

# Toronto High School Athletic Hall of Fame Members

**George “Gabby” Kunzler**  
**HOF Class of 2000**



George “Gabby” Kunzler was a three-year starter in baseball, football, and basketball. He was All-Ohio his senior year as a quarterback and pitched Toronto to the Ohio State Championship in baseball. Mr. Kunzler was a 1925 THS graduate. He attended St. Francis College in Laredo, Pennsylvania where again he was a three sports star earning many honors including All-Eastern quarterback. Gabby returned to his alma mater in 1930 and assumed coaching in the three sports in which he excelled. In 27 years of basketball at THS, he had only one losing season. During his coaching tenure at THS his teams amassed over 400 victories. He was elected to membership in the Ohio Coaches Hall of Fame and the Upper Ohio Valley Dapper Dan Hall of Fame. When Gabby died in January 1973, he had served THS for 43 years. The gym continues to bear the name of George J. Kunzler Memorial Gymnasium in his honor.

**Clarke Hinkle**  
**HOF Class of 2000**



Clarke Hinkle was a 1927 graduate of Toronto High School. He was “Mr. Football” Ohio All State Football. Clarke was also All-American from Bucknell University and All Everything at Green Bay Packers including an induction into the Pro-Football Hall of Fame. Clarke was enshrined into 10 additional Halls of Fame. Clarke was honored with the Scholar Athlete/Citizen Award sponsored by the Fort Steuben Mall Association. He was honored with the naming of his hometown high school field as Clarke Hinkle Field. In 1997, the Green Bay Packers primary practice field was named Clark Hinkle Field which shows the great respect still held for him in Green Bay, Wisconsin.

**Paul Kalivoda**  
**HOF Class of 2000**



Paul Kalivoda was a 1938 graduate of Toronto High School. He played four years at Toronto High School as an outstanding football tackle. He lettered three years in football and wrestling at Ohio University. Paul served in the U.S. Navy in World War II and then started his long and distinguished coaching and teaching career. He became athletic director at THS in 1973 and earned many honors. In 1983, he was named Eastern Ohio District Athletic Director of the Year and was inducted into the Upper Ohio Valley Dapper Dan Hall of Fame as well as the Ohio High School Athletic Directors Hall of Fame.

**Thomas Kinkade**  
**HOF Class of 2000**



Thomas Kinkade, a Class of 1938 graduate, was an All-State football and basketball player at THS. Coach Kunzler described Kinkade by simply saying, “He’s the best high school basketball player I ever saw.” In a 82-31 defeat of Midland, Pa., Kinkade scored a school-record 52 points on 23 goals and six free throws. It was the second highest Ohio Valley effort at the time and lasted as a school record for 30 years. A quarterback in football, Kinkade was recruited by The Ohio State University, and was a three-year letterman, two-way regular as a running back-linebacker on teams that finished 6-2 Big Ten Conference champions in 1939, and were 6-1-1 in 1941 under first-year coach Paul Brown. He was drafted by the Green Bay Packers in 1942. Kinkade went on to coach and teach in Ohio and in California.

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**Bill Peterson**

**HOF Class of 2000**



Bill Peterson, Class of 1939, was an outstanding high school student, football player, and a graduate of Ohio Northern University. He wanted to become a coach from the time he was a youngster, and he overcame great obstacles in order to achieve his dreams. Peterson had his first major college position as offensive line coach at Louisiana State under Paul Dietzel. As head coach of the Florida State Seminoles, the team attained a 62-41-11 record with many honors such as the victory over Oklahoma in the 1964 Gator Bowl. He also served as Athletic Director at Rice University. Peterson was one of the first college coaches to employ a pro-style offense and his teams developed a national reputation for an exciting offense with rock-ribbed defenses. Bill Peterson was head coach of the NFL's Houston Oilers for two seasons.

**Harry E. Tarr**

**HOF Class of 2000**



Harry E. Tarr was a coach and teacher at Toronto High School from 1943 to 1963 he taught woodshop, machine shop, and drafting. Coach Harry Tarr started Toronto's track program in 1946 with his woodshop students building the first hurdles in the school shop. It was not long until Toronto High School was dominating track in the Upper Ohio Valley from 1951 through 1954 his teams were unbeaten and won the invitational as well. His boys began to place higher at district and state levels. In 1954, George Deiderich attained second place in the state and high hurdles. His THS stadium record stood until 1998. Coach Tarr's thin clads went on to set new Ohio Valley records such as Bob Vogel (shot put), John Burnett (mile), and Roy Walker (pole vault). In 1963, Coach Tarr's team reach the coveted goal of OVAC champs.

**John Karaffa**

**HOF Class of 2000**



John M. Karaffa was a graduate in the THS Class of 1947. He was an athlete from a very young age. He lettered in football, baseball, basketball, and track all four years at THS. John went to The Ohio State University to play baseball and basketball. He made the varsity basketball team his sophomore year, and the team won the Big Ten championship. He was team captain his senior year. After serving in the US Air Force, John returned to coach and teach at East Liverpool High School. He moved to Indianapolis in 1960 where he retired as a coach and teacher after 32 years.

**Paul Bucey**

**HOF Class of 2000**



Paul Bucey, a graduate of the THS Class of 1948, lettered all four years in football, basketball, and baseball. He was named All-State in football and basketball his senior year at THS. Paul received a football scholarship to The Ohio State University where he played football and basketball before being drafted into the military service. Upon discharge from the service, Paul located in Corpus Christi, Texas where he worked and played semi-pro sports and coached until his retirement.

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**George R. Deiderich**  
HOF Class of 2000



George R. Deiderich graduated from THS in 1954. He played football, basketball, and track earning varsity letters for three years in every sport. George was selected on All-Star teams in each sport. George attended Valley Forge Military Academy from 1954-1955 where he became 1st Team All-Conference in all three sports. He attended Vanderbilt University from 1955-1959 where he became 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-American in 1958. George played professional football in Canada in 1959, 1960 and 1961. George retired from the Lipton tea company in 1991.

