

Greater Columbus Basketball Legends Association

second annual
**INDUCTION
CEREMONY**

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21

**Annunciation Greek
Orthodox Cathedral**

555 North High Street
Columbus, Ohio



Keynote Speaker:

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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. Never the less, 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 1920's.

The idea for the GCBLA was initially discussed during a conversation between, Skip Young, current president, and his friend, John "Pineapple" Louis, 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. Unbeknownst to Skip, Dr. Wallace Chandler also had a similar vision and they came together, 20 years later, to form the GCBLA in honor of Louis 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 High School, The 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 in the past 11 years. Vice President, **Dr. Wallace Chandler**, played basketball at Central High school and the World Military Team. He then earned a Doctor of Philosophy degree from Ohio State University, and taught "Philosophy of Education" at Texas Southern University. **Dr. John Howard**, secretary/historian/archivist, played basketball for University High School, the University of Cincinnati, and the Harlem Globe Trotters. He earned a Masters Degree in English and a Doctor of Philosophy Degree from Ohio State University. A former school superintendent in New Jersey, Dr. Howard, Emeritus Professor, also taught English at St. Johns River State College in Florida. Later, he founded the first professional Mixed Gender Basketball Association, Inc., which has earned him the unique distinction of being the first African American to own a professional basketball league. **Tom Bowman**, treasurer, played basketball at Linden McKinley High School graduated with a BS from Ohio State University. He is also the owner of the Bowman Insurance Company. Sgt. at Arms, **Eddie Clark** played basketball at North High School on their 1958 state championship team as a junior and at Texas Southern University.

The GCBLA will present a scholarship to one male and one female high school scholar athlete who excels in basketball.



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Thursday, August 21, 2014 – 7:00 pm
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P R O G R A M M E

Welcome / Recognition of Officers **Edward 'Skip' Young**

Invocation

D I N N E R

Criteria for Selection to HOF **Edward 'Skip' Young**

HOF Museum Project **John Howard Jr., PhD.**

Introduction of Keynote Speaker **Wallace Chandler, PhD.**

KEYNOTE ADDRESS **Curtis J. Moody**, CEO / President
Moody•Nolan Ltd. / Columbus, Ohio

Recognition/Prayer for recently deceased Players/Coaches **Thomas Bowman**

Historical Perspective of Girls Basketball **Reggie Lee**
Former Girls Coach, Brookhaven HS / Ohio Basketball HOF Inductee

Special Recognition:

TANNER/HOOVER AWARD **Bob Hunter** / Media, Sportswriter
Award Winning Sports Journalist / Columbus Dispatch

AWARD OF DISTINCTION **South HS 1965 State Championship Team**

INDUCTIONS **Bob Miller** / Coach - Boys
Reggie Lee / Coach - Girls
Helen Darling / Player
Dick Furry / Player
Dwight 'Bo' Lamar / Player
Jim Bowman / Player
Charles 'Buddy' McCampbell / Player
Jim Clemons / Player, Coach

Pin New Members **Eddie Clark**

Acknowledgements **Thomas Bowman**

Closing Remarks **Edward 'Skip' Young**

Curtis J. Moody, FAIA, NCARB, LEED AP is President and CEO Principal-in-Charge of Design at Moody•Nolan in Columbus, Ohio. As an award-winning architectural designer Curtis J. Moody has been involved in the design of projects that exceed several billion dollars in construction over the last 37 years. A winner of the prestigious Whitney M. Young, Jr. award as an outstanding African American Architect in the United States in 1992, Curt's designs have won more than 170 design citations, including 30 from the American Institute of Architects (AIA) and 34 from the National Organization of Minority Architects (NOMA), more awards than any other minority architectural firm in the United States. Moody•Nolan is the only firm to be recognized in consecutive years with AIA Ohio Gold Medals. Curt was awarded the AIA Gold Medal in 2007. Moody•Nolan was awarded the AIA Gold Medal Firm of the Year Award in 2006. In 2002, Curt was given the Distinguished Service Award from The Ohio State University, being one of only three recipients that year. Recently, Curt was reappointed to serve as a peer reviewer for the Architect/Engineer selection panel for the General Services Administration (GSA) Design Excellence Program. Curt and the firm have been featured in numerous publications including Architectural Record, Fortune 500 and MBE Magazine. Curt has been an invited speaker for numerous professional programs and civic associations, including the keynote speaker for Ohio Dominican University (where he also was presented with an honorary doctorate degree in 2008), Wisconsin AIA Convention and The Ohio State University School of Architecture. Curt has served on design award program selections for the National Urban Design Program in DC and several AIA affiliates. The firm has published two monographs: Aesthetics Function Technology (2002) and Responsive Architecture (2008).



