

# **LAKESIDE HS SPORTS HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2020**

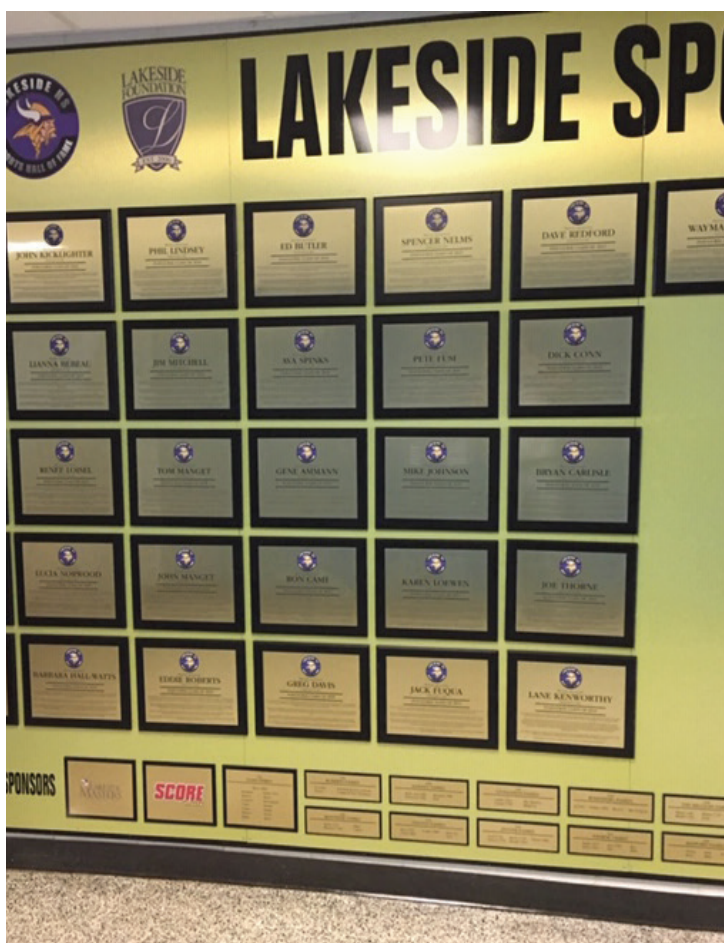


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The Lakeside Sports Hall of Fame Committee would like to thank the Lakeside High School administration and staff for helping make this day a reality. The committee would also like to thank the Lakeside High School Masters, a golf tournament started in 1988 dedicating to helping the school, which provided the food and drinks for the event as well as Chik-fil-A owners Tom Balsamides and Brad Spratte. Mike Balsamides, who runs the Masters, was instrumental in setting up all aspects of the dinner and Lakeside Foundation treasurer Lori Cora has been a big addition to the team. Both Balsamides and Spratte are Lakeside graduates and Cora went to Henderson. Also, Joan Kicklighter ('80) did a wonderful job with all the decorations. Lakeside HOF committee chairman I.J. Rosenberg ('81) would also like to thank the staff of Score Atlanta as well as Chris Chilton ('82) for all his help finding the inductees and providing information on them.



The Lakeside Masters, established in 1988, is an annual golf tournament benefiting student organizations for Lakeside High School.

Held annually in August, this event is open to all Lakeside High School alumnus, attendees, staff and sponsors.

Join us for our Friday night pairing party at Mo's Pizza at 7pm. This event is followed by an all class open reunion party at Benchwarmers, beginning at 9pm.

The Saturday tournament is held at Mystery Valley Golf Course, with a shotgun start at 12:30 pm.

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# HALL OF FAME'S 2020 CLASS FILLED WITH BIG NAMES, GREAT ATHLETES

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The second class of the Lakeside High School Sports Hall of Fame will have 35 members inducted into its Class of 2020 and includes athletes from a range of different sports and points of time in the school's 56-year history. During the red-carpet ceremony, each inductee will receive a Hall of Fame jacket, medallion and plaque.

Completing the Class of 2020 came after the selection committee received more than 150 nominees, and the 35-member class consists of 10 football inductees in addition to multiple inductees in the sports of basketball, baseball, soccer, cross country, tennis, swimming, track and field, gymnastics and wrestling. There are also three coaches joining the Hall of Fame in this year's Class.

## A NEW AWARD TO BE GIVEN

In addition to the John Kicklighter Award, which is given to a person who was instrumental in Lakeside's success off the field, there will be an award given each year to a cheerleader. The late Beth Cooley-Jordan is the recipient of the inaugural Cheerleading Award and will be inducted into the Hall as one of this year's 35 incoming members. This honor will also be named after Cooley, who was a graduate of the Lakeside Class of 1982. Cooley cheered while attending Lakeside and went on to the University of Georgia where she was a cheerleader and graduated Cum Laude from the University of Georgia's Terry College of Business. Beth passed away in October of 2017 after a long battle with brain cancer.

The John Kicklighter Award for 2020 will go to Joe Willingham, who was involved in Lakeside athletics for many years as well as being instrumental in the forming

of Briarcliff Community Sports, which feed Lakeside many of its athletes. Willingham also was a longtime member of the Dekalb County School Board.

