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**34th ANNUAL HALL OF FAME
INDUCTION CEREMONY**

APRIL 29th, 2023 ♦ UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, COLLEGE PARK



MARYLAND FOOTBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION

AGENDA:

APRIL 29TH, 2023

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, COLLEGE PARK

9:00-

9:30.....REFRESHMENTS IN THE LOBBY OF GOSSETT TEAM HOUSE

9:30.....OPENING REMARKS: MARC MESAROS, PRESIDENT, MARYLAND FOOTBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION; BOB MILLOY, CHAIRMAN, MARYLAND FOOTBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION HALL OF FAME

9:33.....JERRY MEARS SERVICE TO FOOTBALL AWARD:
- BRUCE CUNNINGHAM.....WBFF FOX 45

9:43.....JOHN VOIGHT ASSISTANT COACH OF THE YEAR AWARD:
- AARON CARTER.....SENECA VALLEY, GAITHERSBURG, MONTGOMERY BLAIR HIGH SCHOOLS
- GEORGE COTTER,ST. VINCENT PALLOTTI HIGH SCHOOL, GEORGETOWN PREPARATORY SCHOOL
- EUGENE SWAIN,.....BOONSBORO HIGH SCHOOL
- JEFF CRANFORD,.....SOUTHERN AND NORTHERN HIGH SCHOOLS

10:13.....MARYLAND FOOTBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION HALL OF FAME:
- TODD APPEL.....FORT HILL HIGH SCHOOL
- STEVE CROUNSE.....PATUXENT AND NORTHERN HIGH SCHOOLS
- REGGIE WHITE.....MILFORD MILL HIGH SCHOOL

11:30.....JOHN HARVILL LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD:
- ERNIE CECCATO.....POOLSVILLE AND QUINCE ORCHARD HIGH SCHOOLS

12:00.....CLOSING REMARKS, ALL ATTENDEES MOVE INTO THE STADIUM FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND SPRING FOOTBALL GAME

