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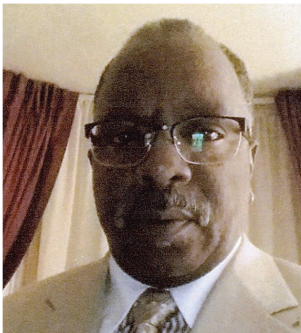
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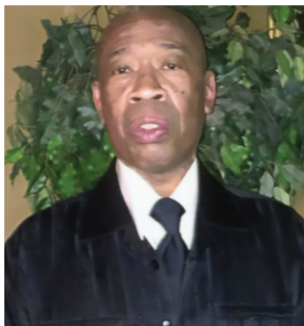
MARY (JEAN) AVERY has been involved in cheerleading over (50) years, beginning at age eleven. She cheered at Bayard Junior High School, Wilmington High School, and Delaware State College. Her coaching career began with the JV Cheer Team at Delaware State College. For the past thirty-eight years, she has served as Head Cheer Coach for Christiana High School, Newark, Delaware. Jean has hosted the longest running cheering competitions in the Tri-State Area, drawing teams from West Virginia to Northern New Jersey. Also, she was instrumental in establishing The Delaware Cheer Leading Coaches Association, which sponsors the Annual Cheerleading State Championships. Along with her coaching staff, she has led the Vikings' Cheer Squad to nine State Titles and four National Titles. Jean facilitated the convergence of cheerleading talent from Christina's three district high schools to create the State's first District Competitive Cheer Team. They won the 2015 State Championship within their Division. Jean is currently "Director of Coaches" for Cheer Force All-Star Academy.



PURNELL AYERS, a 1976 Cape Henlopen High School graduate, was a (3) year starter, 1974-1976; 1st Team All-Conference, 1974-1976; and Team Leader in scoring, 1974-1976. He was the all-time leading scorer in Delaware high school basketball history, scoring 1,408 points. Purnell was the "first" player in Delaware high school basketball history to be selected "Player of the Year" consecutively in 1975 and 1976, leading Cape Henlopen to back-to-back Championships in 1975 (25-0) and 1976. He was selected to play in the North vs South and Delaware vs Philadelphia All-Star Games, both in 1976. While in the United States Army, Purnell led the army in scoring, 1977-1980, and was selected for the United States Army, 1st Team. In 2018, Purnell was Inducted into the Delaware Legends Basketball Hall of Fame.



JAY "J-BIRD" FAULKNER, a graduate of Salesianum High School, Wilmington, Delaware, won his first Gold Medal in the 1971 Penn Relays 4x100 race. At "Sallies" he was a member of Championship Outdoor Teams, 1974 and 1975. Jay's high school, sports tenure was highlighted as follows, in 1975: 1st Team All-State; High School All-American; Prep School All-American; 1st Team, All-Catholic and All-Tri-State in Football. He rushed for 2,000 yards and scored (15) touch downs in (15) career games. In 1976, J-Bird enrolled in the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. While there, he was a (3) year Letterman and played in the 1976 Peach, 1977 Liberty, and 1979 Gator Bowl. Also, while there, his team was the 1977 ACC Champion, as he had (2) interceptions and (1) fumble recovery. Jay "signed" with the Toronto Argonauts of the Canadian Football League, with whom he played a few years, and remarkably, he returned and graduated from the University of North Carolina in 1995.



ALONZO I. FRISBY, born and raised in Bridgeville, Delaware, graduated from Woodbridge High School, 1977. In his sophomore year, the wrestling, head coach asked him to "try-out" for the team. He did, and became the 98 lb. man for the team. Frisby wrestled for the next three seasons, and in his senior year, recorded a 25-0-0 record (19 pins, 3 technical falls, and 3 regular decisions). In 1977, he was a High School All-American. Alonzo was the 105 lb. Champion at the James M. Bennett Christmas Invitational; Henlopen Champion and Delaware State Champion in 1977. He enlisted in the U. S. Army in 1977, and in 1978 and 1979, he was the "Fort Riley Post" Champion, weighing 118 lbs. He was invited to wrestle in the Olympic Trials in 1980, to represent Fort Riley. Conflict between the Soviet Union and United States did not allow him to participate. He regrets not trying for the next Olympic Games a few years later.

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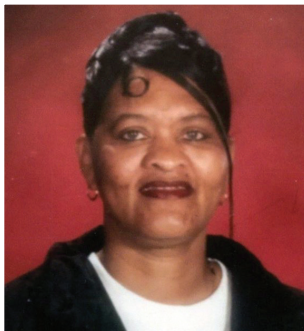
PRESTON E. GRACE began coaching football at Woodbridge High School, Bridgeville, DE, 1987. He was Assistant JV Coach through 1987. From 1987-2008, and 2010 - present, he has been Varsity Assistant Coach. The 1999 team had a 10-0 record (first in school history); in 2016, a 13-0 Record and Division II State Champs; he received the Ed Brown Award for Top Assistant Coach in DE. In 2017, Preston received the Henlopen Gold Card (a lifetime “free” admission) to all Conference events. His teams played in (6) State Tournaments: 1999 (first in school history); 2000, 2013 Semi-Finals (first in school history); 2015 Semi-Finals; 2016 Division II State Champions (first in school history), with a 13-0 season record; and 2018 Division II State Champions. Preston is honored and proud to be an Assistant Coach in the Annual Blue and Gold Football Game.



