

The Warren Sports Hall of Fame



Induction Ceremony
Class of 2015

August 29, 2015

DiVieste Banquet Center



The Warren Sports Hall of Fame was formed in 1988 for the purpose of honoring those men and women in our community who have excelled athletically or who have made substantial contributions to athletics in Warren. The Warren Sports Hall of Fame recognizes the contributions of individuals who gave of their talents to our city.

Bill White, former President of Major League Baseball, and Paul Warfield, NFL Hall of Famer, were two of the first Warren natives to be inducted into the Warren Sports Hall of Fame, setting the tone for the quality of inductees to follow.



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WELCOME

Shawn Bryant, Head Coach
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AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

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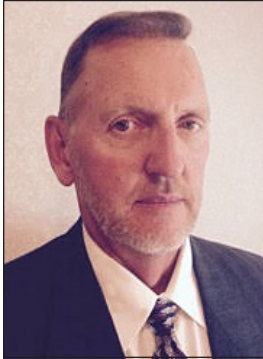
Anthony James Candella
Pat Danko
Clifford Johnson
Tim McNeil
P.J. Notar
Sandra Samuels
Raymond Tesner

CLOSING REMARKS

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Anthony James Candella



Jamie was born and raised in Trumbull County. He began his athletic career at an early age participating and excelling in a variety of sports. At Harding, Jamie quickly became a standout in three sports: golf, basketball, and football. He developed an early talent for golf, winning numerous junior tournaments.

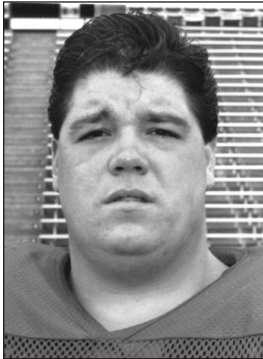
Highlights of his athletic career at Harding include: 1974 OHSAA State Football Champions, 1975 co-captain of the WGH football team, All-American Conference First Team, and All-NEO Inland First Team. Jamie played in the Ohio North-South All-Star football game. Jamie also competed in varsity golf for two years and varsity basketball for three years.

Jamie was categorized by his tough, hard-nosed style which won him many records. He was a mainstay of the 1974 Harding State Championship football team. Jamie earned a scholarship to North Carolina State University where he played defensive end and lettered twice at N.C. State while playing in the Peach and Tangerine Bowls.

Jamie continued his education at Kirksville Medical College, earning a Doctorate of Orthopedic Medicine in 1989. He specialized in Anesthesiology, which he continues to practice today.

Jamie has been a dedicated, but quiet, supporter of WGH sports as well as local youth sports for the past 30 years. He continues to reside in Warren with his wife, Tammy, and has three grown children.

Pat Danko

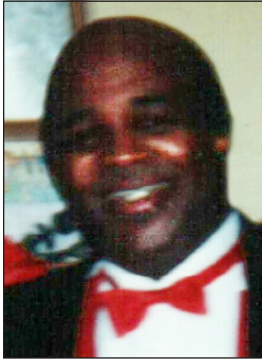


Pat Danko graduated from Warren John F. Kennedy High School where he was a captain on the 1991 football team that won the school's first-ever State Championship. As a senior, Pat was an All-Mahoning Valley Conference First-Team selection, as well as an All-Trumbull County and All-District pick. He was also named the Ohio Division III Lineman of the Year.

Pat went on to Youngstown State University, where he earned his Bachelors of Science Degree in Business Administration. He played defensive tackle during the first three years of his career, but then moved to nose guard for his senior season replacing fellow YSU Athletic Hall of Famer Tony Bowens. As a sophomore, he was the Ilkka Fitness Award winner at YSU. As a junior, the Penguins finished the 1994 season with a record of 14-0-1, which is the only team in school history to go the entire season without a loss. Pat was also a two-time Iron Man recipient registering a 605 pound squat and a 410 pound bench press. He finished his YSU career with 218 tackles, 99 solo stops, 18 tackles for losses and 11 sacks. Pat is currently a production supervisor with Lear Corporation. He is also a Six Sigma Green Belt.



Clifford Johnson



Clifford graduated from Youngstown North High School in 1953. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Education from Youngstown College, a Master of Arts degree in School Administration from Westminster College, and a degree in Special Education from Kent State University.

Professionally, Cliff started his career in the Warren City Schools as a teacher, counselor and coach at the Market Street School. In the 1960's, he became head track and basketball coach at the school, thus becoming the first African-American varsity coach in Warren City Schools' history.

Cliff next moved on to First Street Elementary School, serving as principal for several years. His next administrative assignment was to Warren Western Reserve High School as an assistant principal, and after years of success, he was appointed head principal. Cliff was always a compassionate and caring school leader for his students and staff.

During the time mentioned above, he started his long career as a basketball official. He officiated at all levels of competition, and was always there when needed. He was also an active member of the Basketball Officials Organization for over 30 years.

Another highlight of his career was as an activist in community service. He was a true leader of the Warren-Youngstown communities.

