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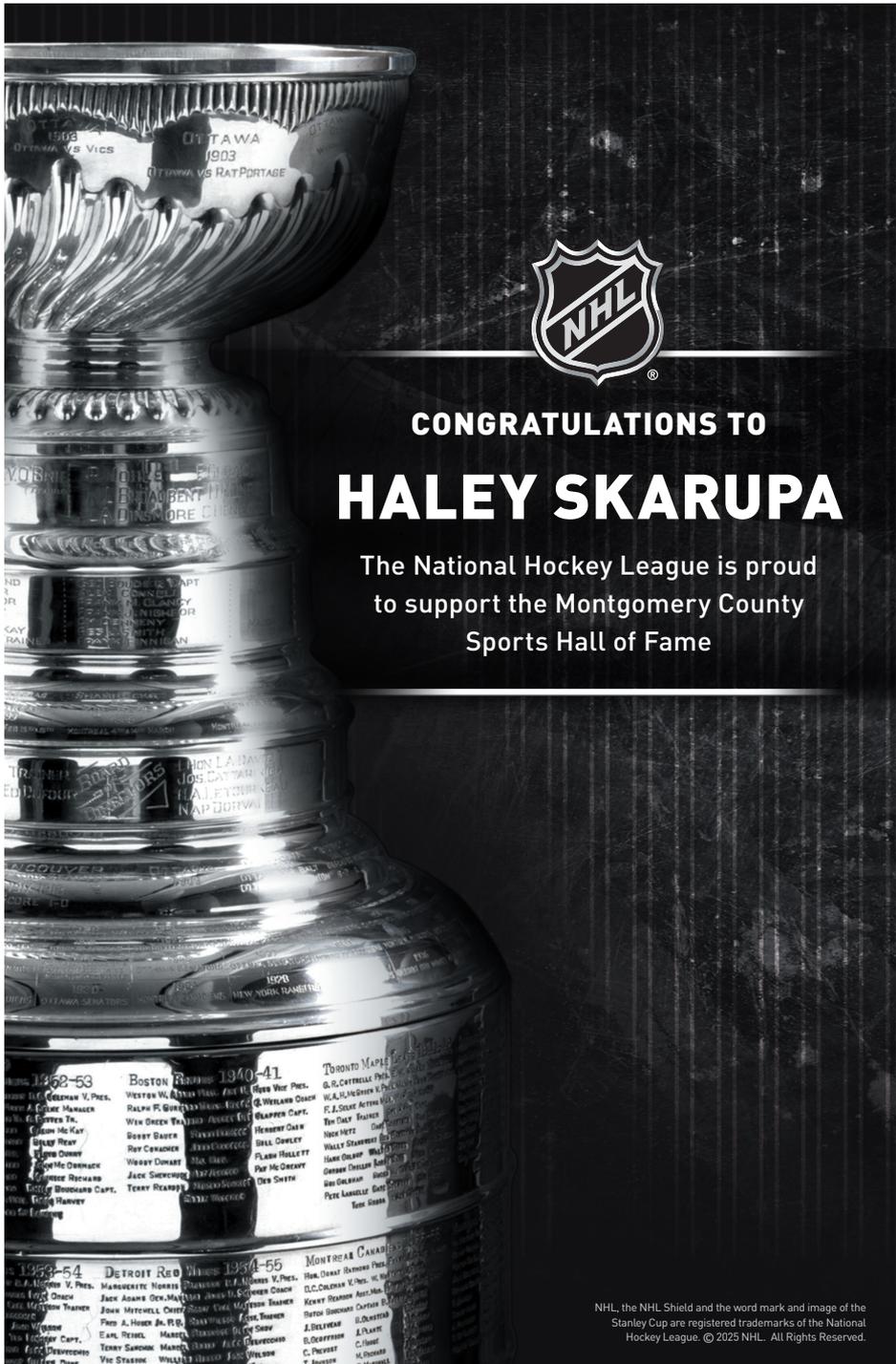
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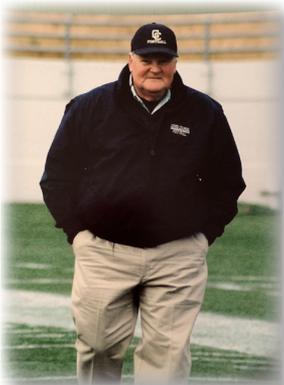
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## **MESSAGE FROM BOB MILLOY**

*Chair of the Board of Directors*

The Montgomery County Sports Hall of Fame today will induct six new members in its Class of 2025. The new honorees are Olympic gold medal winning triple jumper Thea LaFond, U.S. national team soccer player Oguchi Onyewu, four-time all-America lacrosse player Paul Rabil, Olympic gold medal-winning hockey player Haley Skarupa, legendary high school football coach Al Thomas (posthumously) and former NFL star Bob Windsor.