CURTIS J. MOODY
 KEYNOTE SPEAKER
 Lifetime Achievement
 AWARDEE

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.

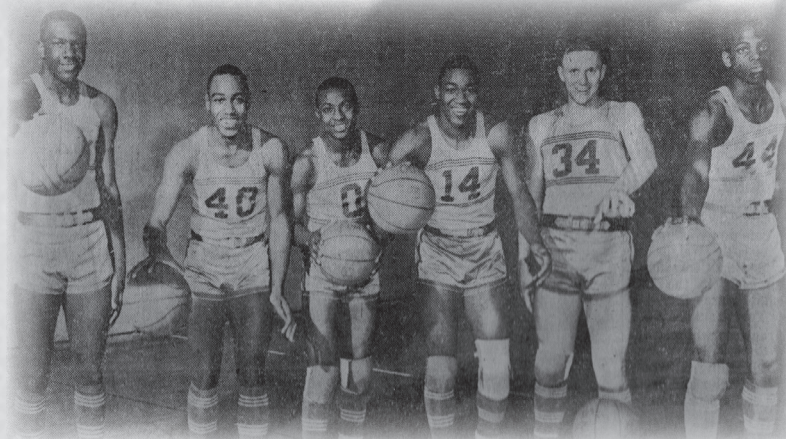


BOB HUNTER

Media / Sportswriter

**SPECIAL
RECOGNITION**

Robert E. (Bob) Hunter is a sports columnist for *The Columbus Dispatch*. He became a sportswriter for the Ohio newspaper in 1975 and has covered Ohio State men's and women's basketball, other college basketball including Final Fours and high school basketball, after working at *The Journal-News* of Hamilton, Ohio from 1972-75. He became a columnist at the *Dispatch* in 1993. He is the author of *Chic* (2008) and *Buckeye Basketball* (1981) and is listed as co-author with Wilbur Snynn in an updated edition of *The Buckeyes, A Story of Ohio State Football* (1982). He has also authored three children's titles: *The Signal-Callers*, *Great Pro Running Backs*, and *Baseball's Best Sluggers* (all 1979). He joined the Baseball Writers Association of America in 1983 and has served as secretary of the Cincinnati chapter of the BBWAA from 1993 to 2009. He is a native of Hamilton, Ohio, and is a graduate of Ohio University.



SOUTH HS 1965 STATE CHAMPIONS

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

The 1965 Bulldog basketball team brought South High School its first state championship. Coach John Colmery's "First Six" were so interchangeable that it was nearly impossible to name a set starting five players. The "First Six" were: Bill Bullock, Roger Harper, Joe Hayes, Marion "Spider" Iverson, Lloyd Pate and Mel Thompson. Other team members: Dan Hoffman, Bo Monford, Ron Ninceheler, Jim Wilson, Harold Russell, John Cordell, student coach Ken Lee, senior manager Eli Sellers, manager Tim Shaner.

Considered to be undersized by basketball standards, these Bulldogs compensated with speed, tenacity and a leaping ability that was beyond belief. Finishing 11-1 in the City League and 23-1 overall the South Bulldogs collected much hardware in 1965 including: City League title (shared with Linden and West), District Championship, Regional Championship and the State of Ohio AA Championship. In the title game, South faced a highly favored Cincinnati St. Xavier basketball team that had a huge height advantage at every position, yet the Bulldogs prevailed 54-53 in a highly competitive game at St. John Arena on the OSU campus.

