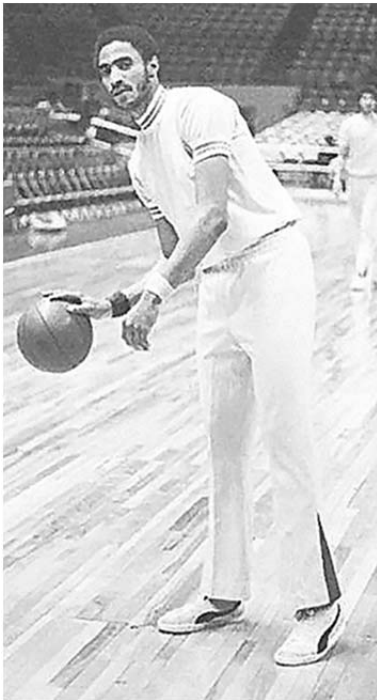




**Delaware Basketball Hall of Fame**  
Tenth Annual Induction  
March 19, 2016



# Welcome

The Delaware Basketball Hall of Fame welcomes you to this tenth annual celebration of the legacy of basketball accomplishment in this state.

Today we honor five new inductees. We welcome their family and friends, and welcome all basketball devotees to this annual opportunity to renew old friendships and create new ones.

Each year's Hall of Fame class consists of five players, at least one of whom must have graduated from high school at least 25 years ago, and at least one of whom has contributed as a coach, official or friend of the sport.

The election process is rigorous. The year's class joins a select group of 40 players and 19 coaches, officials and friends.

The Hall was created under the auspices of the Delaware Interscholastic Basketball Coaches Association. If you would like to be part of our mission in the future, let anyone of us know.



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# Saluting Delaware Sports

Sports are a shared mission. They can improve ourselves and society.

Every athlete, from the syncopated sculler to the lonely long-distance runner, builds on the work of others – coaches, other mentors, teammates, friends in training, predecessors, even their competitors.

We are proud to honor the best of Delaware sports and support those who dedicate their careers to informing the public about sports and other important developments in our state.

We were honored last year as one of Delaware's best law firms – and as one of Delaware's best workplaces. Every day, we honor our clients. Today we honor this state's athletes, their coaches, and all who support their efforts.

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## **2016 INDUCTEES**

### **Frank Aiello**

St. Elizabeth High School '66

Coached alma mater to three girls state championships  
Led Vikings to ten state championship games  
Established girls program at Goldey Beacom, named NAIA region coach of the year

### **Eric Blackiston**

Mount Pleasant High School '92

First-team All-State for Mount Pleasant's state tournament finalists in 1992  
Twice first-team All-Ivy and MVP at Brown University  
Member of Brown University Sports Hall of Fame

### **Ron Johnson**

Wilmington High School '72

Delaware Player of the Year for state champion Wilmington High School in 1972  
Led North Carolina A&T to MEAC title and National Invitation Tournament in 1976  
Selected in NBA draft by Seattle Supersonics

### **Jay Thomas**

Cheyney State University '67

Coached Howard High School to state championship in 1973  
Led Wildcats to 46-game winning streak, named state's coach of the year  
Built powerhouse at De La Warr High School

### **Tony Tucker**

Wilmington High School '83

Delaware Player of the Year for state champion Wilmington High School in 1983  
Team MVP and all-East Coast Conference at University of Delaware  
Now a coach, scout and skills coach after international playing career

# CONGRATULATIONS ERIC BLACKISTON!



On behalf of the **Mount Pleasant All Sports Boosters Association**,  
we would like to congratulate you  
on this high honor of being inducted into the

## DELAWARE BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME

Your former teammates, classmates, coaches, teachers, and administrators  
all share your pride and joy on this special occasion.

This distinguished recognition of your success  
and achievements has earned you the admiration of all  
Green Knight alumni and boosters of Mount Pleasant High School.







*Congratulations*  
to our team member,  
**Eric Blackiston!**

Everyone at Amica is so proud  
of you for being inducted into the  
Delaware Basketball Hall of Fame!



