

ATHLETICS AT MORGANTOWN HIGH SCHOOL





rom its earliest beginnings in 1927 as a school, MHS exemplified not only the best traditions of academic excellence but also pride in the rich athletic traditions that were to come. Beginning with football, wrestling, and basketball squads, the Red and Blue uniforms would, within the century, be worn by young men and women who were members of some 20 separate teams.

The earliest teams included, in addition to those above, youth who competed in track, cross-country, and baseball. Soon, the sports of swimming, softball, golf, tennis, volleyball, soccer, and lacrosse would be added.

Athletics has a long winning tradition at our school, with teams capturing over 25 state titles, in track, golf, football, boys' soccer, girls' basketball, boys' tennis, and boys' and girls' cross-country.

Pony Lewis Field was named after Clarence "Pony" Lewis, honored three consecutive seasons as All-State in football. He led the 1927 team to an undefeated season and a state championship.

In 1991, Project MoHawk, a community effort involving both Morgantown and University High Schools, provided a new all-weather playing surface on the field (one of only a handful of high schools to boast of such an artificial turf). New dressing and weight rooms, a new scoreboard, press box, and concession stand were constructed.

Beginning in 2011, improvements have included a new playing surface, lighting, concessions stand, improved home seating, a state-of-the-art weight room, the John Rockis, Jr. and Johnny Hardesty Student-Athlete Facility building, and the Jake Mullett Press Box. They are a result of the on-going athletic facilities project funding from the Hazel Ruby McQuain Charitable Trust, the Monongalia County Board of Education, the MHS Foundation, and contributions from thousands of MHS community supporters.

Morgantown High competes at the state level in the AAA division (the AAAA division in basketball) and is a proud member of both the Two Rivers Athletic Conference and the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference. The Mohigans offer athletic teams in 22 different sports.

Honoring Our Finest...



In 2006, a group of interested faculty, alumni, and local citizens met to consider the idea of establishing a Morgantown High School Athletic Hall of Fame.

Believing that athletics plays an integral role in the pride and vitality of the high school setting, members of the committee sought and selected the first group of ten individuals who were inducted into the Hall of Fame.

What you have in your hands is a souvenir booklet, honoring our latest group of ten inductees. In these pages, you will see familiar faces of people who have brought unique athletic honors to our school. In addition, in the latter pages of the booklet, you will see thumbnail sketches of everyone we have honored. Next year and for many years to come, additional names will be enshrined in our MHS Athletic Hall of Fame.

Nominations may come from anyone, as we seek to recognize outstanding athletes, dedicated coaches, athletic directors, administrators, and auxiliary personnel who have brought positive recognition to themselves and to MHS.

Turn the page and meet our 2022 class!



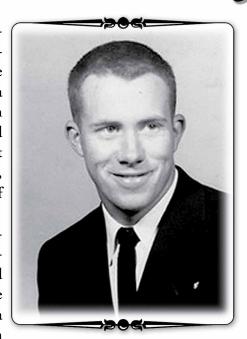


SAMUEL H. WEESE





arning three varsity letters each year he attended MHS, Samuel Weese was an allaround athlete during his time donning the red and blue. Samuel was undoubtedly a winner, serving as captain for squads that finished with a 7-1 record on the football field and a 20-2 record on the basketball court, respectively. Both teams set school-best win / loss records at the time. In addition, Samuel played Legion Baseball during this stretch of years that preceded the formation of the MHS team. Throughout his time at MHS, Samuel earned a plethora of honors that highlighted his performances in multiple sports and in the classroom. Samuel was a 2nd Team All-State selection in football and an All-State Honorable Mention in basketball. He even earned a spot to compete in the Dominion News North-South



Football Game. Within the walls of MHS, Samuel represented the National Honors Society, American Legion Boys State, and served as MHS Athletic Club President.

In 1957, Samuel graduated with a business degree from the College of Business and Economics at West Virginia University. After graduation, he served in the United States Air Force as an officer and flew as an aircraft navigator in the Air Defense Command. Upon completion of his military service, Sam returned to West Virginia University where he earned his MBA in 1962. He later received a three-year Huebner Fellowship to the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School and earned his Ph.D. in Business and Applied Economics with a specialization in insurance in 1968. Samuel was recognized with a Distinguished West Virginian award in 1991 and a Distinguished Alumni of the West Virginia University College of Business award in 2014. Samuel is now retired and living in Wayne, Pennsylvania. His greatest memory while at MHS is playing under coach Arthur H. Clyde. Samuel's wife, Ellen; daughter, Marguerite; son-in-law, Stephen Raab; and granddaughter, Eliza Raab are incredibly proud of Samuel's accomplishments.





