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Great Wolf Lodge Conference Center

MASON HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC
HALL OF FAME

34TH
ANNUAL
HALL OF FAME
INDUCTION
CEREMONY



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34TH INDUCTION CLASS

Sarah (Wolfe) Gifford

Class of 1989

Jamie Tillman

Class of 1992

Jay Waters

Class of 1995

Matt Davis

Class of 2000

Beth Jones-Jackson

Class of 2000

Susan (Kelley) Overberg

Class of 2000

Julie (Waizenhofer) Ward

Class of 2000



**MASON HALL OF FAME
SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS**

Erin Brush

Erin earned seven total varsity letters in her time at Mason, participating in cross country and track & field. She was a two time state champion in cross country, winning back to back titles in 2012 & '13. Erin won a third state championship in the spring of 2013, when her 4x800 relay team took first in the state meet. She finished high school with a 4.8 GPA and was accepted into Johns Hopkins University where she will continue to run.

Dylan Bryan

Dylan was a two sport athlete for the Comets, earning three varsity letters in golf and two in baseball. In 2012, he helped the golf team win a GMC Championship and their first ever District Title. On the baseball diamond, Dylan was part of back to back District Title teams in '14 & '15, and was named 1st Team All-Conference in the GMC as a senior. Dylan was accepted into the University of Cincinnati, where he plans to continue playing golf for the club team.

These scholarships have been provided through the generous support of the families of Mr. Ken Reed, Mr. OD Popplewell, and Mr. Terry Jeffers. May we continue to honor these three great men and recognize the tremendous impact each one had on the rich history and tradition of Mason Athletics.



**JACK FLAHERTY
AWARD WINNER**

Established in 2011, the Jack Flaherty Award recognizes members of the Mason High School athletic community as either an individual or groups of individuals who have distinguished themselves through their efforts and achievements that have provided for the betterment of student athletes and athletic programs at Mason High School. Recipients of the Jack Flaherty Award are not Mason High School alumni; however they have shown a great deal of commitment and dedication to the Mason High School athletic programs through efforts that are both timeless and selfless for the benefit of the Mason City School District's student athletes.

Dr. Martin Lehenbauer

**JOE BARR
AWARD WINNER**

Established in 2004, the Joe Barr Award recognizes Mason High School graduates who distinguished themselves through their efforts or achievements. Whether occurring during their years of interscholastic participation or after graduation, the Joe Barr Award acknowledges individuals, or groups of individuals, for their contributions to the Mason High School athletic program.

Julee Hill



INDUCTION CLASS BIOGRAPHIES

Sarah (Wolfe) Gifford

A 1989 graduate, Sarah (Wolfe) Gifford held quite the resume, competing in four different sports while earning a total of ten varsity letters. Sarah's abilities were on full display on the volleyball court, earning back to back *Best Offensive Player* honors as a junior and senior. During her senior campaign, she was named 1st Team All-Conference in the FAVC and the 1988 FAVC Player of the Year. Sarah also excelled on the hardwood, where she earned three of her ten varsity letters. She helped the Lady Comet's basketball team to a 20-3 overall record in '88, winning the FAVC Championship along the way to becoming District Runners-Up. Her senior year, Sarah joined the softball team as Mason's 1st baseman. She was named Honorable Mention in the FAVC, posting a .982 fielding percentage while receiving the *Miss Slugger Award*. Not only was Sarah a standout athlete, she competed in the classroom as well, graduating 4th in the Class of 1989 and receiving the US Army National Scholar Athlete Award.

Jamie Tillman

A member of the 1992 graduating class, Jamie Tillman was a talented athlete for the Comets who found his niche on the golf course. During his sophomore, junior, and senior seasons, Jamie received 1st Team All-Conference recognition for his success in the FAVC. In 1989 and 1990, he was named back to back Fort Ancient Valley Conference Golfer of the Year. Not only an award winning golfer, Jamie also played four years of baseball for Mason. His senior season, as shortstop for the Comets, he helped bring home the 1992 conference title. He received the *Outstanding Defensive Player Award* while being named Honorable Mention in the FAVC, Honorable Mention in the *Western Star*, and Honorable Mention in the *Cincinnati Post*. After graduating from Mason, Jamie was awarded a scholarship to play golf at Xavier University. He played professionally for three years after college and currently resides in Tennessee.



