

HAMMOND SPORTS HALL OF FAME

35th ANNUAL INDUCTION DINNER

Tuesday, March 9, 2021

Originating virtually

Inductees

Mike Coles
Robert Haack
Trent Howard

John Novalich
Larry O'Bannon
David Pierce

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Class of 2021 Inductees



MIKE COLES

A 3-sport Hammond High standout—football, baseball & basketball—this 2001 Times Athlete-of-the-Year was an all-state football quarterback, basketball point guard and baseball outfielder who also played baseball in college (Parkland & Purdue) and professionally. Though he put up big, football passing numbers in high school, his baseball career soared in college and beyond. After helping lead Parkland to the 2003 national junior college title with a .434 batting average, he hit .300+ during 2 seasons at Purdue, then batted .312 during an 8-year professional career.

ROBERT HAACK

This 1964 Gavit High alumnus competed in football, basketball & baseball for the Gladiators, then attended Western New Mexico University (Class of '69), where he played football (quarterback) and basketball (forward). A brief, free agent experience with the National Football League's Atlanta Falcons preceded a 38-year, high school basketball coaching career in Texas and New Mexico, his teams compiling a 700-486 record. His career also featured a state title, Coach-of-the-Year honors and induction into the El Paso, Texas Sports Hall of Fame.



TRENT HOWARD

An all-state, record-setting baseball pitcher for Clark High, this 2008 graduate compiled a 30-8 record & 2.73 earned run average over 4 seasons. He graduated as the school leader in victories and strikeouts (335), while helping the Pioneers to 3 sectional, 1 regional & 4 conference titles. He went on to hurl for Central Michigan University, where he was a 3-time All-Mid-American Conference 2nd team selection, recording a 13-9 record, 3.60 ERA & 203 strikeouts in 212 2/3 innings. Drafted in 2011 by the Baltimore Orioles, he played professionally for 3 years.



JOHN J. NOVALICH

This multi-sport athlete and Hammond High graduate initially made his mark as a speedy, Wildcat football and basketball player (1935-37). Though he gained state-wide recognition on the gridiron as a gifted offensive end, he went on to excel as a semi-pro basketball & baseball player. He also played professionally in the Chicago Cubs and Chicago White Sox farm systems. Following his playing years, he demonstrated his enduring passion for Hammond athletics as a coach and administrator of youth sports



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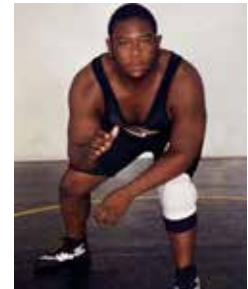


LARRY O'BANNON

This 1964 Hammond High graduate may not have received all the accolades of other Hall of Famers. But make no mistake about his value and the multiple ways he helped make Wildcat basketball teams better. As a point guard and defensive specialist, he earned a reputation as a tough player who did the unsung, so-called "dirty work" that is vital to successful teams. Inserted into the starting line-up as a sophomore, his 10.5 points and 4 assists per game increased to 15 and 7, respectively, as a senior.

DAVID PIERCE

After a distinguished, 3-sport high school career (football, wrestling and track & field), this 1994 Morton alumnus wrestled at Purdue University (heavyweight), for which he was a 3-time, NCAA Division I qualifier (1997-99). At Morton, he was Lake 10 Athletic Conference Male Athlete of the Year (1993-94). In football he was a 2-way standout at defensive tackle & offensive guard, earning Class 4A all-state honors (1993). In wrestling, he compiled an 80-8 record and was a 2-time state finalist. In track & field, he set school records in the shot put & discus.



ALSO...

30th Annual Anderson-Peterson Family Distinguished Student-Athlete Graduate Award

Emily Sutton
Bishop Noll

Tirae Spence
Morton

... presented to previous year female & male student-athlete graduates of Hammond high schools who depict athletic & academic achievement, dedication, citizenship, and school & community service.

