips and outings. Whether on the golf course at Mohican Hills, the tennis courts at Lewis Memorial Park, or the athletic fields at Hillsdale High School, a strong love of sport was a consistent presence in the Miller family.

As a freshman and sophomore, Jeff competed in football, basketball, and track and field for Hillsdale High School; however, two sports, football and track and field, quickly rose to the forefront of his focus.

Jeff began his high school career at Hillsdale in 1991. During his freshman year, Jeff saw success throwing the shot put. He finished the season finishing 4th place in the Wayne County Athletic League Championship and 7th in the Division III district meet. While a season best of 49'2 3/4" was just under his goal of 50', it was a clear indicator that Jeff had great potential.

As a sophomore, Jeff became a two-way starter on the football field. His success as a middle linebacker drew attention from Division I programs. Jeff finished the year setting school records for, total tackles (188), unassisted tackles (89), and longest interception return for a TD (88 yards). For the 1992 season, Jeff earned Ashland Times Gazette First Team Defense and Wayne County Athletic League First Team Defense honors. After football, Jeff turned his attention to track and field where he found more success and college attention. In his first meet of the season Jeff broke a 15 year old school record in the shot put, which he extended to over 54' by the season's end. Jeff finished the 1993 season by winning the shot put title at the WCAL championship and earned a trip to the state meet in Columbus. It was at that meet Jeff learned what it took to become a state champion. He finished 7th, and set his focus squarely on the state meet for his junior year.

During the 1993 football season, Jeff saw similar successes as his sophomore year earning All Wayne County, All Wayne County Athletic League, and All Ashland Times Gazette honors. Despite Jeff's continued success on the football field, his love for throwing the shot put grew. Unlike other years, Jeff decided to forego playing basketball to focus on his strength and technique in the shot put for a return trip to Columbus in the spring. The decision paid off as Jeff had a banner year for the Falcons. Jeff finished 2nd at the prestigious Mehock Relays, extended his own school record, and won a second straight WCAL shot put title. It was in Columbus where his work paid off.

Jeff was able to improve in the finals and leap three competitors to take the 1994 Division III state title. Jeff also went on to place 5th at the USATF Junior Olympic National Championships in Syracuse, NY.

During his senior season of football, an early shoulder injury directed the path for Jeff's future. While he was able to finish the football season, track and field would become the focus of his sports career. His primary goal was to repeat as Division III State Champion. Along the journey to state, Jeff captured another silver medal at the Mehock Relays, a third straight WCAL shot put title, and extended his school record to 57'10". That record still stands. Jeff finished the 1995 track and field season by winning a second Division III State Title, doing so by throwing over one foot farther than the next competitor.

Jeff finished his career as a Hillsdale Falcon being recognized as a 4 year member of the National Honors Society, Army Reserve National Scholar Athlete, Ohio High School Scholar Athlete, and the Mansfield News Journal Male Athlete of the Year. Jeff also earned a track and field scholarship to the University of Cincinnati.

Jeff went on to have a successful college career at the University of Cincinnati (1995-2000), where he majored in Marketing and Business Management. During his collegiate career, Jeff was a three year team captain, a three year Bearcat Scholar athlete, and a bronze medalist in the Conference USA Championship. Jeff remains on the Top 10 All-Time Thrower List at the University of Cincinnati for the shot put.

Jeff credits his family for his strong work ethic, competitive nature, and desire to be the best in all aspects of life. He would like to thank them for their countless hours of support both on and off the athletic fields. Jeff would like to recognize his high school coaches Ron Allison, Jerry Miller, and Tim Sword as well as his college coaches Bill Schnier and Jim Schnur for their contribution to his athletic success. Finally, Jeff knows that individual success comes from the effort of an entire team and would like to thank his teammates and friends along the way.

Jeff married Myia Williams in 2005. They have a daughter, Claire, and live in Wheaton, IL. Jeff has been with Molson Coors Beverage Company for 17 years and is currently a regional sales manager. Sport and competition is still important in Jeff's life. Jeff competes primarily in ultra-marathon distance running. He has top 5 finishes in numerous time based ultras, has ran over 100 miles in 24 hours, and won the 2019 USATF 100K Road National Age Group Championship in Madison, WI. Myia is an Ironman World Championship qualifier as well a multi-year All American Triathlete. Jeff is passing on the Miller family values of hard work, dedication, and competition to Claire as she competes in swimming and softball.