Bob Miller, a Grandview High School graduate, played football and competed in track and field, but basketball quickly became his favorite sport to coach even though he didn't play at the prep level. Miller made his coaching debut at Groveport Madison High School during the 1965-66 school year, coaching the boys golf team and freshman basketball team. He served as assistant basketball coach for eight seasons before taking over as head coach in 1973. Miller, who was inducted into the Groveport Hall of Fame in 2012, compiled a 150-54 record with the Cruisers, guiding them to five league titles during his 10-year tenure that ended after the 1982-83 season. Bob then coached the Thomas Worthington Cardinals to a 423-269 record over the next 31 seasons and he amassed a 573-323 career record with 12 league titles and three district championships over 41 seasons. The past 15 summers, Miller coached many of the state's top boys and girls players in tournaments held in western European countries including Italy and France. He built a reputation as a strict disciplinarian who wasn't afraid to bench players for not giving their best effort, but he also is known for having a tender side. When Bob Miller announced his retirement from coaching earlier this summer, it ended one of the most enduring and winningest coaching careers in Ohio.



**ROBERT (Bob)
MILLER**
Boys Coach
INDUCTEE

Coach Reggie Lee graduated from Columbus East High School in 1970 and Central State University in 1975 with a B.S. in Business Education. He is currently continuing academic development through graduate studies at The Ohio State University. His varied coaching experience began at Walnut Ridge High School in 1976 as an assistant coach for the boys track and field team. In 1978 Reggie took his talents across town to Brookhaven High School, undertaking a wide array of coaching positions which include: Assistant Football Coach, Assistant Track and Field Coach, Head Cross Country Coach, Assistant Girls Basketball Coach, and finally Girls Head Basketball Coach. As the head coach of the Lady Bearcats, Coach Lee lead Brookhaven into prominence and set a new standard for girls basketball in the Columbus City League and Central Ohio. In coaching the Bearcats, Reggie Lee compiled a 515-159 record which includes: 10 City Championships, 7 District Championships, 2 Regional Championships, 2 Final Four Appearances, and a State Championship in 1996. He has coached numerous players who have earned scholarships and played in college, 3 State of Ohio Players of the Year, 2 McDonald's All-Americans, a Miss Basketball for the State of Ohio, a Parade National Player of the Year, and a 2nd Round WNBA draftee.



REGINALD L. LEE
Girls Coach
INDUCTEE



HELEN DARLING

Player

INDUCTEE

Helen Darling attended Brookhaven High School where she was a All-City and All-State basketball player and named a High School All-American by the WBCA. She played in the WBCA High School All-America Game in 1995. During her college career at Penn State, Darling averaged 10.3 points, 5.3 rebounds, 6.3 assists and 2.49 steals in 126 games and is the only player in PSU history to amass 1,000 points, 500 rebounds and 600 assists for her career. Darling is also the only player in Penn State history to earn Big Ten Player of the Year honors. A four-year starting point guard, she helped lead the Lady Lions to their first and only Final Four appearance in 2000. Darling earned her degree in education from Penn State in December 2001. She received the Frances Pomeroy Naismith Award from the Women's Basketball Coaches Association as the best senior player under 5'8" in 2000. Darling played on the team representing the USA at the 1999 World University Games held in Palma de Mallorca, Spain. The team earned the silver medal. On April 25, 2000, Darling was drafted by the Cleveland Rockers in the second round (No.17 overall) of the 2000 WNBA Draft. In her rookie season, Darling played in all 32 regular season games and in six Rockers playoff games. Over her WNBA career, Helen played for: Cleveland Rockers (2000-2003), Minnesota Lynx (2004), Charlotte Sting (2005-2006), and San Antonio Silver Stars (2007-2010). In her WNBA career, Darling has more than 1,000 career points, 650 assists and 250 career steals and has appeared in 19 career WNBA playoff games. She is also the mother of triplets two boys Ja-Juan, Jalen and a girl Nevaeh.



