

2019 ACPS Athletic Hall of Fame Nominees

Julius Campbell, T.C. Williams High School, Class of 1973, Football

Julius Campbell began playing football in the 8th grade on the Freshman Team for T.C. Williams High School. He moved up to varsity and became a fixture at defensive end starting his sophomore year. As a senior, in addition to being on the All-American Team, he was selected for the All-District, All-Metro and All-State teams. He was the leading vote-getter for the All-State Team, and was named that teams' honorary Captain. The Alexandria Journal named him the Most Valuable Defensive Player for the 1972 football season. His jersey has been retired at T.C. Williams.

Walter Densmore Sr., George Washington High School, Class of 1957, Basketball

In his 3rd varsity season, Walter Densmore Sr. led his team to a 22-2 record his senior year and was ranked number one in the Washington, D.C. area by averaging over 23 points per game. He was also the leading rebounder and shot-blocker, and established a career scoring record despite only playing for three years. In addition to being selected for 1st Team All-Met, and All-State in basketball, he also lettered in tennis and golf. He received a scholarship to UVA, where he was a 3-year starter and averaged 7 points per game and 4 rebounds, while leading UVA in free throw accuracy. As a senior, he was co-captain and received the prestigious Sydney Young Memorial Leadership Award, and capped off his career by scoring 20 points in his final game. He also served his country as an officer in the U.S. Army, and was recruited by the University of Alabama to establish its first Business Services Division.

Tanya Galloway, T.C. Williams High School, Class of 1988, Track and Field

Tanya Galloway was the Northern District Shot Put Champion, Northern Regional Shot Put Champion, Virginia State Shot Put Champion and finished second in the Penn Relays. She received the U.S. Marine Corps Distinguished Athlete Award, was voted MVP all 4 years at T.C. Williams, and was awarded the Alexandria Sportsman's Club Athlete of the Month and Year. She attended Virginia State University and currently serves as a youth mentor, leading anti-bullying and anti-gang efforts.

Ricky Garcia, T.C. Williams High School, Class of 1979, Track and Field

Ricky Garcia has held the 1000 meters record at T.C. Williams for the past 40 years, and was a member of the national, record-setting District Medley Relay Team (800 meters) at the U.S. Eastern Region Championships in 1979. He placed first in the 1600 meters and 2nd in the 1000 meters at 1979 Virginia Indoor Track and Field Championships, helping to secure T.C. Williams' first Track and Field State Championship. He was the Northern Region Champion in the 800 meters, the T.C. Williams Athlete of the Year, received the Outstanding Leadership Coach's Award as well as the T.C. Williams Most Valuable Runner Award. He received a full athletic scholarship to Penn State University. During his college years, he won numerous races and awards including: Junior National Champion, Junior Pan-American Games Champion, Central Collegiate Conference Champion, Atlantic 10 Conference Champion, ICAAA Champion, Division I All-East—East Coast Championships, Division I All-American-- U.S. National Championships, 2nd place at the 1983 U.S. Olympic Sports Festival, 2nd place at the Penn Relays Championships, and was a Semi-Finalist at the 1984 Olympic Trials Championships.

Cavanaugh Hagan, T.C. Williams High School, Class of 2001, Basketball

Cavanaugh Hagan played golf, soccer, field hockey and basketball for T.C. Williams and was a varsity starter in all four sports. Although a naturally gifted, all-around athlete, she truly excelled in basketball. Cavanaugh was the Girls Basketball team starting point guard for all four years. She scored over 1,000 points at T.C. Williams while making first team All-District and All-Region. She attended Canisius University on a full scholarship for basketball.

Frank Holloway, T.C. Williams High School, Class of 1977, Basketball and Football

Frank Holloway led the T.C. Williams Boys Basketball team to an undefeated 1977 State Championship, and was a leading rebounder and a tremendous defensive player. He made a similar impact on the football team. He earned a full scholarship to Florida State University, was the Alexandria Sportsman's Club Athlete of the year for football and basketball; was a varsity player for 3 years in football and basketball; named to the Parade All-American team for football and basketball; was All-District, All-Region, and All-State in football and basketball; was a Capital Classic Selection Player; named as a Washington Post Virginia Player of the Month in 1977; and was the top scorer at the Virginia State Basketball Tournament in 1977.

