Athletic Hall Of Fame
INDUCTION CLASS

D.J. BOSTON
Woodward H.S. Class of 1989
Basketball

WILLIAM "BUZZ" DALTON
Western Hills H.S. Class of 1959
Swimming

BENNY MILES
Hughes H.S. Class of 1965
Football, Wrestling & Track

CONNIE WARREN, JR.
Courtier Technical H.S. Class of 1969
Football, Basketball & Baseball

COACH DEAN GIACOMETTI
Walnut Hills H.S. 1947-1966
Tennis

WILL "WILLIE" ERNST
Withrow H.S. Class of 1952
Football, Basketball & Baseball

ROY STICKNEY
Walnut Hills H.S. Class of 1944
Swimming

DESEREE' BYRD
Taft H.S. Class of 2007
Basketball

JERRY DOLBEY
Walnut Hills H.S. Class of 1955
Swimming

ERIC THOMAS
Walnut Hills H.S. Class of 2003
Tennis

OTIS WILLIAMS
Withrow H.S. Class of 1954
Football

COACH LORI TROESCHER
Western Hills H.S. 1984-2009
Softball & Volleyball

JOHN W. FISCHER JR.
Western Hills H.S. Class of 1930
Golf, Basketball & Track & Field

ALFRED L. WARREN
Central Vocational H.S. Class of 1957
Football, Diving & Track
Masters Of Ceremony:
John Popovich, Sports Director WCPO Channel 9 &
Lincoln Ware, SOUL 101.5

The Coaching Honorees are:
Dean Giacometti, Walnut Hills H.S.
Lori Troescher, Western Hills H.S.

The Posthumous Honorees are:
Will “Willie” Ernst Withrow H.S.
John W. Fischer, Jr. Western Hills H.S.
Roy Stickney Walnut Hills H.S.
Alfred L. Warren Central Vocational H.S.

The Living Athlete Honorees are:
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Otis Williams Withrow H.S.

Members of the 2017 Selection Committee
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Summay, Dennis Bettis, & Bruce Daniels.
THE 2017 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

COACHES

Coach Dean Giacometti, Walnut Hills High School
Following his service as a member of the U.S. Air Corps during World War II, he began his 19-year (1947-1966) teaching and coaching career at Walnut Hills H.S. as a Social Studies teacher, Assistant Varsity Football Coach and Varsity Tennis Coach. Serving as the Boy’s Tennis Coach from 1948-1958, his players won four Ohio State Singles Championships. Previous CPS Athletic Hall of Fame inductees Tony Trabert (1946, 1947 and 1948), one of only three Ohio tennis players to win three individual Singles Championships while in High School, John Rauh (1949 & 1950) and Bill Sprinkle (1956). He also coached two State Champion Double teams in 1949 (Barrie Rich and Don Brown) and 1950 (Barrie Rich and Bill Bowling). Walnut Hills has won nine Ohio State Singles Championships, which is currently the most in the history of Ohio Boys High School Tennis. Coach has maintained a strong connection with hundreds of Walnut Hills students, current and alumni, who he has successfully mentored over the years. He and his wife of 73 years Patricia, reside in Cincinnati. His daughter Valerie, her husband and two daughters live in upstate New York. Coach Giacometti celebrated his 97th birthday on January 27, 2017.

Coach Lori Troescher, Western Hills High School
A 1983 graduate of the University of Cincinnati with a major in Physical Education and a Minor in Health Education, she began her teaching career at Western Hills H.S. in 1984 where she remains to this day. She served as the Assistant Athletic Director for the Mustangs from 1998 to 2010. She coached Varsity Volleyball from 1984 to 1987 and 1994-1996 and Varsity Softball from 1984-2009 at Western Hills. Among her many accolades, she spent 26 years coaching softball winning 14 Conference titles with an overall won-loss record of 297-173. She was Conference Coach of the Year for Softball 10 times and was voted Cincinnati Enquirer Coach of the Year in 1995. She coached the only CPS school ever to qualify for the OHSAA State Softball Tournament finishing 5th overall in 1995. In addition to coaching Volleyball and Softball, she initiated and coached the first Girls Varsity Bowling program at West High in 2005. She was a member of the U.S.S.S.A. Women’s three time (1986, 1987 & 1988) World Series Softball Championship Team. She was inducted into the Western Hills “Hall of Honor” as a coach in 2004. She currently serves as a member of the selection committees for the Western Hills “Hall of Honor”, the Cincinnati Public School’s Athletic Hall of Fame and the Women’s Sports Foundation of Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky. Since 2009, she has been a member of the development committee designed to support traveling Softball teams sponsored by the Reds Urban Youth Community Fund. Since 2009, she has continued to work with 8 to 16 year olds at the Urban Youth Academy on Softball skills during their Fall and Winter training sessions. She resides in Cincinnati.
POSTHUMOUS