DICK FURRY

Player

INDUCTEE

Richard (Dick) Furry graduated from West High in January of 1956, one of the last classes to graduate mid-year in the Columbus school system. He was first named to the All City basketball team for the 1954-55 season in which he averaged just over 17 points a game, and again as a senior when he averaged 23.7 points per game. At West Dick also played football and ran track where he was a two time city champ in the high jump and State champion for the high jump in 1955.

Dick attended The Ohio State University where he lettered in both basketball and track for three years (Freshmen were not eligible). He was a starter his junior year where he averaged 11.5 points a game and 10.7 rebounds a game. As a senior he lost the starting position to a young man named John Havlicek, and became the 6th man for the 1960 Buckeyes who won the NCAA Men's Basketball Championship, defeating California 75-55. Dick was selected as a co-captain for the 1960 team and was the recipient of The Big Ten Medal of Honor as the outstanding senior athletic scholar. Known as a scorer in high school he became an outstanding rebounder and is still in 8th place for the most

rebounds in a single game for OSU with 24 at Wisconsin. Only Jerry Lucas and Frank Howard have more rebounds in a game at OSU.

Dick has 4 children, 11 grandchildren, and 2 great grandchildren. His wife of 40 years, Margaret, passed away 2011 from the complications of dementia. As a CPA he worked for Ernst and Ernst for 8 years and then joined Day-Glo Color Corp as Treasurer for 26 years, the last 8 as President. He then worked for Deaconess Foundation for 8 years as Executive Director and President. Dick served two terms as President of the OSU Alumni Club of Cleveland and was Chairman of the Board of the Cleveland Ballet. He volunteers as a food packer at The Brookside Hunger Center, and teaches a Junior Achievement course to 6th graders at The Rocky River Middle School.

Dwight (Bo) Lamar was born and raised in Columbus, Ohio and graduated from Columbus East High School where he led the Tigers to a state championship in 1968 and then the University of Southwestern Louisiana, now the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. At Southwestern Louisiana, he was a three-time collegiate All-American between 1969-1973. During his college career he averaged 31.2 points a game, a point total of 3,493 points, which remains among the top ranks of NCAA basketball records. He is known for his extremely high long-range shot that some coaches say dusted the rafters. Lamar was a third-round pick by the Detroit Pistons in the 1973 NBA Draft. He played for three American Basketball Association teams: the San Diego Conquistadors from 1974-1975, then the Indiana Pacers and San Diego Sails in 1976, before moving to the NBA. In 1977 he played for the Los Angeles Lakers.



**DWIGHT (Bo)
LAMAR**

Player

INDUCTEE

Many considered **Jim Bowman** to be a young phenom as he earned a starting position as a sophomore on Linden McKinley High School's 1956 varsity boys basketball team. This was a very uncommon accomplishment as there was no freshman class in the Columbus city schools in the 1950's. Coached by Vince Chickerella, Jim led the Panthers in scoring and rebounding as a sophomore, junior, and as a senior, and was a All-City selection all three of those years. Jim's long and lean frame at 6'3" made him the team's tallest player which made it necessary for him to play the center position and he took full advantage of his athleticism, mental toughness and hustle to garner accolades from Columbus basketball aficionados, league officials and the local press. Bowman played as a freshman at Wittenberg University. He had been a manager at ATT / Bell labs for 40 years and had earned Manager of the Year honors several times during his career. Jim Bowman is now deceased.



JIM BOWMAN

Player

INDUCTEE



**CHARLES (Buddy)
McCAMPBELL**

Player

INDUCTEE

Charles (Buddy) McCampbell was selected to the Columbus Citizen Journal All-City League first team as a 6'3" forward from the Central High School Pirates basketball team in 1955. McCampbell made the squad as a second teamer as a junior the previous season. Collectively, all members of this selected team were very balanced with size, shooting ability, defense and all members were better than average ball-handers. While at Central, Buddy was a scholar as well as a three-sport athlete and continued his academic/athletic endeavors at Bowling Green State University where he impressed the coaches and worked his way into the Falcons' starting lineup as a small forward. McCampbell became known as a poker-faced young man on the court and in social settings. At BG, he was captain of the undefeated freshman basketball team. As a junior, he was selected second team All Mid-American Conference and as a senior he was voted varsity team captain of BGSU's MAC championship team and selected to first team All-MAC basketball team. After college, Chuck enlisted in the U.S. Army where he served two years deployed to the Vietnam War, earning a Bronze Star and he continued his involvement in basketball and was selected to the All-Army Basketball Team in 1961. McCampbell retired from the U.S. Army in 1980 at the rank of Major after serving for 20 years. He is founder and current CEO of Heritage Paper Co. Inc. which markets paper and office supplies nationally. He now resides in Bradenton, Florida where he has coached boys and girls youth basketball and serves as a board member of the Team Success Charter School.



