

# GREATER COLUMBUS BASKETBALL LEGENDS ASSOCIATION

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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 1920s.

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. Unbeknown 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, **Reg Martin**, owner of Martin Management Services Inc., is a financial manager with expertise in business organization, administration and sales. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration from Whittier College, Whittier,

CA. He coached in the Worthington Summer League and was co-director (1999-2010), was Urbana University Men's assistant basketball coach (1996-97), and was Worthington Christian High School freshmen basketball coach (1980-89). Dr. John Howard Jr., secretary/ historian/archivist, played basketball for University High School, the University of Cincinnati, and the Harlem Globe Trotters. He earned a Master of English Degree and a Doctor of Philosophy Degree from The 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 and at OSU. He graduated with a BS from The 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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#### **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 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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#### **Executive Committee Members**

MILLER BARNES JR. ★ KENNEY CLARK ★ DAVID REID ★ AL YOUNG

### **JOE ROBERTS / Keynote Speaker**

Joe moved to Columbus from the south and enrolled at Champion Jr. High where he excelled in the classroom then moved on to Columbus East High. Playing forward/center for the Tigers, in his junior year led the team to a 26-1 record, and a #1 state ranking.

After graduating from East in 1956, Joe went on to play basketball for the Ohio State Buckeyes where he was a co-captain on the 25-3 NCAA National Championship team.

Joe had a stint in semi-professional basketball as a player/coach with the Columbus Comets, advancing to runner-up in the league finals.

Joe was drafted in the third round of the 1960 NBA draft by the Syracuse Nationals. He played with the Nationals for three seasons, making the playoffs each year. Feeling that his race was limiting his opportunities, Roberts declined to stay with the team when they moved and became the Philadelphia 76ers in 1963. He did return to play for the Kentucky Colonels of the ABA for one season in 1967, the ABA's first year.

Roberts became an assistant coach for Western Michigan in the Mid-American Conference, then with Iowa of the Big Ten, before becoming an assistant for the NBA's Golden State Warriors for five seasons, winning the NBA championship in 1975.

Joe Roberts now resides in Oakland, California and is currently broker/owner of Joe Roberts & Associates Realty and is also teacher/coach at Alameda County Juvenile Hall.

#### **MIKE JACKSON / Master of Ceremonies**

Mike is co-anchor of NBC4 Today weekdays from 4:26 to 7 a.m. He also anchors NBC4 Midday at noon.

He has worked at NBC4 since 1994. He has more than 30 years of broadcast experience, with his first job coming in his hometown of Charleston, WV at radio station WCHS-AM.

Mike's first television position was at WOAY-TV in Oak Hill, WV, where he anchored the late evening news. He was also a sports reporter at WCHS-TV in Charleston, before working in Columbus the first time with the local ABC affiliate. Mike also served as operations manager and announcer for WBES-FM in Charleston, W.Va. News Director at WOAY-TV in Oak Hill, WV, and served as evening anchor at NewsChannel 8 in Washington, DC before he returned to Columbus.

Mike is a graduate of West Virginia State College with an Associate Arts degree in mass communication.

Mike proudly received a first-place award for reporting by the National Association of Black Journalists in 1993 in Washington, D.C. Other honors include four local Emmy nominations for reporting and two-second place awards for reporting by the Society of Professional Journalists.

# GREATER COLUMBUS BASKETBALL LEGENDS ASSOCIATION THIRD ANNUAL INDUCTION CEREMONY

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 2015 – 7:00 PM Crowne Plaza North / Columbus, Ohio

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#### **MILLER BARNES, JR. / Coach - Boys**

