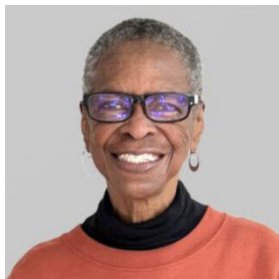




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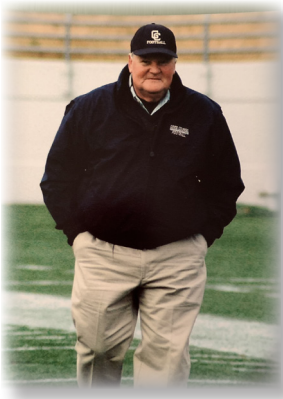
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***JOHN BUNTING***

AND THE CLASS OF 2026  
ON THEIR INDUCTION INTO  
THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY  
SPORTS HALL OF FAME



## MESSAGE FROM BOB MILLOY

*Chair of the Board of Directors*

The Montgomery County Sports Hall of Fame today will induct five individuals and one team as the new members of its Class of 2026. The new honorees are three-time All-Met basketball star Willie Allen of Richard Montgomery High School, 11-year NFL veteran John Bunting, all-time great official Bill Dixon, 93-time marathon runner Betty Holston Smith and, posthumously, track and field standout and girls basketball coach Warren Crutchfield. The first team to be inducted into the Hall of Fame will

be the Academy of the Holy Cross girls basketball team that won 115 straight games from 1977-82.

This is the seventh 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 35 others who were previously inducted.

Last year, I succeeded Trish Heffelfinger as chair of the Sports Hall of Fame board of directors. We are fortunate, and thankful, that Trish has continued to serve on the board and is instrumental in many of the functions that keep us moving forward.

Our board is committed to bringing this great organization to new stages that honor the outstanding people who have created the high level of sports traditions established in Montgomery County. One of those changes is evident today as, for the first time, we are honoring a much-deserving team. We are thrilled that more than 100 people here today are associated with those Holy Cross team members.

We are continuing to honor 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. This year we will honor three organizations that have been unsung heroes in our community: Hoop As You Are, IMPACT Silver Spring and Open Door Sports. 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 41 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 to celebrate the outstanding athletes and sports contributors of our community.

# CONGRATULATIONS

to the 2026 inductees to

## The Montgomery County Sports Hall of Fame

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**Willie Allen**

**John Bunting**

**Warren Crutchfield**

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**Holy Cross 1977-82 Girls Basketball Team**

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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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## *Class of 2026*

Willie Allen

John Bunting

Warren Crutchfield (posthumously)

Bill Dixon

Betty Holston Smith

Academy of The Holy Cross Girls Basketball Team (1977-82)

(Speaking for the team: Jackie Isreal Thomas)

## *Unsung Heroes Awards Introduced by Tom Cove*

Hoop As You Are

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Final Buzzer



## A FEW THOUGHTS FROM JOHNNY HOLLIDAY

Throughout my broadcasting career, which somehow is now in its seventh decade, I have been fortunate enough to witness incredible events that impacted the national and Washington area sports worlds. These experiences have enabled me to meet many fabulous and intriguing people who became notable at the top of their respective sports.

Although they had varied accomplishments in their respective endeavors, I have noticed some similarities about those who succeed. They are always among the hardest workers—well beyond their time on the court or on the field. Regardless of their natural talents, they are well-prepared for what may be ahead of them. They understand that each success is only as good as their next performance, so they cannot let up. And they are respectful of their sports, teammates and opponents.

I am fortunate to be a member of the board of directors of the Montgomery County Sports Hall of Fame. This has allowed me to directly join in the celebration of people whose marvelous accomplishments had roots right here in our county. Today, we recognize five individuals and one outstanding team that have all of the attributes of the great stars and super teams I have been lucky enough to have seen throughout my career.

I am thrilled to be part of today's ceremonies as we induct into the Montgomery County Sports Hall of Fame Willie Allen, John Bunting, Warren Crutchfield, Bill Dixon, Betty Holston Smith and the Academy of the Holy Cross girls basketball team that won 115 straight games. They truly stand among the best our County has ever produced—and I am glad you are joining me to honor them.

Johnny

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Johnny Holliday". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.



