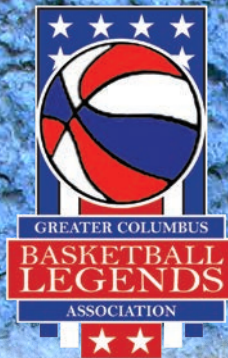


# 2017 HALL of FAME INDUCTION CEREMONY & BANQUET



**SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 2017**

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# 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, 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, 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 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 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**, Reginald Lee earned his Bachelor of Science from Central State University in 1975. He graduated in 1970 from East HS in Columbus, Ohio. Reggie Lee is noted for his coaching experience with at Walnut Ridge and Brookhaven - Girls Basketball, Track and Cross Country teams. He has coached some of Columbus' most honored Girls Basketball players. **Kenneth Clark, secretary**, 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. **Miller Barnes, Jr., treasurer**, earned his Bachelor of Arts, Health and Physical Education and Recreation in 1964 from Central State University. He achieved a Master of Education in 1971 from Xavier University. He gained professional experience at the Training Institute State of Ohio Mental Health Division. 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. He became Assistant Basketball Coach at Brookhaven HS, winning a Central District Championship in 1998. **Sgt. at Arms, 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 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 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

*GCBLA: Where Legends Are Remembered!*

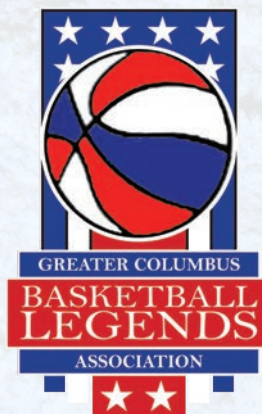
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## **MIKE JACKSON**

### **2017 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.

He excelled as the 2015 GCBLA Master of Ceremonies.

## **ZAYNE HARSHAW / Musician**

"It takes a village to raise a child." This old African proverb not only expresses a wise belief but also reflects the reality of raising a child as special as Zayne. Diagnosed with autism at the age of four, Zayne's village had to include speech therapists, occupational therapists, a behavioral pediatrician, psychiatrists, counselors, and of course, some wonderful teachers. But little did anyone realize that eventually the village population would have to expand to include room for musicians and entertainers.

At the age of 14, Zayne expressed interest in playing the guitar. And it was as if he went into his room and emerged two years later as a guitarist. It would soon be discovered this self-taught musician also had "perfect pitch" which means he could hear notes and automatically know their musical keys. Jam sessions around town became his training ground to further develop his own style of playing and entertaining. He enjoyed watching veteran, seasoned musicians play and then going home to practice what he had just witnessed. This constant honing has helped Zayne develop into quite the showman.

His musical abilities have been featured in various media outlets, such as NBC4's Autism Puzzle, the Lancaster Eagle Gazette, the Youngstown Vindicator, Bounce TV, Telemundo and Talktainment Radio to name a few. He has played all over Central Ohio and surrounding cities and counties.



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**P R O G R A M M E**

The Red Carpet Entry ..... **2017 Hall of Fame Inductees**  
Welcome / Recognition of Officers ..... **Edward “Skip” Young**  
Recognition of Members  
Recognition of Former Hall of Fame Inductees

Recognition/Prayer for recently deceased Players/Coaches

Invocation

**D I N N E R**

Master of Ceremonies: **MIKE JACKSON** / Co-anchor of NBC4 Today  
Dinner Music by: **ZAYNE HARSHAW**

**SILENT AUCTION**

**Fatherhood Matters** ..... **Nathaniel Jordan II**  
*Executive Director, FATHERHOOD MATTERS PROGRAM / Columbus Kappa Foundation*

Criteria for Selection to HOF ..... **Dr. John Howard Jr., Phd**  
*GCBLA Co-Founder*

Hall of Fame Museum Virtual Project

**“My Brother’s Keeper”** celebrates the life of LONNIE POINDEXTER

*Special Recognition: MVP of Character*

STUDENT/ATHLETE AWARD ..... **Jordan Horston, Braden Norris,  
Solomon Pierre-Louis, Sommer Pitzer**

