

**Wheeler High
School:**

**Celebrating over 50
years of Academic
and Athletic
Excellence**



***A Collaborative Community
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**Wheeler High School
Athletic Hall of Fame
2023-2024 Induction Ceremony
Wheeler High School Cafeteria
Saturday, January 20, 2024
10:00 a.m.**

**The Wheeler High School Athletic Hall of Fame
Committee:**

Liz Bouis, *Ex Officio* Member
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Jim Mau, *Ex Officio* Member
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David McDonald, *Ex Officio* Member
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Dr. Terry Poor
Cameron Ward
Katie Kochman Welsch

Class of 2017

Bill Bergin
Christina Cabrera Burns
Don Keener
Margarita Cabrera
Nickell
Gordon Pritz

Class of 2019-2020

Mike Fung-A-Wing
Corye Hutchinson Ivatt
Michael Schlact
1998 State Champion Basketball Team

Class of 2018-2019

Antwuan Dixon
Aries Merritt
Lynn Murray
Robert (Bob) Tway
1994 State Champion
Basketball Team

Class of 2021-2022

Lisa Beville
Dr. Angela Gucwa
Joe Hutchinson
Billy Lewis

Class of 2022-2023

Kenny Bellah
Foster Joiner
Evan Mitchell
Katie Kochman Welsch

N.B. There was no 2020-2021 Class due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

A Special Thank You to:

The Wheeler High School Athletic Hall of Fame Committee

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Current Hall of Fame Members

Class of 2008

Mr. Shareef Abdur-Rahim
Ms. Kate Brandt Hardy
Mr. Randy Edwards
Mr. Larry Keener
Coach Carlton Kell
Coach Jim Mau
Mr. Shane Monahan
Mr. Jeff Vazquez

Class of 2009

1975 State Champion
Baseball Team
Mr. Robby Ginepri
Ms. Linda Hamilton
Coach Verna Jones
Mr. Charlie Roper
Ms. Nancy Paris Simpson
Mr. Reggie Witherspoon

Class of 2010

1974 State Champion
Golf Team
Mr. Drew Griffin
Mr. D.A. Layne
Ms. Tori Dross Nichols
Ms. Dottie Saye
Mr. Robert Shaw
Mr. James Thomas

Class of 2011

Ms. Theresa Gernatt
Mr. Ed Guthrie
Mr. Michael Mills
Coach David McDonald
Ms. Nancy Turpin

Class of 2012

Coach Steve Diffley
Mr. Jeremy Hermida
Mr. Ronnie Keener
Mr. Ches Riley
Ms. Danielle Santos

Class of 2013

1983/1984 State Champion
Softball Team
Mr. Josh Burrus
Mr. Byron Capers
Coach Jeff Hollis
Mr. Chris Price
Mr. Steve Romine

Class of 2014

Ms. Karen Chandler
Kasprowicz
Mr. Hugh Meek
Mr. Jeffrey Paulk
Coach Robbie Robertson
Mr. Willis "Bill" Shaw

Class of 2015

Mr. Fred Cook, Jr.
Mr. Chris Crawford
Ms. Tracy Moll Douglas
Coach Bill Holcomb
Coach J. L. Jones
Ms. Carrie Julka

Class of 2016

1985 State Champion
Wrestling Team
Tommy Crenshaw
Krista Kilburn
Keith Masters
Barry Parker
Bill Rogers

2023-2024 Induction Ceremony

Social Time and Breakfast

Master of Ceremonies.....Ms. Brittny Jones
Wheeler HS Assistant Principal & Athletic Director

Welcome.....Mr. Paul Gillihan, Wheeler HS Principal

Invocation.....Rev. Tim McDaniel

Recognition of Current Hall of Fame Members.....
Ms. Brittny Jones

Introduction of Inductees.....Ms. Brittny Jones

2023-2024 Inductees:

Mr. Dale Carey

Introduced by Dave MacDonald

Mr. Jermareo Davidson

Introduced by Doug Lipscomb & Desmond Eastmond

Mr. Matt Haynes

Introduced by Robbie Robertson

Dr. Terry Poor

Introduced by Jim Mau

Mr. Ray Stang

Introduced by Cameron Ward

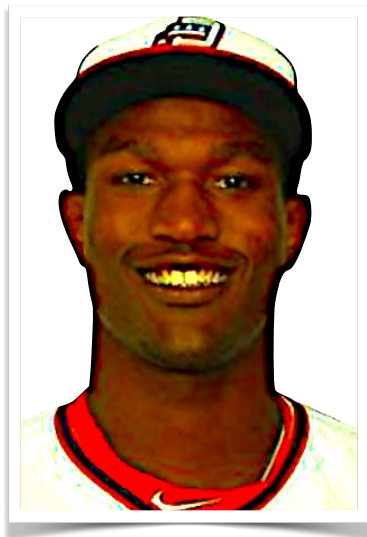
Closing.....Ms. Brittny Jones

2023-2024 Inductee Accomplishments

Dale Carey (2006 - 2010)

