



# The **Legendary**

**GCBLA: "Where Legends Are Remembered!"**

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## **GCBLA 3rd Annual Induction Ceremony A HUGE SUCCESS!**

The **Greater Columbus Basketball Legends Association** hosted its 3rd Annual Induction Ceremony which was attended by more than 300 people, GCBLA inducted 11 new members into the Hall of Fame on August 22, 2015. The inductees included: **Miller Barnes** (Boys Coach), **Dave Butcher** (Girls Coach), **Wallace Chandler** (Co-Founder/Player), **Jessica Davenport** (Player), **Brad Hoffman** (Player), **Larry Jones** (player), **Tony Kent** (player), **Eddie Ratleff** (player), **Toni Roesch** (Player), **Herb Williams** (Player) and **Herman Reeves** (Player, who was also presented with the My Brother's Keeper

Humanitarian Award). Five student-athletes were recognized for their athletic and academic achievements. They included: **Amani Burke** (Eastmoor Academy), **Kailah Causey** (Wellington School), **Nick Khaler** (Upper Arlington HS), **Cheyenne Redman-Sullivan** (KIPP Journey MS), and **Seth Towns** (Northland HS).

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The 2016 induction ceremony will be held on **Sat., Aug. 27, 2016**, at the **DoubleTree by Hilton**, in **Worthington, Ohio**. Tickets (**\$40**) and tables (**\$400**) can be purchased by contacting **866-749-1256**.



**2015 STUDENT ATHLETES** - from left to right, seated: Seth Towns, Keilah Causey, Cheyenne Redman-Sullivan, Nick Kahler, and Amani Burke.

**2015 GCBLA INDUCTEES** - from left to right, standing: Dave Butcher, Tony Kent, Herman Reeves, Eddie Ratleff, Toni Roesch, Jessica Davenport, Joe Roberts (*Keynote Speaker*), Brad Hoffman, and Miller Barnes.



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1st Annual Fundraiser event Basketball game, held at Reynoldsburg HS - Summit Campus (8579 Summit Rd), on Saturday, August 13th and 20th, 2016, in conjunction with **CENTER JUMP PROFESSIONAL BASKETBALL, INC.**, owned and operated by Columbus native, Dr. John Howard Jr. This will be an historic occasion featuring Professional Co-Ed players in a Ohio versus Michigan Challenge. Anyone wanting to be a sponsor or purchase tickets, contact 866-749-1256. Tickets: \$25.



**2nd ANNUAL YOUTH RECOGNITION - MVP of Character Award**, will be presented at the 4th Annual Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony on Saturday, August 27, 2016, recognizing young men/women student-athletes for excellence in academics, community service, and athletic achievement.

## Museum a Major Goal of GCBLA

The Greater Columbus Basketball Legends Association has adopted the goal of building a Hall of Fame Museum facility to be built from scratch or through the renovation overhaul of an existing edifice. The plan is that this facility is to have a basketball theme throughout with the main focus of preserving the accomplishments and contributions of and to the sport of basketball by individuals, teams, organizations and entities from Greater Columbus and Central Ohio or whose accomplishments began or flourished within this region.

**The GCBLA has plans for this facility to house:**

- A large multiple purpose area adaptable for many uses that include virtual and interactive tours, auditorium, event space and more.
- Memorabilia display area(s) for both permanent and traveling or rotating displays (trophies, banners, photos, etc.).
- Archived informational materials (event programs, magazines, yearbooks, newspapers, audio, video, etc.) that can be a valuable educational resource to students and public.
- Meeting/conference/class rooms.
- Gallery of Honor paying tribute to Legends.

The Hall of Fame Museum facility would also showcase the annual inductees and would continue to grow into a crown jewel of Central Ohio sports legacy.

Following dialogue with the Columbus Public Schools, Superintendent Goode a collaboration was agreed upon, resulting in a pilot program which is currently underway at Linden McKinley STEM Academy, where students have been provided tablets to write sports and news related articles for local newspapers, thus learning about journalism, technology, and related career opportunities. We are also launching, in April 2016, an internet sports talk radio program in collaboration with **Talktainment.org**, which will provide youth and opportunity to learn the field of broadcasting including technology, and available careers. Stay tune for upcoming information. Anyone interested in sponsoring any of these initiatives can contact Mrs. Linda Nelson at [rlassoc410@aol.com](mailto:rlassoc410@aol.com).



Al Young and Miller Barnes promote Greater Columbus Basketball Legends prior to last year's event on Radio One's "Eye on the Community" with Yves Ellis. Almost time to get your tickets for this year's Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony. Visit [www.columbusgcbra.org](http://www.columbusgcbra.org) for details. Keep your eyes and ears open - this year GCBLA will be sponsoring a series of broadcasts on **Talktainment Internet Radio**. Dates and times are forthcoming.