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A note from the...

PENINSULA SPORTS CLUB PRESIDENT

Everette "Sonny" Seay, III



Welcome to the 67th Annual Headliner's Night. Since the founding of the Peninsula Sports Club in 1949, one of our missions has been to honor and recognize annually those persons in our Peninsula sporting community who have devoted their time, talents and efforts to advancing athletics. This evening will afford you the opportunity to see and read about those selected this year.

This year's honorees are a most diverse group representing the past, present and future of our community in sports. While different one to another, they share a common trait in that they each are a champion.

Tonight, also, we will recognize eleven high school student athletes with a \$1,000 scholarship. They represent some of the Peninsula's finest student athletes, and with these scholarships the PSC will have contributed over \$170,000 to this Club project.

We, in the PSC, are proud of our contributions to the Peninsula sporting community, and invite each of you to join with us. I would encourage you to question any members present tonight about the PSC, and to visit our PSC website to find our history and all coming events.

On behalf of the PSC Membership, Board, Officers and myself, congratulations to all of our honorees, a thank you to each of you for attending, and the extension of an invitation to all of you to attend a PSC event in the very near future. We look forward to having you!

Most respectfully,

E. M. "Sonny" Seay, III



PENINSULA SPORTS CLUB

Since its founding in 1949, the Peninsula Sports Club has been an active force on the sports scene. The 1st Headliner's Night was held in 1950 and continues to recognize high school, college, and professional athletes, coaches and volunteers from local communities. In 1955 the first All-Peninsula football team was honored. In 1958, baseball, basketball and track were added.

The Club became involved in community projects, advocating a "civic center" which became the Hampton Coliseum, and was involved in bringing professional baseball back to the Peninsula in 1963. In 2012, we were proud to incorporate the Foundation to enhance the Club and its offerings. The Club provides financial aid to high school athletes throughout the greater peninsula area through the scholarship program and is active with many events throughout the peninsula through our membership.

The goals of the Club have remained the same over the years, to identify and recognize Peninsula citizens who promote sport activities or make outstanding contributions to perpetuate community athletics; and to recognize outstanding Peninsula athletes, many of whom have gained national acclaim. The Club continues to recognize and honor the successes of female and male high school and college athletes throughout the area.

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1949 - Herbert Morewitz	1971 - Frank Schwalenberg	1994 - Bill Smith
William Van Buren, Jr.	1972 - C.C. Duff, Jr.	1995 - Tom Lee
1950 - (Herbert Kelley finished term)	1973 - Tom Crenshaw	1996 - Willie Brown
1951 - Charles Karmosky	1974 - W.A. Bud Porter	1997 - Mary Jo Horton
1952 - Louis (Lolly) Aronow	1975 - Bob Tysinger	1998 - Mike Barber
1953 - H.V. (Bird) Hooper	1976 - Jerry Franklin	1999 - George Powell
1954 - Vic Zodda	1977 - Larry Turner	2000 - Boo Williams
1955 - Vaughn Mackey	1978 - C.J. Browne	2001 - Gordon Cooper
1956 - Bruce Barclay	1979 - Bill Copeland	2002 - Steve Veazey
1957 - Fred (Tootsie) Bashara	1980 - Ron Kubesh	2003 - Jim Healy
1958 - Elmo Stephenson	1981 - Bob Moorman	2004 - Jim Healy
1959 - Arthur Newsome, Jr.	1982 - Elmer Fisher	2005 - Michael Evans
1960 - L.W. (Duff) Kliever	1983 - Nelson Ellis	2006 - Michael Evans
1961 - Bob Moskowitz	1984 - Glen Davenport	2007 - Horace Underwood
1962 - Dr. J.t. (Tommy) Jobe	1985 - Horace Underwood	2008 - Colleen Messier
1963 - Gene O. Howell	1986 - Bev Vaughan	2009 - Colleen Messier
1964 - George Walker	1987 - John Graham	2010 - Lori Woods
1965 - Richard W. Hudgins	1988 - John Graham	2011 - Lori Woods
1966 - W. Tribble Wilkinson	1989 - Mickey Marcella	2012 - Bryan Weaver
1967 - John (Bucky) Marshall	1990 - Bobby Brown	2013 - Bryan Weaver
1968 - Godfrey L. Smith	1991 - W.A. Bud Porter	2014 - Sonny Seay
1969 - Monty Williams	1992 - Sam Vreeland	2015 - Sonny Seay
1970 - Jimmy Eason	1993 - Connie Powers	



PENINSULA SPORTS CLUB FOUNDATION

The Foundation is the financial arm of the Peninsula Sports Club with the responsibility of enhancing and managing the growth of the Peninsula Sports Club scholarship fund.

It is a non-profit tax exempt 501-(c)-3 charitable organization, and contributions to it are tax deductible. The Peninsula Sports Club is proud of its commitment to scholarship, and over the life of the Club has distributed over \$170,000 to this project. Please consider making a 2016 contribution today by mailing your check payable to the Peninsula Sports Club Foundation at:

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We would like to express our appreciation to the Board of Directors of the Peninsula Sports Club and their members for the continued dedication and commitment to the youth of the Virginia Peninsula.

We also would like to express our continued support of your organization and its effort in support of the youth of our community.

67th Annual

HEADLINER'S NIGHT

HEADLINER'S NIGHT COMMITTEES

PROGRAM Sam Mayo, Colleen Messier & Keisha Pexton
BANQUET Keisha Pexton
RESERVATIONS Horace Underwood
PROGRAM WRITER/EDITOR Michael Keech

PROGRAM

WELCOME Everette "Sonny" Seay, III
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION Willie Brown
MASTER OF CEREMONIES W. A. Bud Porter
BOB MOSKOWITZ MEDIA AWARD Norman Wood
JULIAN RICE AWARD..... Menchville High School
LEWIS ELMORE "RED" SIMPSON AWARD Layfayette High School

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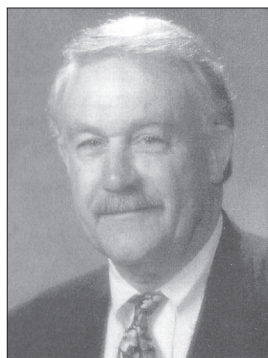
GUEST SPEAKER Karen Barefoot
MOREWITZ SPORTS PERSON OF THE YEAR Bryan Cave
SPORTS PERSON EMERITUS AWARD Granville "Heavy" Hall
Emmett McNulty
Glenn "Bird" Nelson
HENRY JORDAN AWARD Tyrod Taylor
CHARLES KAROSKY AWARD Mickey Marcella
THAD MADDEN AWARD Walter Bowser
Joseph Buggs
Thad Madden
Dave Nelson
Raymond Pollard
Doug Roper
SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD Macy Causey
Sarah Osborn
BETSY THOMAS OUTSTANDING HIGH SCHOOL FEMALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR Lindsey Blanks
JULIE CONN OUTSTANDING HIGH SCHOOL MALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR Ross Graham

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP	Sophia Beaudoin	Kyle Logan
	Madelyn Clevinger	Mackenzie Miller
	Daniel Coats	Anna Patterson
	Kasey Cordner	Kendra Walker
	Paige Irvine	Emily Wright
WAYNE E. BEGOR SCHOLARSHIP	Hannah Stratton	
THE APPRENTICE SCHOOL ATHLETE OF THE YEAR	Jay Melendez	
CHRISTOPHER NEWPORT UNIVERSITY ATHLETE OF THE YEAR.....	Scoop Simon	
HAMPTON UNIVERSITY ATHLETE OF THE YEAR.....	Quinton Chievous	
THOMAS NELSON COMMUNITY COLLEGE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR.....	Drew Walton	
THE COLLEGE OF WILLIAM AND MARY UNIVERSITY ATHLETE OF THE YEAR	Will Manion	
OUTSTANDING IN-STATE COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY FEMALE UNIVERSITY ATHLETE OF THE YEAR	Briana Sutton	
OUTSTANDING IN-STATE COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY MALE UNIVERSITY ATHLETE OF THE YEAR	Marcus Carter	
OUTSTANDING OUT OF STATE COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY FEMALE UNIVERSITY ATHLETE OF THE YEAR	Adrienne Motley	
OUTSTANDING OUT OF STATE COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY MALE UNIVERSITY ATHLETE OF THE YEAR	Anthony Barber	
PRESIDENT'S AWARD.....	Virginia Crusaders	
CLOSING REMARKS	Everette "Sonny" Seay, III	

Congratulations to all of the

2016 PSC Honorees

We could not be more proud to honor you for your skills,
character and educational success! Good luck with your futures
and we hope to hear about you!



W.A. Bud Porter

In nearly 50 years of service, Porter has been a constant contributor to the success of the Peninsula Sports Club.

Tonight's master of ceremonies has held every PSC office including two terms as president since he came aboard in 1967. He has served on the Board of Directors since 1969. A graduate of William and Mary and Hampton High School, Porter starred as a running back/punter in football at both institutions.

His athletic career included a 16-year stint as a catcher for the famed Fox Hill fast-pitch softball team. During that time he played in one World and four National Tournaments. He is a member of the ASA Tidewater Virginia Softball Hall of Fame.

As a coach, he served four years as a football assistant at The Apprentice School and many more in area youth football and softball programs.

Porter was a charter board member for the Peninsula Boys and Girls Club and has served with that body for 33 years.

He was the PSC's Man of the Year in 2000, a Charles Karmosky Award winner in 1993 and a Special Achievement honoree in 1970.

He owns his own company, W.A. Bud Porter & Associates, which sells employee benefits.



Karen Barefoot

The Newport News native has produced 15 winning seasons and 296 victories in 18 years as a head basketball coach at four schools, including the last five years at Old Dominion University.

Barefoot, a record-setting player at Christopher Newport University and Menchville High School, has won two National Coach of the Year Awards and led her teams to nine post-season tournaments. She came to the Monarchs after resurrecting programs at The Apprentice School, Lenoir-Rhyne and Elon.

Her latest edition of the Lady Monarchs closed this season with a rush just missing an NCAA Tournament berth with a loss in the Conference USA title game. Old Dominion achieved its 1,000th program win this season.

At CNU, Barefoot was the first player ever, male or female, in NCAA history to score over 2,000 points and record over 1,000 assists in a four-year career. She was a three-time Kodak All-American and was inducted into the CNU Hall of Fame in 1999.



