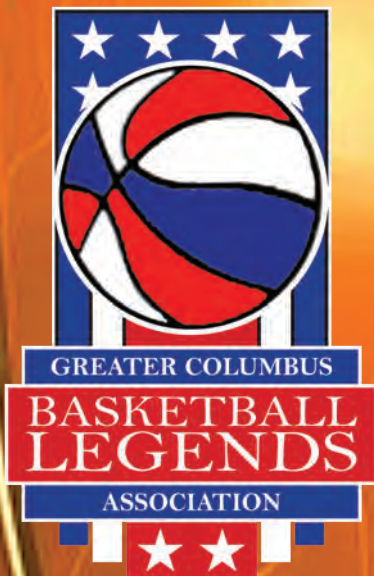


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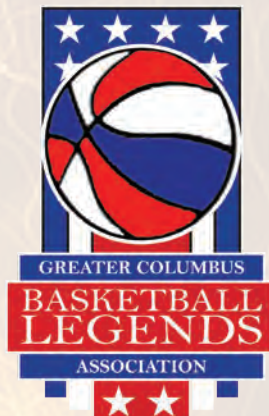
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GREATER COLUMBUS BASKETBALL LEGENDS ASSOCIATION

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. 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 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 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. 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 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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P R O G R A M M E

Welcome / Introduction GCBLA Executive Committee Member
Recognition of Founders GCBLA Executive Committee Member
Recognition of Officers/Members
Recognition of Dignitaries and Distinguished Guests
Red Carpet Recognition of Former Hall of Fame Inductees Don Sellers
Invocation/Prayer for deceased Players, Coaches and others Chad Heath Robinson

DINNER

Presentation of Virtual Museum Project Sherri Hamilton
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GCBLA Online Sports Apparel Presentation Tyler McCourt
Team Time Sports
GCBLA Legendary Newsletter Presentation Edward 'Skip' Young

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Presentors: BUSINESS, EDUCATION, MEDIA, ACTIVISM / S. Yolanda Robinson - Gayle Saunders

Presentors: SPORTS / Don Sellers - Scott Weakley

POSTHUMOUS INDUCTIONS Eddie Clark, *Player-Coach* / Eddie Guice, *Player-Coach*
Bruce Howard, *Coach* / Granville Waiters, *Player*

INDUCTEES Joyce Beatty / *Leadership* Jene Davis / *Coach*
Classic of Columbus / *Media* Jermaine Guice / *Player, Coach*
Fran Frazier / *Leadership* Tihon Johnson / *Player*
Clark Kellogg / *Ambassador for Basketball* Todd Penn / *Player*
Ray Miller / *Media* Reggie Rankin / *Player, NBA Scout*
Jerry Saunders / *Leadership* Katie Smith / *Player, Coach*
Charles E. Tennant / *Education* Kevin Weakley / *Player, Coach*
Adam Troy / *Leadership*

SPECIAL RECOGNITION Paul 'Omari' Barnes / *My Brothers' Keeper Award*

Special Recognition: MVP of Character

STUDENT/ATHLETE AWARD LB Towns, Jr. / Megan Weakley

Acknowledgements / Closing Remarks Edward 'Skip' Young

MVP of CHARACTER



LB TOWNS JR. / *Columbus Linden McKinley HS*

It takes a lot to be noticed when you have 15 siblings like LB Towns Jr., but when LB laces up his sneakers and steps onto the court, the spotlight is directly on him. The senior point guard for the Linden McKinley Panthers averaged nearly 20 points per game, is a lock-down on-ball defender who carries a overall 3.7 GPA. His listed height is debatable between 5'8"-5'10" but it doesn't matter when you would be hard pressed to find anyone who works any harder. As a senior cager, LB has been named 1st team All-City North and All-District. He is the team leader. LB has broken records in Track and Cross Country, led the football team to its best season in school history where he was Honorable Mention All-State and was a standout soccer player. He has received scholarship offers in basketball, football and track but has elected to accept a full academic scholarship from Howard University in Washington, DC, a prestiges HBCU school and plans to play basketball for the Bison. LB has played a major role in establishing his team's mantra "Restoring Order" while being the perfect example of "Heart Over Height"!



