LAKESIDE HS SPORTS HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2021



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The Lakeside Sports Hall of Fame Committee would like to thank Lakeside High School principal Susan Stoddard, and the administration and staff (especially Rick Turner) for helping make another induction ceremony a reality. The committee would also like to thank the Lakeside High School Masters, a golf tournament started in 1988 dedicated to helping the school, which provided the food and drinks for the event as well as Chick-fil-A owners Tom Balsamides and Brad Spratte, who are always there when you need them. Mike Balsamides ('84), who runs the Masters, continues to be instrumental in setting up all aspects of the lunch and Lakeside Foundation treasurer Lori Cora has been a big addition to the team. Both Balsamides ('80) and Spratte ('83) are Lakeside graduates and Cora went to Henderson. Also, Joan Kicklighter ('80) has been here since the inception of the Hall and does 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, especially Graham David and Adam Schindler, as well as 2020 Hall of Famer Mark Fleetwood ('79) 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 2021 CLASS FILLED WITH BIG NAMES, GREAT ATHLETES

BY CRAIG SAGER II

he Lakeside DeKalb High School Sports Hall of Fame is rolling out the red-carpet to welcome in the Class of 2021—celebrating the third year of inductees to be added to the Hall's prestigious club of Vikings legends. There were 30 members in the inaugural class and this past year added another 35 members. Like each of the previous classes, this year's class was finalized following a careful selection process that sorted through more than 150 nominees. The John Kicklighter Award has been handed out every year and is given to a person who was instrumental in Lakeside's success off the field. The Beth Cooley Award was implemented for the first time this past year and is given each year to a cheerleader. This award is named after the late 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.

Both of these awards will be presented again this year and there will also be a total of 36 individuals represented in the Class of 2021. The Hall of Fame's growth through the first three years of its existence is joined by a growing excitement around the event and there are more than 40 members of the Hall of Fame expected to be in attendance to recognize the newest class.

Like each of the previous classes, the Class of 2021 includes athletes from a range of different sports and points of time in the school's 57-year history. This year also has a ton of multi-sport athletes, but they will all be inducted for a particular sport with the exception of Stacy Shelton—who is going in for both girls basketball and track. The rest of the Class of 2021 is comprised of 14 total football inductees, seven soccer, two cross country, two swimming, three baseball and three gymnastics.

The recipient of this year's Beth Cooley Award is Cooley's former cheermate Joni Maulden—who graduated from Lakeside in 1980. Maulden was involved in a wide variety of activities during her time at Lakeside—including serving as Class Treasurer and earning Homecoming Queen her senior year. Also, Chris Garner, who graduated in 1978 will be inducted for his incredible four-year career on the varsity soccer team. Garner's daughter Sarah followed in his footsteps and played soccer for the Vikings before graduating in 2017.

During the red-carpet ceremony, each inductee will receive a Hall of Fame jacket, medallion and plaque.

LAKESIDE HALL OF FAME MEMBERS

Baseball: Brent McGuire ('79), Alan O'Neal ('74), Billy Walker ('71), Gene Ammann ('67), Ron Cash ('67), Coach Marvin Pruitt and Doug Gilcrease ('78)

Basketball: Britt Franks ('79), Larry Sale ('73) and Pete Fusi ('73)

Beth Cooley Cheerleading Award: Joni Maulden-Adams ('80) and Beth Cooley ('82)

Cross County: Robbie Burns ('74), Scott Griffith ('79), Tony Dipaola ('74), Mark Thompson ('76), Coach Eddie Roberts and Joe Thorne ('02)

Football: John Schaefer ('79), Walter Smith ('79), Kevin Anthony ('82), Ladd Fletcher ('82), Mark Hickman ('72), Jim McCoun ('76), Tommy Harris ('71), Chris McCoun ('70), Greg Lester ('87), Jim Kroll ('72), Mike Bartik ('70), Bob Butler ('74), Tobin Sexton ('73), David Henderson ('76), John O'Neal ('75), Melvin Dorsey ('79), Mark Fleetwood ('79), Huey Richardson ('86), Nick Carmichael ('69), Rocky Kurland ('73), David Elder ('73), Charlie Garnham ('77), Tommy Bowen ('74), Wayman Creel, Dick Conn ('69), Jack Jones ('69), Ed Butler ('72), Jack Fuqua ('71), Mike Johnson ('73), Jack Bowen ('73), Coach Dave Redford, Spencer Nelms ('81), Greg Davis ('83), Coach Phil Lindsey, Jimmy Rowe ('78) and Chip Creel ('78)

Girls Basketball: Tori Stewart ('76) and Stacy Shelton ('84)

Gymnastics: Susan Cantrell-Bragg ('75), Laura Deadwyler ('78), Diane Cantrell-Clinton ('77), Coach Shirley McDaniel, Laura Church ('77), Coach Lucia Norwood, Jeff Morrison ('74), Barbara Hall-Watts ('76) and Karen Loewen ('81)

John Kicklighter Award: Chris Chilton ('82), Nini Chilton, Joe Willingham and John Kicklighter