## **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. 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 four decades, Dave has been one of the most distinguished broadcasters in the nation's capital. He is perhaps best known as the play-by-play announcer of the NBA's Washington Wizards for the past 29 seasons and for Major League Soccer's D.C. United since its inaugural season in 1996. He has been at the microphone as an anchor on NBC 4, NBC Sports Washington and Comcast SportsNet and 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. His signature call, "It's in the net!", has been immortalized at Audi Field.

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 seven years, he has been a relentless advocate for awareness of the disease and for finding a cure.

## LIGHTING UP THE SCREEN 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 very 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, is involved in local government issues 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 longtime TV sports and news executive in the Washington, D.C., area and a 12-time winner of regional broadcast Emmys. Joe is currently an adjunct professor at the University of Maryland's Merrill College of Journalism and a contributor for WTOP News. He has served as news director at Montgomery Community Media, managing

editor at Comcast SportsNet and executive sports producer at FOX5. Joe co-hosted the Montgomery Sports Hall of Fame ceremonies in 2022 and 2023 and has served as a member of the board of directors since the Hall's inception in 2018. Joe appears frequently as a sports commentator on local TV and radio 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 2026 Inductee*



### **Willie Allen**

Willie Allen led Richard Montgomery High School in Rockville to a Maryland state title in basketball and three County championships in the late 1960s. He was named an All-Met by The Washington Post three times, was an all-Maryland selection and earned national high school All-America honors after averaging 25 points and 23 rebounds per game as a senior. He became the first African American scholarship basketball player at the University of Miami, where he averaged double-doubles in points and rebounds for all three of his years. He is still the university's second all-time leading rebounder and was inducted into the college's Sports Hall of Fame in 2016.

Willie was drafted by the Baltimore Bullets in 1971, but chose to play in the ABA for a season before going to Belgium to play professionally. Willie retired in 1977 and pursued a career in marketing and moved to his wife's hometown of Milwaukee. In 1993, he dramatically switched careers and became a farmer and has received numerous grants and awards for his work in urban farming, sustainable foods and creating jobs in agriculture. He has written a book and appeared in a documentary about farming. Willie received an honorary Doctorate of Agriculture from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee in 2012.

## *Class of 2026 Inductee*



### **John Bunting**

John Bunting is a former standout at running back and linebacker at Springbrook High School in White Oak, where he led the Blue Devils to an overall 15-4-1 record in his junior (1966) and senior (1967) seasons. Ironically, as a senior, he was selected as a first-team All-Met linebacker by *The Washington Post* and first-team All-Maryland running back by *The Washington Evening Star*. He went on to star at North Carolina and then had a distinguished 11-year career in the NFL with the Philadelphia Eagles. At North Carolina, the linebacker earned all-ACC honors and was team captain as the Tar Heels won their first ACC championship in 1971. John played in 132 games for the Eagles, was named the team's defensive MVP in 1979 and was part of the 1981 Super Bowl team that lost to the Raiders. He spent his last two seasons with the USFL team in Philadelphia and was on the team that won the 1984 USFL championship.

After retiring as a player, he immediately got into coaching with the Baltimore Stars in the USFL. He became a head coach in 1988 at Rowan University, compiling a 38-14-2 record. John went back to the NFL, coaching defensive ends and linebackers for the Kansas City Chiefs and the St. Louis Rams. He was the co-defensive coordinator for the 1999 Rams team that won the Super Bowl. In 2001, he became the head coach of his alma mater North Carolina, leading the Tar Heels to two bowl games in his six years as coach. After his coaching career ended, John spent many years as a broadcaster calling football games on TV and radio. He has been selected as a member of the Springbrook Sports Hall of Fame.

# SOME THOUGHTS ABOUT INDUCTEE

## JOHN BUNTING

FROM FORMER SPRINGBROOK HIGH SCHOOL  
BLOCKING BACK CARL LEVERENZ

When I was 14, I moved to Silver Spring two weeks after two-a-day football practices began at Springbrook High School. My father begged the junior varsity coach, John Barrett, to let me play even though I arrived after the reporting date. He agreed, begrudgingly, with some circumstances: He would work me to the bone and I could never let up. And for three straight years, I did just that. My main assignment was blocking for our bruising running back John Bunting.

