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Virginia High School Hall of Fame Class of 2018 Selected

10 athletes, coaches, and contributors will be inducted on Sunday, June 24; 2nd Annual VHSL Golf Tournament will be held Monday, June 25

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA — Sponsored by the Virginia High School League (VHSL), 10 individuals who have made outstanding contributions to high school athletic and activity programs have been selected to the 2018 Virginia High School Hall of Fame. The 29th Annual Hall of Fame induction dinner is Sunday, June 24, at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel in Charlottesville.

The Class of 2018 includes five athletes (Sharon Couch – Amelia County, Sheena Johnson – Gar-Field, Meghan McCarthy – James Robinson, Francena McCorory – Bethel, Charlies Stukes – Crestwood), three coaches (Jack Baker – Maury, Jean Gillespie – Rich Valle, Northwood, Jerome Loy – Jefferson Forest), and two contributors (Mike Ingrao – VHSL Wrestling Rule Interpreter, Bob Stratton – Hanover, Atlee, Patrick Henry-Ashland).

Tickets are \$35 and can be purchased on-line: <https://gofan.co/app/school/VHSL/Hall-of-Fame>.

The Virginia High School League 2nd Annual Golf Tournament is the day after the HOF banquet on Monday, June 25 at Spring Creek Golf Course, in Gordonsville. The tournament is a Captain's Choice with an 11:00 AM – Shotgun Start. To register:

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The Hall is dedicated to preserving the rich heritage of outstanding achievements by students and adults in sports and activities within Virginia's public high schools.

Athletes are eligible for consideration 10 years after completion of their high school careers and are judged primarily for their achievements in interscholastic sports. Coaches are eligible after 15 years of experience or upon retirement and are judged on the merits of their achievements at the high school level. Contributors are professionals who have rendered significant services in some other capacity such as administration, academic activities, officiating, media or sports medicine.

Members of the Class of 2018 will bring total membership to 285.

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Athletes

Sharon Couch

Amelia County HS
Outdoor Track

Led Amelia County to the 1987 Group A state title scoring 52 points...second-place Central-Woodstock scored 53 points...won five events (long jump, triple jump, 100m hurdles, 100m dash, and 200m dash) and placed fifth in the high jump...set state meet records in 100 m hurdles, 100m dash, triple jump, and 200m dash...claimed three consecutive state titles in 100m hurdles (1985-87)...owns seven individual state titles...won seven National Championships at three different National high school meets as a senior...ranked #1 in the nation in the 55m hurdles her senior year...ranked in the top 10 in the nation in the 100m hurdles and long jump...won the long jump and 100m hurdles at the USATF Junior Olympics and made the U.S. World Junior Team in the long jump as well.

One of the most decorated female student-athletes in the history of the University of North Carolina...a four-year team captain, 3-time ACC MVP, 5-time All-American, 7-time ACC Champion and All-ACC performer...went on to represent the United States at the 1992 Olympic Games in Barcelona, making the finals in the long jump, and at the 2000 Sydney Olympics, advancing to the semifinals in the 100-meter hurdles...member of 5 US World Championship teams...A 1991 graduate of UNC with a degree in speech communication she was named UNC Scholar-Athlete of the Year and was the recipient of the Patterson Gold Medal in 1991, the first African American woman and only fourth female ever to claim those honors in school history at the time.

She is currently the women's assistant track coach at the University of Tennessee.

Sheena Johnson

Gar-Field HS
Indoor Track/Outdoor Track

One of the most decorated track athletes in the VHSL history and United States track and field history...2-time Gatorade Virginia State Player of the Year...won 15 individual outdoor and indoor state titles (9 outdoor and 6 indoor) from 1997-2000...outdoor 4-time state champion in the 300m hurdles, 3-time state champion in 100m hurdles, 2-time state champion in long jump...indoor long jump state title, 2-time state champion triple jump, 2-time state champion in 55m hurdles, and 500m run...won 34 district and 32 regional individual indoor and outdoor titles...two-time Junior National Champion in 400m hurdles...2-time National High School champion in 400m hurdles...National High School champion in both indoor and outdoor triple jump...3-time Penn Relays 400m hurdle champion...Penn Relays MVP in 2000

Was a 11-time NCAA All-American and National Champion in the 400m hurdles at UCLA...led the Bruins to the 2004 NCAA championship...2-time Olympian...won silver medal in 400m hurdles at 2008 Beijing Olympics and 4th in 400m hurdles at 2004 Athens Games...NCAA Track and Field Athlete of the Year in 2004.

