

Date: December 17, 2020

For ACTION

For INFORMATION

Board Agenda: Yes

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FROM: Mark Eisenhour, Staff Liaison, Athletic Hall of Fame Advisory Committee

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

TO: The Honorable Cindy M. Anderson, Chair, and
Members of the Alexandria City School Board

TOPIC: 2019-2020 Athletic Hall of Fame (AHOF) Advisory Committee End of Year Report

BACKGROUND:

At the conclusion of school year (SY) 2013-2014, the Alexandria City School Board approved the organization of a 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 six annual ceremonies, inducting 61 athletes, teams, coaches and honorees as of December 2019. The Athletic Hall of Fame plaques are displayed at T.C. Williams High School in the hallway outside the Gerry Bertier Gymnasium. A [complete list of AHOF inductees](#) may be found on the AHOF Advisory Committee webpage.

SUMMARY:

On October 3, 2019 the school division inducted eight athletes, one coach and one team approved at the June 6, 2019 School Board Meeting into the ACPS Athletic Hall of Fame for 2019. A celebration dinner was held in the T.C. Williams Gym followed by the induction ceremony in the Athletic Hall of Fame hallway. The event was significantly expanded in size from previous years and was the largest induction event to date with more than 250 guests in attendance.

2019-2020 Inductees into the ACPS Athletic Hall of Fame

Athletes

- Julius Campbell, T.C. Williams High School, Class of 1973, Football
- Walter Densmore Sr., George Washington High School, Class of 1957, Basketball
- Tanya Galloway, T.C. Williams High School, Class of 1988, Track and Field
- Ricky Garcia, T.C. Williams High School, Class of 1979, Track and Field
- Cavanaugh Hagan, T.C. Williams High School, Class of 2001, Basketball
- Frank Holloway, T.C. Williams High School, Class of 1977, Basketball and Football
- Samella Koroma, T.C. Williams High School, Class of 2007, Track and Field
- Glenn Williams, T.C. Williams High School, Class of 1984, Basketball

Coaches

Arnold Thurmond, Parker-Gray High School, Basketball Coach

Team

1957 Boys Basketball Team, Parker Gray High School

Beginning in January 2020, the ACPS Athletic Hall of Fame Advisory Committee solicited nominations from community members for consideration for AHOF induction during the fall of 2020. This year, the committee significantly expanded the pool of athletes, coaches and teams from under-represented Alexandria high schools.

Although the Committee met several times to evaluate nominations already received, School Board advisory committee meetings were halted in March due to the COVID-19 pandemic and school shutdown. The Athletic Hall of Fame Advisory Committee did not complete the selection process for 2020 inductees and will add this to the 2020-2021 Scope of Work for completion.

The School Board last approved the AHOF bylaws at its December 18, 2018 School Board Meeting, which reinforced the committee structure and nomination criteria for the selection of inductees. The AHOF Advisory Committee reviewed its bylaws as required by School Board policy BCFB but did not submit any changes for approval to the School Board. The Bylaws will be reviewed again in the 2020-2021 year.

The Committee continues to solicit nominations from the Alexandria community and accepts nominations through an online form that may be found at the following link: <https://acpsweb.wufoo.com/forms/znm5d3k1en3oqq/>. This link may also be found on the [Athletic Hall of Fame Advisory Committee page](#) on the ACPS website. Paper nomination forms downloaded from the committee webpage should be mailed to the Clerk of the Board, 1340 Braddock Place, Suite 610, Alexandria VA 22314.

This 2019-2020 End of Year Report was approved at the November 10, 2020 Athletic Hall of Fame Advisory Committee Meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Superintendent recommends that the School Board accept the 2019-2020 Athletic Hall of Fame End-of-Year Report.

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