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### UPCOMING EVENT

"HALL OF HONOR" DINNER  
 Wednesday, March 20, 2019  
 5:30 PM

The Meadows on Cleves Warsaw Pike  
 Addyston, Ohio

Reservation Form on back page

(More information below)

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### 2019 HALL OF HONOR DINNER

Wednesday, March 20, 2019, 5:30 PM, five outstanding West High alumni athletes will be inducted into the sports Hall of Honor - Chip Deifel, Mike Bovard, Malcolm Andrews, Melissa Carmichael, and Trevor Canfield. Their induction will occur at the Hall of Honor Dinner to be held at The Meadows on Cleves Warsaw Pike, Addyston, Ohio.

Reservations can be made using the Dinner Reservation Form on the back of this newsletter. Cost for the Hall of Honor Dinner is \$45 per person, \$360 for a table of eight. For additional information contact AWHAA Secretary Gail Suiter at gailsuiter@aol.com, or Kristie Veneman at venemak@cpsboe.k12.oh.us. Plan to attend this fundraising event to support West High's Athletic Department and maintenance of the "Hall of Honor." Help welcome these five alumni athletes into the prestigious sports Hall of Honor.

CHIP DEIFEL, '63, played three years of varsity basketball at West High and was All-PHSL junior and senior years. He was leading PHSL scorer and a top 5 scorer in the City his junior and senior years, West High co-captain and All-City his senior year. Chip played three years of varsity football, and was All-PHSL junior and senior years. He was MVP his junior and senior years, and co-captain his senior

year as well as All-City. He was offered a scholarship to Tulane University but played football 1 year at the University of Cincinnati before transferring to Eastern Kentucky University. Chip helped start the Bridgetown Basketball Association, coached knothole baseball 30 years on the west side, and junior pro basketball 12 years with many of those teams never losing a game.

MICHAEL BOVARD, '73, received 3 letters in football and 3 letters in track at West High. In football he was All-City Honorable Mention in 1971, Second Team All-PHSL in 1972, West High co-captain, All-PHSL, and All-City in 1973. His sophomore year, Mike was team captain and on the PHSL championship track team, qualifying for long jump and pole vault sectionals. Junior year he was on the PHSL championship team and qualified for Sectionals long jump and pole vault. His senior year he was team captain, on the PHSL and State Sectional championship teams, third in Districts, qualifying for Districts pole vault. Mike was Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Maroon W President, Mr. Price Hill, and Junior Olympian representing southwest Ohio in pole vault. At Earlham College he played football, 1974 and 1975, and track and field, 1974. In the U.S. Air Force, 1975, he played softball for the All-PACAF team and won the championship vs. all military bases in the Pacific Theater.

MALCOLM ANDREWS '01, was a West High 4 year varsity basketball player. He was All-Queen City Conference, 1999, MVP Queen City Metro, 1999-2000, and All-Ohio honorable mention, 2000. He was assist leader, 2000, 2001, and leader in steals, 2000, 2001. He was First Team Enquirer Division 1 in 2001, and on the Enquirer All-Star Team 2000 and 2001. Malcolm attended Wright State University on academic and basketball scholarship 2 years then Walsh College where he played basketball 2 years.

MELISSA CARMICHAEL, '03, played varsity softball 4 years at West High, as #1 pitcher three of those years from 2000 - 2003. She pitched a no hitter, led the team to win the Queen City Conference Championship in 2001, posting a 12-0 record in conference games. She received the Western Hills Coaches Award in 2001, was First Team Queen City Conference All-League Pitcher in 2001, and Second Team Queen City Conference All-League Pitcher in 2003. Melissa also played junior varsity volleyball 1 year and varsity volleyball 3 years at West High, receiving the Most Improved Player Award in 2000, and the Queen City Scholar Athlete Award, 2000-2003. She attended Cincinnati Christian University where she played volleyball 3 years, 2004-2006.

TREVOR CANFIELD, '04, played baseball, basketball and football for West High his freshman and sophomore years, and football his junior and senior years. He was on the QCC championship football team in 2000. He was Second team SWOPL All-League and received the Co-Line of Scrimmage Award presented by coaches his junior year. He was First team SWOPL All-League, won the Offensive Lineman Award, and played in the East West All-Star game his senior year. Trevor attended the University of Cincinnati on full athletic scholarship, receiving Second team All-Big East honors, and playing on the winning International Bowl team sophomore year. Junior year he received Second Team All-Big East honors and was on the winning PapaJohns.com Bowl team. Senior year he helped UC win its first Big East Championship, played in the BCS Orange Bowl, the North South All-Star game, and earned Second Team All-Big East and Second Team All-American honors. Trevor was drafted by the Arizona Cardinals in the seventh round of the 2009 NFL Draft, also playing for the Seattle Seahawks, Detroit Lions and New York Jets.

