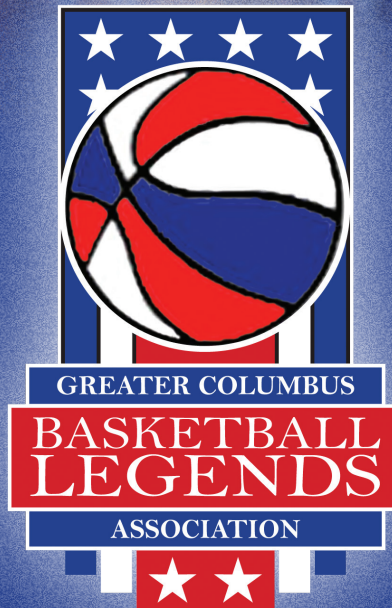


# Greater Columbus Basketball Legends Association

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*Where Legends Are Remembered!*



## 2023 Hall of Fame Enshrinement Ceremony

Saturday, April 22nd • Schottenstein Center

# GREATER COLUMBUS BASKETBALL LEGENDS ASSOCIATION



During the 1920's, the game of basketball had long been developed but there was no prospect of making a career out of the sport due to the disbanding of the most popular leagues and teams. The first professional league was disbanded in 1904 and the Original Celtics, "The Fathers of Basketball", were disbanded in 1928. Nevertheless, the YMCA kept basketball alive by spreading knowledge of the game across the USA and the rest of the world. Basketball soon grew in popularity and brought a sense of camaraderie to communities such as Columbus, Ohio. Thus, the Greater Columbus Basketball Legends Association was founded on September 8, 2012 to provide recognition and support to former players, coaches, sports media personalities, and others who have significantly influenced the sport of basketball dating back to the 1920s.

The idea for the GCBLA was initially discussed during a conversation between, **Skip Young**, the late president, and his friend, John "Pineapple" Lewis, who thought it was necessary to record the history of the basketball legends from Franklin and surrounding counties. Skip shared this idea with other former players and they envisioned that the organization would emphasize the impact of basketball on the Ohio community, be responsible for telling their own story, and help the younger generation of athletes in their academic and athletic careers. Unfortunately, before Louis could witness the realization of this dream, he passed away from cancer. Unbeknown to Skip, **Dr. Wallace Chandler** also had a similar vision and they came together, then called upon **John Howard Jr., PhD** to join them. The seeds planted by this founding trio came to life 20 years later, forming the GCBLA in honor of Lewis and other influential basketball players who have since passed away.

The current executive board took it upon themselves to lead by example through their athletic and

academic achievements. **Skip Young**, president, played basketball at Linden McKinley HS, Florida State University, and was drafted by the Boston Celtics. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminology and Social Welfare and is the former basketball coach at Florida A&M University Developmental Research School, where they have won three state titles and appeared in seven state final fours within 11 years. **Reginald Lee**, Historian/Archivist women's basketball, earned a Bachelor of Science from Central State University (1975), and graduated from Columbus East HS (1970). Reggie coached at Walnut Ridge and Brookhaven HS - Track and field, Cross Country, and Girls Basketball. Reggie has coached some of the most recognized and honored players in Columbus, like Helen Darling and Brittany Hunter, He has recently been inducted in the Ohio HOF (2019), recognizing his outstanding coaching career. **Kenneth E. Clark**, secretary/treasurer, received an Athletic Scholarship to play basketball at Hannibal-LaGrange Junior College in 1972, where he received an Associates of Arts degree. He played semi-professional basketball for 2 years prior to attending Hannibal-LaGrange Junior College. Kenneth advanced to Central Missouri State University in 1974, also on an Athletic Scholarship, where he received a Bachelor of Science degree. Kenneth retired after 24 years of service for a government agency. He is also a graduate of East High School, Class of 1967. Parliamentarian, **Alfred Young** earned his Bachelor of Arts, in Communication/English from Central State University in 1977. He played both college and high school football. He graduated in 1971 from Linden McKinley HS, in Columbus, Ohio where he also ran track. Al worked as the Director of Re-Entry Center at Alvis House for thirty-five (35) years. Al's love for sports and his dedication to assisting youth in developing their talents led him to forming the Columbus Hidden Gems AAU team basketball team.

