

# WICHITA EAST HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS HALL OF FAME

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Inductee	Year	Sport
Bobbie Givens	1988-2009	Contributor
Andrea Rhoads	2000	Softball
Bill Scherich	1986-97	Coach – Baseball
Tama Salter	1991	Swimming
Ev Wessel	1968-74	Coach – Basketball

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Inductee	Year	Sport
Kirk Allen	1984	Football
Terry Benton	1968	Basketball
Berry Dunham	1925	Basketball
Charles Horner	1965	Swimming
Reo Nichols	1977	Wrestling

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Inductee	Year	Sport
Wes Anderson	1984	Football
Allen Daniels	1945	Wrestling
Jamie Knorr	1967	Swimming
John Lewallen	1990	Baseball
Chuck Porter	1980-83	Coach - Football
Dennis Schumacher	1982	Basketball

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Inductee	Year	Sport
Bob Conn	1952	Basketball/Baseball
Taj Gray	2002	Basketball
Larry Hyde	1959	Swimming
Marcus Walker	1967	Track
Heidi Wimmer	1984	Basketball

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Inductee	Year	Sport
Ron Allen	1994-2012	Coach - Basketball
Kristina Kastor	2000	Soccer
Cory Lukens	1999	Swimming
Archie San Romani, Jr.	1959	Cross Country, Track
Mohamed Sharif (Kelly Pete)	1962	Football, Track

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Inductee	Year	Sport
Bob Carroll	1966	Gymnastics
Lafayette Norwood	1952	Basketball
Dick Schumacher	1974-84	Coach - Basketball
Cy Sickles	1956-68	Coach - Basketball
Fritz Snodgrass	1943-56	Coach - Track
Gary Thompson	1950	Coach - Basketball

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Inductee	Year	Sport
Don Bowin	1974-87	Coach - Basketball
Kym Carter	1982	Track
Dick Casidy	1957	Baseball, Basketball
Mike Hollimon	1966	Basketball
Steve Sell	1966 (1975-2002)	Coach - Cross Country, Track
Randy Smith	1971	Track
Chris Wimmer	1989	Baseball

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Inductee	Year	Sport
Allen Frame	1952	Cross Country, Track
Adrian Griffin	1992	Basketball
Stub Mayo	1940-52	Coach - Football, Wrestling
Richard Quick	1957	Coach - Swimming
Brad Speer	1984	Track
Johnny Stevens	1960	Golf
Jim Waskiewicz	1962	Football, Track

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Inductee	Year	Sport
Bob Hanson	1962	Football, Track
Arthur McAfee, Jr.	1946	Coach
Ross McBurney	1925	Basketball
Ron Neugent	1978	Swimming
Clint Normore	1984	Basketball, Football
Jaime Thompson	1963	Basketball, Golf
Marc Waldie	1973	Olympic Volleyball
1925 Basketball Team		

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Inductee	Year	Sport
Jeff Farrell	1954	Swimming
Marilyn Smith	1947	LPGA Founder, NCAA Golf Champ
Bob Timmons	1956-64	Cross Country, Swimming, Track
1946 Football Team		

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Inductee	Year	Sport
Cleo Littleton	1951	Basketball, Track
Ralph Miller	1948-51	Coach - Basketball
Jim Ryun	1965	Cross Country, Track
Linwood Sexton	1944	Basketball, Football, Track
Daryl Spencer	1946	Baseball

Inductee	Year	Sport

## Class of 2017 Inductees



### **Bobbie Givens – 1988-2009**

For over 20 years as a contributor to East Athletics and East High School as a whole, Bobbie has done everything that needed to be done to help the sports department with all sports. Whether it was selling tickets, supervision, or working concessions, Bobbie has been a friend and supporter of all athletes and coaches at East.