Alfred L. Warren Central Vocational High School Class of 1957
He was a multi-sport athlete during his years at Central Vocational. He lettered in Football where he was a leading scorer for the team in 1956 and 1957. He set the school pole vault record of 12’ 6 ½” winning the 1957 District title and finishing third at the State Meet. He finished second in the Broad Jump competition at the 1957 Southwest Ohio District Meet. As a diver, he finished first at the Southwest Ohio High School District Diving Meet in 1955, 1956 and 1957. He finished first at the Ohio High School State Diving Meet in 1956 and 1957 and also earned him All-American honors in 1956 and 1957. After graduation from Central Vocational, he enrolled at Central State University where he won the NAIA Championship in the 1 meter dive event in 1961 and 1962. He also won NAIA Championships in 3 meter diving in 1961, 1962 and 1963.

Will “Willie” Ernst Withrow High School Class of 1952
He attended Withrow High School from 1948-1952 and was an extraordinary athlete as a member of both the Basketball and Baseball teams. While at Withrow, he earned six Varsity letters: two for Basketball and four for Baseball. In Basketball, he was one of six selected to the 1952 All-City Team and was elected Captain of the Basketball team that lost to Middletown H.S. coached by the legendary Paul Walker 67-48 in the 1952 Ohio Class A semifinal game. Withrow was coached by John Huheey who was previously inducted into the CPS Hall of Fame in 2016. In Baseball, he was nearly unhittable as a pitcher and was a major contributor to the 1950 Tiger squad that won the Ohio H.S. State Class A Championship defeating Amelia 6-1. While at the University of Cincinnati, he was a teammate of Jack Twyman and Connie Dierking and averaged 12.2 points and 6 rebounds per game while setting a UC record of 21 straight made free throws. As a member of UC’s baseball team, he was second all-time with a career ERA of 1.66. He also ranks fourth in career batting average by opponents of .209. Upon graduation from UC, he spent the 1957 season in the St. Louis Cardinals minor league system where as a pitcher he posted a season record of 12 wins and 9 losses. He went on to become a high school basketball coach at Withrow and Taft H.S. and spent 26 years as a teacher, coach, administrator and Athletic Director in the Hilliard school system. He gave credit for his achievements to his father Charles and Coach John Huheey. He had an international experience as a teacher and coach in Spain from 1969-1973. He coached two Spanish professional teams and taught school in five different cities. He was known as the “ultimate gentleman” with a gift for mentoring young people. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Phyllis Lamblin (Withrow Class of 1953), daughters Sandi and Staci and son Moses.
John W. Fischer, Jr. Western Hills High School Class of 1930

As a junior in 1929, Fischer known as Johnny, captained the West High golf team during the very first year the school opened in 1929. He became the first three time champion of the City Junior Tournament and the first from West High to win the Southwest Ohio District Golf Tournament and the Ohio High School Golf Championship in the school’s first year of competition. As a senior, he went on to finish second in the 1930 Ohio High School State Tournament. He also played Basketball and ran Track for the Mustangs. He enrolled at University of Michigan where he won three individual Big 10 titles in 1932, 1933 and 1935. He was the National Intercollegiate Champion in 1932 as a sophomore. He was a member of the victorious United States Walker Cup Teams of 1934, 1936 and 1938 and never lost a match during Walker Cup competition. He won the National Amateur Championship at Garden City Golf Club on Long Island the last golfer to do so using hickory wood shafted clubs. Considered by many to be the best amateur golfer the United States produced, Fischer was asked to serve on the Masters Tournament Rules Committee. In 1961, he was asked to set the pins and tee markers for the Masters Tournament started by the legendary Bobby Jones, a job which he did from 1961 until his death in 1984 at the age of 72. He is survived by his wife, his only son John III and two grandsons.