SARAH ST. CLAIR (MILLS)





arah St. Clair was a Mohigan soccer player who truly embodied the phrase "student-athlete," with awards throughout her career extending past the field and into the classroom.

During her time at MHS, Sarah started every varsity game from her freshman year to her senior year. During those four seasons, Sarah earned selections to the 1st Team All-NCAC in 1997, 1998, 1999, and 2000, as well as 2nd Team All-State in 1999. Her other individual honors include NCAC Player of the year in 2000, 1st Team All-State in 2000, the Arthur Clyde Outstanding Senior Athlete Award in 2001, and the Morgantown High School Athletic Boosters Scholarship in 2001.

After graduating at the top of her class, Sarah carried her Mohigan excellence to college, playing soccer for the Lady Bobcats of West Virginia Wesleyan where she aggregated more awards and recognitions at the conference and national levels. Sarah was named WVIAC Second Team All-Conference in 2001, 2002, and 2003 and First Team WVIAC All-Conference in 2004. The WVIAC



also named Sarah their Scholar Athlete of the Year 2002 and 2003, and BB&T named Sarah their Senior Scholar-Athlete Award recipient in 2004. In addition, she was named to the CoSIDA Academic All-American Third Team in 2003, the CoSIDA/ESPN The Magazine Academic All-American First Team in 2004, and the CoSIDA Academic All-District First Team in both 2003 and 2004. Off the field, Sarah continued to compile academic recognitions while studying at West Virginia Wesleyan, WVU, and UNC Chapel Hill. Sarah was the West Virginia Wesleyan Outstanding Nursing Student of the Year 2002 and made the Dean's and President's Lists from 2002-2005. She was also a recipient of an impressive number of scholarships including the Mason Crickard Scholarship from 2002-2005, the West Virginia Medical Scholarship from 2005-2009, and the Terry and Frances Seelinger Scholarship in 2007 and 2008.

Since her days in college, Sarah has flourished professionally, becoming Intern of the year at UNC Emergency Medicine Residency in 2009 and 2010, serving as the UNC Emergency Medicine Chief Resident in 2011 and 2012, winning the Wake Emergency Physicians, PA Service Award in 2018, and working as the RelyMD Medical Director from 2017-2020.

Today, Sarah lives in Raleigh, North Carolina with her husband, Brad and sons, James and Benjamin. Her studies led her to a position as an Emergency Medicine Physician. Sarah's favorite memories are from pre-season conditioning sessions where she would enjoy the company of her friends in the summer.





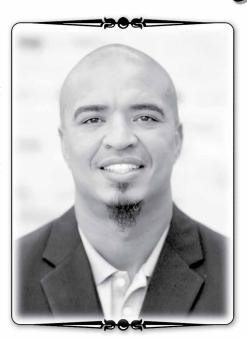
GEREMY RODAMER





dmired for his grit and tenacity, Geremy Rodamer left his mark at MHS with an abundance of accolades. This dual-sport athlete shined everywhere he competed, lettering in basketball, track, and football during high school; however, Geremy cemented his legacy under the lights at Pony Lewis Field.

As a running back, Geremy amassed an astounding 3,889 rushing yards and scored a total of 110 touch-downs during his career as a Mohigan. Geremy's junior season culminated with a Second Team All-State selection. As a senior, the 11-time Dominion Post Player of the Week was named First Team All-State and the runner-up for the Kennedy Award, which is annually given to the top football player in the state of West Virginia. Geremy's fearless leadership helped the 2002 Mohigans finish their season with a perfect



14-0 record and a state title. Consequently, Geremy's record-shattering four interceptions in the championship game earned him MVP honors. Geremy also broke the record for the longest fumble recovery returned for a touchdown in Super Six history. To put a cap on that magical season, Prep Magazine named MHS to their 2002 Top-50 best high school teams in the country. Following high school, Geremy took his talents to Huntington, earning a scholarship to Marshall University to play football for the Thundering Herd. Majoring in sports management, Geremy found more success as a defender, becoming a 3-year letterman and a 2-year starter on defense. He finished his career at Marshall with 54 tackles and 1 interception. In addition to his performance between the hashes, Geremy also earned a place on the Dean's list twice while at Marshall.

Geremy is now a director of business development residing in Dallas, Texas alongside his wife, Laura; his daughter, Gianna; his stepson, Alec; and his son, Amadeus. Looking back on his career, Geremy's best memories revolve around bonding with his friends and teammates. Finally, Geremy would like to add that he owes everything in his life to Jesus Christ, for without Him, none of this success would be possible.