### **Andrea Rhoads – Class of 2000**

As a softball pitcher at East from 1997 to 2000, Andrea is considered one of the most dominant pitchers in the state of Kansas. She was a four-time All-City first team softball pitcher. Known for great control and the ability to put the softball where she wanted, made her one of the most feared pitchers ever to play in the Wichita City League. Andrea was a 4-year letterwinner in softball, basketball and volleyball.

### **Bill Scherich – 1986-1997**

As head baseball coach at West from 1967 to 1970 and then at East from 1986 to 1997, Coach Scherich won over 203 games while losing 108, with eight trips to the state championship. He won two Kansas state championships, had four 2nd or 3rd place state championship finishes, and four City League championships. He was also named Wichita City League baseball coach of the year in 1988 and 1989.

### **Tama Salter – Class of 1991**

The Wichita Eagle named Tama the best 100 meter freestyle lady swimmer in Wichita City League history, winning Kansas state championships in the 100 freestyle in 1989 and 1990, and in the 200 freestyle in 1989. She also broke six City League records during her high school career. Tama went on to swim four years for Texas Christian University.

### **Ev Wessel – 1968-1974**

Coach Wessel was head boys' basketball coach from 1968-74. He had 65 wins and 65 losses. Coach Wessel's team also won the state basketball championship in 1972 and was runner-up in 1973. Coach Wessel also is known for hiring Lafayette Norwood for his first coaching job at a time that was difficult in our country's history.

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## Class of 2016 Inductees



### **Kirk Allen** – Class of 1984

Kirk Allen was an All-City linebacker and member of two football state championships in 1982 and 1983. His three-year Wichita East record was 32 wins and only 4 losses. Kirk was a driving force for the Aces success. After Wichita East, he went to Wichita State to continue his football career and became an All-MVC football player in 1986 while playing for Coach Ron Chismar.

### **Terry Benton** – Class of 1968

Terry Benton was an All-State basketball player as a Wichita East senior. At Wichita State, he was the MVC rebounding champion in two of his three varsity seasons. His 16.8 rebounding average in 1970-71 remains the best in Shocker history. He scored 1,003 points and shot 50 percent from the field for his career. Terry was named first-team All-Missouri Valley Conference in 1971 and 1972 and was inducted into the Shocker Hall of Fame.

### **Berry Dunham** – Class of 1925

Berry Dunham led the 1925 Wichita High School basketball team (now Wichita East) to the national interscholastic crown in Chicago, drubbing a team from El Reno, Oklahoma, in the title game, 27-6. That Wichita High team produced center, and Shocker Hall of Fame member, Ross McBurney and guard Berry Dunham, who anchored powerful Wichita University teams of 1927-28 under Shocker Hall of Fame Coach, Gene Johnson. Berry also won three AAU National Basketball Championships playing for Henrys in 1930, 1931 and 1932.

### **Charles Horner** – Class of 1965

Charles Horner is one of Wichita East's greatest swimmers of all time in any category and without a doubt the greatest 200 freestyle swimmer Wichita East has ever produced. He is also one of the best swimmers in Kansas history. Horner was only the second swimmer in the history of Kansas high school state championship swimming competition to win three consecutive swimming state championships in 1963, 1964 and 1965.

### **Reo Nichols** – Class of 1977

Reo Nichols is one of Wichita East High School's best wrestlers of all-time and without a doubt, Wichita East's greatest wrestler at 171 lbs. As a sophomore he placed 3rd at state. With determination and hard work Reo went on to win back-to-back Kansas High School wrestling state champion in 1976 and 1977.

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## Class of 2014 Inductees



#### **Wes Anderson – Class of 1984**

As one of the best running backs ever to play at Wichita East, Wes Anderson is in the top 30 of all-time top rusher in the City League and was All-City in 1983. He led the City League in rushing his senior year with 1,208 yards while leading his team to the state football championship in 6A while playing for head football coach and Wichita East Hall of Fame inductee, Chuck Porter.