**Don Sutherin**  
HOF Class of 2000



Don Sutherin graduated from THS in 1954. There's no way to list all of Don's accomplishments here. He was a four-year letterman THS in football, baseball, basketball, and track. Don was a four-year letterman at The Ohio State University where he kicked the winning field goal in the 1958 Rose Bowl. Don's professional football playing and coaching career included time with such teams as the Ottawa Rough Riders, Hamilton Tiger Cats, Pittsburgh Steelers, and New York Giants among others. Don has either played or coached his entire life, and all with great success.

**Arthur Robertson**  
HOF Class of 2000



Arthur Robertson, a 1958 graduate of Toronto High School, was an outstanding athlete at THS. Playing football, track, and basketball, Arthur earned seven combined letters. His junior year he gained 1,016 yards, 1,885 combined total yards, and scored 8 touchdowns for 49 points. Art received Honorable Mention OVAC All-Star his senior year and played in the OVAC All-Star game. While earning many honors as a player, Art was best remembered as coach and co-founder of the Toronto Titans football program. He led the Titan program for 15 years. His successes as Titan coach go on and on and his influence is still felt today.

**Thomas "Chip" Coulter**  
HOF Class of 2000



Thomas "Chip" Coulter, a 1964 graduate of Toronto High School, played baseball, basketball, and track all four years at THS and lettered in the same. Chip was "All Ohio" in baseball and basketball his senior year. He is the all-time leading THS basketball scorer with 1,580 points (before the introduction of the three-point shot). Chip was signed to a professional contract with the St. Louis Cardinals in 1964. He played six years with the Cards. Chip was traded to the New York Mets where he played one year and then retired from baseball.

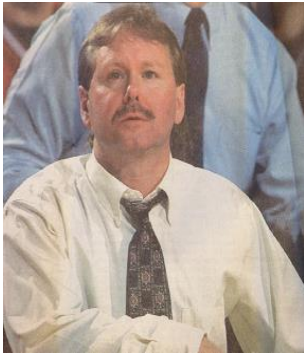
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**Jon R. Smith**  
**HOF Class of 2000**



Jon was a student-athlete at THS, participating in football, golf, and a Varsity "T" Club member for 3 years. Jon attended the Ohio University after graduation from Toronto High School. While attending O.U., Jon found his niche and the seeds for his future. He became involved in the University's Sports Medicine Programs. In 1977, he was certified by the National Athletic Trainer's Association and the New York State Athletic Trainer's Association. He has 27 years of experience (5 years college and 18 years on the professional level in pro hockey). He has served as the head athletic trainer and coordinator of the athletic training services with the Lourdes Sports Medicine Department at Lourdes Hospital in Binghamton, New York. Jon has experienced much over the years since graduating in 1973. Athletic training has given him the opportunity to interact with hundreds of athletes of all kinds from novice to professional.

**Dave Butcher**  
**HOF Class of 2000**



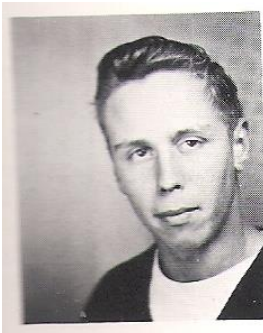
Dave Butcher, a 1973 graduate of THS, lettered in football, basketball, and golf. Dave graduated from The Ohio State University in 1977 and took a teaching and coaching job at Pickerington Ohio High School where he assumed the varsity girls basketball coach position in 1982. Dave has held this position for 16 years. His record is 389 wins to 30 losses during this period. His teams have won 14 undefeated Ohio Capital League Conference titles, and sports a 162 consecutive game league winning streak. His teams have been Ohio Division I State Champions six times (1985, 1990, 1992, 1993, 1998, and 1999). They have also been a national power, culminating with a 1999 USA Today Number 1 ranking in the country, and Butcher being selected as the USA Today's National Coach of the Year. Dave's team was also featured on Team Cheerios.

**Otis Winston**  
**HOF Class of 2000**



Otis Winston, a 1992 Toronto High School graduate, lettered all four years in basketball and track. In basketball, Otis averaged 31.1 points per game, was a member of the 1,000 point club, and one of the all-time scorers (1,440 points) at Toronto High School. Otis was named All-State and All-OVAC. In track, Otis earned three consecutive high jump state championships, one long jump state championship, and held the high jump school record at 7 feet. Otis went to Ohio State University on a track scholarship but played varsity basketball for four years as well. He holds the Ohio State high jump record. Otis was a U.S. Olympic Trial Qualifier for high jump.

**Richard Romey**  
**HOF Class of 2001**



Richard Romey, Class of 1955, was a student athlete at Toronto High School before being injured during football practice in 1954, resulting in his being paralyzed from the waist down. Confined to a wheelchair, Romey graduated with his class. He spent several months at University Hospital in Cleveland, where Ohio State Football Coach Woody Hayes took special interest in him. Hayes made arrangements for Romey to attend Ohio State football games. Richard Romey died from his injuries in 1959.

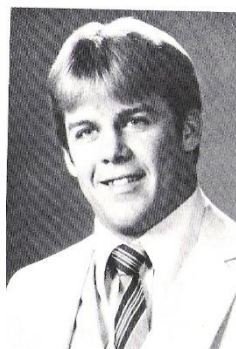
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**Robert Button**  
**HOF Class of 2001**



Robert Button, a graduate of the Class of 1955, participated in football, basketball, and track. He earned varsity letters in football and basketball. He was also a member of several Ohio Valley special teams during his high school sports career. Button was awarded a four-year football scholarship to Kent State University, where he earned varsity letters in freshmen and varsity football. He was captain of the KSU varsity football team in 1958-1959 and was awarded the Merrill Wagner Award for a student athlete who demonstrated the combined qualities of leadership, athletic ability and performance. Button served in the United States Air Forces from 1959-1962. He was the team physician for the San Diego Sockers and the University of San Diego athletic teams.

