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ATHLETICS

SUMMER 2017

★ ATHLETIC DIRECTORS RECOGNIZED

On behalf of Cincinnati Public Schools, we congratulate Jolinda Miller (Hughes High School) and Brian Meyer (Clark Montessori High School) for winning awards presented by the Southwest Ohio District Athletic Board.



JOLINDA MILLER

Athletic Director of the Year

Presented to individual(s) who exemplify the highest standards of their profession and who, through their influence on the lives of young

people under their direction, has made significant contributions to their school and community.



BRIAN MEYER

Horizon Award

Presented to an active athletic administrator who has demonstrated within their first five years on the job, signs of professionalism and

involvement, which has made a difference in his or her school or conference.

★ GOLF OUTING

On May 6, 2017, Avon Fields Golf Course played host to the first Cincinnati Public Schools Golf Outing! The afternoon was filled with fun and excitement as over 60 CPS alumni, employees, friends and family got together for a round of golf and dinner — with silent auctions and raffles, and a special ceremony honoring recent CPS retirees Dave Dierker and Tom Donnelly. All proceeds from the event were directed towards the newly formed Dave Dierker Scholarship Fund. At the end of the day, over \$5,000 was raised to ultimately put into the fund that will be awarded to a specially selected CPS student-athlete.



(Above) Dave Dierker and his foursome get ready to tee off on hole 1. ((Top right) From left to right: Josh Hardin (District Athletics Manager), Brian Meyer (Clark Montessori Athletic Director), Aaron Zupka (Middletown High School Athletic Director), and Romell Salone (Taft High School Athletic Director). (Right) Foursome gets ready to tee off.



Visit www.localevents.com/events/register/2872/7623 if you'd like to donate to the Dave Dierker Scholarship Fund.



(Above) East and West Softball teams prepare to play in the All-Star Game.

(Right) East and West Baseball teams pose with Mr. Red.



Read more about the CPS All-Star Weekend here:
www.cps-k12.org/sites/www.cps-k12.org/files/pdfs/Ath-AllStarGame_wrapup_2017.pdf

★ CPS ALL-STAR WEEKEND

On May 20, Cincinnati Public Schools presented the first districtwide baseball/softball All-Star Weekend. Seventy-five student-athletes from 11 different CPS schools were chosen by their peers and coaches to represent their teams in an afternoon of exciting and friendly competition at Withrow High School's All-Star Sports Complex.

★ ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME

Cincinnati Public Schools held its annual Athletics Hall of Fame Banquet on April 20, 2017 at Paul Brown Stadium. This event, hosted by Activities Beyond the Classroom, has gained momentum year after year and has proved to be a significant affair within the district as family, friends and alumni reunite and recognize each other's past accomplishments.



The CLASS OF 2017 included the following inductees: D.J. Boston (Woodward), William Dalton (Western Hills), Benny Miles (Hughes), Conny Warren, Jr. (Courter Technical), Dean Giacometti (Walnut Hills), Will Ernst (Withrow), Roy Stickney (Walnut Hills), Deseree' Byrd (Taft), Jerry Dolbey (Walnut Hills), Eric Thomas (Walnut Hills), Otis Williams (Withrow), Lori Troescher (Western Hills), John Fischer Jr. (Western Hills), and Alfred Warren (Central Vocational)

(Left) Living members of the Cincinnati Public Schools' Athletics Hall of Fame Class of 2017.

★ HIGHLIGHTS OF 2016-17 ★

AIKEN – With the help of Athlete of the Year Timothy Williams ('18), Aiken's Varsity Football team (7-4) made it to the playoffs for the first time in school history. The Varsity Boys Track team won the Cincinnati Metro Athletic Conference Championship, both Timothy Williams and Ja'Quan Bennett ('19) earned Athlete of the Year honors.

CLARK – The Varsity Boys Cross Country team qualified for State this year and runner Ryan Estes was a regional champion. The Varsity Girls Basketball team won their third consecutive Grey Division MVC League Title - Clark coach Dwayne Mack received MVC Coach of the Year and Clark player Jordan Nunn received MVC Player of the Year. The Varsity Boys Track team had two individuals and one relay (4x800m qualify for State).

GAMBLE – The Varsity Girls Basketball team went undefeated, won the OVAL Championship, and set a school record of 19-3. The Varsity Boys Track team won their 6th straight OVAL Championship- the Boys 4x100 relay won State for Gamble's first ever state championship in any sport. Varsity Boys and Girls Soccer completed their first full season. Three boys signed to play college football.

HUGHES – Varsity Girls Volleyball, Varsity Boys Basketball, and Varsity Softball each won the CMAC Championship. In addition, Corry Long ('17) was named CMAC Athlete of the Year for Varsity Boys Basketball and Tarren Williams ('17) was named CMAC Athlete of the Year for Varsity Softball.

OYLER – This year the Varsity Boys Basketball team went undefeated in OVAL league play and won the OVAL Championship. During the first CPS Baseball/Softball All Star game, Deaysha Finley won the pilot Home Run Derby.

RIVERVIEW EAST – Riverview East experienced a terrific year in Varsity Baseball, where they sent four players to the CPS Baseball/Softball All-Star game. In addition, Jeremy Howe and Ky'Mahn Spencer were voted to First Team All-CMAC for Baseball.

SCPA – SCPA experienced another great year of Varsity Boys and Girls Basketball as they fought against tough schedules. Yahia Adil was the big man that stayed consistent for the Raiders and led them on and off the court.

SHRODER – Shroder, the CMAC All Sport Champion, won four CMAC league titles in Varsity Girls Volleyball, Varsity Girls Basketball, Varsity Softball, and Varsity Baseball. In addition, a Varsity Wrestling team returned to Shroder this year. The Varsity Football team got the opportunity to be part of the pregame show on the NFL Network before a Bengals game.

TAFT – Taft's Varsity Girls Track team finished 1st in the CMAC Championship Meet, while the Boys finished 2nd. Varsity Boys Basketball were District Champions and finished in the Elite 8. Varsity Girls Basketball were CMAC Champions and will be returning all but one player. The Football team were SOPL American Champions.

WALNUT HILLS – Walnut Hills continued their dominance in Varsity Boys Basketball as they won another ECC championship and made to the District Semi-Finals in the State tournament. In addition, the Eagles brought home another ECC Championship for their Varsity Academic Team.

WESTERN HILLS – Western Hills had a successful year in changing the culture in Athletics as Varsity Football and Varsity Boys Basketball both had brand new head coaches. In addition, Western Hills went on to win the CMAC Baseball Championship with a conference record of 11-1 and David Offenbacher won the CMAC Athlete of the Year.

WITHROW – Withrow High School experienced a great year in Varsity Boys Basketball as they finished 2nd in the ECC on a brand new gym floor with the skyline of Withrow High School painted on the court. In addition, Withrow Varsity Girls Track & Field went on to win their third consecutive State title marking the first time this has been accomplished by a Cincinnati area high school!

WOODWARD – Woodward's Varsity Softball, Varsity Boys Basketball, Varsity Girls Basketball, and Varsity Boys Track & Field teams finished Top 3 in the CMAC. Woodward also hosted the successful annual CMAC Track & Field Championship. The Varsity Boys Basketball team made it to the Sectional finals where they battled in an instant classic, ultimately losing a close double overtime game.