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ZACK SOLLY





ack Solly is a 2004 graduate of Morgantown High who participated in basketball, baseball, and football. He was a three year letterman in both baseball and football, winning a state championship with

the 2002 Mohigans on the gridiron.

Zach was the ultimate competitor on the baseball diamond, and his performance led to a slew of accomplishments. In his junior season, Zack was named 2nd Team All-NCAC, and as a senior, he followed up that impressive year by leading the Mohigans in batting average and earning the title of NCAC Player of the Year. Later that summer, Zack helped lead the Post 2 American Legion baseball team to a State Championship, receiving Tournament MVP honors. After graduation, Zack accepted a scholarship to play baseball at Fairmont State University where he was a four year starter. 2009, however, was a dream of a



season for Zack, who led the Falcons to a WVIAC Central Division Championship. That year, he was named 1st Team All-WVIAC and led the WVIAC in batting average, slugging percentage and on base percentage. He ranked 2nd nationally in batting average, 4th in on-base percentage, and 5th in slugging. Zack earned a spot on the 1st Team All-Mid-Atlantic Region and secured the Mid-Atlantic Gold Glove Award. Zack was the first player in Fairmont State baseball history to be a NCAA Division II 2nd Team All-American, and he also earned NCBWA Honorable Mention All-American recognition. Zack earned his Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from Fairmont State in 2009, and after his playing career, accepted a coaching position there. He coached from 2010-2013, obtaining a Master's Degree in Special Education.

In the fall of 2013, Zack accepted a coaching position at the IMG Academy in Bradenton, Florida. He later became head coach at Bartram Trail High School and won Coach of the Year after he led the Bears to the 2017 St. Johns River Athletic Conference Championship. In 2019, Zack was inducted into the Fairmont State University Athletic Hall of Fame. Zack currently lives in Bradenton, Florida with his wife, Brittany and son, Gracen. He works as a Dean of Students at Manatee High School and is currently pursuing a Master's in Educational Leadership.



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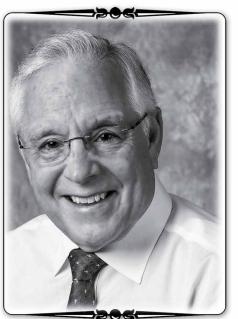
Dan Erenrich





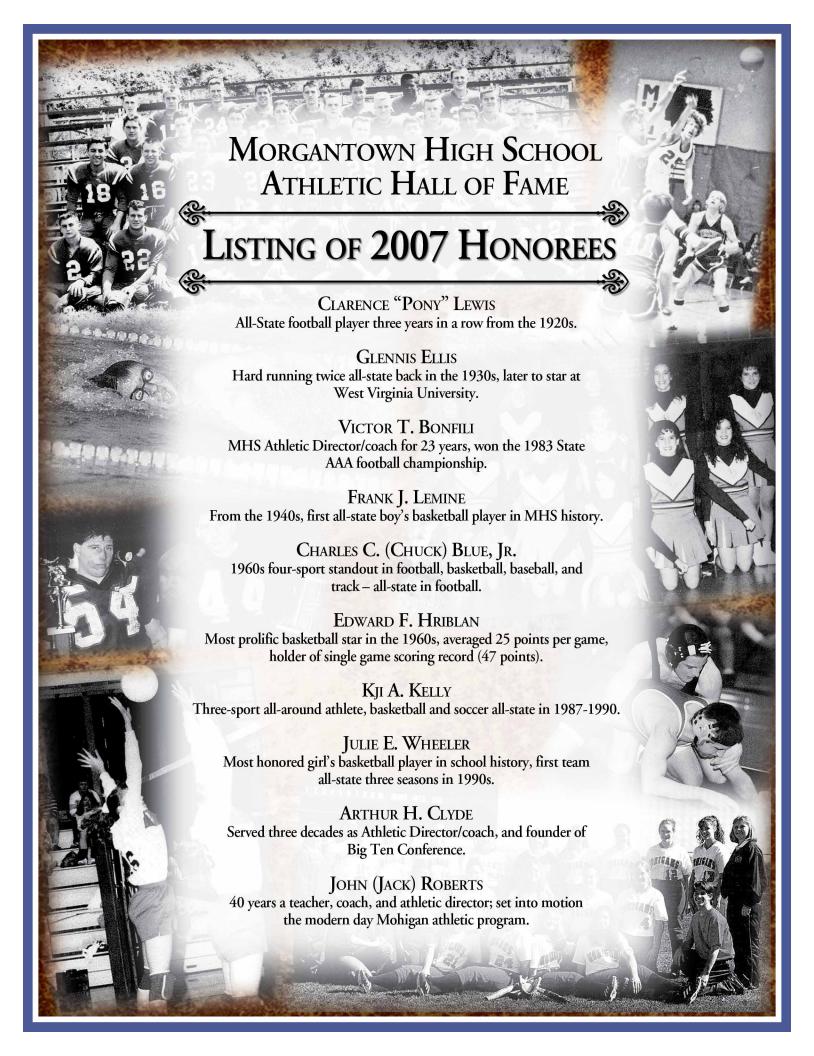
an Erenrich devoted 41 years to Morgantown High School in multiple capacities, first serving as a math teacher and later taking the role as the math department chair and teacher for 27 years. Dan's services, however, spanned outside academics as he also held the title of Student Council Sponsor for 13 years and Junior Class Sponsor for 26 years until his eventual retirement. Dan thoroughly enjoyed bringing Homecoming to MHS each year.