**Tim Wilson**  
**HOF Class of 2001**



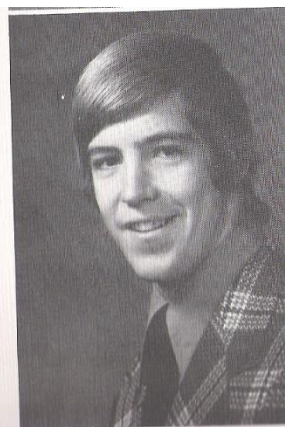
Tim Wilson, a graduate of the Class of 1983, was a four year football letterman and the second athlete in the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference's history to run for more than 4,000 yards in his career. He won the conference rushing title two years in a row and was co-captain of the conference big school team. During his senior year, Wilson was awarded the Clarke Hinkle Scholar-Athlete Award, the Larry Herdman Award, and the Art Robertson Award. He also played two years of varsity basketball for THS. Wilson played football at West Liberty State College lettering his freshman year.

**Harry Deiderich**  
**HOF Class of 2001**



Harry Deiderich, Class of 1956, lettered all-four years of his THS sports career in football, basketball, and track. He was selected for the All-East Ohio and Ohio Valley Athletic Conference all-class AA football and basketball teams. Upon graduation, Deiderich was awarded several football scholarships, and from 1956-1960 attended the University of Miami in Florida, where he was a starting fullback, defensive linebacker and punter. Deiderich was selected on the All-Ohio All American College Football Team, and is listed on the permanent team roster at the College Football Hall of Fame in South Bend, Indiana. He also served as president and vice president of the UM Alumni Gridders and coached high school sports for nine years.

**Dan "Baber" Cernansky**  
**HOF Class of 2001**



Dan "Baber" Cernansky, Class of 1975, was a three-year letterman in football, a two-year letterman in basketball, and a three-year letterman in track during his THS sports career. He earned the Robert T. Hughes Award for outstanding track performance. Cernansky attended Waynesburg College, and was chosen team captain and voted most valuable player as a defensive end for the football team. Cernansky was signed by the Dallas Cowboys and Greenbay Packers as a free agent, participated in the annual Hall of Fame game in Canton, Ohio, and played in several pre-season games.

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**Gordon Hinkle**  
**HOF Class of 2001**



Gordon Hinkle, a 1923 graduate of Toronto High School, was a catcher for the school's baseball team and an end and halfback for the football team. Hinkle attended college in Bellefont, PA, where he played baseball and football before becoming a catcher for several minor league teams. He eventually became catcher and bullpen coach for the Boston Red Sox and manager of a Texas league team. Gordon lived in many cities throughout his bright and successful career in baseball. Many of these cities remember him for his work with the youth of their community. Gordon managed and organized the first Little League in Toronto, OH and served as a Scout Master and Counselor for many years. After his baseball career, Hinkle became a chemical engineer working in the oilfields of Texas and Louisiana.

**Bill Stone**  
**HOF Class of 2014**



Bill Stone is a 1975 graduate of Toronto High School. Bill was an outstanding football and baseball player. He was a member of the 1974 undefeated football team coached by Rich Wilinski. In baseball, Bill was named Most Valuable Player in 1973 with the team's best batting average. He was also named to the 1974 All-State first team and the 70's All-Decade OVAC Team. In 1975, Bill was drafted by the Texas Rangers. In 1986, Bill became a Social Studies and Talented and Gifted teacher for the Toronto City School District. He has served as an assistant varsity football coach for many years and as head baseball coach at Toronto High School from 1987-1989. Coach Stone's 1987 baseball team was OVAC AA Champions and State Semi-Finalists.

**Robert C. Morris**  
**HOF Class of 2014**



Robert C. Morris is a native of Toronto, Ohio and a 1971 graduate of Toronto High School. As a student-athlete, Bob lettered in football and track and was a part of the Buckeye Border Conference Championship Football team in 1970. While attending the University of Findlay, Bob was a varsity football starter for three years as a defensive back and return specialist earning a Hoosier/Buckeye Conference title in 1971. He was a starter for the Findlay Oilers on the number one pass defense in the nation his freshman year (NAIA). Bob has 25 seasons in high school football coaching. He served 19 years as a head high school football coach with 13 of those years at Toronto High School. Coach Morris' coaching career honors include 1998 and 2000 Ohio Division VI Coach of the Year, 4-time Eastern District Coach of the Year (1 time Division I and 3 times Division VI), 2-time Ohio Head Coach for the Ohio-Pennsylvania Stateline Football Classic (1990/1998), Head Coach for Ohio in the Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Game in 1990, 2-time Quad County Football Coaches Association Coach of the Year, 1-time Columbiana and 4-time Jefferson County Coach of the Year. Coach Morris also guided Toronto to its third and fourth undefeated football seasons in school history in 1998 and 2000 with an Associated Press Division VI Ohio State Runner Up final poll in 1998. His Toronto teams hold a 23 home game winning streak record as well as a 21 regular winning streak record. In his last 4 seasons as the head coach of the Red Knights his squads posted a regular season record of 38 wins and 2 losses, 2<sup>nd</sup> best in Ohio during that period, Coach Morris has a total win-loss coaching record of 102-89 and is Toronto's all-time winningest football coach with 78 victories to 55 losses.

