



27th Annual

DELAWARE
AFRO-AMERICAN SPORTS
HALL OF FAME INC.

Banquet

Saturday, April 18, 2026

6 p.m.

Modern Maturity Center
1121 Forest Avenue
Dover, DE 19904



SALUTING THE 2026 DAASHOF INDUCTEES



TONIGHT, I PROUDLY RECOGNIZE THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE ENTIRE 2026 CLASS, AND I EXTEND A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO THREE EXCEPTIONAL MEN WHOSE IMPACT ON MY LIFE SPANS MORE THAN FOUR DECADES:

William E. Billings — Coach

A mentor who shaped young men into leaders.
Your influence on and off the field continues to echo through every life you've touched.

James “Pat” Thornton — Teammate

A brother forged through the grind of Delaware State football.
Your strength, integrity, and loyalty still define what it means to be a Hornet.

Garcia Walker — Fraternity Brother $\Phi\beta\Sigma$

Your excellence in Track & Field and your character as a man embody the true spirit of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.

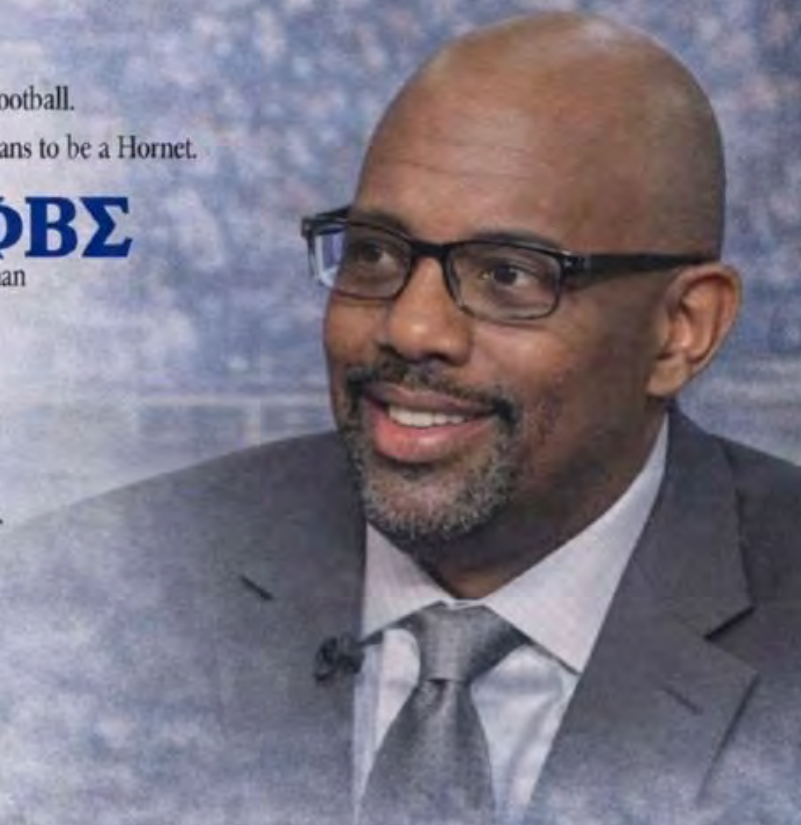
For more than 40 years, each of you has challenged me, motivated me, and stood as a pillar of inspiration.

I am honored to celebrate your induction and your legacy.

With Pride and Gratitude,

Matthew Horace

Delaware State University — Class of 1985
DSU Hornets Football Alumni



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Friends and Honored Guests,

Welcome and heartfelt thanks to each of you for joining us tonight as we celebrate and honor some very special people at the Delaware Afro-American Sports Hall of Fame Inc. Class of 2026 induction ceremony and dinner.

As the host for this event, our organization based here in Delaware is an integral part of our state. We have been devoted to recognizing successful people from the world of sports who had a significant impact throughout our state of Delaware and have inducted 324 sports figures in the past 26 years. Tonight, we are honoring and recognizing 12 very distinguished individuals from each county throughout Delaware for their lifelong contributions and involvement in the world of sports.

Once again, welcome to the Delaware Afro-American Sports Hall of Fame Inc. banquet, and we hope you have a very enjoyable evening with all of us.

Sincerely,

Mark P. Sills
President, Delaware Afro-American Sports Hall of Fame Inc.



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OUR HISTORY

The Delaware Afro-American Sports Hall of Fame, Inc. (DAASHOF) was founded under the leadership of Howard Toliver, Nathan "Doc" Hill, the late Rev. Conrad Riley, Jr. and the late Harry Scott. Three years later DAASHOF was incorporated.

Since the time of its inception in 1996, this unknown group's primary purpose has been to research and recognize outstanding Delaware high school, college and professional athletes regardless of race, creed or gender. These persons, from each county, if nominated and selected according to the criteria set by the organization, will be inducted into DAASHOF at a banquet held the third Saturday of April each year.

Since its first banquet in 1999, 324 persons have been inducted — including athletic managers, coaches and referees.

Public information about the Delaware Afro-American Sports Hall of Fame, Inc. can be found at www.daashof.org.

DAASHOF has added two new chapters to its book.

The first chapter is that it now financially supports young athletes and sports writers who are continuing their education at various institutions of higher learning. These individuals must maintain high academic and moral standards.

The second chapter focuses on the younger athletes of the AAU and Junior Olympic age category who seek to compete nationally in various sports and are required to raise funds to finance their opportunity to meet the challenge of competing against other young athletes throughout the United States. They must meet the criteria of high academic and moral character. These young athletes have made significant contributions to the sports arena and have brought lasting fame to our First State.



FOUNDERS

Charles Brown*
Kenyon L. Camper*
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Arthur Fauntleroy*
Nathan "Doc" Hill*
Gilbert "Slew" Jackson, Jr.*
Clemon Jordan
Clifton "Gator" Lewis*
John Oates*
John Pitts*
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Harvey W. Riley*
Harry Scott*
Howard Smack, Sr.
Howard K. Toliver*

PAST PRESIDENTS

Rev. Conrad F. Riley | 1996-1999
Bernard Pinkett | 1999-2000
Julia Nelson | 2000-2004
Harvey W. Riley | 2004-2008
Ronald Whittington | 2008-2010
Charles J. Laws | 2010-2018

*Deceased

PROGRAMME

Sherry Dorsey Walker, Mistress of Ceremonies

Musical Exordium Howard Smack
Introduction of the Master of Ceremonies Chaplain Clem Jordan
Welcome Sherry Dorsey Walker

Processional of the Inductees

**Lift Every Voice and Sing* The Grace Baptist Cathedral Church
Memorial to Deceased Inductees Harvey Riley, Jr., Cynthia Riley, Shirley Riley
Musical Selection Jazz Musician Tony Smith
Invocation & Blessing Chaplain Clem Jordan

Chat & Chew

*Announcement of Scholarship Recipients * Outstanding Senior Athletes* Howard Smack
Acknowledgments – Dignitaries and Past Inductees President Mark P. Sills
*1980 and 1981 Indian River High School Championship Boys Basketball Teams
Special Recognition* President Mark P. Sills
Musical Selection Jazz Musician Tony Smith
Presentation of Inductees Sherry Dorsey Walker
Reflections from Inductees Class of 2026

Thank you for limiting your reflections to three minutes.

Induction Ceremony President Mark P. Sills
Closing Remarks President Mark P. Sills
**Benediction* Chaplain Clem Jordan

** Please Stand*

“We do not remember days, we remember moments.”

— Cesare Pavese

ENJOY EVERY MOMENT!!!!