Tim McNeil



While at Warren Kennedy High School, Tim was a member of the football and basketball team for four years as well as a member of the track team for two years. Tim graduated from JFK in 1992.

Some of Tim's achievements and awards won during high school include; 1989 OHSAA Football State Runner Up, 1991 OHSAA Football State Champion, 1990-1991 All Trumbull County wide receiver, 1991 All State wide receiver (Northeast Ohio Lineman of the Year), 1992 WYTV Student Athlete of the Year, 1992 Tribune Chronicle Student Athlete of the Year, 1991 finished fifth in the State 300-meter hurdles, and 1992 track State Champion 400-meter relay, 300-meter hurdles and third in the State 110-meter hurdles and Kennedy's third place finish in the State.

Tim chose to continue his athletic career at Westminster College where he achieved a National Championship in football as a standout receiver in 1994. He also competed for National Championships in track from 1994-1996.

Tim's contributions to St. Mary's / JFK athletics include; assistant track coach in 1997 (third in the State), assistant basketball coach from 1996-1998, teacher from 2000-2004, assistant principal at JFK 2004-2006, assistant football coach from 2000-2004, and head cross-country coach in 2005. In addition, he was head track and field coach 2001-2006 with over 30 State qualifiers and four individual State champions and one relay State champion (4x 200-relay in 2004).

Tim has been head cross-country/track and field coach at Westminster since 2007. He was named Presidents' Athletic Conference Outdoor Track and Field Coach of the Year in 2008, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, and Presidents' Athletic Conference Indoor Track & Field Coach of the Year in 2014.

Tim completed his MA at Westminster in 2004.

Tim is married to Jennifer and has three children.



P.J. Notar



P.J. Notar went to Warren G. Harding High School and graduated in 1983. He attended Bowling Green State University from 1983-1991 and finished his education at Ashland University, where he graduated in 1999. P.J. has been a major contributor to Warren City School athletics over his career. Most notably, he was the head coach of the girls' basketball program at Harding for 16 years, and holds the record for most career wins with 180. During his tenure, his teams reached the District finals seven times, won the District championship in 2000, and he had an overall winning percentage of 63%.

Three of Coach Notar's players were named Trumbull County "Player of the Year." In 2011, Harding guard Kourtney Williams played in the Ohio High School North-South All-Star Basketball Game and in 2012; the Raiders were represented in the classic again by guard Anita Brown. Individually, Coach Notar received the Tribune Chronicle's "Coach of the Year" Award in 1996, 1997 and 2000. He was a two-time District Coach of the Year in 2000 and 2012. He coached in the Frank Bubba Classic in 2000 and the MVCA Al Beach Classic in 2000 and 2012.



Sandra (Budd) Samuels



Sandy started her swimming career early-on; before high school, she was a two-time High Point award winner at YWCA Nationals. In high school, Sandy held many swimming records at Warren G. Harding High School. She was voted Captain of the Swim team, finished third in the 200 I.M at State and a member of relays that finished second and third at State. Sandy was a member of relay that held the District record, and a High School Swimming All-American. She qualified all four years for State, participated with Cincinnati Pepsi Marlins and attended Long Course Junior Nationals.

Outside the pool, Sandy attained many awards, such as Honor Roll, National Honor Society and Top Ten in her class, graduating Salutatorian from Harding High School.

The success of the Harding Women's program in the 1980's was parallel to the success of Sandy Budd. A four-year letter winner, six-time High School All-American, Academic All-American, four-time Ohio High School State Qualifier, Northeast Aquatic Conference Female Swimmer of the Year, and full athletic scholarship to the University of Hawaii were earned.

Sandy was part of a tremendous group of young ladies to lead Harding to its highest team finish of a sixth place and individual Top Six Finalist in multi events over the course of her high school career. Sandy's training came from her mother, Debbie Budd, at the Warren YWCA and was well prepared for one of the top notch state high school meets.

While at college, Sandy won first place freshman year at Pacific Coast Conference Championship in 200 butterfly and second place in the 100 butterfly. She was voted captain of the swim team. Sandy received Soichi Sakamoto Award and Jack Bonham Award for athletic excellence, academic achievement, public service, leadership and character. She also received Big West Scholar Athlete Award and the All-American Scholar Collegiate Award.

Sandy received her Bachelors of Business Administration degree with a major in Business Economics and Quantitative Methods with a double in International Business. Sandy is a member of Mortar Board and Chairwoman of Finance Committee.



Raymond Tesner



Ray was born in Warren and began his athletic career on the city sandlots, excelling in baseball and football.

At Warren Harding High School, Ray participated in wrestling, baseball and football. His career at Harding was highlighted by his football skills. He earned All-County and All-State honors prior to his 1971 graduation.

Ray received eight varsity letters for football, baseball and wrestling. He was captain of the football and baseball teams earning All- Trumbull County and All-Ohio honors in football. Ray also played in the Ohio North-South Football All-Star Game in 1970.