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## FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Hello and welcome to the Wild Wild West... I am Phillip O'Neal, the new athletic director of Western Hills High School. This is my seventh year working in Cincinnati Public Schools, previously at Riverview East Academy and before that Walnut Hills High School. I am a product of Cincinnati Public Schools, graduating from Walnut Hills in 2006. I went on to receive my bachelors from the University of Cincinnati. Following college I joined the United States Army Ohio National Guard, currently with a rank of first lieutenant.

My goal is to bring Western Hills back to its glory days of being a powerhouse, but it starts in the classroom. I want our student-athletes to be respectful, coachable and confident that anything they put their mind to they can achieve.

Our Varsity Football team had their best season under Coach Armand Tatum with a record of 6-4, one game shy of the playoffs. The team was led by CMAC offensive player of the year runner-up junior Kayvon 'K2' Britten, leading the conference in rushing yards.

The Varsity Soccer and Varsity Volleyball teams both took a step back from last year but the good thing is we are young and growing. The Varsity Volleyball team only had two graduating seniors and were led by junior Janiya Hood. The Varsity Soccer team only graduated three seniors and were led by a young core of sophomores. They ended the season with a three game win streak. We are expecting big things from both programs next year.

Both Basketball programs are rolling right now! The girls program took a hit as last year's head coach, David Hardman, came down with cancer. He is no longer teaching or coaching. His assistant Kelly Boosinger has stepped up to take over the team; please keep him in your prayers. Our boys program has a new coach, Mark Mitchell, who is taking this team to heights it hasn't seen in years. Coach Mitchell comes from a winning pedigree where he won a state championship with Taft High School in 2012. Also, his daughter Kelsey Mitchell was drafted second overall in the WNBA draft last summer. We expect big things from Coach Mitchell and his coaching staff.

To the future... The reigning baseball conference championship team looks forward to start the season in Myrtle Beach, SC, for the Mingo Bay tournament. Also, our softball team will cut the ribbon off their new softball field. We will have a ceremony before the first game and honor Gabby Rodriguez who was tragically killed in a hit and run accident. Gabby was a huge voice on the undefeated conference team last year and would have been a highly recruited player by a division-I college team.

I would love for you all to come to a game and experience how the mustangs are taking back the west. We are the West #GoWest...

## 50 YEARS OF RACING

West High Hall of Honor Inductee Roland Muhlen, Class of 1960, has been canoe racing for over 50 years. As a West High swimmer he was comfortable around water, so he initially thought getting a canoe was a way to enjoy the peace and solitude of the various rivers in the area. Racing wasn't on his mind. He bought his first canvas-on-frame canoe for \$30 that he and his dad restored with new canvas and paint to create a solid boat. He loved paddling and took his \$30 canoe to the Boundary Waters for his first major canoe trip on his 22nd birthday.

In 1964 while canoeing with a local chapter of the Sierra Club, someone told him about a race on the Little Miami River. He didn't have any idea how to canoe race, but he and a friend just showed up and gave it a shot. They quickly figured out they had a lot to learn about canoe racing!

For the next three years Roland raced almost every weekend, meeting many interesting and supportive people who taught him to love the sport. He also learned about many boat-building techniques using modern epoxy resins and core materials, leading him to his boat building operation. He wasn't interested in becoming a boat builder for profit, just to build his own canoes to enhance his racing. By designing his own boats he had a more efficient design than the other boats he was competing against and he started dominating canoe racing. He became involved in two distinct paddling disciplines: marathon and sprint.

Although many Midwestern canoeists weren't familiar with the high-kneeling Olympic-style paddling, a suggestion was

made to Roland that he should try out for the 1968 Olympic team. He received a set of drawings to use for his own Olympic C2 strip wood canoe the winter of 1967-68, that he and his partner Art Preising built that got them into the Olympic training. They had no coach and didn't really know how to high-kneel, but they worked at it. They were crushed in a C2 sprint race in Canada, but had also built a new United States Canoe Association (USCA) C2 cruiser in which they won the 1968 USCA Nationals.

Without any real local coaching available, Roland set up a training center in his garage. He took movies of the better paddlers at the 1970 Worlds so he could try to emulate their technique. He set up a movie projector in his garage in front of the paddling tank, plus mirrors so he could see myself, then tried to imitate the good paddlers by watching the movies as he practiced.