STATE PROCLAMATION / **Alexis Peterson** / Player


INDUCTIONS . . . . . **Charles Barton** / Coach                      **Avery Godfrey** / Player  
**Elaine Boltz** / Coach    **Rene Haynes** / Player  
**Tom Brown** / Coach    **Fred Saunders** / Player  
**Alonzo “Nicky” Conner** / Player                      **Ed Stahl** / Player  
**Marshae Dotson** / Player                                      **Estaban Weaver** / Player  
**Jerry Francis, Sr.** / Player

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**“MY BROTHER’S KEEPER”**  
**2017 - Awarded Posthumously in Memory of**  
**LONNIE POINDEXTER**



Mr. Lonnie Poindexter was born and raised in the Linden Community of Columbus Ohio. A retired firefighter and public servant, Mr. Poindexter dedicated his life to improving the lives of those around him. He served as the Vice President of Operations at St. Stephen’s Community House for 20 years. Mr. Poindexter mentored a number of youth through his little league football and AAU athletic programs. Lonnie demonstrated love, compassion, and care for every individual he worked with.

A 1971 graduate of Linden McKinley High School, Lonnie kept a soft spot in his heart for his alma mater and the students who came behind him, particularly the young student/athletes. Lonnie believed that the student and the athlete were not two separate individuals walking separate paths that would upon occasion happen to cross. He believed that the two were like feet, with one being the right and the other being the left - two feet working together on the same path, each depending on and enhancing the other to get to a common goal. Lonnie was in constant contact with the athletic director and coaching staff of Linden basketball and was instrumental in attaining support for the Panther basketball program, from providing post-game meals to supplying new basketball uniforms to opening the St. Stephen’s gym for practice sessions when scheduling conflicts arise for use of the high school’s gymnasium. Lonnie had never

forgotten his roots and in remembering the things that gave him joy as a youth, he would always work towards helping the youth of the Linden community attempting to give them the opportunity to go after the things in life that give them the similar sense of joy.

Poindexter would often go to extremes to afford opportunities for the economically and socially disadvantaged youth of his community to be able to participate in life-changing experiences. He would use his personal resources and time to take high school students to college visits and transport younger AAU cagers to competitive tournaments, without regard to distance which have been as far as the east and west coasts. He had a fear of flying and was more comfortable driving his own vehicle.

In honor of the remarkable life he lived, and the countless number of lives he has impacted, the newly renovated gym of St. Stephen’s Community House was named and dedicated to Mr. Lonnie Poindexter on June 15, 2017.



# MVP of CHARACTER

## 2017 Student/Athlete Recognition Awardees



### JORDAN HORSTON

In playing 2 seasons of varsity basketball where she started at guard in 56 of 57 games at Columbus Africentric Early College, the 6'1" Jordan has tallied 720 points, 370 rebounds, 244 assists, 227 steals and 75 blocked shots, and has just completed her sophomore year. Jordan has been named to the 2017 USA Women's Basketball U16 National Team and is ranked 8th in the class of 2019 by espnW, and made the Columbus All-Metro team. Jordan led the Lady Nubians in 2016-17 in scoring with a 15.7 ppg, along with a 6.3 rpg, 6.1 apg, 3.8 spg and a 1.5 bpg to help her team to a 25-4 record and a state semifinal finish. She has a 3.5 GPA.



### BRADEN NORRIS

Has started every game of his high school career. 75 games.  
Has led Hilliard Bradley Jaguars to a 62-13 mark over that time.  
2nd Team All-OCC as a freshman.  
1st Team All-OCC as a sophomore  
Player of the Year in Cardinal Division as a junior.  
1st Team All-District 2016-17  
2nd Team All-State 2016-17



### SOLOMON PIERRE-LOUIS

As a 6'4" senior captain starting combo-guard for The Wellington School in Upper Arlington, Solomon led the team to District and Regional Championships, into the Final Four and finished as Division IV State Runner-Up. He maintained a 3.4 GPA. Before trasfering to The Wellington School, Solomon played his sophomore and junior seasons at The Columbus Academy where he started at guard and was named 1st Team All-Conference and All-District Honorable Mention both as a junior. He lettered his sophomore and junior years.



