

CLASS OF 2024

# Kenny Griffith



Born July 31, 1918 in Limeton, Va., Griffith became a four-year starter at Alderson-Broadus College, a Small College All-American, and set a national career scoring record. After playing only one varsity season at Wellsburg High School, where he led the team to a 22-2 record, its only Ohio Valley Athletic Association title and a state regional finals' berth, the 6-foot-2 athlete scored 1,941 points in 99 college games to break the national mark of 1,596 points set by Hank Luisetti, a Stanford University All-American, and National Hall of Famer. Griffith was the nation's leading scorer as a junior and senior and became the first West Virginia Conference player to average 20 points a game (23.9) as a junior. He was recognized nationally in many newspapers in the syndicated "Ripley's Believe It or Not" feature with a headline of "The Nation's Best." As a Battler senior, he averaged 22.0 points a game. A three-time first team All-Conference honoree after 2nd team honors as a freshman, he also earned three conference All-Tournament honors. An All-American selection by the Chicago Tribune in 1941, he played in the All-America game in Chicago. He later played briefly with the Akron Goodyears in the professional National Industrial Basketball League. He was the first college basketball player to earn state Amateur Athlete of the Year honors in 1941 by the West Virginia Sports Writers Association. He's inducted into the Legends category on the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Hall of Fame and the Alderson-Broadus Athletic Hall of Fame.

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# Bruce Meredith



Born April 19, 1937 in Wheeling, Meredith became the first rifle All-American, and a two-time honoree, at West Virginia University where he led the team to its first national title while winning its first national, individual crown with a record smallbore score. The only college rifle shooter to win the state Amateur Athlete of the Year Award (1961) from the West Virginia Sports Writers Association, he became one of the most prolific shooters, competing in 40 countries during a 71-year career. In the 1967 Pan-American Games, he won two gold medals as a member of a four-man English match team that set world records. In 1968, he was an alternate on the U.S. Olympic team and later competed in four Olympic Games representing the U.S. Virgin Islands where he coached and competed from 1987-2010. The Games were in Seoul (1988), Barcelona (1992), Atlanta (1996) and Sydney (2000). Meredith competed in 10 world championships, eight Pan-Am Games, winning a silver medal in Argentina (1995), six Championships of the Americas, winning bronze in Puerto Rico (1989) and Peru (1993) and five Central America and Caribbean Games, where he won another bronze. Individually, he set 73 national records. He's inducted into the West Virginia University Sports Hall of Fame, the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit Hall of Fame and the U.S. Army Reserve International Rifle Roll of Honor. A Marshall County native, he's a graduate of Linsly Military Institute in Wheeling where he started shooting in 1951.

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# Mike Carey



Born July 4, 1958, in Clarksburg, Carey coached the men's basketball program at Salem, and the women's team at West Virginia University, compiling an overall basketball record of 735-341, giving him the winningest in-state college basketball mark. In 13 seasons at Salem — his alma mater — Carey had a 288-102 record in the NAIA's **West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference**. Upon taking over the WVU women's program in 2007, one year after it achieved just five victories, Carey piled up a 447-239 mark for the Mountaineers while competing in the Big East and Big 12, which included a 30-win season (2013-14) and six 20-win campaigns (2014-2019, 2020-21). **Carey's** prep playing career included three seasons of basketball at Liberty-Harrison, and his high school coaching stint came at Flemington and Liberty high schools. After serving as assistant coach at Salem during the 1987-88 season, Carey was named head coach and took over a team that was 8-19 the previous season. A winning campaign in his first year was followed by only one losing season out of 13, along with nine 20-win seasons.

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# Jeff Hostetler



Born April 22, 1961, in Jerome, Pennsylvania, Hostetler became an honored West Virginia University quarterback and was a Super Bowl-winning starting QB during a 15-year career in the National Football League. Before becoming a professional, he transferred from Penn State to WVU as a college junior, and had an immediate impact. In his first game, at Norman, Oklahoma, Hostetler earned National Player of the Week honors after throwing for 321 yards and four touchdowns in a 41-27 upset of No. 9-ranked **University of Oklahoma**. Nicknamed **"Hoss"** by the fans, he engineered a come-from-behind 20-16 victory over Kentucky in the 1983 Hall of Fame Bowl. The WVU team captain placed seventh in the Heisman Trophy balloting after throwing for 2,345 yards and 16 touchdowns. He also was named 1983 Amateur Athlete of Year by the West Virginia Sports Writers Association, leaving WVU as among the single season, and career leaders, in total offense, passing yards, completions, attempts, touchdown passes and passing efficiency. He played in the 1984 post-season Hula and Japan Bowls. The WVU Sports Hall of Fame member was selected to the all-time team and Mountaineer Legends Society. Chosen in the third round, and 59th overall pick, by the New York Giants in the NFL Draft, he won two Super Bowls with the team. In 1990, he took over the starting quarterback role from an injured Phil Simms and led the Giants to the NFC title and a 20-19 win over the favored Buffalo Bills. Hostetler completed 20 of 32 passes for 222 yards and one TD. His 15-year pro career included stops with the Giants (1984-92), Los Angeles/Oakland Raiders (1993-96), and Washington Redskins (1997-98). A 1994 Pro Bowl selection, his career NFL totals include 16,430 passing yards and 94 TDs.