PREVIOUS RECIPIENTS

2020	Dawn Pawlak (Gavit)	Noah Maravilla (Gavit)	
2019	Hannah Hammar (Morton)	Megan Sullivan (Noll)	Jamari Washington (Gavit)
2018	Brittany Lynn Anderson (Noll)	Malcolm Lang (Gavit)	
2017	Gabriella Lopez (Gavit)	Marcos Keefe (Noll)	
2016	Kendria Huff (Morton)	Andrew Key (Morton)	
2015	Asya Hobbs (Noll)	Larry Crisler (Noll)	
2014	Cierra Charbonneau (Morton)	Daniel Pobereyko (Bishop Noll)	Joe Jackson (Hammond)
2013	Stephanie Maman (Gavit)	Joey Guevara (Gavit)	
2012	Kimberly Johnson (Morton)	Wally Kasprzycki (Bishop Noll)	
2011	Tityana S. Miller (Hammond)	Micah Rooke (Clark)	
2010	Brittany Piaseczny (Clark)	Ian O'Boyle (Bishop Noll)	
2009	Crystal Torres (Morton)	Craig Fruth (Clark)	
2008	Jill Jazyk (Morton)	Albert Carpen (Clark)	Michael Carpen (Clark)
2007	Amanda Jones (Hammond)	Robert Dutton (Morton)	
2006	Sara Keilman (Morton)	Bobby Kimp (Noll)	Tim Sirbek (Morton)
2005	Christianne Torres (Morton)	Joseph Cavazos (Noll)	
2004	Cassie Holmes (Morton)	Jawann Turner (Hammond)	Kari Schmidt (Hammond)
2003	Leslie Tyburski (Gavit)	Chris Riley (Gavit)	
2002	Dana Jeffries (Morton)	Mike Coles (Hammond)	
2001	Cathy Herring (Morton)	Juan Alba (Gavit)	
2000	Dana Walsko (Gavit)	Mike Ramirez (Clark)	
1999	Lisa Johnsen (Gavit)	Joaquiam Jackson (Hammond)	
1998	Nicole Vine (Noll)	Keith Herron (Hammond)	
1997	Mary Rodovich (Gavit)	Manuel Amezcua (Clark)	
1996	Quintoria Daniels (Hammond)	Mike Austin (Hammond)	
1995	Shalauna McMillan (Hammond)	David Pierce (Morton)	
1994	Shannon Snider (Gavit)	Elias Marks (Hammond)	
1993	Hollie Wright (Clark)	Mike Rodeck (Hammond)	
1992	Daphne Homco (Morton)	Ben Zrnchik (Clark)	

