

LAKESIDE HS SPORTS HALL OF FAME INAUGURAL CLASS OF 2020



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The Lakeside Sports Hall of Fame Committee would like to thank Lakeside High School principal Damian Bounds and his staff help make this evening a reality. The committee would also like to thank the Lakeside High School Masters, a golf tournament started in 1988 dedicating to helping the school, which provided the food and drinks for the event as well as Chik-fil-A owners Tom Balsamides and Brad Spratte. Mike Balsamides, who runs the Masters, was instrumental in setting up all aspects of the dinner. Both Balsamides and Spratte are Lakeside graduates. Also, Joan Kicklighter and her mother, Georgeanna, did a wonderful job with all the decorations. The Lakeside HOF committee consists of I.J. Rosenberg ('81), Mark Fleetwood ('79), Chris Chilton ('82), Jim McMahan, Steve McKenna ('75), Manuel Chaknis ('81), Jeff Dudman ('82) and Coach Jim Mitchell.



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The Lakeside Masters, established in 1988, is an annual golf tournament benefiting student organizations for Lakeside High School.

Held annually in August, this event is open to all Lakeside High School alumnus, attendees, staff and sponsors.

Join us for our Friday night pairing party at Mo's Pizza at 7pm. This event is followed by an all class open reunion party at Benchwarmers, beginning at 9pm.

The Saturday tournament is held at Mystery Valley Golf Course, with a shotgun start at 12:30 pm.

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HALL OF FAME SHINES SPOTLIGHT ON LAKESIDE'S PROUD HISTORY

BY CRAIG SAGER II

Lakeside High School didn't waste time making a name for itself. Immediately after opening its doors for the first time in 1964, the school was experiencing success at a rate that was impossible to ignore. From 1965-1997, the football team consistently ranked amongst the top teams in Georgia, and incredibly never experienced a single losing record during those first 32 seasons. The Vikings won their first football state title in 1970 and added another in 1972 as the No. 2 ranked team in the nation. In addition to the two football state titles won at the school during the 1970's are the 24 other team state titles that the Vikings took home in that decade. Across the spectrum of sports disciplines, Lakeside created a new standard for Georgia's high school athletics.

Behind all the championships and achievements are the individuals. Years of dedication and hard work on behalf of the coaches, teachers, athletes and community resulted in the proud history that Lakeside alumnus and current students share today. The Lakeside High School Sports Hall of Fame is about putting a spotlight to this proud history and honoring incredible individuals that helped created it.

The 30-member inaugural class is an inclusive foundation to build from. The group contains 11 football inductees, including coaches Wayman Creel (1970-82), Dave Redford (1970-93) and Phil Lindsey (1972-97). Lakeside's first-ever state championship-winning quarterback Jack

Fuqua (Class of 1971), Spencer Nelms (1981), Greg Davis (1982), Mike Johnson (1973), Jack Bowen (1973), Ed Butler (1972), Jack Jones (1969) and Dick Conn (1969) are the first football lettermen inducted.

Pete Fusi (1973), a former Georgia Bulldog and DeKalb County's record-holder for most rebounds per game in a season (17.3) is going in for basketball. Tennis standout Lianna Bebeau (1984), track and field star Robbie Horton (1975) and former wrestler Bryan Carlisle (1983) join Fusi as the first inductees of their respective sports.

Long-time coach Jim Mitchell (1973-2003), state champions Tom Manget (1971) and John Manget (1975) and All-American Lane Kenworthy (1982) will be inducted for soccer. Coach Eddie Robert (1971-2005) and four-time All-American Joe Thorne (2002) are in for cross country. Former Major Leaguers and Vikings teammates Gene Ammann (1967) and Ron Cash (1967) represent baseball.

Former coach Avalee Spinks (1977-2002) and six-time state champion Renee Loisel (1972) are in for swimming. Former coach Lucia Norwood (1970-75) is being joined by gymnastics standouts Jeff Morrison (1974), Barbara Hall (1976) and Karen Loewen (1982). Also, John Kicklighter, former principle from 1971-83, is being inducted as a supporter for his role in shaping Lakeside's culture of athletic and academic excellence.