MISTRESS OF CEREMONIES

Sherry Dorsey Walker



The Honorable Sherry Dorsey Walker, a native of Wilmington, Delaware, was the first Person of Color elected to the Delaware House of Representatives from the 3rd District in 2018. She was also the First Woman and the First Person of Color elected in the 6th District to the Wilmington City Council in 2012. She earned a Master's in Film from Howard University and a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Delaware in English/Journalism. She is a proud product of St. Elizabeth School, where she attended for 12 years. She was inducted into the St. Elizabeth Hall of Fame in 2022. Currently, Sherry is serving as the Chief of External of Affairs for the Department of Health and Social Services.

Sherry served on the following committees in the House: Chair of the Sunset Committee (Policy Analysis and Government Accountability), Co-chair of the Joint Sunset Oversight Legislative Sunset Committee, Agriculture, Economic Development/Banking/Insurance and Commerce, Revenue and Finance, Judiciary, Transportation/Land Use and Infrastructure and Veterans.

Sherry sponsored HB 198 adding Black History to our state's curriculum, HB 195 putting body-worn cameras on all police officers, HB 387 ensuring that state contracts which are \$30 million or more have up to 30 percent People of Color, Veterans and Women on the projects, as well as HB 70 eliminating the death penalty in Delaware. Also, Sherry sponsored HB 119 making Juneteenth a permanent paid state holiday.

Sherry received the Legislator of the Year Award in 2021, is a 2024 graduate of the Norma J. Jackson Leadership Academy, and a recipient of the Trailblazer Award from Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, and the PTA of Delaware Award for passing HB 198 and her commitment to students, educators and parents. She is also a Member and Trustee at Bethel AME Church in Wilmington. Sherry is a Proud Member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, where she serves as the Co-chair of Statewide Connection. Sherry is married to her College Sweetheart, Dwight.

LIFT EVERY VOICE & SING

Lift every voice and sing,
Till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise
High as the list'ning skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us,
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun
Let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod,
Bitter the chastening rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat,
Have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered,
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,
Out from the gloomy past,
Till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears,
Thou who has brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who has by Thy might Led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee,
Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee;
Shadowed beneath Thy hand,
May we forever stand.
True to our God,
True to our native land.

Written by James Weldon Johnson (1871-1938) in 1899

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■ Marvin Bell

Marvin V. Bell was born and raised in Wilmington, Delaware, and attended P.S. DuPont High School. He played basketball as a three-year letterman and a two-time starter and led P.S. to the 1971 championship game, losing to Milford High School in the finals. His additional accolades included being selected as a two-time First Team Flight B conference and leading the conference in scoring in 1971, averaging 20.6 points per game. He also was selected as 1st Team All-State and was fourth in the state in scoring averaging 19.6 points per game and was P.S. DuPont's last 1st Team ALL-Stater.



At 6'4" and 153 pounds, he was versatile and played all five positions and was called upon to always guard the opposing team's high scorer. He was selected as City Athlete of the Year by Wilmington Oldtimers Athletic Association as well as P.S. DuPont Athlete of the Year in 1971. He was also one of the seven members of the P.S. DuPont Cross Country Team which won the Division 2 state title in 1971. He was voted one of the top 15 (basketball) by DIAA and one of the first Delawareans to play in the Sonny Hill League in Philadelphia.

He attended Delaware State College and started as a freshman for one year before transferring to Baltimore City College in 1972, where he started as a point guard and received Region 19 JUCO honors. He completed his college career as a two-year starter at Wilmington College playing the guard and small forward position averaging over 18 points per game in 1973 and close to 20 points a game in 1974. After college, he entered the United States Army and served for 22 years, retiring in 1997. He then worked for the El Paso, Texas, Sheriff's Department, retiring in 2013.

■ William E. Billings

William E. Billings has had a remarkable career both as a player and as a highly successful college and high school football coach. In college at the University of Delaware, he was a letter winner and starter for the University of Delaware 1972 National Championship Team.

After college, he went to coach at James Madison University, Delaware State University and his alma mater, University of Delaware. After some college coaching, he moved to high school football coaching with Middleton High School, Seaford High School and Cape Henlopen High School in Delaware. During Coach Billings' tenure at Delaware State University, 22 of his offensive players earned ALL-MEAC First Team honors, and he coached NFL Wide Receiver John Taylor, who played for the San Francisco 49ers.



Coach Billings still lives in Delaware with his wife Shelly and his two children.

■ Dexter L. Boney

Dexter Boney became the leading scorer in Delaware high school basketball history, a NCAA Division I college basketball star and the second Delaware high school graduate to play in the National Basketball Association.

At Brandywine High School, he became the first men's basketball player to be named First Team All-State in basketball three times. Dexter held the record for most points scored (2,358) over his high school career for 18 years. He led the state in scoring as a sophomore and a senior and was second in the state in scoring as a junior. He averaged 10 rebounds per game as a junior and senior. He led the Blue Hen Conference in scoring as a freshman.

At the University of Nevada Las Vegas, he was First Team All-Big West in 1993 (with J.R. Rider, Bruce Bowen and Lucious Harris) after leading the team with 70 steals. Over two years at UNLV, he averaged 15.1 points per game, five rebounds per game and two assists per game, leading the Running Rebels to the longest winning streak in the nation in 1992 and a 47-8 record over his two seasons, playing for Jerry Tarkanian and Rollie Massimino after staffing for two seasons at Hagerstown (Md.) Community College.

In his 10-year professional career, he was named the Most Valuable Player in the Continental Basketball Association and MVP of the CBA All-Star game for 1996-97, a season when he averaged over 21 points per game (4th ranked) and 2.1 steals per game (3rd ranked) for the Florida Beach Dogs. Dexter played for several seasons overseas and in eight games for the Phoenix Suns in 1997, helping the team advance to the NBA Western Conference playoffs. In 2003, Sports Illustrated included him among its 50 Greatest Sports Figures from the state of Delaware. He was inducted into the Delaware Basketball Hall of Fame in 2009 and the Delaware Sports Museum Hall of Fame in 2019.



■ Karen Burroughs

Karen Burroughs, a highly accomplished softball player, has been dedicated to the sport since the age of 10, when she began playing baseball with her brothers and other local boys. Throughout her high school years, Karen had the privilege of playing on both the freshman and senior softball teams at Caesar Rodney High School. During this period, she honed her skills and excelled in almost every fielded position, although first base was her preferred spot. Upon joining the United States Marine Corps, Karen promptly became a member of the Marine Team and participated in intramural softball competitions. Her exceptional performance earned her recognition as the All Marine Player of the Year, and she subsequently won numerous first place awards with both teams. Karen continued her softball journey until the age of 52, during which she remained a member of the Shonuf Team, an exclusively female squad. The Shonuf Team achieved remarkable success, consistently



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securing first place until their retirement. During her second duty station, Karen had the opportunity to engage in basketball with the Marine Corps Team, Cherry Point. Her team participated in matches with other duty stations and secured the title of Marine Team of the Year.

Later in Karen's Marine Corps tenure, Karen became an Instructor at Camp Johnson, North Carolina, and Fort Lee, Virginia, where she taught Military Occupational Specialty (MOS). During this period, she volunteered as a coach for both softball and volleyball at each base. Karen and another instructor simultaneously served as both coach and player, while dedicating time to their students, ensuring their active participation and bolstering their morale through support and display of commitment.

■ John I. Ingram

John Isreal Ingram, nickname Johnny "I", was born and raised in Georgetown, Delaware. His sports career started at William C. Jason High School playing basketball and running track. John then transferred to Georgetown High School where he ran track and played football, basketball and baseball from 1968-1969. In 1969, he was selected to play in the Delaware Blue & Gold All Star game. After high school, John played at Delaware State College for two years. Today he lives in Covington, Georgia, as an ordained Elder with his wife and family.



■ Mike Ingram

Michael Ingram began his track and field career at Milford High School (1972-1974), where he set the boys' pentathlon record at Tower Hill High School, surpassing the mark previously held by Billy "White Shoes" Johnson. He later placed second in the Region II Junior Olympic Decathlon, which earned him a spot in the National Championships.