### SOMMER PITZER

Sommer has completed her sophomore year at Westerville South High School. She was named OCC Player of the Year in both her freshman and sophomore years. This past year she represented the Wildcats on the All-OCC Team, Top 10 Division 1 Player, and selected to the *Columbus Dispatch* Super 12 Team. Sommer's sophomore GPA was 4.2 and her core GPA from her freshman and sophomore years is impressive at 3.9. Her community service activities have benefited the youth at her church by assisting with children's theatrical events and mentoring through possitive encouragement.



# STATE PROCLAMATION

## Recognizing the Accomplishments of

# ALEXIS PETERSON



Syracuse University senior guard Alexis Peterson has earned Associated Press All-America second-team accolades. She is the program's third Associated Press All-American. Alexis has collected All-America plaudits, earning 2017 espnW All-America Honorable Mention accolades. She is a finalist for the Nancy Lieberman Award as nation's top guard and Dawn Staley Award and is 1 of 15 finalists on the ballot for the John R. Wooden Award, as National Player of the Year, as well.

As a senior, Alexis was ACC's Player of the Year. She was also 3-time ACC All-Defensive Team (2015, '16, '17). No. 1 in SU history for total assists; 2nd in pts., ppg, and FGM; 3rd in steals. 2016-17: All-America Second Team (AP). Peterson became the first player in program history to notch Conference Player of the Year honors in 2017 (Blue Ribbon Panel) and set the Syracuse single-season records with 721 points and 231 assists during the 2016-17 season. On the year, she averaged 23.4 points, 7.0 assists, and 3.0 steals per contest. In 134 games played in her collegiate career, Alexis scored 1,978 points, which ranks second in school history, and dished out a program-record 590 assists. She made All-ACC First Team (Panel; Coaches). Led ACC in ppg (6th in D-I) and topped own SU season pts. mark. No. 2 in ACC in assists, steals per game. Combined with B. Sykes (19.2 ppg) to form country's top-scoring back-court at 42.6 ppg. (Her 45 pts vs. NC St. were most ever by a male/female in SU's Carrier Dome, and most anywhere by an SU woman plus an additional list of accolades.

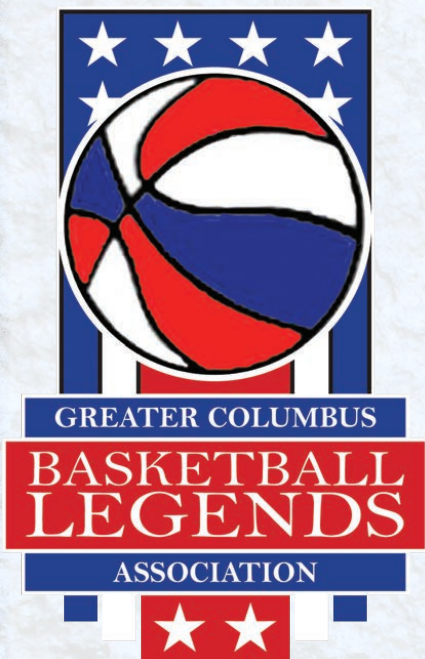
Alexis was All-State First Team as captain of the Northland HS Lady Vikings (Columbus, Ohio), and earned 1st team All-City honors. Alexis, a 5'7" guard, was the 15th overall pick in the WNBA Draft by the Seattle Storm.

## The GCBLA Legendary Newsletter

Be on the look-out for the **Legendary** Newsletter, released on a irregular tri-annual basis. The newsletter contains information of interest to central Ohio basketball aficionados and keeps you up-to-date on activities by GCBLA. The **Legendary** is circulated on the GCBLA website, Facebook page, and can be sent directly to your email in-box by requesting your subscription by email at: [legends@greatercbla.com](mailto:legends@greatercbla.com).