Also, the class will include former Dekalb County School Board member Jim McMahan, who died in a boating accident last summer. While McMahan went to Northside High School, he was instrumental in the birth of the Lakeside Hall of Fame. He helped set the groundwork for the Hall of Fame to work closely with the school's Foundation as well as helping build the Hall of Fame wall outside the cafeteria. Football still carries the class.

## FOOTBALL STILL CARRIES THE CLASS

Last year's inaugural class had 30 members and included 11 total football inductees. This year's group will add to that gridiron prowess with its 10 newest members. Among the incoming football standouts are 1978 All-State running back Melvin Dorsey and the quarterback of the Vikings' successful 11-3 1978 team, Mark Fleetwood. Defensive end and 1991 NFL First Round Pick Huey Richardson is also joining the Hall of Fame. Richardson took his talents to the University of Florida following his varsity career and was enshrined in the University's Athletics Hall of Fame in 2003 as one of the all-time "Gator Greats."

Richardson is being joined in the Class of 2020 by former Gator and Lakeside track and field standout Stephen Ott. While at Florida, Ott competed in the high jump and he won the SEC title in 1977. Ott's abilities gave him the opportunity to competing alongside two-time Bronze Medalist and Olympic high jumper Dwight Stone.

# FOOTBALL INDUCTEES

## DAVID HENDERSON

Henderson, Class of 1976, earned four varsity letters as a multisport athlete, two from both football and baseball. As quarterback and co-captain on the football team during his senior season, he was the WSB Metro Atlanta All-Star Football Team quarterback and an AllDeKalb County selection.

Following his graduation from Lakeside, Henderson received a football scholarship to go play at Furman University. There, he was a four-year letterman that

accrued tremendous success.

In 1978, he was a Southern Conference Champion, recipient of the Paladin Award (MVP) and Southern Conference Player of the Year.

As a co-captain in 1979, he was awarded the Robert B. King Football Coach's Award, and won the John West Outstanding Christian Athlete Award in 1980 before graduating college.

Henderson has worked in the family business for 39 years and is currently president of Dixie Industrial Finishing Company. He has been happily married to his wife Patti for 40 years, and is a proud dad of two children, Kyle and Kasey. David and Patti volunteer with Community Bible Study International, taking Bible studies to Africa and are very involved in their church.

## CHARLIE GARNHAM

Garnham, Class of 1977, earned three varsity letters while playing on the Lakeside football team. A multipurpose athlete, he played running back, fullback and inside linebacker for the Vikings and also played basketball and baseball.

He continued his football career at the Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College as a fullback and blocked for tailback James Wilder, who played in the NFL for 11 years. Garnham transferred to Auburn University

where he was moved to the offensive line for two seasons. In 1981 as a senior, he started and was a captain in the game against Alabama when Paul "Bear" Bryant won his record 315th game.

Following his years of playing football on the Plains at Auburn, Garnham developed a career in insurance before taking on the role of Vice President for Payroll Data Processing.

A proud father of two, he is now happily retired in northwest Florida with his wife, Marty. Garnham's daughter Caroline, a University of South Alabama graduate, has a career in hospitality marketing. His son, Chase, followed in his dad's footsteps, playing collegiate football at Vanderbilt University before becoming a recruiting consultant.

## JOHN O'NEAL

O'Neal, Class of 1975, earned seven varsity letters, four with the baseball team and three with the football team. On the diamond, he hit .301 lifetime at Lakeside, but where O'Neal made his biggest impact was on the football field.

As a sophomore in 1972, O'Neal started at fullback on the 14-0 state championship team that beat Central Macon for the title. He nearly won a second state title as a senior, but Lakeside lost 26-20 in the final to

former Falcons great and Thomasville running back William Andrews in a game where O'Neal had 230 all-purpose yards. His senior year earned him Atlanta Touchdown Back of the Year, First-Team All-State and High School All-American honors. He was also the captain for the Georgia North-South All-Star Game and DeKalb County Back of the Year.

After receiving a football scholarship from Georgia Tech, he went on to play fullback for the Yellow Jack-

ets while earning a Bachelors Degree of Science in Industrial Management and a minor in industrial engineering.

O'Neal has been married to his wife Pamela for 38 years and has two children along with three grandchildren. After working as a sales manager in the chemical industry since 1982, he is happily retired and living in Gwinnett County.

## DAVID ELDER

Elder, Class of 1973, participated in track and field while being a three-year starter for the football team. He won a 1969 track and field team championship before adding two football state titles.

Elder helped lead the Vikings to their first state championship in football as a sophomore receiver in 1970, finishing 13-0 and beating Richard Academy in the title game. The Vikings went 14-0 and beat Central-Macon in the championship during his se-

nior season in 1972. His senior season earned him First Team All-County, All-Region, All-City and along with teammate and quarterback Mike Johnson, First-Team All-State recognition.

After graduating, Elder signed a full scholarship to play football at Auburn University where he contributed in various roles for the Tigers.

He finished his education at Auburn with a Bachelors

Degree in Business Administrations before receiving an MBA from the University of Georgia.

Elder now resides with his wife Judy, another Lakeside graduate in the 1973 class, who he has been married to for over 40 years. Together they have two children, David Jr. and Ansley, and four grandchildren, Bennett, Emory, Luke and Anna Claire.