Miller Barnes Jr. earned his Bachelor of Arts, Health and Physical Education and Recreation in 1964 from Central State University, Wilberforce, Ohio. He achieved a Master of Education in 1971 from Xavier University, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Barnes began his professional experience at the Training Institute State of Ohio Mental Health Division, Columbus. He began in 1961 as a Cottage Life Parent and after two years was promoted to Cottage Life Supervisor, a position in which he excelled for four years. Barnes became a Physical Education Teacher in the Columbus Public Schools at Roosevelt Junior High School for seven years where he was the head basketball and baseball coach. He coached the boys basketball team to four championships. Many players on his basketball team went on to enjoy much success in the sport, including fellow inductee Brad Hoffman. Barnes also served as Home School Community Agent (1970-1971), and 1971-1975 he became Assistant Principal at Marion Franklin High School and then assumed the same duties at Beechcroft High School, 1975-1994. At Beechcroft, he implemented educational programs for the development of the new facility and established athletic teams and programs at the varsity level for the Cougars. He helped to create outstanding race relations among the student population and created a safe and secure educational environment. Barnes then became Assistant Principal at Independence High School, where he

retired as Administrator in 1996, after which he moved on to become Assistant Basketball Coach at Brookhaven High School, winning a Central District Championship in 1998. Miller Barnes Jr. had been a Substitute Administrator in the Columbus Public Schools, 2001-2008.

#### **DAVE BUTCHER / Coach - Girls**

Dave Butcher of Pickerington North High School and received the 2013 Paul Walker Award of the Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association. The Paul Walker Award is presented annually by the OHSBCA to an active coaching member of the association who has made significant contributions to high school basketball

and is the highest award presented by the Coaches Association. The award is named in honor of the late Paul Walker, the long time coach of Middletown High School. At the time of his retirement, he had the most wins as a boys basketball coach in Ohio High School Basketball history. Butcher was also a Ohio Basketball Hall of Fame inductee in 2009 and was recognized this year during the OHSAA State Tournament as the 1st girls basketball coach to win 700 career games.

Dave is a 1973 graduate of Toronto High School where he lettered in basketball, football and golf and is a member of the Toronto High School Hall of Fame. He received his undergrad and masters degree from OSU. Butcher has been the head varsity girls basketball coach in Pickerington for 32 years, 20 years as head coach at Pickerington Central and 12 years as head coach at Pickerington North, and served as a boys and a girls assistant coach for 5 years in the Pickerington system.

During this time, he has compiled a record of 713-109, which is almost a 90% winning percentage. He has won 24 district titles (23 in a row), 23 Ohio Capital Conference Championships, 12 regional championships, 6 state titles and finished #1 in the country by USA Today in 1999. Dave has received numerous coaching honors such as: OCC Coach of the year, District Coach of the Year, State Coach of the Year and was also named USA Today's National Coach of the Year. In addition, Dave has coached in the WBCA College All-American Game, has been a member of the National High School All-American Selection Committee, and had the honor of being a part of

USA Womens Basketball, coaching at the Youth Developmental Festival in Colorado Springs.

Butchers' teams were ranked for 10 straight years in USA Today's Super 25 and were ranked number one by the Associated Press for nine consecutive years. Pickerington also had a 74 game winning streak and won 181 straight league games during his career. Five of his players were named Player of the Year in Ohio and more than 70 of his student athletes have played Division 1 college basketball. Dave was inducted into the Ohio Basketball Hall of Fame in 2008.

### DR. WALLACE CHANDLER / Player, GCBLA Co-Founder

Long before his blood, sweat and tears were sacrificed in his quest for academic excellence and before the degrees were stockpiled, Wallace Chandler grew up in "Flytown" a rugged and unforgiving section of Columbus located a little south and east of the Ohio State campus. Many local basketball legends honed their skills in Flytown on makeshift courts of dirt, wooden pallet backboards and net-less rims.

Wallace learned the game of basketball under those less than ideal conditions and when he enrolled as a student at Central High School, he not only invested supreme effort as a academically inclined student, but also became a dedicated student of the game of basketball.

Wallace played basketball for the World Military Team while overseas. He then earned a Doctor of Philosophy degree from The Ohio State University, and taught "Philosophy of Education" at Texas Southern University.

Dr. Chandler has a passion for sharing knowledge with people of all ages and backgrounds but has a particular fondness for sharing historical information with young people and is always willing to inform the masses about the glorious history of Flytown basketball and/or the African-American experience. Dr. Wallace Chandler has become the unofficial basketball historian of Columbus.