Roy Stickney Walnut Hills High School Class of 1944

He was team’s leading point producer in each of his last two seasons at Walnut Hills H.S. due to his ability to compete effectively in a number of different events. Finished first place in the 50-yard freestyle at the annual Ohio State Swimming Championships in 1942, 1943 and 1944 and was honored as an All-American in the 50-yard Freestyle event in 1943 and 1944. After graduation from Walnut Hills, he enrolled at the University of Cincinnati where he earned All-American honors with a fourth place finish in the 150-yard Individual Medley event at the 1949 NCAA Swimming Championships. Following up on his success at the 1949 NCAA Meet, he won All-American honors again with a sixth place finish in the 150-Yard Individual Medley event at the 1950 NCAA Meet. He qualified to compete at the 1948 and 1952 Olympic Trials. After his graduation from the University of Cincinnati, he continued to swim competitively in the Master’s Swimming Program where he earned All-American honors in 1965, 1977 and 1978. He was inducted into the University of Cincinnati’s Athletic Hall of Fame in 1998. He founded Remington Construction which specializes in concrete foundation work. He passed away in August, 2004 at the age of 77. He is survived by his children Robert, Michael and Mary.
**LIVING ATHLETES**

**D.J. Boston Woodward High School Class of 1989**
He is the son of Henry and Mary Boston who followed in his father's footsteps by excelling in sports. His father was a highly touted athlete at Withrow H.S. and a member of the Tiger Baseball Team that won the Ohio State Baseball Championship in 1950. He attended the Cincinnati Academy of Physical Education (C.A.P.E.) and graduated from Woodward H.S. in 1989. He was voted Honorable Mention *Enquirer* All-City forward in 1987. He was voted *Enquirer* and *Post* First Team All-City center in 1988 scoring an average of 17.4 points as a junior. He capped off his great scholastic career averaging 22.4 points per game during the regular season and was selected First Team *Enquirer* and *Post* All-City forward as a senior. The *Enquirer* and *Post* recognized him as Cincinnati Men's High School Basketball Player of the Year. He was voted a McDonald’s High School All-American in his senior year. He was an important contributor to the 1988 Woodward H.S. Division I State Championship team. After high school, he attended San Jacinto College as a dual scholarship athlete for both Basketball and Football. In 1991, he was drafted by the Toronto Blue Jays and thus his career path changed from professional Basketball to Baseball. He has worked in professional baseball as a player and coach for the past 20 years. He currently resides in Conyers, GA.

**Deseree’ Byrd Taft High School Class of 2007**
She was four year Varsity letter winner while at Taft H.S. She finished her junior year averaging a double-double for the season averaging 18.0 points and 12.0 rebounds and was named Cincinnati Division II Player of the Year. She earned First Team All-Southwest Ohio District and Second Team Division II All-State as a junior and Southwest District Player of the Year and First Team Division II All-State as a senior. She averaged 18.8 points with a 61.7% field goal percentage and 8.5 rebounds per game as a senior. Voted Southwest Ohio Public League National Division Conference Player of the Year for three consecutive seasons. She was a McDonald’s All American nominee and helped guide Taft to a runner-up finish in the Southwest Ohio District Tournament as a junior. She scored 37 points as a junior in the Sectional Finals against Talawanda H.S. including the game winning free throws. As a junior, she averaged 8 assists and 8 steals per game. She signed to play basketball on scholarship at the University of Louisville. She is certainly one of the finest female athletes ever to compete on a CPS girls’ Varsity Basketball team.
William “Buzz” Dalton Western Hills High School Class of 1959
He was undefeated and set records as PHSL, District and Ohio High School 100YD Breaststroke State Champion and honored as an All-American performer in 1958. He swam a leg of the PHSL and District record-setting 200YD Medley Relay team in 1958. In 1959, he was PHSL and District Champion in the 100 YD Breaststroke and finished second at the State Meet. He helped West High win the PHSL and District 200M Medley Relay championships in 1959. He also lettered in Cross Country and Tennis for the Mustangs and was voted Senior Class President. He was inducted into the Western Hills H.S. Hall of Honor in 2012. He graduated from the University of Cincinnati in 1963 and went on to earn his Medical Doctor’s degree from UC in 1967. While at the University of Cincinnati, he continued to swim competitively where he finished sixth at the 1959 Men’s National AAU Outdoor Championships in the 100M Breaststroke event. He helped UC set an NCAA National Record in the 400YD Medley Relay at Yale University in 1961. After his residency, he began what would become a 30 year career as an anesthesiologist at Bethesda North Hospital.