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# Major Harris



Born in Pittsburgh, on February 15, 1968, Harris became one of the most honored, and exciting, college football players in state history. The West Virginia University quarterback, a three-time team most valuable player (1987-89), placed third in Heisman Trophy balloting as a junior – the highest for a Mountaineer – and fifth as a sophomore. He was a two-time Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Player of the Year and, as a junior, was first team Kodak All-America and second team Associated Press and Football News All-America. The two-time state Amateur Athlete of the Year is a 2009 inductee into the College Football Hall of Fame and the fifth WVU football player to have his jersey (No. 9) retired by the school. He became one of two NCAA Division I QBs to pass for more than 5,000 yards and rush for more than 2,000, while finishing with a then-school record 7,334 total yards in three seasons. After leading WVU to the 1987 Sun Bowl as a redshirt freshman, he guided the Mountaineers to the school's first unbeaten, untied regular season highlighted by a 51-30 dismantling of nemesis Penn State in which he outgained the Nittany Lions, 301-292 yards. That victory led to the Fiesta Bowl, billed as the national title game, where WVU fell to unbeaten Notre Dame after Harris was injured on the third play and limited the rest of the game. After his junior season when he passed for 2,058 yards and rushed for 936 yards, he turned professional and was selected in the 12th Round of the NFL Draft by the Los Angeles Raiders. He played one season with the British Columbia Lions in the Canadian Football League before turning to the Arena Football League and indoor football for much of the next decade as a player and coach.

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# Darryl Talley



Born July 10, 1960, in Cleveland, Talley became a dominant defensive football player on the college and professional levels. Talley was a four-year starting linebacker (1979-82) for West Virginia University as well as team captain and most valuable player as a senior, becoming only the third consensus All-American in school history. In 2021, he became only the fourth WVU football player to have his jersey (No. 90) retired by the school. The 2008 inductee into the College Football Hall of Fame became the Mountaineers' all-time leading tackler with 484 stops, including 28 for losses and 19 sacks. He recorded 15 tackles vs. Boston College and was named Sports Illustrated National Player of the Week. At WVU, he played in the 1981 Peach Bowl victory over Florida, the 1982 Gator Bowl, and the 1982 Hula Bowl – a postseason all-star game. That same year, Talley was selected state Amateur Athlete of the Year. Talley played 14 years in the National Football League, which included a 12-year stint with the Buffalo Bills during which he did not miss a game. A second-round draft pick of the Bills (39th overall) in the 1983 NFL Draft, Talley became the team's all-time leading tackler (1,137) from 1983-94. He also had 38.5 sacks and 11 interceptions. With the Bills, he started in four Super Bowls and two Pro Bowls and was a two-time All-Pro pick. A member of the Bills' Wall of Fame, Talley was selected to the 26-player All-Time Bills' Team on the 50th anniversary of the franchise. He finished his pro career with one season each in Atlanta and Minnesota.

CLASS OF 2021

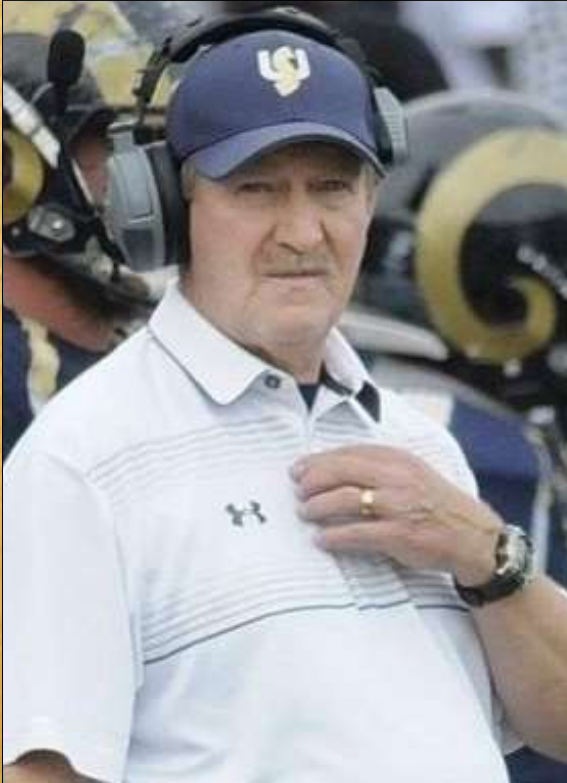
# Mike Barber



Born in Winfield on June 19, 1967, Barber became one of the most honored college football players in state history. The 5-foot-10, 172-pound Marshall University wide receiver was a two-time consensus first team Division I-AA All-American (1987-88), being chosen as the I-AA National Player of the Year by the American Football Coaches Association as a senior. That season, he caught 79 passes for 1,325 yards and eight touchdowns. As a junior, Barber led the NCAA in pass receptions, and set Southern Conference records with 106 catches for 1,757 yards and 11 touchdowns to help Marshall advance to the I-AA national title game, falling 43-42 to Northeast Louisiana. After a freshman season in which he returned kicks, Barber was a three-time all-conference first team honoree, beginning with a sophomore campaign that included 64 receptions for 1,180 yards and seven touchdowns. He ended his college career with virtually every school record, catching at least three passes in 39 consecutive games and averaging 17.1 yards per catch. He had 249 receptions for 4,262 **yards and was selected Marshall University's Athlete of the 1980s by the Herald-Dispatch newspaper.** The Super Bowl champion San Francisco 49ers selected him in the fourth round of the 1989 NFL Draft and he played four seasons with the 49ers, Phoenix Cardinals, Cincinnati Bengals, and Tampa Bay Buccaneers before injuries halted his career. During his professional career, Barber caught 38 passes for 483 yards and two touchdowns. He was a four-sport athlete at Winfield High School and two-time first team all-state defensive back and also played quarterback, kick returner, kicker, and punter. In 2005, he was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame, one of only 11 enshrined state high school products.