## MARK FLEETWOOD

Fleetwood, Class of 1979, earned varsity letters playing football and soccer while attending Lakeside. As a two-year starter for the football team, he was the 1977 DeKalb All-County First Team punter and an All-State quarterback on the Vikings' 1978 semifinal team. As a four-year starter on the soccer team, Fleetwood was one of the leading scorers on the 1978 State Championship team that went 14-0 through the season. He ended his high school career with 75 goals and 55 assists.

Fleetwood went on to kick for the University of South Carolina football team after graduation. As a Gamecock, he kicked the longest field goal in school history, a 58-yarder coming against Georgia that is still the record to this day. He is currently 10th all-time in points scored for the Gamecocks and made 39 of his 53 attempted field goals.

After leaving Columbus, Fleetwood received a shot in the NFL and was picked up by the Dallas Cow-

boys as a free agent.

Today Fleetwood is the acting dean of students, athletic director and head football coach at Huntsville High School in Alabama. His teams have reached the state playoffs six of his ten years with the school and more than 65 of his players have signed college football scholarships. He has been married for 25 years to Kimberly Gilmore and they have a 20-year-old daughter, Ireland.



## HUEY RICHARDSON

Richardson, Class of 1986, was a multisport athlete during his time at Lakeside. He earned six varsity letters, one in track, two in basketball and three on the football team.

He continued his football career at the University of Florida, playing outside linebacker and defensive end for the Gators.

His efforts on the field earned him the title of Con-

sensus First Team All-American in 1990. In his four seasons in Gainesville, he collected 26.5 quarterback sacks and 50.5 tackles for a loss.

In the 1991 NFL draft, Richardson was picked 15th in the first round by the Pittsburgh Steelers and played two seasons in the NFL. Athletically gifted, Richardson also excelled greatly in school. He became the first player in Gators' history to achieve Academic All-Southeastern Conference Honor Roll during all

four years of his schooling. After graduating in 1990 with a Bachelors Degree in Economics, Richardson obtained his MBA in finance from Emory University in 2000. Richardson is still active in sports, coaching his two sons Trip and Hunter in football and basketball. He remains happily married to Kate, his wife of 13 years.

## ROCKY KURLAND

Kurland, Class of 1973, moved to Atlanta a week before his junior year and finished out his high school education as a Lakeside Viking. He started on the varsity basketball and varsity football teams for two seasons, and was named DeKalb County Defensive Player of the Week three times. He was a defensive star on Lakeside's 1972 State Championship Team, which gave up only 35 points in 10 regular season games and finished 14-0.

Kurland continued his football career in college, attending Auburn University with fellow Lakeside graduates Ed Butler and David Elder. Kurland played football for the Tigers as a tight end and defensive end for three seasons before taking off his senior year due to injuries.

With degrees in business and mass communications, Kurland began working with an international diamond brokerage before focusing on a

career in media starting with Showtime. He was on the launch team that started the Disney Channel, then transitioned into print media where he worked for Golf Digest, Golf Magazine and other national publications.

Kurland now enjoys retirement alongside his wife, Penny, a fellow Lakeside graduate with whom he's been married to for 37 years. Together, they have two children and one granddaughter.

## NICK CARMICHAEL

Carmichael, Class of 1969, was a three-year starter on the football team. He was an All-County athlete and an All-State honorable mention during his senior year. He rushed for an incredible 19.4 yards per carry and snagged 37 receptions for 712 yards during his senior season, reaching the end zone 15 times. Carmichael lettered in football, track and baseball.

He received scholarship options from Vanderbilt, Georgia, Clemson, Auburn and Kansas, but ultimately

decided to attend the University of Tennessee. There, Carmichael played in the Liberty Bowl, Astro Bluebonnet Bowl and the Gator Bowl. While playing for the Volunteers, he had four pass interceptions, two fumble recoveries, two forced fumbles and seven tackles for a loss.

In 1974, Carmichael was selected by Parade Magazine as one of ten outstanding college seniors to participate in the Young Columbus tour. There, he visited

Portugal and Spain, meeting Juan Carlos Bourbon, the next King of Spain who would succeed Francisco Franco. He graduated from Tennessee with a Bachelors of Science in Communications.

Carmichael returned to Atlanta in 1978 to work for his family's business, and is now the technical specialist for an international flooring manufacturer. He has two children, Nick III and Christine.

## TOMMY BOWEN

Bowen, Class of 1974, played middle linebacker for the Vikings' 1972 undefeated state championship team and earned the honor of being selected to the Class AAA All-State team the same season. Lakeside's defense allowed just six points per game during their 14-0 run to the 1972 State Title and just 3.5 points per game during a regular season that included six shutouts.

During his senior season, Bowen became co-cap-

tain of the team and would go on to win the award for Lakeside's Most Valuable Player. He was also selected to DeKalb's Touchdown Club Team of the Year. Lakeside went 9-2 in 1973 and won the Region 8-AAA Championship.

Following his years at Lakeside, Bowen began his college career playing for Georgia Tech. While there, he played two seasons with the Yellow Jackets before transferring to Western Carolina University.