Hall of Fame Inductee



*Ann
Burns Tolliver*



Ann Burns Tolliver was born on March 5, 1967, in Ashland, Ohio, to David and Carol Burns as the youngest daughter of four older brothers: Steve, Bob, Joe, and Tom. Her parents always worked with her and had her competing in athletics at a young age. Her family helped develop her love of sports and competition while her dad instilled in her the value of practicing to improve her skills by taking hours of his time to work with her.

Growing up on Ellis Street, Brookside Park was an extension of her backyard. Ann was involved in Brookside's recreational activities from playing in the summer tennis league and on a traveling tennis team, participating in softball leagues and on all-star teams, refining her dribbling and shooting skills at the basketball courts for junior high, and, of course, swimming at the pool. Although swimming was her favorite sport, that love didn't automatically develop until her father took Ann and her neighbor to the pool one evening. Ann, afraid of the deep end, had to sit on the edge of the pool while her friend swam to her dad and was launched back to the side. Unable to be a bystander, it was at that point Ann jumped in, swam for her life to be part of the fun, and never looked back! She continued her swimming with the YMCA Aqua Aces in the winter and with the Wooster Freelanders swimming team in the summer into her high school years.

At Ashland High School, Ann played tennis in the fall, and was part of a "Dynamic Duo" with Melissa Rowan playing doubles all four years. In tennis they won four straight Cardinal Conference championships, advanced to districts all four years, and were CoMVPs in 1982 and in 1983. Ann was a co captain for her junior and senior years. Ann was also one of the first four year varsity letter winners in Ashland High School history.

In the winter season, Ann chose swimming, not basketball, to become her main focus! She specialized in long distance freestyle and butterfly. At the end of her high school career, she owned 7 individual records and two more in relays of the 11 events and still holds the 500 freestyle record today. All four years she advanced to the district swimming meet and was named to the Northwest Ohio All District Swim Team her junior and senior year. Her junior season, she advanced to state where she placed 16th in the 500 freestyle. She was the Most Valu-

able Swimmer for all four years and was Co Captain for two years. She was one of the first four year varsity letter winners in AHS history as a swimmer. She ended her high school career being named the 1985 AHS Girl Athlete of the Year.

Ann continued swimming at Wittenberg University and is one of a select few Tiger athletes to advance to national competition four straight years. As a first-year swimmer, Ann set one pool record and seven school records as she advanced to the NCAA Division III Championships and competed in four events. The next three years, she earned eight Honorable Mention All-America designations and one All-America honor for her seventh place finish in the 1650 freestyle while Wittenberg claimed 17th place in the 1989 NCAA Division III Championships, the best finish in school history. Upon graduation, she held five school records in the butterfly and distance freestyle events, and two more in relay events. Ann Burns Tolliver was inducted into the Wittenberg Athletic Hall of Fame in 2003.

An elementary education major at Wittenberg, Ann taught at Berry Middle School in Lebanon, Ohio, and in 1997 she was one of 150 educators in the nation to receive the Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award in the amount of \$25,000 presented by Ohio Governor George Voinvoich and John Goff, Ohio's Superintendent of Public Instruction, for excellence in teaching. She was instrumental in securing grants and creating Language Arts curriculum there. She initiated the school's Power of the Pen program and was named Who's Who Among American teachers. For two years she worked on the Ohio Department of Education SchoolNet program. Currently she teaches fifth grade at Eaton Community Schools and now has over 31 years in education. She and husband, Ty, reside in Eaton and have four children: Adam, Elizabeth, Aaron, and Evan.

While sports provided Ann with the concepts of motivation, working hard, cooperation, and the drive to do well, she has been blessed with wonderful coaches, teachers, friends, and the love of her whole family which helped support, encourage, and guide her throughout her life's journey. She could not have accomplished this without them!



Hall of Fame Inductee



Andrea White



Andrea (Bardy) White was born to parents Bill and Natalie Bardy in Ashland, Ohio on May 17, 1982. She has two sisters, Kari (Bardy) Gupta and Emma (Bardy) Parker. A 2000 graduate of Ashland High School and a 2006 graduate of Youngstown State University, Andrea's work ethic, dedication, and family support have contributed to her success in high school, college, and life.