CLASS OF 2021

# Monte Cater



Born July 7, 1949, in Shelbyville, Illinois, Cater retired as the winningest college football coach in state history. During his 31-year career (1987-2017) at Shepherd University, Cater had a 245-93-1 record (72.4 winning percentage). His teams won a state-record 17 conference titles – a record 13 in the West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and four in five seasons in the Mountain East Conference. He guided six unbeaten regular season teams, winning 30 conference games without a loss in his final three MEC seasons. The 2010 Rams also advanced to the national semifinals. The Rams finished 13-1 in 2015, reaching the NCAA Division II national championship game, earning Cater the Furfari Award as state, all sports, college coach of the year by the West Virginia Sports Writers Association. A year later, the Rams went 13-1 with a Division II semifinal berth. His final team in 2017 went 10-1. Overall, his Rams teams made **13 postseason appearances. He also served as Shepherd's athletic director from 1993-2004 and was involved in the college's transition from the NAIA to NCAA Division II.** Prior to his tenure at Shepherd, Cater served as football coach at Lakeland College in Sheboygan, Wis. (1981-86), winning three conference titles. His overall college coaching record was 275-117-2 (70.3 winning percentage) – with 20 conference crowns. He graduated from Milliken College in Decatur, Ill., in 1971, before serving as assistant coach at the school for three years when the Big Blue posted a 28-8 record in his first coaching stint.

## CLASS OF 2019

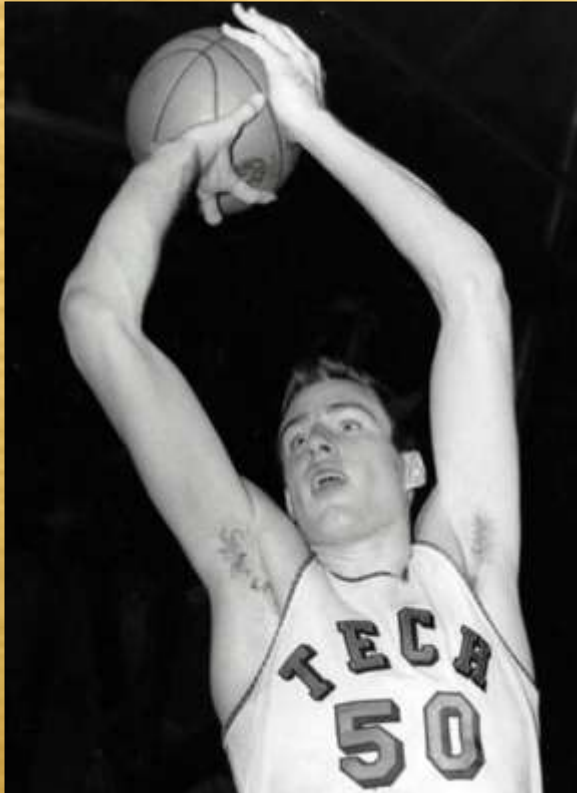
# Randy Moss



Born February 13, 1977, in Rand, Moss is one of the most honored multi-sport high school, college, and professional athletes in state history. A 2018 inductee into the Pro Football Hall of Fame, he played 218 games in 14 seasons with five teams after being drafted 21st overall by the Minnesota Vikings in 1998. The wide receiver was a six-time Pro Bowl selection, four-time first team All-Pro, and **named to the NFL's All-Decade Team of the 2000s**. In 2007, he set an NFL season record with 23 TD receptions to help the New England Patriots to a 16-0 regular season record. He played in two Super Bowls, one each with the Patriots and San Francisco 49ers. He ended his career with 982 receptions for 15,292 yards and 155 touchdowns. Competing at Marshall University two years, Moss was twice a consensus All-America, and won the Biletnikoff and **Warfield awards as the nation's top receiver, placing fourth in the balloting for the 1997 Heisman Trophy**. He led the Herd to a 15-0 record and NCAA Division II national title in 1996. At DuPont High School, he was a five-time first team Class AAA all-state selection in football and basketball and won two track sprint titles as a sophomore. He was a first team prep football All-America honoree. He is the only state athlete to win four major awards – Kennedy Award as the top high school football player; two Evans Awards as the top high school basketball player, and the Hardman Amateur Athlete of the Year award while at Marshall. In 2014, the West Virginia Sports Writers Association established the Randy Moss Award, which is given to the state's top high school receiver.

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# Chris Smith



Born March 31, 1939, in Charleston, Smith is the most celebrated basketball player in Virginia Tech history. After earning All-State honors at Charleston High School, the 6-foot-6 center started all 88 games in a four-year career and helped the Hokies to their first 20-win season in 1960. That season, Smith earned second team All-America honors from Converse while leading Virginia Tech to the Southern Conference regular season title. He was a three-time first team all-conference choice and cited as captain in **1961 after a junior year during which he and West Virginia University's Jerry West were the only unanimous choices.** He holds all VPI rebounding records – 36 in a game, 495 in a season, and 1,508 in a career – and set Southern Conference Tournament records with 28 in a game and 71 in three games in 1960. He was 136th all-time in NCAA career rebounding after he ranked third, fifth, and 13th in national lists his final three seasons. Smith scored 1,635 points for an 18.6 career average and is one of only three Hokies to score more than 1,000 points and collect 1,000 rebounds. He is the highest-ever National Basketball Association draft pick from VPI – 14th overall by the Syracuse Nationals in 1961 – but opted for a chemical engineering career. In 1982, he was the only basketball player inducted in the charter Virginia Tech Hall of Fame class. He was **selected VPI's Best All-Time player** in the 2010 ESPN College Basketball Encyclopedia.

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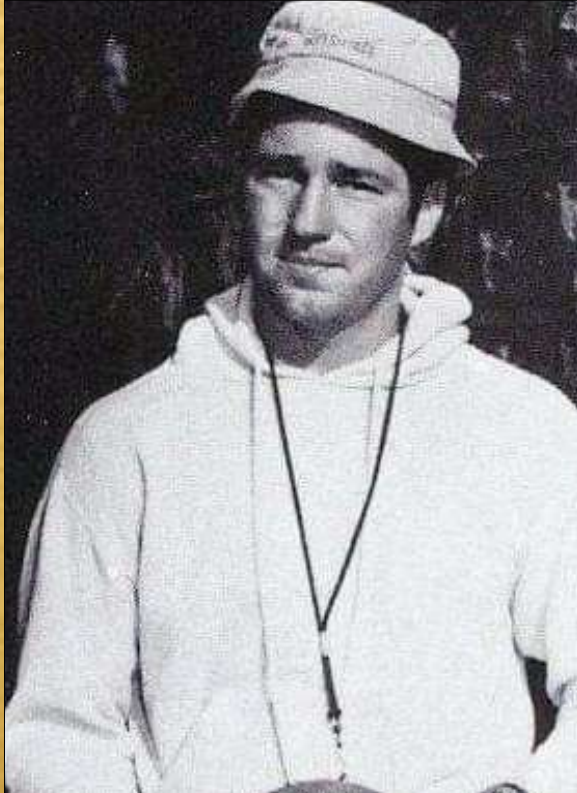
# Calvin “Cal” Bailey