After college, Bowen returned to Atlanta to take over his family business and start a career. He resides with Cathy, his wife of over 40 years, with whom he has two children with.

## MELVIN DORSEY

Dorsey, Class of 1979, transferred to Lakeside from White County for his senior year of high school where he played one year of varsity football, winning the Carnation Prep All-American Athlete Award and making the Georgia North-South Coaches All-Star Game. He helped lead the Vikings to a state semifinals appearance and rushed for more than 1,600 yards. Behind Dorsey, the Vikings beat Clarke Central, Cedar Shoals and Sprayberry in the playoffs before falling in the semifinals game to Griffin. He was named First Team All-State.

Georgia head coach Vince Dooley recruited Dorsey, encouraging him to sign with the University of Georgia. He played in one game as a freshman and after Herschel Walker joined the team the next year Dorsey decided to transfer to Western Carolina University where in 1981, he rushed for 99 yards and scored 10 touchdowns.

From there, Dorsey signed as a free agent with the Kansas City Chiefs. After his brief time in the NFL, he developed a career in the North Carolina Department

of Transportation. He worked there until 2012 before retiring.

Dorsey now resides with his wife of 34 years, Gayronza. Together, they have two children, Brandon and Stiles.

# BASKETBALL INDUCTEES

## LARRY SALE

Sale, Class of 1973, played basketball for five years and volleyball for two at Lakeside, earning varsity letters while competing in both sports. During his junior season, the basketball team won the Region 8-AAA Championship and during his senior year the team was Class AAA State runner-up. He was the DeKalb County Defensive Player of the Month in December of his senior season. The volleyball team won the state championship that same year and Sale was awarded the school's prestigious Viking Award.

Sale went on to play freshman basketball at Georgia Tech, but then, after transferring and graduating from the University of Georgia, turned his attention toward pursuing a career in medicine.

He began as a physician's assistant before becoming an anesthesiologist that worked at Piedmont Hospital. He also joined the U.S. Navy Medical Corps and served in Operation Desert Storm.

Sale is married to his high school sweetheart, Patricia Austin, a Class of 1972 Lakeside graduate. Together they have four daughters, all of whom are Lakeside High graduates.

## TORI STEWART

Stewart, Class of 1976, was a six-time varsity letterman in basketball and tennis. In 1975, she helped lead the basketball team to the Class AAA State Championship. The following year, she teamed up with Terri Russell to win the Class AAA State Doubles Tennis Championship, earning her the school's Viking Award for both basketball and tennis.

game in 1976, the same year she was featured in the DeKalb Sports Personality newsletter as Lakeside's top female athlete.

Following her days at Lakeside, Stewart received a tennis scholarship and attended Young Harris Junior College. During her time there, she won the state and region championships in the Georgia Junior College Athletic Association tournament. Stewart later attended Valdosta State College on a tennis

scholarship and graduated with a Bachelors Degree in Health and Physical Education before earning a Bachelors Degree in Nursing from the University of Central Florida.

Today, Stewart is a registered nurse within the Seminole County School System, and is involved with YMCA basketball and USTA tennis.

Stewart was selected to represent the north team in the Georgia Athletic Coaches Association All-Star

## BRITT FRANKS

Franks, Class of 1979, earned two varsity letters playing for the Lakeside basketball team. As a junior he was voted the team's Most Valuable Player. He went on to average 24.2 points per game and 14 rebounds per game throughout his outstanding senior year that would result in his second Most Valuable Player Award. Franks also played volleyball for two seasons at Lakeside and received the Most Valuable Player Award for both years.

For his accomplishments on the basketball court, he was invited to participate in the annual Coca-Cola 1-on-1 Tournament and he bested the competition with a first-place finish. Altogether, he received 32 total awards from Lakeside High School, the Atlanta Tip-Off Club and the DeKalb Tip-Off Club.

Following his high school graduation, Franks attended college at the DeKalb County Community College. He continued his basketball career, playing two

seasons before focusing on his education. Britt's legacy as an athlete was paired with his provision of positivity and always having a fantastic attitude towards everyone he met.

# BASEBALL INDUCTEES

## DOUG GILCREASE

Gilcrease, Class of 1978, was a two-year varsity letterman in baseball and soccer. During his senior season, he helped the Vikings take home the 1978 soccer state title.

After graduating high school, Gilcrease went on to play baseball at Mira Costa Junior College. There, he hit .421 and was an All-State shortstop. Gilcrease transferred to Auburn University following his fresh-

man season and continued to flourish on the diamond.

During his senior season, he hit .386 and set the school's single season record for extra-base hits (41) and homeruns (17) which led the Southeastern Conference. In 1982, he was named Auburn's Male Athlete of the Year.

Gilcrease was drafted by the Kansas City Royals in the 7th round of the 1982 MLB Draft and played for five years in their Minor League Farm System.

For the past 30 years, Gilcrease has spent his time with the Athletes in Action, a CRU ministry. 27 of those years were spent as the official chaplain for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers football franchise. He remains married to Stephanie, his wife of 29 years, and together they have six children.