At the University of Delaware (1975-1978), he quickly made an impact as a freshman by setting the school's high jump record, leading the team in scoring and becoming only the second freshman in school history to be named MVP for a varsity sport. Over the course of his collegiate career, he set the school long jump record at 23' 8.75", which stood for 15 years until 1992. He captured back-to-back conference long jump championships in 1977 and 1978, while also earning a second MVP award as a senior.



Consistently leading the Blue Hens in scoring throughout his four years, he was elected team captain in 1978 and guided Delaware to its first conference championship in many years. Today, he remains ranked among the program's top five all-time performances in the long jump, high jump and triple jump. His career reflects both athletic excellence and leadership, securing his place among Delaware's all-time greats.

■ Robin Johnson

Robin Johnson was the leading Delaware high school girls basketball scorer in 1975-76 and 1976-77. These were the first two seasons in which scoring for girls basketball was tabulated in the daily newspapers. Therefore, when she completed her career in 1977, her total of 746 points was the highest in recorded Delaware history.

In 1975-76, she played in 14 of P.S. DuPont High School's 16 games, scoring 337 points for a 21.1 average. The team went 8-8. In 1976-77, she played 16 of P.S. DuPont's 17 games, scoring 409 points for a 25.6 average. The team was 7-10.

in 1975-76, she was voted Third Team All-state in a poll conducted by The Philadelphia Inquirer. She later at age 36 had a tryout in 1996 for the WNBA New York Liberty professional basketball team.



■ Donna J. Polk

Donna Polk's journey in athletics and leadership spans more than 30 years, shaped by her roots in Sussex County and her lifelong commitment to young people and underserved communities. A three-sport standout at Sussex Central High School, she excelled in field hockey, basketball, and softball, earning multiple All-Conference honors, All-State recognition, and the title of Best Athlete by her senior class. She carried that competitive spirit into college, surpassing 1,000 career points in basketball and competing in both basketball and softball before spending two decades on the adult travel softball circuit.

Donna's career evolved from athlete to coach to respected administrator, with leadership roles at Bowie High School and Indian River High School as a girls basketball coach, and at Columbia Union College and Bowie State University as both an athletic administrator and basketball coach. At Bowie State, she guided the Lady Bulldogs to back-to-back CIAA finals as head women's basketball coach. Her influence extended beyond high school and collegiate athletics as she entered the nonprofit sector in 2023, all while continuing to operate her own business, which she founded in 2005.



From 2020 to 2023, Donna made history as the first female and first African American executive director of the Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association (DIAA). Her tenure marked one of the most transformative periods in the organization's history. She successfully guided high school sports through the COVID-19 pandemic, led the development of DIAA's first strategic plan, and oversaw a major restructuring of state athletic regulations. Donna modernized operations by introducing new digital platforms and launching DIAA's redesigned website in 2021. She also advanced competitive equity by transitioning Delaware from a two-division to a three-tier classification system

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in football and expanded championship opportunities by moving state finals for softball, girls soccer, and lacrosse to university venues. In 2022, she championed the recognition of boys volleyball as a sponsored sport and supported the growth of girls wrestling as an emerging sport.

Donna's leadership has been recognized statewide and nationally. She is a Sussex Central High School Hall of Fame inductee, a Title IX Delaware Trailblazer honored by the NFHS, and a two-time selection as one of Delaware's Most Influential People by Delaware Online. In April 2026, she returns to Maryland to continue her service in collegiate athletics as Associate Athletic Director at Coppin State University.

■ James Pat Thornton

James Patrick "Thunder" Thornton played football proudly at Delaware State College (DSC) from 1977 to 1981 and was also a member of the DSC baseball team in 1978 as a pitcher. He entered Delaware State College the summer of 1977 as a walk-on and received a full football scholarship after making the team. During his freshman red shirt year, he was a member of the 1977 team that won their last seven regular season games and earned the Hornets their first bowl game (the Orange Blossom Classic) against Florida A&M. Over his career at DSC under three head coaches, he played seven positions — inside linebacker, safety, defensive tackle, nose tackle, tight end, fullback, and had a record-setting year at defensive end. After 45 seasons, he is still listed near the top in each of these categories: 19 tackles in one game, 4 sacks in another game, 11 sacks overall and 5 fumble recoveries in the 1981 season.



Pat tried out with the New Jersey Generals of the USFL and the Toronto Argonauts of the Canadian Football league.

Since his graduation, he has remained active in many capacities as an alumnus. He is one of the founding members of the DSC Legends, for which he holds the position of secretary and is on its Executive Committee. He has been the Master of Ceremonies and a special guest speaker at the DSC Legends Meet and Greets held before Homecoming each year. He was a recipient of a service award in 2021 at the DSC Legends Meet and Greet for hard work, dedication and contribution to the organization's cause in support of athletics at Delaware State University. He has also remained very active and supportive of the football program including giving motivational speeches to the teams over the years.

He raised his four children in Dover with a successful career at Jamestown Painting company before landing a job as a warehouse supervisor at Playtex products in Dover.

■ Arthur J. Turner

Arthur J. Turner Sr. was born and raised in Wilmington, Delaware. He began his running career at Warner Junior High School and continued at Wilmington High School, where as a freshman he joined the track team. At his first championship meet at the University of Delaware Fieldhouse, he introduced himself by winning the 60 yard dash, becoming the 1966 Indoor State Champion. From that day forward, his classmates called him "Turner the Burner."

Art became an outstanding sprinter in the 60, 100, 220 and 440 yard sprints. He excelled not only as a runner, but as a responsible leader to his peers. One of Art's best performances happened at the 1968 Penn Relays. Running the anchor leg of the mile relay, when he took the baton from the third leg, Art was already 15 yards behind the leaders so he ran them all down. The entire stadium stood to their feet encouraging and motivating him to take it to the finish line and he brought home the Gold Medal with his anchor leg clocked at 47.2. During that same year, Art became the New Castle County and State Triple Winner in the 100, 220 and 440 yard events and achieved victory again in the 220 and 440 yard races at the 1969 County Championships.

Upon his graduation, Art accepted a full four-year scholarship with Livingstone College to study Political Science. After returning home, he decided to work with his father and help him to launch Turner Brothers Roofing Company. In 1972, Art married his wife Darlene and became the father of three wonderful children, and later went on to adopt twin daughters. Following the death of his oldest son, Arthur Jr., from a rare form of bone cancer (Osteogenic Sarcoma) at age 17, Wilmington's West Center City Community Center 5K was renamed the Arthur J. Turner Jr. 5K as a tribute, and in 1997 the Arthur J. Turner Jr. Scholarship Foundation was established. The foundation successfully operated for 25 years under an education banner that hosted annual events and provided over 45 scholarship awards to high school seniors.



■ Garcia Walker

During his attendance at Milford High School from 1974 to 1977, Garcia "Gus" Walker participated in four years of football, four years of basketball, and was a varsity letterman in track and field for four years. He received varsity letters in basketball and football during his junior and senior years.

Many Delawareans familiar with track and field consider the early 1970s the heyday of the sport in the state with fierce competition. In 1977, Gus was the conference and state champion in the 110-meter hurdles and the 300-meter intermediate hurdles. He was also the conference champion in the 200 meters (22.1), ran on a dirt track and still holds the school record. In 1975, he was a member of the 4X400 meter relay team that won at the Penn Relays.



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After graduating from Milford High School in 1977, Gus competed in college track for three years — one year at Salisbury State University and two years at Delaware State University, participating in both high and intermediate hurdles, as well as sprinting events, earning varsity letters from both institutions. Following college, he served 10 years in the United States Air Force. Upon his honorable discharge, he began a career at his alma mater, Milford School District, serving tenures as the head track and field coach, head cross country coach, and head winter track coach, coaching several athletes to conference and state titles. After accepting the position as Assistant Principal at Milford Middle School, he had to retire from active coaching, but that did not stop him from building the program from the administrative level. He was able to reactivate a dormant program at Milford Middle that became a feeder program for Milford High. Gus retired in 2018 as a supervisor of the Lakeview Intensive Learning Center.