Born in Newton on April 8, 1943, Bailey retired as the state's winningest all-sport college coach, compiling a won-loss record of 1,063-521-4 in 37 seasons (1978-2014) as West Virginia State baseball coach. His record in the West Virginia and Mountain East conferences was 645-168. He guided 36 winning teams, and, in 2012, became the 10th NCAA Division II coach to record 1,000 wins. He coached 18 WVIAC title teams and one MEC championship squad with the 1999 team ranked No. 3 nationally and the 2005 squad ranked fifth. Two of his teams advanced to the Division II World Series. Selected WVIAC Coach of the Year eight times and North Atlantic Coach of the Year twice, he is the only baseball coach selected all-sport state College Coach of the Year (1980) by the West Virginia Sports Writers Association. He served as Eastern Division coach of the U.S. Olympic in 1985. An inductee into the West Virginia State and West Virginia Baseball Coaches halls of fame, the Yellow Jackets' baseball field was named in 1998 "Calvin L. Bailey Field." He coached 16 All-America honorees, which included eight first team selections, as well as 36 future professional players, including three in the Major Leagues, and more than 110 players who became coaches. A Spencer High School graduate, the right-handed pitcher at West Virginia State was selected by the Pittsburgh Pirates in the 23rd round of the 1966 Major League draft. He played six years in the minor leagues, concluding his playing career with the Charleston Charlies in 1971.

CLASS OF 2018

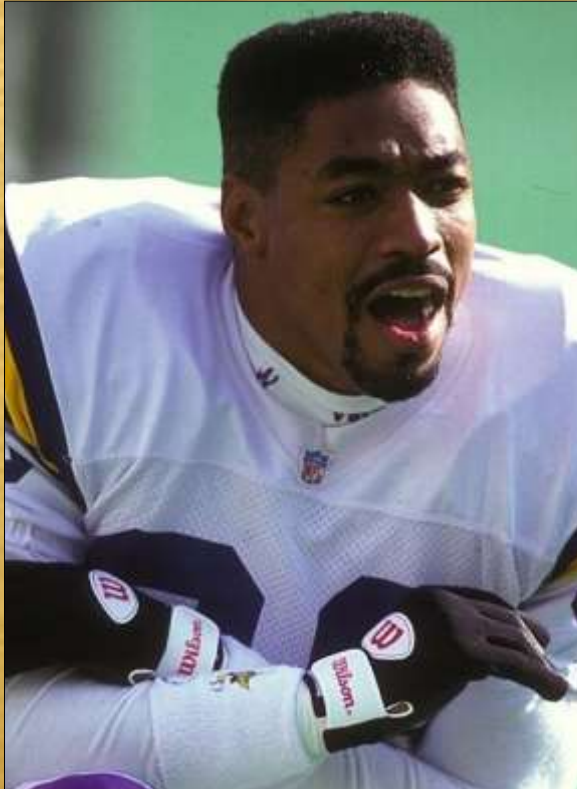
# Roy Michael



Born in Rivesville on Feb. 1, 1948, Michael won seven state championships for two Marion County schools in two sports and two classes. Michael took over at Mannington High in 1971 and turned around the program that was coming off 11 consecutive losing seasons. From 1971-78, he had a 62-23 record, with a 50-5 mark and four playoff teams his last five years. The Gators won back-to-back Class A titles (1976-77) and 32 consecutive games between Oct. 16, 1975, and Sept. 28, 1978. In wrestling, he guided the school's only two state Class AA/A crowns in 1978, the final school season. In 1979, he took over the consolidated North Marion program, leading the Huskies to three consecutive state Class AAA football championship games and titles in 1980 and 1981, giving Michael four titles in a six-year span. He added a Class AAA wrestling title in 1998. Overall, his 20-year football coaching record of 158-56 (96-33 at North Marion and 62-23 at Mannington) included a 14-5 postseason mark and 4-1 record in finals. He retired in 2003 after 24 years as the Huskies' wrestling coach. The 1966 Rivesville High School graduate competed on four Fairmont State football teams, winning two West Virginia Conference titles when the Falcons won 32 of 36 games. Michael was quarterback on the 1967 NAIA national championship team, and was the first Falcon to pass for more than 2,000 career yards (2,572). He was inducted into the Fairmont State Hall of Fame in 2008.

CLASS OF 2017

# Carl Lee



Born in South Charleston on Feb. 8, 1961, Lee played 12 seasons in the National Football League – 11 with the Minnesota Vikings (1983-93) and one with the New Orleans Saints (1994). Selected to a Top 50 All-Time Vikings' team, the cornerback was a Pro Bowl selection from 1988-90 and an All-Pro in 1988. Lee started in 144 of the 169 games he played and had 779 tackles and 31 pass interceptions – returning two for touchdowns – and seven fumble recoveries. With the Saints, he had 28 tackles and two interceptions. A member of the Marshall University Sports Hall of Fame, he competed in football and track for the Herd and was selected in the seventh round of the 1983 NFL Draft by the Vikings. An all-state football player and track athlete at South Charleston High School, Lee retired from the NFL and returned to his home state as head coach of West Virginia State in the West Virginia Conference from 1996-2005. In 2014, the West Virginia Sports Writers Association named its new high school football defensive back of the year award in his honor.