This is the sixth class of the County Sports Hall of Fame, which found a permanent home in 2024 at the Silver Spring Recreation and Aquatic Center. This year's inductees will join 29 others who were previously inducted.

Since I succeeded Trish Heffelfinger last year as chair of the Sports Hall of Fame board of directors, I committed to bringing this great organization to new stages. You will see some of those steps today.

Two initiatives started under Trish will now be annual traditions. Each year, we will present a lifetime achievement award to someone who contributed to the sports lives of many people in various ways. The first award will be presented posthumously to Eunice Kennedy Shriver who changed the way the world views people with disabilities when she started Special Olympics in the backyard of her home in Rockville.

We also will begin a tradition of honoring unsung heroes of sports in our County. We have partnered with the Montgomery County Sports Advisory Committee and asked community members for their thoughts. We were overwhelmed with worthy nominations. The first honorees are Muhammad Arif Wali, Caprina Pipion-Williams and Brett Riley. You will learn more about each of them today and will easily understand why they are being recognized.

The Montgomery County Sports Hall of Fame is in great shape right now and is set up to be so much more. Our list of 35 inductees so far is an impressive group that could rival just about any community in the nation. Just as exciting is the list of people who we will be considering for each subsequent class.

The Sports Hall of Fame was formed to make sure the achievements and contributions to our sports history are long remembered. We thank our sponsors, our supporters and we thank you for being here today and celebrating the outstanding athletes and sports contributors of our community.



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# *Today's Program*

Welcome from Emcee Dave Johnson

Message from Sports Hall of Fame Chair Bob Milloy

Montgomery County Executive Marc Elrich

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Unsung Heroes Awards Introduced by Tom Cove

Unsung Hero Muhammad Arif Wali

Unsung Hero Caprina Pipion-Williams

Unsung Hero Brett Riley

## *Class of 2025*

Thea LaFond

Oguchi Onyewu

Paul Rabil

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Bob Windsor

## *Lifetime Achievement Award*

Eunice Kennedy Shriver

Mark Shriver Accepts for Shriver Family

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## **ABOUT THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY SPORTS HALL OF FAME**

The Montgomery County Sports Hall of Fame is a nonprofit organization established in 2018. Its objectives are to build a better community through sports and to develop and support such programs.

The Hall of Fame is governed by an elected board of directors that represents many aspects of Montgomery County’s sports history—past and present. The board selects each year’s class of new inductees and the recipients of the annual lifetime achievement award. The board partners with the Montgomery County Sports Advisory Committee to select unsung heroes. For all categories of honorees, nominations are solicited from community members as part of the selection process.

In 2024, the board worked with Montgomery County Recreation to establish a permanent home for the Sports Hall of Fame at the Silver Spring Recreation and Aquatic Center in Downtown Silver Spring. Plaques honoring each inductee are displayed there.

The Sports Hall of Fame continues to evolve in size and prestige. It is supported by a growing number of volunteers, sponsors and supporters.

More information about the Hall of Fame, including details on the hall members, can be found at [www.MCSHF.org](http://www.MCSHF.org).



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## **TODAY'S MASTER OF CEREMONIES**

*Dave Johnson*

When inducting stars to a hall of fame, it is quite an honor to have a star as the master of ceremonies. That is what the Montgomery County Sports Hall of Fame has as Dave Johnson, one of the all-time great voices of Washington sports, is leading today's event.

Over the past three decades, Dave has been one of the most distinguished broadcasters in the nation's capital. Perhaps best known as the play-by-play announcer of the NBA's Washington Wizards, Dave has called the on-field action for Major League Soccer's D.C. United and has been at the microphone as an anchor on NBC 4, NBC Sports Washington and Comcast SportsNet. He has served as the senior sports director at WTOP radio. His many awards have included a local Emmy as host of the NHL's Washington Capitals "Face Off" television show.