TERESA HUDSON-BRAXTON, a “natural” athlete, was born and raised in Dover, DE. “Ressie” displayed her talents early, in Track and Field at Dover High School. She displayed exemplary talent, 1988-1992, becoming a State Champion in the 400, 800, 4x400, and 4x800 meter events. In 1992, she was State Grand Prix winner in the 400 meter event. Her exemplary feats continued at Christopher Newport College in Virginia where she was All-American in the 4x400 relay. Also, while there, Ressie competed in and won several indoor and outdoor events. Later, continuing her education at Delaware State University, she competed in various distance events, including Cross Country. Teresa assisted coaching Dover High’s Cross Country Team and presently coaches the Outdoor Track and Field Team at Newark High School.



ANDREW L. MILES was a stellar athlete at Sanford Prep High School, Hockessin, DE. Miles was an official “Street and Smith Magazine” All-American Basketball Selectee. He led Sanford in “scoring” during his Junior and Senior years, averaging (27) pts. a game, leading Sanford to the Delaware State Basketball Championship. As a four-year starter, he was selected 2nd Team All-State Player of the Year in 1990 and 1st Team All-State, 1991. Having scored over 1,500 career pts., he is Sanford’s “all-time” leading scorer. Attending Delaware State University, 1991-1993, Miles was selected to play in the MEAC, All-Conference, Freshman 1st Team, and was subsequently selected “All-MEAC” each season. He was also a top contributor in “Scoring and Assists,” and was ranked Sixth in the Nation, in Steals, in the NCAA, Division I, his Junior year.



JUANITA PARKER developed a philosophy of “Succeeding” early in life. Opportunity to compete in various sports’ venues was not always there for her. She instilled within players the desire and tenacity to perform at their highest level. From 1971-1979, she was a Coach and President of the Delaware/Maryland Eastern Shore Semi-Pro Baseball League. In 1978 she was Head Coach for the Kent County Parks and Recreation League, From 1980-1984, she Coached the Milford Co-ed Softball League and in 1985, the Kent Women’s Softball League. From 1993-1996, Juanita was the Dover Central Middle School Girl’s Basketball Coach. From 1995-1998, she was the Dover High Women’s Varsity and J V Basketball Coach. In 1990 she organized Delaware State College Women’s Softball Team. They competed in the MEAC Finals, earning 2nd Place Honors, losing to Florida A&M. Juanita was Assistant Volley Ball Coach at DSU, 2002-2005. Her illustrious Career in Sports has been spent “Serving” others.

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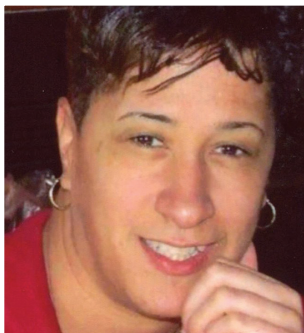
WILBERT L. RANSBURG was born and raised on the East Side of Wilmington, DE. He attended Wilmington and Newark High Schools and was a key player of the 23-1, 1978 Wilmington H. S. State Championship Basketball Team. At Newark High, he was the Team Captain, leading the team in “Steals and Assists,” scoring 19.6 points a game. His other accomplishments were: 1st Team All-State and All-Conference; Delaware Player of the Year; was selected to Who’s Who Magazine; led the Flight A Conference in Scoring; was the Leading Scorer in DE; in 1979 he played in the Blue and Gold and Philadelphia vs Delaware All-Star Games (he was MVP, Scoring [30] points); he was an All-Tournament, 1st Team Player in the “Charm City Classic,” Baltimore, MD. Wilbert played basketball at Middle Georgia College, 1979-1980, leading in Assists and averaging (13) points a game; and he was a 2017 Inductee into the Delaware Legends Basketball Hall of Fame.



CLARENCE L. SAUNDERS, in 1964, led the State in “Total” points Scored and contributed to Middletown High School’s 9-0 Football Record. That fall he was selected to the Delaware High School Football, 1st Team, All-State Honor Squad. Clarence also played in Delaware High School Football’s “Prestigious” Blue and Gold Game. During his high school years, he earned and received Varsity Letters in Track and Field, Basketball and Baseball. Following high school, Clarence played baseball in Korea with the Pacific Air Force Command. In 1966, his Team competed at McGuire Air Force Base, New Jersey, at the Military Airlift Command’s Worldwide (Baseball) Tournament. After military service, Clarence continued to participate in sports, playing with the Middletown Jets Slow Pitch Softball Team, for several years.



BURTON A. WATSON, JR. played Varsity Football at Wilmington High School, 1971-1973, and Varsity Basketball, 1971-1974. He played on (2) State Basketball Championship Teams and (3) Blue Hen Conference Flight A Championship Teams, earning (3) Championship rings. He led his high school Championship Team in Assists; his best being (24). “Burtie” is one of two players in State history to play in (3) Consecutive, Basketball Championship Games. In the summer of 1974, he Played on the Easter Seals All-Star Team. After college, Burtie Coached Varsity Football at Wilmington High, 1979-1986; Boys’ Basketball, 1979-1984; and Girl’s Basketball, 1984-1986. Upon moving to Florida, he Coached Varsity Football and Baseball, 1986-1990, at Buchholz High School in Gainesville.



MARKISHIA C. WISE is a graduate of Sussex Central High School, Georgetown, DE. During her basketball career there, she became the All-Time, Leading Scorer and was selected to the 1st Team All-State and Henlopen Conference, and 2nd Team All-State. Upon graduation, “Kishia” received a “Full Basketball Scholarship” to attend the University of Delaware. During her basketball tenure there, she was plagued with injuries for two years and relinquished her scholarship. Receiving an academic scholarship, she graduated in 2000, earning a degree in Biological Science. Kishia Coached the J V Basketball Team at Sussex Central High and later became the Team’s Head Coach for (6) years. In 2015, she was Inducted into the Sussex Central Hall of Fame.