Soccer: Casey Campbell ('75), Dave Blanks ('78), David Ball ('74), Chris Garner ('78), Shawn Cartmill ('81), Roy Day ('72), Mike Balsamides ('84), John Creviston ('76), Merck Smith ('78), Ronnie Roberts ('80), Peter Pak ('86), Carol Chilton ('86), Coach Jim Mitchell, Tom Manget ('71), John Manget ('75) and Lane Kenworthy ('82)

Swimming: Maria Thrash ('79), Katie Heyburn Thompson ('84), Margaret Shine ('71), Jan Michaelis-Bilthouse ('75), Coach Avalee Spinks and Renee Loisel ('72)

Tennis: Kelly Thurman ('76), Paul Groth ('76) and Lianna Bebeau ('84)

Track and Field: Rick Elder ('70), Stephen Ott ('73), Robbie Horton ('75) and Stacy Shelton ('84)

Wrestling: John Kalvelage ('72), Coach Nick Janoulis and Bryan Carlisle ('83)

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BOB BUTLER

Butler, Class of 1974, was a twoyear starter on the Vikings' varsity football team, including the 1972 State Championship team. Selected as the best Lakeside offensive lineman in 1973, his other football accolades include All Metro Atlanta and All DeKalb County while earning a DeKalb Touchdown Club Player of the Week award. He also played varsity basketball in 1973 and 1974 and was a runner-up for the state title in 1973. He was

named a top-five scholar-athlete by the DeKalb Tipoff Club in 1974.

After graduation, Butler received a full football scholarship to Auburn University and played from 1974-1978. He played with Auburn greats William Andrews, James Brooks and Joe Cribbs, and was the 1978 recipient of the Bill Streit Award for having the highest GPA on the team.

He graduated magna cum laude in 1978 with a degree in Marketing and was a member of the Phi Kappa Phi honor society.

Butler and his wife Keigh have been happily married for 44 years. They have three children and four grandchildren. Now retired in Lilburn, he worked in computer industry sales and consulting for 44 years, including IBM for 31 years.

CHIP CREEL

reel, Class of 1978, was a multi-sport athlete for the Vikings, earning a total of nine varsity letters for his time on the football, wrestling, baseball and track teams. In football, Creel was the starting offensive guard on varsity as a sophomore, and moved to offensive tackle his junior and senior year.

Following his graduation from Lakeside, Creel continued his education at Auburn Universi-

CCoun, Class of 1970, was a two-year varsity letterman on the Vikings' football team, after transferring his junior year from Coral Gables High School in Florida. Even as the new kid in school, he was named team captain for the 1969 season. His efforts on the field that year earned him recognition as an All DeKalb County Linebacker, and he was awarded the prestigious Viking Award.

ester, Class of 1987, earned five varsity letters on the Vikings' football team and track team. On the football team, Lester played wide receiver, running back and kick returner, and won multiple DeKalb County Touchdown Club awards. He played in the North-South All-Star Game and Georgia-Florida All-Star Game. On the track team, Lester won the state championship as a senior in the 4x100 relay.

ty. There, he received a full four-year athletic scholarship to play football for the Tigers. He lettered in 1980, and as a senior took on the role of offensive line coach for the Auburn Junior Varsity football team.

Creel graduated from Auburn with a degree in Marketing and Distribution, and spent his working days with several corporations, including a 13-year tenure with Home Depot before becoming a Project Manager for Blue Square Construction.

Creel is married to Lesli Phipps Creel, and has a son Logan and a daughter Lauren. Logan followed in his father's footsteps and played college football at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Lauren was a High School cheerleader and attended Georgia Southern University.

CHRIS MCCOUN

After graduating from Lakeside, McCoun continued his football career at the University of Florida after receiving a full scholarship to play for the Gators. He played for Florida from the 1971-1973 seasons.

McCoun's son, Matt, followed in his father's footsteps, and also played football at the University of Florida from 1997-2000.

McCoun and his wife, Ann, also have a daughter, Molly. In keeping with the family tradition, she also graduated from the University of Florida in 2007 with a Masters Degree in Education. He and Ann are grandparents to five grandsons, and currently reside in Ocala, Florida where McCoun retired from CEMEX USA in October 2020.

GREG LESTER

After graduating from Lakeside, Lester attended Georgia Tech and played on the football team for four years. He was on the Yellow Jackets team that won the 1990 national championship.

Lester won best freshman of the year in the ACC and made the 2nd team All-ACC team and ranks 11th as the all-time leading receiver for Georgia Tech. Majoring in Business Management, he made the Dean's List twice.

After college, Lester played for the NFL's Denver Broncos for one year and played in the CFL for two years. He was the head coach for Lakeside's football team from 2005-2007. Lester was selected as Gwinnett County Touchdown Club Assistant Coach of the Year twice. He has been married to his wife for 15 years. Together, they have two daughters.

JIM KROLL

roll, Class of 1972, was a multi-sport athlete for the Vikings football, track and baseball teams. He played defensive back for the football team, and during his junior season was a part of the Vikings team that went 13-0 in the 1970 season and ended the season by winning the State Championship. During his senior year, Coach Creel tasked Kroll with switching to running back on the Vikings team that went 9-1. He was named

on the All Region 8-AAA and All DeKalb County teams.

In Baseball, Kroll pitched a one-hitter during a doubleheader at Habersham County. In track, he ran the 100-yard dash and was on the 440-yard relay team with Ed Butler and David Elder.