Meghan McCarthy

James Robinson Secondary
Cross Country/Indoor Track/Outdoor Track

One of the most highly decorated runners in VHSL history...claimed 16 state titles in cross country, indoor and outdoor track, 20 district titles and 20 region titles at James Robinson from 1988-91...3-time Group AAA cross country Champion...4-time Northern District and 4-time Northern Region cross country champ...led Robinson to 1991 cross country state title...4-time qualifier for Kinney/Foot Locker Cross Country National Championships...won 20

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individual indoor titles...3-time 1600m and 3-time 3200m titles...also claimed four region titles in the 1600m and four in the 3200m...won three district titles each in both races...just as dominate in outdoor track winning four straight 3200m championships and three 1600m titles...was the first freshman in state history won district, region, and states titles in cross country, indoor track (1600m/3200m), and outdoor track (1600m/3200m)...she was undefeated in all three sports at the region level...only athlete, male or female, to receive 12-first team selections in the history of the Washington Post All-Met teams...Gatorade Virginia Outdoor Track of the Year in 1992.

Captain and led Providence College to the 1995 NCAA Division I Cross Country National Championship...it was the first national championship ever by the school...All-Big East/Academic teams for cross country, indoor and outdoor track...All Eastern Collegiate Conference (ECAC) in cross country.

Francena McCorory

Bethel HS

Indoor Track/Outdoor Track

Named High School Athlete of the Decade by the Daily Press (2003-06)...stands among the best to have ever competed in track and field on the Peninsula...won 15 individual indoor and outdoor state titles...she was named Track and Field News national indoor athlete of the year for 2006...her eight individual indoor state championships are a VHSL state record...won the 100m, 200m outdoor, and 300m indoor as a freshman... became the state record holder in the 300-meter dash with a 38.23 as a sophomore...was also the outdoor state champion in the 100- and 200-meter dashes, as well as the 4x100-meter relay...won the indoor state title in the 300-meter dash and the outdoor title in the 100-, 200- and 4x100-meter relay races as a junior state champion in the 300- and 500-meter dash as a senior...Group AAA 100 and 200-meters outdoor state champion three consecutive years...missed a fourth consecutive district, regional, and state title in each due to a hamstring injury her senior year...led Bethel to three indoor and three outdoor state titles...she won the 2006 Nike prep indoor 300m title in a national-record time...set an indoor national record in the 300 meters...

In 2014 McCorory finally captured a national title by taking gold at the USA Indoor Championships...parlayed that success into her first individual international gold with a 400m at the World Indoor Championships in Sopot... established the American indoor 400m record in 2010 at the age of 22 and the next year made the 2011 World Outdoor Championships final, in the process qualifying for her first Olympic Team in 2012 where she went on to win gold as a member of the 4x400m team in London... won gold again in the 2016 Olympics in Rio...in 2010, she won her second straight NCAA indoor 400-meter title, and won the 400-meter outdoor title competing for Hampton University.

Charles Stukes

Crestwood HS

Football/Basketball/Baseball/Outdoor Track

While attending Crestwood High School, a member of the VIA, before integration, he was a multi-sport star from 1960-63...he was named VIA all-state and all-conference in football, basketball, baseball, and track...he led Crestwood to back-to-back VIA basketball state titles and played in the National High School basketball tournament two straight years...he was named first-team all-tournament...played for the legendary high school coach and VHSL Hall of Famer George Quarles.

Stukes received an athletic scholarship to Maryland State College (now the University of Maryland-Eastern Shore) starring in football, basketball, and baseball...a two-way player at quarterback and defensive back...earned All-CIAA three years as a defensive back and led the team to 18 wins, 11 losses, and 1 tie at quarterback...selected All-

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American in baseball and led the NCAA in RBI and batted .492 and .489 as a junior and senior...drafted by the Baltimore Colts in the 4th round in 1967...a starter on two Colts Super Bowl teams...lost to the Jets and beat the Cowboys...played six years with the Colts and two years with the Rams...finished his NFL career with 32 interceptions....he is a member of the Crestwood Hall of Fame, Maryland-Eastern Shore Hall of Fame, the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame.

He returned to Chesapeake succeeding Quarles as head football coach at Oscar Smith HS...he also taught and was assistant principal at Oscar Smith.

Coaches

Jack Baker

Maury HS
Boys Basketball

The second winningest coach in VHSL boys basketball history with 746 victories...head boys basketball coach for 41 years (1976-2017)...won 19 District titles, six regional titles, and made 33 regional appearances...served as head baseball coach from 1975-89 and head golf coach from 2002-current...succeeded Teddy Bacalis as boys head coach, who won 296 games in 19 seasons...Maury had two coaches in six decades winning over 1,000 games.