Otis Williams Withrow High School Class of 1954
Enrolled at Withrow H.S. as a sophomore and earned Varsity letters in his first two years in both Gymnastics and Baseball where he played shortstop and batted .550 in his first year at Withrow. Played Football all three seasons he attended Withrow and earned a Varsity letter in Football in his last two years. At 5’ 7” and 150 pounds, he played scatback, safety and kick-returner and was known for his speed and outstanding broken field running. Named First Team All-City at Fullback by the Enquirer, Post and Times-Star as a Junior and First Team All-City Football by the Enquirer and Post and Times-Star as a Senior. In the first six games during his senior year, he averaged over 100 yards rushing per game. He scored 15 touchdowns in 1953 and was voted to the Hughes H.S. All-Opponent team. He was the only player to make all three all-city teams for two years. The Withrow football team went 22-4-1 during his time with the Tigers winning the PHSL championship each year. He was offered a football scholarship to continue his football career at Ohio State (one of many colleges that recruited him) and a letter of intent to join the Cincinnati Reds. In 1952, while still a student at Withrow he joined a singing group known as The Charms. He had to choose between continuing to play football or a music career which eventually won out over Football. In 1954, the group recorded the hit song “Hearts of Stone” which reached #1 on the Rhythm & Blues charts. This popular song was featured in the Martin Scorcese film “Goodfellows”. He also wrote/produced/recorded “Two Hearts, Two Kisses” which was Pat Boone’s first popular hit and was also recorded by Frank Sinatra and Doris Day. He went onto a successful career producing such hits as the original version of “The Twist” and “Fever”. As lead singer with The Charms and other groups, he arranged and produced the original version of “The Twist” and “Fever”. He continues to perform to this day and is a major force behind the movement to save the former King Records building in Cincinnati as well as its musical legacy.
Benny Miles Hughes High School Class of 1965
His love affair with sports began during his elementary school days in the now-closed Dyer School. His interest in sports continued in Junior and Senior High School where he participated in Football, Basketball, Wrestling & Track & Field. He started all four years at both Fullback and Linebacker in Football. He was a member of the Track Team and ran in the 220YD Dash, the 440YD Dash and the 4x200YD Relay. He also participated in his senior year in the Broad Jump event. In his senior year, as a member of the Hughes Track Team, the team won the PHSL and District Championships upsetting both Taft and Withrow. He was co-captain of the Wrestling Team. They were the first Champions in the history of the PHSL in this sport. He placed second at the District Tournament. In his high school Wrestling career, he was only defeated by one individual. In his senior year, he received the coveted Flying "H" Award. It was the highest athletic award given at Hughes for an athlete who earned a Varsity letter in three sports in a single season. His participation was not limited to sports. While at Hughes, he was a member of the Pep Club and served as a Student Council Representative. He sang in the Senior Choir and received a rating of Superior at the State Competition. After graduating from college, he returned to teach in the Cincinnati Public Schools where he worked for over 40 years as a teacher, administrator and in Central Office.

Eric Thomas Walnut Hills High School Class of 2003
He played four years of Varsity Tennis and helped lead Walnut Hills to a third place finish at the Ohio High School State Tournament in 2000. Individually, he finished in fourth place at the Ohio High School Division I Singles Tournament in 2000 and third place in the 2002 Singles Tournament. In 2001, he teamed with Jonathan Khoury to win the Division I Doubles State Championship title. As a senior, he captured the 2003 Ohio High School Division I Singles Championship. He also participated in Bowling, Golf and Football while at Walnut Hills. He went on to play four years of collegiate Tennis at Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island. He was selected to the All-Ivy League team for three years and helped lead Brown to back-to-back Ivy League Championships. He was selected as Brown’s Male Freshman Athlete of the Year in 2004 and captained the Brown tennis team for both his Junior and Senior seasons. He finished his Tennis career at Brown University as the third winningest player in school history. He and his wife Kemen, whom he met while at Brown, currently reside in Durham NC. Their daughter Twyla was born in January, 2017. He works as an Urban Designer and Real Estate Development Consultant in North Carolina.
Jerry Dolbey Walnut Hills High School Class of 1955

He was Ohio High School State Champion in the 100YD Backstroke in 1953, 1954 and set a State record winning the event in 1955. Set an American Open record in the 50YD Backstroke in 1955 which broke a record that stood unbroken since 1937. He was recognized as a High School All-American swimmer in 1953, 1954 and 1955. Graduated Walnut Hills ranked third in his class and enrolled as an undergraduate at Yale University. He was NCAA 100YD Backstroke Champion in 1958 and helped set American and World records in the Backstroke and Relay events from 1955 to 1960. Since 1971 to the present, he has owned his own successful business developing computer software for large medical groups. He resides in Hilton Head South Carolina.