Gus received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Delaware State University, two master's degrees from Wilmington University, and a doctoral degree in educational leadership from Wilmington University, where he also became an adjunct professor. He and his wife, Lynae Walker, have three daughters, Shayla, Chelsea, and one son, Creighton.

■ Bradford J. Waples

Bradford Waples (Brad) was a crucial part of the Cape Henlopen High School track and field dynasty in the early 1970s. In 1971, Brad played a big part in Cape Henlopen being the first lower Delaware high school to win a State Championship in Track and Field. He won the quarter mile (440 yard) and ran the third leg on the winning mile relay team. He also ran the third leg of Cape's mile relay team that won at the Penn Relays.

It was Brad's versatility that made him valuable to the team. In 1972, everyone thought that he would easily win the State Championship quarter mile (440 yard) in his senior year, but he took a different direction. Cape's track team makeup was different in 1972; the coach needed Brad's versatility in order to win another state championship and he delivered. In his senior year, he ran everything except the quarter mile (440 yard). His ability to run competitively in the sprints, middle distance and occasionally distance made him a valuable part of Cape's track and field team. That year, he held Cape Henlopen School records in the 100 yard, 120 lower hurdles, 220 yard, 440 yard and pole vault.

Brad received a track and field scholarship from the University of Maryland Eastern Shore. At UMES, he ran the quarter mile (440 yard), anchored the mile relay team and pole vaulted. In 1974, he was the Mid-Atlantic Champion in the quarter mile (440 yard) and anchored UMES's mile relay team to victory at the Penn Relays.

After graduating from the University of Maryland Eastern Shore, he moved to Washington, DC, where he competed in All Comers meets, 5Ks and marathons in the Washington area until his mid-thirties.





PAST INDUCTEES

***Inducted Posthumously*

Class of 2025

- Clarence J. "Big Daddy" Bailey** - Football
- William P. "Stoney" Briggs Jr. - Baseball
- Robert "Bobby" Cale - Football
- Linwood "Bootsie" Cannon** - Baseball
- Monick Foote - Basketball
- John Hollis - Baseball Coach
- Bryant "Gene" Lake - Football
- Howard M. Laws - Track & Field
- Lillie Mapp - Basketball
- Fredric L. Minus - Trapshooting
- Wayne Newsome Sr. - Wrestling
- Dr. Freeman L. Williams - Basketball

Class of 2023

- James Alderman** - Football
- Ron Allen - Basketball Coach
- Len Chasanov - Basketball
- Carmen Hardcastle - Basketball
- Michael C. Harris - Football
- Charles Hope - Football
- Ron Milstead - Football
- Darin C. Park - Basketball
- Devin Park - Basketball
- Tamara Stoner - Track
- Marcus L. Trammell - Baseball
- Adolphus F. Ward "Dirk" - Track & Field

Class of 2024

- Reginald R. Barnes - Football
- Raymond L. Bias - Softball
- Emanuel L. Davis - Basketball
- Marcus G. Gillespie - Baseball
- Darryl L. Hicks - Football/Wrestling
- George Stanley Hicks** - Football
- Carlton J. Moss Sr. - Track & Field
- Kenneth I. Nocks Sr.** - Baseball
- Eugene B. Puckham** - Baseball
- Alfred Lee Reed - Track & Field/Football
- Samuel Lee Shepherd - Basketball
- John Wallace - Powerlifting

Class of 2022

- Carlton E. Adams, Sr. - Basketball
- Steven Timothy Davis - Football
- Jeffery L. Fleming - Football Official
- Charles A. Holley, Jr.** - Basketball
- Michael S. Irby** - Basketball
- Andre Matthews - Basketball
- LaTisha R. Moulds - Track
- David Snow - Basketball
- Emma J. Trammell - Basketball
- Vaughn M. Trammell - Track
- William H. West - Football

PAST INDUCTEES

***Inducted Posthumously*

Class of 2020

- Winfred T. Backus "Winnie" – Track & Field
- Nathan J. Evans – Basketball
- Vincent L. Garlick – Basketball
- Timothy M. Gray, Sr. – Football
- John C. Martin, Sr. – Track & Field Coach
- Wallace Jay Maull – Football/Track & Field
- Dana C. Roane – Basketball
- Hollis L. Smack, Jr. – Baseball/Basketball/
Cross Country
- Matthew H. Spence, Jr. – Basketball
- Stephanie Tolson-Scott – Basketball
- John Gregory Taylor – Football
- Chris H. Webb – Football/Basketball/
Track & Field

Class of 2018

- Bruce Edward Barrett – Football
- Anthony O. Brinkley, Jr. – Basketball
- Larry Bryant – Basketball Coach
- John Coveleski – Football Coach
- Robert L. Dixon – Baseball
- Theodore Gregory – Football
- Antoine C. Harrison – Basketball
- Wilbur R. Justice – Baseball
- George Koanovich – Football Coach
- Nathaniel Perry – Track & Field
- Courtland H. Thomas – Basketball
- Ulysses S. Washington – Basketball

Class of 2016

- Dolan "Dusty" Blakey – Wrestling
- La Trica "Tris" Dendy – Track & Field
- Jamie Duncan – Football
- Connie M. Ellerbe-Washington – Track & Field
- Marshall Emery** – Basketball
- Coach Jeffrey "Jeff" Johnson – Basketball Coach
- Robert F. "Bob" Neylan – Track & Field Coach
- Norman N. Poole – Sports Statistician
- Carlene A. Radhovani – Basketball
- Wesley A. Ridgeway – Track & Field
- Allen "Duffy" Samuels – Basketball
- Nina Y. Savage – Track & Field

Class of 2019

- Mary (Jean) Avery – Cheerleader
- Coach Purnell Ayers – Basketball
- Jay "J-Bird" Faulkner – Football
- Alonzo Frisby – Wrestling
- Preston E. Grace – Football Coach
- Theresa Hudson-Braxton – Track & Field
- Andrew L. Miles – Basketball
- Juanita Parker – Softball Coach
- Wilbert L. Ransburg – Basketball
- Clarence L. Saunders – Football
- Burton A. Watson, Jr. – Basketball
- Markishia C. Wise – Basketball

Class of 2017

- Henry L. Boss, Jr. – Track & Field
- Andria M. Bynum – Volleyball
- Bilal A. El – Boxing
- William C. Falasco – Basketball Coach
- Clarence P. Giles
- Spencer N. Henry – Track & Field
- Claude W. McCrea – Track & Field
- Michael Miller, Sr. – Basketball
- Donald E. Polk, Jr. – Basketball Official
- Dr. Richard A. Seyler – Horseshoes
- Charles E. Wilson – Basketball
- Benjamin Wiltbank – Baseball

Class of 2015

- Richard A. Cephas – Track & Field
- Ron Dickerson – Football Coach
- Carl D. Fennell – Tennis Coach
- Charles Garrison – Basketball Official
- Bruce Harris – Track & Field
- Garland R. Hayward – Basketball Coach
- Gerald Kobasa – Basketball
- Coach Derrick "Brant" May – Baseball
- Bradford E. Morris – Track & Field
- Alaric C. "Chris" Shelton – Basketball
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- Bernard Francis Johnson – Football
- Robert C. Johnson – Basketball
- Gregory C. McNeill – Basketball Coach
- Margo L. Morris – Softball Coach
- Mark P. Sills – Basketball Administrator
- Joseph Franklin Todd – Football