PENINSULA SPORTS CLUB

SUPPORTERS

Bobby Brown WHS 62
Jerry Harden HHS 54
Jimmy League HHS 55
W.A. "Bud" Porter HHS 58
Gray Lynn HHS 54
Jodie Smith HHS 54
Tommy Watts HHS 54
William Badgett, Jr.
Cleo Badgett
James P. Healy NNHS App.59
Carol Preston
Bill Badgett
Emmett McNulty Wagner 54
Stuart Rodgers NNHS 52
Mickey Marcella NNHS 54
Granville Hall NNHS 54
Keisha Pexton
Carolyn & Sonny Seay
Mac Langston NNHS 54
Grady Webb NNHS 54
Frank Ottofaro
Kathleen & William Brown
Sam & Gail Mayo
Harvey Weinstein NNHS 57
Charlie Rodgers NNHS App. 61
Rona Altschuler
J. Robert Harris III.
Larry Turner HHS 61 (Slug)
Joey Lawrence HHS 54
Jeanne M. Smith NNHS 56
Morris Johnson (Slug)

Weymouth Funeral Home
Coach Jimmy Johnson
The Honorable Chris Papile
Coach Charlie Nuttycombe
Veronica Weymouth
Glenn "Bird" Nelson NNHS 54
Glenn Holloway
Bernie Gerlach Duquesne 60
Donnie & Crystal Marcella & family
Belinda Langston
Neil & Maura Marcella & family
Pat & Horace Underwood NNHS 61
Clarence Hilling NNHS Fire Chief Retired
Harry & Fuzzy Burkovich HHS 55
Dave & Bette Thomas
Robert & Virginia Pearce
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Bessie Gay, BGPM Consulting LLC, Atlanta GA

IN MEMORY OF

Julie Conn NNHS 22
Al Weinstein
Coach Steve Lewis
Tommy Weymouth
Wiley Williamson NNHS 54
Tommy Kanoy HHS 53
J.T. Breeden NNHS54
Rhonda Smith Hicks HHS 76
Hilling family 44-62
Nick Mayo

Who are **THESE GUYS?**

Several Peninsula Sports Club awards are labeled, but not identified...

The **HERBERT MOREWITZ** Sports Person of the Year Award is presented in honor of the club's first president (1949) and an organization co-founder. He was tireless, generous and always optimistic. He spent untold hours coaching youngsters playing for his Hurricanes in the 1940s and 1950s, while also working with the Boys Scouts and Boys and Girls Club of the Virginia Peninsula for five decades until his death in 1997. His most successful venture was spearheading a drive that raised \$1.2 million in 1985 for the construction of a Boys Club building in Denbigh. He also engineered raising \$235,000 to assist in the opening of Peninsula War Memorial Stadium in 1948. No one else backed Peninsula minor league baseball as fervently or tried as diligently to return it here after its collapse in 1992.

WAYNE BEGOR devoted much of his life to the development of young people in the Newport News Public School System. He coached football at Ferguson High School for the program's first seven years. In 1974, he became the first Director of Athletics for Newport News Public Schools. He held that position until his retirement in 1991. Begor, a Newport News native, played football for Newport News High School and baseball at William and Mary. He earned both bachelor's and masters degrees from William and Mary.

The **JULIE CONN** Outstanding High School Male Athlete of the Year Award remembers the colorful, extremely successful Newport News High School athletic director and coach of virtually all sports. He was unequalled in track, and basketball for decades. He spent 56 years in the Newport News school system before mandatory retirement at age 65 in 1970. His basketball teams never missed a VHSL state tournament from 1927 to 1953. His Typhoon won 396 games and lost 77. In track, his tutelage led to 21 outdoor state championships. He was the Peninsula Sports Club's first Man of the Year in 1951 and was National High School Track Coach of the Year in 1958.

The **HENRY JORDAN** Award goes to a professional athlete who demonstrates high integrity and a positive attitude. Jordan is most known for his stellar, 11-year career with the NFL's Green Bay Packers (1959-69) as a defensive tackle. He graduated from Warwick High School in 1953 and played collegiately at Virginia. He was a seven-time All-Pro selection and played on the first two Super Bowl champion teams and five NFL champions. He was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame and the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame.

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The **CHARLES KARMOSKY** Award recognizes the community spirit which symbolized Karmosky's 38 years as sports editor of the Daily Press. The honor goes to a Peninsula Sports Club member for outstanding contributions to PSC activities. Karmosky was a founding member of the Club and its president in 1951. He was PSC Man of the Year in 1957 and was in the first class admitted to the media wing of Virginia State Athletic Hall of Fame in 1997.

THAD MADDEN spent 28 years as the football, basketball and track coach at Huntington High School in Newport News. In 1971, he moved to Warwick High School and stayed until his retirement in 1981. He owned a 251-114-16 career record in football. In a four-year stretch at Huntington, his basketball teams went 112-13 and won three Virginia Interscholastic League Eastern District titles. In track, his Vikings won 198 state individual titles.

The **BOB MOSKOWITZ** Media Award is presented to the area media person for exemplary presentation of area sports. Moskowitz, a Sports Club President in 1961, logged over 50 years in journalism and is in the Media Wing of the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame.

The **BETSY THOMAS** Outstanding High School Female Athlete of the Year Award is named for the long-time Lafayette High School athletic director and James Blair High School field hockey and cheerleading coach, who was a pioneer in the advancement of girl's athletics in the state and is co-founder of the Lafayette High School Hall of Fame. The 2016 Headliner's Event signifies the first year the Peninsula Sports Club named and presented this award in honor of Betsy Thomas.

Bryan Cave

Bryan Cave promised then Apprentice School Athletic Director Horace Underwood in 1990 that he didn't have to worry about launching another search for a head baseball coach anytime soon if he hired Cave. Twenty-seven years, 634 victories and two national championships later, Hampton native Cave is still the Builders head baseball coach and Underwood is happily enjoying retirement in Williamsburg.

"I felt Bryan was a great fit for the job not only because he had already been both a player and long-time assistant coach in the program, but also because he had a great relationship with the players," Underwood said. "He often had more daily contact with them than their families did."



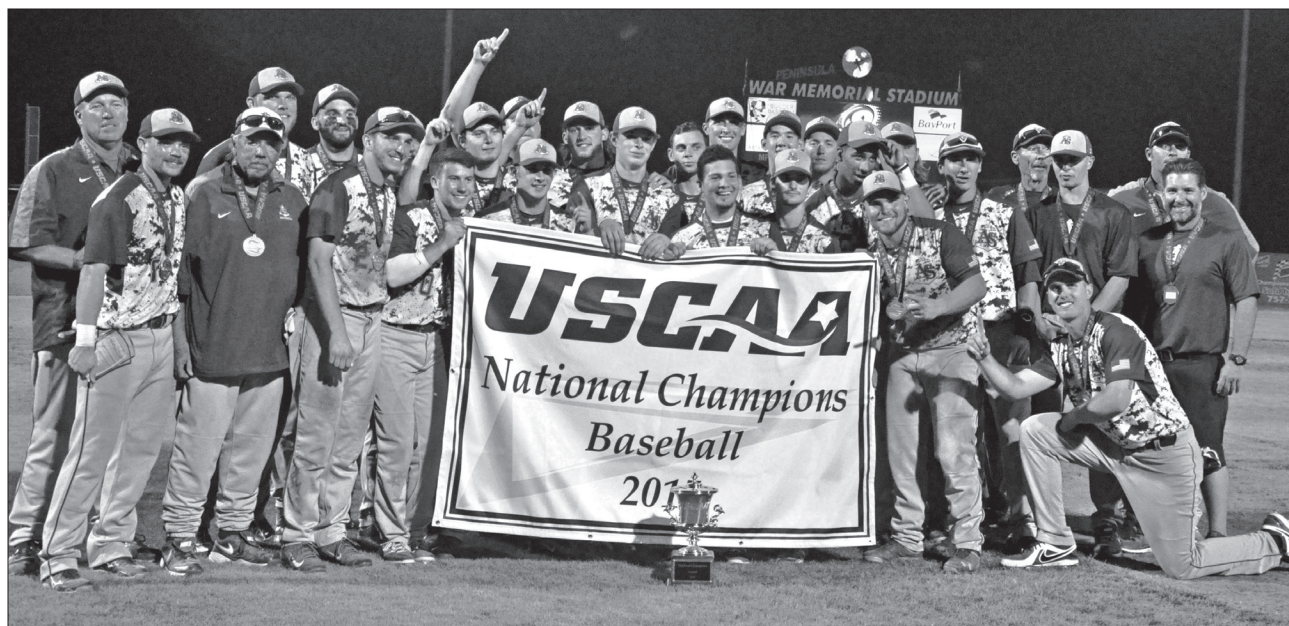
Cave, the 2016 Peninsula Sports Club Morewitz Sports Person of the Year, made his first Apprentice School connection in 1974 when he was pitching in an American Legion baseball game. Between innings, umpire Doug Burroughs, a shipyard employee, who became the Builders head baseball coach that year, said he heard Cave was considering going to work at Newport News Shipyard.

"He told me if I went to the Shipyard, he could help me get into The Apprentice School and maybe play baseball for him," Cave said. "It couldn't have worked out better and I was so lucky to have Doug get me involved in all aspects of the program."

Cave was named Apprentice School Athlete of the Year as a senior in 1978 and joined Burroughs as an assistant the next season. In his tenure as head baseball coach at The Apprentice School, Cave has produced nearly 50 United States Collegiate Athletic Association (USCAA) All-Americans, nearly 40 USCAA All-Academic team members and 30 Virginia Sports Information Director Association All-State players despite the challenges of coaching in one of the nation's most demanding programs.

Unlike most college players, apprentice-athletes work a full shift daily in the Shipyard as well as attending classes before ever going to practice. Adhering to that strict schedule means practice lasts no longer than two hours. It was Burroughs who stressed to Cave that not just anybody could coach at The Apprentice School because a job and classroom studies came before sports participation for athletes.

"Our athletes face an unusual situation in having to balance the classroom with keeping a job and playing sports," Cave said. "You aren't with them four hours a day or more like a normal college coach. The guidelines are stiffer, but it makes it much more satisfying as a coach seeing these guys



mature not just as athletes, but in their overall lives as well."

Cave's most satisfying season came in 2015 when his unheralded Builders came from nowhere to win 15 of their last 16 games to garner the USCAA Small College national title. For once, the effort didn't go unnoticed by the media as Cave earned long overdue recognition being chosen Virginia Sports Information Directors (VASID) Coach of the Year. The honor was a first in Apprentice School athletic history.

"Being recognized meant a lot," said Cave. "I was shocked at how much better we got during a season we weren't picked to do anything in."

The Builders, the No. 5 seed, saved their dramatic best for last rallying to win five consecutive games in the World Series they hosted after being knocked into the losers bracket by top seed Illinois Tech in their second game of the event. Cave's gutty group won three games on the final day, including 25-10 and 10-1 routs of Illinois Tech to secure the title. Relief pitcher Sam Massie earned VASID first team all-state honors, while pitcher Mike Brumfield joined outfielder Lee Rossi and designated hitter Ryan Hendrickson on the second team.