At first, Andrea had no interest in running but in time she gained interest with watching her older sister run cross country. With her dad's support of running, she decided to give it a try. Coach Ron Whitehill helped develop her skills in middle school. Her favorite memory was running with her dad every Sunday afternoon in high school.

Coach Dave Potter coached Andrea throughout high school and prepared her for success with a passion to continue running in college. During her freshman year, she set the freshman record, won the Ohio Heartland Conference (OHC) meet in cross country (as an individual and as a team), and earned a trip to the State cross country meet as a team. In 1996, her team was the first girl's cross country team to make it to the State meet. In her sophomore year, she set the sophomore school record at the time and the same for her junior year. She also won the OHC as an individual (and as a team) in 1998 and her team won OHC and District's all four years (1996-1999). Her team made it to State all four years. Andrea is the only Ashland High School girl to run in all four State cross country meets. During her senior year of cross country, she set the school record (19:22) at the Galion Invitational, and her team came in second to a powerhouse Dublin Coffman cross country team that was ranked in the top three teams in the State.

Cross country was Andrea's passion. During her years of high school, Andrea set the 2-mile record during her freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior years, and she won the Ohio Heartland Conference in the 2-mile all four years (1997-2000). In addition, she set the OHC record in the 2-mile event at each conference meet. Mrs. White also made it to Regionals all four years in the 2-mile. In 2000, she was part of the 4x1600m relay with Erin Stauffer, Steph Aten, and Lisa Nell who still hold the record for this event. All four years, Andrea was part of the winning girl's track and field Ohio Heartland Conference Championships.

While running was a passion, Andrea took to the water and began diving during the summer starting in sixth grade. Her commitment and dedication to diving was parallel to running. During the winter season, Andrea still ran after school everyday and then went to diving practices in the evenings. Unlike running, Andrea didn't find initial success with diving. Coach Dave Downs started coaching her when she was 12 in the summer and then coached her for three years in high

school. She won the Ohio Heartland Conference her junior year, won Sectionals, and placed 4th at Districts to move on to the State meet, where she placed 18th. She was the first female diver for Ashland High School to go to State. During her junior year, she set the 6 and 11 dive records for Ashland High School. Coach Dave Downs retired after Andrea's junior year, and Coach Megan (Vanstee) Shopbell took over. Her senior year, she again won the Ohio Heartland Conference, won Sectionals, and placed 3rd at Districts to move on to the State meet for her second year in a row. She placed 16th at the State level. In her senior year, she also broke her own school records in the 6 and 11 dive formats which still stand today. Throughout her high school career, Andrea earned 12 varsity letters in cross country, swimming & diving, and track & field. She was the second female athlete to achieve this feat. Her senior year, in 2000, she was named the Female Athlete of the Year and awarded the Ashland County Sports Hall of Fame, Bill Mills Scholarship.

After graduating from high school in 2000, Andrea earned a scholarship to run cross country and track for Youngstown State University (YSU). At the time, she was Coach Potter's first female runner to run for a Division 1 university. Throughout her YSU career, she was on the varsity team for cross country and track every year. She ended her four years with the 7th fastest 6k time for cross country, the 7th fastest indoor 5,000m, the 9th fastest outdoor 5,000m, the 4th fastest 3,000 steeplechase, and the 8th fastest 10,000m. In 2001, she placed 8th in the Mid-Continent conference in indoor track in the 5000 meter run (18:37). She ran an 18:29 in the 5k her senior year in outdoor track. The YSU track team won the Mid-Continent Conference during the indoor and outdoor track and field season in 2004.

Andrea White graduated in 2006 with a Bachelors of Science Degree in Early Childhood Education. In 2012, Andrea graduated with a Master's Degree in Differentiation from Graceland University. Throughout her middle, high school, and college career, her parents never missed a meet and always supported her in everything she did.