CLASS OF 2017

# Lonnie Warwick



Born in Raleigh on Feb. 26, 1942, Warwick played 10 seasons in the National Football League and made his mark as the middle linebacker and four-time leading tackler on the legendary Minnesota Vikings' Purple People Eaters' defensive unit of the late 1960s and early 1970s. He started in Super Bowl IV in 1970 vs. the Kansas City Chiefs. Warwick was signed as a free agent in 1964 out of Tennessee Tech, which inducted him into its Hall of Fame in 1978. He played from 1965-72 with the Vikings and was named to the Pro Bowl in 1969 and 1970 and is on the All-Time Top 50 Team. During his career, he had 11 interceptions, six fumble recoveries, and a blocked punt return for a touchdown. His final NFL seasons were with the Atlanta Falcons (1973-74) before he turned to coaching, guiding the Washington Redskins (1976-77), Charleston Rockets (1980-82), Denver Gold (1983-84), and Salem College Tigers (1986). He played football, basketball, and track at Mount Hope High School and was all-state in football after the Mustangs shared the 1959 Class AA state title with a scoreless tie against Mullens.

CLASS OF 2016

# Larry Shaw



Born in Beckley on Sept. 16, 1955, Shaw set the standard for state championship success in the state by guiding Oak Glen High School to an all-sport record of 13 consecutive Class AA/A wrestling titles (1997-2009) after five straight Class AAA runner-up teams (1987-91). Shaw coached 51 state champion wrestlers and more than 160 other all-state selections. In 31 years as Bears' coach, he compiled a 330-96-4 dual meet record while winning 13 Ohio Valley Athletic Conference dual meet crowns. In the nation's largest high school tournament, he had nine OVAC class team titles – including eight straight – and five overall crowns. The Shady Spring native is one of only five state coaches, and the only wrestling mentor, inducted into the National High School Sports Hall of Fame (2011), one of five Halls – including the OVAC – to honor him. The first wrestling coach to win the all-sport state High School Coach of the Year award (2000) also was the 2008 National Wrestling Coach of the Year by Wrestling USA magazine.

CLASS OF 2016

# Curt Warner



Born in Wyoming on March 18, 1961, Warner became one of the most honored state athletes – high school, college, and professional. At Pineville High School, he earned all-state honors in football, basketball, and baseball and became one of only two athletes to win the Kennedy Award and Amateur Athlete of the Year Award in the same year (1978). At Penn State University, he led the Nittany Lions in rushing three years and helped the school win its first national title with a 1983 Sugar Bowl win. A first- and second-team All-America choice, his career rushing record lasted 28 years. The third overall pick in the 1983 NFL Draft by the Seattle Seahawks, he was the AFC Offensive Player of the Year as a rookie and selected to three Pro Bowls. Playing eight NFL seasons – seven in Seattle and one in Los Angeles – Warner rushed for 6,844 yards and scored 56 touchdowns. In 2009, he was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame. In 2014, the West Virginia Sports Writers Association named the new high school Running Back of the Year Award in his honor.

CLASS OF 2017

# Ed Pastilong



Born in Wheeling on Feb. 3, 1943, the former Moundsville High School and West Virginia University quarterback capped a 35-year career in the WVU athletic department with the longest Mountaineer tenure as athletic director (1989-2010). Guiding 21 sports, he steered WVU into the Big East football conference in 1991 and into full-fledged status in 1995. He also helped facility improvements of \$65 million, which included football, basketball, baseball, soccer, wrestling, and gymnastics while the budget doubled to \$40 million. During his final six years, WVU had arguably the most successful overall program in school history. He established the Athletic Director's Academic Honor Roll, Varsity Club, the WVU Sports Hall of Fame, and was inducted into the WVU Hall of Fame in 2012. The Upper Ohio Valley Dapper Dans named him "Man of the Decade" for the 1990s.

CLASS OF 2015

# Ralph Tasker



Born in Moundsville on July 15, 1919, the former Moundsville High School and Alderson-Broaddus College athlete became a National High School Sports Hall of Fame inductee who retired as the winningest boys basketball coach in U.S. history. He spent the last 49 years of his 53-year coaching career at Hobbs (N.M.) High School and retired in 1998 with a national record of 1,122 wins and 291 losses, a mark later broken. He won 12 state titles over five decades, which included the 1970 team that set two national scoring records, both of which lasted 40 years. That team averaged 114.6 points a game, including 14 consecutive 100-point games with a high of 170. A three-time national coach of the year, he became the third coach to be honored by the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame with the Morgan Wootten Award for Lifetime Achievement in coaching high school basketball.

CLASS OF 2014

# Fern Lee “Peachy” Kellmeyer



Born in Wheeling on Feb. 19, 1944, Kellmeyer started her tennis career in Charleston and became a pioneer in the sport and female athletics. After winning state singles titles in 1956 and 1957 at 12 and 13 years old respectively, she became the youngest female at age 15 to compete in the U.S. Nationals. At the University of Miami, Kellmeyer became the first woman to compete on a Division I men's team. In 1966, while athletic director at Marymount College, she spearheaded legal action to gain college scholarships for females, paving the way for Title IX and opportunity for female college teams. In 1973, she became the first employee of the World Tennis Association and has played a major role for four decades in worldwide competition. Her current role is Executive Consultant of Tour Operations. In 2011, she became the first West Virginian inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame.