JIM CLEMONS

Player / Coach

INDUCTEE

Jim Clemons graduated from Linden McKinley High School in 1967 where as team captain, he led the Panthers to their first OHSAA State Championship. He played collegiately at The Ohio State University garnering All-Big10 honors and was a team captain. Drafted in the NBA's 1st round (13th pick) by Los Angeles, Clemons' pro career as a player spanned 9 years with the Lakers, Cleveland Cavaliers, New York Knicks and Washington Bullets. Jim was selected to the NBA All-Defensive Team (2nd team) in 1976. After his playing days "Clem" went into coaching, was assistant at Furman University, head coach at Youngstown State University and then back to the NBA where he has been head coach with the Dallas Mavericks and assistant coach with Chicago Bulls, LA Lakers and New Orleans Hornets. Jim has had much success in the NBA earning a championship ring as a player with the Lakers and multiple rings as assistant coach with the Bulls. Clemons is currently assistant coaching with the NBA's Milwaukee Bucks.

LEGENDS OF THE GAME

A PERSPECTIVE OF WOMEN'S BASKETBALL IN CENTRAL OHIO

I was asked to give some thoughts and some insights on legends as they relate to girls basketball in Central Ohio. Anytime you bring up the subject of who is or was the best you are going to step on some toes because you invariably may leave someone out. So this is one man's opinion. If you brought Toni Roesh, Dave Butcher, or Will McKinney up here, I am sure this presentation might be different.

I would first like to start with the great teams over the last thirty years from Central Ohio that I had the pleasure to witness. While covering these teams I will name those players whom I consider legendary.

I will start with **Walnut Ridge team of 1977** which featured two outstanding players in **Lynn Calander** and **Pat Harris**. I happened to teach at Walnut Ridge at the time, which drew my interest in girls' basketball because I was able to see this team up close. Over the years Columbus City League basketball was never highly regarded; however, if you examine the records, the Columbus City League has won more State Championships than any league in the State. Although Walnut Ridge did not win a State Championship, they did make it to the final four.

Northland High won the first State Championship representing the City League in 1982 with a 27-1 record. This team was coached by whom I consider a legend, **Elaine Boltz** who finished her career with a 382-167 record. This team featured **Georgeann Wells** who would make history by being the first woman to dunk a basketball in competition while playing for University of West Virginia. This Northland Viking team also featured **Shawn Steward, Dana Jones,** and Susazanne Helfant. Northland would produce legendary players over the years which included Lisa Payne, Jeanne Ruh, **Chienyere James,** and **Karen Truske Alexis Peterson.**

South High School won the next State Championship representing the City League in 1986. This team personally gave me headaches. Coached by **Ernie Robinson,** a legend himself, this team featured **Debbie Harrison,** an All-State center, Toya Landrum, **Lisa Burns** and **Tomeka Patterson.** This may be one of the best teams

ever as they went on to post a 28-0 record.

Brookhaven High school would win the school's first State Championship in '96. We featured **Helen Darling** who is being honored here tonight. This team would go 28-0 and send six girls to Division I schools on full scholarships. Lisa Wube, Latisha Fambro, Toronda Hayes and Tournament MVP, Khali Carter. The 2003 Brookhaven team featured **Brittany Hunter** who was the only player from the State of Ohio to be named National Player of the Year to the 2003 Parade All-American Basketball Team. **Kristin Peoples** an All-State point guard was also a member of the 2003 Brookhaven which was a final four participant that year.