## COACH MARVIN PRUITT

Pruitt first arrived at Lakeside in 1977, and started a long career of teaching and coaching that would last until 2014. In 1983, Pruitt was named head coach of the varsity baseball team and led the Vikings to their first state playoff appearance in school history during his inaugural season.

Along with baseball, Pruitt also served as an assistant coach in basketball and football during his tenure at Lakeside. He left Lakeside to teach and coach

at Rockdale County from 1987-92 and returned to DeKalb County in 1993, leading Southwest DeKalb to two state playoff appearances in 1994 and 1995.

Pruitt then took over as head coach for the inaugural Stephenson High School baseball program in 1997.

Pruitt spent four years at Stephenson, eventually landing at his final stop at Redan. As one of the top baseball powers in the state, Redan rose to even greater

heights under Pruitt's leadership as he skippered the Raiders for 14 seasons, winning the school's first and only state championship in 2013 and posting a 291-129-2 record. He finished his career with 510 victories over 31 years as a head coach.



# CHEERLEADING INDUCTEE

## BETH COOLEY

Cooley, Class of 1982, earned three varsity letters as a cheerleader for the Vikings. As a senior, she was voted co-captain of the cheerleading team. Cooley excelled academically in school as a four-time honor roll student and was a National Honor Society member her senior year. From eighth grade to her senior year, she was an active participant in the Miss Lakeside Court, winning the competition and being crowned Miss Lakeside her senior year.

Following her graduation from Lakeside, Cooley went on to attend college at the University of Georgia with a scholarship from the Miss Georgia National Teenager pageant. She continued to cheer for the Bulldog's varsity cheerleading squad and was a member of the Golden Key National Honor Society.

Cooley graduated from Georgia with a Bachelor of Business Administrations in Management Informa-

tion Systems in 1986, and used the ensuing years to start a career in consulting before becoming a mother of three. She remained active with the Northside United Methodist Church, and took a role on the Board of Directors at the Refugee Resettlement Services of Atlanta.

# TENNIS INDUCTEES

## KELLY THURMAN

Thurman, Class of 1976, was the leading man on Lakeside's tennis team. He helped win a tennis state championship for the Vikings in 1975 following a perfect 15-0 season.

He later attended the University of Arizona where he was the 1978 Western Athletic Conference No. 6 Singles Champion and the No. 3 Doubles Champion. The next year, Thurman transferred to the University of Georgia to continue his tennis career.

As a Bulldog, he helped lead the team to a 1980 Southeastern Conference Championship title and won the No. 6 Singles in the Southeastern Conference Championship in 1981. He was a part of the nationally ranked tennis team that finished third in the NCAA Tennis Championship during his senior season.

Even now, Thurman continues to let his athletic prowess shine through his love for Pickleball. He is

the 2018 Level 4.5 Age 60 plus Men's Doubles U.S. Open Pickleball Champion and was a silver medalist in the 4.5 Level 60 plus Mixed Doubles U.S. Open Pickleball Championships. He placed fourth in the 2019 Pickleball National Championships in Indian Wells California.

## PAUL GROTH

Groth, Class of 1976, was a prolific tennis player who led Lakeside to a region title in 1976, and capped off the season by winning the Tennis State Championships.

After signing a scholarship to play at Georgia Southern, Groth transferred over to the University of Georgia where he joined the Bulldogs tennis team as a co-captain for three years. While at UGA, he was a part of the 1978-79 Southeastern Conference Cham-

pionship teams, as well as the 1980 State Collegiate Championship team.

Groth won five SEC indoor and outdoor singles titles and was named All-SEC in 1981. He would earn a Law Degree in 1986 before furthering his tennis career with several ATP tours including the U.S. Open and French Open.

Groth went on to play 13 years of tennis in Germany

and has been practicing law for over 30 years, now focusing on civil litigation while working with the Growth & Makarenko, LLC. He is the proud father of 3 daughters alongside his wife of over twenty years Renee.

# SOCCER INDUCTEES

## CAROL CHILTON-GORNOWICZ

Chilton, Class of 1986, was a multisport athlete for the Vikings lettering in basketball and soccer all four years. On the basketball court, she amassed 962 career points and earned the Viking Award following her senior season.

On the pitch, she totaled 45 goals and 44 career assists. Chilton was a four-year starter and was named DeKalb County West Player of the Year and an

NSCAA All-American in 1985 and 1986.

After graduating from Lakeside, Chilton went on to play soccer at Berry College. There, she would be named an NAIA All-American all four years, and the MVP of the NAIA Tournament during Berry's 1987 National Championship run. Chilton ended her collegiate career at Berry with 72 goals and 26 assists.

Chilton earned a degree in Middle School Education from Berry. Following graduation, she returned to DeKalb County where she taught elementary school and coached soccer at Lakeside from 1992-1999. She has been married to her husband George for 28 years and has four daughters, Kaitlyn, Mary, Emily and Clare.

## MERCK SMITH

Smith, Class of 1978, was a four-year letterman for the varsity soccer team. During his freshman season, he helped lead the Vikings to the 1975 State Championship, taking home the school's third soccer championship in school history. Smith was voted Most Valuable Player as a senior and capped off his high school career with his second state title in 1978.

After graduating from Lakeside, Smith went on to attend college at Emory University. There he was a

four-year starter before pursuing a career in law.