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**UMass Law School  
proudly celebrates the  
induction of its graduate**

**Attorney Eric Blackiston**

**into the  
Delaware Basketball Hall of Fame**



**PURSUE  
JUSTICE**





**Superintendent Mark Holodick and the  
Brandywine School District Board of Education  
are pleased to congratulate Eric Blackiston from Mount Pleasant High  
School upon his induction into the Delaware Basketball Hall of Fame.**

**Brandywine School District Alumni**

Ralph Baird  
Jack Baly  
Eric Blackiston  
Dexter Boney  
Len Chasanov  
Buddy Clark  
Joe Dunning  
Steve Jackson  
Dick Koffenberger  
Ed Koffenberger  
John Leshner  
Charlie Smith  
Tony Washam

**All of you make BSD proud!**

## PAST INDUCTEES

**2007**



Ed Koffenberger  
P. S. du Pont '43, Duke



Val Whiting  
Ursuline '89, Stanford, WNBA

**2008**

Sherman Dillard  
De La Warr '62, Tulsa University

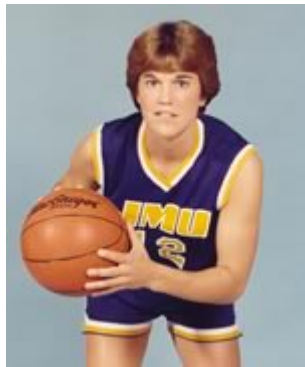
Monick Foote  
Sanford '08, University of Virginia

**2009**

Dexter Boney  
Brandywine '88, Nevada Las Vegas

Nate Cloud  
Conrad '59, University of Delaware

Delino DeShields  
Seaford '87, Major League Baseball



Sue Manelski  
Padua '81, James Madison University



Terence Stansbury  
Newark '80, Temple University,  
National Basketball Association, Europe

*In Memory of  
Coach Jay Thomas*



*By the DeLaWarr  
Basketball Players and Coaches*

**COACH JAMES “JAY” THOMAS**  
Howard High School & Family

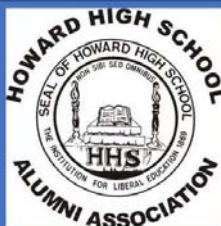
Congratulations from your  
Howard High School 1973 Championship Basketball Team  
for being honored and inducted into the  
DELAWARE BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME  
CLASS of 2016.

We will never forget all you have done for us.



Team Members: Coaches Stan Hill & Donald Haman, Mike Miller, Kenneth Hynson,  
David Roane, Eric Fuller, Lonnie Sparrow, Joe Robinson, Wayne Parson, Istavan Norwood,  
Ike Reason, Lemuel Glover, Ernest Coleman, Rashid Mustafa and Kelvin Stigars  
Managers: Provey Powell & Abdul Oliver





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Alumni Association**

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Robert Fleming, Jr.

Bernard Jenkins

Marietta Whalen

Syl Woolford



**CONGRATULATIONS**

To

**DELAWARE BASKETBALL HALL  
OF FAME INDUCTEE**

**JAY THOMAS**

**HOWARD HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL COACH  
OF THE 1973 UNDEFEATED (24-0) STATE  
CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM**

AND

**PAST HOWARD HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE  
INDUCTEES:**



**KENNETH HYNSON---CLASS OF 1974**

**JOHN IRVING---CLASS OF 1972**

**ALBERT AJ ENGLISH---CLASS OF 1986**



**WE ARE 'WILDCAT' PROUD!!!**

**March 19, 2016**

**PAST INDUCTEES  
2010**

Sarah Gause  
Ursuline '80, Georgetown, Delaware

Lovett Purnell  
Seaford '91, West Virginia (football)  
National Football League