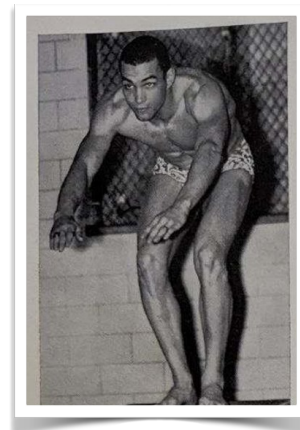
Dale Carey was a member of the Wheeler baseball team for four years, and he also played football for the Wildcats for three years. During his senior year he played centerfield and batted .398 with six homeruns. Dale was named to Team Georgia twice, participating in the Sunbelt Classic in Oklahoma, was a member of Team USA, and was recognized by the Atlanta Braves 400 Club as one of the top players in Georgia. Dale was named Pre Season All American by Baseball America and ESPN. The Major League Scouts Association stated that Dale was the #2 player in the state of Georgia. In 2010 he was named Player of the Year, and he was selected for two All Region Teams and All Cobb County Teams. He was also named to the Georgia Dugout Club All State Team. About Wheeler, Dale said, "The academics and athletics at Wheeler helped me to grow into the man I am today. Wheeler had the environment that helps all to find success in life."

Dale was taken in the MLB draft by the Pittsburgh Pirates at the end of his Senior year. Dale, however, accepted a scholarship to the University of Miami. At Miami he was named to the 2014 ACC second team, 2014 All-Atlantic Team, and the ACC Championship All-tournament team. During an NCAA Regional Tournament in Gainesville, Dale made a diving catch that ESPN named the Best of the Best for four straight weeks. Dale earned a Liberal Arts Degree from Miami.



Ray Stang (1966 - 1968)

Ray enrolled at Wheeler High School as a Junior in 1966 when his family moved to Marietta from Northern Virginia. Ray began swimming competitively at an early age, representing his community pool. Later, representing the 11/12 age group for the District of Columbia AAU, Ray's 4x50 Relay Team set an Area record in that event. Upon Ray's family's moving to Marietta, Ray swam for the Northside YMCA of Atlanta and then the Atlanta Swimming Association. He was coached by Peter Higgins, a legendary State and National coach from the Westminster Schools Swim Team.



During Ray's tenure at Wheeler, there was no Wheeler Swim Team until he represented the school in the Georgia High School Swimming Championships. In the 1967 State Champion Meet, Ray finished 2nd in the 100 yard Breaststroke. In the 1968 Championship Meet, Ray finished 1st in the 100 Yard Breaststroke, becoming Wheeler's first state champion in any athletic competition. He also finished 3rd in the 100 Yard Freestyle. Ray's achievements earned the Wheeler HS Swim Team a 7th place finish in the State for the 1967-68 school year, and Ray WAS the swim team, as he was the only swimmer!

Ray was also a member of the Track Team, achieving Region Championship in the Shot Put competition. After graduation, Ray continued swimming at the University of Georgia where he represented the school in the 1969 and 1970 NCAA championships.

Terry Poor (1965 - 1968 & 1973 - 1979)

Terry Poor entered Wheeler High School in the Fall of 1965, as a member of Wheeler's inaugural 10th grade class. Active in student activities and athletics, Terry served in various student government positions, and was a three sport letterman during his high school tenure.

During his three years at Wheeler, Terry played in every football game as a starter on both offense and defense. His senior year, Terry, along with fellow Wheeler Hall of Fame inductee, Barry Parker, was selected by his teammates as a permanent captain for the WHS Football Team. Upon graduation from Wheeler, Terry attended Furman University on a Football scholarship.



After graduating college, Terry returned to Wheeler to teach and coach. As an assistant coach on Corky Kell's football staff, he first coached junior varsity football for two undefeated seasons before being elevated to defensive coordinator for the varsity football team, which was a perennial State playoff contender. Terry's other primary sport was baseball where he served as Coach Jim Mau's assistant for several very successful seasons, including a State Championship. Terry completed his education career serving as an administrator in both the Marietta and Cobb County school systems.