MEGAN WEAKLEY / *Worthington Christian HS*

Megan Weakley will be a senior at Worthington Christian High School. She has been a 3-year starter on the Girls Basketball Team. During that time, the Warriors have had a record of 75-9 - winning 2 League Championships, 2 Districts, 1 Regional, and had 1 State Final appearance. Megan has received All-league, All-District, and All-Ohio Honors and was selected for the Mid-State League Leadership Academy. Additionally, she was in the top 10 out of all high school girls basketball players in Ohio in 3 pt shooting percentage this past year, connecting on 83 made 3 point goals (OHSBCA). In three seasons she has made 160 total 3 pt field goals. In the classroom, she has maintained a 3.75 GPA and was recently inducted into the National Honor Society. Outside of school, she has spent time working with younger athletes at camps and working in various capacities to help the Warrior league run more efficiently. She has also had opportunities to mentor and train younger Lady Warriors through individual and group training. She has a scholarship offer to Mount Vernon Nazarene University and is interested in majoring in Exercise Science and Nutrition.

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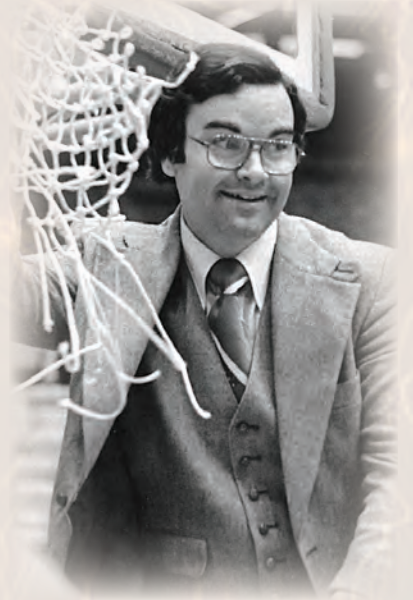


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GCBLA: *Where Legends Are Remembered*

JENE DAVIS / *Coach*

From the surface, it would appear that Davis had a meteoric rise to the top of the high school coaching mountain during his four year stint at the helm of the Linden McKinley Panther basketball program. During that short span, he was able to collect 2 City Championships, 3 District Championships, 3 Final Four appearances, 2 State Championships and a #2 National Ranking. Not too shabby for a first-time varsity head coach. Jene Davis' coaching recipe has taken parts from some masters of the game - some from Coach Vince Chickerella, some from Coach George Mills, some from Coach Bobby Knight along with some of his own ingredients mixed in to cook up one of the greatest coaching careers in Columbus high school basketball. Just before the start of the 1976-77 season, in a interview with the *Columbus Dispatch*, he said, "I'd be darned disappointed if we don't win the state this year - and I want to play Barberton to do it." The statement may have been a bit brash as many considered the undefeated defending state champion Barberton Magics to be invincible. However, the match-up did occur and Davis' Panthers ended Barberton's 51 game win streak to end the season 26-0 with a State Championship trophy and a #2 National Ranking. After Linden, Davis landed assistant coaching positions with many colleges including Capital University, Furman University, University of Indiana, and The Ohio State University. Jene has more recently redirected his talents to a career in real estate.



JERMAINE GUICE / *Player, Coach*

Jermaine comes from a strong bloodline of basketball excellence. His dad, Eddie and uncle Terry helped pave the way and by the time Jermaine reached high school at Westerville South, he made a name for himself as the entire league took notice. After graduation he took advantage of a basketball scholarship in Indianapolis, Indiana at Butler University. At Butler, he helped engineer a turnaround in the Bulldogs basketball fortunes and their first winning season in 6 years. A two-time Butler MVP and two-time All-Midwestern Collegiate Conference performer, Guice finished with 1,607 career points and the 6'4" guard led Butler in scoring in each of his final 2 seasons. Jermaine has since returned to Central Ohio and lately has become a very successful and respected high school head basketball coach by teaching and guiding the girls' varsity Lady Wildcats at Westerville South HS, his alma mater. Jermaine has put the basketball and life lessons learned at the knee of his father to very good use.