Ray went on to excel in football at Penn State University, where he was captain his freshman year in football and a three-year varsity letter winner. He played on three major bowl teams for legendary coach Joe Paterno. Ray was a member of the 1974 Orange Bowl Team that went 12-0 and was a leading tackler as a linebacker.

Ray lettered three years on the PSU Lacrosse team and was captain in 1975 posting a record of 9-2...the best in PSU history.

Ray's contributions to athletics include: Team Physician to numerous high schools near Columbus, Ohio University, Columbus Blue Jackets – NHL, Otterbein University, as well as the 1994 Winter Olympics.

Some of Ray's achievements include; WGH Distinguished Alumnus, PSU Distinguished Alumnus and founder of the PSU Letterman Club.

The Warren Sports Hall of Fame Honored Inductees



1989

James C. Brutz
John Chickerno
Leonard J. Corbin
Henry DeSantis
Mackie Johnson, Jr.
C. William Muter
Keith O'Rourke
Charles Riffle
Dave Rodgers
Edwin M. Stroud
John I. Vidu
Paul D. Warfield
Bill White

1990

Charlie Caffie
Jim Gardner, Sr.
Paul R. Gore
Robert Lewis, Jr.
Ruth Linamen
May Loney
Bogan Reed
Joe Rich
Donald Spender
Abe Williams

1991

"Heinie" Beck
Herb Eddington
Pierre Hill
Jim Keadle
Ed Kvesich
Jim Lewis
Perry Martini, Jr.
Lionel Harding-Thomas

1992

William D. Bevan
Richard Boyd
John Krafcik
Kack D. Pietila
Eugene E. Rossi
Benjamin Venetta
C. David Zoba

1993

Jack Begalla
Larry Imburgia
Steve Job
Lalu Sabotin
Gene Slaughter
Don Szuch
Dennis Zolciak

1994

Mike Delaquila
Jack Gysegem
Chet LaBuda
Bill Miller
David S. Preston
Don "Chiefy" Robinson
Dan Yount
Darryl Zupancic

1995

Robert F. Busbey
Teddy Fittapaldo
Kent Fusselman
Bill Kollar
Glen W. Moore
Charles A Potashnik, Sr.
Jack Rogers

1996

Billy Fetchko
George "Knobby" Fulton
Michael N. Graham, Sr.
Willie Jones
William Kraker
John Lawhorn
Nate Segal
Dan Sferra
Bill Todderdale
Vern C. Wireman

1997

Bob Armstrong
Dr. Joseph W. Carroll, Jr.
Gaomer Davis, Jr.
John D. Gillen
Kenneth "Buzzy" Hood
Mike Klapac
Dr. Wayne Lawrence
Ed Lucko
John L. Smith
Gary Windle
Dennis Yanta

1998

Aaron Brown
Ross Browner
Tony Buttar
Dwight Lafferty
Vick Mascio
Tony Napolet

1999

Leon "Red" Ames
Nick Angelo
Bob James
Bob Laricca
Larry Larson

2000

Don Fowler
Joseph Holko
Bill Kovach
Tom Matey
Jack C. Thornton
Bob VanFossan
John Henry Ziegler

2001

Tony Capers
Berniece Greetham
David Jenkins
Tom LaBaugh
Sam Marzullo
Dennis Pardee

2002

Dr. Roger Bryant
Joseph Campana
Marty Cristo
Tim Davis
Judge Robert Nader
David Preston
Korey Stringer

2003

Dan Bevan
Frank Bubba
Robert Funge
George Hines
Norman Person
Eric Thompson
David Williams

2004

Francis Dowdell
Lee Pate
James Pipino
Dennis Rossi
Frank Supancic

2005

Alvin Burch
Henri Crognale
George Johnson
Reedy Thomas

2006

John Beach
David Thomas
James Valentine
Ray Yannucci

2007

James Coates, Jr.
Dan Ross
Clyde Muter, MD
Nicholas Frankos
Ray Frazier
Dennis Jasinski

2008

Gary Hinkson
John "Jack" Polena
Anthony "Tony" Sabino
Edward Smith
John O. Vlad MD
John "Jack" Watkins
Leo Zampedro

2009

Tonia Stubbs
James Mitolo
Thomas Rappitts
Dick Strahm
Patrick T. Hovance
Paul J. Trina
Sim Earich

2010

George Buchwalter
Bruce Crites
Richard Hart
Edward Lucko
Burrell McGhee
Richard Muccio
Denise Pupillo-Klump

2011

Steve Arnold
Otto "Cal" Cavalcante
John Landolfi
Denise Naples
George Nicula
Gerald Rishel
Jim Sylvester

2012

George Bollas
Patrick Gulliano
Jim McQuaide
Joe Novak
Vince Peterson
John Theoharis

2013

Thomas Batta
Alfie Burch
Jim Hilles
Dr. Myron Lotz
Fred Pisanelli
Robb Schmidt
Thomas Trimbur

2014

Don Calloway
Walter Corbin
Donald Ford, Sr.
Ed Glass
Ed Kloboves
David Pappada
Allen Ryan
Albert Thigpen



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