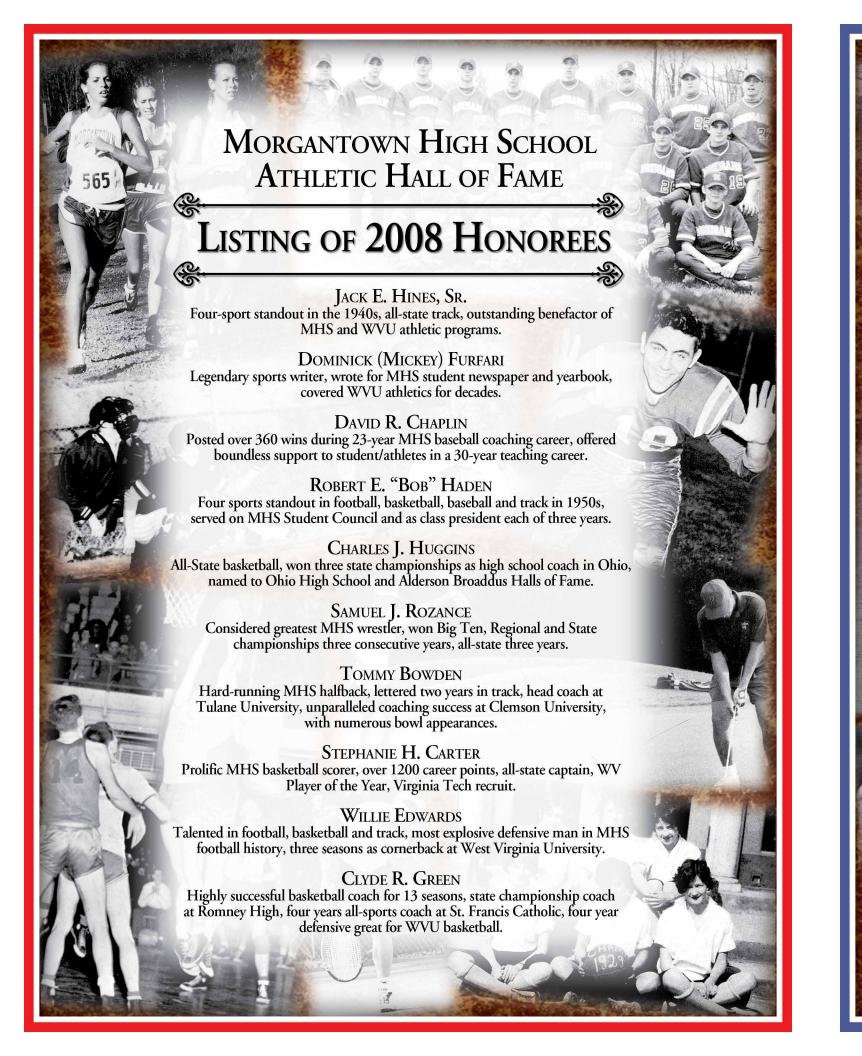
Dan forever shares a bond to MHS athletics as well, serving as the assistant basketball coach for 10 years and the assistant baseball coach for 12 years. Prior to beginning his 14 year tenure as athletic director, he served as the assistant athletic director for 15 years and in addition took on coaching the boys and girls cross country teams for two years,