Albert Horne  
Bridgeville '68, Wesley, Greensboro

Wesley Townsend  
Indian River '78, Delaware State

Laron Profit  
Caesar Rodney '96, Maryland  
National Basketball Association

Penny Welsh  
St. Elizabeth '79, University of Pittsburgh

**2011**



A. J. English  
Howard '86, Virginia Union  
National Basketball Association, Europe



Doris Callaway Fry  
Laurel '51  
Lower Delaware Bowling Hall of Fame

Lenny Brown  
William Penn '94, Xavier

John Leshar  
Claymont '62, West Virginia

Charles Rayne  
Indian River '81, Temple

**2012**

Joe Dunning  
Mount Pleasant '67  
North Carolina State

Steve Jackson  
Brandywine '65  
University of Delaware

Dave Sysko  
Salesianum '60  
University of Delaware

Charlie Smith  
Concord 81  
Virginia Commonwealth

Leni Wilson  
St. Elizabeth '89  
Georgetown



## PAST INDUCTEES

**2013**

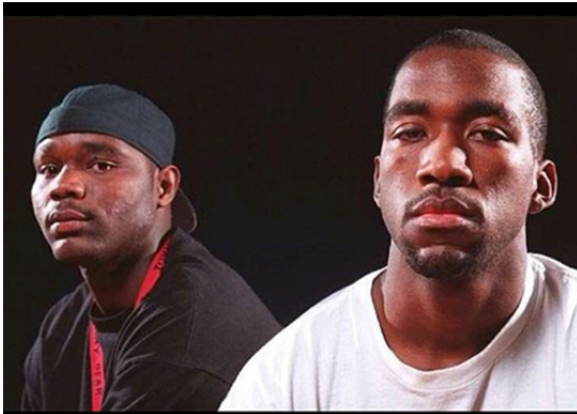
Ken Hynson  
Howard '74, Cheyney

Lee Swayze  
Christiana '68  
Brandywine Junior College,  
University of Delaware

Ukee Washington  
Dover '76, Richmond

Maureen Donovan  
St. Mark's '83, Virginia Tech

John Gordon  
St. Mark's '95, Maine, Delaware



*Lenny Brown, Gary Lumpkin*



Jimmy Allen  
Cape Henlopen '75, New Haven

John Bishop  
Cape Henlopen '76  
North Carolina Central, Europe



John Irving  
Howard '72, Hofstra, Europe

Gary Lumpkin  
William Penn '95, Xavier

Tony Washam  
Concord '78, West Virginia University

**PAST INDUCTEES**

**2015**



**Ralph Blalock  
Sanford '92, Towson**



**Dick Koffenberger  
P.S. du Pont, University of Maryland**



**Paul Chadick  
Wilmington High '36,  
Beacom, St. Joseph's, Blue Bombers**



**Mike Thomas  
Salesianum '74, St. Joseph's**



**Carmen Wallace  
Tower Hill '93, Duke**

## PAST INDUCTEES

### COACHES, OFFICIALS AND FRIENDS

#### 2007

Buddy Clark    Lou Moser  
Coach            Official



Ben Sirman  
Coach/Administrator/Player

#### 2008

Ralph Baird        Jack Baly  
Coach/Player       Official/Player

#### 2009



Al Cartwright  
Journalist, Editor

Lou Bender  
Coach

#### 2010

Pat Dyal Borowski    Loretta Ianni  
Coach                    Administrator

#### 2011

Jim Ford            Jim Hagan  
Official              Coach

#### 2012

Laura Capodanno  
Coach

Karen Kohn  
Coach

#### 2013

Gil Jackson  
Coach/Player



Gene Thompson  
Coach

#### 2014

Jim Doody    Len Chasanov  
Coach        Coach/Player

#### 2015

Bix Bush            Vince Filliben  
Coach                Coach/Official



HOWARD HIGH SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY

Congratulations

Jay Thomas

On your

Induction into the

Delaware Basketball Hall of Fame





## Thank you to the Delaware Basketball Hall of Fame



Thank you Mark Sills for your continued dedication to seeing the youth of Wilmington succeed in life beyond basketball. I also want to take this opportunity to thank my family, friends, teammates, teachers and mentors. I have appreciated all the positive influences throughout my basketball journey as it takes a great team on and off the court before any individual success is possible. As such, today we all enter the Delaware Basketball Hall of Fame.