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FOOTBALL INDUCTEES

WAYMAN CREEL

Creel led Lakeside's football program from 1970-82 and was a head football coach in Georgia for 39 total seasons. A College Park native and University of Georgia graduate, his first head coaching job was at Northside (Atlanta) in 1951. Creel led the Tigers for 19 seasons and captured a state title in 1957.

Creel accepted his new role at Lakeside and led the program to its first state title his first

year on the job in 1970 with a 13-0 record. The Vikings showed even more dominance in 1972 by racking up a 518-84 scoring advantage, taking the Class AAA state title with a flawless 14-0 finish and holding 11 consecutive opponents to single digits at one point.

His teams compiled a 125-28-2 record (82.3 percent) in his 13 years at Lakeside and he was also the school's tennis coach, winning state ti-

ties from 1980-82. He was named National High School Football Coach of the Year in 1977.

Creel finished his career at Westminster where he led the Wildcats for seven seasons (1983-89). He produced 315 total wins throughout his career — giving him the 11th most wins in Georgia High School Football history. Creel was inducted into the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame and the Westminster Sports Hall of Fame.

DICK CONN

Conn, Class of 1969, spent his professional career on defense, but he still ranks as one of the most productive receivers in the history of Georgia High School Football. In 1969, Conn amassed 1,326 receiving yards which still ranks him 35th all-time, half a century later.

He played college football at UGA under head coach Vince Dooley and defensive coordinator

Erk Russell, who he cites as a major influence on his life. Russell recruited Conn to play safety where he knew Conn would have a better chance at catching the ball due to Georgia's run-heavy offense at the time.

Following college, Conn went pro and was signed to the Pittsburgh Steelers as a free agent in 1974. There he stood alongside argu-

ably the greatest draft class ever, which included Hall of Famers Lynn Swann, Jack Lambert, John Stallworth and Mike Webster.

In his rookie season, he was part of a Super Bowl-winning team after the Steelers beat the Vikings 16-6, a first for Pittsburgh. After a year with the Steelers, Conn played five seasons with the New England Patriots.

JACK JONES

Jones, Class of 1969, was a two-sport standout at Lakeside that earned varsity letters in football and wrestling. Jones was a junior when Lakeside's football team won its first region title in school history in 1967. The Vikings finished the regular season unbeaten (9-0-1) for the first time in school history as well.

Jones was considered one of the very top all-around athletes at the school during Lakeside's early years.

He helped the Vikings go 8-2 as a senior in 1968 - earning AJC First-Team All-State as a guard. Lakeside's offense averaged 34.5 points per game that year - the second-highest output in school history. Behind Jones, the Vikings opened up the season 7-0 and averaged 40.4 points a game, outscoring their opponents 283-42 and setting the groundwork for the school's first state championship in football two years later.

As a wrestler, Jones competed at 165 pounds his junior season and made it to state. Lakeside nearly came away with the state title in 1969 with the Vikings coming in second with 57 points to Dykes High School's 64 points. Jones bumped up to the 180-pound weight class his senior year and won an individual state championship.

ED BUTLER

Butler, Class of 1972, attended Lakeside his junior and senior seasons and was a three sport letterman in football, basketball and track. As a junior, he was a part of Lakeside's first-ever Football State Championship Team and caught the title-clinching touchdown pass in the Vikings' 7-6 win over Richmond Academy.

Butler averaged 25 yards per catch his senior year and garnered First Team All-State, Metro

Atlanta All Star and Metro Atlanta Lineman of the Year as a tight end.

His football career continued at Auburn where he became the first freshman to play in program history and a four-year letterman (1972-75). He played on two Top 5 teams and made three bowl appearances, including Auburn's 27-3 win over Texas in the 1974 Gator Bowl where he caught a pair of touchdowns.

Butler served as a captain his senior year, which was legendary head coach Ralph Jordan's final season. He was the winner of the Bill Streit Award for highest GPA of his graduating class. Butler graduated with a Marketing Degree and spent 39 years working in Advertising with Golf Digest Magazine.

JACK FUQUA

Fuqua, Class of 1971, quarterbacked Lakeside to its first state championship and a perfect 13-0 record as a senior in 1970. Fuqua's varsity career ended with recognition as Georgia Back of the Year and AJC Back of the Year.

Lakeside's offense produced 26.7 points per game in 1970 and closed out the season with a 19.46 average margin of victory. In addition

to earning three letters in football, Fuqua was a four-year Letterman on the Vikings baseball team as a pitcher.