He knows the importance of the Montgomery County Sports Hall of Fame because he is a local guy himself.

A graduate of Arundel High School and Towson University, Dave's impact on local sports is immeasurable, but his impact on a personal crusade is even bigger. In 2019, he was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis, a disease whose complications led to the death of his mother at an early age. Over the past six years, he has been a relentless advocate for awareness of the disease and for finding a cure.

He recently was surprised by a \$100,000 donation to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society made in his honor by Monumental Sports and Entertainment, corporate sponsors KPMG and Giant Food and WTOP. The donation was for research, programs and services and advocacy.

## **UNSUNG SPORTS HEROES AWARDS**

The Montgomery County Sports Hall of Fame has partnered with the Montgomery County Sports Advisory Committee to honor individuals and organizations that have made a meaningful impact in expanding athletic opportunities for Montgomery County residents.

The Sports Advisory Committee is committed to encouraging greater sports participation within the community. Today, the committee will introduce its first-ever "Unsung Sports Hero Awards." Nominations were solicited from community members.

Nominees can be individuals or groups involved in coaching, officiating, team management, field maintenance, player transportation, training, equipment donations or any other efforts that promote equitable sports participation in the community.

The award also will seek to honor those who help increase access or improve sports programming for under-resourced, underserved or underrepresented communities.

Today's honorees strongly represent these values.

## 2025 UNSUNG HEROES HONOREES



**Brett Riley** has significantly enhanced sports participation for students with special needs. A special education paraeducator at Gaithersburg High School, she started a bocce team and a pickleball team for students with disabilities at Gaithersburg and she will soon coach a softball team. Brett's inclusive approach allows students of all abilities to compete and enjoy sports together. She organizes end-of-season parties with medals

and creates cheering boards for games. Brett, who is pursuing a MAT master's degree in special education at Towson University, works with students in the Learning for Independence program.



**Muhammad Arif Wali** established the International Sports Organization that aims to empower youth through sports and education. The program has grown to support more than 200 kids, providing them with transportation, cleats and shirts. He leads a sports program focusing on cricket, soccer and basketball, provides students support with their academics, helps them apply for college and connects them with volunteer and employment opportunities. His efforts have led to 91 percent of ISO students maintaining honor

roll status in school. This year, 30 of his students and volunteers have earned full scholarships to college. Arif is a sophomore at the University of Maryland. He has secured multiple contracts and played a key role in organizing national cricket tournaments. Most of the students he works with are refugees who have recently arrived and live in the White Oak and Briggs Chaney area.



**Caprina Pipion-Williams** coaches the Germantown-based Plum Gar Warriors girls basketball team. She is deeply committed to serving and strengthening her community through public service and youth sports mentorship. Her passion for coaching began in college at CSU Stanislaus, where she competed in track and field and basketball. Coming from a

family deeply rooted in basketball—filled with both coaches and players—Caprina saw coaching as a natural way to give back and inspire young athletes. As someone who grew up participating in girls' sports without ever having a female coach, she is determined to be the mentor who shapes teams with empathy, enthusiasm and genuine care. For the past three years, she has volunteered as a head basketball coach and mentor for girls in grades 3-6. For Caprina, there is nothing more rewarding than stewarding passion and witnessing young athletes grow into confident, empowered individuals.

## BEHIND THE SCENES AND ON THE MAIN STAGE

The Montgomery County Sports Hall of Fame has been planning for today's event for quite a while. Despite all of those thoughts, some things just would not happen without some special people. The Hall of Fame is fortunate to have some talented people on its board of directors and you will see the work of two of them throughout today's ceremonies.



**Steve Solomon** is a lifelong Montgomery County resident. He is a podcast host of numerous shows including “The Steve Solomon Show” and “Linn Murray and Solly.” Steve spent 20 years as a radio host/producer at The Team 980 WTEM. He was also the producer/sidekick of Steve Czaban’s nationally syndicated sports talk morning show for 13 years. He is involved in many civic and community organizations in Montgomery County and has served as a board member for the Montgomery County Sports Hall of Fame since its inception in 2018. The videos you will see throughout today’s ceremonies were produced and edited by Steve. He also has been a contributor to video production at past events and has been an editor on the Hall of Fame’s website.