#### **Allen Daniels – Class of 1944**

Coach Daniels was an undefeated wrestler at Wichita East in both his junior and senior years winning the state wrestling championship in 1944 and 1945. Only an injury kept Coach Daniels from winning another wrestling state championship his sophomore year. Coach Daniels was also a successful basketball and track coach at Mead Junior High School in USD 259 for 28 years. At age 87, at the time of this 2015 induction, Coach Daniels is still active and follows City League sports.

#### **Jamie Knorr – Class of 1967**

Jamie Knorr is considered one of the top Wichita East swimmers of all-time. At a time when City League swimming was best in the entire state of Kansas, Knorr is without a doubt, the greatest Greater Wichita City League 200 individual medley swimmer of all-time. Jamie won five Kansas swimming state champion titles in the mid 1960's.

#### **John Lewallen – Class of 1990**

John Lewallen was the best baseball DH at Wichita East in City League history. John hit at a career .518 pace and was a four time All-City selection in 1987, 1988, 1989 and 1990. His City League team record his four years at Wichita East was 54 wins and 13 losses, winning .76% of their games. John led Wichita East to Greater Wichita City League championships in both 1988 and 1989.

#### **Chuck Porter – 1980-1983**

Coach Porter has been involved in some of the most storied athletic programs in Kansas and has been involved in multiple state championships as a head coach and assistant coach. Coach Porter won two state football championships at Wichita East in 1982 and 1983. Coaching in several other activities, he had tremendous success in golf, capturing numerous regional and league titles and making several state appearances. Honors include Kansas Coach of the Year (Football) 5 times, Shrine Bowl Assistant & Head Coach, City League Coach of the Year. He was inducted into Buhler Athletic Hall of Fame in 2010 and KSHSAA Hall of Fame in 2014.

#### **Dennis Schumacher – Class of 1982**

Dennis Schumacher is still one of only 60 players to score 800 points in a City League career and was All-City in 1982. Dennis had the privilege of playing for his father, Wichita East head coach, Dick Schumacher. At Friends University, Dennis was the Outstanding Offensive Player in the 1984-85 and 1985-86 seasons and Most Valuable Player in the 1985-86 season. He was twice named to the KCAC All-Conference team and became the all-time leading scorer at Friends University with 1,553 points. He was inducted into the Friends University Athletic Hall of Fame in 2009.

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## *Class of 2013 Inductees*

### **Bob Conn** – Class of 1952

Dr. Bob Conn was class valedictorian and the 1952 City of Wichita High School Athlete of the Year. At Wichita East, he was an All-American in football and All-State in basketball and baseball. He attended KU where he played football and baseball and became a medical doctor specializing in pathology and microbiology. Dr. Conn passed away in 2011.

### **Taj Gray** – Class of 2002

As of his Wichita East Hall of Fame induction, Taj Gray is #13 on the all-time City League basketball scoring list and led Wichita East to the 2002 state championship. He was also named Kansas High School Player of the Year after averaging 20.9 points and 15.5 rebounds per game during his senior season. Taj was an All-American at Redlands Community College and All-Big 12 at Oklahoma. He played pro basketball in Europe from 2006 to 2010.

### **Larry Hyde** – Class of 1959

At Wichita East, Dr. Larry Hyde set a national high school record three times in swimming in the 100 yard butterfly and won four state championships. In 1960, he just missed the Olympic team and instead went to University of Minnesota on a full swim scholarship and finished among the top 10 nationally three times. He became a medical doctor specializing as an OB-GYN. Dr. Hyde passed away in 1997.

### **Marcus Walker** – Class of 1967

Marcus Walker could fly on the track. Marcus is considered the City League's greatest hurdler, specializing in the 110 hurdles, winning two state championships in 1966 and 1967.

### **Heidi Wimmer** – Class of 1984

Heidi Wimmer was an All-City basketball player winning nearly 40 games her junior and senior year. After Wichita East, Heidi went to Friends University where she was named All-American and was part of the All-KCAC First Team and NAIA All-District 10 team. Heidi is also an inductee in the Friends University Athletic Hall of Fame and the Wichita Biddy Basketball Hall of Fame.