Fuqua signed a scholarship to play quarterback at the University of Georgia. He was recruited by Fred Pancoast, renowned offensive coordinator and proponent of the West Coast offense, and followed him to Memphis State his sopho-

more year after Pancoast accepted the Tigers' head coaching job and redshirted.

He stepped away from the game in 1972 and joined the Marines. After serving for two years, Fuqua continued his playing career at Middle Tennessee State College.

MIKE JOHNSON

Johnson, Class of 1973, was a two-time letterman in football, golf and basketball after moving to Atlanta during his junior year of high school. As a senior, he led the Vikings to a runner-up season in basketball, rushed in a touchdown against Central-Macon during the Class AAA championship game to help give the Vikings their second football title in school history as well as placing third overall at the 1973 golf state tournament.

Johnson's athletic achievements during his senior football season earned him the title of Atlanta Touchdown Club Back of the Year, a Sunkist All-American and he was elected First Team All-State.

He was also named DeKalb County Best Defensive Player of the Year following his senior season of basketball and was named DeKalb County Athlete of the Year in 1973.

After graduating from Lakeside, Johnson went on to play football and golf at Georgia Tech. Still under center, he led the Georgia Tech Freshmen football team to an undefeated season before carrying out punting duties for his sophomore and junior seasons. He was named Bobby Jones Golfer of the Year as a junior.

JACK BOWEN

Bowen, Class of 1973, helped lead Lakeside to two of its three state championships as a running back on the football team during his time as a Viking. Bowen got his start as a ninth grader on the B-team which went undefeated, 8-0.

He factored in the 1970 title victory as a sophomore where Lakeside beat Richmond Academy

7-6 in the championship game to cap its 13-0 season. In 1972, he was a co-captain on the undefeated Viking squad which beat Central-Macon on the road 36-21 to take the AAA title and finish 14-0. In the game against Central-Macon, Bowen carried the ball for 185 yards.

He won the Viking Award in football, played shortstop and center field on the baseball

team and was a forward for the soccer team.

As a senior, Bowen accepted a scholarship to Western Carolina University where he lettered in each of his four seasons and earned a co-captain honor his senior year in 1977. After college, Bowen returned to Atlanta where he began a business career and also played in a semipro baseball league.

COACH DAVE REDFORD

Redford coached from 1970-93 at Lakeside, serving as defensive coordinator for the Vikings football team and the varsity baseball head coach for five seasons; he was also a very popular mathematics teacher. With the baseball team, he had an overall record of 56-35.

As defensive coordinator of the football team, he worked alongside legendary Vikings coaches Wayman Creel and Phil Lind-

sey, winning 10 region titles along with three state titles — the only three in school history. He also helped lead Lakeside to one finals appearance as well as three semifinals and quarterfinals appearances.

As defensive coordinator, Redford coached several standouts whose careers extend past their days at Lakeside. Spencer Nelms, a first team defensive lineman who played for the Ohio State Buckeyes and Huey Richardson, a

linebacker and defensive end who played at the University of Florida before being drafted 15th overall by the Pittsburgh Steelers in the 1991 NFL Draft.

During his high school days at Decatur High School, Redford was the quarterback for the Bulldogs' 1949 and 1950 state championship teams. While attending Georgia Tech, he played football and baseball and was co-captain his senior season in baseball.

SPENCER NELMS

Nelms, Class of 1981, starred at Lakeside as a defensive lineman. He earned All-State recognition and Outstanding Senior for his academic achievements before signing with Ohio State.

Nelms' seasons with the Buckeyes resulted in a Big Ten Championship, as well as Holiday Bowl, Liberty Bowl, and Fiesta Bowl victories. He also made the Academic All-Big Ten, Academic All-District and was inducted into the

Political Science Honor Society. He was honored with the Corwin A. Fergus Award and a Post-Graduate Scholarship and was accepted at Columbia University to both its Law School and School of International and Public Affairs, where he earned a Juris Doctorate and Masters in Business.

Nelms began a career of public service that included positions at the Independent Budget

Office in New York City, the California State Legislative Analysis Office and the US Office of Management and Budget, where he served as a budget analyst for several cabinet-level departments under President Bill Clinton.