After graduating from college, Andrea spent 7 years (2006-2013) teaching grades K-3 for Ashland City Schools. Since 2013, she has been working for Southern New Hampshire University as an adjunct professor in the Masters of Curriculum and Instruction program, as a team lead for the education department, and working as a facilitator for incoming adjuncts. In 2017, she was named the Adjunct Educator of the Year for the Education Department for online learning at Southern New Hampshire University.

Andrea has been married to Pete White since 2007. They are the very proud parents of three sons: Parker (11), Hunter (10), and Cooper (8). Pete has always been supportive of Andrea's running. After college, Andrea has continued to run by competing in the Boston Marathon, running and winning numerous local road races, and recently has ventured into ultra running. Before having children, she coached for two years at Ashland High School as an Assistant Coach for cross country. She has coached the YMCA Summer Diving Program. In September 2020, she became the Ashland University's Diving Coach and is currently coaching there. She is very grateful and blessed for all the support over the years from her parents, Bill and Natalie Bardy, sisters, grandparents, in-laws, teammates, teachers, and coaches throughout her career.



Hall of Fame Inductee

Tom R. Williams



Tom Williams grew up in Ashland playing whatever sport was in season. At Ashland High School he played varsity football and baseball. Then after a short stint on the Ashland University Baseball Team he began his coaching career by volunteering for his dad with the Ashland High School softball program. He would also coach Middle School football and basketball while studying to become a teacher.

Tom began his teaching career in 1995 at Clear Fork Local Schools. He would teach middle school math while being an assistant football, girls' basketball, and track coach for the Colts. In 1997, Tom would accept a middle school history teaching position at Madison Local Schools where he would also be an assistant football coach and the head softball coach. His 1998 Madison Ram Softball Team would win a District Championship. During his 6 years at Madison, he moved up the coaching ladder to become the defensive coordinator which got him thinking about becoming a head football coach.

In 2003, Tom would be offered the head football coaching position at Hillsdale High School. Hillsdale had a pretty rough history in football as it took over forty years for the Falcons to reach their 100th win. Tom found things pretty difficult early on, but in 2005 things turned around week 9 as the 2-6 Falcons upset #2 ranked and undefeated Smithville. It was the turning point for the program as Hillsdale would go on to have winning seasons in 10 of the last 12 seasons Tom was the head coach.

Included in those seasons are 3 WCAL Championships (2010, 2011, 2014) and 6 Playoff Appearances (2009, 2010, 2012, 2014, 2016, 2017). The 2010 and 2017 teams advanced to the Elite 8 and the 2009 team made it the Sweet 16. Tom was also the athletic director at Hillsdale from 2005-2012 and during that time Hillsdale won its only WCAL All Sports Trophy during the 2009-2010 school year.

Many players have earned All Ohio status since Tom came to Hillsdale. They include Chet Minniear, Ryan Brewer, Clay Nelson, Trent Kimball, Dustin Simpson, Nate Rogers, David Taylor, Jared Whitcomb, Ryan Moore, Zach Fulk, Levi Licata, Sam Young, Trevor Badertscher, Brooke Switzer, Ryan Bee, Doug Cline, Walker Summerfield, Corbin Mager, Andrew Wolf, Ben Rogers, Eric Pickering, Craig Cline, Trey Williams, Kyle Martin, Trace Stiltner, Alex Becker, Mike Garn, and Ty Williams.

Tom is extremely proud of the coaches that he played for and the ones he has coached with over the years. They are all great people and fun to

be around. He wanted to mention his longtime coaches at Hillsdale which include: Mike Mack, Chad Buzzard, Mark Jump, Ed Yetzer, Dan Mager, Jeff Goodwin, Mike Sigler, Mike Wolf, and Trevor Cline. Trevor was the QB of the WCAL Championship Teams in 2010 and 2011 and is now the head coach of the Falcons.

Tom is the son of Tom and Donna Williams. His parents have been very supportive over the years of all of the activities that he and his sister Teri have pursued. His dad earned his induction into the Ashland County Sports Hall of Fame in 2004 and his mom was the tournament manager for the OHSAA State Softball tournament for many years.

Tom has been married to his wife Tammy for 25 years and he appreciates, and can't thank her enough, for putting up with all that goes into being married to a coach. They have two sons, Trey and Ty. Trey is a senior at Thiel College where he studies Supply Chain Management and plays baseball. Ty is a freshman at Hillsdale College, where he is studying biology and playing football.