Conny Warren, Jr. Courter Technical High School Class of 1969

A three sport standout in high school, he played both ways for the Football Team as an offensive and defensive end for the Reserve Team as a sophomore. As a junior he earned Varsity letters in Football, Basketball and Baseball and led the team in scoring and rebounding. He was recruited as a senior to play Division I football by the likes of the University of Missouri, Colorado State and Iowa State from the Big Eight Conference. Although sought after by many Division I colleges and universities, he accepted a full basketball scholarship from Xavier University to play Basketball and Baseball. As a senior, he averaged 15 points and 17.7 rebounds per game in basketball and was the top pitcher with a record of 9-3 as a senior on an outstanding high school baseball team that included fellow CPS Hall of Famer Dave Parker. He is proud of the fact that he averaged a "double-double" in Basketball throughout both his high school and collegiate careers with one exception during his sophomore season at Xavier. He was voted Athlete of the Year during his senior year at Courter Tech as well as Business Student of the Year. He majored in data processing and accounting with an outstanding GPA of 3.87 and ranked 6th out of 350 students in his class. He was a member of the National Honor Society his last three years in high school. He earned a BSBA in Accounting and an MBA in Finance and Taxation after graduation from Courter Tach. He considers himself fortunate that he could turn down attempting to establish a career in professional baseball to attend college on scholarship to play Basketball and Baseball.
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Dick Bray – East H.S. – 1922
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Patrick Riley – Western Hills H.S. – 1960

2017 Induction Class
D.J. Boston – Woodward H.S. – 1989
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Jerry Dolbey – Walnut Hills H.S. – 1955
Benny Miles – Hughes H.S. – 1965
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Will “Willie” Ernst – Withrow H.S. – 1952
Johnny Fischer – Western Hills H.S. – 1930
Roy Stickney – Walnut Hills H.S. – 1944
Al Warren – Central Vocational H.S. – 1957

The Athletic Department of the Cincinnati Public Schools and Activities Beyond the Classroom would like to take this opportunity to extend our sincere gratitude and appreciation to Mary Ronan who has served this district long and well as a classroom teacher, principal, central office administrator, and superintendent. During her 40 years of outstanding service to CPS, she served as a math and science teacher at Merry Junior High School, C.A.P.E., and Withrow High School, Assistant Principal at Woodward High School, Principal at Kilgour Elementary, and in 2001 she became the Director of Schools. She was appointed Assistant Superintendent in 2004 and Interim Superintendent in 2008 before taking over as Superintendent of Schools in 2009. She has been a tireless advocate of providing the resources necessary to improve the athletic facilities available to our teams and students. If you drive around Cincinnati, it is hard to miss our new and refurbished synthetic turf fields, all-weather tracks, new and improved gyms with state of the art competition equipment, and the beautiful all-weather Ron Oester Baseball/Softball Field complex on the campus at Withrow High School. Mary was always supportive of projects that would put our student-athletes on an equal footing when we were compared to our suburban neighbors. We want to wish Mary all the best upon her well-deserved retirement as she sets out on the next phase of her life. Mary, you need to know that you will be greatly missed by CPS athletes, their coaches, and their families.
Our mission is to provide the necessary support for every Cincinnati Public School student to engage in extracurricular activities throughout the year, offering the opportunity to build leadership, teamwork, responsibility and self-discipline to help them succeed in life.

Activities Beyond the Classroom was originally founded in 2004 to increase and enhance extracurricular opportunities in Cincinnati Public Schools, and has now been serving the CPS community for 13 years. ABC believes every student is entitled to both educational enrichment and access to extracurricular activities that develop, teach and inspire them.

What We Do:

Management of varsity football games at Stargel Stadium, home to six CPS high school teams

Work with community partners like the Cincinnati Reds and Cincinnati Bengals to support and promote athletic programs, including facilities upgrades

Administration of high school athletic programs, including Extracurricular/Athletic Directors, equipment, officials, transportation, security & more for 13 CPS high schools

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