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To see the new members inducted and the '86 baseball team honored, attend the "HALL OF HONOR" DINNER

**Wednesday, March 15
5:30 pm**

**The Meadows on Cleves
Warsaw Pike
Addyston, Ohio**

To attend the Hall of Honor Dinner, please fill out and mail in the reservation form on page three of this newsletter by Wednesday, March 1, 2017.

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Five Inductees Elected Into AWHAA Hall of Honor

Five Western Hills graduates have been selected to enter AWHAA's Hall of Honor. They include: Bob Brater, Bonnie Brueggemann Stone, Bob Czerwinski, Garry Keeton, and Jim Seitz.

BOB BRATER

Bob Brater graduated from West High in 1957. He earned 2 varsity letters in football, was a two-way starter (OG/LB), and was part of the championship squad in 1957. He was awarded 2 varsity letters in track; he was a pole vault qualifier in 1957 and was part of the mile relay team. Bob also had three varsity letters in gymnastics: tumbling and rings. He graduated with the Maroon W award. He attended Heidelberg College and was a four-year letterman in football; he was Second Team Ohio Conference. After college, he was the varsity football and track coach and started the wrestling program at Wapakoneta (OH) High School. He was defensive line football coach for 31 years and head track coach for 24 years at Findlay(OH) High School.

BONNIE BRUEGGEMANN STONE

Bonnie Brueggemann Stone is a 1960 graduate of Western Hills High School. She was a six-year letter girl in the following sports: field hockey, basketball, volleyball, softball, swimming, synchronized swimming, and tennis. In addition, Bonnie was GAA President, All-Around Girl co-recipient (1960), cheerleader, and a member of Pep Club.

BOB CZERWINSKI

Bob Czerwinski graduated from West High in 1957. His accomplishments in baseball are many: All-City Second Team, 1956; All-City First Team, 1957; Runner-up City Championship Team, 1957; MAC Cubs National Champion Class A Knothole Team, 1957; Acme Glass National Champion American Legion Team, 1955; and Bentley Post State Champion American Legion Team, 1956. Bob played basketball for three years at West High and scored over 30 points twice. He also participated in football and won the Maroon W award. He attended Miami University on a baseball scholarship from 1957-1961. There he was All-MAC Second Team, 1960; All-MAC First Team, 1961; and All-Time Miami Letter-winners 1959, 1960, and 1961. He signed with the Washington Senators. Bob was inducted into the Price Hill Oldtimers Baseball Hall of Fame in 2005.

GARRY KEETON

Garry Keeton graduated from West High in 1979. He played basketball in 1978, but his main sport was baseball. His honors included: State Championship Team, 1977; Captain, 1979; PHSL Player of the Year, 1979; First Team All-City and City Co-Player of the Year, 1979; led city in hitting (.500 batting average); and First Team All-State, 1979. Garry played for Storm Club from 1978-1979 where he was MVP in 1979, led the team in hitting with a .379 average, and was

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on the World Series team in 1979. Garry attended Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, Tennessee on a full baseball scholarship. He started three years and was MVP his sophomore year. They were an NCAA Regional Team twice. He was drafted in the 27th round in 1982 by the Chicago White Sox. He played in the Sarasota Florida Gulf Coast Rookie League and played with the Appleton Foxes in Appleton, Wisconsin. He was sent to the Denver Zephyrs and played in the Triple-A World Series. Garry returned to Western Hills High School as assistant JV and varsity baseball coach in the late 80's to early 90's.

JIM SEITZ

A 1978 graduate of West High, Jim Seitz played basketball and tennis. He earned one reserve letter and two varsity letters in basketball. He was co-captain his senior year and the second leading scorer. He earned three varsity letters in tennis. In his junior year, he was Sectional Champion. He was District Qualifier three years, and State Qualifier his senior year. Jim ranked #1 in Ohio Valley Region five times and was named to the Enquirer/WKRC East-West All-Star Team. In addition to athletics, he was Boys' Sports Editor for the 1978 yearbook and was awarded the All-Around Boy Award. Jim

attended Miami University on a 4-year scholarship. He was MAC Tennis Tournament Team winner three years and MAC Championship Tournament Doubles Champion his junior year. Post-college, Jim has played on national tournament traveling teams and served on Dwight Davis Tennis Center Board of Forest Park in St. Louis, Missouri.

