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Glassboro High School Plans Sports Hall of Fame Induction Banquet

GLASSBORO – Powerhouse athletes, an undefeated football team, dedicated coaches and two beloved contributors will join the ranks of Glassboro High School’s impressive Sports Hall of Fame this fall. An induction banquet will be held on Thursday, October 2 at 5:30 p.m. at Masso’s in Glassboro. Banquet tickets are \$35.00 and can be obtained by contacting GHS Athletic Director Jeff Cusack (jcusack@glassboroschools.us; 856-652-2700, ext. 71216).

According to GHS Sports Hall of Fame Committee Chairperson David Kalapos, "The GHS Sports Hall of Fame was formed in 1975. The induction ceremony gives the Glassboro community a chance to celebrate the accomplishments of individuals and teams. Through the years, the banquet has also given Glassboro graduates a great opportunity to reunite with classmates."

This year’s inductees include, Karl Hines (1970), Mark Clark (1978), Beth Zimmerman Martin (1980), Dale Pitts (1989), Kevin Jeffers (1993), Jesse Rappaport (2001), Sakeen Wright (2001), Terrence Holmes (2002), Jennifer Gennaoui Cartella (2004), coach Gloria Byard, the Undefeated 1983 Football Team and its coaches, manager and statistician, sports announcer John Polillo Sr. and longtime Sports Hall of Fame supporter George Beach.

Karl Hines (1970)

Hines played three sports, football, indoor track and track and field, during his time at GHS. He was part of the 1967 and 1968 National Division Championship GHS Football Team, 1967 All-Olympic Conference, and participated in discuss and shot put. He moved on to play football at the University of Delaware, where he was a member of the 1971 and 1972 National Championship Team and winner of the 1971 Boardwalk Bowl.

Mark Clark (1978)

The late Mark Clark was the first male swimmer to finish in the top 10 and earn All-State honors at the 1976 Meet of Champions. He finished 10th and 9th in the 500-yard and 200-yard freestyle events, respectively. He accomplished this before GHS had a swim team, qualifying for states by representing GHS in swim events at the Glassboro games held at Glassboro State College. Clark went on to attend Glassboro State College, where he was swim team captain and earned All-American 2nd Team Status.

Beth Zimmerman Martin (1980)

Beth Zimmerman Martin played defensive-halfback for four years on the GHS Field Hockey Team and was voted the 1979 MVP and Best Defensive Player by Coach Joy Heritage. She was part of the All-South Jersey Conference Team in 1979 and 1980. Zimmerman Martin competed at the varsity level for three years of winter track and four years of track and field. She held the third-leg, sprinter position on the 1st Place Relay Team in the South Jersey Group 1 Sectional Championship Team and the 3rd Place Relay Team in the State Championships and was named to the Penn Relay Team as well. She won a full, field hockey scholarship to C.W. Post University where she was a starting player.

Dale Pitts (1989)

Dale Pitts lettered in football (3 times), track, indoor (winter) track and basketball. As a football player, Pitts was All-Conference, All-Gloucester County and All-South Jersey Group 1. He made the Philadelphia Inquirer's Defensive 2nd Team. In track, he was named as All-Gloucester County and stood out as the 100-meter, 200-meter and high-jump champ. He also placed 1st in the State in the Group I high-jump and 100-meter events.

Kevin Jeffers (1993)

Kevin Jeffers earned 11 varsity letters (soccer, 4; wrestling, 4; baseball, 2; and Track, 1) at GHS. Jeffers played defense on the Classic Division, Tri-County Conference-winning soccer team as a GHS freshman and was a key player for all four years. As a senior, he was named as a Tri-County Conference All Star for wrestling and served as the team's captain. That year, the team went to the SJ Group I Finals. In both his junior and senior years, he and his wrestling team won the Classic Division, Tri-County Conference Championship. An Eagle Scout and National Honor Society Member, Jeffers won the Walter

Marshall Award for Scholastic and Athletic Achievement, the Dr. James Langford Memorial Award for Spirit, Sportsmanship and Leadership, and the Dr. Kalapos Award. Now a biology teacher at Pennsauken High School, he has coached soccer, volleyball, wrestling and baseball on the high school level.