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## *Class of 2012 Inductees*

### **Coach Ron Allen** – 1994-2012

Ron Allen was the Wichita East High School head basketball Coach from 1994 to 2012. Coach Allen's teams won two state basketball championships in 2002 and 2005. His 301-146 record makes him the second winningest City League basketball coach in history. In 2011, Coach Allen was inducted into the Wichita Biddy Basketball Hall of Fame and looks forward to his future induction into the Wichita Sports Hall of Fame and the Wichita Southeast Sports Hall of Fame.

### **Kristina Kastor Curfman** – Class of 2000

Kristina Kastor Curfman is one of Wichita East High School's greatest all-round athletes in school history the best female soccer players to ever take the field for Wichita East. Kristina is second on the Wichita City League's all-time goals scoring list, which makes her one of the greatest soccer players in Greater Wichita Athletic League history.

### **Cory Lukens** – Class of 1999

Cory Lukens was one of Wichita East High School's greatest female swimmers of all-time. The 200 freestyle is where she made her mark as the best 200 freestyle female swimmer in Wichita City League history. She won two state swimming championships in two events in 1998.

### **Archie San Romani, Jr.** – Class of 1959

Archie San Romani, Jr. won three straight Kansas high school state track championships in the mile and led his Wichita East Track team to three team state track championships. He also won a Kansas high school state championship in cross country in 1958. While competing at University of Oregon, he ran on a world record four mile relay team and also had a career best mile time of 3:57.6, breaking that magical four minute mile barrier. He also competed in two Olympic trials.

### **Mohamed Sharif** (known as Kelly Pete while at Wichita East) – Class of 1962

Mohamed Sharif and his basketball team won the Kansas high school basketball state championship in 1962. He was also named the MVP of that team. Mohamed went on to become a great basketball player at Wichita State University scoring over 1,100 points and leading the team to the final four in 1964. While at WSU, Mohamed played for former Wichita East Basketball Coach and Naismith



Basketball Hall of Famer, Ralph Miller, and Wichita East Sports Hall of Famer, Gary Thompson. In 2007, Mohamed was inducted into the Shocker Hall of Fame.

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## *Class of 2011 Inductees*

### **Bob Carroll – Class of 1966**

Bob Carroll won five state championships in the sport of gymnastics, including two in the pommel horse, two in the rings and one on parallel bars.

### **Lafayette Norwood – Class of 1952**

Coach Lafayette Norwood was on the 1951 Wichita East basketball championship team and long-time coach of basketball and golf at both the high school and college level. Coach Norwood has been inducted into seven different Halls of Fame.

### **Dick Schumacher – 1974-1984**

Coach Dick Schumacher was head boys' basketball coach from 1974-84. With 115 wins and 99 losses, he is the 11<sup>th</sup> all-time winningest coach in city league history. Schu, as his friends call him, was also the athletic director at Wichita East from 1996 to 2005.

### **Cy Sickles – 1956-1968**

Coach Cy Sickles was head boys' basketball coach from 1956-68. His 221 wins and 56 losses still ranks him as the 5<sup>th</sup> all-time winningest City League basketball coach in history. He also ranks 5<sup>th</sup> all-time in winning percentage in the city league as a boys' basketball coach.

### **Fritz Snodgrass – 1943-1956**

Coach Fritz Snodgrass was athletic director from 1943-56 and was one of the greatest track coaches in the history of Kansas track and field winning nine state championships as head track coach.

### **Gary Thompson – Class of 1950**

Coach Gary Thompson played basketball for Ralph Miller at Wichita East High and was a part of the 1948 state championship runner-up team. He went on to be a player, assistant coach, and head basketball coach at Wichita State University taking the 1964 Shockers basketball team to the final four.