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**Richard “Dick” Symons**  
**HOF Class of 2014**



Richard “Dick” Symons is a 1967 graduate of Toronto High School. Dick was an exceptional athlete who excelled at basketball, football, and track. During his high school basketball career, Dick was named All- OVAC first team in 1965, 1966, and 1967, All-State in 1966 and 1967, and Northeastern AA Ohio Player of the year in 1967. Dick was named to Parade Magazine’s High School All-American Team in 1967. Dick finished his basketball career with a career scoring total of 1245 points, career rebounding total of 808 rebounds, single game scoring high of 57 points, and single game rebounding high of 39 rebounds. Dick received a basketball scholarship to West Virginia University where he was a two year letter winner at WVU, Co-Captain of the 1971 Mountaineers, All-Tournament Team Quaker City Holiday classic (1971), and completed his college career as an all-time field goal percentage leader with a 52.9 field goal percentage. In football, Dick was a three year letter winner, co-captain (1967), twice eastern Ohio linemen of the week, All-OVAC team (1966,1967), and Honorable Mention All-State (1967). In track, Dick was a three-year letter winner, the OVAC champion in 1966 and 1967 for discus and high hurdles, and participated in the State Track meet in the discus and high hurdles with a discus throw of 186 feet and a hurdle time of 15.9 seconds.

**Lisa Manning Skidmore**  
**HOF Class of 2014**



Lisa Manning Skidmore is a 1981 graduate of T.H.S. where she lettered in volleyball, basketball, and track for a combined seven varsity letters. While playing for the Lady Red Knights, Lisa averaged 18.2 points per game. She was named class AA All-OVAC First team her junior year, co-captain All-OVAC First team her senior year, and Class AA Eastern District Second Team. Lisa was named Class AA All-Honorable Mention her junior year and Class AA All-Ohio Third Team her senior year. In 1981, Lisa was the first female athlete to score 1,000 points for the Lady Red Knights ending her school career with 1,018 points. Lisa went on to play basketball at Kent State University East Liverpool Branch for two years. Lisa served as a coach with the Toronto City School District from 1985-2007.

**John Welday**  
**HOF Class of 2014**



John Welday is a 1977 graduate of Toronto High School where he lettered in football (4), basketball (4), and track (3) for a combined eleven letters. In football, John was All-State first team in 1975, 1976 and All-OVAC first team in 1974, 1975, and 1976. John received a full scholarship to Penn State University. In 1981, he was the assistant strength coach at Penn State. From 1984-1989, he was the head strength coach for Dartmouth College. John was the head strength coach for the Pittsburgh Penguins for seventeen years during which time the team won back-to-back Stanley Cup Championships in 1991 and 1992. John has been the head strength coach for Duquesne University for the past eight years. Throughout his career, John has made significant contributions to THS as an assistant football coach in 1982-1984 and 2003-2007. John has also been a generous supporter of THS athletics and was instrumental in helping the school furnish the weight room with updated equipment.

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**Justin Cooper**  
**HOF Class of 2014**



Justin Cooper is a 1999 graduate of Toronto High School. Justin excelled in every sport in which he participated. In baseball, he was a three-year letterman, the winning pitcher at the 1998 State Baseball Tournament, and the winning pitcher in the 1999 American Legion State Baseball Tournament. In basketball, Justin was a three-year letterman and finished his career with over 1,000 points. Justin was a two-year letterman in golf and football. He was a member of the 1998 undefeated football team and played in the first two football-playoff games in school history. Justin was All-State in football and basketball.

**Natalie Burchfield**  
**HOF Class of 2016**



**Natalie Burchfield**-She is a 2007 graduate of Toronto High School. During her basketball career at THS, she became the all-time leading scorer in women's basketball with 1,373 career points in just three years of varsity action. She holds the women's rebounding record of 814 career rebounds. She averaged a small school high of 28.2 points her senior year, and compiled a career average of 21.4 points and 12.7 rebounds. She is a three-time Ohio All-State recipient. Natalie competed at the USA Jr. Nationals International Sports Festival, one of the top amateur competitions in the United States. Natalie received a scholarship to play at the collegiate level for West Liberty University Women's basketball for four years.

**Gary Fisher**  
**HOF Class of 2016**



**Gary T. Fisher**- He was a 1966 graduate of Toronto High School and played football, basketball, and track all four years. He lettered in all three sports receiving awards, ribbons, and trophies in recognition of his outstanding achievements. His senior year Gary earned the prestigious Larry Herdman Award. He was given a full academic and athletic scholarship to Rutgers University. Gary was always proud that he played in the 1969 College Football Centennial Game where Rutgers beat Princeton 29-0. Gary returned to Toronto High School in 1974 as a math teacher. During his tenure, Gary was an assistant football coach, assistant girls' basketball coach, and head girls' basketball coach. He became Toronto High School Principal in 1990, and Toronto City Schools Superintendent in 1994. Gary retired in January of 2005.



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**Karl Oprisch**  
HOF Class of 2016



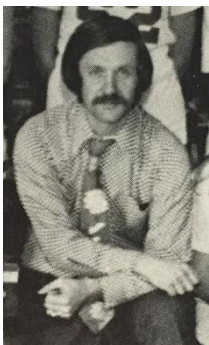
**Karl Oprisch**—He is a 1980 graduate of Toronto High School. Karl was a three-year letter winner in football, wrestling, and track. Karl was captain of the football and wrestling teams his senior year. In football, he was named 1st Team Eastern District in 1978 and 1979, 2nd team AP All-Ohio in 1979, and played in the OVAC All-Star Football game. As a wrestler, Karl was sectional champion, district runner-up, and state runner-up in the heavyweight division in 1980. Upon graduation, Karl held seven school records for wrestling including fastest fall, most team points, most career pins, best career record, best career percentage record, and most career take downs. Karl attended Columbia University and played football and wrestled for four years. He was a three year starter in football and earned three varsity letters.