Baker was a two-sport star at Maury...drafted by the Pittsburgh Pirates, offered a basketball scholarship to Old Dominion and baseball scholarship to South Carolina....sixth man on ODU basketball team that played in Division III national championship game in 1971...returned to Maury after graduation as JV basketball coach under Bacalis, and JV baseball coach.

Elected to National High School Athletic Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2013...elected to Hampton Roads Sports Hall of Fame in 2013.

Jean Gillespie

Rich Valley HS/Northwood HS
Girls Basketball/Volleyball/Girls Outdoor Track

Owner of 470 wins as girls basketball coach at Rich Valley (170 wins) and Northwood (300)...from 1980-86 her Rich Valley teams compiled a 140-17 record...her 1983 team went 27-1, were District, Region, and Group A champions...at Northwood, her 1997 and 1999 teams were Group A state runners-up...coached girls basketball for 28 years, girls track for 28 years, and volleyball for 18 years...her teams won 40 district championships, 9 regional championships, 3 Group A runner-up finishes, and one Group A state championship...started the volleyball program at Rich Valley....she won 10 straight Hogoheegee District titles and to Region C titles...she led Northwood to the Group A state runner-up finish in 2004...named District coach of the year four times and region coach of the year in 2004...led Northwood to three district title in outdoor track.

Inducted into the Smyth County Sports Hall of Fame in 2004...received the VHSL "For the Love of the Game" award in basketball and Regional Award of Merit...multiple coach of the year honors from the *Bristol Herald Courier*, The *Roanoke Times*, the *Kingsport News*, and the *Smyth County News*...a volleyball official, she served as the first and only female Commissioner of the Appalachian Officials Association...served as athletic director at Northwood.

She graduated from Rich Valley HS and Emory & Henry College.

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Jerome Loy

Jefferson Forest HS

Boys and Girls Cross Country/Outdoor Track/Indoor Track

Coached 31 years at Jefferson Forest...head outdoor boys outdoor track coach (1985-2004), head indoor boys and girls track coach (1986-98), head boys and girls cross country (1991-2013)...compiled 38 Seminole District/Conference title in cross country (20 girls/18 boys)...23 region titles (15 girls/8 boys)...two Groups AA girls championships (2000-01) and two Group 4A (2013-14)....his teams won 16 outdoor track District/Conference titles (11 girls/5 boys)...eight region championships (6 girls/2 boys), and three girls Group AA championships (1999, 2000-01)...won five indoor track district titles (4 girls/1 boys) and one boys Group AA state championship....also served as assistant football coach (1984-89), head forensics coach (1987-91) and assistant competition strength and conditioning coach (2003-04).

35 times he was selected district/conference girls/boys coach of the year...27 times named region girls/boys coach of the year... cross country district coach of the year 31 times... district track and field coach of the year 13 times...girls track team went undefeated for 13 consecutive seasons between 1989-2001..., both girls and/or boys teams won district and/or regional titles between for 19 consecutive years (1995-2014).

He graduated from Ashland College (Ohio) with an education degree in 1971 and a master's degree in education from Lynchburg College in 1989.

Contributors

Mike Ingrao

Northern Virginia Wrestling Officials Association

VHSL Wrestling State Rules Interpreter/Official

VHSL wrestling state rules interpreter for nine seasons (2008-17)...commissioner for 18 seasons (1988-2005), President (1983-85), and Secretary (1981-83)...42 seasons as a wrestling official (1975-present)...officiated over 25 regional tournaments, 13 Group AAA state tournaments, and one Group AA state tournament...served as head official/evaluator for five Group AAA and Class 5 and 6 state championships...worked as head official/evaluator for six Group AA and Class 4, 3, 2, and 1 state tournaments...VHSL softball official for seven seasons (1987-93)...umpired two region tournaments and one Group AAA state tournament.

He is a member of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame, Virginia Chapter...inducted in 2011...inducted in the Washington Metropolitan DC Softball Hall of Fame in 1989...received the NFHS Distinguished Active Officials Award, Section 2 in 2011...served on the board of directors for the Virginia Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame and for the Washington Metropolitan DC Softball Hall of Fame...he is a charter member of the VHSL Foundation Century Club.

A graduate of Bishop O'Connell HS in Arlington and the University of Richmond in 1976...earned a master's degree from George Mason in 1991.