Tom is the Principal at Hillsdale Elementary and is still an assistant coach of the Falcon Varsity Football and Baseball teams



Trustee Achievement Award



Ed Fulton, Jr.



Ed Fulton was born to Edmund and Margaret Fulton on December 21, 1941 in Ashland, Ohio. He is the youngest of 3 children. He is a 1959 graduate of Ashland High School and Ashland University in 1964. Ed furthered his education earning an additional undergraduate degree and two graduate degrees.

Ed was an all-star little league baseball player and played pony league baseball. He was a 7 year letter winner at Ashland High School. He participated in cross-country, basketball, and tennis. He earned 4 letters in tennis and played number one in singles and doubles. Ed played one year of basketball and 4 years of tennis at Ashland University. He also played several years of competitive basketball and fast pitch softball before leaving the Ashland area.

Ed taught middle school and high school in Richland County for 5 years. He coached football, basketball, and tracks at Johnny Appleseed middle school and scouted for Malabar High School. He coached golf at Clearfork Valley high school. Upon retirement he returned to Ashland and was assistant Ashland High school ladies golf coach.

Ed moved to Florida in 1969. He became branch sales and finance manager for a division of Admiral Corporation in North Miami Beach, Florida. Upon the sale of Admiral Corporation in 1979, Ed joined Mitel Corporation in Boca Raton, Florida serving in the Finance discipline. In 1985 he transitioned to Lockheed Martin Aero Space in San Diego, California. Ed had the opportunity to relocate to Denver, Colorado, and Reston, Virginia, while serving Lockheed Martin. He remained with Lockheed Martin until retirement in 2006.

Prior to recognition by the Ashland County Athletic Hall of Fame, there were many contributing factors leading to that end. While attending Ashland High School Ed was a YMCA leader which entailed working with younger boys teaching various skills in the numerous classes offered. While attending Ashland University, he assisted in noon supervision at Grant Street elementary school and upon graduation taught and coached at the previously mentioned schools. Once back in Ashland, Ed volunteered at Brookside Golf working with junior golfers. This soon expanded to supporting a few golfers in their basketball endeavors. It has grown into supporting Ashland High School football, basketball, soccer, softball, track and choral events. Further expansion has led to financial support in these disciplines. Ed sup-

ported and followed Ashland University basketball. Support in all these areas has been ongoing for the last 13 years.

These continuing activities are a result of understanding that doing things for others, and not oneself, is a very rewarding way to live. Ed passed away on January 6th, 2021.



Trustee Achievement Award

This award was first presented in 1998 to honor an outstanding Ashland County Resident who has fulfilled all the qualifications of Hall of Fame prospective nominee. The person must have significantly contributed to Ashland County Sports, schools, teams, sponsorship, promotion, or general welfare of sports in Ashland County. All nominees must have obtained an age of 50 years.



Past Award Recipients

1998

Jack Myers*

2000

Don Sprang*

2002

Stan Steiner*

2004

James Heiser* & Roger Paxton*

2006

Paul R. Dienstberger

2008

Joel Brean* & Ralph "Eddie" Farris*

2010

Larry Dean Whitey Harris & Tom Herron

2012

Jim Brewer & Everett "Ev" DeVaul

2014

Ron Marquette* & Jerry L. Seiter

2016

Norman Fierbaugh*

2018

Warren Jones Jr.

2020

Ed Fulton Jr.*

*Deceased



Fund Raising Efforts for the Sports Hall of Fame

Under the direction of fund raising chairman, Tom Herron, we had another strong 2019-21 program. Tom headed up the program to raise money for either the general fund or the Bill Mills Scholarship Fund. We solicit funds from local companies, businesses, individuals, and past inductees.

Since 1994 induction, the Hall of Fame has sponsored the Ashland County High School Girls Softball All-Star at Brookside Park. The game is played a week after the girls state tournament and fields the best in the Ashland County area.

Our organization has about 10 members that are active and believe in what we are trying to do. It is made up of individuals from all over the county, as well as past Hall of Famers in the area. We are always looking for more people who are interested in sports and growing our organization. We hold our meetings at the Ashland County Historical Society building on Center Street, which is the home of the Hall of Fame.