**Nathan Walker**  
HOF Class of 2016



**Nathan M. Walker**— He is a 2000 graduate of Toronto High School. Nathan was a standout performer in both football and track and field. He was a three-year letterman in football and a four-year letterman in track. Nathan holds the school record for career rushing yards (5,386 yards) and career touchdowns (85). In 1997, the Wheeling Intelligencer selected Nathan as the most outstanding sophomore in the Ohio Valley. During his high school football career, Nathan received numerous awards including two-time 1st Team All-State, 1st team All Ohio Associated Press Division VI, and 1st Team Associated Press All-Eastern District Division VI. Additionally, Nathan was a state qualifier in the 100M dash and the 4 X 100M relay. Nathan was a scholar-athlete graduating high school with a 3.97 GPA. He went on to graduate cum laude from Miami University and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force as a ROTC graduate.

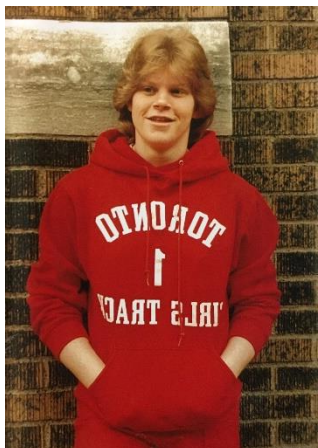
**Frank Wilson**  
HOF Class of 2016



**Frank Wilson**— He was a dedicated coach and teacher in the Toronto City School District for thirty-one years. In 1972, Frank Wilson secured his place in Toronto history. After facing resistance from the administration, opposition from fellow male coaches, and a general attitude against female athletics, Frank overcame these obstacles to re-establish the female athletics program at Toronto High School. His first girls' basketball team played during the 1973-1974 school year. During the first couple of years, the girls' basketball team played a limited schedule while wearing hand-me-down uniforms from the boys' program. Mr. Wilson's basketball teams went on to enjoy many successes. During his coaching career from 1973-1981, his teams had an overall record of 98 wins and 48 losses, were sectional champions in 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, and were OVAC Champions in 1980 and 1981. Frank Wilson is forever grateful to the group of senior girls who asked him to coach their team and is happy to have played a small part in their education at THS.

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**Paige Blasko Manning**  
**HOF Class of 2018**



Paige is a 1982 graduate of Toronto High School where she was a three-sport athlete playing volleyball, basketball, and running track earning ten varsity letters during her athletic career. While a member of the basketball team, Paige helped lead the Lady Red Knights to back-to-back OVAC and Sectional Championships during the 1979-80 and 1980-81 seasons, a feat not accomplished since. At the end of the 1981-82 season, Paige played in the OVAC All-Star Basketball Classic as well as earning 2<sup>nd</sup> Team District and Honorable Mention All-State for both the UPI and AP. Paige shined even more as a member of the Lady Red Knight track team where she set the Top 1980 Ohio Valley Records in the 880 yard run, 1600M run, and mile relay. She was an OVAC Champion in the mile and two mile. Paige was also a Sectional and District Champion in the 1600M (mile) run. She was a 3-time class 2A/3A state qualifier in the 1600M run, and a 2-time state placer in the 1600M run finishing 6<sup>th</sup> place in 1979 and 4<sup>th</sup> place in 1980. Paige set the Toronto High School records in the 800M run, the 1600M run, the 1600M relay, and the 3200M run all of which still stand as records today. Paige was invited to participate in the 1980 Junior Olympics. Upon graduating from high school, Paige attended Malone College where she continued her athletic career running cross-country and playing on the first fast-pitch softball team earning a Malone Varsity Letter after her freshmen season. Paige also served as the Toronto Jr. High School Assistant track coach for three years. Paige currently resides in Toronto with her husband, Mark Blasko, THS Class of 1984, and their son, Peyton.

**Ami Hritz**  
**HOF Class of 2018**



Ami is a 1997 graduate of Toronto High School. While attending THS, she earned a combined total of 8 varsity letters in track and basketball. Ami received many ribbons and recognition for her performance in the discus in track but basketball was her true love. In basketball, Ami had a career total 923 points, 738 rebounds, 144 three-pointers, 182 blocked shots, 120 assists, and a 72% foul shooting percentage. She holds THS records for three-points in a game (7), three-pointers in a season (51), career total three-pointers (144), blocked shots in a game (13), blocked shots in a season (52), and career total blocked shots (182). Ami earned three 1st team selections, four 2nd team selections, three special mention teams, three honorable mention teams, and was named "All-Ohio" both her junior and senior years. These teams included the District 5 Coaches Association, OVAC Class AA, Wheeling Intelligencer All-Valley, and the Eastern District. Ami was recognized as the Herald Star Player of the Week and won the District 5 Coaches Association 3-point shoot-out championship her senior year. Ami went on to play three years of college basketball at Hiram College earning two varsity letters.

**1998 State Championship**  
**Baseball Team**  
**HOF Class of 2018**



The 1998 Red Knight State Championship Baseball Team finished the season with a 26-8 record. In regional competition, they beat Moral Ridgedale 11-8 and Leesburg 12-2. In the State Semi-final, the Red Knights defeated Southington 12-2 to advance to the State Championship game against Sidney Lehman. Toronto captured a commanding victory beating Sidney Lehman by a score of 9-2 and securing their spot in Red Knight history. The coaches for the 1998 Red Knights were Head Coach Matt Morrison and assistant coaches Brian Perkins, Ed Weidger, and Rob Suffoletta. The team was led by three seniors Mike Swearingen, Ricky Coil, and Zak Chambers. Other team members included Blair Fidak, Scott Stutler, Rich Trzaskoma, Justin Cooper, Bill Kuhn, Mitch LeMasters, Don Price, Jared Rock, Shawn Cain, Doug Lucsko, Randy Littlecott, Jay Foster, Todd Clegg, Ron Paris, Matt Costello, and Brandon Wilson.