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## *Class of 2010 Inductees*



### **Don Bowin – 1974-1987**

Coach Don Bowin was the head girls' basketball coach from 1974-87. With 170 wins and 94 losses, he is the fourth all-time winningest City League girls' basketball coach.

#### **Kym Carter – 1982**

Kym Carter is the one of the most dominate female athlete in City League history. She was All-State in basketball, held the national high school high jump record at 6' 2", was a 1992 USA Olympian, and was the American champion in the heptathlon and pentathlon.

#### **Dick Casidy – 1957**

Dick Casidy was multiple All-Ark Valley in baseball and basketball. He was a team leader in HR's and RBI's in 1956 and 1957 on teams that won two state baseball championships. He won two NBC Baseball National Championships with Wichita Dreamliners and Wichita Service Autoglass. Dick was inducted into the Kansas Baseball Hall of Fame in 1988.

#### **Mike Hollimon – 1966**

Mike Hollimon is only one of four boys to ever be named 1<sup>st</sup> team All-City three times in basketball. The other three players are Darnell Valentine, Aubrey Sherrod and Rashad Washington. He scored over 1,000 points at Wichita East and is the 5<sup>th</sup> leading scorer of all time for the Aces.

#### **Steve Sell – 1966 (1975-2002)**

Steve Sell was a member of six state championship teams. He was the Wichita East High track and cross country coach from 1975-2002. He won six track & field City League titles and one cross country City League title. He coached Wichita East High to its only girls' cross country City League championship in school history in 1988. His team won the 1996 boys' track & field state championship. He coached Olympian Kym Carter and current Wichita East High Hall of Famer Brad Speer.

#### **Randy Smith – 1971**

Randy Smith had multiple titles in distance running at the state track championships while at Wichita East. At Wichita State University, he was a 14 time MVC track champion. He was also a Charter Inductee in Shocker Hall of Fame in 1980.

#### **Chris Wimmer – 1989**

While playing baseball at Wichita East, Chris Wimmer hit .533 and stole 28 bases his senior year. He was a two-time All-American at Wichita State University and a member of the 1992 USA Olympic Baseball Team. Chris was inducted into the Shocker Hall of Fame.

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### ***Class of 2009 Inductees***

#### **Allan Frame – Class of 1952**

Allan Frame was a Kansas Cross Country Champion. He had Eight Big Seven titles in track and cross at the University of Kansas. He is also a member of the University of Kansas Hall of Fame.

#### **Adrian Griffin – Class of 1992**

Adrian Griffin was a two-year All-State basketball player. He is number 11 on the all-time City League scoring list. He also had a multiple year NBA career.

#### **Stub Mayo – 1940-1952**

Stub Mayo has the seventh most career victories in City League history. His record was 92-21-4.

#### **Richard Quick – Class of 1957**

Richard Quick was a high School All-American swimmer and a one-time National record holder. As a swimming coach at the NCAA Division 1 level: 12 NCAA team titles, 6 time NCAA coach of the year, 3 time USA World Championship Team Coach, 6 time USA Olympic swimming coach.

#### **Brad Speer – Class of 1984**

Brad Speer was the greatest high jumper in Kansas High School history at 7'4 ½".

#### **Johnny Stevens – Class of 1960**

Johnny Stevens was a Kansas High School Golf Champion, a two-time Missouri Valley Conference Golf Champion, and a member of the Shocker Hall of Fame.

### **Jim Waskiewicz – Class of 1962**

Jim Waskiewicz was All-State Football, two-time state discuss champion, and heavyweight wrestling state champion in 1962. He was also an All-American in football at Wichita State University as well as a member of the Shocker Hall of Fame. He played in the NFL 4+ years.