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Bob Stratton

Hanover HS/Atlee HS/Patrick Henry-Ashland HS
Executive Director

Spent 34 years in the VHSL as a career educator and administrator...athletic director at Hanover HS, Patrick Henry-Ashland HS, and Atlee HS...was Hanover's first athletic director when the school opened in 2003...spent 10 years at Hanover (2003-13)... directed 100 district, regional and state tournaments...directed golf, competition cheer, cross country, volleyball, gymnastics, wrestling, football, basketball, soccer, baseball, softball, debate, theatre...directed state volleyball tournament at VCU...VIAAA president during 2010-11 and treasurer during 2006-07...athletic chairman for the Central Region principals/athletic directors from 2006-11...selected VIAAA Group AAA Athletic Administrator of the Year in 2009...NIAAA State Award of Merit in 2009...Capital District Athletic Administrator of the Year in 2006.

Served as athletic director, head baseball, head basketball, and assistant football coach at John Rolfe Middle School from 1979-82...assistant athletic director, assistant baseball, football, and basketball coach at Mills Godwin from 1982-91...assistant athletic director, head baseball coach, head golf coach, assistant football coach at Atlee from 1991-2000...also served as interim athletic director two times...district golf coach of the year three times at Atlee...district baseball coach of the year three times at Atlee and region coach of the year...served as National High School Baseball Coaches Association Chairman for District 2.

Attended Henrico HS and received his bachelor's degree from Atlantic Christian College in 1979...master's degree from George Washington in administration & supervision K-12.

Inductees in the Virginia High School Hall of Fame include:

1990: Athletes - Keith Atherton, Edd Clark Jr., Carroll Dale, Doug Dickinson, Benton Dodd and Ralph Sampson. Coaches - Jimmie Bryan, Fred Cooper, Bobby Crantz, Howard Deel, Bill Littlepage, Billy Martin, Alger Pugh, George Quarles Jr., Mike Smith and Gracie VanDyke. Contributors - John Caywood, Greever Crouse, Bob Frank, Art Greene, Marshall Johnson, Bill Pace and John Youngblood.

1991: Athletes - Ollan Cassell, Moses Malone, Sidney Snell and Bobby Stokes. Coaches - Vince Bradford, Julius Conn, Ralph Cummins, Pat Dean, Chester Fritz, Harry Fry, Husky Hall, Bill Long and Lefty Wilson. Contributors - Richard Fletcher, Hubert Grim Jr., Ben Hurt, Norm Lord, Frank McCue and Chuck Savedge.

1992: Athletes - Johnny Oates, Tommy Theodose and Ben Valley. Coaches - Gordon Bragg, James (Suey) Eason, John Epperly, Del Norwood, Charlie Nuttycombe, Al Rinaldi and Paul Sizemore. Contributors - Harry Blevins, Eddie Crane, George Gasser, Clarence Jones, Robert McLellan, Barbara Reinwald and Gene Thompson.

1993: Athlete - Paul Gentry. Coaches - Ken Brown, Bob Hardage, Charlie Harkins, Jim Holdren and Thad Madden. Contributors - Vic Blue, Joel Grimm, Bob McCoy and Wendell Seldon.

1994: Athletes - Raymond Crouch and Frank Eastman. Coaches - Francis (Boodie) Albert, Welton Bloxson, Pete Brewbaker, Louise Martin and Joe Robinson. Contributors - Carl Deane, Earl Gillespie, Jimmy Jones, Charles Karmosky and Bert Smith.

1995: Athlete - Jeff Baker. Coaches - Eddie Dean, Paul Hatcher and Claude Warren. Contributors - Hud Clark, Don Riviere and James (Smokey) Stover.

1996: Athlete - Jacob Adams. Coaches - Donald Glick, Joan Hudson, Norman Lineburg, Ronald Skeen and Robert Williams. Contributors: Nancy Haga and James Ombs.

1997: Athletes - Eric Sievers and Tom Trice. Coaches - Ed Henry, Phil Robbins and Frank Webster. Contributors - Robert Carson, Bill Knowles, Bill Lee and Betty Morton.

1998: Athletes - Paula Girven and Barty Smith. Coaches - Glynn Carlock, Nancy Fowlkes, Ann Lockett and Mack Shupe. Contributors - Richard Fitz, Charles Kurtz and Bob Sandell.

1999: Coaches - A.K. Johnson, Bill Lawson and Sam Woods. Contributors - Jennifer Bradley, Jim Carroll and Larry Pence.