TIHON JOHNSON / *Player*



Tihon is the CEO and Owner of Kingdom First and the Kingdom League. Johnson jumped of the basketball porch late in life. He really did not start playing the game until late in his middle school years. Tihon received his first trophy in middle school and stopped anybody on the way home to show them his trophy. His high school career included two schools - Centennial HS and at Columbus East HS where he would earn All-City, All-District and All-State honors. He led East High to the Div.II State Final Four in 2001. Johnson was the two-time District Player of the Year in 2000 and 2001. Tihon attended Mt. San Jacinto JC in California where he was 1st Team All-State and JUCO All-American. As a Division 1 player Johnson attended University of Idaho. In his professional career he played in several countries including business developing stints in China and played in Germany. He was an elite minor league player and recorded The Premier Basketball League's First Playoff Triple Double. He also led the International Basketball League in assists. He led The International Basketball Association in scoring. Johnson continues to contribute to this great game today running the aforementioned and highly

acclaimed Kingdom Summer League in Columbus Ohio and has recently been named head boy's varsity basketball coach at Northland HS.

TODD PENN / *Player*



Todd was the middle child in a family of 5 basketball players: Donnie and Ronnie preceded him. Trent and Tracy followed him. Todd was an outstanding football player as well, but his heart was in basketball. Many times after football practice, Todd would come to open gym and play until the gym closed. Although Todd is a quiet person, he always had confidence in himself as a player. Todd was the ultimate winner from the time he stepped on the court as a starter as a sophomore. Todd is a modest person. He was always reluctant to talk about his accomplishments, even to this day. Even as an upperclassman, he was not a vocal leader. He led by example. Todd worked hard and never took a day off in practice. Todd was the ultimate team player. Although he ended up as the all time leading scorer when he finished playing, he was interested in winning, not his individual stats. He scored over 30 points 5 times, once as a sophomore, twice as a junior and twice as a senior. His all time high was 32 points versus Whetstone. As a player, Todd had a rare combination of: speed, quickness, and strength. Todd was best in open court play both offensively and defensively. He had great natural instincts to go with his physical talent. Todd played in 77 out of a possible 78 games (18

regular season games and 8 tournament games) as a three year starter at Linden. His overall record was 65-12 (with 6 losses coming in the first 9 games). More importantly he was 22-1 when it counted, in tournament play. Todd played his best in the biggest games. Todd scored 21 in the state championship against Cleveland Heights as a sophomore and 28 versus Barberton as a senior breaking their 51 game winning streak. He was the leading scorer in 13 of the 23 tournament games. He was the leading scorer in all 7 games in the 1976 tournament. Todd scored 26 against Middletown in the regular season breaking their 7 year home court winning streak. He was an instrumental part of winning: 3 sectional, 3 district, 3 regional, and 2 state championships as well as 2 City League Championships during his 3 years. He is the only player in City League history to play in the State Final 4 every year he played. Todd led Linden to unparalleled success on the basketball court.

REGGIE RANKIN / *Player, NBA Scout*

Reggie grew up in the basketball talent-rich Linden neighborhood and lived on the same street as several Linden Panther stars who came before and after him. At Linden McKinley, he was a prolific scorer who still holds the single game Fairgrounds Coliseum tournament scoring record of 50 points (before the 3pt shot was adopted for high schools). More than a scorer, Reggie was known for his hard-nosed, pit-bull like defense. He was 2nd Team All-Ohio as a junior and 1st Team as a senior. After high school, he played for the Ohio University Bobcats and took a different direction in the sport after college, but not before earning the 1990 Mid-American Conference and Ohio University Presidential Scholar Athlete Award (for 3.6 GPA and above). Reggie was also selected to the 1989-90 Mid-American Conference First Team All-Academic. He went into coaching and built an extensive resume of assistant coaching positions in places like Univ. of Dayton, Univ. of Nebraska, Univ. of Georgia, Univ. of Wyoming, Boston Univ., and Bowling Green State Univ. His knowledge and intuition for grading basketball talent took him in yet another direction, scouting high school talent for colleges and even into broadcasting where he became an analyst for ESPN for Boys High School and Men's College Basketball. Rankin was on the Naismith Trophy High School Board of Selectors, the McDonald's All-American High School Basketball Game Selection Committee, the NBPA (NBA) Top 100 Camp Selection Committee and the Under Armour Elite 24 Game Selection Committee. A natural progression, Reggie was hired by the NBA's Golden State Warriors as a scout and as a staff member he just recently has earned a NBA World Championship ring and has set himself up in a position for more to follow.