MFCFA MARYLAND FOOTBALL
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**WELCOME TO
THE HALL!**



2023 INDUCTEES



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COACH	SCHOOL(S)	YEAR	COACH	SCHOOL(S)	YEAR
Irv Biasi	Patterson	1988	Lowell Davis	Landon	2004
Al Cesky	Bel Air	1988	Jack Gilmore	Allegany	2004
Bill Hahn	Fort Hill/Wheaton	1988	Roger Wrenn	Patterson, Polytechnic	2004
Ed Hargaden	Loyola	1988	Tim Ambrose	Middletown	2005
Harry Lawrence	City College	1988	Charles Berry	Wicomico	2005
Bob Lumsden	Polytechnic	1988	Tom Woods	Southern Garrett	2005
Gorton McWilliams	Cambridge-South Dorchester	1988	Bill Mackley	John Carroll	2006
John Merricks	Crossland	1988	Pete Pompey	Dunbar/ Edmondson	2006
Dan Palumbo	Northwestern	1988	Doug DuVall	Wilde Lake	2007
George Young	Calvert Hall/ City College	1988	Bob Milloy	Whitman/ Springbrook/ Sherwood/ Good	
Tony Caruso	Sherwood	1989		Counsel	
Jim Higgins	Milford Mill/ Randallstown	1989	Mike Pearson	Oxon Hill	2007
Charlie Lattimer	Fort Hill	1989	Dave Carruthers	Linganore, Urbana	2008
George Roberts	Severna Park	1989	Ben Eaton	Dunbar	2008
Herb Ruby	Westminster	1989	Jerry Franks	DeMatha/ Calvert/ Huntingtown	2008
Brady Straub	Northwood/ Kennedy	1989	Dave Schrodel	Thomas Johnson/ Walkersville	2008
Dick Working	McDonogh/ Boys' Latin	1989	Walt King	Bullis	2009
Jerry Calhoun	Beall	1990	Macon Tucker	Aberdeen	2009
Dutch Eyth	McDonogh	1990	John Usilton	J.M. Bennett	2009
Jim Head	Westminster	1990	Chuck Hickes	Laurel	2010
Bill Jones	Wheaton	1990	Nick Lynch	Suitland	2010
Jerry Mears	Arundel, Meade	1991	Bill McGregor	DeMatha Catholic	2010
Howdy Myers	St. Paul's	1991	Terry Changuris	Seneca Valley	2011
Al Sadusky	Bethesda-Chevy Chase	1991	Joe Russo	Hammond	2011
Vic Woods	Mount St. Joseph	1991	Dan Makosy	Damascus/ Hammond	2012
Bud Coackley	Edgewood	1992	Steve Turnbaugh	Hereford	2012
Al Laramore	Annapolis	1992	Ben Wright	Eleanor Roosevelt/ Thomas Johnson	2012
Joe Pappetti	Glen Burnie	1992	Ken Brace	Wheaton/ Watkins Mill	2013
Moe Barber	Snow Hill	1993	Rick Conner	Brunswick/ Linganore	2014
Jim Crawford	Friendly	1993	Mike Working	McDonogh/ Mount St. Joseph	2014
John Voight	High Point	1993	Chuck Markiewicz	Chesapeake-AA, Meade/ North County/ Arundel	2015
John Cox	La Plata	1994		Westlake	2015
Pete Lerario	Springbrook	1994	Dominic Zaccarelli	Fallston	2016
Ben Petrilli	Loch Raven	1994	Dave Cesky	Broadneck	2016
Jack Molesworth	Frederick, Thomas Johnson	1995	Jeff Herrick	Douglass-PG	2016
Ken Parker	South Carroll	1995	J.C. Pinkney	Franklin	2017
Jim Smith	Aberdeen	1995	Claude Darr	Gwynn Park	2017
Roy Lester	Allegany/ Montgomery/ Magruder/ Paint Branch	1996	Danny Hayes	Randallstown/ Liberty/ Winters Mill	2017
	St. Paul's	1996	Ken "Speedy" Johnson		
Mitch Tullai	Georgetown Prep	1997	Clayton Anders	Boonsboro	2018
Jim Fegan	Smithsburg	1997	Robert Knox	Stephen Decatur	2018
Carroll Reid	Seneca Valley/ Damascus/ Sherwood	1997	Bill Russell	Elkton	2018
Al Thomas	Polytechnic	1997	Tom Clark	Bishop MacNamara	2019
Augie Waibel	Severna Park	1999	Dave Dolch	St. Paul's	2019
Andy Borland	Loyola	1999	George Earley	Friendly	2019
Joe Brune	Gaithersburg	1999	Augie Miceli	Calvert Hall	2021
John Harvill	Largo	1999	Dan Paro	Georgetown Prep	2021
Rocco Romeo	Milford Mill/ Randallstown	2001	Ed Shields	Largo/ Northwestern/Suitland	2021
John Buchheister	McDonough	2001	Doug Williams	Catoctin	2021
Larry Johnson	Churchill	2001	Don Graef	Queen Anne's County	2022
Fred Shepherd	Fort Hill	2002	Kreg Kephart	Gaithersburg	2022
Mike Calhoun	Poolesville/ Quince Orchard	2002	Eric Knight	Forestville/ Potomac/ Crossland	2022
Ernie Ceccato	Cambridge-S.D.	2003	Steve Crouse	Patuxent/ Northern	2023
Doug Fleetwood	Fairmont Heights	2003	Todd Appel	Fort Hill	2023
Ralph Paden	DeMatha Catholic	2003	Reggie White	Milford Mill	2023
Morgan Wootten					