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### **Class of 2008 Inductees**



### **Bob Hanson – Class of 1962**

The state's best sprinter of his generation, Bob Hanson won the state 100-yard dash, 220-yard dash, and the 180-yard hurdles as a junior and senior. He's tied for 11<sup>th</sup> on Kansas' all-time individual gold medals list for a career, and that doesn't count three relay wins. Hanson ran 9.6 in the 100, 21.0 in the 220 and 47.1 in the 440, winning the 440 at the 1962 Golden West Invitational in Los Angeles. He also averaged 8.7 yards per carry on the football team. After high school, Hanson ran track at KU, where he was a co-holder of the American 60-yard low hurdles record at 6.7 seconds. He was also a conference champ in the low hurdles and part of KU's mile relay championship team. Hanson teamed with Nestor Weigand to form Weigand Omega Management Co. in 1976.

### **Arthur McAfee, Jr. – Class of 1946**

Arthur McAfee, Jr., former Wichita East High School and Wichita State University player, coached basketball 40 years and retired in 2000 ranked among the nation's top 18 small-college coaches with 514 victories. He coached for 35 years at Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia, between 1989 and 1992; his teams were 90-30, reaching the NCAA Division II Final Four in 1990. In 1999, he was third vice president of the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) and in line to become president in 2001-02, but retired before reaching that office. Ninety-five percent of his players received their degrees.

### **Ross McBurney – Class of 1925**

Ross McBurney was a star 6'3" center on the 1925 Wichita High (now Wichita East) team which won the National High School championship in Chicago, Illinois, in 1925. He then led Wichita University to third place in the National AAU tourney in 1929 and later was a key figure on Wichita Henry's teams in 1930-31 that won national AAU titles en route to a record three crowns in a row in 1930-32. He was named as center on the National AAU first team. He played for Wichita University from 1926-29 and was the first Wichita University player to be named to an All-America team. He became an insurance agent in Wichita and Halstead.

### **Ron Neugent – Class of 1978**

Ron Neugent competed with the Wichita Swim Club while attending Wichita East High School, where he competed nationally. After high school Neugent had an All-American season at SMU in 1978 competing as a 1650-meter freestyle swimmer. Neugent spent the next two years training for the 1980 Olympics. In 1979, he won a gold medal in the 1500-meter freestyle at the World University Games, but America boycotted the Olympics in Moscow because of political differences after Neugent had finished fourth in the Olympic trials in the 1500 freestyle. After transferring to Kansas University in 1980, Neugent set an American record in the 1500-



meter short-course freestyle and was an All-American in 1983. Neugent trained again for the 1984 Olympics, but didn't qualify. He is currently an orthodontist in Wichita.

### **Clint Normore – Class of 1984**

A tough, unrelenting two-sport star, Clint Normore was an All-City and All-State point guard as a senior in 1984, helping the Blue Aces to a third place finish in Class 6A. Normore was also an All-State safety in football and quarterbacked two undefeated 6A state championship teams while at Wichita East. Normore played two seasons of basketball and on of football at Wichita State University before transferring to Kansas University in 1987. At KU, he was an honorable mention All-Big Eight safety in 1987, and his playing career ended in the 1988 NCAA basketball championship game. He scored 7 points, which was a career high. After a career in law enforcement, he currently is director of intramural sports at Oklahoma City University.

### **Jaime Thompson – Class of 1963**

In his junior year, Jaime Thompson turned in a definitive performance by hitting all nine of his field goal attempts and all 10 of his free throws. That helped propel Wichita State University to a 100-94 victory over Michigan, which was ranked No. 2 and the time. He stood only 6'3" and was not swift afoot, but his quick release and his deadly accuracy made him one of the most feared Shockers. He was a key to the success of the 1964-65 WSU team which won the Missouri Valley title, beat Oklahoma State in the Midwest Regional title game, and became the only Shocker squad to reach the Final Four. Thompson scored 36 points in the NCAA semifinal loss to UCLA. He is still the Shockers' free throw accuracy leader at 85.3 percent. He was equally adept on the golf course as on the basketball court. He was runner-up in the Kansas Amateur golf tournament in 1964 and finished second twice in the Missouri Valley Conference tournament.

