

**BOARD MEMO**

Date: March 4, 2021

For ACTION

For INFORMATION

Board Agenda: Yes

No

**FROM:** Aly Khan Johnson, Chair, Athletic Hall of Fame Advisory Committee  
Mark Eisenhour, Lead Administrator for Operations and Facilities, T.C. William High School and Staff Liaison to the Athletic Hall of Fame Advisory Committee  
James Parker, Director of Athletics and Student Activities, T.C. Williams High School

**THROUGH:** Gregory C. Hutchings, Jr., Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

**TO:** The Honorable Meagan L. Alderton, Chair, and  
Members of the Alexandria City School Board

**TOPIC:** 2020 Athletic Hall of Fame (AHOF) Nominations

**ACPS 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL:**

Goal 5: Family and Community Engagement

**SY 2020-2021 FOCUS AREA:**

Focus Area 3: Strategic Plan Implementation

**FY 2021 BUDGET PRIORITY:**

Outreach to Underserved Communities to Increase Engagement  
Improving Customer Relationship Services and Management  
Communications and Customer Service for Internal Stakeholders

**SUMMARY:**

During the 2019-2020 school year, the COVID-19 pandemic and closure of schools caused the AHOF Advisory Committee to halt mid-process on their selection for candidates to be inducted into the ACPS Athletic Hall of Fame. The induction for these nominees would have taken place in Fall of 2020. Since resuming their meetings, the committee has finalized their selections for the 2020 class of inductees.

On January 20, 2021, the AHOF Advisory Committee met to evaluate the list of nominations and by overwhelming consensus selected the following for induction into the ACPS Athletic Hall of Fame for 2020:

- Katherine McAdoo, Swimming, T.C. Williams High School, Class of 2000
- Roberta Elliott Speight, Track and Field, T.C. Williams High School, Class of 1984
- Bob Kessler, Basketball, George Washington High School, Class of 1952
- Cedric Matterson, Track and Field, T.C. Williams High School, Class of 1984
- Craig Harris, Basketball, T.C. Williams High School, Class of 1977
- Lynwood Robinson, Football, George Washington High School, Class of 1971
- Mike Hynson, Basketball Coach at TCW and GWHS; Francis C. Hammond HS, Class of 1959
- 1971 T.C. Williams High School Football Team

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The AHOF Induction Ceremony has not been scheduled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The event includes a reception and ceremony followed by the unveiling of plaques.

Currently, the committee is reviewing nomination forms for selection into the 2021 class of inductees. Those nominations will be presented to the Board in May. Nominations received by March 31, 2021 will be considered.

### **BACKGROUND:**

In February 2014, the Alexandria City School Board formed the Athletic Hall of Fame Advisory Committee in response to numerous requests to memorialize outstanding student athletes, and to inspire current students to strive for excellence. Since that time, there have been 51 inductees into the ACPS Athletic Hall of Fame.

Each year, the Alexandria City School Board's Athletic Hall of Fame Advisory Committee reviews community nominations of deserving high school athletes, teams, coaches and non-athlete contributors for inclusion in the ACPS Athletic Hall of Fame. Nominees are selected based on their athletic accomplishments in high school, college and beyond, as well as their impact or contribution to the community at large.

The nomination form is available [here](#) and on the ACPS Athletic Hall of Fame Advisory Committee [webpage](#).

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

The Superintendent recommends that the School Board approve the nominees for the 2020 ACPS Athletic Hall of Fame.

### **IMPACT:**

The Athletic Hall of Fame is a community-building event for ACPS and allows for accomplished alumni athletes and staff to serve as role models for our current students.

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

2020 Athletic Hall of Fame Member Bios

### **REFERENCES:**

None

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