Following his graduation from Lakeside, he lettered 3 years as a defensive back for the

Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets. Kroll graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Management.

Now, Kroll is retired after a long career in the insurance claim industry. He enjoys playing golf and spending time with his family, especially his wife Linda, daughter, Amanda, son in law, Emory, and grandchildren, Max and Parker.

CCoun, Class of 1976, was a First-Team All-State defensive end for the Vikings. He helped continue the momentum of Viking Football success in the early 1970's, as they reached the State Finals and Semifinals in '74 and '75, in addition to back-to-back region titles. McCoun's honors included the 1975 Viking Award, First-Team All-State, All DeKalb, and DeKalb's Defensive Player of the Year. McCoun continued his playing career at Presbyterian College where he was a four-year

JIM MCCOUN

letterman and three-time First-Team All-SAC selection at defensive end. During the 1979 season, McCoun helped lead PC to a college-best 11-2 record and No. 3 national ranking. McCoun ended his playing career being recognized as an NAIA All-American.

McCoun graduated college in 1980, earning his BS in Business Administration. He had a 31-year run in the financial services industry,

working with several nationally recognized investment firms.

After departing the corporate world, McCoun began his current role in 2018, serving as Director of Kingdom Investments at Perimeter Church in Johns Creek, where he and his wife, Sally, are members. The McCouns, married 38 years, have three children—Jake, Sara Anne, and Emily—along with, presently, five grandchildren.

JIMMY ROWE

Following his graduation from Lakeside, Rowe attended Liberty University on a four-year football scholarship. There, he continued to play as a defensive end and was chosen by coaches to co-captain the team during his senior year.

Rowe graduated from Liberty University in 1982, and went on to work for Tucker materials, spent three years as an Operations Manager at John's Millwork and spent 30 years in transportation at Sysco Food Services Atlanta.

He has been married to his wife Joanne, who he met at Liberty University, for 34 years. Together they have four daughters: Sierra, Saige, Sheyenne and Skylar. They also have two grandsons in Fletcher and Roman. Rowe's greatest blessing is God's gift of salvation through Jesus Christ.

athlete for the Vikings' wrestling, football and track and field teams. He played defensive back during his junior year and defensive end his senior year for the football team and was awarded the Defensive Lineman of the Week Award twice in his 1977 season when he was co-captain. Rowe also received the Coach's Track and Field award in 1978.

owe, Class of 1978, was a multi-sport

Schaefer, Class of 1979, joined the Varsity football team his sophomore year, playing nose guard across the line from his brother Bruce (center for the Vikings). He became a two-way player as a junior before being named co-captain of his senior year, 1978 season, where he started in 11 games and made it to the state finals.

Schaefer received post season honors where he was named to the first team All-

DeKalb County Team, All-Metro Team, Georgia Coaches All-Star Team and All-State Team.

JOHN SCHAEFER

After a prep year to Fork Union Military Academy, Schaefer signed a four-year scholarship with The Citadel. He finished his career at The Citadel as a co-captain for the bull-dogs with over 170 tackles, 23 sacks, seven blocked passes and 11 fumble recoveries.

Schaefer graduated with a BS in Business Administration and worked in the insurance industry for 13 years before becoming a serial entrepreneur with several mortgage/insurance related upstarts. Currently semi-retired, he enjoys spending time with Mary, his wife of 36 years, as well as his four children, three grandchildren and doing work with mission organizations.

KEVIN ANTHONY

Anthony, Class of 1982, joined the varsity football team his junior season and became a First-Team All-State quarterback. He also lettered in baseball, basketball and track and was the recipient of the Viking Award for football and baseball, while also getting voted Most Athletic by his peers. He was co-MVP on the football team as a senior alongside Ladd Fletcher.

Anthony went on to play quarterback at

letcher, Class of 1982, was a multi-sport athlete for the Vikings' soccer and football teams, earning two varsity letters on each. He was a member of the 1981 state championship soccer team during his junior season, and as a senior was voted Most Valuable Offensive Player.

On the football team, Fletcher was a twoyear varsity starter and led the Vikings in

ickman, Class of 1972, earned five varsity letters as a multi-sport athlete, two from both the football and baseball teams and one from the track team. On the football team, he was All-Region, All-County and an Honorable Mention All-State safety in 1970, and would become a member of the Vikings' first-ever Football State Championship team the same year.

B artik, Class of 1970, was a multi-sport athlete for the Vikings, playing on the football and baseball teams. During his junior year, he led the football team in touchdowns and receiving yards. He also had the pleasure of catching eight touchdowns from Lakeside Hall of Famer Jack Fuqua.

After graduating from Lakeside, Bartik attended Furman University where he played

North Carolina where he set 14 school records and earned Academic All-American honors. In 1986, he received his BA degree with a double major in Economics and Psychology and later received a Robert W. Woodruff Fellowship from Emory University where he earned his MBA degree with concentrations in Finance and Management.

Kevin moved to Jackson, Miss. in 2000 after spending 10 years working for the NFL's

Atlanta Falcons where he ultimately served as Chief Financial Officer.

