

BOARD MEMO

Date: April 20, 2023

For ACTION

For INFORMATION

Board Agenda: Yes

No

FROM: Mark Eisenhour, Chair, Athletic Hall of Fame Advisory Committee
Feliz Trammel, Staff Liaison, Athletic Hall of Fame Advisory Committee and
Director of Athletics & Student Activities

THROUGH: James Parker, Executive Director of Athletics & Student Activities
Melanie Kay-Wyatt, Ed.D., Interim Superintendent of Schools

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

TOPIC: 2021-2022 Athletic Hall of Fame End-of-Year Report

ACPS 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL:

Goal 5: Family and Community Engagement

SY 2022-2023 FOCUS AREA:

Strategic Plan Implementation

FY 2023 BUDGET PRIORITY:

N/A

BACKGROUND:

At the conclusion of school year 2013-2014, the Alexandria City School Board approved the organization of a School Board Advisory Committee tasked to establish an Athletic Hall of Fame (AHOF) for the purpose of recognizing outstanding alumni athletes from current and former ACPS high schools. The committee developed the nomination and selection criteria to recognize athletes and held its first induction ceremony in December 2014. Since that time, the Athletic Hall of Fame Advisory Committee has held eight annual ceremonies, inducting 104 athletes, teams, coaches, and honorees as of October 8, 2022. The Athletic Hall of Fame plaques are displayed at Alexandria City High School in the hallway outside the Gerry Bertier Gymnasium.

SUMMARY:

On October 8, 2022, Alexandria City Public Schools inducted one of its largest groups of inductees that included two teams, one coach and 23 athletes from 1944 through 2016 from four current and former high schools in Alexandria. These inductees were selected from a large number of nominations received from staff, alumni, athletes, and the community-at-large and was approved by the School Board at its June 2, 2022 School Board Meeting.

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The 2022 Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees were honored in the Alexandria City High School auditorium, where honorees were presented with a duplicate plaque as the one hanging in the AHOF hallway located outside the Alexandria City High School's Gerry Bertier gymnasium. The event was significantly expanded in size from previous years, as the AHOF Committee continues to receive a significant number of deserving nominations annually and the Committee felt it was important to get a significant number recognized. This was the largest class of inductees and the attendance at the event was over 300 people.

The 2022 Inductees into the ACPS Athletic Hall of Fame are:

Athletes:

Fred Borchelt—Crew, T.C. Williams High School, Class of 1972
Yolanda Brown—Track/Field, T.C. Williams High School, Class of 1994
Lesla Diggs-Moore—Track/Field, T.C. Williams High School, Class of 1981
Sherri Funn—Track/Field, T.C. Williams High School, Class of 1978
Robert Garda—Football, Basketball, Track; George Washington High School, Class of 1957
Joe Hensley—Basketball, George Washington High School, Class of 1944
Kath James-Lorton—Cheerleading, T.C. Williams High School, Class of 2000
John Johnson—Track/Field, T.C. Williams High School, Class of 1973
Rodney Johnson—Football, Track/Field; T.C. Williams High School, Class of 1997
Bobby Jones—Track, George Washington High School, Class of 1949
Anne "Missy" Kilpatrick—Track/Field, T.C. Williams High School, Class of 1991
Naomi Lewis Brooks—Basketball, Parker-Gray High School, Class of 1951
Josephus Lyles—Track/Field, T.C. Williams High School, Class of 2016
Noah Lyles—Track/Field, T.C. Williams High School, Class of 2016
Shirley Marshall-Lee—Scuba Diving, Parker-Gray High School, Class of 1956
Marie McKeon Zack—Soccer, Field Hockey; T.C. Williams High School, Class of 1983
Barry Mountain—Track/Field, T.C. Williams High School, Class of 1979
Stephanie O'Toole Whalen—Field Hockey, Basketball, Softball, T.C. Williams High School, Class of 1990
Lydell Scott—Football, T.C. Williams High School, Class of 1987
Carl Turner—Football, Basketball, T.C. Williams High School, Class of 1974
Ezra Whorley—Track/Field, T.C. Williams High School, Class of 1992
Eryk Williamson—Soccer, T.C. Williams High School, Class of 2015
Doug Yates—Basketball, Track; George Washington High School, Class of 1955

Coaches

DeArcey "Dee" Campbell—Coach, T.C. Williams Girls Crew Team 1975-2005;
Alumnus, George Washington High School, Class of 1944

Teams

1945 George Washington High School Basketball Team
1977 T.C. Williams High School Boys Basketball Team

The Committee continues to solicit nominations from the Alexandria community and accepts nominations through the [ACPS Athletic Hall of Fame Nomination Form](#) which may also be found

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on the [AHOF Advisory Committee webpage](#). Paper nomination forms downloaded from the committee webpage may be mailed to the Clerk of the Board, 1340 Braddock Place, Suite 610, Alexandria VA 22314.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. October 8, 2022 Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony Program
2. Full List of AHOF Nominees as of October 8, 2022

RECOMMENDATION:

The Superintendent recommends that the School Board accept the 2021-2022 Athletic Hall of Fame End-of-Year Report.

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