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JOHN VOIGHT AWARD

COACH	SCHOOL(S)	YEAR	COACH	SCHOOL(S)	YEAR
Rich Bosnic	Magruder	1995	Don Phelps	Calvert	2007
Elmer Dize	Mervo/ Overlea	1995	Elmer Smith	Beall	2007
Frank Gilmore	Georgetown Prep	1995	Fred Billings	Wicomico	2008
Dave Merrill	Allegany	1995	Bill Goodman	Good Counsel/ Sherwood/ Seneca Valley	2008
Buck Offutt	DeMatha	1995	Joe Bosley	Hereford	2009
Fred Joyce	Gaithersburg	1995	Tom Kolar	Good Counsel	2009
Lindsey Agee	Cambridge-South Dorchester	1996	Joe Doody	Damascus	2010
Robert Chaswell	Oxon Hill	1996	Mike Henshaw	Huntingtown	2010
Bucky Kimmitt	Poly	1996	Pete White	Georgetown Prep	2010
Marty McKibbin	McDonogh	1996	Lee Branthover	Wheaton, Magruder	2011
Nick Schloeder	Gilman	1996	Tony Edwards	Damascus	2011
Don Rushing	Sherwood	1997	Wayne Boor	Wheaton	2012
Ken Rippetto	Kennedy	1997	Roy Main	Middletown	2013
Larry Raum	Seneca Valley	1997	Fran Perry	Gaithersburg	2013
Jim Albert	Atholton	1997	Lorne Ridenour	Middletown	2013
Jim Abbott	Walkersville	1998	Eric Wade	Suitland	2013
Jim Castonguay	Springbrook	1998	Tim Breslin	DeMatha	2014
Tom Crowell	Sherwood	1998	Mike Fegan	Georgetown Prep	2014
Ray Dawes	Wilde Lake	1998	Charlie Schafer	Wilde Lake	2015
Paul Kowalchick	Westlake	1998	Sonny Yeatman	Frederick Douglass (PG)	2015
Dave Brown	Wilde Lake	1999	Chuck Oswald	Quince Orchard/ Sherwood	2016
Dave Sharpless	Fairmount Heights	1999	Stu Plank	Georgetown Prep	2016
Russ Roberts	Severna Park	1999	Lynn Badham	Edmondson	2017
Victor Twigg	Beall	1999	Bucky Clipper	Damascus	2017
Dick Brown	DeMatha	2001	Scott Esworthy	South Carroll	2018
John Haberman	Springbrook	2001	Tom McMahon	Sherwood/ Good Counsel	2018
Kenneth Dunn	South River	2002	Jack Freeman	Rockville	2019
Richard Jackson	Wilde Lake	2002	Clay Goldston	Good Counsel	2019
Ken Lutz	Smithsburg/ Brunswick	2002	Marty Higgins	Quince Orchard	2019
Bob Hampton	Wooton	2003	Bill Phebus	Annapolis	2019
Arthur Villwock	Broadneck	2003	Deno Campbell	DeMatha	2021
Frank Ailing	Friendly	2004	Paul Dumars	Catoctin	2021
John Shea	Georgetown Prep	2004	Kirk Davis	Springbrook/ Sherwood/ Good Counsel	2021
Steve Ghent	Good Counsel	2005	Dale Green	South Carroll/ Liberty/ Long Reach/ Marriotts Ridge	2022
Tim Perry	John Carroll	2005	Tom Gruneberg	River Hill	2022
Joe Mencarini	Quince Orchard	2006	Aaron Carter	Seneca Valley/ Gaithersburg/ Blair	2023
Scott Swope	Wilde Lake	2006	George Cotter	St. Vincent Pallotti/ Georgetown Prep	2023
John Zeir	Sherwood	2006	Eugene Swain	Boonsboro	2023
Bill Johnson	Douglass	2007	Jeff Cranford	Southern (Anne Arundel) Northern (Calvert)	2023
Rick Lloyd	River Hill	2007			

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JERRY E. MEARS SERVICE AWARD

HONOREE	YEAR	HONOREE	YEAR
Roy Comer	1988	Bob Milloy	1998
Joe Warren	1988	Sheldon Shealer	1998
Vince Bagli	1989	Jan Duvall	1998
John Voight	1990	Mark Thomas	2000
Suter Kegg	1991	John Steadman	2001
Mel Filler	1992	Johnny Holiday	2002
Reddy Finney	1993	Jens Rygh	2003
Bill Kyle	1994	Vince Ahearn	2005
Mark Duffner	1995	Josh Barr	2007
Al Thomas	1995	Willie "Stew" Stewart	2008
Mike McGlinchey	1996	Derek Toney	2015
Doug Duvall	1996	Ned Sparks	2016
Keith Mills	1997	Mike Calhoun	2017
Andrew Edwards	1997	Katherine Dunn	2018
Joe Russo	1997	John McNamara	2019
Maus Collins	1998	Mike Dailey	2021
Neil Greenberger	1998	Scott Ripley	2022
		Bruce Cunningham	2023

MOST STATE TITLES

COACH	SCHOOL(S)/ TITLES
Bob Milloy- 8 State Championships	Springbrook (6), Sherwood(2), Good Counsel
Al Thomas- 8 State Championships	Seneca Valley (5), Damascus (2), Sherwood (1)
Lawrence Smith- 8 State Championships	Dunbar (8)
Terry Changuris- 7 State Championships	Seneca Valley (7)
Dave Carruthers- 7 State Championships	Linganore (2), Urbana (4)
Doug DuVall- 5 State Championships	Wilde Lake (5)
Todd Appel- 5 State Championships	Fort Hill (5)
Dalawn Parrish- 5 State Championships	Wise (5)
Jack Gilmore- 4 State Championships	Valley (1), Allegany (3)
Carroll Reid- 4 State Championships	Smithsburg (4)
Brian VanDeusen- 4 State Championships	River Hill (4)
Eric Wallich- 4 State Championships	Damascus (4)