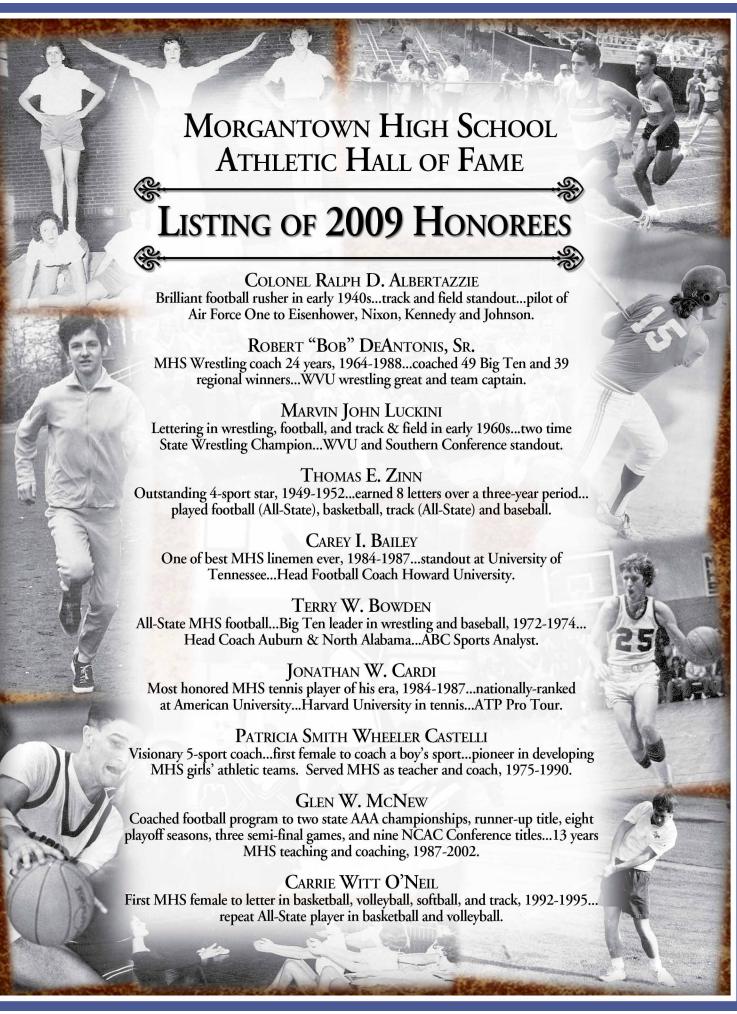


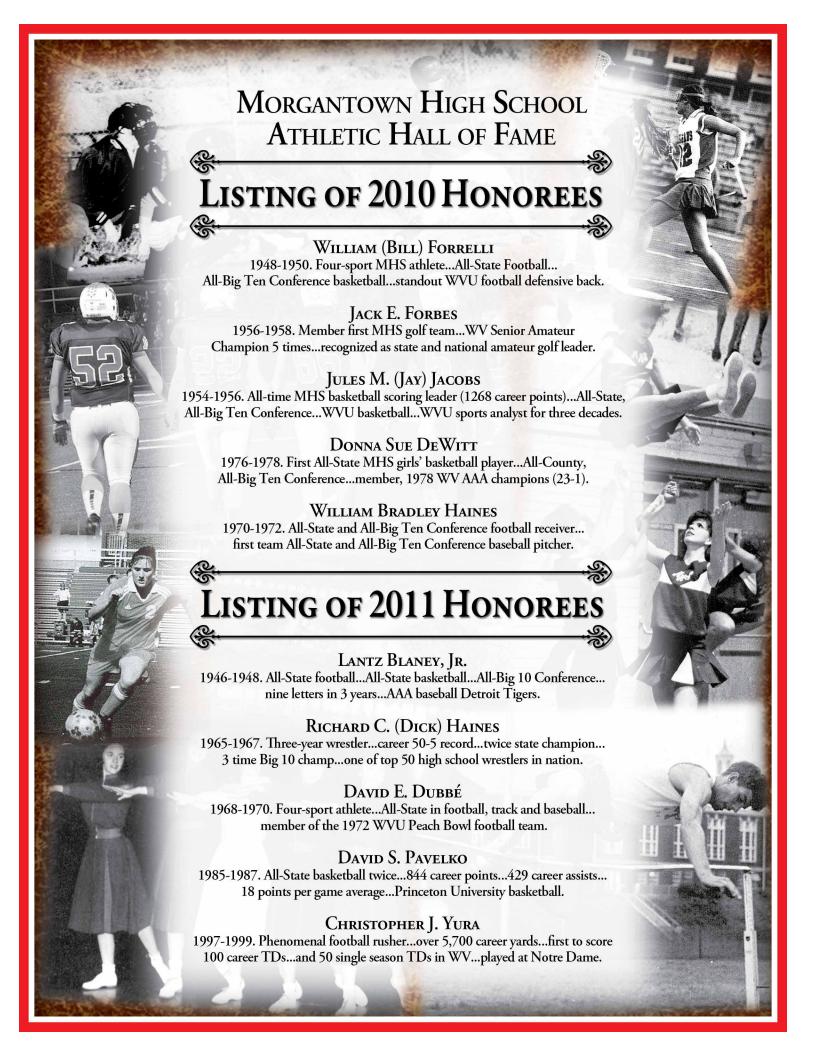
guiding the girls to a state runner-up season in 2001 and a state championship in 2002. Teaching, mentoring, and coaching all add up to a fabulous career, but Dan also adds "administration" to his long list of roles at MHS. During his years as Athletic Director, Dan guided MHS into the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference and was instrumental in the renovations of Pony Lewis Field. Some of these facilities upgrades include replacing the turf on the playing surface, bringing in new home bleachers, and installing a new video scoreboard. Later, Dan led the charge for a new press box and field house, and he even oversaw the initial stages of construction for a new weight room. In addition, Dan helped establish the MHS Athletic Hall of Fame. Outside of MHS, Dan served as President of the West Virginia Athletic Directors Association and as a member of the WVSSAC Board of Directors.