### JESSICA DAVENPORT / Player

Davenport played for Independence High School in Columbus, Ohio, where she was named a WBCA All-American. She participated in the 2003 WBCA High School All-America Game where she scored eight points. Davenport at 6'5" is noted for her blocking and rebounding ability, she guided Ohio State to a 29-3 season and a number 1 seed in the NCAA tournament in 2005.

Davenport was a member of the United States women's national basket-ball team in 2005 and 2006, while at OSU, and in 2007 and 2008 while on the New York Liberty team. Davenport was the third leading scorer on the 2005 World University Games Team in Izmir, Turkey. She helped the team to a 7-0 record, and a gold medal at the event. Jessica joined the National team in 2006 for the 2006 Opals World Challenge. The team went 4-1. She was also part of the National team in 2007-08 that went 4-0 on the Tour of Italy and 2-0 at the Australia Exhibition.

Davenport was drafted second overall by the San Antonio Silver Stars in the 2007 WNBA Draft. Immediately thereafter, Davenport's rights were traded to the New York Liberty along with the Silver Stars' 2008 first round draft pick. She developed a reputation as a consistent scorer and strong post presence. Jessica was later signed by the Indiana Fever.

### **BRAD HOFFMAN / Player**

Brad is a 1971 graduate of Walnut Ridge High School. He first gained reputation as a sharp-shooter at Roosevelt Junior High School where he was coached by fellow inductee Miller Barnes Jr. Brad's reputation

Columbus South varsity basketball team coached by Dick Ricketts. After a family move during the summer, Brad transferred to a already loaded Walnut Ridge team coached by Jackie Moore, which immediately put a lock on the state championship for the Scots, and Brad led them to a undefeated season and the big school state title in 1971. Brad also earned a spot on the all-tournament team and averaged better than 20 points per game.

as "The Blonde Bomber" blossomed as a junior on a star-studded

Hoffman, a 5'10 guard, played collegiately for the University of North Carolina Tar Heels from 1972-75, coached by Dean Smith. He played sparingly for his first two years, then became a regular rotation player for his senior season.

After graduating from UNC, Hoffman played basketball for Athletes in Action (AIA), a faith-based sports organization. In 1978, this move paid dividends for Hoffman as AIA was selected to represent the United States in the 1978 FIBA World Championships in Manila due to the timing of the tournament ruling

out the participation of active college players. The U.S. finished fifth in the games with a 6-4 record. Hoffman finished fourth on the team in scoring, averaging 11.7 points per game in the ten tournament contests.

## **LARRY JONES / Player**

Larry Jones played professionally in the NBA and ABA, from 1964 to 1974.

A 6'3" guard from the University of Toledo, Jones started and ended his career with the NBA's Philadelphia 76ers, who drafted him in 1964. However, Jones would have his best years in the rival ABA, playing for the Denver Rockets, The Floridians, the Dallas Chaparrals, and the Utah Stars from 1967 to 1973. A high-scoring jump shooter, he averaged at least 22 points per game during each of his first four seasons in the league, and during one stretch with the Rockets in 1968, he scored at least 30 points in 23 consecutive games. He was also named to four ABA All-Star teams, and he was the first president of the ABA Player's Association. Upon retiring from professional basketball in 1974, Jones had tallied 10,505 combined NBA/ABA career points. Larry is now a substitute teacher in Columbus City Schools.

### **ANTHONY "TONY" KENT / Player**

One could argue the fact that Tony Kent's basketball prowess played a major role in the rise of Linden McKinley High School's prominence to basketball excellence in Central Ohio. Coached by Vince Chickerella,

Tony only played for the Panthers for two years, he managed to be the team's leading scorer in 1962 and in that same year, earned All League honors as well as honorable mention for All American honors, and was mentioned in the All American Sports Magazine that year. Tony had the ability to play all five positions and had done just that during his career at Linden. He unknowingly set the stage for the future success of the Linden basketball program.