Spencer later became Senior Manager of the Office of Program Evaluation and Risk Analysis (OPERA) within the Research, Analysis, and Statistics Division.

GREG DAVIS

Davis, Class of 1983, earned four varsity letters at Lakeside, two in both football and soccer. He connected on 7-of-8 field goals his junior season and played for a Region 8-AAAA title as a senior, hitting 15-of-23 field goals, including the deciding kick in the Vikings' 3-0 first-round playoff win over Columbia.

He went on to kick and punt at the Citadel and

still holds the school records for the longest field goal (53 yards) in school history, longest punt (81 yards), most career points by kicking (181) and most made field goals (35). He earned 1AA All-American as a senior.

Davis was picked in the ninth round of the 1987 NFL Draft by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and spent 12 years in the league, including time

with the Atlanta Falcons, Minnesota Vikings, San Diego Chargers, New England Patriots and Arizona Cardinals.

In his 169 NFL games, he made 224-of-325 field goals (69 percent) and 290-of-296 PATS. He is co-holder of the NFL record for most 50-yard field goals in one game (3) and the fourth leading scorer in Cardinals history with 474 points.

COACH PHIL LINDSEY

Lindsey was the football coach at Lakeside from 1983-1997 and accumulated a 134-44-2 record over his 15-year career, the most victories in school history. A seven-year stint as an assistant coach from 1976-82, and time spent coaching tennis and wrestling, led to his hiring as head football coach in 1983. He coached Lakeside to a state championship in 1991 and won five region titles. He also took the Vikings to the state finals on another occasion, made a semifinals appear-

ance and went to the quarterfinals thrice.

Lindsey, who was the state championship winning quarterback for Bradwell Institute in Hinesville in 1965, received many honors and awards throughout his career at Lakeside, including the Region Coach of the Year six times, the DeKalb County Touchdown Club Coach of the Year in 1986 and 1991, as well as the Class AAA and Atlanta Touchdown Club Coach of the Year in 1991.

Lindsey was the head tennis coach at Lakeside from 1984-97 and won a girls state championship in 1984.

While at Lakeside, Lindsey also had the pleasure of coaching his son Michael, who graduated from Lakeside in 1998 and continued his football career at Auburn University before becoming Lamar High School's head football coach in Houston.

BOY'S BASKETBALL INDUCTEE

PETE FUSI

Fusi, Class of 1973, was a basketball standout at Lakeside and a DeKalb County star that led the Vikings program. Fusi was a double-double machine. As a senior he averaged 24.1 points per game and his 17.3 rebounds per game in 1973 still is a DeKalb County single-season record.

During his senior season, Fusi was named a prep All-American, the MVP of the 1973 Class

AAA State Tournament and DeKalb County Player of the Year as Lakeside celebrated taking home the Region 8-AAA championship. He finished with 1,434 points and 1,258 rebounds.

Following graduation, Fusi went to the University of Georgia on a basketball scholarship. His older brother Steve helped divide the Fusi house by going to Georgia Tech after graduating from Lakeside in 1971.

At UGA, Fusi played for Ken Rosemond, and later John Guthrie, when he took over as head coach for the 1974 season. Fusi enjoyed a productive year on the junior varsity squad, averaging 13.6 points and 8.1 rebounds in 16 games his first year. He went on to play in 48 games over his next three seasons before graduating with a Business Degree in 1977.

BASEBALL INDUCTEES

GENE AMMANN

Ammann, Class of 1967, lettered in baseball and football and was part of Lakeside's first graduating class. He tossed two no-hitters while pitching for Lakeside, earned All-State status in 1967 and was a two-time recipient of the Viking Award.

Ammann went on to play baseball for the Florida State Seminoles, making the starting team

as a freshman. During his debut season, he went 5-0 with a 2.17 ERA. As a junior, he had his best collegiate season, earning an ERA of .66 while boasting a flawless 15-0 record.

Overall, Ammann had a 1.45 ERA with a record of 31-2 as a Florida State Seminole. He currently holds the NCAA record for most shutouts in a single season, throwing eight during his junior

season. In 1970, he was selected as Most Outstanding Player of the College World Series.

Ammann was selected by the Milwaukee Brewers in the third round of the 1970 Major League Baseball Draft and played professionally for four seasons in the minor leagues and one year with the Hankyu Braves in Japan. He was inducted into the FSU Sports Hall of Fame in 1991.