"Coach Cave made what proved to be two very good decisions on starting pitchers during that final day," said Apprentice pitching coach Ben Jones, who was an All-American pitcher in his playing days under Cave. "One of his strengths is keeping his composure no matter how tough the situation. He stays on an even keel. His personality and charisma are also big pluses."

Cave is thankful to have had mentors like Burroughs, Buddy Denton and Rex McKinley. Denton coached Cave at Kecoughtan High School and later joined him as an assistant coach with the Builders.

"As a player, Bryan was very competitive and had a knowledge of the game way ahead of his years," Denton said. "It's certainly no surprise he has become a very solid coach, who excels at dealing with both his players and assistant coaches."

Cave said another plus for him has been maintaining continuity with his coaching staff. "Having Buddy, Ben and John McConnell with me for an extended time has helped our success", he said.

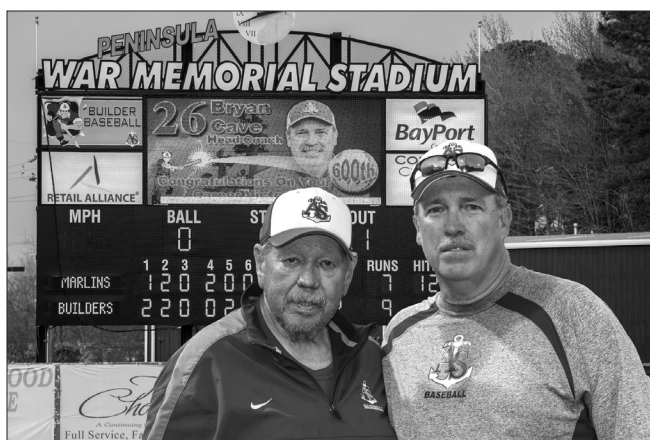
Cave is proud of his baseball and softball roots that date all the way back to his early youth when he spent summers watching the famed Fox Hill fast-pitch softball team both at its Francis Asbury Park home in Hampton or on the road. He later played on Fox Hill teams for 10 years.

"I grew up in a house 500 yards behind the fence at Frances Asbury Park," Cave said. "I was lucky to be raised there. It was fun going to those games and everything clicked in that life. Baseball still excites me and I still see new things all the time in the game."

Cave, whose son Jake is playing baseball for the New York Yankees AAA Scranton-Wilkes Barre team, still doesn't plan on leaving The Apprentice School anytime soon.

"This was a destination for me, not a stepping stone," he said. "I don't have a yearning to be anywhere else."

-Mike Keech



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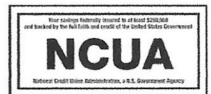
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Norman Wood

Norm Wood, a Newport News native, has worked as a Daily Press Sports reporter since 1998. After a brief stint covering high schools, he took the Virginia Tech beat in 2000 and added the University of Virginia to his workload in 2008.

The University of Georgia and Hampton Roads Academy graduate is a three-time national Associated Press Sports Editors award winner and is a Heisman Trophy and Associated Press poll voter as well as an All-American football selection board member. Among his career highlights are coverage of 18 college football bowl games and 12 Atlantic Coast Conference basketball tournaments.

He resides in Suffolk with his lawyer wife Liz and twin four-year-olds, Jane and Lia.

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Past Bob Moskowitz Media Award Recipients

2004	Greg Bicouvaris
2005	Wayne Block
2006	Dave Fairbank
2007	Bob Hintz
2008	Jim Heath
2009	Ray Price
2010	Scotty Bowers
2011	Nate Milton
2012	Bob Sheeran
2013	Sonny Dearth
2014	Chuck Hall
2015	David Teel



BOB MOSKOWITZ MEDIA AWARD

Menchville High School

Menchville High School won its 18th Julian Rice Award in the last 20 years.

The Monarchs, under the leadership of athletic director Greg Henderson, won a state championship in boys swimming and diving, and captured conference titles in boys and girls volleyball, boys and girls swimming, baseball, boys soccer and boys tennis.

Julian Rice thought of himself as a winner. In his mind, Newport News High School never really lost an athletic contest, no matter what the scoreboard said. Possessed with a hunger for statistical trivia, Rice developed a virtually unparalleled penchant for details concerning minor league baseball and high school sports on the Peninsula, Newport News in particular.

The Rice Award, symbolizing excellence in athletic competition for the Peninsula District, was named for this former Daily Press sportswriter, who devised the scoring system for the award.



Eligible Schools are Bethel, Denbigh, Gloucester, Hampton, Heritage, Kecoughtan, Menchville, Phoebus, Warwick and Woodside

Julian Rice Award

1969-70	Hampton
1970-71	Bethel
1971-72	Menchvill
1972-73	Menchville
1973-74	Ferguson
1974-75	Menchville
1975-76	Menchville
1976-77	Menchville
1977-78	Menchville
1978-79	Menchville
1979-80	Menchville
1980-81	Menchville
1981-82	Menchville
1982-83	Menchville
1983-84	Menchville
1984-85	Menchville
1985-86	Lafayette
1986-87	Lafayette
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1991-92	Menchville
1992-93	Denbigh
1993-94	Denbigh
1994-95	Lafayette
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2003-04	Menchville
2004-05	Menchville
2005-06	Menchville
2006-07	Menchville
2007-08	Menchville
2008-09	Menchville
2009-10	Menchville
2010-11	Menchville
2011-12	Menchville
2012-13	Kecoughtan
2012-13	Kecoughtan
2014-15	Menchville

Lafayette High School

Simpson Award Winners

1979-80	Poquoson
1980-81	Tabb
1981-82	Tabb
1983-84	Tabb
1984-85	York
1985-86	Tabb
1986-87	Tabb
1987-88	Tabb
1988-89	Tabb
1989-90	Tabb
1990-91	Tabb
1991-92	Tabb
1992-93	Tabb
1993-94	Tabb
1994-95	Poquoson
1995-96	York
1996-97	Tabb
1997-98	Poquoson
1999-00	Poquoson
2000-01	Lafayette
2001-02	Tabb
2002-03	Lafayette
2003-04	Lafayette
2004-05	Lafayette
2005-06	Lafayette
2006-07	Lafayette
2007-08	Lafayette
2008-09	Tabb
2009-10	Jamestown
2010-11	Jamestown
2011-12	Grafton and Jamestown
2012-13	Lafayette
2013-14	Lafayette
2014-15	Lafayette

For the 12th time in 19 years, Lafayette High School in Williamsburg has won the Simpson Award, symbolizing athletic excellence in all areas of competition of the Bay Rivers District.

The Rams, under the leadership of long-time athletic director Dan Barner, won titles in football, boy's and girl's indoor and outdoor track, and boys' soccer en route to their fourth consecutive Simpson success.

Red Simpson administered, taught and coached at Poquoson and York High School. He coached the Islanders and Falcons to state football titles before moving up the administration ladder to positions as athletic director and eventually assistant principal.

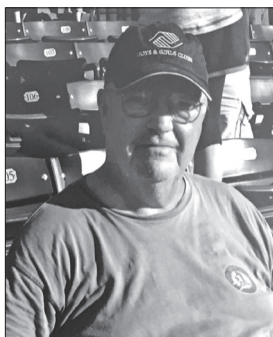
In his playing days during the 1930s, Simpson was a record-setting javelin thrower and All-American football player at the University of Kentucky.



Eligible schools are Bruton, Grafton, Jamestown, Lafayette, Poquoson, Tabb, Warhill, and York.

LEWIS ELMORE "RED" SIMPSON AWARD

Granville “Heavy” Hall



Granville Hall, nicknamed “Heavy” by his childhood friends, including Mickey Marcella and Glenn “Bird” Nelson played sports of all kinds. He is well-known for participating in Newport News Recreation Department programs as both a youth football and baseball coach as well as a long-time men’s basketball player.

Hall, a 1954 Newport News High graduate, was a three-year football starter for the Typhoon. He went on to The Apprentice School where he was a two-way football starter and captain for the Builders, graduating in 1961. His playing career included 15-plus years of basketball with the WVEC entry in a men’s Newport News Rec League. He coached the 1958 city baseball champions and was a fixture as an assistant coach for Sanford in youth football.

Emmett McNulty



Emmett McNulty, known to many as “Coach E”, coached and mentored boys and girls basketball teams for more than 20 years in the Newport News Recreation program.

During his 40 year coaching career, McNulty was a long-time Sanford Junior assistant football coach whose teams won numerous championships and once compiled a 22-game winning streak.

He was also a veteran player for WVEC in the men’s Newport News Rec League.

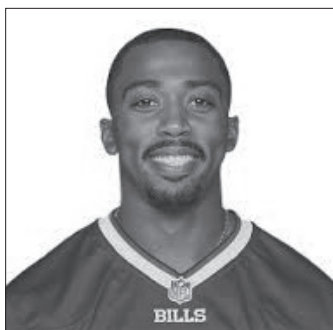
Glenn “Bird” Nelson



Glenn “Bird” Nelson was a long-time youth basketball coach in the Newport News Recreation program. The 1954 Newport News High graduate’s basketball playing career included two years as a starter for the Typhoon and four years starting for The Apprentice School. Like Hall, he was a 15-plus-year Newport News Rec player for the WVEC team.

In his 40 year career, he served as a teacher, coach and administrator. As an athletic director for Poquoson High School, he lead the school’s teams to 60 district titles, 34 regional titles and three state championships. He served two terms on the VHSL Executive Committee and directed VHSL championships in girls and boys tennis, softball, volleyball, wrestling and football.

Nelson has received numerous awards and recognition signifying his contributions to athletics including being inducted into the VHSL Hall of Fame in 2009.



Tyrod Taylor

After four long years as a reserve with the National Football League's Baltimore Ravens, Tyrod Taylor catapulted his career as the starting quarterback for the Buffalo Bills in 2015.

Taylor, who led Virginia Tech to three Atlantic Coast Conference titles and the 2011 Orange Bowl and Hampton High School to a 34-4 record and one state title, delivered an immediate impact for Buffalo. In his 2015 season with the Bills, he stung the Indianapolis Colts throwing for 195 yards which included a touchdown pass. Additionally, he had 42 yards rushing in a 27-14 win in the season opener completing 14 of his 19 pass attempts. He passed for six touchdowns in the next two games against New England and Miami, cementing his role as a starter.

In a come-from-behind week 5 victory against the Tennessee Titans, Taylor became only the fifth quarterback in NFL history to pass for at least 100 yards, run for at least 70 yards and catch a pass in a single game.