INDUCTION CLASS

BIOGRAPHIES

Jay Waters

A two sport athlete in football and track & field, Jay Waters was truly an elite talent in the class of 1995. As a senior, Jay helped the football team to a share of the Fort Ancient Valley Conference title, ending a ten year drought for Mason. Jay was named 1st Team *Western Star* All-Area that season. Jay's athleticism was all the more evident during the spring, when he would run track for the Comets. As a junior, Jay broke a 28 year old school record in the 100m dash with a time of 11.2 seconds; only to break his own record a year later with a time of 11.1. That same senior season, he ran the 200m dash in 22.72 seconds, breaking yet another long standing Mason record (22 years). In '94 and '95, he was the track team's top scorer, leading us to back to back FAVC Championships and our first Boys Track District Title in 1995. That same year he was named Track Runner of the Year by the *Western Star*, and was the lone Comet to qualify for the State Meet (100m & 200m).

Matt Davis

A member of the 2000 graduating class, Matt Davis was an outstanding three sport athlete excelling in football, basketball and baseball. Matt's success on the field and court led to numerous awards including three 2nd Team FAVC All-Conference honors, two 1st Team FAVC All-Conference honors, and four 1st Team *Western Star* All-Area honors. His senior year, Matt capped off his accomplishments by being named the FAVC Baseball Player of the Year. He continued to run with his success on the diamond through college, leading the Ohio State Buckeyes baseball team to the Regional Championship in 2003, while being named 1st Team All-Big Ten and 1st Team All-Region in the same year. He was drafted in 2003 by the Cleveland Indians, leaving Ohio State as the all-time saves and appearances leader. He spent seven seasons in the minor leagues, winning the Carolina League Championship in 2004. In 2010, after Matt had retired from baseball, his love for the game led him straight into coaching. Last year, Matt became the pitching coach at Miami University, helping the RedHawks capture their first division title since 2005.



INDUCTION CLASS BIOGRAPHIES

Beth Jones-Jackson

A four year varsity letter winner in the sport of basketball, Beth Jones-Jackson graduated as one of the most accomplished athletes in the class of 2000. Her success came early on the court, earning 1st Team *Western Star* All-Area honors as a freshman, while helping the Comet's along their way to becoming the State Runners-Up. As a junior, Beth was recognized with 1st Team FAVC All-Conference honors, 3rd Team *Cincinnati Post* All-Area honors, and once again helped lead the Lady Comet's to becoming State Runners-Up. The breakthrough came during Beth's senior season, when the women's basketball team gave Mason their first ever Division I State Championship. That season, Beth was named 1st Team FAVC All-Conference, 1st Team *Western Star* All-Area, and 2nd Team All Southwest District. Beth's success on the hardwood led to a full athletic scholarship to Purdue University, where she led the Boilermakers to four straight Big 10 Championships. In her four years at Purdue, the women's basketball team went to, two Sweet 16's, one Elite 8, and were National Runners-Up in 2001. Beth left Purdue as part of the winningest class ever in both Big 10 and Purdue history.



INDUCTION CLASS

BIOGRAPHIES

Susan (Kelley) Overberg

As a four year varsity standout, Susan (Kelley) Overberg made a name for herself throughout the Cincinnati area with her outstanding play on the tennis court. She stepped into the spotlight as a sophomore when she earned the coveted first singles position in the rotation for the Comets, a spot she held onto throughout her high school career. During her junior season, Susan helped lead Mason to a Fort Ancient Valley Conference title, earning 1st Team *Western Star* All-Area, and 1st Team FAVC All-Conference honors. She followed that up her senior season, once again earning 1st Team *Western Star* All-Area and 1st Team FAVC All-Conference honors. Susan was at the top of her game during those last two seasons, being selected as the back to back *Western Star* and FAVC Player of Year in '98 and '99. Her 1999 season saw her finish 3rd at Districts, making her a qualifier for the State Tournament. After high school, Susan attended Ball State University, where she earned the MAC's Commissioner Award and became an ITA All-America Scholar Athlete.

Julie (Waizenhofer) Ward

A 2000 graduate, Julie (Waizenhofer) Ward established herself as one of the premier swimmers in southwest Ohio. She was a four year varsity letter winner for the Comets, becoming the first Mason swimmer to medal at the State Meet (200 Freestyle). As a freshman, Julie was part of a Cincinnati Marlins team that broke the Ohio women's record in the 200 Freestyle Relay. Julie's success for the Comets took flight during her sophomore season. In three consecutive years, she qualified for the State Meet in the 200 Freestyle, placing 6th in '98, 6th in '99, and 5th in 2000. The Fort Ancient Valley Conference recognized Julie's talents by naming her 1st Team All-Conference and the FAVC Swimmer of the Year all four years of her high school career. Her accomplishments in the pool led her to the University of Richmond, where she swam at the Division I level for four years and was named All-Conference in 2002. Julie continues to reside in Virginia today.