Kevin founded Peregrine Investment Advisors, LLC in 2010 and is a Client Advisor, Investment Analyst and Portfolio Manager. Additionally, he serves as Chief Compliance Officer and is actively involved in the day-to-day business operations. Kevin and his wife Eleanor have two children together, Eleanor and Kevin.

LADD FLETCHER

receiving during his senior season with 40 receptions for 764 yards and seven touchdowns. For his efforts on the field, he received All State and All County honors, the Journal Prep Player of the Week award, the Decatur DeKalb Sports Personality award, two DeKalb Touchdown Club Player of the Week awards and was voted Most Valuable Player.

Following his graduation from Lakeside, Fletcher received a full scholarship to play football at the University of South Carolina. He played four seasons for the Gamecocks and graduated in 1987.

Now, Fletcher lives in Dunwoody with his wife Kelly, with whom he's been married to for 30 years. Together, they have three sons in Hutch, Henry and Hudson.

MARK HICKMAN

In baseball, Hickman was an All-Region and All-County catcher in 1972, winning the prestigious Viking Award following his senior season.

Following his graduation from Lakeside, Hickman attended Murray State University where he played four years of football in the Ohio Valley Conference, being named to the 1973-74 All-Conference teams before graduating in 1976 with a degree in Business Management.

Now, Hickman is happily married to his wife Julie, who also attended Lakeside and was a varsity cheerleader before graduating in 1973. Together, they have two children, Jeff and Karen who both played college basketball. After 40 years of working in the commercial vehicle aftermarket equipment industry for Leggett & Platt Inc., he enjoys his retirement by spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren Ben, Braun, Caroline, Shay and Cameron.

MIKE BARTIK

on the Paladin football team as a wide receiver for three years, earning All-South Carolina and Churchman's All-America honors in 1973. He also lettered three years in baseball for the Paladins before graduating with a bachelor's degree in Political Science.

Bartik spent two seasons playing professional football in the World Football League from 1974-1975 for the Philadelphia Bell

and the Birmingham Americans. After his playing days, Bartik began to coach. His 35- year coaching career ended in Rome, Georgia, where he helped start the football program at Shorter University, serving as Defensive Coordinator for the Hawks

Now, Bartik has been recently rehabbing after his victory over stage four brain cancer which he was diagnosed with in June of 2019.

TOBIN SEXTON

Sexton, Class of 1973, was a two-year varsity letterman in football. As a senior he played on the 14-0 1972 State Championship team and was named DeKalb Touchdown Club Player of the Week and made the All-DeKalb County Top 22 team. Sexton was named co-Lakeside High School Most Valuable Defensive lineman.

After graduating from Lakeside, Sexton received a four-year scholarship to play at

arris, Class of 1971, was a multi-sport athlete for the Vikings' football and baseball teams. For football, he won the prestigious Viking Award in 1970 and received All Region, All County and All Metro recognition. He was offensive captain of the school's first 13-0, State Championship football team. He was also listed in "Outstanding Seniors" in 1971, and was a member of the Key Club and active in Young Life.

Smith, Class of 1979, transferred to Lakeside during his sophomore year of school and began his Vikings' sports career during his senior year, earning three varsity letters, one each from the football, basketball and baseball teams.

Smith was quick to earn a starting role on the football team as a wingback and return man. After scoring 15 total touchdowns in a season, he was named to the All-DeKalb the University of North Alabama. In 1975 he set the single-game school record for the highest defensive score. Sexton was team captain in 1976, setting another UNA single-game record with 21 tackles. He received the UNA Defensive Player of the Year award and was named Sporting Magazine's Defensive Player of the Year.

In 2019, Sexton was named to the UNA 150th Anniversary All Decade team for 1969-1978.

He graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in History and is President of Toby Sexton Tire Company.

Now, Sexton leads a Bible Study class at his church and has been married to his wife, LHS Class of '74 graduate Lynn Blanks, for 40 years. Together, they have two children and two grandchildren with another grandchild expected in October.

TOMMY HARRIS

After graduation, Harris attended Appalachian State University on a football scholarship. After college he returned to metro Atlanta, coaching and teaching at Avondale High School. A year later, he transferred to Lakeside to become the varsity head baseball coach as well as an assistant football coach.

In 1979, he joined Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, today's largest school publishing house. He

moved from a sales territory in Georgia to eventually running the national sales teams. Today, he runs Business Development for Ohana Solutions.

Harris and his wife, Phyllis, reside in Alpharetta, Georgia. He has three grown kids. Scott lives in Asheville with his wife Raleigh and their three kids. His daughter Jeanne lives in Atlanta with her husband Jeff. Matt, the youngest, lives near Decatur.

WALTER SMITH

County team. He was the starting center fielder for the baseball team and starting point guard for the basketball team.

After graduating from Lakeside, Smith attended Western Carolina University on a full football scholarship. During his freshmen spring practice, he was named MVP on defense, and went on to lead the team in pass breakups through 1980-82.

Following college, Smith joined the Army as an equipment and parts specialist and spent the ensuing years stationed in Colorado and Korea. In 1990, Smith started working at the Clayton County Sheriff's Office and remained there until retiring in 2016. He has two daughters in Corena and Samantha, who blessed him with five lovely grandkids, and is engaged to his fiancé Deboney Gainer.

