

MASON

Manor House Banquet & Conference Center

MASON HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC
HALL OF FAME

36TH
ANNUAL
HALL OF FAME
INDUCTION
CEREMONY



DATE:
8/31/17

WM. MASON HIGH SCHOOL

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36TH INDUCTION CLASS

Jesse Cash
Class of 1986

Jeff Watson
Class of 1987

Lori Balough
Class of 1988

Jan Rude
Class of 1992

Randy Andrews Jr.
Class of 1997

Matt Swanson
Class of 2000

Rachael Minnich
Class of 2002



**MASON HALL OF FAME
SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS**

Ailee Henderson

Ailee earned eight varsity letters at Mason, competing at the highest level every year in both Cross Country and Track. As a freshman, she was a member of the 2013 State Championship Girls Cross Country team. A year later, she helped the team reach State again, this time finishing Runners-Up. Ailee didn't slack academically either, finishing her high school career with an amazing 4.41 GPA. This fall, Ailee will attend The Ohio State University to major in public health.

Tony Rabe

Tony was a talented two-sport athlete who amassed seven total varsity letters while competing in Cross Country and Track. Within that time, Tony contributed towards six Conference Titles for the Comets. In the fall of his junior year, he helped the Boys Cross Country team finish State Runners Up. Tony achieved in the classroom as well, finishing high school with an incredible 4.50 GPA. This fall, he will attend The Ohio State University to study biomedical engineering.

These scholarships have been provided through the generous support of the families of Mr. Ken Reed, Mr. OD Poppellwell, 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.

Yost Pharmacy

**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 programs.

Bob & Gary's Barber Shop



INDUCTION CLASS BIOGRAPHIES

Jesse Cash

A two sport athlete in baseball and basketball, Jesse Cash was a talented prospect for the Comets in the mid 1980's. During his junior and senior seasons, Jesse earned 1st Team All-FAVC honors in Baseball, while also being named All-Cincinnati. In 1986, he was named Green Belt Player of the Year and Western Star Player of the Year in the same season. His career pitching stats include an overall record of 22-5, an ERA of 1.13, and a streak of 52 consecutive innings in which he did not give up an earned run. Jesse also made an impact on the basketball court. He captured Honorable Mention in the FAVC his junior year, and was named 1st Team All-FAVC his senior season. As a senior, he averaged 9.2 assists per game and set two records for the program that still stand today; he completed 15 assists in a single game on his Senior Night, and completed 193 total assists on the season. The love for the game didn't stop after high school, as Jesse went on to become a baseball and football coach for Waverly Central High School in Tennessee. His career wins as a Varsity Baseball Coach have now eclipsed the 400 mark.

Jeff Watson

A member of the 1987 graduating class, Jeff Watson was an exceptional two sport athlete for the Comets, excelling in both football and baseball. During his junior year, Jeff was named 2nd Team All-FAVC in football, and 1st Team All-FAVC in baseball. He took that junior year success and built off of it; he had an excellent senior season starting that fall on the football field. He was named 1st Team All-FAVC Linebacker, Western Star All-Area Linebacker, and received the Steinhauer Award for the Comet's defense. He tied a school record with 7 fumble recoveries and was elected as one of the teams' captains. He continued that leadership into the spring when he took the field for the baseball team. He was named Best of Greenbelt Baseball as a catcher, and received 1st Team All-Conference honors as well. He led Mason in homeruns and even made an appearance with USA Baseball. Today, Jeff resides in Delhi with his wife and kids.



INDUCTION CLASS BIOGRAPHIES

Lori Balough

A graduate in the class of 1988, Lori Balough was a dual sport athlete that helped lead the Comets to multiple conference championships. A three year varsity starter for the women's soccer program, Lori earned 1st Team All-Conference honors her freshman, sophomore, and junior seasons before getting injured as a senior. During her junior year, she was named to the All-Cincinnati team and helped capture the FAVC title. During the spring, Lori used her impressive speed to run for the track and field program. As a freshman, she led the 1600 meter relay team to qualify for the State Meet. A year later, in the spring of '86, she competed and won in four different running events at the Conference Championships. Her finishes that year helped Mason lock in the Fort Ancient Valley Conference Title. Today, Lori resides just north of Comet Country, in Springboro, Ohio.

Jan Rude

A three sport, year round athlete for the Comets, Jan Rude left his mark on many of the men's programs here at Mason. He was a 1992 graduate, participating in cross country, swimming, and track & field. The name of the game for Jan was distance and endurance. Running distances over a mile in both cross country and track, he was able to earn 1st Team All-Conference honors in the FAVC his sophomore, junior, and senior seasons. Jan's durability had its largest impact when he was in the pool. He was a talented swimmer, at a school new to the swimming scene. When Mason entered a swim league his junior year, Jan was instantly named 1st Team All-Conference in the individual 200 and 500 freestyle. One year later, in those same two events, he became the first male in school history to qualify for the State Swim Meet. Jan set four different school records as a senior, including a 500 freestyle time that stood for over 15 years. Even today, Jan can't escape his love for the water, as he currently resides in Ocean Isle Beach, North Carolina.