## GCBLA Eligibility Criteria

*Inductees were selected under the following criteria:*

- Outstanding performance in basketball as a player, coach, media expert, administrator, or supporter/sponsor
- Contributor to youth development, business, education, or improvement to social affairs beyond basketball
- Application of one's academic skills in life to benefit youth and society
- Recognized by peers and others who possess knowledge of your basketball talents and who were willing to nominate you for your athletic and or academic achievements resulting from your participation in the game
- Awards received (i.e. All-conference/league/city, All-State, All-American, MVP, coaching awards, media recognition, etc.), postseason success, leadership, outstanding achievement in basketball, national or international recognition/honors, athletic or professional success while in or after high school, college, professional, or recreational, semi-professional levels of athletics
- Display of sportsmanship and citizenship and ambassador to the game

*The Eligibility Criteria is subject to review and revision, in whole or in part, by the GCBLA at any time and without public notice. Inductee/Awardee nominations are subjected to the sole approval of the GCBLA and/or its appointed selection committee.*

## GCBLA Hall of Fame Inductees Categories

FORMATIVE ERA: 1892-1949

GOLDEN ERA: 1950-1979

SILVER ERA: 1980-1999

MODERN ERA: 2000-Present



## GCBLA Mission

Provide recognition and support to former players, coaches, sports media personalities, and others who have significantly influenced the sport of basketball in the Greater Columbus Area.

## GCBLA Vision

To acknowledge, promote, and disseminate the illustrious history and impact that basketball as a sport had on the Greater Columbus Area, and to create a better overall image of sports to current and future participants of basketball by building community relations with charitable and educational leadership organizations.

## GCBLA Motto

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# GCBLA Organization Chart

EDWARD "SKIP" YOUNG / *Co-founder / CEO / President (deceased)*

DR. JOHN HOWARD JR. / *Vice-President / Co-founder*

DR. WALLACE CHANDLER / *Co-founder*

G. AJAMU BROWN / *Vice-President of Operations*

TONY LUCAS / *Assistant Vice-President of Operations*

KENNETH CLARK / *Secretary / Treasurer*

ALFRED YOUNG / *Parliamentarian*

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JIM CLEAMONS / *Men's Sports Liaison*

KATIE SMITH / *Women's Sports Liaison*

TERESA FEATHERSTONE / *Induction Committee Liaison*

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**THE BURKE FAMILY**  
Family Sports Ambassador Award



**THE SULLINGER FAMILY**  
Family Sports Ambassador Award



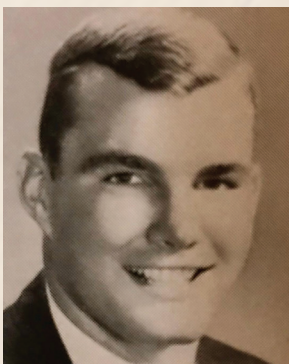
**JOHN CHUBB "Buck-I-Guy"**  
Sports Entertainment Ambassador Award



**ANGELA CORNELIUS DAWSON**  
S. Yolanda Robinson Humanitarian Award



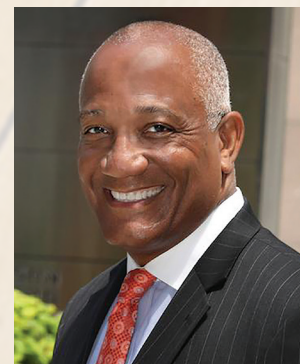
**TERESA FEATHERSTONE**  
Excellence in Sports Award



**STEVE HOWELL**  
Todd Penn "Never Give Up" Award

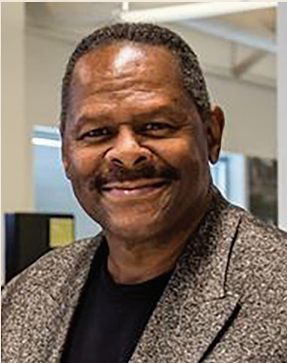


**PAUL KEELS**  
Sports Media Award



**MARQUIS MILLER**  
Leadership Ambassador Award

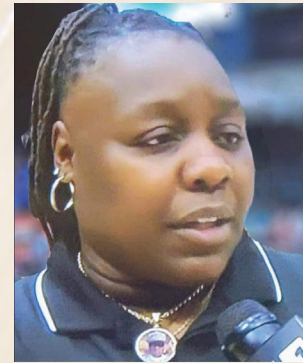
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**CURT MOODY**  
Renewal/Reform Ambassador Award



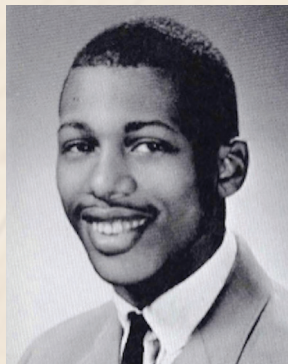
**RON STOKES**  
Distinguished Media & Public Service Award