Taylor, who missed two starts with a knee injury, totaled 3,035 yards and 20 touchdowns passing with 568 yards and four scores rushing in 2015. He amassed a 63.7 percent completion rate and was intercepted just six times. He set Buffalo records for most rushing yards by a quarterback in a season (568), most consecutive pass attempts without an interception in Bills history (222) and highest completion percentage in a game (91.7). The former Crabber also played in his first Pro Bowl.

Off the field, the personable Taylor was also a solid representative for his new team. Community service efforts like his appearance last month at the classroom of the Buffalo Bills and M&T Bank Touchdown for Teachers grand prize winner Alison Barone of PS 43 Lovejoy Discovery School in Buffalo.

Now Taylor and his Bills face a make-or-break 2016 season that begins Sept. 11th on the road against his former team the Baltimore Ravens.

HENRY JORDAN AWARD



Mickey D. Marcella, Jr.

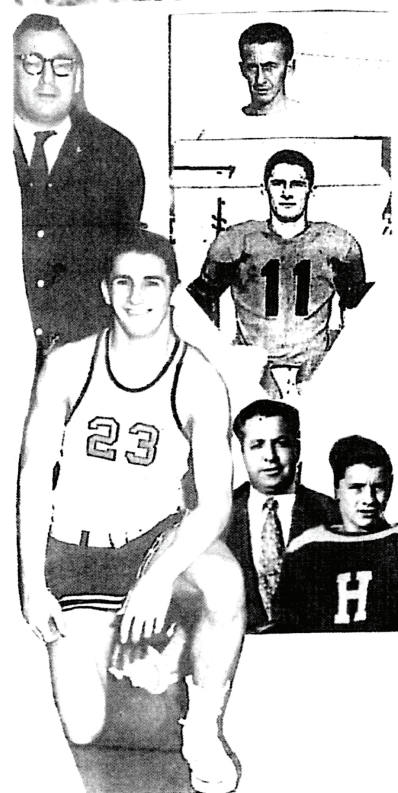
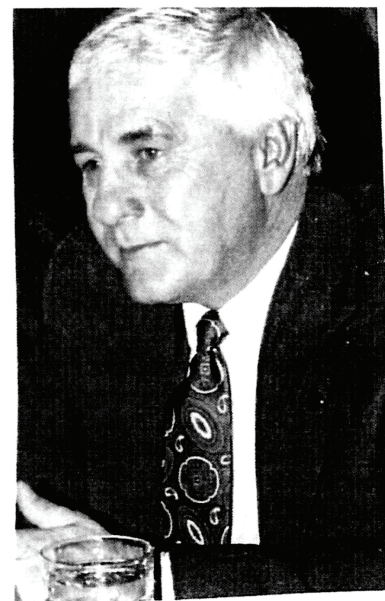
Named for the community spirit and dedication imbued by its namesake, the Charles Karmosky award could not be given to a more deserving individual than Mickey D. Marcella, Jr. Mickey was born in Newport News in October 1934 where he attended Newport News High School. In high school, Mickey co-captained the Junior Varsity Basketball team and dominated on the football field as running back for the Typhoons in his Number 11 jersey. He received five varsity letters by the time he graduated in 1954. During this time, Mickey was among the first members of the Boys Club founded in 1946, where he learned the importance of education, comradery, and of course, teamwork.

After high school, Mickey went on to join the U.S. Army and played in the Army Basketball League from 1955 to 1961. From there he went on to have a successful career with the Telephone Company while carrying on his legacy of community involvement by installing bedside telephones for the patients of the Hampton Roads V.A. Hospital. Doing so earned him the Department of Veterans Affairs Certificate of Appreciation in 1994. He continued to be highly involved in sports as he coached football, basketball, and baseball in the community, winning multiple City Championships. He also played for 18 years on the Newport News City Rec League team, the Outtens Owls.

In 1983, Mickey became a member of the Board of Directors of the Boys Club, where his earnest involvement and philanthropy earned him numerous awards. Mickey was presented with The Medallion Award in 1987 for raising \$100,000 in funding needed to open a new Club location. Mickey has remained an active member of the Board of Directors of the now Boys & Girls Clubs of the Virginia Peninsula, where he has since been honored with the Dedicated Service Award in 1999, the Lifetime Achievement Award in 2010, and the National Service to Youth Award in 2015 for 30 years of dedication. Mickey's other positions and affiliations include past presidencies with the Peninsula Sports Club in 1989, and the Newport News Pioneers in both 1999 and 2016. He is also a member of Knights of Columbus Counsel 5480 and of St. Jerome Catholic Church.

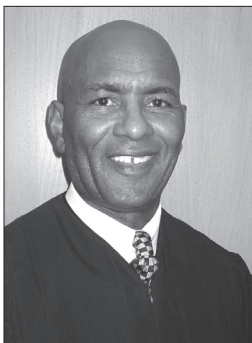
"The Charles Karmosky Award means a lot to me. I want to thank my family. My mother and father, my wife Carol, my sons Donnie and Neil, their wives Maura and Crystal, grandchildren Josh, Michael, Sam, Hannah, and Breck, great-grandchildren Olivia, Layla, and William, Uncle Walter and Kathleen, my sister Louise Marcella Colletti, and Calvin Smith. To my coaches - many thanks to Coaches Julie Conn, Jack Powers, J.C. "Cowboy" Range, Lou Plummer, Elmo Stephenson, and Pete Robinson. Thanks to my principal Mr. George J. McIntosh. I want to thank the Peninsula Sports Club for this Honor; The President, the Board of Directors, and all members. It is greatly appreciated."

-- Mickey D. Marcella, Jr.



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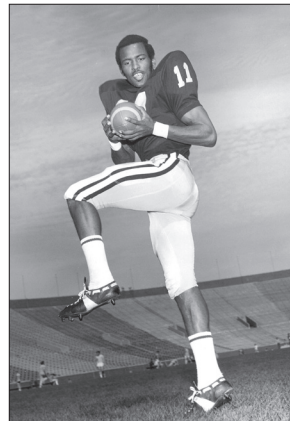
Walter A. Bowser

Walter Bowser was one of the most versatile high school athletes in Virginia history. He was the quarterback on Huntington's undefeated 1966 VIA State champion football team. That same year, he became the first African-American high school player selected as the Most Outstanding Football Player in the state by Virginia Writers and Sportscasters.

Bowser was a guard on Huntington's VIA State runner-up basketball team in 1967. He averaged 25.2 points as a senior and scored 1,462 career points. In tennis, he recorded a 33-2 singles record and a 35-0 doubles mark. He was VIA State singles champion in 1966 and 1967 and doubles champion from 1965-'67.

At the University of Minnesota, Bowser played football for three years and basketball and tennis for one year. As a junior, he led the Gophers in kickoff and punt returns, interceptions and punting, while playing quarterback, wide receiver and defensive back. He was the team's Most Outstanding Defensive Player and was selected second team All-Big Ten and honorable mention All-American.

After receiving his law degree at Minnesota, he practiced law, served as a State District Court judge and is currently a mediator and arbitrator. He was selected to the Virginia High School Hall of Fame in 2010. Bowser was inducted into the Virginia Interscholastic Hall of Fame on June 20, 2016.



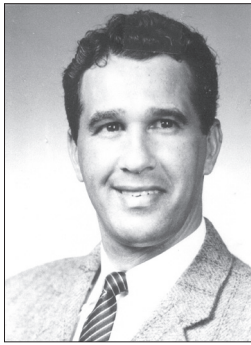
Joseph Buggs

Joseph Buggs was an accomplished athlete in football, basketball, baseball and track at Huntington High School. He was the starting point guard for back-to-back Virginia Interscholastic Athletic Association State championship basketball teams in 1955 and 1956. In the same two years, he was a centerfielder and pitcher for two State champion baseball teams.



Buggs completed the trifecta by competing on two State champion track teams the same two years. He was a graduate of Elizabeth City State University (ECSU) where he was an All-CIAA running back in 1957 and 1959. Buggs was selected as a Pittsburgh Courier All-American in 1958 and 1959.

He is member of the ECSU Hall of Fame, the Newport News Track Hall of Fame and the Huntington High Legacy Hall. Buggs was inducted into the Virginia Interscholastic Hall of Fame on June 20, 2016.



Thad Madden

Thad Madden was one of the most accomplished coaches in Virginia history. He was a track and field athlete at Virginia State University before becoming a coach at Huntington High in 1943. His coaching career spanned 38 years – 28 at Huntington and 10 at Warwick. His records were outstanding in football, track and basketball.

Madden's combined football record at both schools was 241-114-16, including 28 consecutive winning seasons, 16 Virginia Interscholastic Athletic Association (VIA) Eastern District titles, seven VIA State titles and a 32-game winning streak. His track teams won 19 VIA State crowns. They registered consecutive mile relay championships at the Penn Relays in 1963-64. His Warwick track teams were State runner-ups seven times. Madden coached basketball for just four seasons, but won three VIA Eastern District titles and had an overall record of 112-13.

He was inducted into CIAA Hall of Fame in 1968, the Virginia High School Hall of Fame in 1995. Thad was inducted into the Virginia Interscholastic Hall of Fame on June 20, 2016.



Dave Nelson

Dave Nelson's 40-year career as a teacher, coach and athletic director at two Peninsula high schools, which ended with his 2006 retirement, received a national exclamation point last December.

The National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA) named Nelson to the latest class of its Hall of Fame. It's the latest accolade for the man who spent the last 21 years of his working life as Poquoson High School's athletic director. His Islanders won 60 district titles, 34 regional crowns and three state championships in that span.



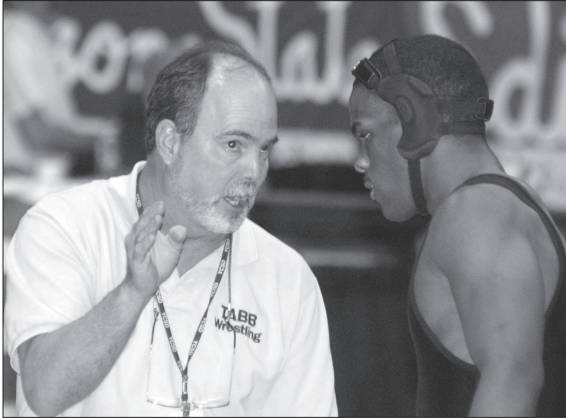
Nelson also compiled a combined Poquoson boys and girls basketball coaching record of 358-261 in 24 years at the helm (15 boys, nine girls). He taught and coached at Kecoughtan High School for 10 years after graduating from Salem (West Virginia) College in 1966.

He was a tireless leader in the Virginia High School League establishing coaching education and training new athletic directors around the state. His awards include 1992's VIAAA Athletic Director of the Year, the VIAAA Lifetime Achievement Award in 2005 and the NIAAA Distinguished Service Award in 2002. Nelson was inducted into the Virginia High School League Hall of Fame in 2009.