Class of 2012

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- Robert L. Brown – Basketball
- Harry J. Crapper – Baseball
- Purnell Griffin – Basketball Coach
- Will J. Hall, Sr. – Bowling
- Marlene L. Haman – Basketball
- William C. Moore – Track & Field
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- Joel Coppadge – Basketball
- Bobbie Dillard – Basketball
- Marianna Freeman – Basketball
- Charles Gibbs – Track & Field
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- Earvin Kelley – Baseball
- Charles Rayne – Basketball
- William Simmons – Bowling
- William Wilson – Horseshoes

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- Richard E. Morris – Basketball
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- Charles A. Shelton – Basketball Official
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- George W. Teague Jr. – Horse Racing
- Michael A. Thomas – Basketball
- Robert P. "Host" Vanderhost – Basketball

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- Robert Burke – Bowling
- Dwayne A. Henry – Baseball
- Albert E. Horne – Basketball
- William J. "Judy" Johnson – Baseball
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- Jimmie Strong – Football
- James E. Weal – Track & Field

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- Bernice Wesley Benjamin – Basketball
- John H. Harris – Horseshoes
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- John L. Land – Football
- Orlando J. McDowell – Tennis
- William L. Murray – Football
- Walter L. Owens – Football
- Ronald F. Whittington – Football
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- Willard A. Cephas – Karate
- Donald W. Haman – Basketball
- Kenneth B. Hynson – Basketball
- Charles J. Laws – Baseball
- Maynard L. Miles – Baseball
- Edward M. Taylor – Sports Official

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- Michael K. Brown – Football
- William W. Collick – Football Coach
- Dr. Elsie M. Collins – Basketball
- Bennie “Catfish” George – Basketball Coach
- Michael Hall – Weightlifter
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- Charles E. Smith – Basketball
- Robert S. Tucker – Football

Class of 2005

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- Joseph J. Purzycki – Football Coach
- Ronald M. Robinson – Baseball
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- Nathaniel B. Speaks – Baseball
- Thomas I. Stevens – Track & Field

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- Charles W. Bell – Track & Field
- Charles F. Brown – Basketball
- Donald J. Evans – Baseball Player
- Gary W. Hayman – Football
- Wilbert Lee Moorner – Bowling
- S. Lowan Pitts – Basketball
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***Inducted Posthumously*

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- Thomas Rodney Mifflin – Baseball
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- Dr. Robert Milton Percy – Football
- James Howard Solomon – Track & Field

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- Lenox Lacy Jackson – Football
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- Stanley B. Hicks – Baseball
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- Julia E. Nelson – Bowling
- John Oates, Jr. – Baseball
- Harry Scott – Basketball
- George H. P. Smith – Baseball

Class of 1999

- William James Dixon – Baseball
- Arthur Fauntleroy – Football
- William Gibbs – Track & Field
- Howard "Toots" Farrell – Baseball
- Clifton Lewis – Football
- John Wesley Pitts – Baseball
- Harvey W. Riley – Baseball
- Howard E. Smack, Sr. – Baseball
- Ann Holden Thompson – Basketball
- Cardonsal C. Walters – Baseball
- Fletcher A. Wilson – Boxing Administrator



1980 INDIAN RIVER HIGH SCHOOL Boys Basketball Team



The 1979-80 Indian River High School Boys Basketball Team possibly was the deepest state champion, with eight players scoring 80 or more points and averaging 4.7 or more points per game.

- Charles Rayne – 428 points, 21.4 per game – 3rd in the state
- Matt Spence – 239 points – 12.6 average
- Juan Mitchell – 164 points – 8.6 average
- Kevin Garrison – 127 points – 6.7 average
- Bryan Tindley – 104 points – 6.1 average
- Cepeda Whaley – 120 points – 6.0 average
- Chris Shelton – 87 points – 4.8 average
- Jose Turlington – 84 points – 4.7 average

Indian River won 15 straight after a 2-point loss to James M. Bennett in December. The team won 12 games by 20 or more points and eight games by 30 or more points. It doubled its opponent's score three times — with all 13 players getting significant minutes.

Rayne was injured late in the season — a strained muscle in his right leg caused him to miss almost all of the Henlopen Conference championship game against Cape Henlopen. Indian River beat Cape, 87-65, in the regular season but lost the championship game.

He missed most of the first game of the tournament. Spence (23 points) led Indian River over Dwayne Henry and Middletown. Rayne was in street clothes during

the first half. When Indian River lost its big lead, Rayne entered with 9 minutes left. Garrison missed the game with a dislocated finger.

He was still limping in the 3-point quarterfinal victory over St. Mark's. Mitchell led with 18 points. Garrison recovered from his injury with 15 points.

Coming upstate for the semifinal at the St. Mark's gym, Indian River came from behind — a 13-point deficit in the first half, 9 points behind after three quarters — to defeat top-ranked Concord (with all-state players Charlie Smith, Gerard Hackett and Virgil Robertson). Rayne could only play part of the game. Spence, Mitchell, Garrison and Tindley all scored in double figures. Mike Bibbins came off the bench for a key steal and basket in the fourth quarter rally.

In the State Championship game against Cape, Rayne, who had only played 20 minutes total over the previous two weeks, played 26 minutes, leading both teams with nine rebounds. The Philadelphia Inquirer said, "He limped often, except when a play came his way." Spence led with 17 points, plus eight rebounds. Howard Smack led the Indian River cheering section in headdress.

After Cape came from a 44-33 deficit, Indian River won, 66-65, the difference coming on foul shots. In the last 70 seconds, Shelton was 4-for-4 and Mitchell made two for the final margin.

1981 INDIAN RIVER HIGH SCHOOL Boys Basketball Team



Standing: Assistant Coach—Barry Lynch, Nikita Farlow—21, Kevin Dick-
ins—31, Marvin Thomas—30, Chris Shelton—29, Charles Rayne—33, Mat-
thew Spence—20, Bill Daly—11, Nathaniel Handy—40, Rufus Thomas—22,
Head Coach—Dave Cook Kneeling: Manager—Butch Johnson, David

Long—13, Darnell Phillips—12, Jose Turlington—15, Willard Morris—
Donald Sturgis—24, Kevin Garrison—23, Manager—Lafayette Fer-
Not Shown—Manager—Willie Currie

The 1980-81 Indian River High School Boys Basketball Team finished 22-3 and won the Henlopen Conference Southern Division for the eighth straight year and its second consecutive state title.

Charles Rayne was First Team All-State for the second straight year after also achieving that recognition as a junior. He was Second Team All-State as a sophomore. As a senior, Rayne averaged 18 points, 14 rebounds, 4.2 assists and 2.2 blocked shots per game.

Matt Spence was selected for the Blue-Gold All-Star Game.

Other starters were Chris Shelton, Kevin Garrison and Jose Turlington. Donald Sturgis, also an All-State Football player, was the sixth man. Rudy Thomas, Nikita Farlow and Darnell Phillips were other key reserves.

Shelton led all with 20 points in Indian River's 48-47 State Championship victory over Howard. Garrison's free throw with 52 seconds left clinched the State

Championship. Rayne led everyone with 15 rebounds in the game.

Indian River won the Salisbury Christmas Tournament. Rayne had 15 points and Turlington had 19.

Rayne reached the State Championship game three times. Each time, he led Indian River past Concord in the semifinals. He had 11 rebounds against Wilmington High in his first championship game when he was a ninth-grader in 1978.

In the 1980 championship game against Cape Henlopen, an injured Rayne played 26 minutes after playing less than 20 minutes the previous 2½ weeks. He grabbed the game-saving rebound as time ran out in the 66-65 victory. Spence had 17 points and eight rebounds. In the final minute, Shelton made all four foul shots and Juan Mitchell the final two free throws. In the semifinal, Indian River overcame a 13-point deficit against Concord.

Downstate Dominance

The 14th State Championship game was the first with an all-downstate final. From 1975 through 1981, eight of the 14 teams to play in the title game — and 12 of the 28 in the Final Four — were from the Henlopen Conference.