MASON ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

Name	Graduation	Induction
Keith Abney	1977	2011
John Adams	1989	2014
Craig Adkins	1998	2013
Jim Allison	1954	1986
Randy Andrews	1972	1999
Charlie Andrews	1974	2000
Missy Arnet (Jeffers)	1987	2002
Greg Ayres	1973	1996
Katie Barnes	1998	2003
Bob Bare	1986	2010
Cindy Bare	1984	2002
Edwin Barr	1935	1983
Joseph Barr	1937	1981
Mick Barr	1968	1989
Ron Bates	1959	1990
Jeff Bentley	1976	2001
Jerry Bentley	1987	2010
C.W. Bercaw	1926	2002
Mike Biehle	1971	1992
Bo Bishop	1991	2013
Jim Bradley	1977	2002
Tom Britton	1980	2006
Nadine Bruce	1978	2000
Rick Brune	1975	2008
Steve Burton	1977	2006



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Name	Graduation	Induction
Dave Campbell	1977	2002
Keith Carter	1966	1993
Todd Carter	1978	2003
Luther Case	1932	1999
Tom Chance	1981	2007
Rick Chappell	1968	2007
Paul T. Clark	1993	2011
Bob Clingner	1964	1998
Percy Coleman	1894	2007
Bob Collins	1934	1985
Kerry Collins	1990	2014
Lucille Cox (Melampy)	1927	1998
Dave Crocker	1969	2004
Bruce Crutcher	1968	2003
Dick Cunningham	1939	2003
Mark Diangelo	1973	2000
Tom Diehl	1944	2001
Beth Dowrey (Vogele)	1979	2005
Lenn Duff	1980	2008
Mindy Duff	1987	2008
Don Dwire	1961	1990
Jim Dwire	1967	1995
Tracey B. Dwire	1988	2012
Walter Dwire	1936	1980
Sheri Farquer (Hanna)	1985	2007



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Name	Graduation	Induction
Jamie Elswick	1980	2012
Lee Erbeck	1955	1988
Bill Ferrell	1964	1999
Bob Ferrell	1962	1985
Ed Fields	1953	1988
Duke Flaherty	1975	2001
Erika (Flanders) True	1999	2014
Albert Fox	1932	1984
John Fox	1940	1984
K.C. Fox	1973	1996
Lyle Fox	1953	1986
Rich Fox	1964	1989
Robert Fox	1966	1991
Jamie Fussner (Foley)	1992	2013
Jill (Fussner) Nuss	1993	2014
Jodi (Fussner) McMillan	1993	2014
Bill Gilbert	1936	1983
Francis Girton	1934	1982
Mary Ann Glazell (Engler)	1980	2006
Robert Goode	1997	2012
Rick Hall	1985	2011
Jennifer Harris (Burnside)	1987	2004
Livonia Hause (Maddox)	1928	1999
Grace Heger (Losh)	1939	1995
Toni Hess (LeGalley)	1977	1996



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Name	Graduation	Induction
Billy Highfill	1993	2012
Bobby Highfill	1997	2013
Arnold Hill	1944	2000
Julee Hill	1975	1995
Lucy Hill (Gorsuch)	1939	1996
Tracy Hill	1994	2001
Jim Huggard	1975	2007
Erin Hutchins (Whedon)	1991	2010
Bob Hutchison	1950	1987
Rod Hutchison	1983	2009
Mike Jeffers	1987	2010
Carla Kampschmidt	1997	2013
Ed Kelley	1970	1990
Jay Koepfle	1975	2001
Roger Koepfle	1971	1993
Lisa Krouse (Tucker)	1974	1995
Clayton Lakes	1951	1987
Jim Lane	1963	1999
Renee Lawson (Miller)	1989	2004
Lyle Lewis	1983	2009
T.J. Lichtenberg	1993	2012
Terry Lichtenberg	1971	2006
Tim Lichtenberg	1966	1992
Dick Losh	1942	1984
Tom Losh	1967	2004