The OCC has had two schools win State basketball championships. Those two schools would be Pickerington and Upper Arlington. Although the OCC had only two schools win State championships, Pickerington has won as many State championships as any school in the history or girls basketball in the State of Ohio. Coached by legendary **Dave Butcher,** Pickerington has won six State championships featuring legendary players such as **Layoya Turner, Beth Orstendorth, Tamara Stocks, Nicole Sachez, Emilee Harmon, Susie Cassell, Michelle Shade, Gwyneth Ballard,** and **Marcerlla Packer Amber Stocks, Tamara Stocks.** **Coach Butcher** has been named Ohio's "Coach of the Year" five times, has twice been named to coach in the Nike Women's Basketball Coaches Association All-American game, and is Director of the State All-Star Game in Ohio.

Upper Arlington, coached by Dudley Beaver, won the State Championship in '88. This team featured guard, **Tricia Hoptry** and forward **Peggy Odita.** While they did not have a team full of stars they were well coached and ran out of bounds plays that are legendary themselves. They scored on more out of bounds plays than any team I have ever seen. **Peggy Odita** would later become a mainstay on the sporting program The Gladiators.

Teams representing the Central Catholic league were Hartley, Bishop Watterson. Hartley won a State Championship in 1976 and 1978 and again

in 2000. Legendary players from Hartley include **Toni Roesch, Amy Pallay, Nancy Williams and Julie Plank, Mandy Hart, Georgia Schweitzer.**

Logan High School won a state championship in 1995. They featured Katie Smith, who I believe is one of the top fifteen players to ever play women's basketball. While I am not sure if Logan High School is actually in Central Ohio, Katie Smith is definitely worth mentioning.

Watterson made several final four appearances coached by Sam Davis. They represented the Central Catholic League and made final four appearances in '76, '78, '81, '84 and 1987.

Africentric, coached by Will McKinney continues the rich tradition of outstanding girls basketball played in Central Ohio and is a coach that is and will be considered a legend.

Other coaches that must be considered in addition to the coaches mentioned are:

Jack Purtell - Reynoldsburg
Troy Taylor - Mifflin 2010
Jim Miranda - Eastmoor
Rick Hauser - Gahanna Lincoln
Joe Lang - Bishop Ready
Mary Ann Grimes - Dublin Coffman 2013
Don Hardin - Heath 1996
David Dennis - Harvest Prep
Bill Spencer - Eastmoor
Dean Washington - Northland 2012
Dan Walters - Newark 2004
Joe Dudas - Beechcroft 1993

Not wanting to take up too much of your time I will list the other players who while they did not lead their team to state championships, they were legendary players. They are:

Kelli Simpson - Mifflin '82
Yvonne Anderson - East High '80
Joni Mazzola - Bishop Watterson '83
Jai Jones - Brookhaven '85
Marchae Dotson - Mifflin 2005
Amanda Hayes - Beechcroft
Sheila Brockington - Brookhaven '84
Lorenda Haynes - Wellington 2003
Lauren Prochaska - Jonathan Alder
Hannah Robertson - New Albany 2010
Charisse Crews - Grove City 2001
Stephaine Stevens - Pickerington 2006
Tyesha Moss - Africentric 2008
Raven Ferguson - Africentric 2011
Asia Taylor - Whetsone 2009
Yvonne Anderson - Columbus East '80
Alexis Peterson - Northland '11
Taylor Agler - Olentangy Orange 2013
Ashleigh Brown - Delaware 2006
Bridjette Brown - Beechcroft 2004
Tanya McClure - Gahanna Lincoln 1997
Gigi Jackson - Mifflin 1992
Crystal Murdaugh - Dublin Scioto 2007
Star Allen - Independence 2005
Tomeka Brown - Marion Franklin 1998
Ayana Dunning - Eastmoor 2008

In conclusion, this organization is doing a wonderful thing by honoring past players and coaches. The Ohio High School Athletic Association has honored some of these players and coaches and some players and coaches have not been properly honored. I play golf almost everyday and the conversation of legends comes up all the time on the golf course. These players and coaches set the bar very high which is why we can recognize greatness today.

I thank you for giving me the honor of remembering these great players and athletes.



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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.