Richard Jay Special Achievement Award *Tim Dobyms*

HAMMOND SPORTS HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

Norb Adams (1988)	Leslie (Skip) DeCamp (1990)	Larry Hines, Jr. (2019)	Pat Montalbano (2014)	Cissy Shimala Wishnew (1998)
Al Adzia (1999)	Gerardo "Jerry" Deluna (2006)	Paul Hoemann (1995)	Joe Moore (1992)	Richard F. Sivulich (2000)
Michael C. Allen, Sr. (2007)	Ruben De Luna (2006)	Jeri L. Hoffman (1990)	Larry Moore (1998)	Rudy Skorupa (1999)
Bob Anderson (1991)	Eugene "Peanuts" Demkovich (2010)	Trent Howard (2021)	John A. (Johnny) Mostil (1990)	Bill Smith (1995)
David Anderson (2006)	Rodney Dennis (2003)	Edgar (Ed) M. Hudson (1991)	Daniel Mudd (2004)	Marcus Smith (2018)
David V. Anderson (1992)	LeeAnn DeYoung (1993)	Richard L. Hudson (2016)	David K. Mudd (2004)	Peter "Pete" Smith (2013)
Arvo Antilla (1994)	Bobby Donelson (2008)	Karl (Huff) Huffine (1989)	David G. Mueller (2003)	David R. Snedden (2020)
Bill Atkins (2011)	Robert E. (Bob) Donham (1987)	Chuck Iorio (1999)	Mark Murakowski (2002)	Shayne P. Snider (2013)
Stan Bafia (1993)	Fred "Babe" Donnersberger (2015)	Terry Irk (2001)	James R. Murphy (2019)	George Sobek (1988)
Joseph (Joe) Baliga (1988)	Tom Doolin (1998)	Larry Jackson (2000)	Floyd Rufus Murray (1988)	Dan Spitalo (2016)
Norm Banas (1994)	Pamm Dorsey (1994)	Mike Jakubowicz (1999)	Harry Muta (2006)	Steve Stanek (2015)
A.Jamar Banks (2012)	Chuck Duncan (2008)	Marty Jakubowski (2011)	Bob Mygrants (1989)	Rick Stanford (2018)
Brian Banks (2005)	James Donald Earl (2000)	Marty Jamrose (2006)	David Neely (2012)	Frank Staucet (2001)
Richard Barnes (2020)	M.E. (Bill) Easton (1987)	Greg Jancich (2008)	Rich Neely (2004)	Ronald Steffy (2008)
James Baron (2016)	Frederick (Fritz) Ebert (1987)	Jerry Jefchak (1996)	Edwin R. Nelson (1989)	Michael Strabavy (2014)
George Benson (1997)	Richard R. (Dick) Eggers (2003)	Dana Jeffries (2016)	Rich Nemcek (2010)	Tom Strabavy (2005)
George Bereolos (1993)	Nick Egnatz, M.D. (2004)	Jennifer (Johnsen) Gohmann (2007)	Jim Nolting (2013)	Bob Straight (1996)
Hercules (Herky) Bereolos (1987)	Gary Eldridge (2009)	Lisa (Johnsen) Howard (2010)	Kurt Nondorf (2001)	Bill Strater (2004)
Joe Betustak Jr. (2013)	Carla Eskridge Rogers (2011)	Ted Kaegebein (1993)	John Novalich (2021)	Rayfield Stringer III (2013)
Rick Biancardi (2007)	Jim Etter (2007)	Bob (Moose) Kahle (1999)	Larry O'Bannon (2021)	Bob Stryzinski (2004)
Mike Bicanic (1993)	Craig Fantin (2010)	Joe Kaminski (2010)	Ray Papach (2003)	Clarence "Butch" Tapper (2005)
Lou Birkett (1987)	Mike Farkas (2003)	Don Kasperan (1997)	Julius Papais (1990)	Ken Taroli (1996)
Bob Biscan (2015)	John Fetzko (2003)	Walter Kasprzycki (1996)	George Pappas (1996)	Loren Tate (1992)
Ernest D. (Ernie) Blackburn (1989)	Rudy Folta (2001)	John (Cannonball) Keagle (1987)	Gordon Paquin (2000)	Jeff Tharp (2002)
Gib Blackmun (1992)	Albert Ahmed Ford (2017)	Margaret Kelly (1998)	Roland Parrish (1993)	Everett E. Thomas (2009)
Rich Blastic (1997)	Rodney Ford (1994)	Tim Keough (2000)	Paul Patterson (2014)	John Thomas (2006)
Frank Blocker (2002)	Elva Falk Forsberg (2016)	Matt Kerger (1992)	Wayne Paulson (1996)	Richard Tinkham (1999)
Richard "Dick" Blythe (1995)	Joe Franklin (1996)	Robert W. (Bob) King (1990)	Stan Perzanowski (1997)	Carlos "The Force" Tite (2007)
John Bobalik (2018)	Ray Frankowski (1989)	Nick Kolisz (2006)	Annette (Peters) Huseman (2012)	Frank Tokoly (2018)
Richard Bobby (2008)	Tommie D. Franks (2000)	John R. Kouris (2015)	Bill Peters (1988)	David Tomaszula (1995)
John T. Bonic, Sr. (1988)	Casey L. Fredericks (1991)	Robert (Dutch) Kramer (1989)	Robb Pettit (2009)	Mel Trutt (1996)
Chuck Bounds (1999)	Wally Fritz (2002)	Jack Krause (1994)	Brittany Piaseczny (2020)	Patrick Tuleja (1997)
John Boyajian (1992)	Sharon Fullgraf-Hilliard (1999)	Bernie Krueger (1989)	Joe Piatek (1997)	Leslie Tyburski (2012)
Mike Bradburn (2001)	Jack Gabor (2020)	Steve Kucer (1999)	David Pierce (2021)	Tony Urbanczyk (2005)
Bob Bradtke (2001)	James Gasvoda (2002)	Del Kuchas (1998)	Kristy Pieters-Larson (1995)	Richard Valavicius (2004)