### **Marc Waldie – Class of 1973**

Marc Waldie reaped many honors as a mainstay on the Ohio State men's volleyball team in the 1970s and 1980s, culminating with an Olympic gold medal in the 1984 Games. He was an outstanding middle blocker who was named to the all-tournament team in the NCAA playoffs in 1975-76-77. He was also named to the Ohio State University Sports Hall of Fame and was honored with a spot on the National Volleyball All-Era team which covered the period from 1978 to 2002. Several times he was named captain of the U.S. National team. He helped lead the Buckeyes to a four-year record of 89 victories and only 18 losses. He was the 1976 Ohio State University Player of the Year and three-time All-American.

### **1925 Wichita High Basketball Team**

Eight young basketball players put Wichita on the basketball map in 1925 by capturing the national interscholastic crown in Chicago, drubbing a team from El Reno, Okla., in the title game, 27-6. That Wichita team produced center Ross McBurney and guard Berry Dunham, who anchored powerful Wichita U. teams of 1927-28 and led the Wichita Henrys to a record three straight national AAU championships (1930-31-32). Other members of the Wichita High team were Cy Crosette, Howard Fullington, Tom Churchill, Paul Fowler, Jack Barrington and George McCormick. Churchill became a driving force on Oklahoma University's undefeated 1928 team and an All-American for OU in 1929.

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## ***Class of 2005 Inductees***

### **Jeff Ferrell – Class of 1954**

Jeff Farrell won three state swimming titles swimming for his coach, Bob Timmons. Farrell then swam for the University of Oklahoma where he earned All-American honors. But it was at the 1960 Olympic games in Rome, where Farrell shined. As a swimmer on the 400 medley and the 800 freestyle relay teams, Farrell won gold medals in both races while setting world records in both races. Ferrell is an inductee in the International Swimming Hall of Fame, Kansas Sports Hall of Fame and Wichita Sports Hall of Fame.

### **Marilyn Smith – Class of 1947**

While a student at Wichita East, there were no girls' sports. That didn't stop Marilyn Smith from becoming a champion golfer. She won three Kansas Amateur golf titles in 1946, 1947 and 1948 and the national collegiate crown in 1949 playing for Kansas University. A pioneer of women's golf who signed articles of incorporation that created the Ladies Professional Golf Association at the U.S. Open at Wichita's Rolling Hills Country Club in 1950. She won two majors (1963-64 Titleholders) and 22 titles on the LPGA Tour and served as LPGA president three years. She has been inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame, Kansas Golf Hall of Fame, Texas Golf Hall of Fame, Kansas Sports Hall of Fame, LPGA Teachers Hall of Fame and Wichita Sports Hall of Fame.

### **Bob Timmons – 1956-1964**

As the head track coach and swimming coach for Wichita East High School, Bob Timmons touched many lives. His most famous Wichita East High School athlete was the mile world record holder, Jim Ryun. In swimming, Coach Timmons coached Olympic swimming gold medal winner in the 1960 Rome games, Jeff Farrell. Coach Timmons left Wichita East and coached track and cross-

country at Kansas University, winning many Big 8 championships and coaching many All-Americans. Coach Timmons has been inducted into the US Track Hall of Fame, Kansas Sports Hall of Fame, KU Hall of Fame and Wichita Sports Hall of Fame.

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## ***Class of 2004 Inductees***

### **Cleo Littleton – Class of 1951**

Littleton was named third-team All-American in his senior year but was all-Missouri Valley all four years that he played. He set the school career scoring record at 2,164 points. He also set career records for free throws made (642) and scoring average (19.0). The former Wichita East High School star led the 1953-54 Shockers to a berth in the National Invitation Tournament for the first time. An iron man, Littleton played in 184 consecutive games without a miss from his sophomore season in high school to his senior season at WSU. He was drafted by the Fort Wayne Pistons of the NBA. His No. 13 is one of five that have been retired by WSU. Cleo is an inductee in the Shocker Hall of Fame, Wichita Sports Hall of Fame and Kansas Sports Hall of Fame.