Terry and his wife, Cynthia, also a Wheeler graduate, reside in Marietta. They have two grown children, Heather, an Associate Athletic Director at Belmont University, and Hicks, a former four year football letterman for Auburn University. Additionally, Terry and Cynthia are the proud grandparents of four granddaughters.

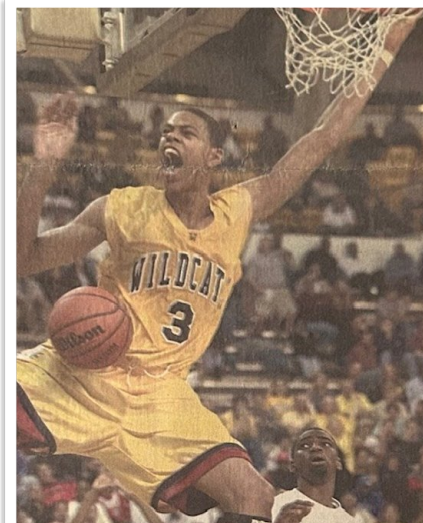
Dale Carey (continued)

Once again Dale was drafted, this time by the Washington Nationals. He played professional baseball for six seasons. After his career Dale was a member of the Marist High School Baseball staff, winning a GHSA State Championship in 2021. He also coached the Marist Girls Softball team. This past summer Dale accepted a coaching position at Georgia Gwinnett College, the NAIA National Champions. Dale's parents are Dale and Kim Carey, and he has one sister, Kaisha. While at Wheeler Dale developed lifelong friends, and they helped each other to reach the goals they wanted to achieve.

Jermareo Davidson (2002-2003)

Jermareo played basketball at Wheeler for one season until his graduation in 2003. During his Senior Year he broke the single season blocks record, as well as the record for rebounds. That year Wheeler also won its 3rd State Championship. Jermareo was selected to play in the prestigious Michael Jordan High School All American game.

Upon graduation Jermareo played at the University of Alabama, where he played until 2007. During his career at Alabama, Jermareo made the All-Freshman SEC team (2003-2004), the 3rd Team All-SEC (2004-2005), and the 2nd team All-SEC (2005-2006). During



Jermareo Davidson (continued)

several seasons he was among SEC leaders in rebounds, blocks, field goals, and number of games played, to name a few.

Following graduation, Jermareo was drafted with the number 36 pick in the NBA Draft by Golden State. He was then named by the NBA to the 2007 Summer League All-Pro Second Team. He played for Golden State and Charlotte in the USA, and then played internationally in Turkey, Puerto Rico, Germany, and Saudi Arabia.

Currently Jermareo is working as a certified naturopathic doctor and serving the vegan community.

Matt Haynes (1981 - 1985)

As a freshman, on the first day of track practice in the Spring of 1982, Coach Robertson addressed the group asking anyone that had an interest in pole vaulting to meet over by the pole vaulting pit after warm-ups and conditioning. Kevin Forrester and Tony Quince, who were sitting on either side of Matt, said, "You have the arms for it, why don't you give it a try." Who was to know anything would ever come of it?

After setting a new Wheeler freshman pole vaulting record, and winning the Cobb JV County Meet, with Steve Brown just one jump behind, the Wheeler pole vaulting "dynasty," that started with Randy Eaton and David Swanson four years earlier, was reborn. Over the next three years, Matt broke the rest of Randy Eaton's Wheeler pole vaulting records, along with a few meet records.

As a sophomore, Matt placed 2nd in the Track State Championship meet, losing first place only based on the number of misses at a lower height. He won State his junior year, and barely missed setting a new State record at 14'2". His senior year, he missed a jump at 14'2" hitting the bar on the

Matt Haynes (continued)

way up and lost to Glenn Sikes, placing 2nd at State. Matt had cleared 14'7" earlier in the season, and just missed a jump at 15'0" during a meet at Wheeler before the region relays. The final standings that year were Glenn Sikes, Matt Haynes, and Steve Brown. The Atlanta pole vaulting circle was tight in the mid-80s and Matt, Steve, and Glenn used to jump together at Emory during the off-season. Steve went on to pole vault for Auburn, and Glenn went on to Georgia. Matt was nominated as Atlanta Track Club Pole Vaulter of the Year in 1983 and 1984.

Matt participated and excelled in several other sports at Wheeler. As a sophomore, he joined the wrestling team and won the JV Cobb County title in the 167 pound weight class. He played football and lettered three years in football and all four years in track.

Matt accepted a track scholarship at Georgia Tech and set a new indoor pole vault record his freshman year. He placed in both the indoor and outdoor ACC conference meets and was a Georgia Tech letterman.

Matt and his wife Helen, who also attended Wheeler, live in Canton, Georgia.