Smith practiced law for many years before running a publishing company in Roswell. He then went back to school in 2013 where he received his Masters Degree in Teaching. With his newfound passion, Smith would use his degree to pursue a life-long dream of becoming the Lakeside Varsity Soccer team's head coach.

Before taking over the varsity team, Smith coached under Rick Barbe from 2008-2012, winning the state championship in 2008. He also coached under Jim Mitchell from 1978-1985 and was part of the 1981 state championship team.

## PETER PAK

Pak, Class of 1986, was a two-year captain of the varsity soccer team, two-time All-State selection as well as DeKalb County Most Valuable Player during his high school career. His on-field success also earned him United Soccer Coaches All-American and Adidas All-American Honorable Mention honors.

Pak continued his soccer career in college, attending Ohio Wesleyan University to play for Jay Martin, the winningest coach in NCAA history and member of

the United Soccer Coaches Hall of Fame. He was a two-year captain of the Battling Bishops, a three-year North Coast Athletic Conference All-Conference selection, two-year United Soccer Coaches All-Region selection and is a member of the Ohio Wesleyan University Athletic Hall of Fame.

Pak served as board chair of the Colorado Rapids Youth Soccer Club, helping grow the club from 3,000 members to over 10,000, and helping the club

develop one of the largest outreach programs in the country.

Pak is married to Angela, his wife of 20 years. Together, they have three children, J.P., S.J. and Philip.

## RONNIE ROBERTS

Roberts, Class of 1980, was a prolific soccer player during his years at Lakeside High School. In his senior season, he was named DeKalb County Most Valuable Player and Lakeside's Most Valuable Player. His talents also resulted in being named to the All-DeKalb County team and earning All-American recognition.

In 1979, Roberts played for the U.S. National Under 19 team and also competed at the National Olympic

Sports Festival in Colorado Springs for the U.S. South team.

Roberts received a full athletic scholarship to play soccer at Hartwick College in Oneonta, New York and played four seasons with the Hawks. After graduating from Hartwick, he earned a Masters degree in finance from Georgia State University.

For 19 years, Roberts has been working for the Sea

Island Company on the coast and is the current Chief Financial Officer. Together with his wife Sharon, he has two sons. Sharon spends her time as the president of the non-profit corporation Graceful Goods, which is dedicated to helping single mothers.

## JOHN CREVISTON

Creviston, Class of 1976, was a four-year letterman for the Viking's soccer team, starting each year as the team's goalie. He helped lead the team to back-to-back state titles in 1974 and 1975, shutting out Westminster 4-0 and besting Henderson 4-1 in the championship games, respectively and was considered the top goalkeeper in Georgia. His efforts on the pitch led him to being named All-State and a DeKalb County All-Star.

Creviston also played football his senior year, earning a varsity letter and taking on the role of the team's kicker as the Vikings posted an 11-2 overall record in 1975 and clinched the Region 8-AAA championship with a perfect 6-0 mark.

In the years following his varsity career, Creviston attended college at Georgia Tech where he played club soccer for multiple seasons. Upon graduation, he had earned two degrees in engineering.

Today, Creviston is building on a long career as an information system consultant. He has two sons in Jeff and Rob, who are 31 and 28 years of age and is engaged to his fiancée Claudia Bell.





# CROSS COUNTRY INDUCTEES

## TONY DIPAOLO

Dipaola, Class of 1974, ran cross country for the Vikings for five years. As an eighth grader, he won the County Cross Country meet, and competed in his first State Championship his freshman season, finishing fourth overall. He finished second at the state championship his sophomore, junior and senior seasons, and helped the Vikings take home the Cross Country State Title in 1970, 1972 and 1973.

He also found success through track and field, winning

the Class AAA State Championship in the mile run and two-mile run as a senior, leading the Vikings to the 1974 Track and Field State Title.

Dipaola attended the University of Georgia on a scholarship, winning the NCAA Championship as a freshman in 1974. He was voted onto the All Southeastern Conference Cross Country team as a freshman and a junior, and briefly held the outdoor track 3-mile and the indoor mile record at Georgia.

He has been a business analyst for the last 15 years at Emory University and recently became married to Joy Huang in July of 2019.

## MARK THOMPSON

Thompson, Class of 1976 was one of the most prolific runners in school history and earned eight varsity letters. During his senior year in cross country he won the individual state title and led his team to the state title. He was a track and field state champion in the mile and runner up in the two-mile.

In his junior year, Thompson finished second in the state championship in cross country. He was track and field state champion in the mile and runner-up in the

two-mile. Thompson also was productive as a sophomore, contributing to the cross country and track programs, both winning the state titles. In track, he was second in state in the mile and second in the two-mile. He set school records in the mile and two-mile. The mile record still stands at 4 minutes and 12 seconds. The two-mile record (9:10) lasted almost 25 years. As a senior, he was selected to go to the AAU Nationals. He continued to run at the University of North Carolina and was a three-year letterman before transferring to

Georgia State and focusing on his education, graduating with honors in mathematics.

Today, Thompson has amassed over 30 years at Delta as a computer programmer. Outside of cross country, he has also taken to skydiving and helped achieve the FAI world record for largest formation built (246 people) in 1998, and the FAI world record for a 3-point 117-way formation in 2017. He has almost 3,600 jumps.