RON CASH

Cash, Class of 1967, was a baseball standout at Lakeside who was drafted by the Los Angeles Dodgers following his senior season. Cash attended Manatee Community College and Florida State, where he would make appearances in the 1968 Junior College World Series and the 1970 College World Series.

He was drafted four more times - Baltimore Orioles (1968 January Draft), Atlanta Braves

(1968 June Draft), San Diego Padres (1969 January) and Minnesota Twins (1969 June), before signing with the Detroit Tigers in 1971. Cash made his Major League debut in September 1973 with the Tigers and had a .410 batting average (16-for-39) in 14 games.

He divided his playing time between left field and third base until appearing mostly as a third and first baseman in 1974. Cash also

played for the Triple-A Toledo Mud Hens in 1973 and for the Cangrejeros de Santurce of the Puerto Rico Baseball League in 1973-74 under manager Frank Robinson.

In a two-season majors career, Cash was a .297 hitter (30-for-101) in 34 games, including 14 runs, 11 runs batted in, three doubles, one triple, and a .324 on-base percentage.

TENNIS INDUCTEE

LIANNA BEBEAU

Bebeau, Class of 1984, won the 1983 and 1984 AAAA individual state titles during her tennis career at Lakeside. Her 1984 individual title helped propel the Lady Vikings to the AAAA team state title. The victory marked the only Girls State Tennis Championship for Lakeside in school history.

She was the 1984 valedictorian and earned All-American and academic All-American

honors. She took her tennis talents to the University of Georgia where she lettered from 1985-88.

While at Georgia, she made the SEC Academic Honor Roll in 1986, 1987 and 1988. She was part of the 1987 NCAA runner-up team after the Bulldogs lost to Stanford in the finals. In 1988, she helped Georgia to a semifinal appearance in the NCAA Tournament as well as

being named NCAA Academic All-American.

She continued her academic success at UGA in the classroom and was the 1988 Valedictorian of her class as well as the UGA Scholar Athlete of the Year. After college, Bebeau competed for two years on the pro circuit. In 2014, she and her son, Parker Jones, won the motherson National Clay Court Championship.

SOCCER INDUCTEES

COACH JIM MITCHELL

Mitchell led Lakeside's Varsity Boys Soccer program for 29 years and also coached on Lakeside's Varsity Football staff for 17 years. He has accumulated more than 400 wins as a Varsity Head Soccer Coach over his career and his teams at Lakeside won five Boys Soccer State Championships (1974, 75, 78, 81, 97) and 15 Region Championships.

Mitchell, who graduated from Cross Keys High

School, is a two-time National Soccer Coaches of America Association Region III (Southeast) Coach of the Year, the 1992 recipient of the National Federation of State High School Associations Region III Distinguished Service Award and the 1997 GACA Coach of the Year.

After a long and productive teaching and coaching career at Lakeside (1973-2003), Mitchell moved on to coach JV boys, varsity

boys and varsity girls soccer in addition to varsity football at Peachtree Ridge over a six-year stint (2003-08).

He went to Loganville High School in 2009 and coached JV girls soccer for two years, football and varsity girls soccer for three years before retiring in 2014. In 2018, Mitchell returned to Loganville to be head coach of the varsity girls soccer team.

TOM MANGET

Manget, Class of 1971, joined the very first varsity soccer team at Lakeside during his freshman year and earned letters as a sophomore, junior and senior. The Vikings made the playoffs his sophomore year and won the school's first state championship his junior year. Manget led the Vikings in scoring during his junior and senior years and earned a spot on the All-State team his senior season. He also started three years on the volleyball team

and received the prestigious Viking Award as a senior.

He continued his career at Georgia State University and scored 23 goals with 13 assists as a freshman. He finished his sophomore season with 18 goals and 11 assists and his junior season with 13 goals and five assists after switching to midfielder.

He transferred to the University of Georgia after his junior season to pursue a major in Forestry and starred on the UGA Men's Soccer Club from 1974 until his graduation in 1977.

Manget married Debbie, a former Lakeside gymnastics standout and retired after 34 years of public service working with the State of Georgia as an Environmental Specialist for the Georgia Environmental Protection Division.