# INTRODUCING THE 2017 GCBLA Hall of Fame

## ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ INDUCTEES

**GCBLA:** *Where Legends Are Remembered*

### **CHARLES BARTON** **2017 Hall of Fame Inductee**

Charles Barton's first professional job as a basketball player began in Switzerland in 1974 where he played for 1 year then he played for 7 more seasons in Sweden. Coaching Career: Sweden 1984-99 (different clubs Solna Basket, Plannja, Boras and Magic Johnson's M7), 7 National Finals... 5 times National Champions, 4 times National Cup Champions, Coach of the year twice, Swedish National Team Head Coach.

Barton was the First African American to coach the Swedish Mens National Team. The first African American Head Coach in all the club teams. 2000-01 Danish National Team. Magic Johnson's Great Danes (Magic Johnson's team in the NBDL). 2001-03 as Associate Head Coach (David Blatt was the Head Coach) of Maccabi Tel Aviv/ Israel. Maccabi is one of Europe's top clubs. 2 Times National Champions. 2 Times National Cup Champions. Final 4 in the Euro league (the NBA of Europe). First African American to coach in the club and in the country. 2003-05 Head Coach Aris of Greece. 2 times National Cup Finalist, 2003 Cup Champions, Head Coach All/Star game. He was the first African American to coach in the club and in the country. 2005/2007: Head Coach Frankfurt Skyliners BBL - Germany. 2007/2008 Head Coach AEL Limassol, Cyprus. National Cup Champions. Final Four Euro/Challenge Cup. Head Coach FIBA All/Star Game (World Team).





**ELAINE BOLTZ**  
**2017 Hall of Fame Inductee**

Elaine Boltz engineered a sterling 30 year coaching career. Coaching the Northland HS Lady Vikings of the Columbus City League, she racked up a impressive record of 381 wins against 173 losses, which included a dominant run in capturing the OSHAA AAA State Championship in 1982, giving Northland the first of its big school state championships. Elaine accomplished a unique feat by serving her entire teaching and coaching career at only one school, Northland HS. After graduating from The Ohio State University in 1970 (where she had played on the OSU women's basketball team for 4 years), Boltz jumped right into the fray coaching varsity girls basketball and volleyball from 1970 through 2000. She enjoyed much success in both sports.



**TOM BROWN**  
**2017 Hall of Fame Inductee**

Tom Brown was a all-round athlete who competed in many different sports, he excelled as education administrator at several schools in Columbus, Ohio and was phenomenal as a Junior High School Basketball Coach. With Miller Barnes Jr. as his assistant, Tom coached Champion Jr. High to three consecutive championships in 1955, 56 and 57. He was voted "Jr. High School Basketball Coach of the Year" and had coached such notables as: Gene Caslin and Eddie Ratliff. After five seasons of coaching at Champion, Brown compiled a 55-12 record with the Hornets.

Born in Dayton, Ohio, Tom graduated from Roosevelt HS then graduated from Central State University then earned a Masters in Education Administration from Ohio State. He played 4 years of high school baseball, 3 years of college football, 4 years of college baseball and 2 years of professional baseball with a Chicago White Sox farm club.





## **ALONZO “Nicky” CONNER**

### **2017 Hall of Fame Inductee**

Nick Conner passed away at the age of 55 from a long battle with lung cancer. The Nick Conner legend began long before he ever stepped foot on the University of Illinois campus. Playing for Columbus East High School in Ohio, Conner was a part of what many consider to be one of the greatest Ohio high school basketball teams of all-time. Conner's Columbus East team lost just once in three years on their way to capturing two straight Class AAA state championships in 1968 and 1969. The 1969 team was so good that all five starters went on to play college basketball. Standing 6-6, Conner played most of his collegiate career in Champaign out of position in the center spot, but he more than made up for it with his incredible leaping ability. There is no doubt his greatest game in an Illini uniform came on December 30, 1972 against the top-ranked UCLA Bruins in the Sugar Bowl Classic in New Orleans. Going up against the virtually unstoppable Bill Walton, Conner did more than hold his own against one of the best players in college basketball history as he frustrated Walton with his quickness and leaping ability on his way to scoring 17 points on 8-of-14 from the field.



