



Arlington Sports Hall of Fame

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ARLINGTON SPORTS HALL OF FAME ANNOUNCES 2026 INDUCTEES

Arlington, VA, April 24, 2026—The Arlington Sports Hall of Fame (ASHOF) is pleased to announce that five new Honored Members will be inducted into the Hall of Fame at the ASHOF's 2026 Annual Induction Dinner, co-sponsored with the Better Sports Club of Arlington, on October 14, 2026, adding to the 74 athletes, coaches and contributors who have been inducted into ASHOF since its founding in 1958. The Induction Dinner will be held at the Knights of Columbus Main Hall, 5115 Little Falls Road, Arlington, Virginia.

The Class of 2026 Inductees into the Hall of Fame are:

Robert Dabney Asher – O'Connell Class of 1966 – Multi Sport Athlete at O'Connell – Member of the O'Connell Hall of Fame, "Ironman" and AP 1st Team All-American at Vanderbilt, Designated SEC Legend in 1995 and inducted into the Vanderbilt University's Athletic Hall of Fame in 2026. Drafted by the Dallas Cowboys and played in the 1971 Super Bowl.

Larry Antonio "Tony" Bentley– W-L Class of 1990 – Basketball Coach, Mentor - Wakefield Basketball Coach since 2002 with over 400 wins, numerous championships and deep playoff runs in the State. He has been a 7-time District coach of the year, and 3-time Region Coach of the year. He is also the founder/current director of the George Long Holiday Tournament, a highly regarded Christmas Tournament entering its 24th year; as well as running a summer basketball camp which started in 2005. He has mentored numerous players and coaches who went on to play and or coach at various levels in basketball.

Clayton Dudley Deskins– W-L – Class of 1968 – One of Arlington's premier multi-sport athletes – State champion in triple and long jump and 1967 All Region Football team as a halfback. He was the first African American football player at Appalachian State University setting many school records as a running back, receiver and return specialist and was inducted into the Appalachian State Athletic Hall of Fame in 2004. After football, he served 28 years as an Arlington firefighter and paramedic.

Marcus Ginyard- O'Connell – Class of 2005 – 4-year starter at O'Connell earning 3 VA Independent School Division 1 State Championships. He was All Met, All Nova, Gatorade Player of the Year, Mr. Basketball for Virginia, and was honored by the National Merit Scholar Program. Earned a full scholarship to the University of North Carolina. Won a national championship in 2009, was voted team captain, earned defensive player of the year for UNC twice, and was also on the ACC all-defensive team. Played professionally overseas and in the G League for 11 years.

Brian Matthew Rosenberger– O’Connell – Class of 1994 – 4-year starter and leading scorer for the O’Connell Lacrosse team. Two-time all-conference selection and played in the prestigious metro-area North South All Star lacrosse game for seniors (scoring 2 goals). As a freshman, he started at nationally ranked Lynchburg College, netting 12 goals and 12 assists. He then transferred to Marymount University where he would score 84 goals and 23 assists, earning first team Conference selection twice and CAC’s player of the year in 1998. He was inducted into the Marymount University Hall of Fame in 2010. After graduation, he played club lacrosse for Team Reebok for 4 years. He continues to be involved in coaching lacrosse.

The ASHOF honors Arlingtonians who have excelled in sports as an athlete, coach or other contributor, and who through such achievements have gained state or national recognition. In 2019, the first-ever physical Arlington Sports Hall of Fame was unveiled, and has been exhibited at Marymount University, Yorktown High School, Washington-Liberty High School, Arlington Education Center, and Arlington Kiwanis Club. Regular (non-honoree) membership in the ASHOF is open to civic-minded local citizens interested in its core mission and objective of serving the community through good sportsmanship, leadership and useful citizenship. Learn more about the ASHOF at www.arlsportshof.org.

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