# GYMNASTICS INDUCTEES

## COACH SHIRLEY MCDANIEL

McDaniel, an Atlanta native, attended Clarkston High School before earning a bachelor's degree from the University of Georgia in 1972. She received a Masters and Specialist in Education from Georgia State University in 1976 and 1984.

McDaniel started her teaching career in health and physical education at Lakeside in 1972. Four years later, she became the Varsity Gymnastics Coach and would lead the team to seven DeKalb County

Championships and four State Championships during her 14-year career. Her coaching achievements earned her the NHS Athletic Coaches Association Coach of the Year award in 1977 and again in 1980.

In 1986, McDaniel left teaching to work with the Teacher's Assessment Program at the State Department. She returned to teaching in 1991 in Gwinnett County until her retirement in 2002.

During her 30 years in education, McDaniel was also involved with the GHSA Officials Association as both a gymnastics and competitive cheerleading judge. She served as president for both associations for several years. She received the Official of the Year award in 1993 for gymnastics and again in 1999 for cheerleading.

## LAURA CHURCH-BARNARD

Church, Class of 1979, earned four varsity letters for her time on the gymnastics team. During her sophomore season, she was the State All-Around Champion at the GHSA State Meet. Her senior year, she was awarded both the Carnation Prep All-American Athlete Award and Lakeside's Viking Award.

Following her days at Lakeside, Church attended the University of Alabama where she was briefly active with the gymnastics team.

Church remains active in sports, spending time volunteering for the ALTA Wheelchair Tennis spring and fall leagues, as well as the Georgia Special Olympics tennis venue. She is a member of the volunteer committee for the Premier Live Atlanta Challenge, and spends time with the ALTA Foundation program Serve and Connect that focuses on incorporating tennis into the inner city.

Together with Stacey, her husband of 28 years, she has

one son, Jonathan. Church spends her time volunteering for various political campaigns and being an avid photographer. Church also creates many paintings that she donates to the Shepard Center, an organization she has volunteered with for six years.

# SWIMMING INDUCTEES

## JAN MICHAELIS-BILTHOUSE

Bilthouse, Class of 1975, swam all five years during her time at Lakeside, lettering each season. She was the recipient of the All-Star Award and the Bill Young Award in 1973 and 1974. Her number, 11, was retired by Lakeside at her graduation ceremony, honoring the swimmer that set numerous state records in the backstroke and relays.

After graduating from Lakeside, Bilthouse received a scholarship to swim at the University of Miami. During

her first collegiate season, the Hurricanes won the Women's National Championship. Her efforts at Miami led her to being inducted into its Sports Hall of Fame.

Following graduating, Bilthouse went on to teach and coach the women's national swimming team in the Virgin Islands before beginning training for the Olympic swim team. After five months of training, it was announced that she had officially made the team.

In 1982, Bilthouse returned to Atlanta to open a women's clothing store. She got married to her husband, Ed, with whom she's been with for almost 31 years. Together, they have two daughters, Keely and Kelsey. In 2012, she sold all her stores and began running the non-profit store Dogwood and began building up another company focused on curating estate sales.

## MARGARET SHINE

Shine, Class of 1971, was a prolific swimmer for the Vikings, swimming all four years of high school while setting multiple state records. As a ten-year swimmer for the Atlanta Dynamo Swim Club's Elite Team, she was more than prepared to take the Lakeside swim team far.

In 1969, she helped set the state record in the Girls 200-Yard Medley Relay. 1970 proved to be one of her best years in the pool, winning the 200 and 400-Yard

Freestyle swims during the state championships. Her times in both events set the new state record, and alongside her teammates she bested the previous record in the 200-Yard Medley Relay that the Vikings had set just one year prior.

This record would once again be broken the very next year by Shine and her relay team. Shine continued her domination of the 200 and 400-Yard Freestyle races in 1971, defending her gold medals at the

state championships.

Following her days at Lakeside, Shine got married to her husband Robert and started a construction company that lasted for 30 years.

## TRACK & FIELD INDUCTEES

### STEPHEN OTT

Ott, Class of 1973, played varsity basketball and ran track and field for the Vikings. He played forward on the 1972 Region Championship team, and was an All DeKalb County choice for the 1973 State runner-up team. In track and field, Ott won back-to-back state high jump titles, and received the Viking Award during his senior season when he was voted team captain.

With an athletic scholarship to the University of Flori-

da, Ott continued his track and field career as a Gator. He became nationally ranked inside the top-10 of all U.S. high jumpers, and won the Southeastern Conference High Jump championship in 1977, jumping 7 feet and 11 1/4 inches.

Ott's athletic achievements weren't the only distinguished honors he received. He graduated first in his class in 1977, and received special recognition from the university president with the Academic High

Honors Award.

Today, Ott lives in Alpharetta with his wife Cindy, with whom he has five children. He sold his benefits consulting company, Ott & Company, which he ran for 30 years to BB&T in 2008. He is now the leading national Benefits Consultant for BB&T/Truist and Senior Vice-President.