**Joe Yasharoff** is a 12-time winner of local broadcast Emmys. He has served as news director at Montgomery Community Media, managing editor at Comcast SportsNet and executive sports producer at FOX5. Joe is an adjunct professor at the University of Maryland’s Merrill College of Journalism. He co-hosted the Sports Hall of Fame ceremony in 2022 and 2023 and has appeared more than 100 times as a commentator on local sports and news talk shows. At today’s event, Joe will be conducting brief interviews with each of the new inductees or their family members to bring insight that may not show up on resumes or stat sheets.

# *Class of 2025 Inductee*



**Thea LaFond**

Thea LaFond, a special education teacher at Kennedy High School in Silver Spring, won the gold medal in the women's triple jump in the 2024 Paris Olympics, representing the Caribbean island of Dominica. She was born in Dominica and became that country's first Olympic gold medal winner. Her family emigrated to the U.S. when she was a child and she attended Kennedy High School and then the University of Maryland. At Maryland, she competed in several track and field events including heptathlon and indoor pentathlon. Thea competed in the triple jump at the 2016 and 2020 Olympics before winning gold at the 2024 Olympics. LaFond also won gold medals at the 2024 indoor world championships.

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## **Oguchi Onyewu**

Oguchi Onyewu was a professional soccer player for 15 years, including 10 as a member of the U.S. national team. He played in the 2006 and 2010 World Cups. The former star at Sherwood High School in Sandy Spring attended Clemson University before beginning his pro career in 2002. Onyewu played in France, England, Italy, Belgium, Portugal, Spain and The Netherlands before ending his career in the United States. The center back defender spent much of his career with Standard Liege in Belgium, where he played in 139 games. He has served on the boards of several organizations and has been a soccer and Special Olympics ambassador. He spent two years on the board of directors of U.S. Soccer before being named vice president of sporting for U.S. Soccer in 2023. In that role, he oversaw dozens of men's, women's and youth national teams.

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# *Class of 2025 Inductee*



**Paul Rabil**

Paul Rabil is widely regarded as one of the greatest lacrosse players of all time. The Gaithersburg native first attended Watkins Mill and then went on to star at DeMatha High School in Hyattsville. At Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, he was a four-time all-America. His Hopkins teams won NCAA national championships in 2005 and 2007, and he won the Mclaughlin Award as the nation's best midfielder in 2007. Rabil began his pro career in 2008, playing in both Major League Lacrosse and the indoor National Lacrosse League. He was a two-time league MVP of Major League Lacrosse while being part of two league championship teams. He ended his career as the all-time points leader in professional lacrosse with 657 points across 14 seasons. In 2018, Rabil and his brother, Mike, co-founded the Premier Lacrosse League. He also founded the Rabil Companies, which help grow the sport of lacrosse.

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## **Haley Skarupa**

Haley Skarupa is an Olympic gold medal winner and member of three world championship teams in women's ice hockey. The graduate of Wootton High School in Rockville began her junior career with the local Washington Pride team before attending Boston College, where she scored 244 points in 144 games. She was a two-time finalist for the Kazmaier national player of the year award. Haley began her professional career in 2016 and played for seven years in the National Women's Hockey League and the Professional Women's Hockey Players Association. She retired in 2023. She has worked as a hockey ambassador for the Washington Capitals and in 2023 became USA Hockey's head scout for the women's national team.

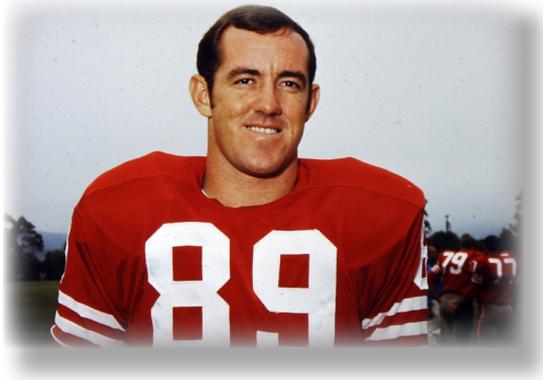
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**Al Thomas**  
(posthumously)