ALL-TIME WINNINGEST COACHES

COACH	SCHOOL(S)	RECORD
Bob Milloy- 405 Wins	Springbrook, Sherwood, Good Counsel	405-114
John Harvill- 312 Wins	Gaithersburg	312-97
Doug DuVall- 308 Wins	Wilde Lake	308-88
Bill McGregor- 304 Wins	DeMatha	304-50-3
Roger Wrenn- 284 Wins	Patterson, Poly	284-114-2
Augie Waibel- 280 Wins	Edmondson, Poly	280-75
Roy Lester- 263 Wins	Allegany, R. Montgomery, Paint Branch, Magruder	263-114
George Petrides- 257 Wins	City College	257-144-1
Tim Ambrose- 248 Wins	Middletown	248-78
Chuck Markiewicz- 243 Wins	Chesapeake, Meade, N. County, Arundel	243-99
Al Thomas- 242 Wins	Seneca V, Damascus, Sherwood	242-47
Jim Fegan- 239 Wins	Georgetown Prep	239-62-12
Bob Knox- 234 Wins	Stephen Decatur	234-248
Clayton Anders- 222 Wins	Boonboro	222-149
Jerry Franks- 222 Wins	DeMatha, Northern-C, Calvert, Huntington, St. Mary's Ryken	222-149
Pete Pompey- 214 Wins	Edmondson/ Dunbar	214-91-1
Joe Brune- 212 Wins	Loyola	212- 139-1
Brian VanDeusen- 211 Wins	River Hill	211-56
Mitch Tullai- 210 Wins	St. Paul's	210-113-8
Ben Wright- 210 Wins	Eleanor Roosevelt/ Thomas Johnson	210-155
Frank Shepherd	Churchill	209-78
Dave Carruthers	Linganore/ Urbana	207- 62
Dave Cesky	Fallston	206- 192
Carroll Reid	Smithsburg	205- 103-2
Eric Knight	Forestville/ Potomac/ Crossland	200- 151

JOHN HARVILL LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

COACH	YEAR
John Harvill	2014
Al Thomas	2015
Joe Russo	2016
Jim Fegan	2017
Andy Borland	2018
Doug Duvall	2019
Bob Milloy	2021
T. Roger Wrenn	2022
Ernie Ceccato	2023

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ABOUT THE AWARDS:

JERRY MEARS SERVICE AWARD

This award is given to an individual who has dedicated his career to promoting the sport of football in the state of Maryland. It is named after Hall of Fame coach Jerry E. Mears, who coached at Arundel and Meade high schools. Coach Mears was also the first president of the MFCFA in 1984.

JOHN VOIGHT ASSISTANT COACH AWARD

This award honors coaches in the state of Maryland who have 20 years of loyal service as an assistant football coach. The award was established in 1994, and is named after John W. Voight, who was one of the founders of our state organization and a hall of fame coach from High Point High School.

MARYLAND FOOTBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION HALL OF FAME

The Maryland High School Football Coaches Hall of Fame was established in 1988 to recognize coaches who have not only succeeded on the gridiron by winning games and championships, but have also served as dedicated mentors to the youth of the state of Maryland. The name of each member is engraved on a bronze plaque installed in the University of Maryland Football Team house.

THE JOHN HARVILL LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

This is the top award in the MFCFA. It was established in 2015 and was named after legendary high school coach John Harvill, who coached at Gaithersburg High School for 41 years. Coach Harvill is a member of the Maryland State Football Coaches Hall of Fame, and won two state championships, and was a finalist five times. His record of 312-108 (74% winning percentage) is legendary in the state of Maryland.

JERRY MEARS SERVICE AWARD

Bruce Cunningham WBFF, Fox 45 Baltimore

Bruce Cunningham, the long time Sports director and weekday sports anchor on WBFF/Fox 45, retired from the station in March, 2022 after a 31 year run on Baltimore television and was one of the biggest promoters of amateur high school football in the town. Bruce continues to appear on his weekend slot as one of the Fan's 1057 FM as an enthusiastic commentator reporter and fan of Baltimore sports.