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**Bobby Petras**  
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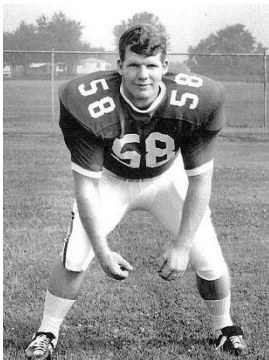
Bobby is a member of the THS Class of 1999. He was a three-sport athlete participating in football, basketball, and track and serving as team captain for each sport. In basketball, he earned two varsity letters and was named All-OVAC and All-District in 1998 and 1999. Bobby was a two-year letterman in track. He was named All-OVAC in 1999, was the Barnesville Invitational High Jump Champion, a high jump record holder, and a state qualifier in the high jump. In football, Bobby was a four-year letterman and team captain. In 1997 and 1998, he was named All-State, All-OVAC, and All-District and holds numerous school passing records. Bobby was the quarterback and free safety of the first playoff team in school history. He continued his athletic career at Tiffin University where he was a four-year letterman in both track and football. At Tiffin University, he holds records for the high jump and the 4X100 relay. In football, he was a four-year letterman, team captain, defensive MVP, and MVP for the conference. His senior year, he was ranked third in the country in tackles. Tiffin University honored Bobby's athletic career by naming their football locker room after him. After college, Bobby played arena football for the Fort Wayne Freedom. He spent three seasons with the team playing free safety and wide receiver. Currently, Bobby is the co-owner of Priority Life Care.

**Ed Robinson**  
HOF Class of 2018



This 1981 graduate was a three-sport standout student-athlete. As a senior, he helped lead the Red Knight teams in football, basketball, and baseball to a combined record of 43-12-1. Ed "Rockhead" Robinson earned All-OVAC, district, and state honors in all three sports as a senior, then attended and graduated from Slippery Rock University in 1986. There, he was a four-year football starter as a defensive tackle earning All-Pennsylvania Conference honors in 1984 and 1985, team tri-captain in 1985, an Upper Ohio Valley Dapper Dan Club honoree in 1986, and he remains the SRU football, all-time record holder in forced fumbles, is 6th all-time in career QB sacks, and 11th all-time in total tackles. Ed went onto a successful career in education, coaching football and baseball at Barberton and Copley High Schools respectively, reaching the Division I 1993 state championship in baseball while at Barberton, and holds the baseball single-season win record at both schools. Robinson has been inducted in the Barberton All-Sports Hall of Fame and the Greater Akron Baseball Hall of Fame. He returned to Toronto High School as principal from 2010-2012, and has served for 32 years as an Ohio educator, school administrator, and coach.

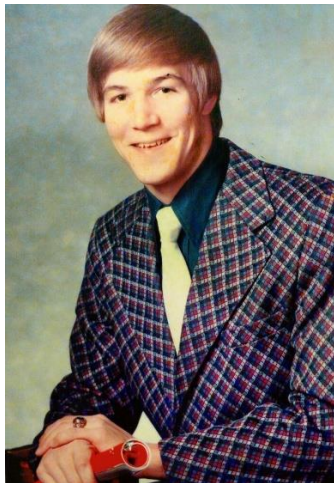
**Danny Williamson**  
HOF Class of 2018



Danny is a member of the Class of 1975 and was a three year letterman in football and track. He was also a two year letterman on Toronto's first wrestling team, and captain his senior year. In football, he was named first team and co-captain of the All OVAC Team as a linebacker and first team All-Valley as an offensive guard. Danny was also named first team All-District and All-State as linebacker. He received the Larry Herdman Scholar Athlete Award. Upon graduation, Danny attended Marietta College where he lettered three years in football and was named first team All Ohio Athletic Conference as a Defensive Guard. He was later inducted to Marietta College's '70's All-Decade Football Team. At Marietta College he was captain and coach of the Men's Rugby team. Danny graduated in 1979 with a petroleum engineering degree and worked all over the world as a drilling engineer for Chevron Corp. Danny has been a long-time supporter of Toronto athletics.

# Toronto High School Athletic Hall of Fame Members

**Larry Cernansky**  
HOF Class of 2020



Larry Cernansky is a 1974 graduate of THS. As a THS athlete, Larry was a three year starter as a quarterback in football and a four year starter in baseball. His greatest accomplishments however came on the gridiron. He was a starting quarterback for the Red Knights from 1972-1974 compiling a 24 win 6 loss record. During his high school career he was honored as an All OVAC performer and earned All Ohio Special Mention. Larry continued his football career at Waynesburg College and became a four year starter for the Yellow Jackets. Competing in NAIA Division II the Yellow Jackets finished as high as #2 in the national rankings. During his career the team compiled a 25 win 10 loss record. Larry was recognized as an NAIA Northeast District All Star and after completing his career was honored by the Ohio Valley Dapper Dan for outstanding athletic achievements. Larry is a lifelong Toronto resident and supporter of Toronto athletics.

**Bob Eshbaugh**  
HOF Class of 2020



Bob Eshbaugh graduated from Toronto High School in 1971. Bob was a three-sport standout in high school. He was an outstanding quarterback and punter on the grid iron, gathering numerous post season honor following his senior year. Bob was also a member of the basketball team and was an outstanding hurdler in track. Bob went on to play football at Marshall University. He served as the team's quarterback and punter. He was one of the first persons ever to letter all four years in college in the country in NCAA football. After college, Bob had a free agent NFL try-out with the Dallas Cowboys as a punter. He spent ten days in their camp before being released. Bob resides in Huntington, West Virginia.