## **MARSHAE DOTSON**

### **2017 Hall of Fame Inductee**

Marshae was considered one of the best undersized collegiate post players in the country, a strong force in the paint. She was 2009 1st Team All-Southeastern Conference (coaches) and a 2nd Team selection by the media, voted 2007-08 1st Team All-SEC by the league's coaches and a 2nd Team selection by the media. 2006-07 2nd Team All-SEC performer (coaches) and Associated Press All-SEC Honorable Mention team selection. 2006 SEC All-Freshman Team and was UF's leading rebounder each of her last three years while earning a spot on the 2007 and 2008 SEC Academic Honor Roll and 2006 SEC Freshman Academic Honor Roll. In UF's CAREER record book, Dotson was No. 2 for field goal percentage (55.5%), No.10 scoring (1,529), No. 9 rebounds (854), No. 9 made field goals (598), No. 5 made free throws (333), No. 5 free throw attempted (499), No. 4 games played (126).



A portrait of Jerry Francis Sr., a man with a long, full white beard and mustache, looking slightly to the left. He is wearing a dark shirt. The background is a textured, light-colored wall.

## **JERRY FRANCIS SR.**

### **2017 Hall of Fame Inductee**

Jerome "Jerry" Francis Sr. was a schoolboy legend at Columbus West HS 1964-66. For the Cowboys he lettered in baseball, basketball and cross-country all 3 years. 1964 All-City 2nd Team basketball and 3rd Team baseball, 1965 All-City 1st Team basketball and baseball, and was All-State 1st Team basketball and baseball. Selected High School All-American 3rd Team basketball in 1965. In 1966 he was 1st Team All-City and All-State as well as 1st Team All-American in basketball and baseball. Jerry played in the 1966 Dapper Dan Classic held in Pittsburgh, PA then attended University of Dayton 1966-68 followed by a stint in the Army 1968-70 and afterwards attended Capital University 1970-72.

Francis moved from Oklahoma City, OK and then to Austin, TX and is currently retired and lives in the Oasis Canyon area of South Texas.

A portrait of Avery Godfrey, a man with a long, full white beard and mustache, looking slightly to the left. He is wearing a dark shirt. The background is a textured, light-colored wall.

## **AVERY GODFREY**

### **2017 Hall of Fame Inductee**

Avery Godfrey played high school basketball at Columbus East where he was a vital cog in the accomplishments of the Tigers. He played from 1962 to 1963. In his first year on the team, Avery garnered All-League, All-City, and All-State honors while under the tutelage of coach Bob Hart. In 1963 East captured the State Championship.

After graduating from East in 1964, Godfrey played basketball for Central State University and won the NAIA Championship in 1965. He had a stint in semi-professional basketball with the Columbus Comets. Avery was inducted into the Ohio Basketball Hall of Fame in 2008.

Avery is currently owner of Godfrey Construction Company.





## **RENE HAYNES**

### **2017 Hall of Fame Inductee**

Lorenda “Rene” Haynes played high school basketball as a guard for The Wellington School from 1999-2003. She was 1st Team All-District for 4 consecutive years and was selected District Player of the Year as a junior and senior. Rene’s All-State honors: Special Mention - freshman, 2nd Team - sophomore, and 1st Team - junior and senior years. Rene played guard for the Michigan State Spartans, earning a spot on the BigTen All-Freshman Team in 2004. Sophomore Year: 2005-2007 Team Captain, 2005 BigTen Champions, BigTen Tournament Champs, NCAA Final Four Runner-up, BigTen Honorable Mention, Junior Year: NCAA Sweet Sixteen, Played on the BigTen Foreign Tour Team, Senior Year: 2nd Team All-BigTen, All-BigTen Defensive Team, finished with 135 career games, the most in MSU history, member of the winningest senior class in school history with 103 wins.