KATIE SMITH / *Player, Coach*

An inspiration to athletes all over the globe, Katie Smith is an icon in the sport of basketball. She began playing hoops in the 5th grade while juggling ballet and tap dancing. The lessons paid off as Katie's quick footwork and ability to score helped her become one of the most accomplished athletes on the court. While attending Logan High School in Ohio, Katie was awarded the National Gatorade Athlete of the Year Award. Katie attended The Ohio State University and lead the Buckeyes to a Big Ten Championship and the NCAA title game during her freshman year. She broke the Big Ten scoring record for points scored in both men's and women's basketball. Her hard work and talent on the court earned her two Big Ten Conference Player of the year awards. At her alma mater her jersey is retired, and she is a member of the Athletic Hall of Fame. Katie earned a B.A. in Life and Human Sciences (2008) and a M.S. in Medical Dietetics (2014). Katie is a three-time Olympic gold medalist and is one of the most decorated professional basketball players of all-time. She won 2 WNBA Championships with the Detroit Shock and 2 ABL Championships with the Columbus Quest. She was a 7-time WNBA All-Star and named to the WNBA All-Decade team, top 15 players of all time and most recently top 20 at 20. Most recently, Katie was inducted as a first ballot member of the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame and Women's Basketball Hall of Fame. Katie was the Head Coach of the WNBA New York Liberty and is also an analyst for women's college basketball for ESPN. In 2020, Katie was hired to be the Official Assistant Coach with the Minnesota Lynx. Columbus, Ohio is home where she is always striving to empower women and grow the game she loves. "We all have opportunities everyday to find ways to break barriers. It's what we do with those opportunities that define us forever."





KEVIN WEAKLEY / *Coach*

Kevin Weakley grew up a gym rat. He has been a part of the Columbus basketball community as a player, then coach for the past 32 years. A four-year starter at Worthington Christian HS, the point guard quarterbacked the Warriors to a 70-23 record and a state finals appearance in 1994. Weakley scored 1359 career points. Averaging 22.3 points his senior year, he was selected 1st Team All State and nominated for the McDonalds All American game. He remains among the all-time OHSAA assists leaders with 583 career assists. He continued playing basketball at Otterbein College for legendary Hall of Fame coach Dick Reynolds. Starting all four years, he was recognized as First team OAC, First team All Great Lakes Region, Regional Player of the Year and First Team All American. During his senior year, he led the conference in points per game at 23.3 and made a single season record of 100 three pointers that season. At Otterbein, he ranks first all-time in steals (256), second in three pointers made (230) second in assists, (569), fourth in free throw percentage, (.806) and seventh in points (1,666). He still holds the Ohio Athletic Conference career record for most steals in a career. Weakley graduated Otterbein with a degree in business management. He garnered the OAC Clyde Lamb award which is given annually to the top male and female senior-student

athletes across the league. Last year, Weakley was inducted into the Otterbein Hall of Fame Class of 2021 and will be receiving the XL Award for Excellence in Athletics this fall presented by the Otterbein “O Club.” Coach Weakley started coaching immediately after college, taking over as head coach at Worthington Christian at the age of 24. Since then, Weakley has made appearances in two state title games, won 9 district championships, and currently has a 71% overall winning percentage. With an overall record of 385-161, he will be one of the fastest coaches in the history of Ohio High School basketball to 400 wins.



SPECIAL RECOGNITION



REP. JOYCE BEATTY / *Politics, Leadership*

If you look at business, social activism, or sports, we always acknowledge our trailblazers, and search for those clues that set them apart and forged their success. On occasion we refer to them as Hero’s and Heroines, for their outstanding achievements. The fictional superheroes, like Wonderwoman have nothing on Joyce Beatty from Columbus, Ohio. Joyce was elected to the House of Representatives for the State of Ohio, showing her Heroism. President Joe Biden, said it best when he stated that, “the Beatty name is synonymous with service and justice.” The Beatty family has a history of service dating back to the days of her late husband Otto’s parents and grandmother, Mayme Moore. Congresswoman Joyce Beatty, the wife of Otto Beatty, Jr., is continuing the family legacy, as she breaks barriers while advocating for many people. She is the first female Democratic House Leader in Ohio history, Chair of the powerful Congressional Black Caucus, while serving on Committee on financial services, and Chairing the Diversity and Inclusion Committee. Joyce was named by Ebony magazine as one of the 150 most powerful women in the United States.