CLASS OF 2014

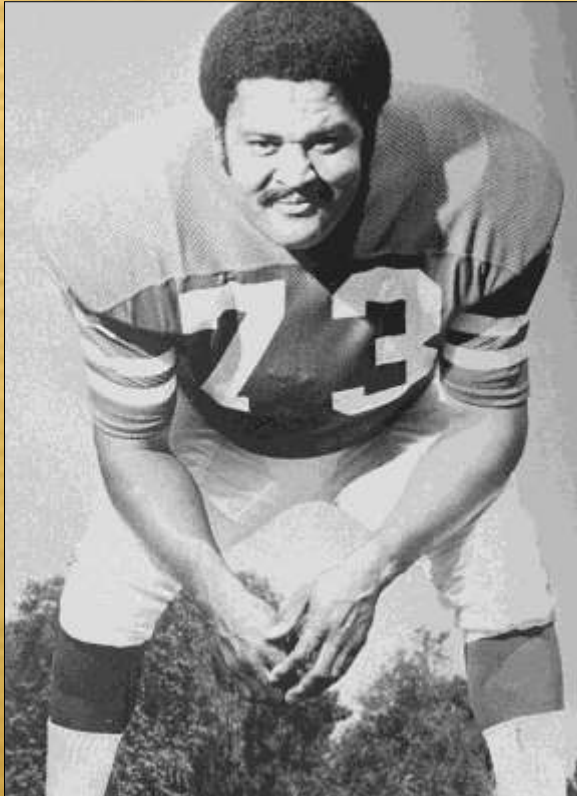
# Bob Pruett



Born in Beckley on June 20, 1943, the former multi-sport Woodrow Wilson High School and Marshall athlete became the winningest football coach at his college alma mater. He guided the Thundering Herd to a 94-23 record from 1996-2004, including a 15-0 record and national Division I-AA championship in 1996, five consecutive bowl wins, six conference titles, and three Top 25 national rankings – including No. 10 in a 13-0 record 1999 season. In postseason, playoff, championship, or bowl games, he won 18 of 21 games. Pruett coached two Heisman Trophy finalists (Randy Moss and Chad Pennington) as well as Byron Leftwich and other future National Football League players. He earned four National Coach of the Year honors and was the first state coach to win four consecutive West Virginia College Coach of the Year awards (1996-99).

CLASS OF 2013

# Charles Cowan



Born in Braeholm on June 19, 1938, Cowan was a product of segregated Buffalo High School in Logan County and became an honored college offensive lineman and school Hall of Famer at New Mexico Highlands and in the National Football League. Nicknamed "Humps," he was the 45th overall pick (fourth round) of the 1961 NFL Draft by the Los Angeles Rams. He played in 206 NFL games in 15 seasons, including 136 as a starter. The three-time Pro Bowl selection helped the Rams make the playoffs five times while reaching the National Football Conference finals in 1974 and 1975. He joins Lionel Taylor as the second graduate of old Buffalo High in Accoville to earn Hall of Fame induction.

CLASS OF 2013

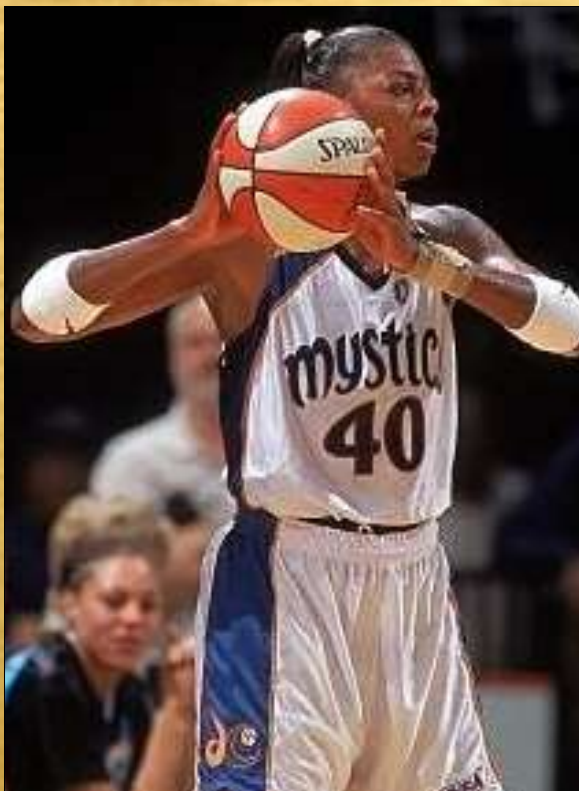
# Dennis Harrah



Born in Charleston on March 9, 1953, the former Stonewall Jackson High School all-state selection became a college and National Football League all-star offensive lineman. Harrah was a 1974 All-American, and school Hall of Famer, at the University of **Miami. The 11th overall pick in the 1975 NFL Draft by the Los Angeles Rams, Harrah's** 13-year NFL career included 12 as a Rams starter during which he played in six Pro Bowls and was named All-Pro six times. Harrah was selected on the 40th Anniversary All-Time Rams' team. A six-year team captain, he played in 168 games and 16 playoff games, including the 1980 Super Bowl. He helped the Rams win six NFC West titles and the 1979 NFC crown.