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Dick Martin	1985	2010
Tracy Martin (Mays)	1982	2005
Todd McCollister	1981	2008
Vicki McCurley	1986	2002
Kerri McGrath	1994	2013
Jan McReynolds	1979	1998
Greg Meibers	1972	1995
Steve Meibers	1970	1995
Bill Mellish	1946	1991
Kendra Meyer (Hunter)	1997	2001
Bob Middleton	1945	1985
Dick Middleton	1947	1986
Melody Middleton (Thompson)	1971	2003
Nick Middleton	1984	2009
Rob Middleton	1985	2010
Gary Miller	1972	1994
Tim Miller	1979	2006
Russ Moore	1971	1994
Ann Muennich (Steiner)	1978	1997
Carl Muennich	1981	2008
Clara Muennich	1980	1999
Sam Muennich	1979	2005
Josh Niederhelman	1998	2014
Michael O'Bryant	1966	2005
Dan Patrick	1974	2000



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Name	Graduation	Induction
Martha Pierson (Combs Oglesby)	1933	1998
Andy Plum	1993	2011
Darcy Poulos (Snell)	1997	2007
Matt K. Poulos	1994	2011
Gary Popplewell	1967	1994
Shannon Potee	1988	1999
Fred Ramsey	1979	2003
Renee Reinhard (Hunt)	1981	2006
Greg Richards	1977	2002
Jack Ross	1941	1982
Gina M. Salzarulo-Wickelhaus	1994	2012
Steve Sams	1983	2009
Cathy Schenkel (Brennan)	1981	2006
Ed Schoonover	1957	1988
Paul Schutte	1969	1996
Meredith Shelley (Conner)	1993	1999
Mike Simon	1978	2007
Don Simpson	1954	1991
Dave Smith	1977	2002
Francis Smith	1925	1989
French Smith	1922	1983
Justin Smith	1998	2014
Lisa Smith	1984	2001
Stan Smith	1936	1992
Amy Souders (Brown)	1986	2011



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Name	Graduation	Induction
John Sowders	1978	2004
Mark Sowders	1980	2006
Jerry Spaeth	1972	1998
Tom Spaeth	1974	1998
Curt Stephens	1981	2005
Darryl Sumrall	1981	2009
Angie D. Thomes	1985	2012
Ed Toshie	1939	1982
Gordon Tracy	1949	1993
Bob Tribbey	1982	2009
Jeanne Ward	1982	2000
Dallas Williams	1999	2003
John Williams	1949	1987
Tom Williams	1982	2009
Dennis Wilson	1976	2002
George Wilson	1968	2005
Jeff Winston	1972	2004
Molly Wiseman (Hainrihar)	1991	2011
Sharon Wolfe (Collier)	1982	2009
Steve Wolfe	1973	2000
Dave Wood	1953	1989
Del Wood	1981	2008
Dan Wortman	1997	2013
Don Young	1944	1992



PAST HONOREES JACK FLAHERTY AWARD

Name	Year
Mr. Jack Flaherty	2011
Mr. Fred Stemmler	2012
Mr. Russ Hutchins	2013
Mr. Terry Jeffers	2014
Mr. OD Popplewell	2014
Mr. Ken Reed	2014

PAST HONOREES JOE BARR AWARD

Name	Year
John McCurley	2004
Perry Denehy	2005
Greg Elfers	2006
Mike Pugh	2007
Mr. Arnold & Mrs. June Hill	2011
1963 Boys Basketball Team	2012
Mr. Gary Popplewell	2013
1977 Baseball Team	2014



PAST HONOREES

BOOSTER CLUB

Name

Bill Apke
 Bob Arnet
 Joseph Barr
 Tom Barr
 Frank Batsche
 Adolph Biehle
 Charlie Brandt
 Emerson Brown
 Don Burnside
 Dan Campbell
 Bernie Crocker
 Joe Denehy
 Walter Dwire
 Don Eberhard
 Jack Flaherty
 Albert Fox
 Jim Freeze
 Jack Glazell
 Bob Gravitt
 Bill Grimes
 Dick Grisham
 Ora Johnson
 Bob Kelly
 Glenn Knight
 Norb Koepfle
 Jim Lane
 Dr. Martin Lehenbauer
 Clem Lichtenberg
 Tom Lichtenberg

Name

David Lyon
 Bill McCurley
 John McCurley
 Len McKinney
 Bill Middleton
 Dick Middleton
 Jack Nunnelly
 Kent Parsons
 Dave Poplewell
 Thad Powell
 Jack Pugh
 Mike Pugh
 Howard Putnam
 George Ranson
 Ken Reed
 Floyd Richards
 Elza Richardson
 Dave Ritter
 Rod Russell
 Walter Schutte
 Glenn Senour
 Keith Sims
 George Spaeth
 Don Sowders
 Karl Springman
 Ron Steinhauer
 Fred Stemmler
 Jim Stewart
 Dick Teufel



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