Financial gifts to the Hall of Fame

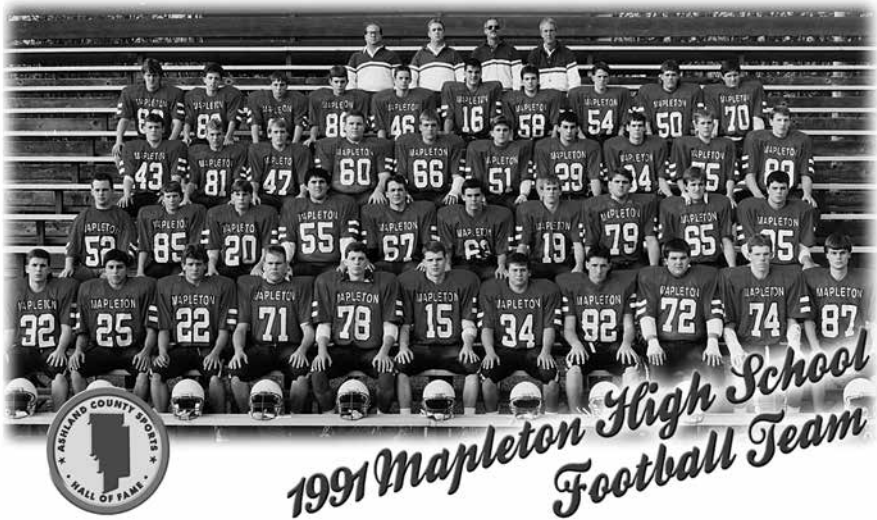
Anyone wishing to make donations to the Hall of Fame may do so by contacting Tom Herron or by stating the purpose of the contribution in writing and sending it to:

Ashland County Sports Hall of Fame
P.O. Box 731, Ashland, Ohio 44805

Memorial Gifts

Memorial gifts should also be considered a donation. If you would like to make a donation in memory of a selected individual, please state the person's name, contribution, and any restriction or use of the donation to the Hall of Fame. All checks should be made payable to the Ashland County Sports Hall of Fame.

Great Teams of the Past



Team Members:

Row 1: Matt Miller, Toby Rogers, Ted Hamilton, Corey Pelton, Kevin Noss, Shawn Grundy, Jason Hickey, Aaron Goon, Lee Bowersock, Roma Ames, Gerry Sipes

Row 2: Billy Bryant, Brian Kirby, Rob Kerr, Rob Hagner, Dave Capkovitz, J.R. Kotalic, Geoff Lewis, Kurt Kinter, Jason Bright, Shane Light

Row 3: Chris Harding, Dan Gallatin, Robert Paramore, Dennis Gerwig, Chad Hartsel, Justin Donley, Seth Reisinger, Brent Langford, Benji Wittman, Ben Hootman

Row 4: Jim Enderby, Josh Campbell, David Baldauf, Ben Reynolds, Josh Anderson, Jason Goon, Shawn Moody, Mike Johnson, Jake Stokes, Reid Kramer

Row 5: Jeff Hill, Rob Thomas, Jim Anderson, Robert Ludwig

Not pictured: Josh Kotalic, Gavin White, Trainer: Shirley Ekey*

1991 Mapleton High School Football Team

1991 Firelands Conference Champions

Head Coach: Jim Anderson

Assistant Coaches: Bob Ludwig, Jeff Hill, Rob Thomas

Team Captains: Shawn Grundy, Jason Hickey, Kevin Noss

Ashland Times-Gazette Player of the Year: Shane Light

Offense scored 294 points

Defense only gave up 79 points

5 shutouts during the season

10-0 Undefeated regular season schedule

Won Firelands Conference Football Championship
for the first time in Mapleton's history

First Mapleton Football Team to make it
to the Ohio High School Football Playoffs



Great Teams of the Past

The Ashland County Sports Hall of Fame decided in 1998 to honor not only individuals, but also outstanding teams of the past in Ashland County. This could be any sport, male or female, high school, college, amateur, semi-pro, professional, etc. Our nominating committee votes on the outstanding team to be honored at each induction. We have a nomination form that must be completed and evaluated by our nomination committee. We have forms available at each table tonight and you can obtain one by writing to the Ashland County Sports Hall of Fame P.O. 731, Ashland, Ohio 44805, or from our web site www.ashlandcosportshof.org.