Al Thomas was one of the most successful high school football coaches in Maryland history, leading teams to eight Maryland state championships. A native of Johnstown, Pa., Thomas came to Montgomery County after college to be a teacher and coach. In 1964, he took his first coaching job as an assistant at Gaithersburg High School under John Harvill, who himself is a member of the Montgomery County Sports Hall of Fame. After 10 years there, Al was hired to become head coach at Seneca Valley High School in Germantown. His Screamin' Eagles went on to win five Maryland state championships. He moved to Damascus High, where his Swarmin' Hornets won two state titles. He then took over at Sherwood High in Sandy Spring and led the Warriors to four consecutive 10-win seasons and an undefeated run to another state title in his final season in 2008. He was inducted into the Maryland High School Football Coaches Hall of Fame as his teams won 242 games in nearly four decades. Coach Thomas passed away at age 76 in 2016.

# *Class of 2025 Inductee*



**Bob Windsor**

Bob Windsor spent nine seasons in the NFL, playing tight end for the San Francisco 49ers and the New England Patriots. At Blair High School in Silver Spring, he excelled in football, basketball and track. He began his college career at Montgomery College before going on to play at Kentucky. After being drafted by teams in the AFL and NFL (before the leagues merged), he chose to play for the 49ers in the NFL. With the 49ers in 1969 and 1970, he started all 14 games both seasons, recording 49 receptions (career high) and 597 yards in 1969 and 31 catches and 363 yards in 1970. With the Patriots in 1972, he started all 14 games and had 33 receptions for 383 yards. Windsor is best known for a winning touchdown play while with the Patriots in 1974 against the Minnesota Vikings. Both teams had 5-1 records going into the game and the Vikings had been to Super Bowl VIII the season before. The upstart Patriots were coming off seven consecutive losing seasons and off to their best start since 1966. Windsor scored the winning touchdown in the 17-14 Patriots' victory with no time left by taking a short pass from Jim Plunkett, breaking several tackles and then dragging a tackler into the end zone. After his playing career, Windsor made a corner of Laurel Plaza known area-wide with his store Bob Windsor's All-Star Sports.



## The Sports Hall of Fame Lifetime Achievement Award

The Montgomery County Sports Hall of Fame (MCSHF) today will present its first “Lifetime Achievement Award.” It will be presented annually to individuals or organizations that have been devoted to helping others get the most of their sports experiences. It is a category with a wide definition of who may be considered, but those who are honored will stand out as very special.

The first award will be presented posthumously to Eunice Kennedy Shriver, who in 1962 founded Special Olympics on the grounds of her Rockville home.

The lifetime award will honor people who have had a major impact on a sport, a sports organization or a movement that changed sports. In addition to having incredible people who spent a lifetime influencing those around them, Montgomery County has built a reputation as being the home of people who through their leadership, inventiveness or vision have changed sports nationally or worldwide. In some cases: they changed them forever.

The Sports Hall of Fame will accept nominations for lifetime achievement awards from the public. The Hall of Fame’s Board of Directors will make decisions on recipients of the prestigious honor.

“The Montgomery County Sports Hall of Fame is intent on honoring all those who have contributed to the great sports history of our County, whether as athletes, coaches or those in roles that have enabled these people to succeed. Recognizing disabled athletes and their coaches, such as those who participate in Special Olympics, is part of our mission,” said MCSHF Board of Directors Chair Bob Milloy. “We have established a ‘Lifetime Achievement Award’ that each year will honor people who dedicate a large portion of their lives toward making sports an important part of other people’s lives. I cannot think of a better recipient of our first Lifetime Achievement Award than Eunice Kennedy Shriver.”



**Lifetime Achievement Award**  
*Eunice Kennedy Shriver*

There could not be a more deserving recipient of the first “Lifetime Achievement Award” presented by the Montgomery County Sports Hall of Fame than Eunice Kennedy Shriver. She not only started the world-changing movement of Special Olympics, she began the foundation of the program in the backyard of her home in Rockville.

In 1957, Mrs. Shriver assumed leadership over the Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr. Foundation, which aims to seek the prevention of intellectual disability by identifying its causes, and to improve how society engages with citizens who have intellectual disabilities. In her role, Eunice organized the development of the National Institute for Child Health and Human Development in 1962, the creation of major centers for the study of medical ethics at Harvard and Georgetown universities and pioneered the “Community of Caring” concept as a character-education program for teens.