They teach you that football is a team sport. In honoring John today as he enters the Montgomery County Sports Hall of Fame, we also honor the teammates, coaches, parents, teachers, students and fans that coalesced

to make that Blue Devils team successful. But there is a reason today we are honoring John for his remarkable achievements at Springbrook, at the University of North Carolina and with the Philadelphia Eagles in the NFL.

John Bunting, Springbrook High School Varsity Football, Fall 1966



John Bunting literally flies through the line.

John was a swift, formidable and agile athlete—a truly unique talent who turned out to be even more successful as a linebacker stopping opposing ball carriers. On my first day of preseason practice, the coaches had

me stand next to John and I suddenly felt even smaller than I was. I cannot imagine how our opponents felt as he ran through a hole at full speed.

Blocking for John, and watching his raw talent, taught me so much. Hard work drives results. Being patient yields opportunities. And when those chances come, run through them with purpose and conviction. I applied those lessons throughout my life as an athlete, a teacher, a father and a member of my community.

Congratulations to John Bunting. I am honored to be a small part of his early success and thank him for being an example of what it takes to be successful in football and in life.

## *Class of 2026 Inductee*



### **Warren Crutchfield**

Warren Crutchfield, who was born and raised in Rockville, was a standout athlete and went on to become just as important as a coach, teacher and mentor in a variety of sports. He was a track and field star at the now-closed Carver High School in Rockville, making it to the 1960 Olympic Trials. His accomplishments at the University of Maryland-Eastern Shore led to him being named to the school's Athletic Hall of Fame.

Warren became a teacher and coach at Sherwood High School in Sandy Spring, where he would spend 33 years mentoring hundreds of students. He coached basketball, track and field and cross-country while also teaching physical education. He was the first African American track and field coach in Montgomery County and coached girls varsity basketball for 18 years. Warren was inducted into the Sherwood High School Hall of Fame in 2010. In 2020, the school gym was named after him. He passed away in 2019.

## **To a man who inspired the Sherwood community -**

Warren Crutchfield's (Coach Crutch) impact at Sherwood High School went far beyond wins and losses. Through his leadership and mentorship, he helped shape and inspire generations of young women and men, teaching them the value of hard work, integrity, and the belief that they were capable of more than they ever imagined. His legacy lives on in the many students whose lives were positively shaped by his encouragement and example.

-Carter Willson Family

-Jim Webb/Katie Jenkins Family



# *Class of 2026 Inductee*



**Bill Dixon**

An alumnus of Blair High School in Silver Spring, Bill Dixon officiated more than 6,000 football and basketball games over his 62-year career, including some of the biggest games in Maryland high school history. At Blair, he played football, basketball and golf. After attending Montgomery College and spending four years in the Air Force, Bill began his career as an official in basketball with the International Association of Approved Basketball Officials Board 12 (IAABO) and in football with the Washington District Football Officials Association. He officiated 19 Maryland state basketball championship games, the McDonalds Classic and five Maryland state football finals. He also spent 42 years as an official with Special Olympics. Bill officiated five ECAC football conference championships and the 2002 Division I-AA national championship. His “offseasons” included several years of officiating baseball and softball for Montgomery County Public Schools. He also worked as a replay official for ACC football games for 13 years. As recently as last year, Bill officiated a basketball game for IAABO.





## THE CALL FROM THE IAABO BASKETBALL OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION ON BILL DIXON

There could be no sports without officials. The best of competitions have great officials keeping things under

control through their judgment, communication, consistency, integrity, hustle and sometimes-needed courage.

The International Association of Approved Basketball Officials (IAABO) Board 12 for close to a century has been recruiting, training and assigning basketball officials to boys and girls high school games, spring and summer leagues and recreation games in Maryland, the District and Northern Virginia. For more than 60 years, the name that came up for many, many assignments was Bill Dixon.

Bill, who even worked a game last year, has been among the finest officials to represent our association. Officials must learn to be respectful of coaches and players—and must earn their respect. They are successful when they skillfully manage a game. This is what Bill did.

Bill also earned respect among his peers, helping young officials get better at this challenging craft. He taught them how we need to be teammates on the court. And for a long time, he took his skills in another arena where they were needed: Special Olympics.

“Bill was one of the most-respected officials in our area,” said Steve Janoskie, the commissioner of IAABO Board 12. “When there was a big game being played in Montgomery County, the coaches wanted Bill working it. That says so much about why he deserves this honor of being inducted into the Montgomery County Sports Hall of Fame.”