By 1972, Roland and Andy Weigand were the fastest C1 paddlers in the US (Andy was a "lefty" and Roland was a "righty"). They teamed up to race together and made the Olympic C2 team in 1972, 1976, and 1980.

In senior open competition, Roland was US Champion in C1 500 metres and C2 500 metres in 1972, 1974, and 1975. He competed at three World Championships, and won over 26 National titles, including the 2006 C-2 masters mixed event with his wife, Linda.

High-kneel (sprint) canoe racing provided Roland with many rewards, but he never considered it that enjoyable, so he stopped high-kneel racing about 30 years ago. He considers sit-down (marathon) racing a lifetime sport and why he still enjoys it so much, staying competitive even 50 years later. Winning the Nationals 50 years apart – 1968 and 2018 – was an incredible experience for Roland, and shows canoeing can be enjoyed almost your entire life!



Check out AWHAA on the Alumni Website at [www.westernhillsalumni.com](http://www.westernhillsalumni.com).

## A BIT OF HISTORY

Quoted from the 1937 West High Annual:

**BASKETBALL:** Although our team did not chalk up an impressive record on paper, it did put out some of the scrappiest, fightingest basketball seen in the Western Hills gym for many a year. Special mention must surely be given to the spirited comeback made in the tournament games. Congratulations basketballers!

Date	Opponent	We	They
December 8	Alumni	26	37
December 11	Hughes	29	27
December 17	Withrow	26	29
December 23	Norwood	26	48
January 5	Automotive	31	21
January 8	Walnut Hills	49	25
January 15	Woodward	23	33
February 19	Walnut Hills	39	44
February 20	Hughes	36	49
February 23	Elder	26	44
February 26	Woodward	21	30
March 2	Withrow	13	33
March 4	Norwood	38	32
March 6	Automotive	36	12
March 12	Hughes	23	31

**BASEBALL:** The baseball team, due to the decision of Old Man Weather, got off to a late start, and due to a decision of the Board of Education, will come to an early finish. However, despite these restrictions, Coach Nohr got the team around in good enough shape to play some real baseball in the early games. The fellows who were the reason for the good showing of the team are Friedman, 3b, Kissel, p, Lantz, c, Kavanaugh, of, Wells, 1b, Schubert, ss, Corcoran, 2b, Sutzweiler, of, Sperber, p, Hoffman, p, and Jarrod, c. As we go to press the season is only started but expectations for a successful season are high.

**SWIMMING:** With practically all of last year's lettermen graduating, Coach Nohr still developed from last year's Junior team, a senior group of swimmers who were to be seriously considered. Depending chiefly on Webeler, Kavanaugh, Fitzgerald, Harris and Wolf, along with Murch, Peters, Sevilla, Weimer, and Cowan, Coach Nohr brought the team into third place in the finals of the Interscholastic meets. With last year's juniors graduating to the Senior team, Coach Nohr had to use all new material. He developed Ruehlman, Levy, Loyd, Spiller, Reinmuth, Golder, Gruener, Zapf, Lake, Kattus, Matthews, and Foster so that as a finished team they placed fourth in the first and third in the final Interscholastic meet. In fact, the medley relay team set a new city record. Such facts give these fellows a very bright future.