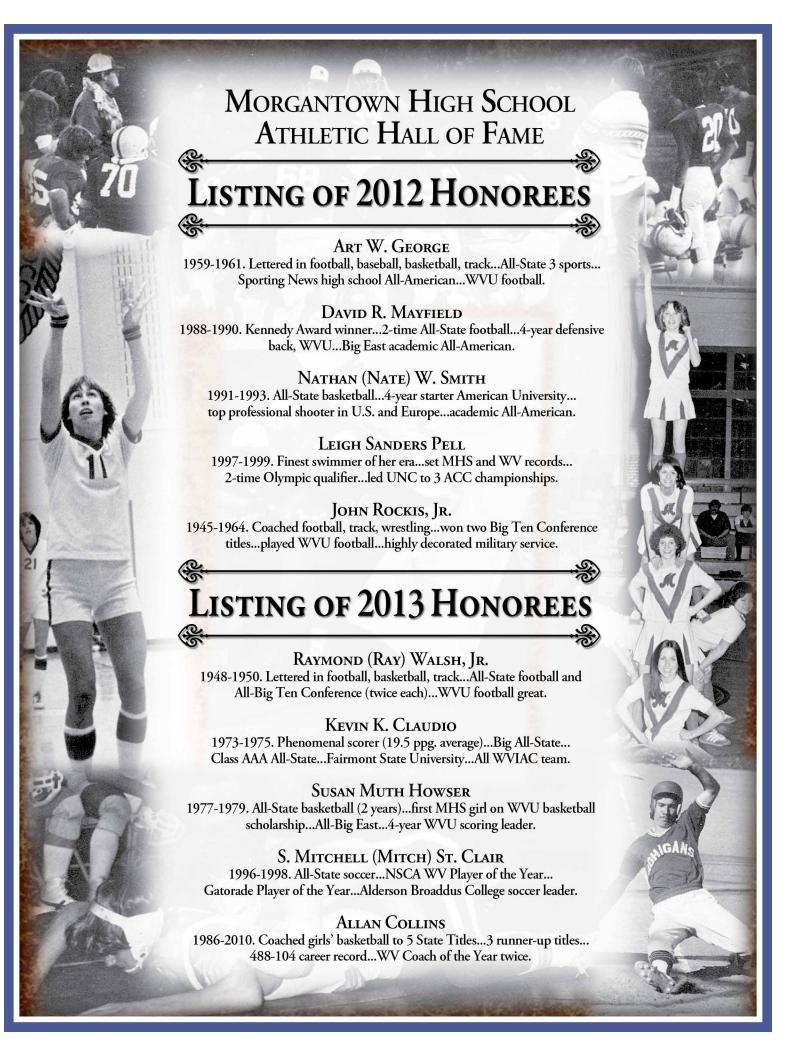
Today, Dan is proud to represent Spruce Street United Methodist Church where he has been Lay Leader, a Sunday school teacher, and a chairman of various church committees. Dan also enjoys directing the Mundy's Run/Walk for the Monongalia County Special Olympics. A devoted family man, he and his wife Connie, whom he affectionately refers to as a "true saint," are blessed with three daughters and five grandchildren who light up their lives. Dan also holds immense admiration from his friends and former colleagues at MHS who are all truly grateful for his relentless dedication to the Mohigan family.

