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School:**

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years of Academic
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WHEELER

HALL OF FAME



**Wheeler High School
Athletic Hall of Fame**

2021-2022 Induction Ceremony

Wheeler High School Cafeteria

Saturday, January 22, 2022

3:30 p.m.

2021 Induction Ceremony

The Wheeler High School Athletic Hall of Fame Committee:

Mrs. Liz Bouis, *Ex Officio* Member
Mr. D. A. Layne
Coach Jim Mau, *Ex Officio* Member
Rev. Tim McDaniel
Coach David McDonald, *Ex Officio* Member
Dr. Lynn Murray
Margarite Cabrera Nickell
Coach Terry Poor
Michael Sawyer, Wheeler Athletic Director
Mr. Cameron Ward

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excellence. Make checks payable to WHS Athletic
Booster Club and designate your tax deductible
donation to the "Hall of Fame."*

375 Holt Road, Marietta, GA 30068



Social Time and Hors D'Oeuvres

Master of Ceremonies.....Mr. Michael Sawyer,
Wheeler HS Assistant Principal & Athletic Director

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

Invocation.....Rev. Tim McDaniel

Recognition of Current Hall of Fame Members.....
Mr. Michael Sawyer

Introduction of Inductees.....Mr. Michael Sawyer

2021-2022 Inductees:

Ms. Lisa Beville

Introduced by Paul Gillihan

Dr. Angela Gucwa

Introduced by Jim Mau

Mr. Joe Hutchinson

Introduced by David McDonald

Mr. Billy Lewis

Attending virtually

Closing.....Mr. Michael Sawyer

2020 Inductee Accomplishments

Ms. Lisa Beville 1998-present

In her 25 years working at Wheeler, Ms. Lisa Beville has been a constant support to coaches and athletes alike, whether it is cheering them on at games or making sure there is toilet paper at cheerleading competitions or opening up the building for weekend activities. She has been a friend to the coaches and parents and a mother-figure to many of the athletes, always letting the principals think they were in charge - we all knew the truth! Lisa has bled blue and gold during her time at Wheeler, and she will be missed greatly when she retires. Lisa has been married for 27 years, and she has two beautiful daughters, as well as an amazing 3 year old grandson who already works at Wheeler with Miss Lisa.



In her own words, "I have worked at Wheeler for twenty five years and had the pleasure of seeing many athletes come through. Three of them Olympic medalist, three of them NBA stars, and MLB players - just a vast amount of talent. I came here when two of Cobb's principals were playing varsity basketball. A lot of our players have come back as teachers, admin., and counselors. I have been able to work with countless coaches, athletic directors, and principals. Now my goal is to retire and kick back. I have been threatening to write a book and expose where all the bodies are buried."

Angela Gucwa (1994 - 1998)

Angela was born in Atlanta and was an athlete from her early years, playing tennis, basketball, volleyball, and softball on Cobb County youth teams. In her freshman year at WHS, she was named to the Wheeler varsity basketball team, and that was only the beginning of her high school activities. She went on to letter in four sports while at Wheeler: basketball, tennis, volleyball, and track & field. As a sophomore and senior, she was awarded the prestigious Wheeler Wildcat 3-V Award for lettering in three varsity sports. After a knee injury during her junior year, she was named the GACA first team All-State Volleyball team and later All-County honors in basketball during her senior year.

Her most memorable athletic performance was during the State AAAA Girls Basketball Championship game in Macon, when she scored 22 points and was a perfect 8-for-8 shooting from the field, including an amazing 6-for-6 from the 3-point range. She saved her best game for the last and helped bring the State Championship to Wheeler.

During her years at Wheeler, she excelled in academics as well as athletics, receiving several best student athletic awards. In 1998 she graduated with a 4.47 GPA, the highest GPA of any student athlete in Cobb County. She was recognized as the Female Scholar Athlete of the Year by the **Marietta Daily Journal**.

Angela
pictured after
the 1998 Girls'
State Basketball
Championship
game.



Angela Gucwa (continued)

Angela went the University of Georgia and then to the Medical College of Georgia, where she became a medical doctor; she then moved to Greenville, SC to specialize in vascular surgery. She now lives in Annapolis, MD, and she is Chief of Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery at Luminis Health: Doctors Community Hospital in Lanham, MD.



