

2015 Cabarrus County Sports Hall of Fame Induction

October 22, 2015

7:00 P.M.

Program of Induction

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| Greeting | Tony McClamrock |
| Procession – Current Members of CCSHOF | |
| Invocation | Harry Mills |
| Introductions – Current Members of CCSHOF | Laffette Jordan |
| Remembering Margaret Hagerty, Earl Lentz, & Bob Mauldin | Andy Andrews |
| Brief History & Sponsors | Tony McClamrock |
| 2015 Awards Presentation | Scott Barringer, Bryan Tyson, & E. Z. Smith |
| Closing Remarks | Tony McClamrock |



Don't forget to visit:

Concord Museum located at the old courthouse downtown.

Also see ... Historic Cabarrus Association, Inc. — Sports Hall of Fame Exhibition.

Open Tuesday-Saturday 10 am – 4 pm.

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Cabarrus County Sports Hall of Fame 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 Inductees

2015 INDUCTEES

Aldon L. Coefield
Kinston's Adkin High School – 1956

Shonte Pinkston Grigley
A. L. Brown High School – 1997

Harry E. Mills
A. L. Brown High School – 1961

Bobby Trott
A. L. Brown High School – 1972

2015 POSTHUMOUS INDUCTEES

John D. Coble
Mt. Airy High School – 1947
Coach, Educator & Administrator

Jesse C. Banner, Sr.
Logan High School – 1937
Coach, Educator & Administrator

Martin "Teeny" Lafferty
Concord High School – 1934

2014 INDUCTEES

Robert "Beetle" Auten
Hartsell High School – 1952

Laffette Jordan
Concord High School – 1976

Richard A. Lapish
Concord High School – 1952

Earl B. Lentz, Sr.
A. L. Brown High School – 1952

Bob Mauldin
Concord High School – 1956

Bill Watts
Mt. Pleasant High School – 1949

2014 POSTHUMOUS INDUCTEES

George Blanton
Concord High School – 1962

David Cook
Concord High School – 1947

Edwin "Eddie" Green
Middleweight Champion of the Carolinas – 1952

2013 INDUCTEES

Crystal Cox-Crump
Central Cabarrus High School – 2002

Margaret Hagerty
Concord High School – 1940

Natrone Means
Central Cabarrus High School – 1990

Benny Arnold Moose
Mt. Pleasant High School – 1966

Melissa Morrison-Howard
A. L. Brown High School – 1989

Amy Privette-Perko
A. L. Brown High School – 1983

Lance Smith
A. L. Brown High School – 1981

Haskel L. Stanback
A. L. Brown High School – 1970

2013 POSTHUMOUS INDUCTEES

Ralph Dale Earnhardt
Arden Ray

Barbara Smith Roberson
Concord High School – 1956

Roy Thomas
Concord High School – 1953

Donnie Whittington
Carl A. Widenhouse
Concord High School – 1918

2012 INDUCTEES

Bill Ford
Hartsell High School – 1947

Larry Eugene Honeycutt
Hartsell High School – 1960

Ethan Horton
A. L. Brown High School – 1981

Kellie Rose Kennedy
Concord High School – 1986

Michael Anthony Morton, Jr.
A. L. Brown High School – 1989

E. Z. Smith
Concord High School – 1972

2012 POSTHUMOUS INDUCTEES

George "Ick" Alley
Concord High School – 1949

Billy Dale Goodman
Wincoff High School – 1944

Claude "Bear" Little
Wincoff High School – 1942

John McInnis
Concord High School – 1928

Leroy Scercy
A. L. Brown High School – 1956

2011 INDUCTEES

Kenneth E. Basinger
Concord High School – 1957

W. Frank Cannon
Wincoff High School – 1941

Quin Troxler Dionne
Concord High School – 1981

Charles E. Rimer
Concord High School – 1946

Larry "Satch" Sedberry
Concord High School – 1952

Gene K. Verble, Sr.
Hartsell High School - 1946

Cabarrus County Sports Hall of Fame – 2015 Inductees

Aldon L. Coefield

Kinston's Adkin High School – 1956

- A coach, educator, consultant and administrator for nearly 36 years.
- Played high school football for the Adkin Pirates where he excelled, breaking records and earning the nickname "Breeze."
- Attended and graduated from North Carolina A & T State University in 1959 earning a degree in Physical Education.
- He played football and was Captain of the 1958 and 1959 CIAA Championship teams.
- From 1961 through 1968 he was a physical education teacher and football coach at Concord's Logan High School.
- Coached basketball and was the Athletic Director at Barber Scotia College.
- His basketball teams won three Eastern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Championships.
- Four of his players earned All-American basketball honors: John Steele, Robert Jordan, Fred Stokes and Reverend Edward Best.
- Al Coefield was inducted into the North Carolina A & T University Sports Hall of Fame in 1984 and was also inducted into the Barber Scotia College Sports Hall of Fame.
- In 2008, Barber Scotia College named their gymnasium the Al Coefield Court.
- "Throughout his life Coach Coefield's dedication to education and athletics has been a bright beacon in the North Carolina education system."