Everyone in Board 12 congratulates Bill on the well-deserved honor.





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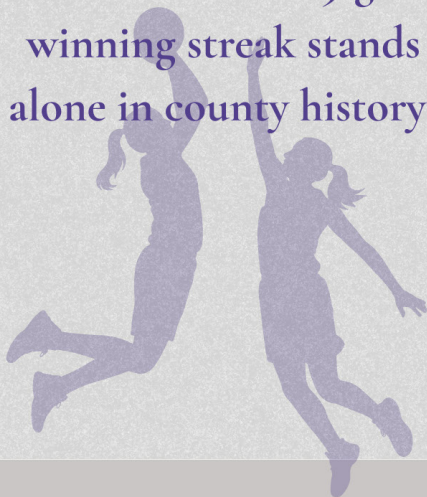


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**David Geiser**

2026 Coach of the Year  
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## Friday Night Lights Were Brighter When Bill Dixon Was One of the Officials

It is with great pride and heartfelt appreciation that the Washington District Football Officials Association writes this in celebration and in recognition of Mr. Bill Dixon. Bill is an individual whose dedication, integrity and passion for the game of football have left a lasting impact in the officiating community.

We honor a true servant of the game—a long-time football official whose commitment has extended far beyond the field. For years, Bill has been the steady voice of fairness, the guardian of the rules and the embodiment of sportsmanship. Through countless forums—meetings, committees, games (in all kinds of weather) and under every level of pressure—he has carried out his responsibilities with professionalism, consistency and respect.

But his contributions go far deeper than whistles and flags. He has been a mentor to young officials, a role model to athletes and a trusted presence for coaches and fans alike. His influence has helped shape not only the integrity of the game, but also the character of those who play it.

Because of his tireless service, our football officiating community is stronger, more unified and more grounded in the values that make sports meaningful—discipline, respect, and teamwork.

Induction into the Montgomery County Sports Hall of Fame is not simply a recognition of years served, but of lives impacted. It is a tribute to a legacy built on dedication, sacrifice and an unwavering love for the game.

Today, we celebrate an official and a cornerstone of our officiating community. Bill's contributions will be remembered for generations, and his example will continue to inspire all who follow in his footsteps.

Bill: We thank you for your service, your leadership and your enduring commitment to excellence. Congratulations on this well-deserved honor and your induction into the Montgomery County Sports Hall of Fame.

With deepest respect and appreciation,

Your Washington District Football Officials Association Family

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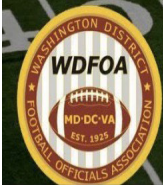
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# *Class of 2026 Inductee*



## **Betty Holston Smith**

One of the first Black students at Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School in 1956, Betty Holston Smith went on to carve a remarkable career as a distance runner, competing in 93 marathons and 33 ultra marathons. She estimates she has run more than 100,000 miles. At B-CC, she joined the basketball team and biology club. She began work at the U.S. Department of Labor, but after a few years, decided she wanted to teach. She earned a degree from D.C. Teacher's College, and eventually, a masters degree and doctorate in teaching. She started an education consulting company that she ran for 25 years, helping hundreds of people.

Betty has been a long-distance runner for more than 50 years and wrote a book on healthy eating. She coaches other runners at the Montgomery County Road Runners Club. She was recently honored by Montgomery County with an African American Living Legends Award and owns several track and field records for her age, including running 81 miles on her 81st birthday.

# Class of 2026 Inductee

## Holy Cross Streak Now Best in U.S.

By Byron Rosen  
Washington Post Staff Writer

Holy Cross of Silver Spring not only won its 87th consecutive game in high school girls basketball Tuesday but moved from 36 games behind the streak compiled by Lowndes of Valdosta, Ga., to 87 ahead of the four-time Georgia AAAA champions. Valdosta High stopped cross-town rival Lowndes at 122 straight. 83-77.