CLASSIC FOR COLUMBUS / *Media*

In its inaugural year of operating, Classic For Columbus Inc. (CFC) generated over \$1 million in revenue, made more than \$420,000 in financial contributions to HBCUs and scholarship programs, and provided \$28,000 in monthly contracts to minority owned businesses. CFC's mission is to promote education, economic development and diversity while raising funds for scholarships and institutions of higher learning. The organization fulfills its mission by partnering with some 30 community-based organizations, including fraternities, sororities, faith-based groups, educational programs, social and service organizations. CFC produces events to engage segments of the community that may not otherwise participate in collegiate festivities and educational initiatives. This strategy yields results. More than 5,000 students attended college and career fairs where they were introduced to education and employment opportunities. The College Basketball All-Star Game & Celebrity Extravaganza was held April 20-24, 2022, was a five-day celebration of educational, multicultural and entertainment festivities that complemented a college All-Star Game and a celebrity game featuring nationally renowned entertainers and local personalities. Through All-Star Week, celebrities and local personalities hosted events to raise funds for their selected universities. The College Basketball All-Star Game showcased top players from Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) vs. dynamic players from Ohio's traditional universities (Ohio All-Star Team vs. HBCU All-Star Team) at Nationwide Arena in Columbus, Ohio. Celebrities hosted a number of events during All-Star Week with actress and TV talk show host Vivica Fox hosting a day party at Nationwide Arena preceding basketball. Nickelodeon teen sensation That Girl Lay Lay hosted an educational event for students. Legendary comedian Joe Torry brought his Comedy Slam to Columbus with rising stars in comedy performing.



FRAN FRAZIER / *Activism, Leadership*

Fran's area of expertise is her ability to present creative and insightful approaches to issues of high sensitivity. Her work in the area of cultural competency in the workplace, cultural competency training and the creation of culturally specific programs in the Social Services field earned her the YWCA "Woman of Achievement Award" in Racial Justice. She is an inspiring and proven facilitator, consultant and trainer with over 30 years of experience. Specializing in issues related to structural racism, racial and economic equity Fran Frazier served as a Senior Associate for Everyday Democracy for over 20 years. Everyday Democracy is a national organization that works to strengthen democracy by making authentic engagement and public participation a permanent part of the way we work as a country. This Dialogue to Change process leads from personal connection to sustained action. When Frances Curtis Frazier served as the Administrator for Cultural Initiatives for the Department of Human Services/Department of Job and Family Services she initiated several state-wide programs and regulatory procedures to support the cultural competency of child welfare and public welfare county agencies to provide services specific to the needs of African American, Latino, Appalachian and Native American children and their families. Fran served as a consultant and provided technical assistance to the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services to address racial inequity in their service provision to people of color, specifically African Americans experiencing mental illness. Fran Frazier is an ardent advocate for marginalized women and girls. She is a national speaker and presenter in this area.





CLARK KELLOGG / *Ambassador for Basketball*

In the 1982 NBA draft, Kellogg was picked in the first round, eighth overall, by the Indiana Pacers. After injury ended his playing days, Kellogg made the leap to ESPN where he served as a basketball analyst for the next eight years. Known on and off the court as both a natural storyteller and a genuinely nice guy, Kellogg was persuaded by friends and colleagues to pursue a career in basketball broadcasting. "Even though I played, I was always the guy standing around the playground narrating the games," he recalled. Also in 1989, he was hired as a television analyst by the Pacers, a position which he continued to hold into 2007. His burgeoning success as a basketball broadcaster was a good salve for the pain of his short-lived basketball career. "If I had to go in another direction, then this is a great fit," he said. "I am still around the game – I get to interact with the players and the coaches, and I am still a small part of the game." Professional career: Indiana Pacers, NBA, professional basketball player, 1982-87; ESPN, college basketball on-air analyst, 1989-97; Indiana Pacers, on-air analyst, 1989-; CBS, college basketball analyst, 1997-; CBS SportsLine.com, columnist, 2006-__.

Awards: Ohio State Athletics Hall of Fame, 2001; Ohio State University, distinguished service award, 2001; Legends of the Hardwood, Coach Wooden Keys to Life Award, 2003. Kellogg got to be a much bigger part of the game when he was hired as a full-time college basketball analyst for CBS in 1997. He had begun serving as an NCAA Final Four game analyst for the network in 1993.