SOCCER INDUCTEES

CASEY CAMPBELL

Campbell, Class of 1975, played varsity soccer at Lakeside starting his freshman year. During his junior and senior years as a midfielder, the Vikings went 14-0 and won back-to-back state championships. He was one of the team's captains his senior year and was recognized with All-State honors.

He played two years at Berry College before transferring to Erskine College where he

played for two more seasons and graduated in 1979 with a degree in Business Management and Economics. In his junior year at Erskine, he led the team to the NAIA National Final Four where they finished third in the nation.

He joined the Datagraphic Soccer Club after college and won the U.S. Amateur Cup in 1979. The following year, Datagraphic made it back to the U.S. Amateur Final, finishing second.

After a long run of competing on the pitch, Campbell went on to have a successful career as a CEO of several manufacturing businesses and he now operates a private consulting business. Campbell never moved away from the Atlanta area and raised three daughters in Peachtree City.

SOCCER INDUCTEES

CHRIS GARNER

arner, Class of 1978, was a four-year varsity letterman for the Vikings' soccer team. Lakeside compiled a 51-4 record over those four years and made three state championship appearances—including victories in 1975 and 1978. Garner co-captained the 1977 and 1978 teams with Hall of Famer Merck Smith—who currently serves as head coach of the Vikings boys soccer team.

Blanks, Class of 1978, was a multi-sport athlete for the Vikings, playing on the soccer and football teams. He was a four-year letterman in soccer and was a member of the 1975 and 1978 state championship teams. During his junior and senior seasons, his efforts on the pitch earned the Vikings a 26-1 record. Blanks was also an All-DeKalb County selection.

B all, Class of 1974, was a four-year starter for the Vikings' soccer team at the fullback and sweeper positions. In 1973, he was an All-County selection and was voted Most Valuable Defensive Player for the Vikings. His efforts on the field helped lead the Vikings to runner-up finishes in the DeKalb County and State Championships.

Balsamides, Class of 1984, earned five varsity letters as a multi-sport athlete at Lakeside, four on the soccer team and one on the cross country team. On the pitch, Balsamides was a two-time team captain, and was a member of the 1981 State Championship team.

In 1984, as a member on the State Champion Runner Up team, Balsamides received All County honors, All State honors and was

Garner majored in business at Georgia State University and continued playing the game as a member of the Atlanta Wolves—a First Division Amateur Team that competed against Semi-Pro teams in various tournaments—including the prestigious Open Cup where they finished third nationally in two consecutive years.

Garner and his wife Carol have one daughter, Sarah, who kept the family involved in

the game. Garner coached Sarah when she played for the Tucker Youth Soccer Association and spent several years as the President of the Board of Directors. Sarah ultimately went on to play soccer at Lakeside and was a 2017 graduate.

Garner spent 24 years working for UPS and the Freight Transportation Industry. He currently is a region manager for a private staffing firm.

DAVE BLANKS

On the football team, Blanks played for two years from 1976-77 as the Vikings' place kicker and lined up as a receiver.

Following his graduation from Lakeside, Blanks went on to attend Auburn University. There, he continued his football career with the Tigers, and was a three-year letterman on the football team as the place kicker. While at Auburn, he played alongside fellow Lakeside

graduates Charlie Garnham and Chip Creel. He graduated from Auburn with a BS degree in Transportation, and would go on to have a long career in Transportation and Logistics.

Now, Blanks enjoys spending time with his family, including his three sons and his daughter Jessi, who recently blessed him with a granddaughter, Zoe.

DAVID BALL

During his senior season, Ball was again voted All-County, but also received All-State recognition and was voted the team's Most Valuable Player on the 1974 DeKalb County and State Championship team.

Following his graduation from Lakeside, Ball attended the Georgia Institute of Technology where he graduated in 1978 with a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Management degree.

He later continued his education at Georgia State University, earning a Master of Business Administration degree in 1980.

Ball has since established a 40-year career in community banking in Gwinnett County. He has been married to his wife Kathy for 39 years, and has three daughters in Mallory, Courtney and Ashley who have blessed him with four grandsons.

MIKE BALSAMIDES

selected as the DeKalb County Most Valuable Player in the West Division.

Following his graduation from Lakeside, Balsamides received a scholarship to the University of North Carolina Asheville. He later returned to Atlanta to join the Mo's Coyotes and played with them for the next 25 years. He played for the Atlanta Express in the Southern Indoor Soccer League from 1990-1992.

Balsamides cofounded the Lakeside Masters in 1988, and remains involved to this day. He currently lives in Atlanta with his wife Carrie and daughter Anna. He continues to play soccer with his fellow Lakeside teammates, with whom he's been playing together with for over 40 years.

SOCCER INDUCTEES

SHAWN CARTMILL

Cartmill, Class of 1982, played on the Vikings soccer team as their premier goalkeeper. He helped lead the Vikings to the 1981 State Championship, and his efforts on the field earned him First Team All-State recognition that year. During the 1981 championship season, he was only scored on once during the regular season, and just twice during the postseason.

After graduating from Lakeside, Cartmill walked on to the Clemson University soccer team, and was the starting goalkeeper for the 1984 National Championship team. Cartmill was also the MVP of the 1985 International Collegiate Cup in Las Cruses New Mexico. Cartmill graduated from Clemson with a Bachelor of Science degree in Financial Management in December of 1986.