Bruce arrived in 1991 from Alabama and retired last year as the last remaining member of the original TV staff personalities at WBFF. Bruce created the weekly "High School Athlete of the Week" award and has always recognized the huge impact of the award on the players, their programs and the sports' profile, within the community. Bruce's Sports Unlimited Sunday broadcast at 10:30 p.m. became a weekly staple of Baltimore sports news for amateur and professional sports fans throughout the region.

Bruce's 45 year career in broadcasting began in college as an 18 year old VCU student working at the local television station, WXEX-TV. Bruce's career includes time as the play-by-play announcer for the Baltimore Stallions of the Canadian Football League and the first play by play announcer for the newly arrived Baltimore Ravens. Bruce also worked as the Ravens public address announcer at the M&T Stadium for 20 years, stepping down in 2019.

Bruce was named as the Maryland Sportscaster of the Year by the National Sports Media Association in 2022 and has been recognized by many of his peers for his mentorship and leadership within the broadcasting community. Bruce's other awards include the AP Best Sports Features award in 1993, 1993 and 1994, the AP Best Year-Round Sports Coverage Awards from 1997-2001, 2003-2014 and the Pimlico Old Hilltop Award in 2004. Bruce and his wife Wendy live in Pasadena and are enjoying spending more time with their children and grandchildren.



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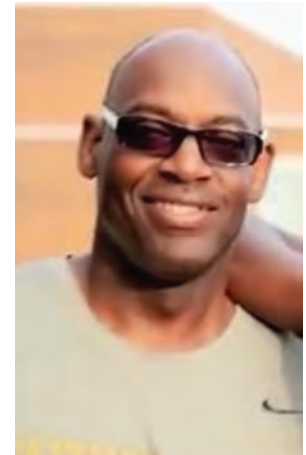


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JOHN VOIGHT ASSISTANT COACH AWARD

Aaron Carter **Seneca Valley, Gaithersburg, and** **Montgomery Blair High School**

A standout football player and three-year starter at Gaithersburg High School legendary coach John Harvill, Aaron continued his football career East Carolina University, where he was a dominant defensive end and tackle. He was drafted by the Arizona Wranglers of the USFL in 1986. After he concluded his playing career, he began his high school coaching career in 1993 at Seneca Valley High School, where he served as the varsity linebackers coach and head JV coach for five seasons, during which time, Seneca Valley won several state championships. From 1997 to 2019, Coach Carter served as the defensive line coach and eventually became the defensive coordinator for hall of fame coach Greg Kephart, helping Gaithersburg to a state championship in 2000. In 2020, Coach Carter moved to Montgomery Blair High School, where he helped shepherd the Blazers to 10-2 record and an appearance in the third round of the play-offs. With his guidance, the Blazers won a home playoff game and advanced far into the playoffs. Coach Carter has also coached basketball at both Seneca Valley and Gaithersburg High Schools, and track and field at Gaithersburg High School, where he coached the regional champion in the shot put on both the 2022 indoor and outdoor seasons.



Coach Carter is also a Gaithersburg High School 2019 Athletic Hall of Fame Inductee, the third Hall of Fame class inducted by the school. He is also a winner if the Gaithersburg Education Foundation Alumnae Award (2020), Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, the Gaithersburg Corvette Club, and the Black Jacket Cruiserz. Throughout his career, Coach Carter has been an integral part of every staff of which he has belonged. He has created strength and conditioning programs to enhance athletic performance, developed winning strategies and game plans, been an excellent evaluator of talent, and aided in the college recruiting journey of several high school football players under his tutelage. Additionally, he has fostered player potential by mentoring players off the field and in academic settings, worked with parents and community to support both individual players and the teams to which they belong, and worked with feeder middle schools to build successful programs.

JOHN VOIGHT ASSISTANT COACH AWARD

George Cotter **St. Vincent Pallotti High School/** **Georgetown Preparatory School**

An Alumni of Georgetown Preparatory School, Coach Cotter graduated in 1980. During his scholastic career, he was a three-sport athlete for the Hoyas, lettering in basketball, track and field, and football. As a standout on the football team, coached by hall of famer Jim Fegan, he earned all-conference honors as a linebacker in 1979. Additionally, he was recognized by the national publication "American High School Athlete" in 1980 for demonstrating outstanding achievement in athletics, academics, and leadership. After graduation, attended The College of the Holy Cross captaining the 75 member Rugby team and graduated in 1984. He began his coaching career in 1986 at St. Vincent Pallotti as the linebackers coach under head coach Stu Mackintosh. From 2000 to the present day, Coach Cotter has served at Georgetown Prep, coaching outside linebackers and defensive ends under head coach Dan Paro, who is also in the MFCA Hall of Fame. He had the opportunity to coach two sons at Prep, Tommy (class of '06) and Pat (class of '09).