Eric L. Blackiston, JD

### My Team

George Blackiston, Maude Blackiston, Paula Blackiston, Orlandra Butler, Cheryl Blackiston, George Blackiston III, James Furrowh, Emma Furrowh, Reggie Butler, Pamela Blackiston, Kimberlyn Baughns, Stefanie Blackiston, Aaron Blackiston, Regina Butler, Kia Blackiston, Sharif Thompson, Steven Furrowh, Toya Russell, Mark Sills, Isaiah Waters, Gwendolyn Watters, Lea Broadnax, Nelia Blackiston, Jasmin Blackiston, Eric Blackiston II, Brandon Blackiston, Alaina Blackiston, Dandre Ferrell, John Stansbury, Jadaire Stansbury, Jasai Stansbury, Jahmaad Stansbury, Jamayla Stansbury, Jahnkai Stansbury, Domiere Blackiston, Dakeem Blackiston, Samia Blackiston, Olivia Baughns, Xavier Baughns, Lea Ware, Coach Hart, Coach Distefano, Coach Albertus, Coach Needs, Coach Leon, Coach Dobbs, Coach Swinning, Norman Oliver, Derrick Reed, Clinton Brown, Rob Bolden, Terrell Jabbaar, Gary Barnard, Andre Irons, Shombay Starkey, Darran Martin, Maurice Woody, Curtis Owens, Dwon Flowers, Richard Neal, Jai Albert, Unseld Williams, Jamie Hill, Sean Wiggins, Mike Bryson, Taiwan Flood, Gregg McKinnon, Daren Shahan, William Harrison, Petey Sanders, James Scott, Brett Brunson, Steve Needs, Herb Brown, Curt Murrell, Chris Jenkins, Devin Thomas, Abdul Shabazz, Gimel Keaton, Eric Levin, Ross Jacobs, Walt Tuttle, Kevin Banner, Dean Rogers, Jay Taylor, Codi Baudoin, Frank Brown, Mike Curry, Kevin Benjamin, Kristen Driver, Erin Swan, Alita Parker, BJ Needs, Katherine Hurst, Laura Sonnichsen, Rick Cruz, Michelle Lamonia, John Gasby, Anthony Dutton, LaMawr Thomas, Freda Camille, Marie Hill, Brandon Gould, Ashley Pease, Steve Rosen, Joe Hill, Buck Jenkins, William Dungee, Stacy Hochheiser, Mike Murray, Gretchen Messer, John James, Phil Anderson, Brian Murray, Judge William Chapman, Jason Sewer, Brian Lloyd, Darron Mills, Vernon Clayton, Doug Stewart, Paul Krasinski, Dan Forbes, Steve Silas, Andrew Reis, Theodore Lima, Jerome Grier, Reginald Homeyblue, Josh Fenton, The Sills Family, The Sterling Family, The Ennis Family, The Roach Family and The Lapinsky Family



Front Row (L to R): Maurice Woody, Sean Wiggins, Shombay Starkey, Johnny Johnson. Back Row (L to R): Coach Distefano, Frank Dorne, Barry Martin, Sean Brett, Eric Blackiston, Michael Bryson, Greg McKinnon, William Harman.

**Every good Team  
needs a great Team  
Captain. Thank you  
Paula Blackiston for  
being the Team  
Captain and the  
wind beneath my  
wings.**

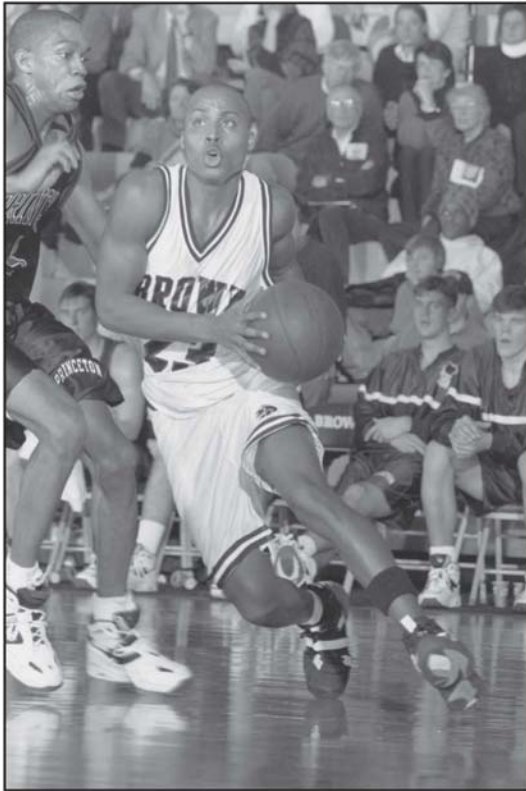


Left to Right, Kneeling: Herb Brown, Shombay Starkey, Petey Sanders, Sean Wiggins. Standing: Brian Brunson, Chris Jenkins, James Scott, Curt Murrell, Eric Blackiston, Mike Bryson, Steve Needs, Coach Distefano. Not pictured: Steve Lengkeek, Mike McKinnon, Virgil Smith.



**BROWN**  
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*Congratulates*



**ERIC BLACKISTON,**  
**Brown Class of 1996**

**On his induction into the  
Delaware Basketball Hall of Fame**