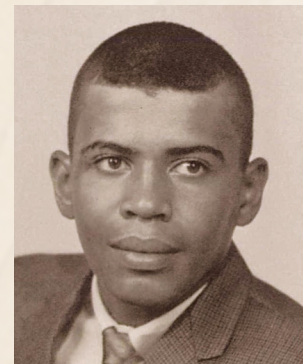
**JANICIAH "SHAQ" ANDERSON**  
HBCU Player Award / Wilberforce University



**DARNEI HAIRSTON**  
HBCU Player Award / Wilberforce University



**DONALD E. DURR**  
Posthumous Awardee



**JOHN "PINEAPPLE" LEWIS**  
Posthumous Awardee

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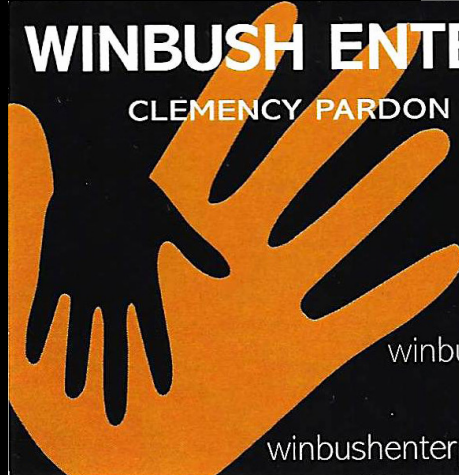
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# HOF INDUCTEE ROSTER

\* Special Recognition ~ Posthumous Induction

- 2013 -

Jim Doughty  
Dean Lampros  
Mel Nowell  
Joe Roberts  
Frank Wade

\*East HS '51 State Champs

\*~George Mills

- 2014 -

Jim Bowman  
Jim Clemons  
Helen Darling  
Dick Furry  
Dwight 'Bo' Lamar  
Reggie Lee  
Charles 'Buddy' McCampbell  
Bob Miller

\*Bob Hunter

\*South HS '65 State Champs

- 2015 -

Miller Barnes Jr.  
Dave Butcher  
Dr. Wallace Chandler  
Jessica Davenport  
Brad Hoffman  
Larry Jones

Tony Kent  
Eddie Ratleff  
Herman Reeves  
Toni Roesch  
Herb Williams

- 2017 -

Charles Barton  
Elaine Boltz  
Tom Brown  
Alonzo 'Nick' Conner  
Marshae Dotson  
Jerry Francis, Sr.  
Avery Godfrey  
Rene Haynes  
Fred Saunders  
Ed Stahl

Estaban Weaver

\*Elexis Peterson

\*~Lonnie Poindexter

- 2019 -

Tomeka Brown  
Johnny Clark  
Kenneth E. Clark  
Van Gregg  
Terry Guice  
Dr. John Howard Jr.

Brittany Hunter  
Tony Lucas  
Keith Neal  
Don Sellers  
Mike Stumpf  
Joe Toone  
Scott Weakley  
Skip Young

\*Sen. Hearcel F. Craig

\*Wil Haygood

\*Mike Jackson

\*S. Yolanda Robinson

\*Gayle Saunders

~Cy Butler

~Junior Gunnell

~Al Washington

- 2022 -

Jene Davis  
Jermaine Guice  
Tihon Johnson  
Clark Kellogg  
Todd Penn  
Reggie Rankin  
Katie Smith  
Kevin Weakley  
\*Joyce Beatty  
\*Classic of Columbus  
\*Fran Frazier

\*Ray Miller

\*Jerry Saunders, Sr.

\*Charles S. Tennant

\*Adam Troy

\*Paul 'Omari' Barnes

~Eddie Clark

~Eddie Guice

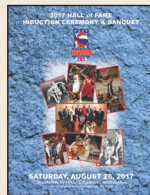
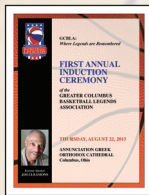
\*Collins 'Linnie' Haynesworth

~Bruce Howard

~Granville Waiters

- 2023 -

Burke Family  
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Buck-I-Guy aka John Chubb  
Angela Cornelius Dawson  
Teresa A. Featherstone  
Steve Howell  
Paul Keels  
Marquis Miller  
Curtis J. Moody  
Ron Stokes  
\*Janiciah 'Shaq' Anderson  
\*Darnei Hairston  
\*~John "Pineapple" Lewis  
\*Alfred Young



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