**Billy Fisher**  
HOF Class of 2020



Billy Fisher graduated from Toronto High School in 1995. While in high school he was a three sport athlete who participated in football, basketball, and baseball all four years. He earned ten varsity letters. While playing baseball Billy was selected for the first team All Eastern District and first team All OVAC. In addition, Billy was selected and played in the OVAC All Star game and the Mizuno All Ohio baseball classic at the Ohio State University. In football Billy rushed for back to back 1,000 yard seasons both his junior and senior years. In 1993 and 1994, he was named 1<sup>st</sup> team Eastern District running back and 1<sup>st</sup> team All OVAC. In 1994, Billy was named 2<sup>nd</sup> team All State running back. In 1995, he earned the Larry Herdman Award and was selected to play in the Penn-Ohio Classic game. Also Billy was mentioned in the USA Today following a game in which he had 24 carries, 363 yards, and five touchdowns. Billy lives in Toronto with his wife Jill and three daughters Riley, Chloe, and Sydney.

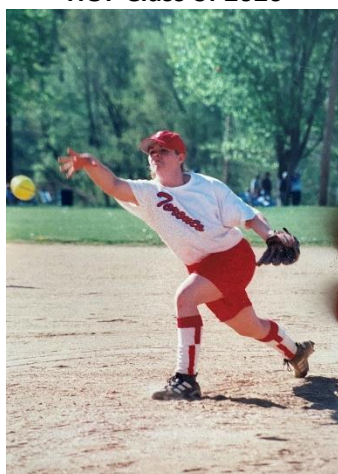
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**Larry Starr**  
HOF Class of 2020



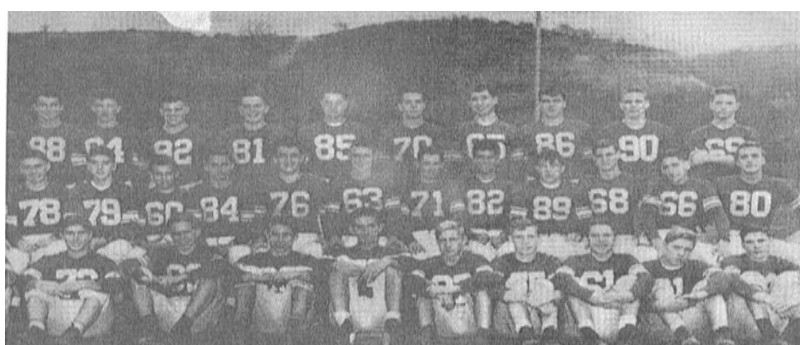
Larry Starr, a 1977 graduate of THS lettering in football as a quarterback, basketball as a point guard and baseball as a pitcher/infielder. Larry graduated from Bowling Green State University in 1982 and in 1984 joined the US Army leaving as a Captain in 1991. After 10 years in the insurance business, Larry made a career change and began teaching and coaching girls' basketball. In 2005, Larry became the head girls' basketball coach at Monacan High School in Chesterfield, Virginia. Over the course of the last 16 years with Starr as the Monacan Head Coach, Larry's record was 327-85. During this time (16 years), Monacan won 4 state championships (2015-2017 and 2020), 6 regional championships and qualified for the state tournament 10 times, reaching the state quarterfinals 9 times. His 2017 team finished 30-0, ranked as high as 2nd in the nation in the MaxPreps/USA poll and finished the year with 54 straight wins dating back to 2016. Larry was named the State Coach of the Year 3 times and Regional Coach of the Year 4 times.

**Marisa Young**  
HOF Class of 2020



Marisa Young is a 2000 graduate of Toronto High School. While in high school, Marisa competed in Basketball and Softball. She excelled in both sports earning a total of eight varsity letters. In basketball, the 98/99 season she was awarded All Ohio special mention and All OVAC honorable mention. In 1999-2000, she was first team All OVAC, first team All Eastern District, first team All Valley small school, and District 5 first team. Marisa also excelled on the softball diamond. She holds the record for wins as a pitcher in a season at 19. She also had a career batting average of over 400. That year the team finished as sectional champs, district and OVAC runner ups. Marisa received first team All OVAC in 1998 and second team All OVAC in 2000. She received the Army Scholar Athlete Award, the NAVY Scholar Athlete Award, and the Kathryn Hammond Award.

**1948 Undefeated Football Team**  
HOF Class of 2020



The 1948 Football Team was the first football team in THS history to have an undefeated record. First Row: Turley, Hutchinson, DeArdo, Smith, Goodrich, C. Firm, Karaffa, K. Firm, Hawkins. Second Row: Bayless, Herdman, Baker, Shevelow, Kriviski, Byers, Conlon, Butler, Peterson, Blankenship, P. Simpson, Robinette, Third Row: Keenan, Lastivka, Wirth, Arehart, Barker, McConnell, Candal, Murray, Bucey, L. Simpson

# Toronto High School Athletic Hall of Fame Members

**Mike Long**  
HOF Class of 2023



Mike Long is a 1987 graduate of THS. Mike excelled at running track at Toronto High School. He earned three varsity letters in track as a Red Knight. As a sophomore in 1985, he placed first in the OVAC Championships in the 4x400 relay and first in the 4 x 800 relay. He also recorded a second place finish in the 4 x 100 relay at the OVAC Championships. In 1986, Mike was the OVAC Champion in the 800 meter run, champion in the 4x400 relay, and champion in the 4x800 relay. He was also the District Champion and Regional Runner-Up I. The 800 meter run. Mike won the state championship in the 800 meter run on 1986 with a time of 1:57.33. This is a school record that still stands today. He also placed 5th in the state meet in the 4 x400 relay. For his accomplishments on the track, Mike was honored as an Upper Ohio Valley Dapper Dan Club honoree for winning the state championship in the 800 meter run. Today, Mike reside in Niles, Ohio.