Jesse Rappaport (2001)

Jesse Rappaport distinguished himself as a diving champion at Glassboro High School. He was selected as a Gloucester County Dive Champion, Tri-County Champion and SJ Diver of the Year in 2001, finishing fourth in the State Finals. At Rowan University, Rappaport served as swim team captain and was the East Coast Atlantic Three-Meter Champion for 2002 and 2003. Rappaport transferred to Indiana University, where he was elected team captain and became a Big 10 Bronze Medalist. In 2007, as captain of the United States Men's Diving Team, he took part in the World University Games in Bangkok and was awarded a Bronze Medal. In 2011, after a four-year retirement Rappaport was named as a qualifier for the U.S. Senior National Diving Team. He currently coaches gymnastics in Pittsburgh.

Tariq Sakeen Wright (2001)

Tariq Sakeen Wright stood out in football and basketball, earning two varsity letters in both sports. He led the football team as both captain and quarterback. In football, Wright was All-State, All-South Jersey, All-Group 1, and All-Conference, as well as All-SJ Player of the Year and Courier Post Player of the Year. He won additional accolades, being selected for 1st Team All-Conference his Senior Year. In basketball, Wright was All-Conference as well. Wright went on to play college ball at East Carolina and Rowan universities. He also played Arena Ball with the Austin Wranglers and Cleveland Gladiators.

Terrence Holmes (2002)

Wide receiver Terrence Holmes earned four varsity letters in football at Glassboro High School, where he was All-State, All-South Jersey, All-Gloucester County and All Conference. Holmes was honored by the Maxwell Club of Philadelphia as one of the top "prep" players in the nation. He went on to achieve success on and off the field at the University of Florida, where he played defensive back for the Gators and was also named to the SEC Academic Honor Roll.

Jennifer Gennaoui Cartella (2004)

Jennifer Gennaoui Cartella played first singles for the GHS Tennis Team from 2001 – 2003. She won the Tri County Conference Division Girls Singles Category (all three years), the Gloucester Tennis Tournament (all three years) and the 2003 South Jersey Interscholastic Girls Tennis Tournament.

Gennaoui Cartella gained state recognition as a two-year quarterfinalist at the NJSIAA State Tournament(s). The Philadelphia Inquirer named her as the South Jersey Tennis Player of the Year in 2003. She was voted All-South Jersey by the SJ Coaches Association three times and named as the Gloucester County Player of the Year twice in her career. In 2004, the Gloucester County Times nominated Gennaoui Cartella as the “Area’s Best Female Athlete in the Past 25 Years.” She earned a four-year scholarship to Erskine College in South Carolina. In college, Gennaoui Cartella continued to achieve success. She was named as the CVAC (Carolinas-Virginia Athletic Conference) freshman player of the year her first year and the player of the year for additional three years. She led Erskine to four consecutive conference titles, marking the first time the college won the title over 30 years.

Coach Gloria Byard (Retired 2014)

Coach Gloria Byard coached field hockey, softball, track and basketball at Glassboro, but her passion was field hockey. Her teams won the 2005 South Jersey Group II Championship, the 2006 – 2008 South Jersey Group I championships and Conference Championships in 1989, 1990, 1991, 1995, 2003, 2005 – 2008 and 2010. Byard developed the talent of hundreds of GHS Hockey Players, many of whom went on to achieve college scholarships. She has coached at hockey clinics around the country, including the Intercollegiate Field Hockey Camp, U.S. Developmental (U.S. Certified) Camps, Byard’s Field Hockey Day Camps and the Big East Field Hockey Camps, serving as the director at the latter two. Byard, herself, was a high school varsity field hockey player and a college varsity lacrosse player. She also was the first African-American named to the U.S. National Field Hockey Touring Team and was part of the U.S. Field Hockey Team during the year that the nation boycotted the Olympics.

1983 Football Team

The Glassboro High School 1983 Football Team went 11 – 0 during regular season play. The players were the Olympic Conference Patriot Champs and the SJ Group I champs. Ranked #1 by the Philadelphia Inquirer and #2 by the Courier Post, the team was coached by the late John Aveni. The Bulldogs' quarterback was Lee Frank.

John Polillo (Supporter)

John Polillo gave his heart and soul to Glassboro High School. He is being honored for serving announcing games for 30 years.

George Beach (1945 Graduate, Years of Service to Glassboro Schools)

George Beach has had a long-lasting impact on the Sports Hall of Fame and Glassboro High School athletics. In 1975, as President of the Glassboro Board of Education, Beach approved the formation of the Sports Hall of Fame Committee. He served on the Board of Education from 1967 – 1991, spending 20 of those years as Board President. Beach has also been a longtime member of the Sports Hall of Fame Committee, and is a 1945 Graduate of Glassboro High School.

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