Doug Roper

For nearly 40 years, Doug Roper has impacted the lives of wrestlers at Tabb High School. The Elon University and Ferguson High School graduates Tabb teams have amassed 403 dual-match wins in 33 seasons. Roper has produced 80 wrestlers who have placed in State competition, including 10 champions and seven runner-ups. His athletes thrive under his kids-come-first approach. That's why the Virginia Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame added Roper to its membership in December.



Roper, who teaches history at Tabb and was named York County's Teacher of the Year in 2014, was a scraper, whose intense work ethic defined him as a wrestler. As a coach, he values his kid's development in life far more than victories. He has devoted many hours to coordinating youth wrestling in both the Tabb and Bruton communities. He spent countless hours at camps and clinics throughout the country.

Roper also logged nearly two decades coaching softball and junior varsity football for the Tigers.

Raymond Pollard

Raymond Pollard was a nationally-ranked sprinter in the early 1960s. He was a member of Huntington High's Virginia Interscholastic Athletic Association (VIA) State champion track teams in 1963-64. Individually, he won the 1963 VIA State championship in the 100-yard dash with a time of 9.8 seconds. He repeated that title in 1964, running a blistering 9.6. (Ranked 7th nationally) and added the 220 State title in 21.0 seconds (3rd nationally).

He was selected as the Outstanding High School performer at the 1964 Penn Relays. He attended Morgan State University and competed against Olympic sprinters, including Charlie Green and Tommie Smith. Pollard was inducted into the Virginia Interscholastic Hall of Fame on June 20, 2016.

Macy Causey

At the tender age of 15, race car driver Macy Causey has already graced the front page of the New York Times, had national television exposure twice, made Sports Illustrated's Faces in the Crowd, won a track championship, and earned multiple Rookie of the Year honors. The Yorktown native began racing when she was 8 and two years later became the youngest female to ever win a track championship at Langley Speedway in Bandolero competition.

These days Causey has advanced to NASCAR Late Model Division competition and was the 2015 NASCAR Virginia State Rookie of the Year as well as Langley Speedway Rookie of the Year. She recently became the youngest female to ever race at Martinsville Speedway and won NASCAR's National Young Racer Award.

The versatile Causey has also had success competing on the dirt at Virginia Raceway and indoors in Arena Racing. She is a third generation driver following in the footsteps of her mother Dee Causey, father Rette Causey and grandmother Diane Teel, the first woman to win a NASCAR sanctioned race.

Even with all her racing activities, Causey has maintained her place on the Honor Roll at York High.





Sarah Osborn

Sarah Osborn has competed in precision air rifle and small bore rifle events throughout the world. The 17-year-old rising senior at Summit Christian Academy started shooting at age 8 and after setting 23 national records, looms as one of the top two collegiate recruits nationwide next year.

A three-time national champion, Osborn recently competed for a position on the women's air rifle team for this summer's Rio Olympics. That experience should pay rewards when she makes a future Olympic bid.

The Hampton native has been to the World Cup competition in South Korea and Munich and was a member of the Pan American women's air rifle team. Her honors include two gold medals and a silver in smallbore rifle and a silver and two bronze in precision air rifle. She was one of only two women chosen for the Pan American team and was the second youngest U.S. competitor in all sports.

Osborn has been the Virginia State smallbore champion three years in succession. She has a 4.18 grade-point average and is a member of two honor societies as well as a winner of the Distinguished Christian High School Student Award.



Lindsey Blanks

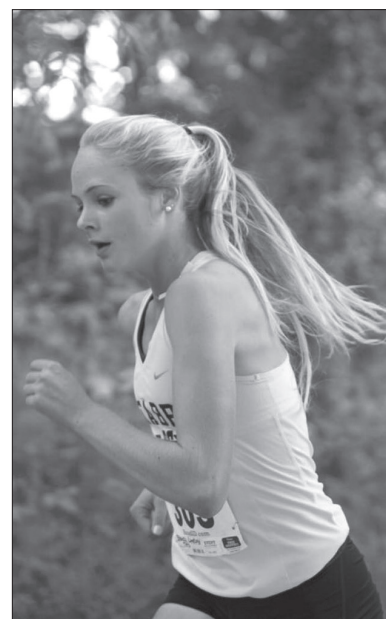
Lindsey Blanks takes her distance running skills to the Air Force Academy this fall after concluding stellar cross country and indoor and outdoor track senior seasons at Tabb High School.

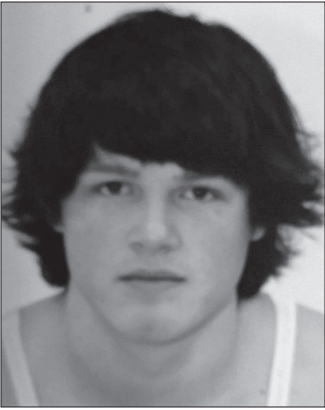
Blanks, who finished second in the 3A State cross country meet, earlier registered her best effort in running the fastest 5,000 meters ever by an area female in a blistering 17 minutes and 47 seconds to win Williamsburg's Bigcat Invitational. That time was 25 seconds faster than anyone else on the Peninsula in 15 years. Her victory in the Conference 27 meet was enhanced by her sophomore sister Lauren finishing second. The duo train together regularly.

The four-year letterman in cross country and indoor and outdoor track won 19 Conference and Regional titles, finished second four times in State meets. She holds 10 Tabb records in the three sports and has been the Peninsula Sports Club most outstanding cross country and outdoor track athlete.

Blanks, who often runs nine miles daily in practice, capped her indoor track campaign by winning the State 3A 1,600 meters in 5:05.55 and taking second place in the 3,200 at 10:58.66. Blanks also ran a leg on Tabb's winning 3,200 relay team. Her outdoor season included a 3A region victory in the 3,200. She graduated with highest honors and with a 4.5 grade-point average.

Blanks played soccer early in her career, but became enamored with running after she went out for track in the eighth grade, originally to stay in shape for soccer. The next stop is running at Colorado Springs with aviation possibly being a part of her future. She begins Basic Training at the Air Force Academy on June 30.





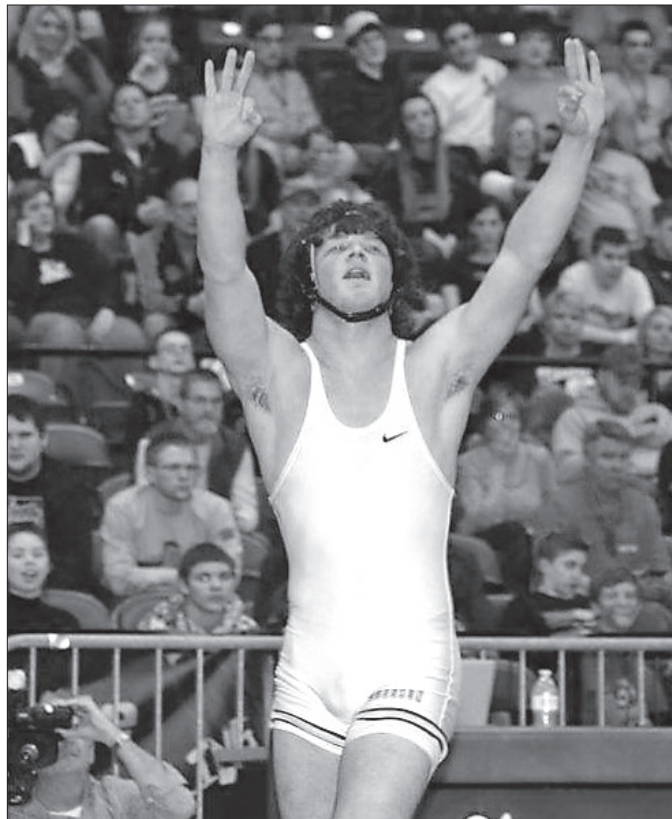
Ross Graham

Ross Graham capped his contribution to the storied wrestling tradition at Poquoson High School with a dazzling 41-3 record and his third consecutive individual state title in 2016. The recent Islander graduate produced school career records of 182 victories and 103 pins. Graham, who was unbeaten in his sophomore and junior seasons, piled up 112 consecutive wins before losing a match early this season at a Great Bridge tournament.

His biggest success was avenging an earlier overtime loss to Staunton River's Elijah Seay to win the 182-pound state crown on a 5-3 decision.

"I wrestled a lot smarter in the state final, more defensive," Graham told the Daily Press. "I got an escape in the second period, then tilted him (on his back) twice in the third to go up 5-0. I can't put into words what it means to get three state championships when that's what you've been working for."

Graham followed in the footsteps of his father Casey, who won three consecutive state titles for Poquoson from 1983-85. His grandfather, John Graham, started the Virginia Duals and helped organize the Peninsula Wrestling Association.



Sophia Beaudoin



Sophia Beaudoin's success path at Grafton High School is filled with exceptional triumphs and a major reason why is her firm grasp of humility.

"I have experienced the timeless lessons of teamwork and humility in allowing others to back me up on the days when the mountains to climb require a helping hand," said Beaudoin, a straight-A student and three-sport athlete, whose 4.63 grade-point average ranked eighth in Grafton's 302-member Class of 2016.

Beaudoin will attend Cornell University where she plans to pursue a law career and be a walk-on for the volleyball program. She played four years on the Grafton varsity volleyball team, earning all-conference and all-region honors as well as being a three-time team captain. She also was a swimmer and soccer player for the Clippers.

"Sophia is the most elite student I have ever had the privilege of teaching, but most of all, she understands how hard life can be and chooses to make it a little better for the people around her," said Aaron R. McQuillan, who taught Beaudoin in Advanced English and Leadership Seminar.



Madelyn Clevinger

Madelyn Clevinger quickly learned from early sports experiences that leading by example can be just as rewarding, if not more so than the vocal rah-rah approach. The recent Jamestown High graduate credits that leadership learning process for making her bolder in all aspects of life. Clevinger's success as a student-athlete includes a 4.21 grade-point average and a No. 11 rank in 285 Class of 2016 graduates.

She was an all-State soccer player, as well as an all-Conference field hockey and indoor track participant for the Eagles. Clevinger will attend Clemson University in pursuit of a career in pediatric physical therapy.

"Maddie is one of those rare breeds of students who hold multiple leadership positions and take the toughest academic courses while still keeping her sense of humor and ability to get along with others," said Jamestown Social Studies teacher Richard Ambler. "She is my definition of an emerging collegiate leader."



Daniel Coats

Daniel Coats won't ever forget November 17, 2011. That was the day the then eighth grader at Summit Christian Academy learned he had Type 1 Diabetes that ended his dream of being a Navy Seal. Coats, dejected at first, rallied when he learned professional athletes like Nick Boynton of the Boston Bruins, Orlando Brown of the Baltimore Ravens and boxer Joe Frazier had successfully dealt with Diabetes.