CLASS OF 2012

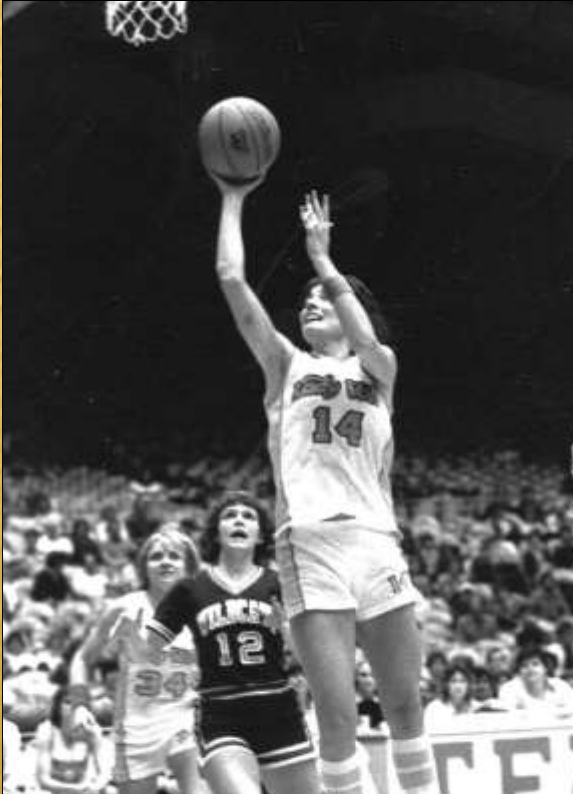
# Vicky Bullett



Born in Martinsburg on Oct. 4, 1967, the former Martinsburg High School all-state member, and All-American, earned fame on the college, professional, and international levels. She is the only West Virginia native inducted into the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame and the only state product with two Olympic basketball medals – gold in 1988 and bronze in 1992. A first team All-American at the University of Maryland, where she set school career records for points (1,928) and rebounds (968) and had her jersey No. 23 retired, Bullett was a 50th anniversary Atlantic Coast Conference All-Sport selection. The No. 1 player chosen in the first WNBA Draft in 1997, she played six seasons in Charlotte and Washington and also played in Brazil and Italy. Her hometown of Martinsburg renamed her home area "Vicky Bullett Street."

CLASS OF 2012

# Mary Ostrowski



Born in Shreveport, Louisiana, on April 22, 1962, the former Parkersburg Catholic High School all-state pick, and the state's first All-American, was a pioneer as the most honored girls basketball player in the modern era of female sports. Ostrowski led the Crusaders to a then-state record 88 consecutive wins and three state titles while earning the first three Basketball Player of the Year awards. She is the only female basketball player named state Amateur Athlete of the Year (1979). A first team All-American at the University of Tennessee, where she is a Lady Vol Hall of Famer, Ostrowski scored 1,729 points and had 1,001 rebounds, helping Tennessee to three appearances in the Final four and a runner-up finish in 1984. In 2012, the West Virginia Sports Writers Association named the annual state Girls Basketball Player of the Year honor the "Mary Ostrowski Award."

CLASS OF 2011

# Vernell “Bimbo” Coles



Born in Covington, Virginia, on April 22, 1968, Coles was a four-sport, 10-letter stand-out at Greenbrier East High School who became the leading scorer at Virginia Tech, a U.S. Olympian in 1988, and had a 14-year career with five National Basketball Association teams. A pro draft selection in basketball (Sacramento Kings) and baseball (California Angels), he scored 6,628 points with the NBA's Miami Heat, Golden State Warriors, Atlanta Hawks, Cleveland Cavaliers, and Boston Celtics. A member of the Virginia Tech Hall of Fame, Coles set school records for points (2,484) and assists (547). In high school, he was all-state in three sports and the state's Evans Award winner as a junior.

CLASS OF 2011

# Arnett “Ace” Mumford



Born in Buckhannon on Nov. 26, 1898, Mumford played football and graduated from segregated Sumner High in Parkersburg before coaching six Black College National Championship teams. The Wilberforce (Ohio) College graduate coached from 1924-35 at three Texas black colleges – Jarvis, Bishop, and Texas colleges. He coached Southern University in Baton Rouge, La. (1936-61), to five national titles, 11 conference crowns and a 169-52-14 record, which included a 38-game winning streak, and an 8-1 record against Grambling. Overall, his coaching record was 235-82-25. At one point, he had the third most victories among all college football coaches, trailing only Pop Warner and Amos Alonzo Stagg. He is fourth among Historic Black College coaches, behind only Robinson, Billy Joe, and “Big” John Merritt. Mumford owned a 5-1 record against Robinson. Mumford coached football, basketball, and baseball at Bishop. Southern named its football stadium in his honor. He was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 2001.

CLASS OF 2010

# Randy Barnes



Born in Charleston on June 16, 1966, Barnes became the world's greatest shot-putter with outdoor and indoor records plus Olympic gold and silver medals. At St. Albans High School, he set a state mark of 66-feet, 9.5-inches and his state discus record of 181-feet, 7-inches lasted 23 years. At Texas A&M, he set a school shot put record of 71-feet, 9.5-inches. At the 1988 Seoul Olympics, he won a silver medal at 73-feet, 5.5-inches, and a gold medal at the 1996 Atlanta Olympics with an effort of 70-feet, 11.25-inches. A world outdoor mark of 75-feet, 10.25-inches was set in 1990 and the indoor world mark of 74-feet, 4.25-inches was in 1989.

CLASS OF 2010

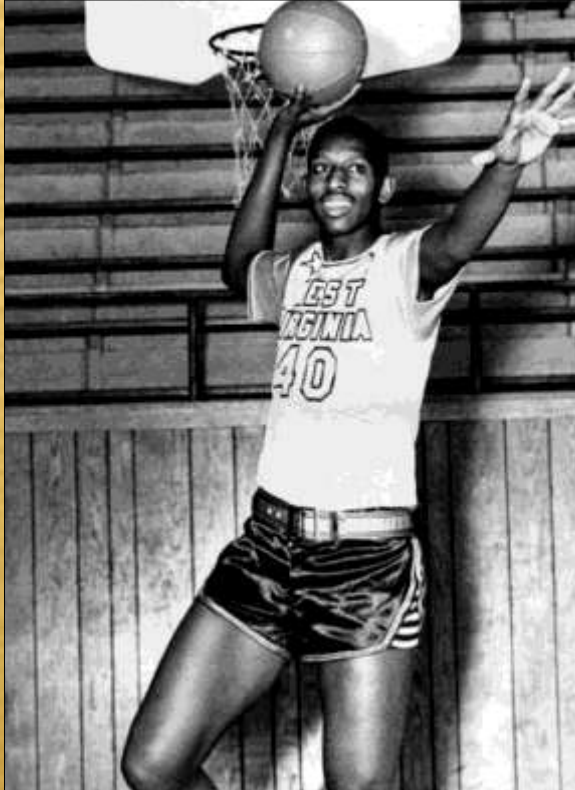
# Dr. Ed Etzel



Born in New Haven, Connecticut, on Sept. 6, 1952, Etzel elevated the sport of rifle shooting in the Mountain State as a competitor and coach at West Virginia University. In 1984, at the Olympic Games in Los Angeles, he became the first West Virginia rifle-shooter to win a gold medal with a victory in the men's small-bore prone event. The WVU rifle coach from 1977-89, Etzel guided the Mountaineers to runner-up finishes the first three seasons of NCAA-sanctioned championships starting in 1980, before **coaching them to the school's first five NCAA national championships. Under Etzel's leadership**, the Mountaineers had 80 first team All-Americans, 49 second-team picks, and nine honorable mention honorees. He also coached seven individual national champions. In 1984, he was inducted into the Tennessee Tech Hall of Fame. The WVU rifle program has the most titles of any state college athletic team.