“Our mother, Eunice Kennedy Shriver, was a pioneer in the worldwide struggle for rights and acceptance for people with intellectual disabilities,” said her son, Mark Shriver, who will be accepting the award on behalf of the Shriver family. “In 1962, she first invited young people with intellectual disabilities to a summer day camp she hosted in her backyard, right here in Maryland. Known as ‘Camp Shriver,’ the initiative developed to become Special Olympics—the world’s largest sports movement for people with intellectual disabilities. On behalf of my siblings and myself, I will be honored to accept the Lifetime

Achievement Award from the Montgomery County Sports Hall of Fame at the birthplace of her vision for equality, equity and dignity for a community that had been marginalized for far too long.”

Special Olympics now has more than four million athletes and Unified Sports® partners and one million coaches and volunteers in 200 countries. It delivers more than 30 Olympic-type sports and nearly 50,000 games and competitions every year.

Special Olympics Maryland (SOMD) is a year-round sports organization dedicated to providing sports training and competition opportunities to more than 25,000 athletes and Unified teammates with intellectual disabilities and/or closely related development disabilities. SOMD currently provides thousands of sports experiences annually for athletes statewide, and offers 27 sports—all at no cost to the athletes or their families.

“Eunice Kennedy Shriver’s induction into the Montgomery County Sports Hall of Fame is a well-deserved tribute to her vision of using sports to transform lives and promote inclusion through Special Olympics. A fierce competitor and advocate, she fought to ensure dignity and respect for individuals with intellectual disabilities,” said Jim Schmutz, president and CEO of Special Olympics Maryland. “Montgomery County, the birthplace of Special Olympics, played a key role in her mission. At Timberlawn in Rockville, she hosted camps showcasing the abilities of individuals with intellectual disabilities, laying the foundation for a global movement. Today, Special Olympics remains deeply rooted in community programs like Special Olympics Montgomery County, where over 500 athletes thrive—an enduring legacy of Mrs. Shriver’s impact.”



## **A Note About Sports Hall of Fame Founding Board of Directors Chair Trish Heffelfinger**

The guiding light of the Montgomery County Sports Hall of Fame since its inception in 2019 has been Trish Heffelfinger. She was the organization’s first chair of its board of directors and was instrumental in every major step the Hall of Fame has taken since.

In 2024, with many goals, responsibilities and the desire to have a bit more fun, Trish stepped down as chair of the board of directors. Fortunately, she did not go far. She remains a member of the board of directors and continues to be a solid pillar in the present and future of the Sports Hall of Fame.

Leadership has always been a hallmark of Trish’s career. She served for more than two decades as the executive director of the Maryland Soccer Foundation, which developed, owns and operates the Maryland SoccerPlex and Discovery Sports Center in Germantown. She was involved in all of its projects and programs before retiring from the foundation in 2018.

“Everything that has happened with the Montgomery County Sports Hall of Fame since its start leads back to Trish,” said Bob Milloy, who succeeded her as chair of the Sports Hall of Fame Board of Directors. “The organization has plans to increase its presence, its significance and prestige—and Trish continues to be part of the planning in all the exciting things we will be doing in the future. The Sports Hall of Fame has been fortunate to have had Trish as a driving force—and we are grateful she will continue in that role ahead.”

# Montgomery County Sports Hall of Fame Inductees

## Class of 2019

**Dominique Dawes** was born in Silver Spring, MD where she currently lives. She is the first African American woman to win an individual Olympic medal in artistic gymnastics and has a total of four Olympic medals from three Games, four medals from World Championships and numerous medals from U.S. national competition.



**Katie Ledecky** of Bethesda has won nine Olympic gold medals and 21 world championship gold medals, the most in history for a female swimmer. With 14 medals and 9 gold medals, she is also the most decorated American woman, most decorated female swimmer, the woman with the most gold medals (tied with Larisa Latynina) and fifth-most decorated athlete in Olympic history.

**Bob Milloy** spent 47 years coaching high school football in Montgomery County, winning 405 games. He began as an assistant coach at DeMatha then went on to be the head coach at Whitman, Springbrook, Sherwood and finally Good Counsel from 2001 to 2017. Coach Milloy is among the winningest coaches in America.