INDUCTION CLASS

BIOGRAPHIES

Randy Andrews Jr.

A 1997 graduate, Randy Andrews Jr. made his name well known throughout the community with his talented play on the baseball field. He was a three year varsity starter for the Comets, earning All-FAVC recognition all three years. It was his senior season though, where all of Randy's hard work would pay off. As a senior, he set nine total school records that included a batting average of .568, a slugging percentage of 1.086, 41 Runs Batted In, 17 doubles, and 5 triples. His .568 batting average was the highest average of any hitter in the Cincinnati area for the entire decade of the 90's. Randy also held an on base percentage of .667, meaning that he reached base two out of every three times at the plate, a remarkable percentage. All the success led to Randy being named 1st Team all-FAVC, 1st Team All-City, 1st Team All-County Western Star, Honorable Mention All-State, and Warren County Player of the Year. On top of all that, he made six appearances as a pitcher, earning five wins and throwing three complete games. He now becomes the third in the family to join the Mason Athletic Hall of the Fame.

Matt Swanson

A member of the 2000 graduating class, Matt Swanson was a gifted multi-sport athlete earning varsity letters across four different sports at Mason. During his freshman year, Matt earned 2nd Team All-FAVC honors in track & field. He helped the team set a new school record in the boys 1600 meter relay. Earlier that fall, he was also named 1st Team All-Conference in soccer, an honor that he would receive for three consecutive seasons. His successful sophomore year on the field even led to Matt being named Honorable Mention All-State. In the winter, he also contributed on the hardwood, playing varsity basketball three straight years. His junior season, he finished as the second leading scorer for the Comets. In the fall of 1999, Matt switched over to the gridiron. In his single campaign playing varsity football, he was named All-City, All-Metro, and All-District Honorable Mention. He even helped the football team reach the state playoffs. Today, Matt is back in Mason, where he runs and operates his own business.



INDUCTION CLASS BIOGRAPHIES

Rachael Minnich

A two sport athlete in both basketball and soccer, Rachael Minnich's tremendous talent and flair helped to popularize two of Mason's growing women's programs. A 2002 graduate, she was a four year varsity starter for the soccer team, leading them to two conference championships and one district title. During that time, she was named to the All-State team three years in a row, earning 1st Team All-State honors as a senior. She twice earned the Athlete of the Year award in the FAVC, and was named Cincinnati Enquirer Player of the Year in 2001. Rachael continues to hold three records for the Lady Comet's soccer program, including single season assists (18), single season goals (28), and career goals (63). She also earned three varsity letters with the women's basketball team. She was a member of three conference titles, three district championships, and she was part of the 2000 team that won a State Title. Rachael went on to further her soccer career at West Virginia University and now works for Under Armour in their global football department.



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
Travis Bennett	1997	2016
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



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Name	Graduation	Induction
Steve Burton	1977	2006
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
Matt Davis	2000	2015
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
Sheri Farquer (Hanna)	1985	2007



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Name	Graduation	Induction
Sheri Farquer (Hanna)	1985	2007
Walter Dwire	1936	1980
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
Paul Hammond	2001	2016
Jennifer Harris (Burnside)	1987	2004



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Livonia Hause (Maddox)	1928	1999
Grace Heger (Losh)	1939	1995
Toni Hess (LeGalley)	1977	1996
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
Jerè (Issenmann) Clark	2001	2016
Mike Jeffers	1987	2010
Beth Jones-Jackson	2000	2015
Carla Kampschmidt	1997	2013
Ed Kelley	1970	1990
Susan (Kelley) Overberg	2000	2015
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



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Name	Graduation	Induction
Lyle Lewis	1983	2009
T.J. Lichtenberg	1993	2012
Terry Lichtenberg	1971	2006
Tim Lichtenberg	1966	1992
Adam Livingston	2000	2016
Dick Losh	1942	1984
Tom Losh	1967	2004
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



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Name	Graduation	Induction
Ann Muennich (Steiner)	1978	1997
Carl Muennich	1981	2008
Clara Muennich	1980	1999
Sam Muennich	1979	2005
Michelle (Muñoz) Trenz	2001	2016
Josh Niederheman	1998	2014
Michael O'Bryant	1966	2005
Dan Patrick	1974	2000
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
Carol Rodgers-Rivir	1988	2016
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



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Name	Graduation	Induction
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
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
Jamie Tillman	1992	2015
Ed Toshie	1939	1982
Gordon Tracy	1949	1993
Bob Tribbey	1982	2009
Julie (Waizenhofer) Ward	2000	2015
Jeanne Ward	1982	2000
Jay Waters	1995	2015
Levi Wells	1997	2016
Dallas Williams	1999	2003



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Name	Graduation	Induction
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
Sarah (Wolfe) Gifford	1989	2015
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
Dr. Martin Lehenbauer	2015
Emerson Brown & Lee Carey	2016

PAST HONOREES JOE BARR AWARD

Name	Year
John McCurley	2004
Perry Denchy	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
Julee Hill	2015
Al Voorhis	2016

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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