RAY MILLER / *Leadership*

Ray Miller is the Founder and Publisher of The Columbus & Dayton African American news journal. The 40-page monthly publication has been in existence since January 10th of 2011 and has the largest circulation (40,000) of any African American-owned newspaper in the State of Ohio. The news journal not only presents current issues and events, but provides solutions through its' 30 active Contributing Writers, that directly address the major challenges facing our City, State, and Nation today. Mr. Miller decided at a young age (18 years old) that he would serve in elected office at the local, state, and national levels of government. With broad community support, he achieved those goals by first being elected as a District Representative to the Model Neighborhood Assembly. In successive order, he was elected as the 25th and 56th Ward Committeeman of the Franklin County Democratic Party. He would go on from there and serve as an elected Member of the Ohio House of Representatives for 16 years and the Ohio Senate for 8 years. Prior to becoming a Member of the Ohio General Assembly, Miller was appointed to the White House Staff as a Deputy Special Assistant to the President of The United States, Jimmy Carter. The Honorable Ray Miller was a prolific legislator during his combined 24 years as a Member of the Ohio General Assembly. He was the Chief Sponsor of legislation that: Created State funding for the Head Start

Program in Ohio; Established the Ohio Commission on Minority Health; Created the Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services; Sponsored the legislation creating the Ohio Housing Trust Fund; Chief House Sponsor of the Mental Health Reform Act of 1988; Created the George Washington Williams Memorial Room; and, The Ohio African American Hall of Fame - just to mention a few. Senator Miller holds a B.A. and an M.P.A. from The Ohio State University in Political Science and Public Administration.

JERRY SAUNDERS / *Activism, Leadership*

Jerry Saunders Sr., Chief Executive Officer of Africentric Personal Development Shop, Inc. (APDS). Since 1997, Saunders has served as CEO of APDS which is an innovative behavioral healthcare agency established in 1988. APDS specializes in prevention and treatment of substance use disorders and programming for domestic violence perpetrators (males). Jerry is managing partner with The Saunders Business Development Group, LLC. Prior to joining APDS, Saunders served ten years as executive director of the Eldon W. Ward YMCA of Central Ohio. Jerry is chairman of the board of trustees for Creative Housing, Inc., chairman of the board of directors for Equity Now Coalition, vice chair of the board of directors for Women's Center for Economic Opportunity (WCEO), trustee of United Methodist Children's Home, Inc., and member of Mt. Carmel Foundation Board of Trustees. Saunders previously served in executive leadership roles on the Franklin County Children Services Board of Trustees, Franklin County Developmental Disabilities Board of Trustees, Children Hunger Alliance Board of Trustees, 100 Black Men of America, Inc., Board of Trustees, and as a Commissioner with City of Columbus Recreation and Parks Department. He is dedicated to building comprehensive supportive communities and has a deep passion for addressing socioeconomic needs of African American communities. The Oberlin College graduate is the recipient of numerous awards including African American Committee's 2020 Nonprofit Business of the Year, SMART Business Magazine 2019 Medical Mutual Nonprofit Executive Director of the Year, Columbus Urban League Award of Excellence, 100 Black Men of Central Ohio Mentor of the Year, and Greater Columbus Community Helping Hands, Inc. Ambassador of Health and Wellness Award. Saunders received the prestigious Paul Harris Fellow of The Rotary Foundation from Columbus Rotary. Saunders attended Mohawk Junior-Senior High School where he was a outstanding varsity basketball player.



CHARLES E. TENNANT / *Education, Leadership*

A living legend, Charles E. Tennant is a transformational educator and visionary. He is the founder of the Africentric Early College Pre-K through 12, an award-winning educational success model in Columbus City Schools (CCS). His exceptional teaching and genuine care for generations of students compelled him to go the extra mile in CCS for more than 40 years. He tutored high school students for the Ohio Graduation Tests (OGT) with a one hundred percent success rate. Tennant received national acclaim for his work with "at-risk" 14 and 15-year-old potential dropouts in an Occupational Work Adjustment (OWA) program at Beery Junior High School. In 1980, The United States Department of Vocational Education and The Ohio Department of Education (ODE) selected Tennant to testify before a subcommittee of the United States Congress in Washington, D.C. He functioned as a consultant for Ohio Department of Education (ODE) and The Ohio State University (OSU). Also, he was successful in finding additional funds for vocational education when programs in that category were being cut throughout the country. Tennant articulated and lived his devotion to effective education. He has been a lecturer in many schools, colleges, universities, federal agencies and correctional institutions, plus, a guest on various talk show programs. As a dynamic speaker, he delivers enlightening messages to churches, schools and civic groups on various education-related topics, including Parental Involvement and African and African American history. He earned a degree in education with a minor in art from Winston Salem



