

Montgomery County Sports Hall of Fame Announces Class of 2022

Fourth Annual Induction Ceremony Will Take Place Saturday December 4th at 7pm

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(June 5, 2022) The 2022 class of the Montgomery County Sports Hall of Fame (MCSHF) was announced today. Six inductees will be honored in the ceremony on Saturday December 4th at 7pm.

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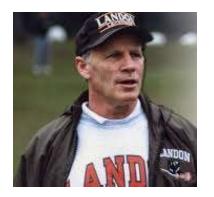
This year's class includes:

- Lacrosse coach and rugby player Rob Bordley (Landon)
- Track and field star Sally Glynn Hauser (Walter Johnson)
- Terps and NBA star Steve Francis (Blair)
- Baseball player and coach Sonny Jackson (Blair)
- Sports writer and ESPN reporter Tim Kurkjian (Walter Johnson)
- Baseball star Clarence "Pint" Isreal (Rockville) posthumous

"These men and women have brought recognition and honor to our community in their respective fields," says MCSHF Board Chair Trish Heffelfinger. "It is a stellar group and the induction ceremony will be one fabulous evening."

This year's class joins the members of our first three classes in the Hall of Fame: Katie Ledecky, Dominique Dawes, Shawn Springs, Bob Milloy, Bruce Murray, Walter Johnson, Johnny Holliday, Curtis Pride, Amy Wood, Tom Brown, Jeri Ingram, Roy Lester, Greivis Vasquez, Richie Anderson, Deane Beman, Charlene Thomas-Swinson, and Mike Curtis. More information about this years ceremony can be found at our website www.MCSHF.org

More about this year's inductees:



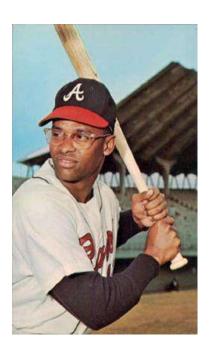
Rob Bordley is one of the winningest coaches in Montgomery County history. He was the head lacrosse coach at Landon for 42 years, winning 655 games, the fifth most victories of any lacrosse coach in the country. Bordley also excelled in rugby, playing for Washington RFC as well as the US national rugby team. After earning 17 varsity letters playing at Landon, Bordley went on to Princeton where he excelled in lacrosse and football, earning all-lvy League honors in both. He is a member of the U.S. Rugby Hall of Fame and the U.S. Lacrosse Hall of Fame.



Sally Glynn Hauser never lost a race in Montgomery County. She won four consecutive county, regional, and state titles in her time at Walter Johnson from 1992-1996. She was the only Montgomery County runner to qualify for nationals, where she finished second in the Foot Locker national cross country race. Her success continued at Stanford where she was an all-American in both cross country and track and field.



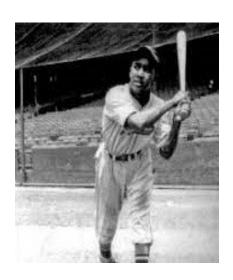
Steve Francis was the 2nd pick in the 1999 NBA draft after his one incredible season at the University of Maryland. He immediately made an impact by winning Rookie of the Year. Before the end of his senior year at Blair, Steve's mother passed away and he did not graduate. He rebounded from the loss, obtained his GED and then attended Allegany Junior College prior to becoming a Maryland Terrapin. "Stevie Franchise" went on to play 10 seasons in the NBA for Houston, Orlando, and New York, and was a three time All Star.



Sonny Jackson played 12 seasons in the major leagues for the Houston Astros and the Atlanta Braves. A two sport star at Blair, he was offered a scholarship at the University of Maryland to play baseball and basketball, but instead chose professional baseball. He set the NL rookie record with 49 steals in 1966, while also finishing runner up for Rookie of the Year. That year, he led the NL in singles with 160. After his playing career ended, Sonny became a coach and manager in the minor leagues and major leagues for the Atlanta Braves, San Francisco Giants, and Chicago Cubs.



Tim Kurkjian is one of the most respected baseball writers and analysts around. The Bethesda native attended Walter Johnson and the University of Maryland before beginning his writing career with the hometown Montgomery Journal. He was a beat writer covering the Texas Rangers and the Baltimore Orioles in the 1980s before becoming a senior baseball writer for Sports Illustrated. In 1998 he was hired by ESPN where he has spent the last 24 years as a baseball writer, reporter, and analyst.



Clarence "Pint" Isreal was a member of the 1946 Negro League World Series champion Homestead Grays. Growing up in Rockville, he spent 5 seasons in professional baseball. The second baseman was nicknamed "Pint" due to his 5'5" stature. In the 1930s, he played in sandlot and semipro leagues representing Rockville. Like many others at the time, his baseball career was interrupted in the 1940s by two years serving in the US Army. Isreal spent his military years in World War II in Texas and Alaska, where he played and managed his baseball all star team. After his career, he worked at NIH in Bethesda as a lab technician from 1948-1973. He was also active in promoting youth baseball in Rockville and co-founded the Black Angels Boys Club of Rockville, where he coached and mentored hundreds of kids. Isreal died in Rockville in 1987.

The MCSHF is a non-profit organization established in 2018. Our objectives are to build a better community through sports and to develop and support such programs. Potential sponsors can contact Board Chair Trish Heffelfinger at 301.717.7283 or heffelfingertrish@gmail.com. People wishing to contribute can donate here.