Samella Koroma, T.C. Williams High School, Class of 2007, Track and Field

Samella Koroma played on both the Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field varsity teams for all four years at T.C. Williams, where she excelled at shot put and discus. She was named a 2007 Nike High School All-American in the weight throw, and placed 10th in the nation in the shot put. In 2010 she was recognized as one of Virginia's top track and field athletes of the decade by Milestat.com. Samella was a 2007 Washington Post All-Met Athlete, a 3-time Virginia AAA State Champion in shot put and discus and won numerous All-State, All-Region, and All-District honors. She attended the University of Richmond and was recruited to the Division I program for the shot put, discus, hammer throw and weight throw. She competed in four Atlantic 10 Conference Championships in all events and broke the back squat record as a freshman - a record that still stands today. Samella has coached for both the Richmond Heat AAU Track and Field Team and Virginia Union University, where she has guided and developed many record holding athletes.

Arnold Thurmond, Parker Gray High School, Basketball Coach

Arnold Thurmond was Varsity Basketball Coach from 1952-1965 at Parker Gray High School, where he won 71% of his games (217-84 record). He won an unprecedented four straight Virginia Interscholastic Association (VIA) Group II Championships from 1955-1958, and won 39 consecutive games during the 1956-57 season. His 1957 team was ranked #1 by the Washington Post and finished third in the nation at the National Negro High Schools Tournament. His 1963 team was the VIA Group II State Runner-Up. Many of his players received All-Met, All-State and All-Region honors as well as college basketball scholarships. After retiring from coaching in 1965, Arnold Thurman was a teacher, counselor, dean and assistant principal at George Washington High School and Jr. High School, and Parker-Gray High School. He was inducted into the Alexandria African American Hall of Fame and the VIA Hall of Fame. He is a distinguished alumnus of Hampton University and a military veteran who was a war hero at Normandy.

Glenn Williams, T.C. Williams High School, Class of 1984, Basketball

Glenn Williams was a varsity player at T.C. Williams for 3 years in football, and was Quarterback on the 1984 State Championship Team. He was the 1984 offensive player of the year for Northern Virginia, was named All-Region and All Met Quarterback in 1984, and was Team Captain as a senior. He also played Varsity Basketball for 3 years, was named the 1985 All-Region Point Guard, was the team captain during his junior and senior years, and led his basketball team in assists. In baseball, Glenn was a 3-year starter at first base and was named All-District in 1985. He played basketball for Holy Cross from 1985-89, leading the nation in assists in 1989. Glenn was named All-Conference in 1989. In 2019 he was inducted into the Holy Cross Hall of Fame.

1957 Boys Basketball Team, Parker Gray High School

The 1957 Boys Basketball team at Parker-Gray High School made history in several categories that had never been accomplished before, and which have never been matched since by any Alexandria high school team. The team won the school's third consecutive State Championship and was ranked as the number one team by the Washington Post. They won 37 consecutive games against top-flight competition from schools in Virginia, Maryland and Washington, D.C., and were invited to the 16th annual National Negro High School Basketball Tournament in Nashville, Tennessee. They were the first team from Virginia ever invited to participate in this national event. This ten- member team was led by Parker-Gray's only First Team All-Met selection, Walter Griffin

Sr. (2015 ACPS AHOF Inductee), who led the team in scoring and rebounding. All five starters received All-City honors from the Alexandria Gazette with Griffin being named First Team, and Perry Lyles and John "Bo" Price making Second Team. In addition, William Thompson and Roland Scott were awarded Honorable Mention. The team was coached by Arnold Thurmond. Several of the team members were awarded college basketball scholarships to major universities and led productive and successful lives. Only four of the team members remain. Other team members include: Leroy "Sam" Butler, Russel Fisher, Jasper Belk, Joseph Marshall, and Clifford "hook um bull" Harris.