JOHN MANGET

Manget, Class of 1975, earned four varsity letters on Lakeside's soccer team and he lettered in volleyball as a sophomore on the 1973 state championship team. He led the Vikings with 16 goals his freshman year and was named the Most Valuable Offensive Player. As a sophomore, Manget was the recipient of the Viking Award and was named a First Team North DeKalb County All-Star.

In 1974, Manget led the Vikings to their second state title in school history, scoring in the championship game against Westminster. During his junior season, he earned Most Valuable Offensive Player and North DeKalb Most Valuable Player.

The Vikings clinched their second consecutive state title following a win over Henderson with Manget having a two-goal performance to close his senior season. He earned Most Valu-

able Player, was a North DeKalb All-Star and the Most Valuable Player in North DeKalb County — ending his varsity career with 93 goals.

Manget continued his soccer career at Berry College where he won All-District and All-Conference both years he was there. In 1977, he transferred to UGA to play for their club team alongside his brother Tom.

LANE KENWORTHY

Kenworthy, Class of 1982, earned four varsity letters starring on Lakeside's soccer team. The Vikings won the state title in 1981 and Kenworthy was named an All-American. He was a member of the US Junior (U-18) National Team in 1982 and 1983.

They reached the national quarterfinals in 1984 and Kenworthy was a two-time All-Ivy League selection. He received a B.A. in sociology from Harvard in 1986 and a Ph.D. in sociology from the University of Wisconsin in 1993. Kenworthy has been a sociology professor at several universities. He currently is Professor of Sociology and Yankelovich Chair in Social Thought at the University of California-San Diego.

He studies the causes and consequences of living standards, poverty, inequality, mobility, employment, economic growth, social policy, taxes, public opinion, politics, and more in the United States and other affluent countries.

He has written seven books, including "Progress for the Poor" and "Social Democratic America."

Kenworthy attended Harvard and played forward for the Crimson for four seasons (1982-85).

CROSS COUNTRY INDUCTEES

COACH EDDIE ROBERTS

Roberts coached at Lakeside from 1971-2005 including track and field, cross country and basketball; he was also a long-time teacher in mathematics. As head coach of the Cross Country teams, he had a record of 564-27-3 in dual, tri and quads meets, winning three state titles along with 15 runner-up teams, 17 region championship teams, 31 county champion teams and 41 team individual titles.

With the track team, Roberts accumulated a record of 139-26-0 during his 33-year career, coaching three runner-up teams, five region championship teams and two county championship teams. From 1982-1996 he took on the role as head coach of the girls basketball team, winning the 1991 region championship and holding a 182-174 record over 15 years.

Roberts, who graduated from Avondale High

School, achieved many awards and honors while coaching at Lakeside, most notably being inducted into the Track and Cross Country Coaches of Georgia Hall of Fame in 2002.

He was named Atlanta Track Club Cross Country Coach of the Year in 1972, 1973 and 1975, and was GHSA Region Coach of the Year for Boys and Girls Cross Country four times.

JOE THORNE

Thorne, Class of 2002, was a four-year varsity starter on the cross country and track teams. While at Lakeside, he was a 7-time State Champion, 4-time All-American and Georgia Male Track Athlete of the Year in 2002.

He finished 10th at the State Cross Country Meet as a freshman. As a sophomore, Thorne placed second overall at the state finals in Cross Country, first in the 1,600 (4:15) and

second in the 3,200 (9:15). Thorne placed first in Cross Country, first in the 1,600 (4:12), first in the 3,200 (9:06) which at the time was a Lakeside High School record, and was the National Champion in the 2,000m Steeplechase (5:56) his junior year. He defended his Cross Country, 1,600 and 3,200 state championships as a senior.

After graduating from Lakeside High School,

Thorne attended the University of Texas where he continued to run cross country and track and was named an NCAA All-American in cross country during the 2005 and 2006 seasons.

In 2011, Thorne placed 38th overall in the world during the Ironman World Championship, where he had the second fastest marathon run split time in the world (2:43).

GYMNASTICS INDUCTEES COACH LUCIA NORWOOD

Norwood, a graduate of Williamsport High School (Pa.) in 1958, joined the Lakeside coaching staff in 1970 where she led the gymnastics team to five consecutive state championships from 1971-75 before embarking on a career serving high school sports at the state and national level. Norwood also led the Vikings to County Championships in 1970 and 1972-75.