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- Male: **Chase Sullivan** | Smyrna High School

■ **Sussex County**

- Female: **Eva Elliott** | Delmarva Christian High School
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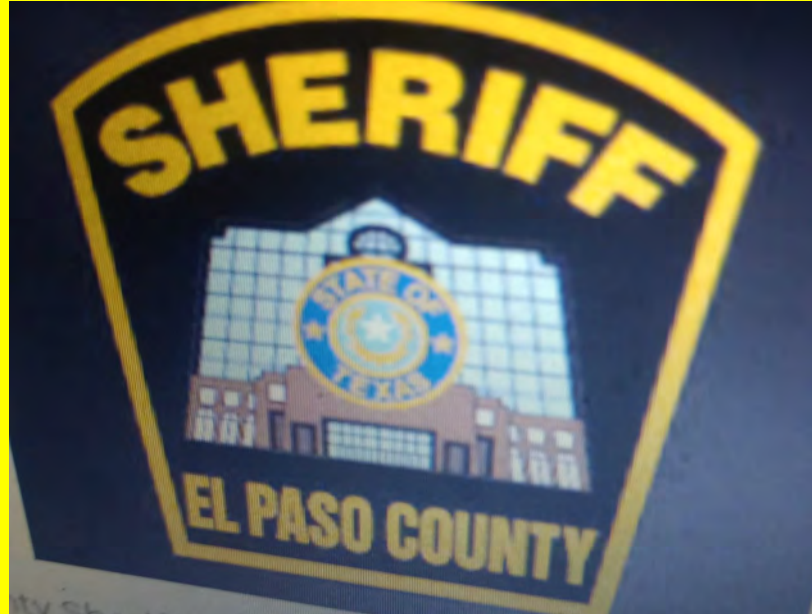
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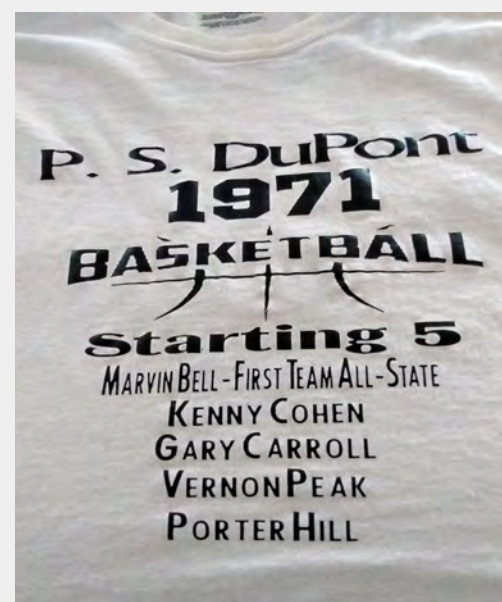
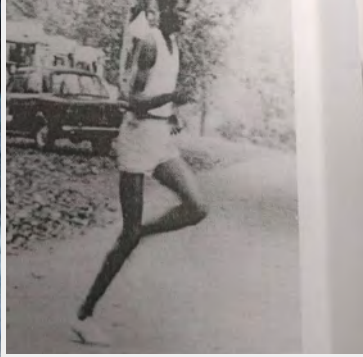


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El Paso, Texas



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Brian Houston
EPSOA



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Congratulations on this well-deserved recognition. Your legacy will continue to run far beyond the finish line.