Coats rechanneled his efforts, employing a strong work ethic to improve in his studies and athletics. He became an honor student and an all-Conference soccer player despite taking a demanding course load, geared to his quest to become an electrical engineer. He also excelled as a musician playing the trombone and was a fixture in community service work at the Peninsula Rescue Mission and Riverside Hospital.

Coats, who recently graduated from Summit with a 3.8 grade-point average, will attend Old Dominion University.

"Daniel is one of those special young people who you have no doubts that whatever he decides to do, he will be successful at it," said Cyrus Bagheri, Summit's assistant athletic director.



Kasey Cordner



Kasey Cordner is one of the rare high school student-athletes who quickly grasped that adversity can be more helpful to growth as a person than winning. Cordner, the Salutatorian of Phoebus High School's Class of 2016, endured three coaching changes in four years of varsity softball. Through it all, she maintained a crucial balance between academics and athletics.

"Overcoming the challenges of three different coaching styles, time management and social adjustment strengthened and improved me as a person," Cordner said.

She achieved a 4.51 grade-point average and also took courses at the Regional Governor's School for Science and Technology in engineering. Cordner, who was also a mainstay on the Phoebus sailing team, plans to pursue a computer engineering career at the University of Virginia.



Paige Irvine



As Paige Irvine sees it, there's no substitute for determination both in athletics and the classroom. The recent York High graduate took a stray elbow to the mouth from a cheerleading teammate during a competition earlier this year. Not only did she retrieve the front tooth that was knocked out, but she continued on to complete the competition and help her team.

It was that same determination that propelled Irvine to a 4.52 grade-point average and a No. 19 ranking among the York Class of 2016's 265 members. She will attend William and Mary, pursuing a career in archeology.

"In all my years of coaching, I have never seen a cheerleader earn so much respect from her peers as what I've seen given to Paige," said York High cheerleading coach Melissa Morris. "It is Paige's willingness to go out of her way to help anyone that needs help that sets her apart."



Kyle Logan

The impressive depth of Kyle Logan is evident in his being comfortable everywhere from a hot, humid August football practice at Hampton High School to a Governor's school classroom where he's learning Calculus, Biological Analysis, Research Methodology or Chemical Analysis. That versatility is exemplified by a 4.35 grade-point average that ranked Logan fifth in Hampton's 2016 graduating class of 302.

Logan, who was also a starter in baseball for the Crabbers, is bound for Kenyon College in Ohio in his quest to become an economist/statistician. He was also accepted at the United States Military Academy, the United States Naval Academy, the Coast Guard Academy, the University of North Carolina and four other institutions.

"Kyle is extremely personable and can hold a thought-provoking conversation with anyone," said Hampton English instructor John Toliver. "In spite of all his intellectual gifts, what is most impressive about Kyle is how highly regarded he is by those who come into contact with him."



Mackenzie Miller

Poquoson strength and conditioning coach Todd DeForest has watched Mackenzie Miller progress as a student-athlete for five years.

"When she first started she was shy, quiet and reserved," DeForest said. "In a short time, she was a fierce competitor, who pushed herself and others to great physical fitness. Now I have complete confidence in asking her to help the younger kids whether its learning a new agility drill, teaching an exercise or even taking a team through a day's exercise. She also strives to reach academic success and manages her time well so she can balance class assignments, competing in sports and participating in community service."

Miller's best sports moments have come in field hockey where she captained the 2015 Islanders. In the classroom, she produced a 3.967 unweighted grade-point average, which ranked seventh out of 189 in the Class of 2016. She will attend the University of Virginia to pursue her career goal of international language translation.



Anna Patterson



As a sixth grader, Anna Patterson was forced to quit gymnastics due to a chronic, undiagnosed illness that still bothers her six years later. Swimming and sailing have helped the recent Hampton High graduate cope with the daily pain.

"Swimming and sailing have helped me to remain athletic, while developing who I am as a person," Patterson said. "They have taught me to never give up and share what I love with the people around me."

Patterson ranked second among the 302 Class of 2016 members with a 4.61 grade-point average. She is bound for Christopher Newport University with an eye on a career in physical therapy.

Patterson's efforts meant much to her Hampton swim coach. "Anna assisted me with countless practices and has helped reinforce numerous concepts through demonstration and one-on-one time with many athletes," Madolyn Kenreigh said. "She consistently pushes herself for excellence in practice and competition."



Kendra Walker



Though often the smallest competitor, Kendra Walker has used her supreme confidence and positive attitude to excel as a lacrosse player, sailor and pole-vaulter. The 2016 Poquoson graduate used that same mentality in rising to a No. 4 ranking in her class of 188 students. A fixture on the All-A Honor Roll, Walker will attend the University of Virginia.

"Kendra is a force to be reckoned with!" Poquoson guidance counselor Lynn Neenan said. "In addition to being an outstanding student, she is a beast on the lacrosse field and will give you a run for your money in a sailboat."

Walker played for the Southern Virginia Lacrosse Club and sailed for both the Hampton and Ware River Yacht Clubs.



Emily Wright

Emily Wright's first sports love is track because she finds it demanding both physically and mentally. The 2016 Tabb High graduate has also dabbled in field hockey and soccer, but has been most successful as a middle distance runner. She has captained both the Indoor and Outdoor track teams and earned all-State honors on two relay teams in two consecutive years.

In the classroom, Wright maintained a 4.33 grade-point average while taking demanding AP classes. She will attend Virginia Tech with an eye on a career as an elementary school teacher. Also a gifted artist, Wright has completed a portfolio for Advanced Placement Studio Art.

"Emily is a wonderful person, who offers all of the very best aspects we could hope to observe in today's young people," said Tabb Counseling Director Brad Williams.





Hannah Stratton

The tipoff that recent York High graduate Hannah Stratton is extraordinary was evident in the length of the scholarship recommendation letters she received from a variety of faculty members. The average length of a normal college scholarship recommendation letter is a page, but the shortest of Stratton's letters was two pages.

Stratton, an honor student, cheerleading captain, Youth Commission secretary and frequent community volunteer, will attend Virginia Tech after achieving a 4.38 grade-point average at York. Her career goal is to be an orthopedic surgeon.

Her best sports memory is helping a friend and neighbor become a York cheerleader despite being challenged by a rare form of Cerebral Palsy.

"Lauren changed my four years on the team and I wouldn't have it any other way," said Stratton.



WAYNE E. BEGOR SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT AWARD

Jay Melendez

Jay Melendez, a highly decorated senior guard on the men's basketball team becomes the third men's basketball player since 2012 to be named The Apprentice School Athlete of the Year joining Isiah Harrison (2012) and Tevin Andrews (2013).

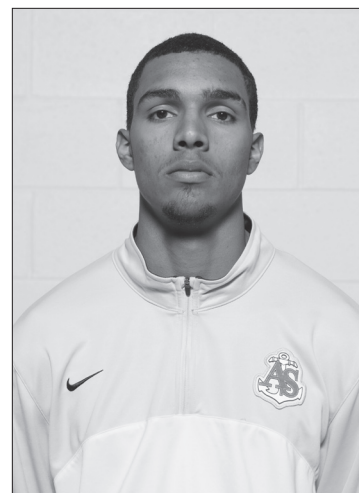
The Suffolk native and outside machinist apprentice, was named to the 2015 Virginia Sports Information Directors All-State Team and is a two time United States Collegiate Athletic Association First Team All-American (2014 and 2015). As a senior, he lead the team in scoring (17.8 ppg), rebounding (9.2 rpg), and three-pointers made (52). This past season he scored a career high 34 points against Williamson College of the Trades, scored 20 points or more in seven contest and finished with twelve double-doubles.

Melendez finishes his Builder career number one in 3-point field goals made (206), fourth in points (1476), fifth in field goals made (523), third in rebounds (841), and second in rebounds per game (8.4). Head coach, Franklin Chatman, was very proud of Melendez and what he accomplished with the men's basketball team as a four year starter. "Jay is a hard working young man that is committed to The Apprentice School on and off the court," said Chatman. "He is a motivated student-athlete that displays the true meaning of teamwork."

Michael Rhodes, his supervisor, in the outside machinist department of the shipyard, spoke highly of Jay. "Jay is a bright, respectful, and determined craftsman who strives for perfection." "Mr. Melendez does a great job in getting along with others and has the potential to be a leader with his skill set," said craft instructor Josh Wehr.

During his time at The Apprentice School, Melendez praises his instructors and coaches for his success in the classroom and on the water front as well as on the court. He gives credit to Cliff Coleman, assistant coach and former X43 apprentice, for offering insights about his trade throughout Melendez's career.

"The men's basketball coaching staff taught me and my teammates how to not only be successful in our sport but to be successful at life," Melendez added. "Overall, my experience here at The Apprentice School, is something so unique that I truly feel that by making it through, I am prepared for anything that life throws at me and there will be nothing that I cannot overcome."





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Scoop Simon

Scoop Simon, a senior outfielder from Richmond, spurred the Captains to a 35-9 record and their 10th straight NCAA Tournament appearance with one of the premier hitting performances in school history.

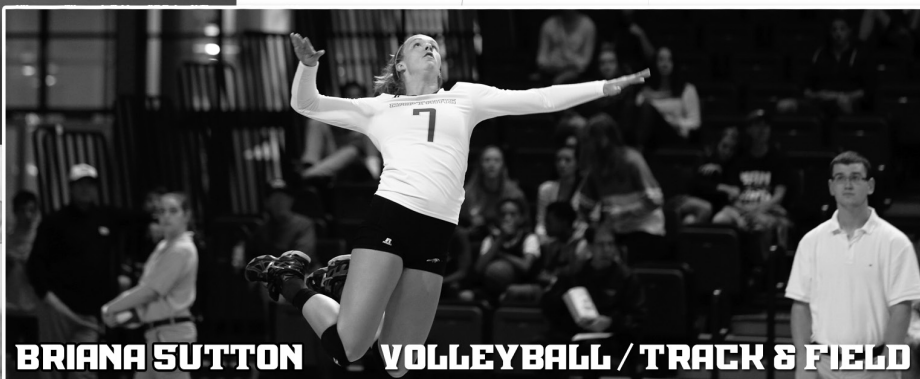
Simon led the Captains in 11 offensive categories, including home runs (9), hits (58), runs (43), runs batted in (51), doubles (15), triples (3), total bases (106) and walks (32). She became only the fourth player in program history to earn first team All-American recognition.

Simon, who transferred from Randolph-Macon after her sophomore season, shattered CNU's record for on-base percentage by more than 40 points with a .528 mark. She also owns the career slugging record at .733 and is fourth all-time hitting at .417.