## Holy Cross Girls Basketball Teams 1977-78—1981-82



The Academy of the  
HOLY CROSS

There are teams that can be talked about as “the best of all-time,” but when it comes to Montgomery County high school sports, one dynasty stands alone at the top. The Academy of the Holy Cross girls basketball team won 115 straight games starting with the 1977-78 team and continuing through the 1981-82 team. No other Montgomery team in any high school sport has approached that record set by the Kensington school. Coached by Bill Sheahan and several assistants, including long-time assistant coaches Liza Abood, Ed (Eddie) Egan and Sonny Franke, the team won five consecutive IAABO (International Association of Approved Basketball Officials) championships and five consecutive Catholic Girls Athletic Association titles. Among the players from those teams, Chrissy Reese and Karen Elsner were named Parade All-Americans, Jackie Isreal and Colleen McShalley were named *Washington Post* first team All-Met and Janet Hanrahan earned McDonald’s All-American honors. Incredibly, 15 players who contributed to the winning streak earned college basketball scholarships.



The following players, coaches and managers were part of the 115-game winning streak of the Academy of the Holy Cross girls basketball team from 1977-78 through 1981-82.

### PLAYERS

Laura Adrian (1982)  
 Annette Allor (1978)  
 Patti Campbell Ribas (1984)  
 Maureen Egan (1979)  
 Karen Elsner Davey (1981)  
 Nancy Fennell Connell (1983)  
 Ree Flanagan (1981)  
 Sharon Geiglein Bohlander (1979)  
 Laurie Ginsburg (1980)  
 Jackie Greiner Reed (1982)  
 Deborah Greiner Kienle (1984)  
 Carolyn Groff (1983)  
 Janet Hanrahan Wiese (1980)  
 Carolyn Hodges Bergamini (1980)  
 Maureen Hodges Slay (1981)  
 Andrea Hughes (1983)  
 Jackie Isreal Thomas (1981)  
 Maura Lacey (1979)  
 Mary Lawless Plantamura (1978)  
 Denise Lerch Brace (1978)  
 Lori Marsden Moran (1979)  
 Colleen McShalley Ichniowski (1979)  
 Clare Monte Stonesifer (1983)  
 Molly Mulquin Abrams (1983)  
 Delores Murphy Maloney (1982)  
 Donna Nuttall Joe (1981)  
 Beth Obrimski (1983)  
 Susan Patschak (1978)  
 Robin Peake Williams (1982)

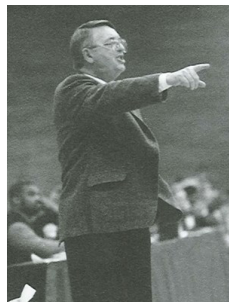
Sue Pellicoro Russell (1980)  
 Tricia Poch Vogel (1978)  
 Courtney Railey Doyle (1983)  
 Chrissy Reese Kasuda (1979)  
 Lynn Ridgway Muzzo (1980)  
 Dana Ridgway Goldsmith (1980)  
 Lisa Ridgway Slater (1980)  
 Joanne Rowzee (1980)  
 Karen Ryerson Ockford (1980)  
 Tish Schlapo Brey (1978)  
 Michelle Shea Kennedy (1980)  
 Tracey Smith Higgins (1980)  
 Portia Smith Huff (1981)  
 Teresa Tippet (1984)  
 Sue Trost Johnson (1982)  
 Ellen Troy Bouchard (1982)  
 Kathy Ulrick Harrington (1981)  
 Mary Susan Warner Kernan (1982)

### COACHES

Bill Sheahan / Head Coach  
 Liza Abood  
 Ed (Eddie) Egan  
 Sonny Franke  
 Joe Giles  
 Cathy Hanrahan (Holy Cross 1977)  
 Mary Anne Pepper Friedrich (Holy Cross 1975)  
 Sheila Shea Williams (Holy Cross 1976)

### MANAGERS

Lucy Alvarez Garvey (1982)  
 Denise Barbera Workum (1980)  
 Beth Blahut McGinnity (1981)  
 Julie Clarken Stillwell (1981)  
 Catherine Coffman (1980)  
 Ann Marie Criswell King (1982)  
 Patty Deane Petruzzelli (1979)  
 Ann Ernst Murray (1980)  
 Susan Frank Bullock (1980)  
 Ann Gregg Skeet (1982)  
 Susan Hubbard (1982)  
 Susan Lander (1982)  
 Kara McCaleb Pittinger (1980)  
 Therese Mullaney Draddy (1981)  
 Liz Newton Govan (1978)  
 Mary Pellicoro (1979)  
 Sharon Reynolds Stanton (1978)  
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Coach Bill Sheahan

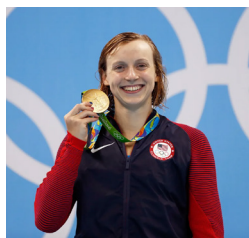
# Montgomery County Sports Hall of Fame Members

## Class of 2019



from U.S. national competition.