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TENNANT / *continued*

State University, and graduate degrees from The Ohio State University (Columbus) and Ohio University (Athens). Tennant's major impact in education earned him many honors. He received the "Educator of the Year" award from Junior Achievement of Central Ohio in 1992. The National African Heritage Studies Association honored him in 1996. He was given the "Excellence in Education" award from PURPOSE Magazine in 1997, and the Columbus Black Leaders Organization saluted him as a Columbus "Legend" in 2013. During Black History Month in 2018, Tennant was awarded the Carter G. Woodson Award from The Defense Supply Center Columbus (DSCC). In 2019, Who's Who in Black Columbus honored him as a legend. He also received "The Alumni Achiever's Award" from his alma mater, Winston Salem State University during the same year. The Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) honored him in May 2020 for his exemplary contributions and service. Highly gifted, creative and a professional educator, Tennant is also an author, painter, philosopher, and poet. He enjoys writing, oil painting and sharing life principles.



ADAM TROY / *Activism, Leadership*

As a central stakeholder in the Linden community, Adam K. Troy is a multi-dimensional social entrepreneur with broad-based experience in the areas of real estate and community development. As CEO of the New Salem Baptist church's non-profit arm, the Community of Caring Development Foundation, Adam Troy is a noted transformational leader and brings one of the most comprehensive levels of program investment and leadership engagement with the Linden community and its surroundings. A 1978 graduate of Columbus City Schools he now lives in the very home where he grew up, less than three miles from the heart of Linden at Hudson and Cleveland Avenue. He also serves as a senior staff member of New Salem Baptist Church, located in Linden at 2956 Cleveland Avenue. Over the past two decades he has maintained a consistent commitment to investing in the lives of residents and businesses throughout the northeast quadrant in Columbus with specific focus in the Linden community during the past five years. His "beyond self" leadership has resulted in facilitating commercial and residential development exceeding \$100 million, providing access to affordable housing for more than 2,000 families, serving over 500,000 meals, facilitating more than \$100,000 in academic scholarships, securing and disbursing more than \$1 million in grants to various community and grassroots organizations. His completed project track record demonstrates a proven ability to work in unison with staff, volunteers, and various board of directors. Skillful in interacting with stakeholders, community groups and government officials at varying levels, he is recognized for his ability to gain consensus. Clients describe his workmanship as innovative, versatile, and always centered on the end-user. Adam's vast network of contacts and results-oriented approach have earned him the reputation as a solid team-player, trusted advisor and thought-leader. As a formal member of the One Linden Plan Advisory Council, Adam's knowledge-base of the Linden Community has been formed and framed through his project leadership and community involvement with over 24 initiatives, such as: The Linden Community Festival; Linden 5k; Linden Classic Golf Outing; Linden Farmers Market; Tour de Linden Cycling; Linden Business Infrastructure Initiative; Linden Sports Leadership Academy & Open Gym; 614 Linden Collaborative, and more than 30 partnerships with such organizations as: Greater Linden Business Network; SMART Columbus; OSU Wexner Center; Community Development 4 All People; Urban Scouts/Remember US; Nationwide Children's Hospital; We Are Linden; South Linden Area Commission; North Linden Area Commission; Concerned Linden Clergy Group; Molina Health Care; St. Stephen's Community House and Huntington Bank. In 1994, Adam co-founded Omni Management Group – a real estate development company specializing in office development and multi-family housing. Under his leadership alongside co-founder Keith Key, Omni became one of the premiere African-American owned real estate development companies in the nation.