Cartmill would go on to play some soccer in Europe, including his time with Chelsea FC during the spring of 1987. Clemson's head soccer coach would then call on him to become an assistant coach at Clemson. Cartmill accepted and went on to win the 1987 NCAA National Championship.

Now, Cartmill lives in Clemson, SC alongside his wife of 20 years, Wendy. Together they have two children, Holland and Jake.

ROY DAY

Day, Class of 1972, played soccer for the Vikings and was a member of the 1970 State Championship team. He was captain his senior year and was also class President. Day was named the Most Valuable Player and was a First-Team-All-Metro Allstar. He finished at Lakeside giving the Commencement Address at graduation.

Shortly after graduation Day miraculously survived a seven-story fall in an industrial demolition accident. After rehab he got a college education, coached soccer, and studied Karate.

From 1995 to 2004 Day fenced internationally for the US. Day was the National Champion in 1997 and was a member of the 2000 US Olympic/Paralympic Team that competed in Sydney and met the President at the White House. In 1998, he returned to Karate and was awarded a Master ranking in 2010. Day was the 2017 and 2018 ISKA US Open World Champion in adaptive Karate.

Day has developed an innovative system of wheelchair self-defense. He is the author of eight books, including two about crime prevention and self-defense for the disabled.

CROSS COUNTRY INDUCTEES

ROBBIE BURNS

Burns, Class of 1974, played for the varsity soccer team and ran for the varsity track and cross-country teams, respectively. He earned a varsity letter 10 times: four in cross-country, four in track, and two in soccer. Burns also won a combined five state championships: three in cross-country, one in track and one in soccer.

For the cross-country and track teams, he was named to the all-state teams in both sports by the Atlanta Track Club. He won the prestigious Viking Award for cross-country in 1973 and soccer in 1974.

After graduating from Lakeside, Burns attended the University of Wyoming. While there, he ran on the Division 1A cross-country team. He also ran on the Division 1A track

team. Burns ran against other track stars like Paul Cummings and Frank Shorter.

Burns has been married for 10 years to his wife Vivian, who also graduated from Lakeside in 1974, and they both currently reside in the Lakeside area. Burns has one daughter, Amanda, and one son, Billy, both of whom also graduated from Lakeside in 2004 and 2006, respectively.

SCOTT GRIFFITH

G riffith, Class of 1979, was a four-year varsity letterman on the Vikings' cross country and track teams. He was a member of the 1977-78 teams that placed second at the state championships, and was the 1978 cross country individual state champion, scoring the fastest finishing time through all classifications.

In 1977 and 1978, Griffith was awarded the Atlanta Track Club All-State award, and

placed fifth in the state in the 2-mile event in 1978.

Following his graduation from Lakeside, Griffith was a four-year letterman on the University of Georgia cross country team. He ran in the SEC Championships all four years, with his best finishes being 16th and 17th overall. Griffith also ran for the UGA track team for three years, with two seventh place finishes in the SEC Championships.

After Graduating from UGA with a Bachelor's Degree in Management Information Systems, Griffith continued to run for the Atlanta Track Club and Reebok Racing Club competitive teams, and ran 20 consecutive Peachtree Road Races in the 70's through 90's. He has worked for Nike for the last 31 years, and has two children, Tyler and Kaitlyn.

SWIMMING INDUCTEES

KATIE HEYBURN THOMPSON

eyburn, Class of 1984, was a fiveyear varsity swimmer for the Vikings. She was a two-time state champion, and still holds the school record in the 500yard freestyle race which she set in 1981. Heyburn was a Junior National Champion in 1982 in the 200-yard breaststroke event, and qualified for the Olympic, Pan Pacific, Pan American trials and participated in the U.S. Open Short Course Championships.

After graduating from Lakeside, Heyburn attended Auburn University on a full scholarship where she lettered on the swimming team for four years. She was a team captain for the Tigers, received All-American honors and had eight top-ten finishes in the SEC Championships.

Heyburn was an NCAA Championship participant for three years before receiving her undergraduate degree in Marketing. She acted as a Graduate Assistant Swimming Coach while taking time to earn her Master of Business Administration degree.

Heyburn has since had a long-standing career in sales, and lives in Birmingham, Alabama with her husband of 27 years, Jamie. Together, they have three children in Jay, Sean and Moira.

MARIA THRASH

hrash, Class of 1979, set state records in the 500-yard freestyle and 200-yard individual medley as a sophomore and would help the Lakeside girls win back-to-back team state titles as a junior and senior. Thrash was also a member of the 400-yard freestyle relay team that set the state record in 1976. Her accomplishments earned her the Bill Young Award in 1978, which recognizes swimming achievements in addition to excellence in the community and classroom.

Thrash walked on the Clemson swimming team and would earn a full scholarship before ascending to a co-captain for her final three seasons with the Tigers. She graduated in 1984 with a Bachelors of Science Degree.

After graduation, Thrash began a 35-year coaching career that included positions at Dynamo Swimming, Dynamo Multisport, Swim Atlanta and Georgia Tech. She coached numerous state champions, NCAA champions

and World Class Triathletes and was a twotime recipient of Georgia Age Group Coach of the Year award.