Great Teams of the Past Award Recipients

- 1998** 1954 Ashland College "Hungry Hounds"
Undefeated Football Team
- 1998** 1979 Hillsdale High School Girls Softball
State Championship Team
- 2000** 1949 Loudonville High Undefeated Football Team
- 2002** 1963 Ashland High School Undefeated Football Team
- 2004** 1951 & 1952 Ashland High School Undefeated Football Team
- 2006** 1949-50 Ashland High School Boys Basketball Team
1953-54 Ashland High School Boys Basketball Team
- 2008** 1951 Loudonville Undefeated Football Team
1962 Ashland High School Boys Golf State Championship Team
1998 Ashland High School Boys Golf State Championship Team
- 2010** 1954-1955 Jeromesville High School Football Teams
1957-1960 Jeromesville High School Football Teams
1966 Faultless Rubber Fastpitch Softball Team
1993 Loudonville High School Girls Softball Team
- 2012** 1938-39 Nova High School Boys Basketball Team
1951 Perrysville High School Undefeated Football Team
- 2014** 1956-57 Savannah High School Boys Basketball Team
1977 Ashland High School Girls Softball Team
- 2016** 1996 Hillsdale High School Girls Softball
State Championship Team
- 2018** 2000-2001 Hillsdale High School Boys Basketball Team
- 2020** 1991 Mapleton High School Football Team



The Ashland County Sports Hall of Fame Bill Mills Scholarship

The Board of Trustees on August 24, 1994, approved the establishment of the Ashland County Sports Hall of Fame Scholarship. The Scholarship was appropriately renamed the Bill Mills Scholarship. The Trustees wanted to honor Bill Mills since he was the “Founder of the Hall of Fame,” in 1982, with the first induction in 1984. Although Bill has passed away his memory will live on through future scholarship awards.

The purpose of the scholarship is to assist deserving high school graduates furthering their education. All Ashland County senior high school student/athletes residing in Ashland County are eligible to apply for the scholarship. A scholarship application form has been established by the scholarship committee, which evaluates all candidates and selects the award winners each spring.

The Hall of Fame organization wants to thank all of the past inductees, families of deceased inductees, and other supporters who have donated \$48,000 to the scholarship fund. To date, we have awarded scholarships to 84 high school graduates.

If you wish to contribute to the Bill Mills Endowed Scholarship, please contact Tom Herron or Dave Gray: Ashland County Sports Hall of Fame, P.O. Box 731, Ashland, Ohio 44805.

Student/Athletes Awarded the Bill Mills Scholarship Fund

- 1996 Karen Neighbarger, Loudonville High School
- 1997 Tom Crone, Ashland High School
- 1998 Lisa Smith, Hillsdale High School
- 1999 Jena Whitcomb, Loudonville High School
- 2000 Andrea Bardy, Ashland High School
- 2001 Tiffany Myers, Mapleton High School
- 2002 Amber Leasure, Black River High School
- 2003 Nathan Atterholt, Hillsdale; Meredith Sorenson, Ashland
- 2004 Tara Byers, Loudonville; Rodney Gallaway Loudonville; Joseph Reep, Ashland; Nicole Spreng, Hillsdale; Kelly Mowry, Hillsdale
- 2005 Joe Deppen, Ashland; Christen Graham, Ashland; Ashley Hawley, Black River; Tara Ickes, Ashland; Megan Snyder, Loudonville