**Bruce Murray** is a Churchill High School graduate who went on to play soccer at Clemson. In his freshman and senior college years, he led Clemson to national championships and was awarded the Herman Trophy in 1987 as the top male collegiate soccer player. He played professional soccer and was in the Olympics and the World Cup for the U.S. national team.

**Shawn Springs** was an All-State cornerback and running back at Springbrook High School. At Ohio State, he was the Big 10 Defensive Player of the Year and a consensus all-America in 1996. In the NFL, he played for Seattle, Washington and New England. He is currently the CEO of Windpact, a hi-tech firm that makes helmets safer.

**Walter Johnson**, known as “The Big Train,” was a Washington Senators pitcher who amassed numbers that do not translate to modern baseball; 417 wins, 110 shutouts and 531 complete games. He was named to the National Baseball Hall of Fame in 1936.

## **Class of 2020**

**Tom Brown** is among fewer than 70 men to play in both the NFL and in Major League Baseball. After one season with the Washington Senators, the Blair High School graduate turned his attention to the NFL. As a safety with the Green Bay Packers, his teams won three NFL titles. He ended his career in 1969 with the Washington Redskins and his longtime coach Vince Lombardi.

**Johnny Holliday** has been the voice of Maryland Terrapins basketball and football since 1979. After starting out as a radio DJ and theater actor, Holliday turned his attention to sports broadcasting in the 1960s. The Kensington resident has covered football, basketball, golf, the Olympics and was a pre- and post-game host for the Washington Nationals on MASN.

**Jeri Ingram** became the first undefeated tennis player in Maryland history when she went 106-0 at Springbrook from 1985-88. She continued her undefeated streak at the University of Maryland, becoming the ACC champion in 1989. Ingram went on to an eight-year professional tennis career.

**Roy Lester** spent 43 years as a coach. He led Richard Montgomery to six undefeated seasons in the 1960s before becoming head coach at the University of Maryland for three years. He returned to high school coaching, winning a state championship at Paint Branch and two at Magruder. Coach Lester passed away in 2020 at age 96.



**Curtis Pride** had a 22-year career in professional baseball including stints with the Expos, Yankees, Red Sox, Braves, Tigers and Angels. In 1993, Pride became the first deaf player to make it to the major leagues in 48 years. At Kennedy High School, he excelled in baseball and basketball.

**Amy Wood** coached field hockey at Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School for 19 years, winning a record nine straight Maryland state titles (1994-2002). Her teams won 277 games. She was a two-time Washington Post All-Met coach of the year.

## Class of 2021



**Richie Anderson** played fullback in the NFL for 11 seasons for the New York Jets and Dallas Cowboys. At Sherwood High School, Anderson was named Washington Post high school offensive player of the year and USA Today's Maryland player of the year. He went on to play at Penn State. With the Jets in 2000, he led all NFL running backs in receptions with 88 catches.

**Deane Beman** is one of the most influential people in the history of American golf. He played at Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School, the University of Maryland and on the PGA Tour, where he won four tournaments. He won the U.S. Amateur twice and the British Amateur once. In 1974, Beman became the second commissioner of the PGA Tour and oversaw the growth of televised golf. He created the Senior PGA Tour and The Presidents Cup and was inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame in 2000.

**Mike Curtis** played linebacker in the NFL for 14 seasons with Baltimore, Seattle and Washington. Curtis was a four-time Pro Bowler and was named 1970 AFC defensive player of the year. A star fullback at Richard Montgomery High School, he became an all-America at Duke. Curtis switched to linebacker once in the NFL and was a member of the Colts Super Bowl winning team in 1971. He passed away in 2020.

**Charlene Thomas-Swinson** was a two-time McDonald's basketball all-America when she starred at Blair High School. She played at Auburn and then went into coaching. From 2005-11, Thomas-Swinson was the head women's coach at Tulsa. Her 2006 team won the Conference USA championship and she earned conference coach of the year honors.

**Greivis Vasquez** is one of the top all-time scorers in Maryland Terrapins basketball history. The Venezuelan born star attended the Montrose Christian School in Rockville, where he led the Mustangs to a 43-5 record as a junior and senior. As a senior at Maryland, he won ACC player of the year and won the Bob Cousy Award as the nation's best point guard. He played in the NBA for seven seasons.