Shonte Pinkston Grigley

A. L. Brown High School – 1997

- A three-sport athlete in track and field (1994 – 1997), basketball and softball.
- Her track events were the 100 and 200 meter dashes and the 4 x 400 meter relay.
- Shonte finished first or second in the 100 meter dash, 200 meter dash and 4 x 400 meter relay from 1998 – 2001.
- First place finish in all but one school track meet in the 100 meter dash with a best time of 12.1 seconds.
- Usually finished first or second in the 200 meter dash and the 4 x 400 meter relay in school meets.
- Finished third in the 1997 NCHSAA Midwest 3A Regional Track Meet in the 100 meter dash which qualified Shonte for the State 3A Final competition.
- Won A.L. Brown's Women's Track Coach Award in 1997.
- Awarded scholarship to Appalachian State University and attended ASU from 1997 – 2001 graduating in 2001.
- Was a member of ASU's Women's Indoor and Outdoor Track Teams for four years.
- Was named Southern Conference Freshman of the Year in 1998.
- ASU's Women's Track team set a NCAA record in the 4 x 400 meter relay which stood until broken by another ASU team in 2011.



Harry E. Mills

A. L. Brown High School – 1961

- Football – played linebacker/offensive end 1959 and 1960.
- Played baseball all four years in high school. Was centerfielder and named to the All-South Piedmont Conference team in 1960. A. L. Brown beat Cherryville that year to win WNCCHSAA State Championship.
- Was awarded A. L. Brown Owen C. Hill baseball MVP award in 1961.
- Played American Legion baseball (Post 115 Kannapolis) in 1960 and 1961. The 1961 Post 115 team won American Legion State



Championship. Named to the All-State American Legion baseball team in 1960 and 1961.

- In 1962 played baseball at Wingate Junior College and named to the All-Conference team. That summer played with the Kannapolis semi-pro team and made the All-Star team while leading the conference in hitting.
- Softball – in 1963 began playing with local city league and church teams in the Cabarrus County area. Began in fast-pitch and then evolved into slow-pitch playing with the best and against the best teams in America, Canada and Japan.
- Selected to the All-World and All-American teams 40 times and has been a member of World/National Championship teams over 40 times in the Class A, Major and Super Major team classifications.
- In 1996, he was elected into the Senior Softball Hall of Fame.
- In 2015 he was inducted into the North Carolina Amateur Softball Association Sports Hall of Fame.
- Was starting forward on the 1972 Amateur North Carolina State Championship basketball team.
- Accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior in 1975. Joined Jackson Park Baptist Church in 1990 and has been on mission trips every year since – as far north as Vermont and as far south as Biloxi, Mississippi helping hurricane relief efforts and general relief help. Active in all church functions and positions.

Bobby Trott

A. L. Brown High School – 1972

- Played football, wrestling and track and field for the Wonders.
- Played football 1968 – 1971. Selected to All-South Piedmont Conference team his senior year as a defensive back. Was team captain his senior year, leading the Wonders to a 6 – 2 league record and sharing the South Piedmont Conference title with Salisbury.
- Wrestling team 1970 – 1972 and captain of the team 1971 – 1972. Track and field team member 1969 – 1972.
- Graduated from UNC with a Bachelors Degree in Business in 1976. Awarded a Masters Degree in Education in 1982.
- Three-year letterman safety on UNC football team 1973 – 1975 and team captain his senior year. Excelled in the classroom, making the Academic All-Atlantic Coast Conference team in 1975
- Graduate assistant for Tar Heel football program which began his coaching career.
- Assistant coach at Air Force Academy 1978 – 1983; University of Arkansas 1984 – 1989; Clemson Tiger's defensive coordinator and defensive backs supervisor 1990.
- Coached in the NFL with New York Giants and New England Patriots in early 1990's.
- Returned to college coaching with Duke Blue Devils 1996 – 2001, Baylor Bears 2002, University of Louisiana Monroe 2003-2004.
- Returned to the NFL 2005 – 2008 with the Cleveland Browns.
- Returned to college level coaching 2009 with University of Virginia. Since 2010, Bobby has been defensive coordinator at the University of Richmond which is among the national leaders in college football defensive statistics.
- In 2014, Bobby was honored to be named an assistant coach for the U. S. U-19 football team which won the IFAF World Championship against Canada.
- After nearly forty years in coaching, Bobby has no plans to retire anytime soon.