2000: Athletes – Jackie Gordon, Benita Fitzgerald Mosley, Buster O’Brien and Ken Willard. Coaches – Kate Carter and Chip Chappell. Contributors – Delmer Botkin, Bill Leffler and Bob Patterson.

2001: Athlete – Robert Banks. Coaches – Bill Brown, Jim Cutler and Willis White. Contributors – Buddy Comer, Ralph Harrison, Nancy Ruth Patterson and Jim Sangston.

2002: Athlete – Tamela Penny. Coaches – Pat Austin, Gerald Burke, Eddie Icenhour and Glenn Proctor. Contributors – Claudia Dodson, Carol Lange and Hugh Pendleton.

2003: Athletes – Barry Hamler and Grant Hill. Coaches – Stephen Hubbard, Joe May and Lillie Moore. Contributors – Karen Finch, Cecil Layman Jr. and Judy Wallace.

2004: Athletes – Doug Bates and Bryant Stith. Coaches – Leo Anthony and Leroy Dail. Contributors – Edward Allen, Evelyn Dawkins, Donald Hitt and David Morgan.

2005: Athlete – Evan Tracy Stallard. Coaches – Dominick Joe Colobro, Frances Ann Simpson, Jerry Lee Slaughter, Thomas L. Turner and Lucy Elizabeth Walker. Contributors – Larry Johnson and Vito A. Perriello, Jr., M.D.

2006: Athletes – Ronde Barber and Tiki Barber. Coaches – Bo Bowers and J.J. Updike. Contributors – Joe Gieck, Donna King, Nancy Phaup and Wilma Wirt.

2007: Athletes – Dell Curry, Terry Kirby and Chris Slade. Coaches – Wayne Cosby and Dennis “Koz” Kozlowski. Contributors – Bruce Bowen, Dr. Carol Chory, Jerry Deviney, Sandy Hadaway and Harry Ward.

2008: Athletes - Thomas Jones, Megan McCarthy and Calvin Talford. Coaches - Roger Bergey, Shelly Blumenthal, Patricia Mitchell and Jim Rike. Contributors - Martha Akers, Jeff Dietze, Ralph Law and Charlene Tiller.

2009: Athletes – Ronald Curry and Steve Jolley. Coaches – Kevin Denson and Cecil Maddux. Contributors - Alma Blythe, Doug Hunt, Dave Nelson and Bruce Phelps.

2010: Athletes – Walter Bowser and D.J. Dozier. Coaches – Michael Cooper, Nancy Specht, John Wymer. Contributors: Drew Bright, Bob Button, Jane Layman, Debbie, Turlip.

2011: Athletes – Charlie Beverly and Steve Marsee. Coaches – Alan Cantrell, Dave Crist, Jr., Dave Davis, Spencer Mayfield, Jr., and Tim Sarver. Contributors: Lora Bickley, Ron Richards and Emilie Tilley.

2012: Athletes – Stacy Ervin. Coaches – Pat Deegan, John Shotwell, Robert Smith and Troy Wells. Contributors: John Altizer, Mary Sue Crommelin, Steve Geiman and Bruce Patrick.

2013: Athletes – Mike Milchin and Anthony Poindexter. Coaches – Chip Berry, George Lancaster, Jr. and Jim Woodson. Contributors: Cindy Bomboske and John Williams.

2014: Coaches – Marie Crump, Stan Morgan, Steve Ragsdale and Rich Serbay. Contributors: Mark Kay Downs, Wylie French, Cecil Hurst and Linda Mercer.

2015: Athletes: Bobby Lockhart, Alonzo Mourning and Keena Schuler Wood. Coaches – Ray Heatwole and Don McCool. Contributors: Donald Darnton and Ted Salmon.

2016: Athletes: Cornelious Cousins, Jr., Heath Miller, and Meg Turner. Coaches – Robin Dotson, Tom Harding, Joel Hicks, Munro Rateau, Jr.. Contributors: Bettie Jo (B.J.) Carroll.

2017: Athletes: Blair Brown, Allen Pinkett, Bryan Randall, Michael Robinson, Katie Smrcka-Duffy, and Alan Webb. Coaches – Amy Reed and Norbie Wilson. Contributors: Francis Dall, Ken Tilley, and Deb Tyson.

Nominations for the Hall of Fame are due October 31 of each year, for induction the following fall. Nomination can be submitted by anyone, those interested in nominating deserving individuals may secure a nomination packet from Mike McCall and/or Sharon Condoulis at the VHSL office (434-977-8475), mmccall@vhsl.org or scondoulis@vhsl.org.