After high school, Tony played in the City of Columbus Industrial League and was the star player for his team, sponsored by Marzetti, and was selected as team MVP and leading scorer.

Tony also played some semi-professional basketball for Berry A.C. and was again, his team's leading scorer which earned him a spot on the league's All Star Team.

#### **ED RATLEFF / Player**

William Edward "Easy Ed" Ratleff attended Columbus East High School in Columbus, Ohio, leading his team to the AAA (big school) state championship in 1968 with a 25-0 record. Overall in three seasons he led the Tigers to three state championship games, two state championships and a dominant 70-1 record. In 2009 he was inducted into the Ohio Basketball

Hall of Fame.

A 6'6" guard/forward, he played college basketball at California State University, Long Beach under coach Jerry Tarkanian. He still holds the school's career record for scoring average (21.4). He was twice named first-team AP All-American, in 1971-72 and 1972-73. In 1991 his number 42 was retired by Long Beach State.

Ratleff played for the United States national basketball team at the 1972 Summer Olympics, where the US lost a controversial gold medal game to the Soviet Union. Ratleff and his teammates earned silver medals, which they refused to accept. Throughout the Olympic tournament, Ratleff averaged 6.4 points per game.

Ratleff was chosen with the sixth pick in the 1973 NBA Draft by the Houston Rockets. He played five season for the Rockets, with career NBA statistics logged as: Points: 2,813 (8.3 ppg), Rebounds: 1,363 (4.0 rpg), Assists: 896 (2.7 apg).

#### **HERMAN REEVES / Player**

In the early years of his athletic development, many thought that Herman displayed equal talent at basketball and baseball as a young student at Everett Junior High School in Columbus, Ohio. He earned Certificates of Meritorious Award in each of his last two years (1956 and 1957) for his contributions in varsity baseball and varsity basketball.

Success and accolades followed Herman to Central High School where his varsity basketball exploits for the Pirates garnered more Certificates of Meritorious Awards in 1958, 1959 and 1960. His 1960 senior year accomplishments included: 1st Team All-City; Associated Press Class AA All Ohio High School Basketballers Award, Honorable Mention; United Press International All Ohio Cagers, Honorable Mention. Nicknamed the "Big Bopper", the 6'2" forward/center was known for his leaping ability and was known as a early day "trash talker" that backed up his rhetoric with hustle and a devastating hook-shot.

After graduation from Central, Herman played in and earned numerous awards with a number of AAU and Industrial League teams. He logged seven years playing semi-professional basketball, playing in nine gold medal tournaments of which he selected Tournament MVP three times.

### **TONI ROESCH / Player**

Toni's rise to basketball stardom began at Bishop Hartley High School from which she graduated in 1982 after amassing 1,623 career points as a point guard for the Lady Hawks. She earned All-League Honors with a honorable mention as a freshman, following up with 1st team selections her three remaining years. All-State Honors included: honorable mention (soph), 1st team (jr), 2nd team (sr). Toni was selected to the All-American 5th team as a junior and led the Hawks to a 79-23 record over her career. She also led her team to State Runner-Up ('79), State Semi-Finals ('81), and Regional Finals ('80 & '82).

Toni accepted a scholarship to display her basketball skills for the Ohio State University' and helped the Lady Buckeyes achieve four consecutive Big Ten titles. She was team captain her senior year and claimed honors on the All Big Ten 2nd team along with the Dr. Brown Leadership Award.

After graduating from OSU, Toni had a short stint as assistant basketball coach at Stetson University ('87), graduate assistant at OSU ('87-'89), head women's soccer and assistant women's basketball ('89-'92), head coach Bishop Hartley ('92-'97). She has been honored as Coach of the Year ('93) Ohio Athletic Conference and District Coach of the Year ('95 & '96).

Roesch was a television and radio color analyst for ESPN, Comcast and Fox (2000-2010), and has been a television and radio color analyst for WBNS and OHSAA since 1997.