**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



**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

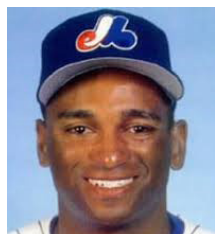


**Tom Brown** is among fewer than 70 men to play in both the NFL and in Major League Baseball. After one season with the Washington Senators, the Blair High School graduate turned his attention to the NFL. As a safety with the Green Bay Packers, his teams won three NFL titles. He ended his career in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

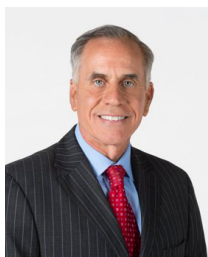
## Class of 2022

**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, he 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.

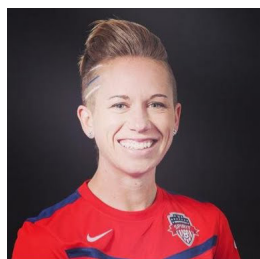
## Class of 2023



**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.**

## Class of 2025

**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 . 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.



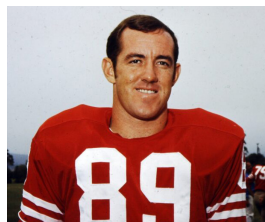
**Oguchi Onyewu** was a professional soccer player for 15 years, including 10 as a member of the U.S. national team. He played in the 2006 and 2010 World Cups. The former star at Sherwood High School in Sandy Spring attended Clemson University before beginning his pro career in 2002. Onyewu played in France, England, Italy, Belgium, Portugal, Spain and The Netherlands before ending his career in the United States.

**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 as his teams won NCAA national championships in 2005 and 2007. 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.



**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 played for seven years in the National Women’s Hockey League and the Professional Women’s Hockey Players Association.

**Al Thomas** was one of the most successful high school football coaches in Maryland history, leading teams to eight Maryland state championships and winning 242 games. 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 an undefeated run to another state title in his final season in 2008. He passed away in 2016.



**Bob Windsor** spent nine seasons in the NFL, playing tight end played 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 his playing career, Bob made a corner of Laurel Plaza known area-wide with his store Bob Windsor's All-Star Sports.



**Lifetime Achievement Award:** Presented posthumously to **Eunice Kennedy Shriver**. In 1962, she founded Special Olympics on the grounds of her Rockville home.

## **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 "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 seeks 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.

## 2026 Unsung Heroes Honorees



**Hoop As You Are: Hoop As You Are (HAYA)** is an inclusive basketball community for women and queer folk, including non-binary, trans and genderqueer individuals. It is a hub for everyone who loves basketball, whether they are rekindling their childhood joy or actively playing the game today. Hoop

As You Are is committed to building a safe and inclusive community through fitness and meaningful connections. HAYA centers these community values: inclusivity and belonging, whole health and a fun and supportive environment. In partnership with Montgomery County Recreation, HAYA has created a basketball league for women and the LGBTQIA+ community. HAYA co-founders Amani Echols and Mary Figueroa will speak today.



**IMPACT Silver Spring:** Founded in 1999, IMPACT Silver Spring builds racial and economic equity by fostering relationships, developing local leaders and supporting worker-owned cooperatives. It creates community-based “spaces” to connect diverse residents, provide youth sports programs and fight systemic racism. IMPACT offers a wide range of events and programs, ranging from potlucks and

block parties to classes and workshops, where residents can meet, learn, and build community. Eric Moreno will speak for IMPACT Silver Spring.



**Open Door Sports:** The mission of Trivilah-based Open Door Sports is to provide free quality sports programs, positive experiences and community building opportunities for individuals with special needs and their peer buddy supporters. It is committed to giving all kids and young adults with special needs an opportunity to play, regardless of perceived physical or intellectual ability. Sarah Albus will speak for the organization.

**Previous Winners: 2025:** Muhammad Arif Wali, Caprina Pipion-Williams and Brett Riley



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