Thrash maintained her competitive spirit despite the challenges of a 20-plus year battle with serious liver disease. She coached the next generation to incredible success and personally completed two Ironman Triathlons.

BASEBALL INDUCTEES

ALAN O'NEAL

O'Neal, Class of 1974, earned four varsity letters as the quarterback of the Vikings' football team, and was a two-year varsity letterman as a starting pitcher for the baseball team. He was a member of both the 1970 and 1972 State Championship football teams, and as a senior had a 9-1 record and won the prestigious Viking Award.

After high school, O'Neal attended Middle Georgia College for two years where he continued his baseball career. He was the opening night starting pitcher at the JUCO World Series and helped lead his team to a final ranking as the No. 3 team in 1975.

Later, O'Neal received a scholarship to the University of Georgia as a starting pitcher for the Bulldogs. His senior year, he was a captain of the team, helping lead them to the SEC Championship Series. He graduated from UGA with a Bachelor of Science in Health and Physical Education.

O'Neal and his wife Susan have been happily married for 23 years. They have four children and five grandchildren. He and his wife still reside in the Lakeside area. He is currently the Vice President for Southern Champion Construction Company.

BASEBALL INDUCTEES

BILLY WALKER

Alker, Class of 1971, was a multisport athlete at Lakeside, playing football and baseball. During his senior year the Vikings went 13-0, and ended the season by winning the Football State Championship. His efforts on the field got him elected Captain of the defense, and he was awarded Scholar Athlete Lineman of the Week by Decatur-DeKalb newspaper and the Lakeside Touchdown Club Award.

On the baseball team as a junior, he took over the team's catcher position. During his senior year, he had a batting average of .560, and played in the East-West All-Star game. Walker was on the Dugout All-Star team and received the Braves 400 Club Award on top of being given the prestigious Viking award.

Following his graduation from Lakeside, Walker received a full baseball scholarship to attend Georgia Tech. He would later transfer to Mercer University- Atlanta on a full baseball scholarship, and graduated with honors from Stetson School of Business and Economics.

Now, Walker is retired and living on a small farm in Good Hope, Georgia with Anne, his wife of 42 years. Together, they have one son and three grandsons.

BRENT MCGUIRE

cGuire, Class of 1979, played shortstop and pitcher on the Vikings' baseball team and played receiver on the 1978 football team that made the North Georgia finals. He was a three-time MVP award winner, and also served as team captain. McGuire was selected to play in the Metro Atlanta High School All-Star game in 1979.

Following graduation, McGuire earned a full athletic scholarship to play baseball at

Georgia State University. He was a four-year starter and played second base for the Panthers. McGuire even earned a spot on the 1980 All Sun Belt Conference First-Team.

He was a previous holder of six offensive records for the Panthers and was team captain in 1983. McGuire has been a Physical Education teacher and coach for thirty-five years. He is currently in his twenty-first year at The Westminster Schools.

During his ten-year tenure as head varsity fastpitch softball coach, he was recognized as the Region Softball Coach of the Year four times and won the Georgia Dugout Club Assistant Baseball Coach of the Year Award in 2015 and 2019. His varsity baseball team won the AAA State Championship in 2016. McGuire and his wife Caroline have three children: Kelly, Courtney and Michael.

GYMNASTICS INDUCTEES

DIANE CANTRELL-CLINTON

C antrell, Class of 1977, was a multi-sport athlete for the Vikings' gymnastics, diving and cheerleading teams. After diving for one year as an eighth grader, she made a return during her senior year to help lead Lakeside to a state title. Cantrell earned two varsity letters on the cheerleading team as a junior and senior, and was a four-year varsity letterman in gymnastics.

During her time on the gymnastics team, Cantrell helped lead the Vikings to four consecutive state titles from 1974-77.

Following her graduation from Lakeside, Cantrell attended the University of Georgia and continued her gymnastics career. She was a four-year letterman with the Bulldogs, and was captain during her senior year. She also helped lead the Bulldogs to an AIAW Championship in 1980, and was instrumental in the implementation of Title IX at UGA.

Cantrell then worked at the Atlanta Athletic Club as the Women's Athletic Director, running the gymnastics programs. She later went to the Lovett School and coached gymnastics and diving for six years. Now, Cantrell is a flight attendant for Delta Air Lines and lives in McDonough.

GYMNASTICS INDUCTEES

LAURA DEADWYLER

Deadwyler, Class of 1978, was a multi-sport athlete for the Vikings' cheerleading and gymnastics teams. During her senior year as a gymnast, she medaled in four events in County, and medaled in five events in State. That same year, she won the State Champion All-Around title. She was honored to share the Viking Award her senior year with her dear friend Mary Lou Watson.

Following her graduation from Lakeside, Deadwyler attended Agnes Scott College for two years and then transferred to Georgia Tech. While at Tech, she was Captain of the Cheerleading Squad. During her senior year, they went to Nationals and finished 10th.

She graduated from Tech with a degree in Industrial Management and was on the Dean's List multiple times. She was a Little Sister of the fraternity Sigma Nu, where she became the fraternity Sweetheart.