## WHHS HALL OF HONOR MEMBERS

ELMER BEST	'32	ARCH McCARTNEY	
MAURY BIBENT	'61	DICK McCOY	'72
JEAN TUERCK BIMEL	'56	GARY McCOY	'76
EARL BOSSUNG	'30	ALESIA JORDAN McMILLAN	'82
JOHN BOTUCHIS	'49	FRED MEIER	'65
DAN BOYLE	'74	VERLIE MEYERS	'48
JIM BOYLE	'79	MIKE MIDDLETON	'88
BOB BRATER	'57	BOB MORGAN	'29
KEN BRATER	'71	ROLAND MUHLEN	'60
CHUCK BRINKMAN	'62	STEVE NeSMITH	'77
ED BRINKMAN	'61	ROY NIXON	'53
PHIL BROWN	'71	RUSS NIXON	'53
HAZEL BURK		PAUL NOHR	
DONNA BURKS	'80	JILL MUSSMAN O'BRIEN	'81
KEN CONATSER	'58	PAT O'BRIEN	
WILLIS CONATSER	'51	TOM OYLER	'33
JENNIFER HOGAN CONDON	'96	HARRY PANARO	'57
ANESTIS JOHN "IRISH" CONDORODIS	'51	DAVID PANDILIDIS	'73
PHILL COOK	'83	DARRYL PETERSON	'01
RALPH CROSTHWAITE	'54	RON PINSSENSCHAUM	'62
BOB CZERWINSKI	'57	TOM PRICE	'39
WILLIAM "BUZZ" DALTON	'59	BRUCE RAIBLE	'67
AL DeGARMO	'44	JIM RAY	'73
CONNIE DETTMER	'49	CHRIS REMBOLD	'55
JENNIFER PUEHL DIERIG	'87	BILL REUSING	'58
RICK DOPPE	'73	CHARLES REUSING	
DICK DROTT	'54	JACK REYNOLDS	'66
PAT EAGAN		KARL RHODES	'86
ROBERT FAGIN	'46	PAT RILEY	'60
JOHN FISHER	'30	PETE ROSE	'60
JIM FREY	'49	BILL ROTHAN	'70
SID FRIEDMAN	'37	EUGENE RUEHLMANN	'43
JACK GANNON	'49	PAT RYAN	'74
DESMON GAULT	'04	BILL SACHS	'49
RAY GEBHARDT	'44	GLENN SAMPLE	'49
DEBBIE GENTILE	'70	BOB SCHNABEL	'52
WILLIAM J. GERHARDT	'46	CLIFF SCHNABEL	'29
WILLIAM GILLILAND	'29	JERRY SCHOEN	'86
CHRIS "GOOSE" GIVENS	'83	MIKE SCHOTT	'66
BILL GRAVES	'56	ROBERT SCULLY	'36
DIANNE BRATER GRIESSER	'59	JIM SEITZ	'78
RALPH GRIESSER	'59	LAVERNE DICK SEITZ	'45
PAT GROENIGER	'46	KEN SELBY	'65
JAMIE WILLIAMS HAMMOOR	'07	CHARLES SHARE	'46
MIKE HANDLON	'79	BOB SHIMIZU	'57
DICK HAUCK	'47	BOB SIEKMANN	
RODNEY HEATH	'93	ERV SINGLE	'51
DIANE HEILMANN	'67	JEFF SLAYBACK	'81
STU HEIN	'48	CAROL SMITH	'63
DAVE HEISS	'66	LEN STAHL	'61
ERV HOINKE	'50	ROBERT "BUD" STILLE	'33
RAY HORNBACK	'81	BONNIE BRUEGGEMANN STONE	'60
ROBERT HORTON	'41	J. HAROLD SWEET	'52
TONYA HUNT	'90	JOHNNY TAYLOR	'78
EDDIE JACKSON	'44	CHESTER THOMAS	
DON JACOBS	'37	MARK THOMPSON	'80
BOB KAPPES	'46	LORI TROESCHER	
GARRY KEETON	'79	KRISTIE BRADSHAW VENEMAN	'96
RICK KEETON	'75	ANITA OPPELT VOLLMER	'47
KRISTEN KERKHOFF	'03	CLYDE VOLLMER	'38
CAROL WEISS KIRADJIEFF	'58	HERM WEHMEIER	'45
BRADLEY A. KUEHN	'86	PHIL WHEELER	'52
DICK KUEHN	'57	HOWARD WHITSON	'52
FRANK KUGLER	'30	TERRY WILLIAMS	'55
ROY LAGALY	'41	CONSTANCE WITTE	
CAROLE GUDGEON LEMEN	'58	DONNA WUERDEMAN	'65
JIM LEMEN	'58	BILL ZIMMER	'48
PAT LUNSFORD	'61	DON ZIMMER	'49
ART MAHAFFEY	'56		
LINWOOD MARSHALL	'79		

Inductees with no class year are not West High graduates.

**Association of West High Alumni Athletes**

5602 Kingsbury Road

Fairfield, OH 45014

**2019 "HALL OF HONOR" DINNER RESERVATION FORM**

Mail with check made payable to Western Hills High School Foundation by March 15 to:  
Kristie Veneman, 295 Sebastian Court, Cincinnati, Ohio 45238

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Year(s) From West High \_\_\_\_\_

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Reservations # \_\_\_\_\_ at \$45.00 each      TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_      Phone/Email \_\_\_\_\_

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

ASSOCIATION OF WEST HIGH ALUMNI ATHLETES (AWHAA)

Dues are \$10.00 per year payable each July 1. Make check payable to AWHAA.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation Year From West High \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Mail application and dues to Bill Meier, 5655 Antoninus Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio 45238.