### RICK ELDER

Elder, Class of 1970, ran hurdles for four years on the varsity track and field team. He won a combined six state championship events over the course of his career in the hurdles and relay races, while finishing first in several dual meets and 100-yard dash events. Elder was also an All-State football player from 1968-1969, and was voted DeKalb County Runner of the Year in both 1969 and 1970. Following his graduation from Lakeside, Elder attended college at Vanderbilt University where he played on the football team for

two years. He would later transfer to Memphis State University where he began the pursuit of a degree in marketing.

Elder went on to become a sales manager and venture capitalist, and also spent some years owning a construction company.

He is now happily retired and spends his time with his two sons. His oldest son, Rick, was a first-round

draft pick for the Baltimore Orioles, and spent several years playing first base and outfield in Major League Baseball.

## WRESTLING INDUCTEES

### JOHN KALVELAGE

Kalvelage, Class of 1971, was a four-year varsity athlete on Lakeside's wrestling team. Following a runner-up finish his freshman year, he was the Class AAA State Champion for three consecutive years ('69, '70 & '71). He finished 4th place in the 1971 USWF National Freestyle Championships, his first of three All American career finishes.

After graduating from Lakeside, Kalvelage attended the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga on a full

wrestling scholarship. During his time at UTC he won two SEIWA Conference Championships at the 134-pound weight class. He also finished third place at the NCAA Division II Championships in 1975 and 1976. He was inducted into the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga Wrestling Hall of Fame in 2006 and the Georgia National Wrestling Hall of Fame in 2013.

Since 1976 Kalvelage has founded three businesses in the pharmaceutical packing industry, as well as

two real estate investment companies.

John and his wife of 45 years, Nancy, enjoy a semi-retired life as owners of Butts Mill Farm, a recreational farm in Pine Mountain, GA. They have four children and three grandchildren.

## COACH NICK JANOULIS

A native to Atlanta, Janoulis attended Druid Hills High School where he first developed a love for wrestling. He was a GHSA AAU Champion in 1957, 1958 and 1959 before attending the University of Georgia to continue his wrestling career and work towards a degree in education.

In 1964, Janoulis graduated with a bachelors degree and a Masters in Education from Georgia State and would go on to coach and teach in the DeKalb

County School System.

Janoulis arrived at Lakeside High School in 1972, teaching social studies and coaching wrestling, football, track and soccer. In 1997, he would lead his team to win the Class AAA State Wrestling Championship, and was named Dekalb County Class AAA Wrestling Coach of the Year, Georgia Class AAA Wrestling Coach of the Year and USA Wrestling Georgia Chapter Coach of the Year. For his

years of service spent coaching the sport he loves, Janoulis was awarded the National Wrestling Hall of Fame Lifetime Service to Wrestling Award in 2013.

Janoulis has been married to Celesta since 1965 and they have a daughter, Nicole, who is also a graduate of the University of Georgia, earning a Bachelors of Science Degree in Finance.





## SPECIAL INDUCTEE

### JAMES MCMAHAN

McMahan, an Atlanta native, grew up in the Garden Hills and Buckhead area and played an instrumental role in starting the Lakeside Sports Hall of Fame. A graduate of Northside High School, he attended college at Georgia State University and Wofford College in Spartanburg, S.C. His interest in finance helped kick-start his company McMahan Mortgage where he was a broker. Altogether, he worked in the mortgage industry for over 15 years along with 17 years of experience in the financial services industry.

Once married to his wife, Susan, he made the move to DeKalb County where he became in-

credibly active in the public-school system. He was an elected member of the DeKalb County School Board from 2013 until December of 2018, serving six years before stepping down to spend time with his family. As a board member, McMahan focused his efforts on fixing the district's financial issues as it was heavily in debt.

He is the father of two girls, Madison and Nan, who attend Lakeside High School, so creating a suitable place to grow and learn was a top priority. With the SACS pressuring the board, McMahan got the ball rolling and kept it headed in the right direction, using his experiences in finance

to take the appropriate steps moving forward. When he retired from the school board, staffers played a tribute video to try to capture the joyous spirit of the man who helped save DeKalb County Schools.

Also, McMahan's involvement in Lakeside High School went well beyond his daughter's presence there. He spent years on the board of the school's Foundation and helped turn the Lakeside Hall of Fame into reality in April of 2019 when the school inducted its first class.

## JOHN KICKLIGHTER INDUCTEE

### JOE WILLINGHAM

Willingham attended Murphy High School in Atlanta where he played baseball, football and basketball. In 1947 while playing for the Gate City Cardinals baseball team of the American Legion league, he helped the team win the Georgia State Championship.

After graduating high school, Willingham got married to his wife Beverly and they have been together for nearly 70 years. Together, they have

two kids, Debi and Russ, who both graduated from Lakeside High School.

Staying involved with athletics, Willingham spent many years coaching baseball and football. He spent one year as the head coach of the Oglethorpe baseball team, and scouted for the New York Mets of Major League Baseball. Willingham was a major influence in the birth of Briarcliff Community Sports, acting as president

of the organization for two years. With his help, the community was able to receive a \$400,000 grant to build multiple fields and the tennis center as Briarcliff became an invaluable feeder of many great athletes that would attend Lakeside.



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