Student/Athletes Awarded the Bill Mills Scholarship Fund Continued

- 2006 Nicholas Atterholt, Hillsdale; Kalie Hauenstein, Ashland; Kalie Metteson, Ashland; Heather Randles, Loudonville; Nathan Remington, Loudonville
- 2007 Lee Brucato, Ashland; Andrew Meehan, Ashland; Courtney Staman, Loudonville; Miranda Braun, Mapleton; Justin Taylor, Mapleton
- 2008 Randi Neubeck, Ashland; Katie Stimpert, Crestview; Sheena Burwell, Loudonville; Ryan Conway, Loudonville; Erik Culross, Mapleton
- 2009 Megan Gisclon, Ashland; Ryan Smeltzer, Ashland; Cally McGee, Ashland; Megan Gallaway, Ashland; Mike Tyson, Hillsdale
- 2010 Ian Simmons, Loudonville; Jace Wolford, Loudonville; Shelby Rohr, Mapleton; Jared Wynn, Mapleton; Anthony Deppen, Ashland
- 2011 Katherine Bokenkamp, Loudonville; Zachary Fulk, Hillsdale; Marcus Fuller, Ashland; Logan Lucas, Ashland; Michael Rueger, Ashland
- 2012 Erica Clayton, Ashland; Lynn Hulver, Loudonville; Jennifer Moore, Hillsdale; Andrea VanSickle, Loudonville; Anthony Williams, Ashland
- 2013 Ashley Dickinson, Ashland, Brooke Switzer, Hillsdale; Shelby Snyder, Loudonville; Allison Frymier, Mapleton; Paige Reinsinger, Mapleton
- 2014 Ashley Ferguson, Ashland; Emily Stump, Ashland; Laura Yeater, Hillsdale; Morgan Scarberry, Loudonville; Ty Young, Loudonville
- 2015 Katherine Fossaceca, Ashland; Brock Hays, Hillsdale; Kolton Edmondson, Loudonville; Leslie Rogers, Mapleton
- 2016 Olivia Groves, Ashland; Shelby Long, Hillsdale
- 2017 Gage Barone, Mapleton; Cole Kirkbride, Loudonville
- 2018 Joshua Mendenhall, Ashland; Trey Williams, Hillsdale; Lauren Beattie, Mapleton
- 2019 Megan Beebe, Mapleton; Emma Hinkle, Loudonville; Adam Shadd, Mapleton
- 2020 Kaden Mendenhall, Ashland; Katia Ringler, Mapleton
- 2021 Jacob Gessner, Loudonville; McKinley Mendenhall, Ashland; Ty Williams, Hillsdale; Sarah Yeater, Hillsdale

Members of the Ashland County Sports Hall of Fame



Class of 2018

Greg Emmons
Paul "Spitz" Ganyard*
Jason Hess
Mark Dean Hess
Matthew Hess
Mark K. Humrichouser
Becky Joyce
Sue Ramsey
Taylor Rogers
Robin A. Stull



Class of 2016

Jaine Chenevey
Darrel R. Crall
Gil Dodds*
Carl Leedy
Beth Lesch
David Potter
John Schaly
Duane Yoder*



Class of 2014

Tom Castor
Rob Henikman
Lisa Marshall
Richard "Dick" Marshall*
Bill Overmyer
Kathy Harris Quickle
Dawn M. Stark
Todd Wait
Michael J. Warbel
Ron Whitehill



Class of 2012

Kimberly Herman Bracken
Robert W. Lee*
Susan Culler Leonard
Kerry McCarron
Johnathan Myers
Dave Parker
John A. Rhoads Jr.
Richard "Dick" Riley Jr.
"Dick" Richard R. Stull
Jerry White



Class of 2010

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Tim Cowen
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Steve Paramore
Ann Meyer Petrovic
Jack Purtell
David Smalley
Matt Underwood



Class of 2008

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Jody Getz
Tim Kline
Jack Porter*
Russel Reynolds Jr.
Bill Springer
Greg Steele
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Laura E. Vermilya



Class of 2006

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David Brubaker
Phil Hamilton
Jim Kopp
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Molly Kiplinger Riley
Pete Risser*
Christopher Strine
Hope Gardner VanGundy



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Tom Fowler
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Bob Miller
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Roosevelt Robinson*
Dick Smail*
Thomas E. Williams



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Corey A. Kline
Gaylord Meininger
James M. Messner
Jack Miller
Jill R. Noble
Harold "Bully" Rader*
Robert Stokes*
Sue Martensen Uebel



Class of 2000

Jennie "Merf" Allerding
Mike Glasser Jr.*
Loren Green*
Bob Henikman
David F. Honaker
Nancy L. Noble
Jim Palmer
Richard "Rip" Riley*
Bill Rogers*
Robert Valentine



Class of 1998

Cathy L. Applegate
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