**Shanley Reeves Slike**  
HOF Class of 2023



Shanley, a 1988 THS graduate lettered four years in basketball and two years in track. As a guard, Shanley scored 1,257 career points for the Red Knights and is currently the 2nd leading all-time scorer for the girls' basketball program. As a senior, Shanley averaged 23 points per game while shooting 73 percent from the free throw line to rate among the premiere Ohio Valley leaders in each category. Shanley's high school career ended with six varsity records: free throws in a season (141), free throw percentage (73%), most points in a game (40), season career points (511), career points (1,257), and highest scoring average in a season (23 points). For her efforts, Shanley was named to the District 5 All-Star Team, First Team District 5 Division III, 1st Team All-OVAC, 2nd Associated Press Eastern Conference, 2nd Team Ohio All-Valley Honor Roll, and All-Ohio Honorable Mention.

**Colleen Saner Luscko**  
HOF Class of 2023



Colleen Saner Luscko is a 1983 graduate of Toronto High School. She left an indelible mark on both the hardwood and the track. Colleen's prowess in basketball and track is nothing short of extraordinary, and her achievements continue to shine brightly. When it comes to track and field, Colleen was in a league of her own. She not only set records, but she shattered them. Her name is etched in the annals of Toronto High School as the undisputed record holder in the long jump, the 200 meter dash, and the 800 meter relay. Colleen soared to the State Championships not once, but twice, in the long jump and the 200 meter dash. Her presence on the State stage was a testament to her commitment to excellence and her unwavering pursuit of athletic greatness. But Colleen's athletic prowess wasn't confined to the track alone. On the basketball court, she exhibited the same level of dedication and skill. In her senior year, Colleen earned the prestigious title of first team All-OVAC AA in basketball. Colleen Saner Luscko is not just a name from Toronto High School's past; she's an enduring symbol of what hard work, passion, and commitment can achieve. Her achievements will forever be celebrated as a shining example of excellence in sports.

# Toronto High School Athletic Hall of Fame Members

**Rick Bodnar**  
**HOF Class of 2023**



Rick Bodnar graduated from THS in 1970. He was a two-sport standout in baseball and basketball. In his youth, he played for a hot-stove baseball team that reached the World Series in California. While in high school, Rick excelled on the baseball diamond and also on the basketball court. In baseball, Rick was a three-year starter and earned three varsity letters. He was All-OVAC and named special mention All-Ohio. In basketball, Rick was a two-year starter and earned two varsity letters. He was a two time 1st Team All Buckeye Border Conference award winner, 3rd Team All-OVAC and also 1st Team All Eastern Ohio (Big School). After graduating from high school Rick attended Ohio University in Arne d and was a four year member of the Bobcat Baseball Team. He earned two varsity letters at Ohio University and was the starting shortstop on the 1974 team.

**Blaze Glenn**  
**HOF Class of 2023**



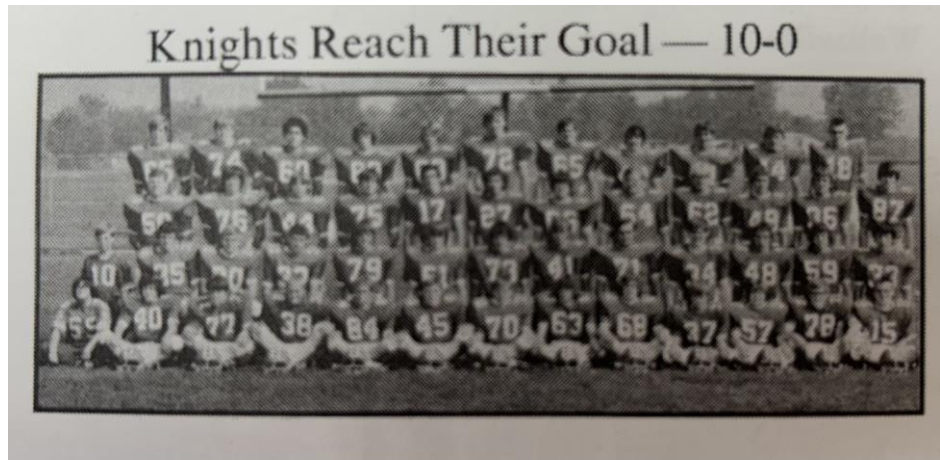
In 2016, Blaze graduated from Toronto High School 7th in his class with a 3.45 GPA. As a 3-sport athlete, he earned a starting position in all four years; he was. 4-year letterman in football, basketball, and baseball wearing the number 3 jersey. Blaze became the all-time leading scorer in basketball on 12-18-2015 and ended his high school career with 1,951 points, now the school record. In football, Blaze played quarterback/ wide receiver and defensive back. As captain his senior year, he led the football team to a first-ever home playoff game and won on 11-6-2015. In baseball, Blaze was a pitcher and shortstop; his team won two OVAC Championships (2015 & 2016). Blaze was the OVAC player of the year three times and 1st team All-State three times. As a senior, he was also named 2016 Division 4 All-State Player of the Year. After high school, Blaze continued his baseball career at Sinclair College and Youngstown State University playing third base.

**Gene Calabrese**  
**HOF Class of 2023**



Gene is a 1944 graduate of THS. He was an outstanding athlete at Toronto High School. He was. Half back and a defensive back on the football team and went on to play football with The Ohio State Buckeyes in 1945 under Coach Carrol Widdoes. The Buckeyes went on to a 7-2 record that year. Gene also excelled on the baseball diamond at THS as a catcher for the Red Knights. After college, Gene spent his life supporting this two, school, and athletic programs. Gene was the driving force behind many athletic projects in Toronto including the Cali Wrestling facility and The Knight Baseball Complex. He was greatly responsible for bringing American Legion Baseball to Toronto and was also a coach for the Toronto Titans Football program. He has been a supporter of Toronto Athletics his entire life. Gene has two children and four grandchildren. He and his wife Dorothy reside in Toronto.

**1974 Red Knight  
Football Team  
HOF Class of 2023**



The 1974 THS Football team went undefeated with a 10-0 record. They outscored their opponents 340-43. The team finished the season ranked #2 in Division III in Ohio by the Associated Press. This is the highest ranking of all THS football teams in school history.