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POSTHUMOUS INDUCTEES



EDDIE CLARK was a star basketball player at North HS and went on to college in California and earned a B.S. degree. Missing his family, he returned to Columbus and received a managerial position working for the State of Ohio. Eddie really enjoyed working with the youth of Ohio. His contribution to the sport of basketball has been gigantic. When at North HS, he scored the winning basket against Middletown High School which gave Jerry Lucas the only loss of his high school basketball career. Eddie received scholarship offers from a multitude of schools and accepted the offer from Texas Southern University (a HBCU school) on a athletic scholarship where he graduated in 1964 in Business Administration. After his retirement from occupational life in Columbus in 1980, he worked part-time for Columbus Public Schools as a substitute teacher and assistant girls basketball coach at Independence HS while also working to diminish gang violence in the community. Eddie joined GCBLA at its inception and had been a driving force for the development of the group and the sport he so dearly loved.



EDDIE GUICE was a graduate of Linden McKinley HS in 1965, where he played varsity basketball for Hall of Fame Coach Vince Chickerella, was an All-City performer, and was one of the key players in laying the foundation for the building of the tradition of excellence at Linden. He continued playing and graduated from Bliss College, Columbus, Ohio. Founded Eddie Guice & Associates Insurance Company. Co-Founder of Nike Girls program and later Founded The Ohio Hoopsters program for girls/boys. The teams that he coached in the Worthington Summer League Program captured numerous league championships. Eddie was the Head JV Basketball Coach at Westerville North HS, and Director for the summer league held at New Covenant Believers Church, in Columbus, Ohio. Guice left an imprint on Central Ohio basketball that will stand the test of time and the legacy left to his son Jermaine continue to shape the scene of high school basketball in a way that others strive to emulate.



BRUCE HOWARD - Bruce graduated from Mifflin HS in 1977 where the basketball team was runner-up in the Class AA State Tournament. A team coached by John Smith will also be honored here tonight. After highschool he attend Wilmington College and Ohio Dominican College, playing basketball at both colleges. He earned his degree in Education from OSU and pursued a career in teaching. After being an assistant coach for several years he took on his first job as a head coach. First at Crestview MS, where he coached both the girls' and boys' basketball teams and each of those teams won a City Championship. Bruce's high school career, his college experiences, the opportunity to coach both girls and boys in middle school were all apart of God's plan to land Bruce as the head coach of Brookhaven's boys basketball program where they ruled the city with many consecutive championships and a State Championship. Bruce was inducted into the Ohio District 10 Basketball Coaches' Hall of Fame on the same program with his high school coach, John Smith.



GRANVILLE WAITERS was a dominant basketball player at Columbus East HS where he led the Tigers to their last state title in 1979 and was selected to the All-City League team. He earned a scholarship to play ball for the Ohio State Buckeyes where he was team captain as a senior and averaged 10.4 points and 7.5 rebounds per game. He was drafted in the 2nd round of the NBA draft with the 39th pick by the Portland Trailblazers and played 5 seasons in the NBA for the Indiana Pacers, Houston Rockets and Chicago Bulls. Granville finished his professional career playing in Spain, 1990. After basketball, he owned a child-care center then worked as a financial consultant and served on the board for a charity organization that helped blaze future success for youngsters. Even though his playing days had come to a conclusion, Waiters never strayed from the sport. He was a regular fixture at his alma mater's games and later became a assistant coach for the East HS Tigers varsity basketball team until the time of his passing at the age of 60.

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PAUL OMARI BARNES / Volunteer

Paul (Omari) Barnes graduated from Northland HS in 1981 in the early stages of the desegregation era. He was a three year starter and two year captain at guard (1979-1981) for the Columbus Northland Viking varsity basketball team. The 1981 team kicked off a rich basketball tradition and earned a first District Championship at Northland. Coming from a family with a strong hoops pedigree, Omari is related to basketball legend Edward (Skip) Young from Linden McKinley HS. Paul played three years at Otterbein College (1982-1984) then went on to earn his B.S. in Accounting from Franklin University. Paul has been a part of several mentoring programs and is currently doing volunteer work in the Columbus community and for the past several years has been very passionate about delivering meals on behalf of GCBLA through IMPACT Christian Ministries to all groups of people, from the very young to senior citizens throughout the greater Columbus area.

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- 2014 -

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Jim Clemons
Helen Darling
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Charles 'Buddy' McCampbell
Bob Miller
*Bob Hunter

*South HS '65 State Champs

- 2015 -

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- 2017 -

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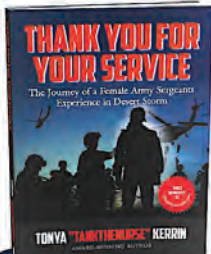
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