## **Class of 2022**



**Rob Bordley** 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 earned all-Ivy League honors in lacrosse and rugby. He is a member of the U.S. Rugby Hall of Fame and the U.S. Lacrosse Hall of Fame.

**Steve Francis** was the second pick in the 1999 NBA draft by the Grizzlies after one incredible season at the University of Maryland. The Takoma Park native went to Blair High School and played 10 seasons in the NBA for Houston, Orlando and New York. He was a three-time all-star.

**Sally Glynn Hauser** won all but 10 of the more than 200 cross-country races she competed in at Walter Johnson High School. She won four consecutive county, regional and state titles in her time from 1992-96. Her success continued at Stanford where she was an all-America in both cross country and track and field.

**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 Maryland to play baseball and basketball, but instead chose professional baseball. He set the National League rookie record with 49 steals in 1966, while also finishing runner up for rookie of the year.

**Tim Kurkjian** is one of the most respected baseball analysts in media. He 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, became a senior baseball writer for Sports Illustrated and in 1998 went to work for ESPN.

**Clarence “Pint” Isreal** was a member of the 1946 Negro League World Series champion Homestead Grays. He grew up in Rockville and spent five seasons in professional baseball. The second baseman was nicknamed “Pint” due to his 5-foot-5 stature. His baseball career was interrupted in the 1940s by two years serving in the U.S. Army. Isreal passed away in 1987.

### **Class of 2023**

**Jim Fegan** spent 36 seasons as the head football coach at Georgetown Prep. He won 236 games including 14 league championships and had nine unbeaten seasons.

**John Harvill** was the football coach at Gaithersburg high school for 44 years. When he retired in 2000, he was the winningest coach in Maryland history with 312 wins. That included two state titles and four undefeated seasons. He played football at Maryland and also played professional baseball in the Red Sox organization. Coach Harvill passed away in 2013.

**Tracy Jackson** is a Paint Branch basketball legend. He was a high school all-America who chose Notre Dame after many college offers came his way. Jackson helped the Irish reach the Final Four in 1978 and the Elite Eight in 1979. He was drafted by the Celtics in 1981, and spent his NBA career in Boston, Chicago and Indiana.

**Joanna Lohman** was an All-Met soccer player at Springbrook High School. At Penn State, she was a first-team Big Ten player all four years—becoming the first-ever to achieve that. Lohman played professionally in Philadelphia and Boston, in Spain and Sweden, with the Washington Freedom and with the Washington Spirit of the NWSL. She played for the U.S. national team from 2001-07.

**Harold Solomon** won 22 singles titles in his tennis career. The Springbrook graduate was a finalist at the 1976 French Open and was ranked in the top five in both singles and doubles during his career. In 1980, Solomon became president of the Association of Tennis Professionals, the governing body of men's tennis. He began coaching in the 1990s, working with Jim Courier, Monica Seles, and Jennifer Capriati.



**Scott Van Pelt** is one of the most recognized sportscasters around. The Sherwood graduate attended the University of Maryland, started his career at Fox 5 in Washington and spent five years at The Golf Channel as a host and anchor. At ESPN, he became a Sportscenter anchor, golf correspondent and ESPN Radio host.

**NOTE: No induction was held in 2024.**

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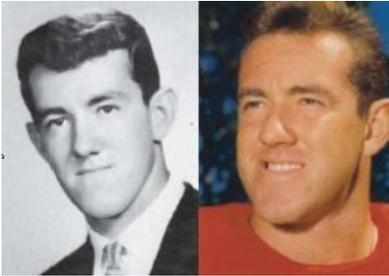
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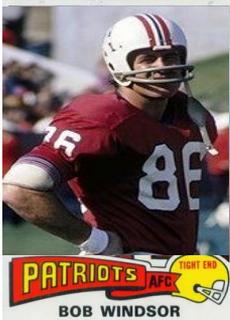
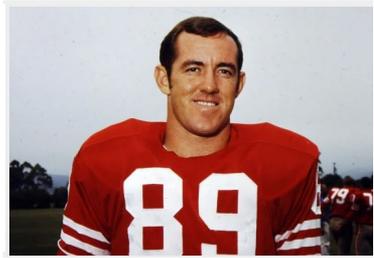


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