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Dr. Lynae Walker

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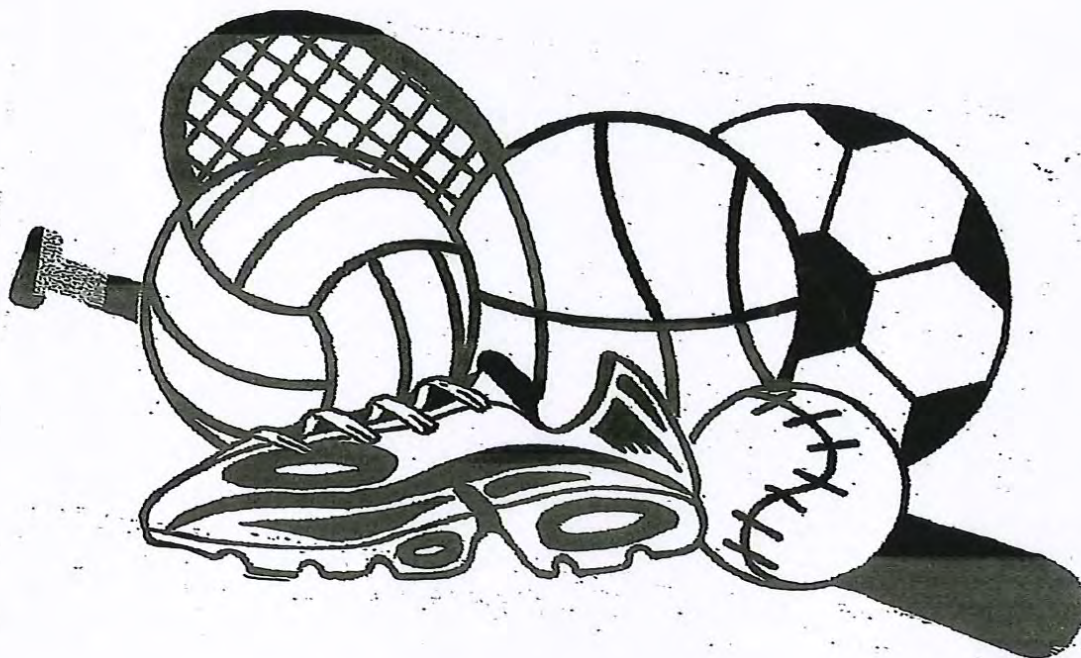
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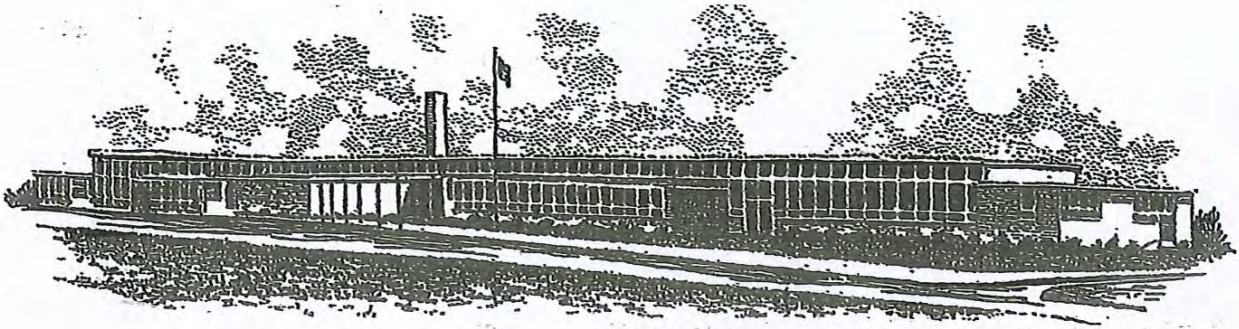
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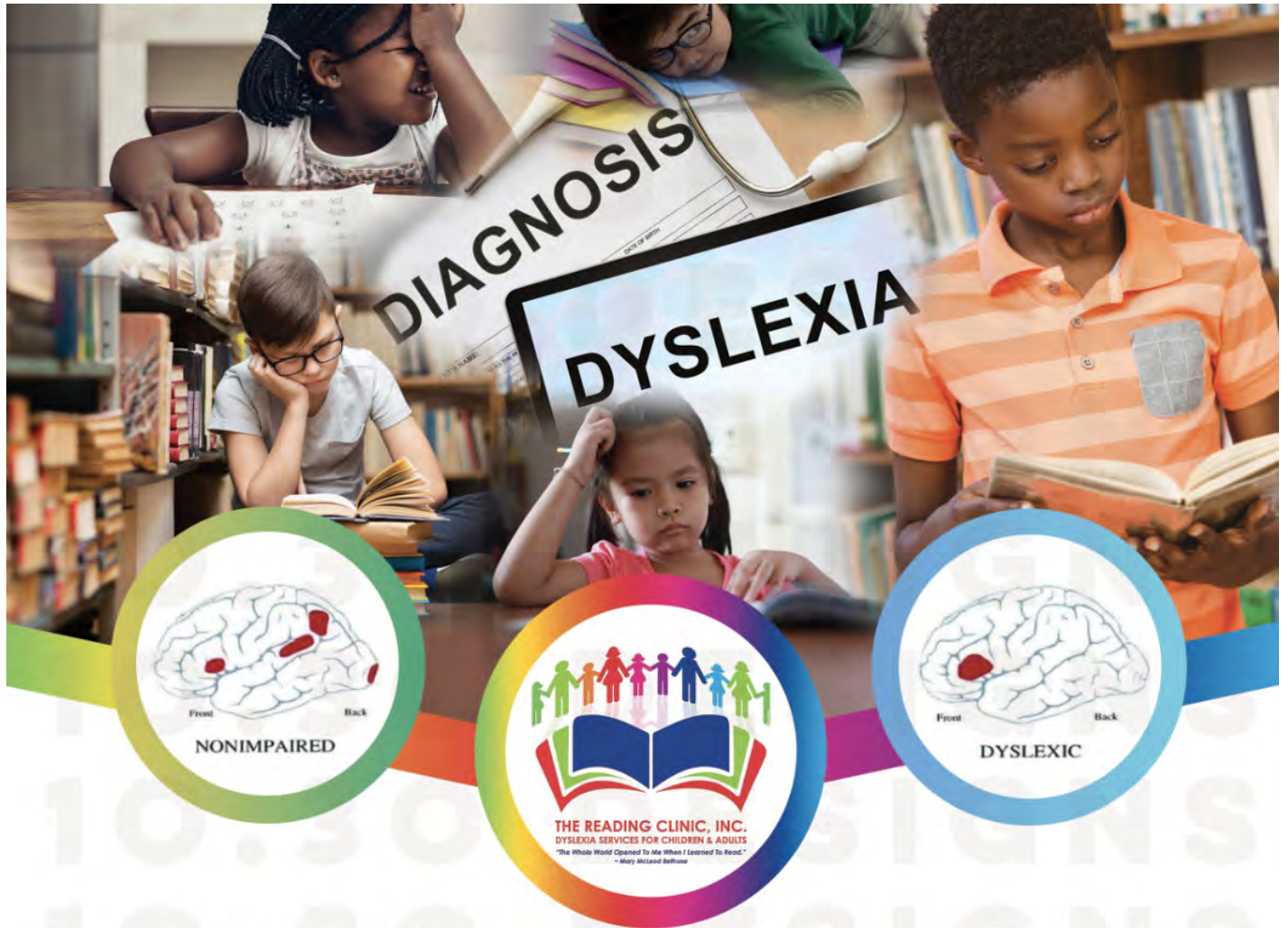
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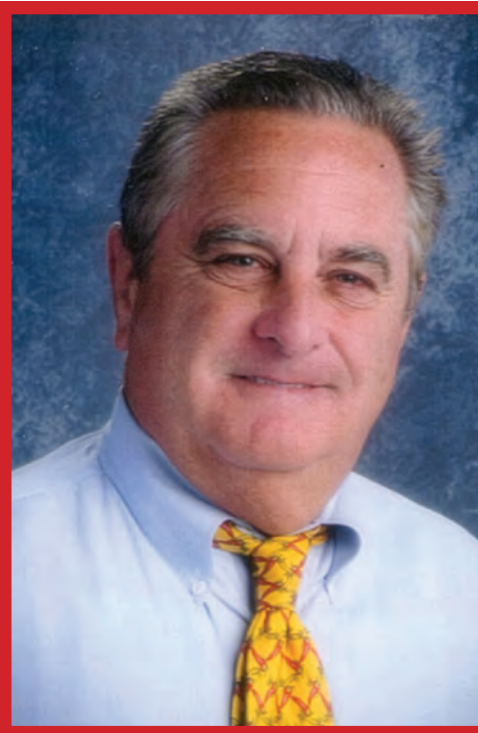


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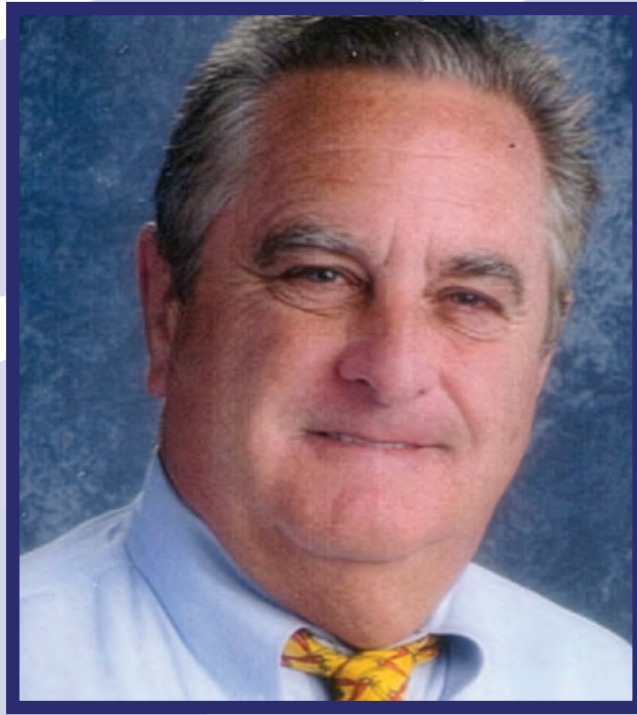
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*In softball, Karen held various positions, including shortstop, first base, and outfield (left and center). She and other Marines from different bases traveled to Camp Lejeune, N.C. and Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendelton for tryouts. These locations served as the starting point for the training and selection process for the All Marines Softball Team. This was the turning point that led to her being selected for the All-Marine Female that led to her being selected for the All-Marine Female's Softball Team multiple times. Throughout her career, Karen continued to excel as a Marine and an exceptional softball player. Her confidence, discipline, and dedication as a Marine, Single Parent, and commitment to sports were truly remarkable. She consistently set goals for herself and her team.*

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This Hall of Fame induction honors a career marked by peak performance and a lifetime defined by leadership. We celebrate the records that challenged a generation and the quiet, steady work that changed lives. Bro. Dr. Gus Walker’s influence reaches far past finish lines — it lives on in the athletes he shaped, the colleagues he inspired, and the example he set for integrity and excellence.