She played all 44 games this season which ended in the NCAA Round of 32.



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SOFTBALL



Drew Walton

Drew Walton played for the Men's basketball team for two seasons (2014-15 and 2015-16). In his first season with the Gators, Walton averaged 12.5 points and 7 rebounds per game. He increased his scoring and rebound production this season by averaging 14 points and 9 rebounds per game. Walton was selected this past season as a Co-Captain for not only being a leader during games, but primarily for displaying the following qualities to positively influence his teammates: commitment to working hard and improving all aspects of his game, receptive to constructive feedback from his Coaches and athletic staff, and attending the personal development seminars for student-athletes.

At the college's second Student-Athlete Awards Reception, Walton received the basketball team's Most Valuable Player Award for his determination, dedication and demeanor as a student-athlete and teammate. The athletic staff also acknowledged Drew and his parents for their support to remain as advocates for the athletic program's transition in becoming members of the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA).

Walton is 2013 graduate of Bethel High School. His engaging personality since arriving on campus led him to be interviewed on the Hampton City Channel 47 for the Round Robin program. He provided clear responses to convince future Hampton City School student-athletes about the positive impact of considering Thomas Nelson to complete their degree and continue participating in competitive sports.

Walton's hard work on the court was also connected to his academic success in the classroom. He is a recent graduate from the college and received his Associate of Science degree in Business Administration on May 12, 2016. A major reason for his selection as the Athlete of the Year, was that he graduated with a cumulative GPA of 3.02 while also playing an intense schedule of away games and working part-time as a host at Joe's Crab Shack. Walton is currently in the process of completing the admission requirements to hopefully be accepted as a member of the Builder athletic program for The Apprentice School.

Walton is Thomas Nelson Community College's third recipient for the Athlete of the Year Award. The men's basketball team is the first athletic sport that the college organized and Walton is the first student-athlete from this team to be selected. His commitment to excel in the classroom and on the court is an outline for all future Gators to emulate.





In support of Thomas Nelson Community College's mission, the Office of Athletics recruits and develops a diverse population of student athletes that will compete at the National Junior College Athletic Association, club/recreational, and intramural levels of athletics. The office is committed to supporting student athletes to reach their full potential in their pursuit of achieving academic and athletic success. By providing engaging experiences through athletic participation, student athletes are afforded opportunities to develop skills for lifelong learning to become positive contributors in their respective communities.

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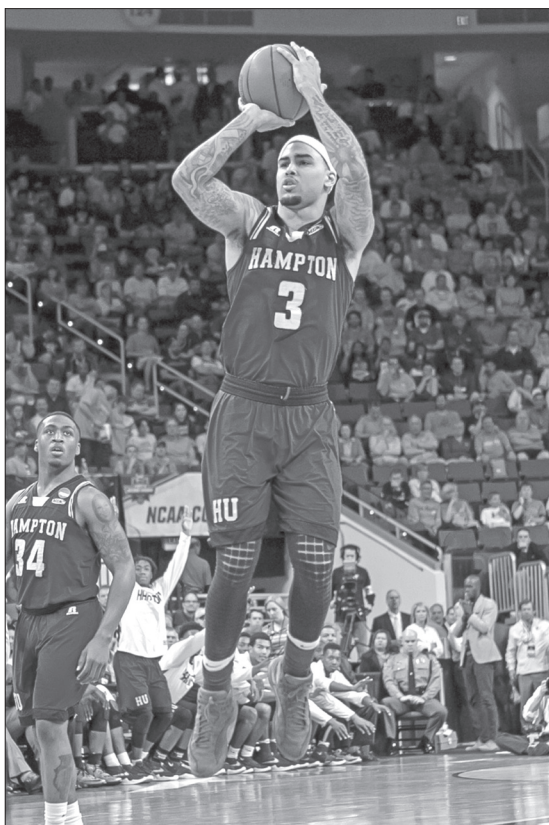
Quinton Chievous

Versatile guard Quinton Chievous was the catalyst in Hampton University's 21-win season that included its first Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) title since 2002, a second straight MEAC Tournament championship and a berth in the NCAA Tournament.

The 6-foot-6 Chicago native, who began his collegiate career at the University of Tennessee, led the Pirates in scoring (17.0 ppg) and was the MEAC's leading rebounder (10.7 rpg). He collected double-digit rebounds 15 times.

The graduate student was named first team Division 1 All-American by BoxToRow, second team all-state by the Virginia Sports Information Directors and first team All-MEAC. He was chosen as Hampton University's Male Athlete of the Year.

He recorded 12 double-doubles and totaled eight 20-point games, including a career-high 29 twice against Winthrop and Delaware State. Chievous averaged 15.0 points and 9.7 rebounds in the MEAC Tournament. He made the MEAC all-tournament team. His 17 points topped the Pirates in their opening-round NCAA loss to Virginia.





Will Manion

Senior swimmer Will Manion graduated as the College of William & Mary's all-time winningest conference champion, taking five individual titles and 10 relay golds in his four years. Manion finished his outstanding career by leading the Tribe men's program to back-to-back Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) titles (2015 and 2016). He was a standout member of the most successful senior class in the program's history, as the two championships are the first in the school's history.

Individually, Manion won the 100 back as a freshman and sophomore, and the 200 back in each of the last three years. As part of W&M's relay teams, he won the 200 medley and 400 free relays twice each and won three golds in both the 800 free relay and the 400 medley relay. All told, Manion's 15 CAA titles is third-most in league history. He was also recognized as the CAA Rookie of the Year in 2013.

Manion graduated this May as the school-record holder in both the 100 and the 200 back, as well as a member record setting relays in both medley and the 400 and 800 free relays. He is a CAA record-holder in the 200 back and 800 free relay, as well. Additionally, Manion is a previous conference record-holder in the 100 back as well.



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Briana Sutton

Volleyball outside hitter Briana Sutton produced one of the most decorated campaigns in Christopher Newport sports history in 2015.

The junior from Williamsburg was named the state's Player of the Year, the Capital Athletic Conference (CAC) Player of the Year and became only the third player in program history to earn first-team All-Conference, All-State, All-Region, and All-American recognition in the same season. She is the first CNU player to make first team All-State in her first three seasons.

Sutton spurred the CAC champion Captains to a 30-3 record, recording 391 kills with a 4.12 kills per set average and a .313 hitting percentage. Only 15 other NCAA players averaged 4.0 kills per set with a .300 hitting percentage. She produced at least 10 kills in 24 of her 27 matches.

In three years with the Captains, the Jamestown High graduate ranks ninth on the program's all-time kill list with 1,033. The two-time All-American ranks seventh in CNU history with a 3.14 kills-per-set average and her .262 career hitting percentage is the 12 highest all-time and the third best among outside hitters.



Marcus Carter



Much was made of the significance depth played in Christopher Newport University's unprecedented men's basketball success in the 2015-16 season. Regardless of that depth, it's unlikely the Captains would have advanced all the way to their first NCAA Division III Final Four without sophomore guard Marcus Carter.

The Bruton High alumnus, who originally went to play for Maryland-Eastern Shore before returning home to CNU as a freshman, had a hand in everything for the Captains of Shoe Lane. Carter's heady leadership complemented his 15-point and seven-rebound per game averages, pushing CNU to a record 30 victories. He became only the program's third first team All-American and the youngest as a sophomore.

He was an All-District and Capital Athletic Conference Player of the Year. In five NCAA Tournament games, he averaged nearly 20 points and 10 rebounds, while shooting 60 percent overall and 48 percent from three-point range.

"I don't know how you game-plan for Marcus," said CNU coach John Krikorian. "If you get out and pressure him, he'll go by you. If you sit back and dare him to shoot the three, he'll make it. He just finds a way to affect the game in so many ways."



Adrienne Motley

The Woodside High product earned this Peninsula Sports Club honor for the third consecutive year after leading the University of Miami to a 24-9 record and its fifth NCAA Tournament appearance in the last six years.

Motley's Hurricanes finished the season ranked No. 24 nationally as the junior guard earned first team All-Atlantic Coast Conference recognition for the second straight year. She was one of 32 players on the WBCA's Wade Watch List for national Player of the Year honors. She averaged a team-high 15.7 points accompanied by 3.6 rebounds, 2.5 assists and 1.6 steals.

Motley led Miami in scoring and totaled 28 double-digit games. She became the 13th Hurricane player to reach the 1,000-point career scoring plateau in less than four years.

"Adrienne was one of the top players in the nation and continued to show the hard work, humility and dedication that makes her a special player," said Miami coach Katie Meier. "I'm excited to see what the future holds for her."



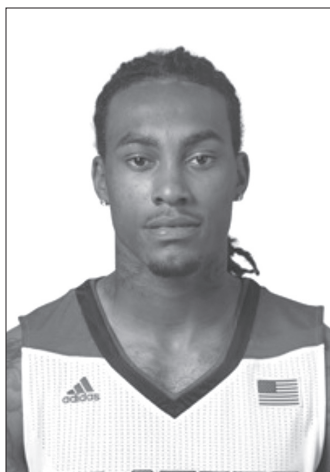
Anthony Barber

Anthony "Cat" Barber declared for the NBA draft held earlier this month after an eye-opening junior season at North Carolina State.

The smooth backcourt performer, who led Hampton to a state title in his high school days, emerged as one of the nation's premier collegiate players this past season. Barber earned National Association of Basketball Coaches All-District and first team All-Atlantic Coast Conference honors after averaging 23.5 points (conference leader), 4.6 rebounds and 4.5 assists for the Wolfpack. He registered eight 30-point games in his junior campaign and totaled 1,507 points in his career.

"I appreciate Cat for his significant contributions in three years at N.C. State," Wolfpack coach Mark Gottfried said. "Not only was his play terrific, but he showed great development as a man and can leave here in solid position to return and earn his degree."

Barber set a school record with 237 made free throws with an 86.5 percent accuracy rate. He tallied a career-high 38 points in a Feb. 13 win over Wake Forest University. He started every game as a junior and led the American Athletic Conference averaging 38.7 minutes per game.



Virginia Crusaders

The Virginia Crusaders have been a success fixture in the semi-professional ranks of the Mason Dixon Football League since winning their first championship in 2008. The Crusaders, who joined the MDFL in 2006, have won five league titles (2008, 2010, 2012, 2013 and 2014). The team also has produced four USA Bowl championships, the most recent coming in 2015.

Under the guidance of head coach and team founder Larry Stith, who owns a 119-19 record in nine years, the Crusaders have both partnered in and provided various football camps and clinics for more than 10 years. Stith attended Warwick High School and Norfolk State University where he competed in football and track.