Joe Hutchinson 1985 - 1989

Joe was born in Troy, Alabama but moved to Marietta with his family at the age of 3. Growing up, he participated in numerous sports but began to follow his love for baseball during his Little League years. At the age of 12, Joe was the 2nd baseman for the Little League World Series champion team from East Marietta Little League. He went on to play youth baseball both prior to and during his Wheeler years with the East Cobb Astros. While playing with East Cobb, Joe won 4 additional youth baseball World Series titles including the Pony League World Series, Babe Ruth Junior World Series, Colt League World Series, and Babe Ruth Senior World Series.

Joe Hutchinson (continued)

While at WHS, Joe was a 3-year letterman as a shortstop and pitcher in baseball and 2-year letterman as a guard in basketball. He also played football for one year. His junior year, he was part of the baseball team from WHS that was ranked #8 in the country by USA Today for much of the season.



During his senior year, Joe was a team captain and was part of the 1989 Region Championship team. He was also chosen as All-State, a member of the Atlanta Braves 400 Club All Stars, played in the East/West All-Star Game, and was the Cobb County Player of the Year.

Joe went on to play baseball on scholarship at Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama. He was a 5-year letterman at Samford as he injured his shoulder early in his senior season and was granted a medical redshirt to play a 5th season. While at Samford, Joe was an All-Conference infielder and pitcher. Joe helped lead Samford to a Western division title in the Trans-America Athletic Conference during his sophomore year.

Since graduating from college, Joe has worked in Sports Marketing and has spent the past 25 years as part of the team at The Collegiate Licensing Company, which is now owned by Learfield Sports and is headquartered here in Atlanta. He currently serves as the Sr. Vice President for Strategic Brand Management with CLC. Joe is the proud husband of his wife Christin, and together they have 3 beautiful daughters, Adriene (21), Adair (19), and Josie (14).

Billy Lewis (1987 - 1991)

Billy Lewis took Wheeler High School and its basketball program by storm! He was a three-year starter, and he had a 25 point career average while at WHS. He was Region Player of the Year in 1990-1991 and helped lead his team to the State Quarterfinals during that same year.

After graduating from Wheeler, Billy attended Life University. While there, he was the all-time leader in Points, Rebounds, Assists and Steals, as well as Field Goals and Free Throw Made. He also had the highest career 3-point field goal percentage of 45%. In 1993 he made the Southeast Region All-Freshman Team; in 1994, 1995, and 1996 he made the All-Southeast Region Team; and, in 1996 he was named Southeast Region Player of the Year. In 1994 Billy was named to the NAIA All-Tournament Team, and he was the leading scorer in that year's Tournament. He was also an NAIA All American in 1994, 1995, and 1996. NAIA also named him to its 75th Anniversary All-Time Team in 2012.



Billy Lewis (continued)

Among his other accolades, Billy received the following:

- Arthur Ashe Jr. Sports Scholar Award (1994)
- USA Basketball All-Tournament Team (1995)
- College Sports Magazine Pre-Season Player of the Year (1995)
- Dick Vitale's College Basketball Pre-Season Player of the Year (1995)

In 1996 Life University retired Billy's jersey (Number 5), and in 2021 he was inducted into its Hall of Fame.

Following his college career, Billy played for ART Dusseldorf and led the German Division III League in Scoring (1996-1997). In 1997 he was a Free Agent and acquired by the Atlanta Hawks. Billy retired in 1997.

Billy lives in Tulsa, OK with his wife Alma and works with students in the Tulsa Public Schools.



Joe Hutchinson and Billy Lewis played together on the 1988-1989 Basketball Team.

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

Class of 2017

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

Class of 2018-2019

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

Class of 2019-2020

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

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

Ms. Teira Aguillon and Ms. Anna Peebles
and the Wheeler Culinary Students

Ms. Leighann Kuhn and the Wheeler Video Broadcast Students

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Ms. Natalie McKinley and the Wheeler Yearbook Staff

Ms. Kelly Feddersen and the Wheeler Marketing Students

Ms. Lisa Beville and the whole Custodial Crew