In 1969, Norwood implemented the Georgia

State Girls Gymnastics Championships and has been the meet administrator and rules interpreter since that time. In 2019, the State Gymnastics meet was named the Dr. Lucia Norwood State Meet.

She held the National Federation records for most state championships and most consecutive state championships. Norwood conducted and served as a consultant for gymnastics rule

interpretations and instructional workshops in other states to train coaches and judges. Norwood was appointed to the National Federation Gymnastics rules writing committee for eight consecutive years to develop the rules for high schools, nationally.

She was inducted into the inaugural classes of the NIAAA Hall of Fame in 2009 and the Georgia Athletic Director Hall of Fame in 2010.

JEFF MORRISON

Morrison, Class of 1974, helped lead the boys gymnastics team to Lakeside's first state team championship. He became Lakeside's only male gymnast to win the state all-around title, both in his junior and senior years. In addition to all-around, Jeff became the state champion on four other events: parallel bars, rings, side horse, and high bar his senior year.

He competed alongside his twin brother,

Jerry, who also excelled in the sport. In 1974, Morrison won the Viking Award, numerous county championship medals, and both brothers went on to earn athletic scholarships and compete for Georgia Tech - ultimately serving as team co-captains.

While at Georgia Tech, Morrison won the Minor Sports Athlete of the Year, the Bobby Jones Award, the Atlantic Coast Conference

Athletic Scholarship Award, was a four-time qualifier for the NCAA championships and was nominated for the U.S. Nissan Award (comparable to football's Heisman trophy).

He was inducted into the Georgia Tech Athletic Hall of Fame in 1986 along with his brother Jerry. In 1979, Morrison was ranked 7th in the country on parallel bars and 12th in rings.

BARBARA HALL-WATTS

Hall-Watts, Class of 1976, is one of the most accomplished gymnasts in Lakeside history. She won nine individual state titles from 1973-1976 and helped lead Lakeside to team titles in each of her years as a Viking. She also was a cheerleader for football and basketball while at Lakeside.

In 1973, Hall-Watts won state championships in three events: the all-around, bars and

beam. In 1975, she won the floor and vault state titles, and in 1976, she won four individual titles: all-around, bars, beam and floor.

Coupled with the state championships, Hall-Watts earned several DeKalb County championships throughout her career. In 1973, she won the all-around, bars, beam and floor. In 1975, she continued her dominance and won

all-around, bars, beam and floors again. In 1976, Hall-Watts won the county championship again with victories in the same events.

Following her time at Lakeside, she went to Indiana State on a gymnastics scholarship before transferring to the University of Georgia where she competed as a "GymDog" and finished her final three years of college.

KAREN LOEWEN

Loewen, Class of 1981, won 10 individual gymnastics state championships during her career as a Viking, and in doing so became one of the most decorated gymnasts to ever compete at Lakeside.

She began her gymnastics career with the United States Gymnastics Suppliers Association at the age of eight but didn't start competing at Lakeside until her sophomore year.

The decision to compete at Lakeside allowed her to enjoy her high school years while competing for her school instead of solely competing for the USGSA.

As a sophomore, Loewen won four individual state titles for all-around, bars, floor and vault to help lead the Vikings to their ninth-consecutive state championship. In 1980, she won five state titles for all-around,

bars, beam, floor and vault. During her senior year in 1981 she won the state title in the floor competition.

Loewen was also successful in the county meets during her high school career and in 1979 she won the vault event. She captured the all-around, bars and floor events in 1980, and in 1981, Loewen won the all-around, bars and vault.

SWIMMING INDUCTEES

COACH AVALEE SPINKS

Spinks, a 1965 graduate of Decatur High School, joined the Lakeside-DeKalb coaching staff in 1977 as a swim coach and PE teacher where she left a legacy of success. She was an accomplished swimmer and diver at Decatur and also held high school records in basketball and softball. She kept hold of her competitive spirit as she began coaching at Lakeside.

Spinks led the Lakeside girls to nine DeKalb

Loisel, Class of 1972, won several state and county swimming championships throughout her career at Lakeside and earned the Viking Award during her senior year to close out her varsity career.