Deadwyler has worked in Information Technology for most of her career. However, after getting her Master's degree in Biblical Studies from Reformed Theological Seminary, she worked as a missionary in Peru for six years. She's a two-time cancer survivor and has depended on God's faithfulness to get her through the tough trials.

SUSAN CANTRELL-BRAGG

Cantrell, Class of 1975, was a four-year letterman on the Lakeside gymnastics team from 1971-1975. Each of these years, her team won the state championship under the leadership of Dr. Lucia Norwood. Cantrell competed in all four championship events, but specialized on the balance beam and floor exercise, winning several state and county medals. She was a recipient of both the Coaches and Viking Awards.

After graduating from Lakeside, Cantrell at-

tended Florida State University where she became a member of the Alpha Gamma Delta Sorority and a member of the FSU Flying High Circus. Cantrell also spent time as the football team's mascot "Susie Seminole".

She graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Health and Physical Education with a minor in Coaching. After college, Cantrell taught in Dekalb County Schools for four years and coached the Varsity Gymnastics teams at Briarcliff and Lithonia High School.

She later created the Gainesville School of Gymnastics in Gainesville, GA. She has owned and directed this business for 35 years and recently sold it and retired. Cantrell has been happily married to Tommy Bragg for 38 years and has three children.

GIRLS BASKETBALL / TRACK INDUCTEE

STACY SHELTON

S helton, Class of 1984, was a four-year starter for the Vikings' basketball team, a two-time track state champion in the 880-yard race (1983-84) and the top runner on the cross country team.

While on the basketball team, Shelton scored more than 1,000 career points. On the track team, she previously held the 880-yard race state record, running a time of 2:17.16 in 1983. She was the state runner up

in the one-mile race in 1983 and 1984 (with a personal best of 5:02) and placed fourth overall in the cross country state championships in 1982.

Shelton was a National Honor Society member, and received a track and cross country scholarship to Georgetown University where she would become the team's MVP in 1988. She was an honors graduate from the Columbia University School of Journal-

ism, and Summa Cum Laude at Vermont Law School.

In 2006, Shelton was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize as a member of The Atlanta Journal Constitution's Metro Team. After 20 years in journalism, Shelton now practices law as an environmental attorney and assistant attorney general for the State of Georgia.

BETH COOLEY CHEERLEADING AWARD

JONI MAULDEN-ADAMS

aulden, Class of 1980, is the recipient of the Beth Cooley Cheerleading Award—named after her former cheermate. Maulden earned two varsity letters as a cheerleader. The 1978 LHS football cheer squad won first place at NCA camp competition at UGA, and the 1979 squad was awarded the prized Spirit Stick.

Maulden served as a Class Treasurer, was voted to the Miss Lakeside Court every year and was crowned Homecoming Queen her senior year. Maulden attended the University of Alabama where she majored in Accounting. She had student leadership roles such as a proctor for business communications and won the JH Menning Award. While at UA, she was a Kappa Sigma little sister and was voted a Corolla Favorite by the student body.

After college, Maulden worked in accounting and continues to work in the hospitality industry as Director, Global Accounts where she books major events and conventions.

Maulden has two sons, Fox and Hunter, who attended West Point and the U.S. Naval Academy. She served as President of the West Point Parents Club of Central Florida from 2005-10, and is married to Mike Adams.

JOHN KICKLIGHTER AWARD

CHRIS CHILTON

C hilton, Class of 1982, was a multi-sport athlete for the Vikings on the basketball and baseball teams, and is co-winner along with his mother for the John Kicklighter Award. On the diamond, he was a three-year varsity letterman and starting outfielder. As a sophomore, Chilton batted .343 with one home run, and followed up with an improved average of .358 as a junior with five home runs and a team high 27 RBIs. His best season came as a senior, where he batted .425 and led the team with 20 stolen

bases and 26 RBIs. On the basketball court, Chilton played three years for Lakeside and started his career on the eighth-grade team where he was voted Most Valuable Player. He lettered on the varsity team as a sophomore.

After graduating from Lakeside, Chilton attended the University of Georgia where he earned two undergraduate degrees in Economics and Broadcast Journalism. He worked as a Sports Editor for the Douglas

Neighbor and DeKalb Neighbor for 11 years.

Chilton has worked as an Athletic Specialist in the DeKalb County School District Athletic Department for the past 20 years. He acts as coordinator for several sports, including baseball, wrestling, softball and cross country.

NINI CHILTON

C hilton was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota in 1936, and moved to Atlanta shortly thereafter. She attended Grady High School and played for the Knights' tennis team. Following her graduation, Chilton attended the University of Georgia where she earned her undergraduate degree in 1958.

After college, Chilton worked for WSB Radio before getting married to her husband,

Jack. Together, they raised three kids in Chris, Jack and Carol, all of whom went to Lakeside where

Chilton was very supportive of and involved with their athletic careers and education. Chilton continued to be active on the tennis courts, and was an original member of the ALTA tennis leagues upon their conception. She taught tennis lessons and tutored future Lakeside players at the Twin

Lakes Swim and Tennis Club. Even after her children graduated, she remained active at Lakeside, attending as many sporting events as she could. She was particularly supportive of the football, soccer, baseball and basketball programs.

Chilton was a true fan of the Purple and Gold, and remained a supporter of the school until her passing on November 16, 2020 at the age of 84.



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