James (Chief) Brown (2020)	Thomas Geffert (2007)	Thomas L. Kujawa (2014)	Carey Pinkowski (1989)	Larry Vaznonis (2005)
Don Brumm (1990)	Jack Georgas (1994)	John Kuppinger (1994)	Joe Poracky (1994)	Tony Vermejan (2002)
Samuel F. Budnyk (2009)	John George, Sr. (2012)	Don Kurcz (1995)	Dr. J.Wesley Powley (1991)	Dale Vieau (1991)
Allison Buell (2001)	Len Gish (1991)	Godfrey Labda (2004)	Robert Prymuski (2020)	Walter Viellieu (2004)
Wilbur P. Buerckholtz (2018)	Jerry Golem (1998)	Mike LaLaeff (1999)	Stephen J. Psikula (2000)	Sara Vine Reed (2003)
George B. Buksar (1989)	Sigmund Golonka (2013)	Timm W. Lamb (2003)	Barry "Bear" Quigg (2013)	Jerry Vlasic (2008)
Crystal Burns Moore (2002)	Durward W. Gootee (2008)	Randall J. Lewis (2019)	John F. Quinn (2003)	Rick Volbrecht (2012)
Robert E. Burns (2009)	John W. Granack (2006)	William Lewis Lightsey (2017)	Frank Radovich (1989)	Ron Volbrecht (1992)
Tom Burns (2011)	Tom Granack (2006)	Bob Livingstone (1987)	Mike Ramirez (2017)	Christ Voris (2005)
Jack "Kid" Callahan (2005)	Amy (Greer) Gapen (2005)	Nicholas G. Luketic (2012)	Bill Rapchak (1998)	Dr. Amy Jo Wadas-Hogge (2004)
Thomas E. Cameron (2000)	Spencer M. Greer (2014)	Wes Lukoshus (2007)	George C. Rasch, M.D. (2000)	Al Waite (1993)
Dan Candiano (2002)	Robert C. Grenda (2007)	Clyde Lyle (1997)	Bob "Doc" Raymond (1993)	Ted Walsh (2017)
Wendy Carle (1991)	Bob Guzek (1990)	Horace Mamala (1990)	Frank Reynolds (1989)	Amy Werkowski-Pleasant (2002)
Albert Carpen (2019)	Ted Guzek (1998)	Tom Manning (2015)	Gary Ridgley (2009)	John G. Whitaker (1987)
Frank Carroll (2011)	Ted Guzek (1998)	Russell E. Marcinek (2009)	Artie J. Rogers (2013)	Chris White (2017)
Darrel Chaney (1987)	Robert Haack (2021)	Russell J. Marcinek (2009)	Dana Romans-Oldendorf (2010)	Cornelius S. (Bootsy) White (1989)
Rodolfo (Rudy) Chapa, Jr. (1987)	Richard F. Haack (2003)	Fredrick "Freddy" Madsett (2009)	Fred Rovai (1995)	David M. Wilhelm (2011)
Irving N. Chayken (1991)	Bob Haak (1992)	Elias Marks (Lee) 2018	Ron Royer (1993)	Marvin Willis (2010)
Jack Chevigny (1988)	Bob Haley (2002)	Michael J. Marshall (2017)	Steve Runyon (2019)	Bob Wilson Sr. (2001)
Tom Chintis (1991)	George Hall (2005)	Tom Martin (2004)	Joan Ryann Drutis (2015)	Dianna Wingiss (1997)
James (Jimmy) Clabby (1988)	Fred Hammond (1998)	Patricia Messoels-Miskus (2000)	Frank Saculla (1999)	Joseph C. Winkler (2002)
Donald Clark (2001)	Estell Harper (2007)	Duane McClendon (2006)	Mark Steven Sanders (2000)	John "Whitey" (Wonsowitz) Wonso (1992)
Robbie Clark (1995)	James Harper (2008)	Ulysses Napoleon McClendon (2017)	Virgil A. Sanger (2016)	Joey Wright (1998)
Jeffery Colby (2016)	Randy Harrison (1988)	Don McCune (1993)	Gene Sartini (2005)	Jeff Yelton (2011)
Mike Coles (2021)	Leroy J. Harwell, Sr. (2017)	Thomas McDermott (2011)	Ed Schoenfelt (2004)	Tom Zasada (2006)
Harry Colias (2002)	Rich Haskell (1997)	Mike McGill (1988)	Don Schulte (1999)	Larry J. Zembala (2015)
Carol Core (2010)	Bud Hasse (1992)	Russ McLeod (1995)	AB (Auree Bash) Scott (2007)	Wally Ziemba (1988)
Terry Cotham (1998)	Dick Hemingway (2016)	Sharon Meier (2003)	Bob Selva (1996)	Maurey Zlotnik (1988)
Carl Creekmore (1991)	Dan Hernandez (2019)	Milan (Meech) Metikosh (2014)	Jim Sherer (2007)	
Irv Cross (1987)	Cathy (Herring) Dilbeck (2009)	Victor H. Mettler (1987)	Ed Sherry (1994)	
Ray Cross (2001)	Dr. Aletta Hicks (1999)	Dr. Tony C. Milazzo (2015)	Ed Shields (1997)	
Hugh A. Dawson (2000)	Dan Higgason (2012)	Joseph Mis, Jr. (1990)	Stanley F. Shimala (1988)	
Karl Deak (2005)	David Tyrone Higgs (2018)	Kerry Mitchell (2014)		

INDUCTION CRITERIA

- Consideration is given to former athletes, coaches, referees/umpires, media members and boosters/volunteers/supporters who have been nominated.
- Athletes must be at least 5 years removed from competing, lived in Hammond & attended a Hammond high school.
- Coaches & referees/umpires/officials must have concluded their sports careers, lived in Hammond, attended a Hammond school or coached in Hammond.
- Inductees must depict good citizenship.

HAMMOND SPORTS HALL OF FAME STEERING COMMITTEE

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