'86 Baseball Team To Be Honored

The 1986 Mustang Baseball Team brought home the fifth State Championship to Western Hills High School. This was Coach Ken Selby's second state title in nine years. Members of the team included Matt Fields, Greg Hissett, Jeff Homan, Dan Johnson, Brad Kuehn, Mike Lindsey, Rick Neville, Karl Rhodes, Troy Roark, Jerry Shoen, Jeff Becker, Rodney Hutson, Joel Keininger, Dan Knotts, Dan Mills, Matt Piening, Wayne Schneider, and Greg Sharp. Karl "Tuffy" Rhodes was named Enquirer Player of the Year and Coach Selby was named Coach of the Year. Rhodes was drafted and signed with the Chicago Cubs, played a career in Japan, and was the twelfth West High athlete to play in the major leagues. Also in 1986, the baseball complex in McCartney Stadium was dedicated to Paul "Pappy" Nohr whose West High

baseball teams produced more major league baseball players and managers than any other high school in the country.

AWHAA will honor these '86 Mustang alumni at the HOH Dinner on March 15th. We hope to have many team members in attendance and maybe hear a story or two about their years at West High.

Letter from AWHAA President

Plan to join us Wednesday, March 15th at the Meadows for the AWHAA Athletic Hall of Honor Awards dinner. For 15 years, WHHS alumni have gathered annually to honor those who excelled athletically in competitive sports West High. Five will be inducted and an outstanding team will be honored. It is an exciting time for WHHS Athletics:

-Chuck Richardson, Athletic Director, and his staff bring a "vision for the future," enthusiasm, and commitment for success to boys and girls competing in sports.

-Up-dated Athletic Complex Plans: a multi-phase improvements project including up-grades for boys and girls locker rooms.

You, too, can become a part of this exciting time! How?

-Attend the AWHAA Awards Dinner. Reunite in fellowship with teammates, friends, and alumni.

-Share your enthusiasm, commitment and renewed support for our Western Hills Mustangs.

-Get involved in the AWHAA Board and its activities.

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2017 HALL OF HONOR DINNER
 Wednesday, March 15, 2017-The Meadows
 RESERVATION FORM

Mail with check made payable to Western Hills High School Foundation by March 1 to:
 Dick McCoy, 8418 Macy Lane, Cleves, OH 45002

Name(s) _____

and year _____

of graduation _____

Reservations# _____ at \$45.00 each

Total \$ _____

Phone/Email _____

Tables will be reserved for the inductees and their families and friends. There will also be tables reserved for the '86 team members and their guests. If you would like to reserve a table for eight, please indicate the names of people who will be sitting with you along with payment (\$45 X 8=\$360). Otherwise, seating will be open.



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- Support the Athletic Complex.
- Nominate WHHS Athletic Alumni for the Hall of Honor.
- Check out the website www.westernhillsalumni.com.

It has been my pleasure to be a part of AWHAA since it began. Our AWHAA team is continuing to pursue a winning vision for the future for Western Hills High School Athletics.

Sincerely,
 Jean Tuerck Bimel,
 Interim President, AWHAA

From the Desk Of the Athletic Director

Greetings Mustangs! If we haven't met already, my name is Chuck Richardson III and I am proud to say I am the new Director of Athletics at Western Hills High School! The first half of the school year has had its fair share of ups and downs

but I can proudly say I am at a great school and I see our programs growing substantially while I am here.

To give you all a little background information about myself, I was born and raised in Dayton, Ohio, and I attended Paul Laurence Dunbar High School. I graduated from there in 2003. Upon graduation, I attended The Ohio State University and received a

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degree in Strategic Communications in 2007. I then began my career as a mortgage banker and worked for JP Morgan Chase until 2011. In 2011, I accepted a role with Fifth Third Bank as a commercial loan underwriter for the Private Bank here in Cincinnati. Though I was enjoying the money I made working in banking, I knew my passion lied in the development of our youth.

In 2013, I enrolled in the Sports Administration Masters Program at Xavier University. While obtaining my Masters Degree, I was afforded the opportunity to intern at Taft High School with then Athletic Director Don Newberry. From

the internship I was able to parlay that into a teaching position in the district at Roll Hill Academy and the role of Assistant Athletic Director at Taft High School. Then the Western Hills Athletic Director position opened and I knew that this was the place for me!

I was aware of the past history of Western Hills and knew that the overall program had been on a bit of a downswing, but once I arrived I knew I had to push my coaching staffs to make sure our kids are playing the game the right way but most importantly...STRIVE FOR GREATNESS as we are #BringingBackThePride to West High! I am looking forward to working with AWHAA during my tenure at Western

Hills. I believe to have a successful athletics program the relationship with the alumni must be strong! We have a lot of work to do here on Ferguson but I am confident that the pride of the west side will be restored! Go Mustangs!

In Memory of...

AWHAA lost a good friend on October 28, 2016. West High grad Paul Bailey (Class of '65) passed away suddenly. He had graciously volunteered his time and talents to emcee the annual AWHAA Hall of Honor dinner over the years. We extend our condolences to his family. Memorials can be made to BLOC Ministries at www.blothead.org.