As a sophomore, she won the 100-yard butterfly state championship with a state record time of 1:05.00, beating the previous record of 1:05.03. She won the 100-yard backstroke

County swimming championships during her tenure. Her first two county titles came in 1978 and 1979 and the Vikings won three straight from 1981 to 1983. In the final years of her coaching career, Spinks coached the Vikings to the county championships again from 1997 to 2002.

Her success with the Vikings was also seen at the state level. Spinks won her first Girls

RENEE LOISEL

state championship again as a junior and as a senior she won a state title in the 100-yard backstroke. She was also on three medley relay state championship teams.

Loisel also dominated in county championships where, in 1971, she won the 100-yard backstroke at the DeKalb championships. In 1972 she won both the 100-yard backstroke as well as the 100-yard butterfly.

Swimming State Championship at Lakeside in 1978, which defended coach Roxanne Dasch's 1977 title. She coached the girls back to victory at the state championships in 1981 to add a second state title.

Spinks also had success coaching the boys swimming team and led them to DeKalb County Championships in 1978, 1981 and 1988. Spinks retired in 2007.

Loisel was asked by several universities, including the University of Georgia and South Carolina, to swim for their teams, but she ended up choosing Western Carolina University where she swam and was also a cheerleader for football and basketball. After graduation, she began teaching in Cobb County and taught first grade and kindergarten for 25 years before retiring in 2015.

TRACK & FIELD INDUCTEE

ROBBIE HORTON

Horton, Class of 1975, began his track career as a freshman at Lakeside. He finished his freshman season placing 2nd in state in the discus and 3rd in the shotput. He continued to progress as a sophomore and as a junior he won state in shotput and discus on Lakeside's 1974 State Championship Team.

He won state in shotput again as a senior and

finished second in discus. In his four years, Horton had 32 first-place finishes, finished second eight times and placed third on four occasions.

Horton accepted a scholarship to Georgia Tech and was a four-time letterman. During his career with the Yellow Jackets, Horton qualified to compete at nationally sanctioned meets such as the Tom Black Track Classic and the United States

Track and Field Federation. Additionally, he won the first ACC Championship in Georgia Tech history, taking the discus competition in 1979.

Horton earned his Bachelor's degree in Industrial Management and went on to spend his working career in the manufacturing and supply chain field with various operations companies in and around the Atlanta area.

WRESTLING INDUCTEE

BRYAN CARLISLE

Carlisle, Class of 1983, was a four-year varsity starter for the Lakeside wrestling team and also lettered in football as an offensive and defensive lineman. During his junior and senior seasons, he was a county and region champion and won back-to-back Wrestling State Titles in 1982-83 in the unlimited weight division.

He went undefeated on the mat as a junior and senior and earned a pair of state titles.

Carlisle managed to outdo his first flawless run by winning all but one match on pins his senior year.

Of the 12 state individual championships Lakeside has in wrestling, Carlisle has two of them, joining other multi-championship winner John Kalvelage, who won three from 1969-71. After graduating from Lakeside, Carlisle went on to play quick guard for Western

Carolina for one season before suffering a career ending neck injury.

In recent years, he has been involved as a USA archery coach and is a certified archery judge, as well as head coach and director of the Forsyth County 4-H Archery Club. Carlisle also serves on the Board of Directors for the Georgia Archery Association. Board of Directors for the Georgia Archery Association.

SUPPORTER INDUCTEE

JOHN KICKLIGHTER

Kicklighter, principal of Lakeside High School from 1971-1984, spent his career building a foundation of outstanding academics, athletics and culture at his schools. Born and raised in Mendes, Georgia, he graduated from Glenville High School in 1949 before attending Newberry College on football, basketball and baseball scholarships.

Following his graduation from Georgia Teach-

ers College in 1955, Kicklighter began active duty in the United States Army until 1959 before transferring to the US Army Reserves.

His teaching and coaching career began at St. Andrews Junior High School in Charleston, South Carolina. He was principal at Springfield Elementary, St. Andrews and Middleton High School, where he stepped in during the school's inaugural year.

In 1977, while serving as principal of Lakeside, Kicklighter earned an Education Specialist degree from Georgia State University and was promoted to Colonel in the United States Army. From 1984 up until his retirement in 1991, he served as Athletic Director, Director of Planning and Associate Superintendent of DeKalb County Schools. Kicklighter also received the Army Achievement Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal and the Legion of Merit.



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