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*Congratulations to Our Brother*  
**Dr. Garcia “Gus” Walker**



*Congratulations Gus on your induction into the **Delaware Afro American Sports Hall of Fame**. Your dedication and excellence have made us proud every step of the way. We know that Heaven is smiling down on you!*

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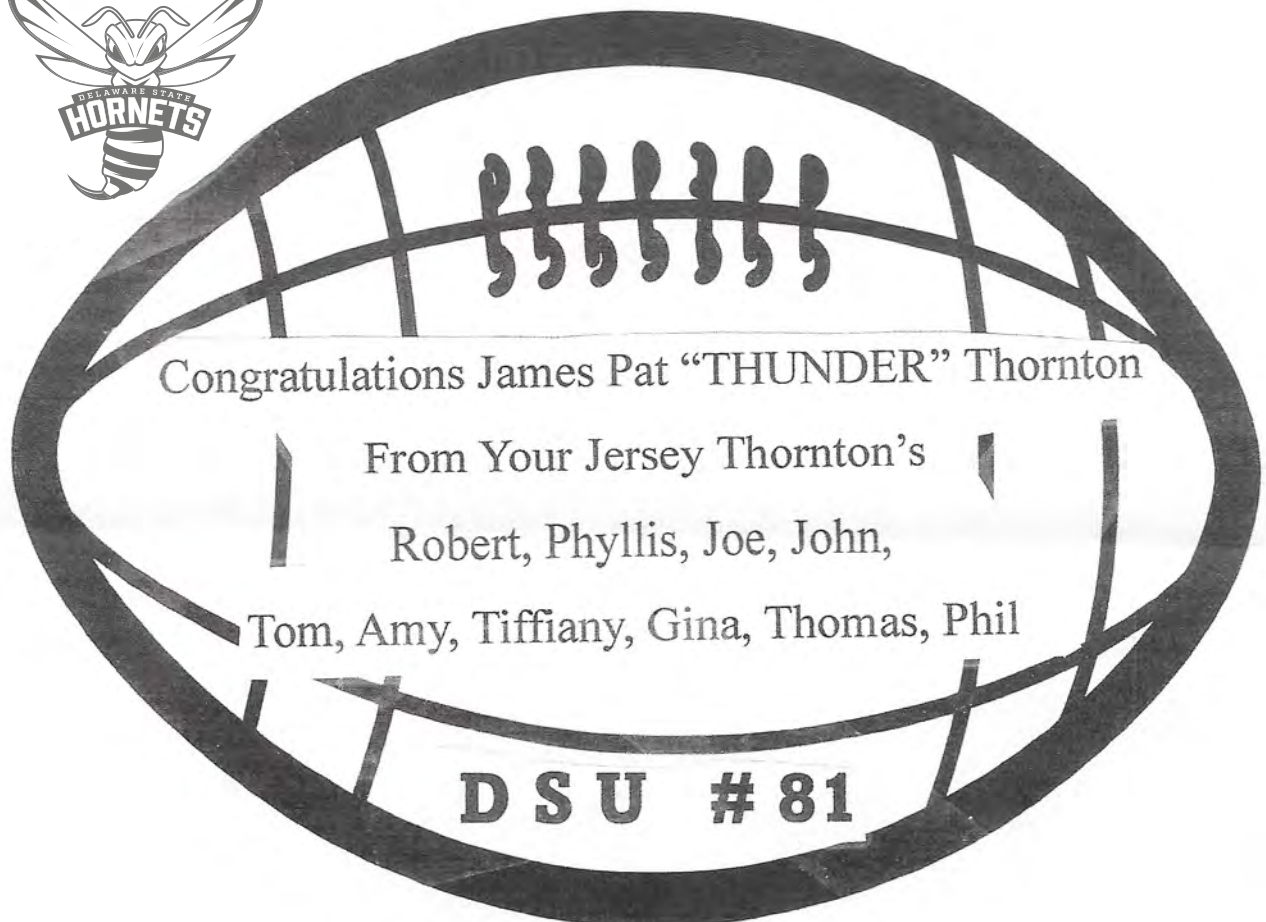
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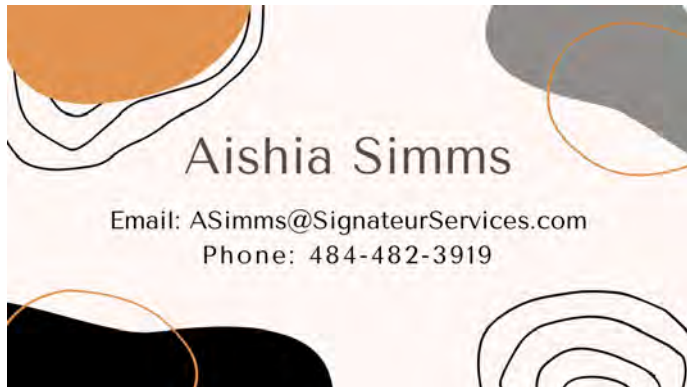

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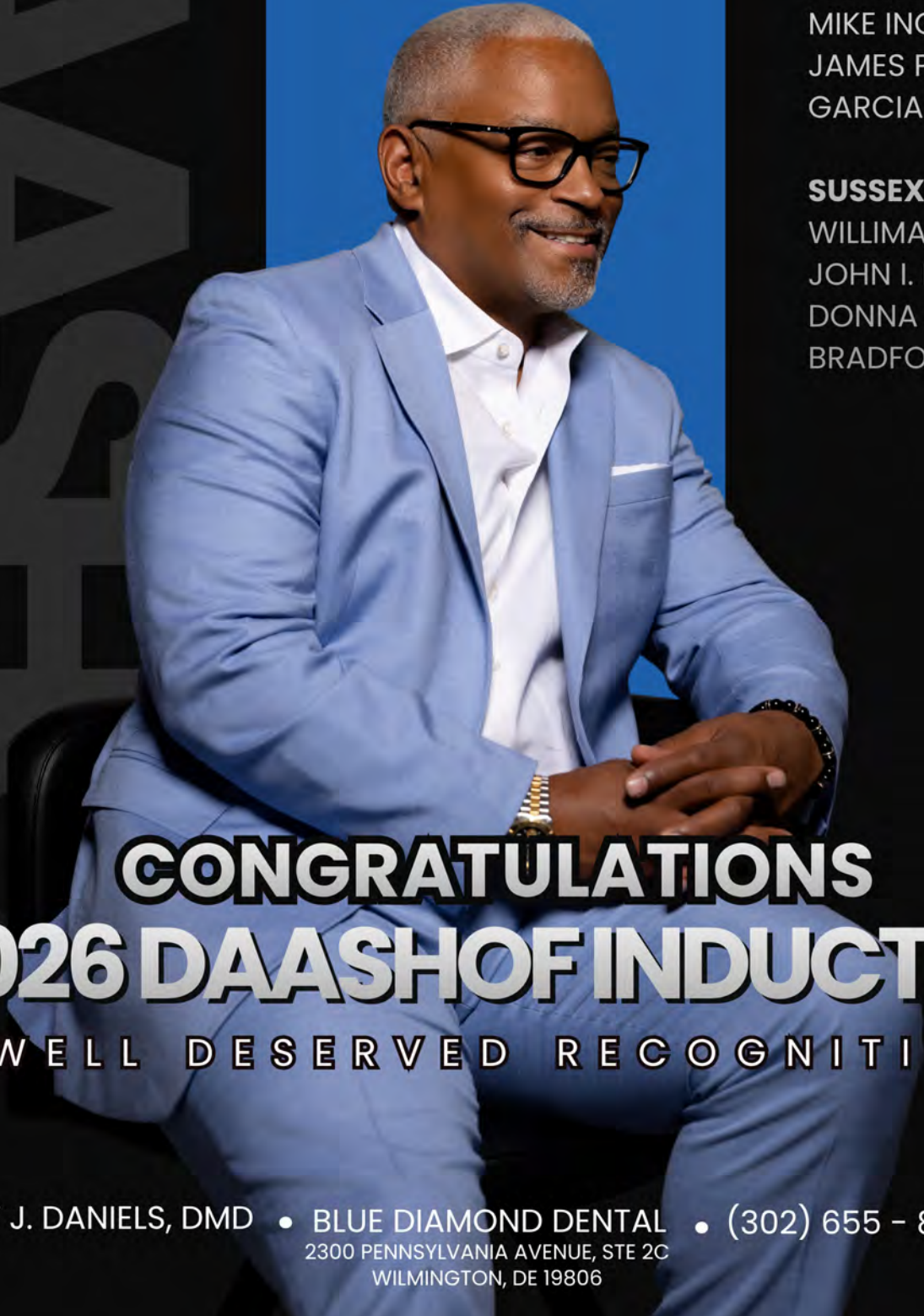
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