In 2011 the Crusaders athletic program expanded to include boys and girls ages 4-14. The team also established a Youth Development Center in Hampton that provides both summer camp and before and after school programs. The Center also partners with Strike Out Hunger in a feeding program that provides breakfast and hot lunches for nearly 300 youngsters daily.

The Crusaders have also joined the City of Newport News in a new program geared to curtail gang violence and help at-risk youths.



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They all have an outstanding record, exceptional accomplishments and a distinguished career in their sport.

JERRY FARRIOR

After graduating from Fayette State University, Jerry spent the next 25 years coaching on the Peninsula. Coaching multiple sports at start, Jerry became the head basketball coach at Lafayette High School in 1981 where he remained for fifteen years. Moving on to Denbigh High School in 1996 Jerry retired after six years as basketball coach and history teacher.

EDDIE FREEMAN

Eddie logged more than forty years as a baseball and basketball official on the Peninsula. He served fifteen years as the Commissioner of Peninsula Baseball Umpires and was active for many years in Poquoson girls youth programs.

FRED HAMILTON

Forty-six years as the head track coach at Hampton High School, Fred has touched the lives of many in a positive way. He brought out the talent of many that went on to do great things. One example is Olympic Gold Medalist Steve Riddick who competed in the 1976 Olympic 400-meter relay team. He has released this task to his son, Marcus.

JIM HARVEY

Jim is a graduate of Minnesota State University Moorhead. For 31, years he traveled the country coaching basketball mostly at the college level. It wasn't until 1975 that we got to know Jim when he became the head basketball at Warwick High School. Jim collected 465 victories over his career.



2015-2016 Milestone Award Winners

PAUL MACKLIN

Paul has spent a lifetime helping young people in many ways. He has twenty-one years of support and excellence in athletics as a coach of track and field, football, and a little tennis on the Peninsula. Paul continues his teaching after retirement as a Sunday School Teacher in his church. Paul has also done some work with the NCAA.

ALVIS MANN

Alvis has been an assistant football coach at Hampton High School for thirty-five years and head tennis coach for 32 years. During this time, he has served as President of the VHSL Coaches Association for two years, as Assistant Director to the All-Star Summer Games for the VHSL Coaches Association, and served on their Legislative and Executive Committee.

HANK MORGAN

Hank has spent seventeen years with baseball's Peninsula Pilots of the Coastal Plain League. As head coach these past nine years, Hank has notched a league's best with 294 victories and two CPL Championships. He played at Hampton High School, VMI, and completed his career at Christopher Newport University.

RAY SMITH

Ray was a three-sport standout at Warwick High School, and played football at Emory and Henry before making coaching his career. He spent the next forty years coaching baseball and tennis, and retired as Bethel High School's Athletic Director.

WILLIAM TOSE

Even though Bill has coached many sports, basketball seems to be his first love. After thirty-eight years on the Peninsula, as a head coach, Bill has won many awards. Several accomplishments include, five National AAU Championships, two Division I USCAA Championships, two-time USCAA Coach of the Year, and induction into the Hall of Fame at West Virginia State University. Bill has coached female as well as male teams and both at the high school and college level.





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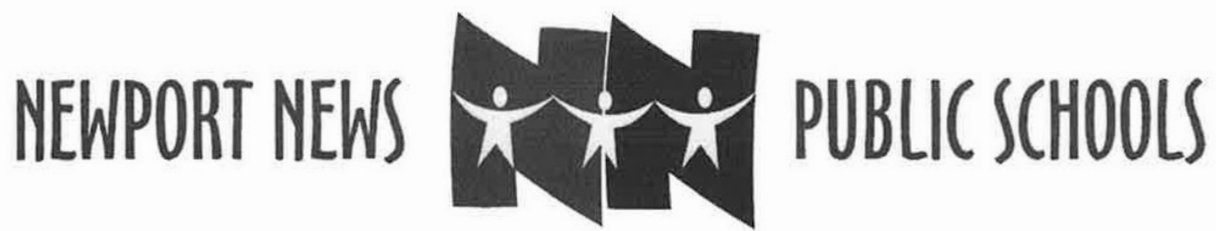
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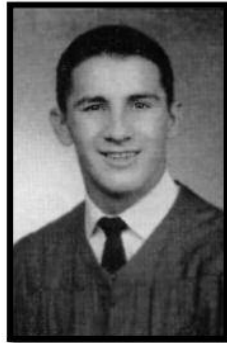


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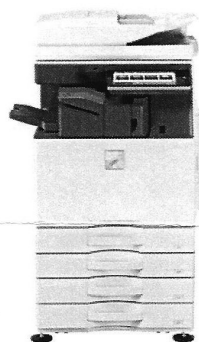


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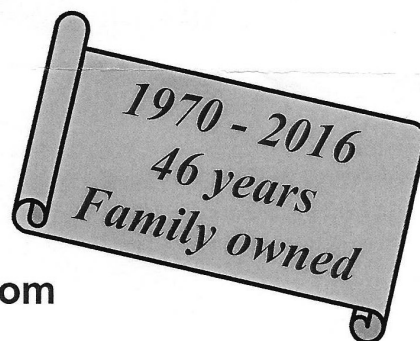


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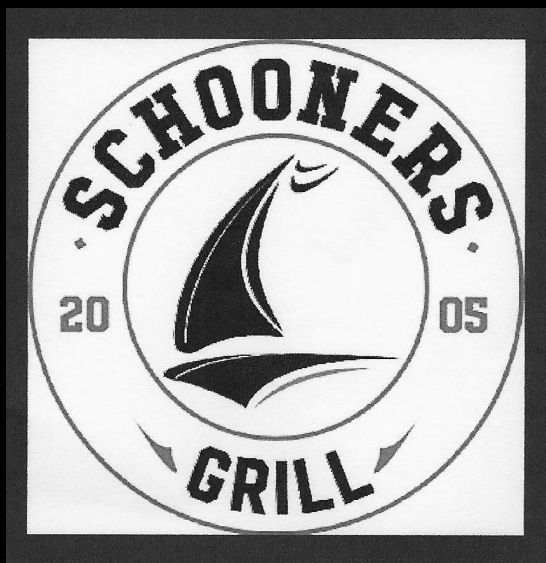
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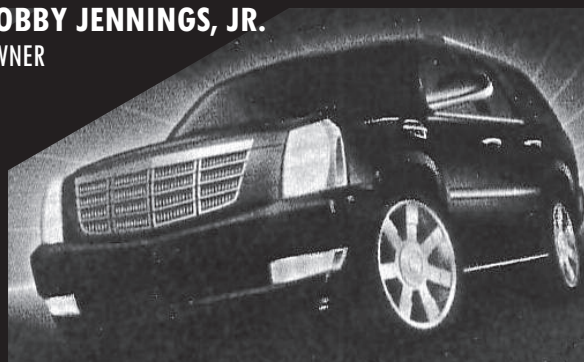
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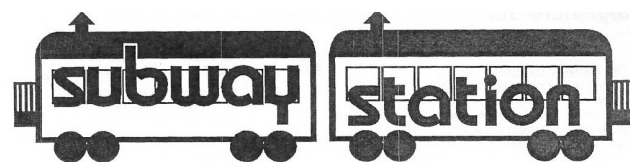
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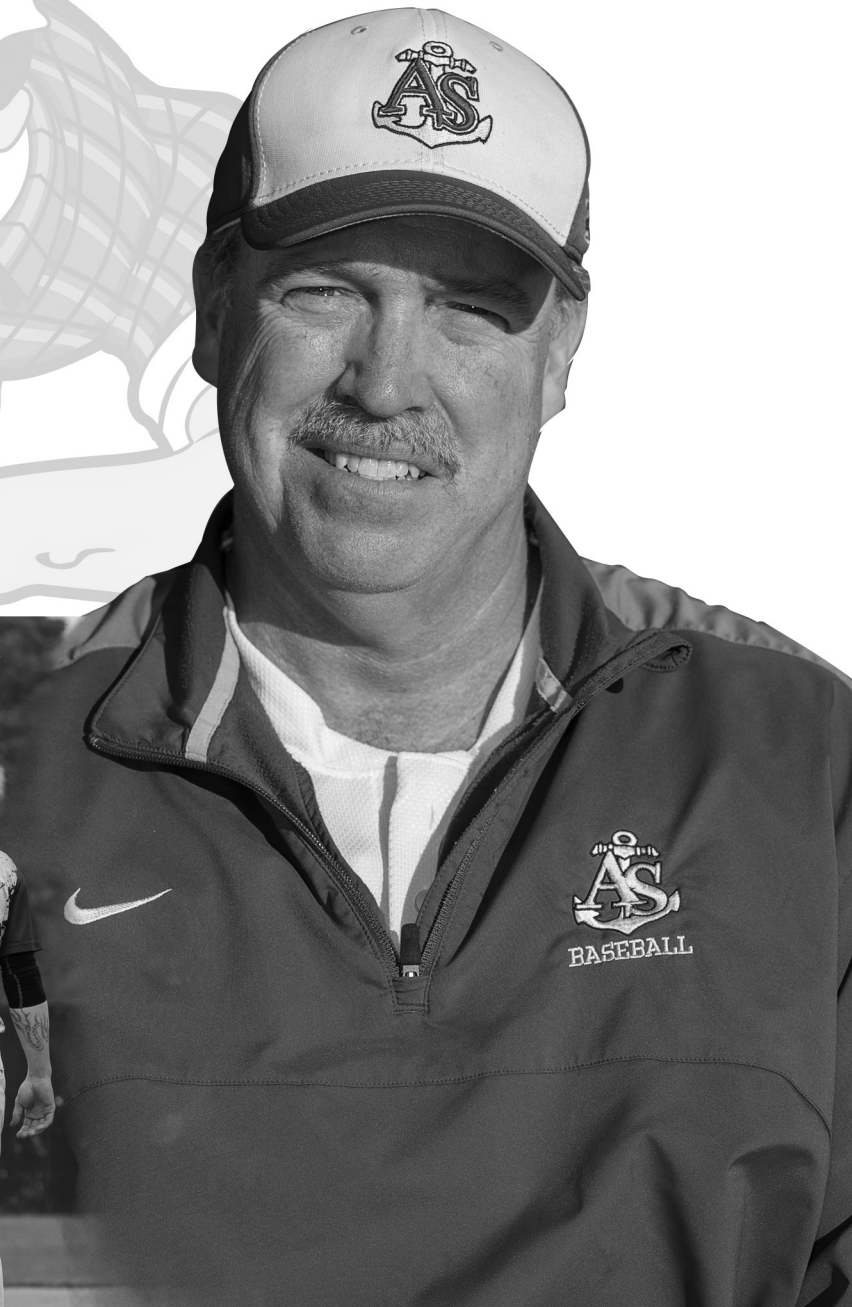
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