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Posthumous Inductees

Jesse C. Banner, Sr.

Logan High School – 1937

- Graduated from North Carolina A&T State University receiving both his Bachelors and Masters Degrees.
- Taught and coached from 1942 to 1979.
- Cabarrus County's first black head coach at an integrated school.
- Coached at Mooresville's Dunbar High School 1942 – 1943.
- Coached at Logan High School in Concord 1946 – 1969.
- Logan's 1968 team finished with 26 wins and 1 loss and was State Champion for Black Schools.
- Was Concord High School head basketball coach 1969 – 1970.
- His Concord High School team of 1969 – 1970 finished with 21 wins and 4 losses. His 1970 – 1971 team finished with 19 wins and 6 losses.
- Played a great part in the development of many young people.
- He epitomized the definition of educator, administrator and coach.
- World War II veteran.



Martin "Teeny" Lafferty

Concord High School – 1934

- A star three-sport athlete, team captain and student leader at Concord High School in the early 1930's. In football he was an outstanding running back, in basketball a guard, and in baseball a shortstop.
- Entered Davidson College in 1934 and played football and baseball against the likes of Duke, N. C. State, UNC, Wake Forest, Harvard, Wofford, Army, VMI, and South Carolina.
- Selected to the Collegiate All-State Football team in 1937 and also named Honorable Mention All-American.
- Received letters of interest to play professional football from the New York Giants, Cleveland Rams, Patterson Panthers, and Norfolk Clancies.
- Active in Davidson College student government and ROTC, he was elected Davidson Student Body President in 1937 and Commander of the ROTC Unit that same year.
- Selected to Phi Beta Kappa and Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Societies while majoring in physics and math.
- Coached Concord High School Football team in 1939 and was selected as the assistant coach for the North Carolina Shrine Bowl team.
- He enlisted in the U. S. Army in early 1942 and rose to the rank of Major while serving in the 2nd Armored Division/41st Infantry Regiment under General George S. Patton. He participated in the major invasions of North Africa and Sicily. Following the Normandy invasion, the Division pushed through France, Belgium, Holland, and then became the first Division to cross the Elbe River into Germany. He was awarded the Silver Star Medal, Bronze Star Medal with Oak Leaf Clusters, and Combat Infantry Badge among other honors.
- Returned home in 1946 and became a community leader.
- Helped establish the Concord Boys Club and was elected its president in 1950. He was very instrumental in the effort to build a new Boys Club in Concord.
- Would go on to become president of the Concord Chamber of Commerce and the Concord Rotary Club.
- Selected to the Davidson College Hall of Fame in 1991.
- Attended the First Presbyterian Church in Concord and was very active, serving as an Elder and Deacon. Passed away in 1995.



John D. Coble

Mt. Airy High School – 1947

- Played football 1944 – 1947 and was team captain, tailback and punter. All-State and N. C. Shrine Bowl selection in 1947.
- Played basketball 1944 – 1947. Team captain in 1947 and All-State selection.
- Led teams to multiple State championships.
- Played college football – single wing tailback and punter for Catawba College 1948 – 1951.
- High school football coach at Belmont High School 1952 – 1954, Hartsell High School in Concord 1955 – 1964. Won 3 Granite Belt Conference titles and was named Cabarrus County Coach of the Year in 1956.
- Taught and served as Principal at Mount Pleasant Elementary School, Mount Pleasant Junior High School, Mount Pleasant High School and Hartsell Middle School from 1962 – 1982.
- Served on the Board of Directors, Nazareth Children's Home in Rockwell, NC.
- Served on the Board of Directors of Foundation for Good Business in North Carolina. Established by the N. C. Secretary of State, this foundation awards scholarships to children for good citizenship.
- Active in Cabarrus Agri-Business.
- Inducted into the Mt. Airy Sports Hall of Fame in 2004.
- Inducted into the Catawba College Sports Hall of Fame in 2012.



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