### **Ralph Miller – 1948-1951**

In the 1950s and early '60s, Wichita State opponents dreaded the raucous crowds and the yellow glow of The Roundhouse. What they feared more was the constant full-court, zone pressure defense of Coach Miller's Shockers, who scored many of their points by forcing foes into turnovers and shooting layups. Miller used zone pressure to fashion a career in which he won 674 games and championships in three conferences. An all-around athlete at Chanute High and the University of Kansas, Miller began his coaching career at Wichita East High in 1948, winning 63 games and one state title in three years. Then he went to Wichita University and put together a 220-133 record in 14 seasons. He also coached at Iowa University and Oregon State, retiring as the sixth winningest coach in NCAA history. He was the National Basketball Coach of the Year in 1981 and 1982, took nine teams to NCAA tournaments and five to the NIT. Miller was inducted into the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame in 1988, College Basketball Hall of Fame, Kansas Sports Hall of Fame and the Wichita Sports Hall of Fame.

### **Jim Ryun – Class of 1965**

Jim Ryun had a finishing kick that often left the world's best middle distance giants of his day in his dust. In June of 1964 he became the first high school runner to break four minutes in the mile, posting a 3:59.0 in the Compton Relays. In the 1965 Compton Relays, Ryun finished third at 3:56.8, only four-tenths of a second behind former world record holder Peter Snell of New Zealand. Then Ryun hit his stride. He broke the world record in the mile twice, running 3:51.3 in 1966 and breaking his own record in 1967 at 3:51.1. He was named Sportsman of the Year in 1966 by Sports Illustrated and won the AAU's Sullivan Award as the best amateur athlete. He also held world records in the 1500 at 3:33.1, the half mile at 1:48.3 and anchored the KU sprint medley relay team to a 3:15.2 world record. He was a member of three U.S. Olympic teams, 1964, 1968 and 1972. He is a member of the National Track and Field Hall of Fame, Kansas Sports Hall of Fame, KU Hall of Fame and Wichita Sports Hall of Fame. Ryun became a professional photographer, then ran successfully for a seat in the U.S. Congress representing northeast Kansas.

### **Linwood Sexton – Class of 1944**

Linwood Sexton was a gifted black football player who broke the color barrier at Wichita University as a running back in the 1940s. He was a three-sport star at Wichita East High and a three-time All-Missouri Valley running back at WU (1945-47). His 1,995 career rushing yards were fourth all-time and 2,260 all-purpose yards were ninth at WSU. His No. 66 jersey was retired during his senior season. He is a member of the Kansas Sports Hall of Fame, Shocker Hall of Fame and Wichita Sports Hall of Fame. He was presented the 1977 Alumni Achievement Award by the WSU Alumni Association and several scholarships have been endowed in his name. He is a past member of the WSU Endowment Association and the Board of Trustees as well as the Kansas Board of Regents.

### **Daryl Spencer – Class of 1946**

Daryl Spencer was that rare shortstop who could hit with power and he wielded his power for a decade in the National League and for several more years in Japan. Spencer struggled to make the starting lineup in his days at Wichita East High and on other amateur teams. But he never gave up and finally landed on a Class D professional team in Pauls Valley, Okla. That is where he suddenly began to hit home runs. The New York Giants bought his contract in 1951 and Spencer spent six years with the National League club in New York and San Francisco. His best season was 1958 when he hit 17 homers and drove in 74 runs for San Francisco. He later played for the Cardinals, Dodgers and Reds and hit a total of 105 home runs and had 428 RBI during his Major League career. Then he went to Japan and became one of that nation's top sluggers and made the all-star team twice. He also coached in Japan. Spencer is an inductee in the Kansas Sports Hall of Fame, Kansas Baseball Hall of Fame, NBC Hall of Fame and Wichita Sports Hall of Fame.

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