#### **HERB WILLIAMS / Player**

The 6'10" Herb Williams was a dominant high school basketball player at Marion-Franklin (Columbus, Ohio) where in his senior year, lead the state ranked Red Devils to the tournament regional final before bowing out to the eventual state champion in 1977. He was the crown jewel of the Ohio State recruits in 1977.

Williams was a four-year starter for the Ohio State Buckeyes, scoring 2,011 points (then a team record) and pulling down 1,111 rebounds (still second in team history only to Jerry Lucas). Williams is the school leader in career field goals made, with 834 in 114 games. He is second all-time in career blocked shots with 328. Williams was named to the All-Big Ten team as a junior, when Ohio State finished the year with a 21-8 record and advanced to the NCAA regionals. He led the Buckeyes in scoring that year with an average of 17.6 points per game. Williams was a team co-captain in both his junior and senior years.

Williams was a first-round draft choice of the Indiana Pacers in 1981, where he played from 1982 to 1989 and had his most productive years. He was traded to the Dallas Mavericks after the 1988-1989 season. In 1992, he was signed by the New York Knicks, where he spent seven years backing up perennial All-Star Patrick Ewing. Williams played one game (31 minutes) for the

Toronto Raptors in 1996 before being waived and quickly returned to the Knicks. The team made the 1994 and 1999 NBA Finals, with Williams serving as a team leader.

After the 1999 Finals, Williams retired at the age of 41 after six regular season games and eight playoff games in 1999. Four years later, he returned to the Knicks as an assistant coach. He worked under head coaches Don Chaney and Lenny Wilkens. When Wilkens resigned in 2005, Williams took over as head coach. In July 2005, Larry Brown was hired as the head coach of the Knicks, thus ending Williams' head coaching tenure. Williams was the acting head coach of the Knicks for the final two games of the 2005-2006 season, when illness struck Larry Brown. After that season Isiah Thomas replaced Brown as head coach. Williams worked as an assistant coach under Thomas, and continued to be in the coaching staff under Mike Woodson until Phil Jackson fired the entire staff in 2014. He has coached for the Knicks' NBA Summer League team. On March 26, 2015, Williams was hired as the assistant coach of the WNBA's New York Liberty.

## **2013 GCBLA Hall of Fame Inductees**

JIM DOUGHTY Player: Columbus North HS, OSU, Harlem Globetrotters

**DEAN LAMPROS** Player: Eastmoor HS, Univ. Cincinnati

MEL NOWELL Player: Columbus East HS, OSU, NBA, ABA

JOE ROBERTS Player: Columbus East HS, OSU, NBA

FRANK WADE Player: Columbus East HS, Bowling Green Univ., NABL

GEORGE MILLS Coach: Linden McKinley HS - Boys

COLUMBUS EAST HS Team: 1951 State Champions

## 2014 GCBLA Hall of Fame Inductees

JIM CLEAMONS Player: Linden McKinley HS, OSU, NBA / Coach: NBA HELEN DARLING Player: Brookhaven HS, Penn State, WNBA

DICK FURRY Player: West HS, OSU

**BOB HUNTER** Sportswriter: Columbus Dispatch

DWIGHT "BO" LAMAR Player: East HS, Univ. Southwestern Louisiana, ABA, NBA

REGGIE LEE Coach: Brookhaven HS - Girls

CHARLES "BUDDY" McCAMPBELL Player: Central HS, Bowling Green, U.S. Army All-Stars

BOB MILLER Coach: Thomas Worthington HS, Groveport Madison HS

**SOUTH HS** 1964-65 State Champions

## STUDENT ATHLETE

SPECIAL RECOGNITION



The GCBLA hereby choses to recognize these student athletes who have excelled in the classroom and in the arena of athletic competition.



AMANI BURKE
Eastmoor Academy HS



KEILAH CAUSEY
The Wellington School



NICK KAHLER Upper Arlington HS



CHEYENNE
REDMAN-SULLIVAN
KIPP Journey MS



SETH TOWNS Northland HS