Played professionally for: Pro Build –Lions (Netherlands), Lapperanta-Catz (Finland), FoA (Finland). Team Honors: Finish League Champions – Catz 2009. She was assistant coach at Florida State University and is now on the staff at Duke University as assistant basketball coach.



## **FRED SAUNDERS**

### **2017 Hall of Fame Inductee**

Fred Saunders burst on the Columbus basketball scene with exploits for the Mohawk HS Indians of the Columbus City League. He was every coaches’ match-up nightmare as he earned All-City honors.

Fred began his collegiate career at University of Louisiana at Lafayette in 1970; in his three years there, he averaged 6.5 points per game. Saunders transferred to Syracuse University for his senior year. At Syracuse University, Saunders averaged 9.8 points per game as a power forward for the Orangemen. The Orangemen finished the season with a record of 17-9 and went on to the NCAA Men’s Division I Basketball Championship tournament. At Syracuse, he acquired the nickname “Chocolate Thunder” due to his unique skyhook. Saunders was drafted in the 2nd round of the 1974 National Basketball Association Draft (31st Overall) by the Phoenix Suns; he played power forward for the Phoenix Suns and the Boston Celtics during the 1970s.





## **ED STAHL**

### **2017 Hall of Fame Inductee**

Ed Stahl, a 6'10" center for the Walnut Ridge of the Columbus City League, was a dominant figure in the Scots 1971 run for the Ohio AAA State Championship. WR finished Ed's senior season with a 25-0 record to capture the title. Ed earned All-League and All-State honors in both his junior and senior years. As a senior, he was named Ohio's AAA Player of the Year and he participated in the Dapper Dan Classic. Stahl received a scholarship to play basketball at the University of North Carolina, in Chapel Hill where he was coached by the Hall of Fame coach Dean Smith. He played professionally overseas in Venice, Italy, 1975-76 where as their leading scorer, finished 3rd in the country. He played in Genoa, Italy in 1977-78. Ed's professional career outside of basketball brought him back to the US where he found success in various fields of employment but he lists as his most rewarding venture in business as the owner and operator of *Shot Doctor Basketball, USA* for nearly 30 years (1986-2015).

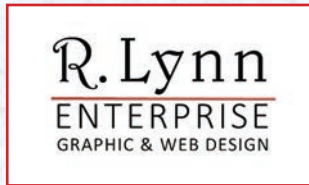


## **ESTABAN WEAVER**

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Already dubbed a "phenomenon" while still a 8th grader, Estaban was invited to the illustrious Nike Camp in Chicago, where only 3 8th graders before him had been invited in the history of the camp. The camp featured the top 100 high schoolers in the country by invitation only. Estaban entered high school as the #1 freshman in the country. Although the first shot he ever took in a high school game was a "air ball", he went on to have a very successful and productive career with first the Bishop Hartley Hawks and then the Independence 76ers where he was teamed with Kenny Gregory where they both achieved All-American honors in 1997. With such a lofty national rating, Estaban's high school career was pressure packed as expectations were sky high. Every game was standing room only filled with fans wanting to see him play. His skills on the basketball court were undeniably legendary. Weaver ended up playing collegiate ball at nearby Central State.





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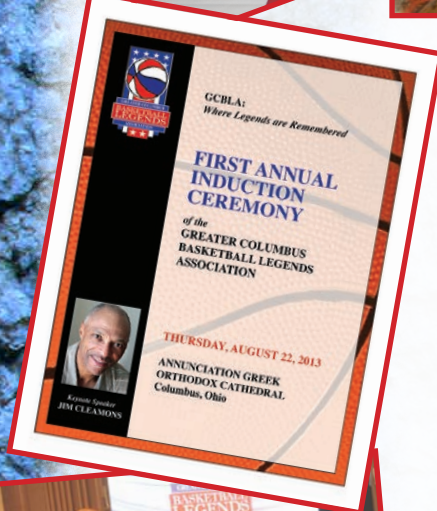
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