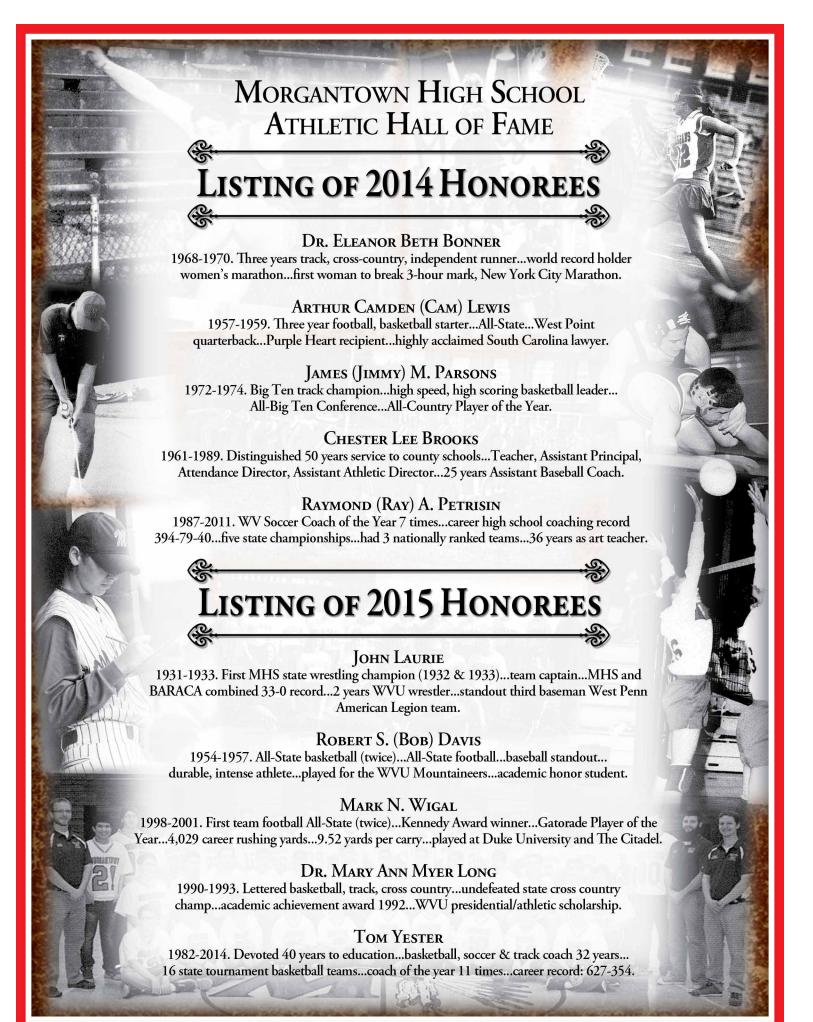












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LISTING OF 2016 HONOREES

Joseph (Joe) Johnston, Sr.

1925-1927. Four-sport star in football, baseball, basketball, wrestling...outstanding WVU wrestler...coach at Montgomery and Parkersburg High Schools...dedicated to young people's education.

J. ROBERT (BOB) GWYNNE

1965-1967. All-State and All-Mon Valley basketball...averaged 23.6 points per game...outstanding MHS golfer...co-designed Pikewood National Golf Course...noted attorney and WVU supporter.

JAMES A. (ROCKY) GIANOLA

1972-1974. Quarterback and linebacker in football at MHS...state record 46 and 48 yard field goals... 2-year letterman as center at WVU football...graduate WVU College of Law.

GORDON L. SHILLING

1966-1968. Lettered basketball, track, and football...All-State 1st Team football and All-Big Ten Conference track and football...Arthur H. Clyde Award winner...dedicated to youth fundraising projects.

Kelly Geddis (Johnson)

1981-2002. First female athletic director at Class AAA school...head boys' track, cheer, girls' basketball coach...WVU track team...assistant executive director WVSSAC...pioneer supporter, womens' athletics.

LISTING OF 2017 HONOREES

I. EDWIN JENKINS

1961-1989. Dedicated 28 years to education...MHS Principal for 21 years...highest devotion to guiding MHS academics...spearheaded addition of new athletic teams and physical facilities.

JACK M. JOHNS

1953-1956. Signature public address "Voice of the Mohigans" basketball, football, band...Radio/TV Producer, WVU Extension Service...Mountaineer basketball and press box announcer.

JERRY W. JOHNSON

1959-1962. Football defensive standout...twice All-State Class AAA...All-Big Ten Conference... "Sporting News" magazine All-American...member of WVU football team.

Danny Lohmann

1992-1994. Soccer, football, basketball, baseball athlete...All-State soccer...set MHS record for saves in a game...Emmy Award winning Executive Producer, Pikewood Creative.

THOMAS (TOM) LUCKINI

1965-1967. Outstanding multi-year letterman football, basketball, wrestling, track...All-State football 1966...four year Salem College football career...successful Morgantown businessman.