CLASS OF 2008

# Earl Lloyd



Born in Alexandria, Virginia, on April 3, 1928, Lloyd left West Virginia State College to become the first African-American to play in the National Basketball Association. After being drafted in the ninth round by the Washington Capitols, he broke the NBA's "color barrier" on October 31, 1950, to start a nine-year, 560-game NBA career that included six seasons in Syracuse and two in Detroit. He was a member of the 1955 title team with the Syracuse Nationals, before coaching the Detroit Pistons two seasons (1972-73) and later serving five years as a scout. In 2003, he was inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame as a contributor. In college, he was twice an All-American honoree and a three-time all-conference selection. The 1947-48 State team, coached by West Virginia Sports Hall of Fame member Mark Cardwell, was the nation's only unbeaten team (30-0) and proclaimed national champions for segregated colleges.

CLASS OF 2008

# Mary Lou Retton



Born in Fairmont on Jan. 24, 1968, Retton became the first American woman to win an Olympic gold medal in gymnastics. At age 16, she won the hearts of millions at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic Games by becoming the first U.S. winner of the individual all-around gold medal. She won the event on the last competition, the vault, by scoring a rare perfect 10. She went on to win a total of five medals – one gold, two silver, two bronze – the most of any athlete at the 1984 Olympics. A year later, she became the youngest inductee into the U.S. Olympics Hall of Fame and also became the first woman to win three American Cups (1983-85) and the first American to win Japan's Chunichi Cup (1983). She also won two U.S. Gymnastics Federation American Classics (1983-84) and the all-around title at the 1984 National Championships and Olympic Trials. She was featured on Wheaties cereal boxes and the cover of Sports Illustrated.

CLASS OF 2006

# Gale Catlett



Born in Hedgesville on Oct. 31, 1941, Catlett became the winningest men's basketball coach at West Virginia University, compiling a 24-year record of 439-276 from 1979-2002. During his 30-year coaching career, Catlett had a record of 565-320, which included six seasons at the University of Cincinnati. He was the 45th NCAA Division I coach to win 500 games, had only three losing seasons, averaged 19 wins per season, and took 20 teams to post-season play – 11 to the NCAA Tournament and nine to the National Invitation Tournament. He earlier served as an assistant coach at Richmond, Davidson, Kansas, and Kentucky. At WVU, his teams earned 20 wins over Top 25 teams, including 11 with a Top 10 ranking. He coached nine conference title teams – two at Cincinnati in the Metro Conference and seven at WVU in the Atlantic 10. A 1963 WVU graduate, he played on basketball teams with 24-4, 25-6, and 23-8 records and two NCAA tournament berths. He is a 1958 graduate of Hedgesville High, where he was all-state in basketball.

CLASS OF 2006

# Don Nehlen



Born in Canton, Ohio, on Jan. 1, 1936, Nehlen became the winningest football coach in West Virginia University history, posting a 149-93-4 record in 21 seasons (1980-2000). Counting a 53-35-4 nine-year mark at alma mater Bowling Green, his career record of 202-128-8 ranked him fifth among active NCAA Division I coaches when he retired. He guided WVU teams to 17 winning seasons and 13 bowl berths. Upon retirement, his 1988 and 1993 teams were the only unbeaten/untied regular season teams in school history. The consensus National Coach of the Year in 1988 also coached in three post-season all-star games and served in 1997 as president of the American Football Coaches Association. He coached 15 first team All-America honorees, 84 all-conference players, and 83 Mountaineers who later played professional football. In 2005, he was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame, his fifth such honor. He played quarterback at Bowling Green University.

CLASS OF 2004

# Lewis D'Antoni



Born in McComas on Dec. 31, 1913, D'Antoni became one of the state's most successful boys basketball coaches at alma mater Mullens High after excelling as a multi-sport high school and Concord College athlete. D'Antoni also played three years of pro baseball with the Class D Bluefield Blue Grays. An All-West Virginia Conference football and all-tournament basketball player and Concord team captain, he was selected to the All-Time WVIAC Basketball Team. In his 28-year boys basketball coaching career, D'Antoni had a record of 450-200 at three high schools – Pineville (1937-41), Mullens (1947-59), and Chesapeake, Ohio (1969-81) – included a 141-31 mark from 1950-56 and two finals appearances among five state tournament berths. Mullens won the 1955 largest Class A title. He was the first recipient of the West Virginia High School Coach of the Year award in 1955.

CLASS OF 2004

# Clyde “Hard Times” Green



Born in Crown Hill on May 16, 1927, Green became an honored high school and college athlete before becoming the first coach to guide state title teams in boys and girls basketball. He was a first team all-state basketball player at East Bank High and played in the North-South all-star football game. The 1948 West Virginia University basketball team co-captain played on teams with a combined 78-15 record. He was selected to the six-player, 1946-55 era all-time WVU team. Drafted by the NBA Baltimore Bullets, Green played for the 1951 pro Wheeling Blues. He coached 25 years at three state high schools – Romney, Morgantown St. Francis, and Morgantown High. His 1960 Romney team won a state Class AA crown with a 27-0 record. He coached the 1978 Morgantown High girls team to a 23-1 record and state Class AAA championship.