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LISTING OF 2018 HONOREES



RONALD (RONNIE) RODAMER

1996-2000. WV Gatorade Football Player of the Year... USA Today prep All-American football player... Parade Magazine All-American football player... football and basketball captain senior year... University of Notre Dame football team.

SHANE FOGARTY

1998-2002. 3A 2000 State football champion...25-2 record as the starting quarterback...5 varsity letters in football and baseball...honor roll every semester at MHS...University of Connecticut football team.

Kerry Mossburg Woods

1983-1987. 3-time All-State...Big Ten Conference Player of the Year...WV state basketball tournament team...first 1,000 point scorer in school history...Division I basketball scholarship to University of Akron.

THOMAS (TOM) HART

Reinstated baseball program in 1970...first baseball team to go to state tournament 1971...instrumental in Project Mohawk...Chairman and member of MHS Hall of Fame committee for 10 years...when Principal, started girls' softball program.

Joy J. Juskowich, M.D.

1998-2002. Athlete with the highest GPA senior year...only MHS female golf team member...nationally-ranked junior golfer...NCAC All-Conference team...Wake Forest University women's golf team.



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LISTING OF 2019 HONOREES





STEPHANIE MICHAEL ANDERSON

2005-2009. WV State Basketball Tournament MVP...State Player of the Year...California University of Pennsylvania Women's Basketball Team...Cal U Alumna of the Year...Fairmont State University Women's Basketball Head Coach.

MARK "HOT DOG" WILSON

1971-1974. Averaged 20.6 points per game while shooting 82% from foul line...First Team All-State...First Team All-Dominion Post...WVU Men's Basketball Team...Vice President of Safety and Human Resources for Greer Industries.

JACOB "JAKE" MULLETT

Monongalia County Schools Admininstrator and Assistant Superintendent...set up partnership with WVU Athletic Training Program to have trainers at athletic events...MHS press box named in his honor...the Jacob Mullett Scholarship is given to an MHS senior athlete.

ALPHA "COWBOY" MAYFIELD

1953-1956. Four-sport letter winner...pinned his first 5 wrestling opponents his senior year...Marshall University football player and wrestling team member...started wrestling program at Northwest High School in Ohio...Ohio's AA Coach of the Year.

SHAWNA TOTH MERRILL

1955-1999. First Team All-State...Four-time All-Conference...WV Gatorade Soccer Player of the Year...WVU Women's Soccer Team...WVU team captain senior year...Big East Academic All-Star...WVU Athletic Director's Academic Honor Roll.

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LISTING OF 2020-21 HONOREES



Donna Viola

All-State Basketball, member of WV Girls' Basketball team that traveled to Europe, a member of the 1977-78 state championship team, Morgantown Touchdown Club Achievement Award (which usually went to a football player).

SETH FOGARTY

Basketball and football standout, member of the 2000 and 2002 state championship football teams, University of Connecticut football, sniper in Special Forces in Afghanistan.

KERI PRYOR

Gatorade Player of the Year, basketball, WV State Player of the Year, McDonald's All-American, 1,651 career points (633 her senior year), Duquesne University basketball.

PATRICK SHADLE

Football, soccer, track, longest field goal in 2008 at Mountaineer Field when he played for Syracuse (53 yards), the record was tied in 2011, longest goal at MHS of 50 yards, 89% accuracy rate in college, Lou Groza Award in college (which is like the Heisman for placekickers).

SPENCER FARLEY

All-State, football, MVP 2004 state championship game, scored 326 points his senior year and had 53 touchdowns his senior year.

ANDY ALTEMUS

8 letters earned at MHS...2 State Championships/Post 2...35-6 career record/Post 2...single season appearance record/WVU...signed with San Francisco Giants.

KAREN WIGAL

3200m State Champion...Cross Country Individual and Team Championships...Dominick Bonfili Athletes Athlete Award...John Rockis Award...University of South Carolina 4-year letter winner.

JENNIFER KURUCZ

3-sport letter winner...2-time All-State...3-time All-Monongalia County, All-Sectional, All-Regional, All-Big 10 Conference teams...WVU Women's Basketball team.

MICHAEL MYERS

WV Coaches Player of the Year...Gatorade Player of the Year...NSCAA Player of the Year...2-time First Team All-State...All-Mid East Selection...WVU Men's Soccer team.

RICHARD "DICK" GREGG

First Team All-State Captain for offense and defense in the same year...8 solo quarterback sacks in one game...2-time First Team Big-10 All-Conference Captain...US

Army...Distinguished West Virginian, 1981.