Coach Cotter has contributed to some fantastic team accomplishments as an assistant coach. From 1986 to 1989, St. Vincent Pallotti had an excellent record 37-1-2. He has been an integral part of a Georgetown Prep program with a record of 148-69, and a 37-1 streak from 2000-2003. Additionally, in 2002, Georgetown Prep was ranked #1 in the DC Metro Area by the Washington Post. He has been a part of staffs that have compiled six undefeated seasons and thirteen league championships. Coach Cotter lives in Olney with wife Jean, and has three adult children residing in Charleston, SC. and Manhattan Beach, California. Congratulations Coach Cotter, on a fantastic career!



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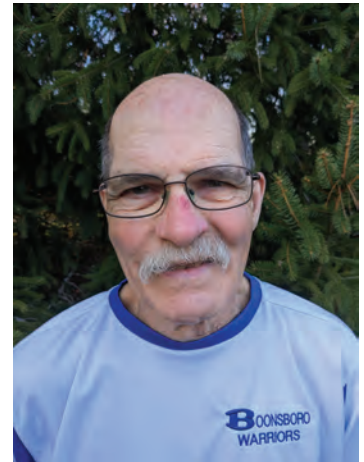
JOHN VOIGHT ASSISTANT COACH AWARD

Eugene Swain Boonsboro High School

Coach Swain attended Hancock High School and played varsity football in 1966; at the time, Hancock was the smallest high school playing football in Maryland. After graduation, he attended Frostburg State College and graduated in 1971 with a geography and teaching degree. After a brief tenure teaching in Baltimore City Public Schools, he moved back to Washington County and taught Earth Science at Boonsboro High School. He coached Varsity Football at Boonsboro under Head Football Coach Don Lewis, and was responsible for coaching wide receivers and defensive backs.

In addition to coaching, Coach Swain attended Hagerstown Community College summer classes for the care and prevention of injuries. In his estimation, "I taped hundreds of players throughout my career." He also was an integral part of the scouting operation at Boonsboro. When he started coaching, the game film had to be developed. So, Coach Swain dropped the game film at the Greyhound station in Hagerstown on the last bus to Baltimore on Friday night so it could be developed and viewed at practice on Monday. He scouted teams and cataloged formations, down and distance, and play action passing to prepare effective scouting reports. He also translated that tried and true scouting method to VCR, digital video tape, and finally Hudl. Coach Swain was also one of those coaches every program needs to be successful, because he wore so many hats. In addition to treating injuries and scouting, he also assisted in the weight room in the summer, and refereed Boonsboro weight lifting competitions. He attended spring practices and seminars at the University of Maryland and the University of Delaware to learn new plays, formations and drills.

While the early years in the 80's were tough, Boonsboro was very competitive from the 1990's through 2006. Boonsboro won the 1993 state 1A championship, had a 17 game winning streak from 1993-94 which ended when we lost the 1A championship in the last quarter to our rivals, Smithsburg. Coach Swain retired from coaching and teaching in 2006, but remained a part of the scouting operation for a few more years. He also was a basketball referee for 42 years for local private and public high schools. Coach Swain really valued and appreciated the camaraderie of the coaching staff through the years. He feels that the example of good sportsmanship by the coaches is a source of pride. He enjoys running into former players and reliving the good times. After retiring from teaching, he worked at a local grocery store and at an organic body care company in Middletown. His wife and he have been living for half the year in an RV volunteering as campground hosts in various state and national campgrounds, and will spend the summer this year in Acadia National Park in Maine.



JOHN VOIGHT ASSISTANT COACH AWARD

Jeff Cranford Southern and Northern High Schools

Jeff Cranford has coached high school football in Maryland for thirty-two years. He was a four-year player at Salisbury University, where he played under legendary coach Mike McGlinchey. In 1986, he was a member of the Salisbury team who played for the national championship in the "Amos Alonzo Stagg Bowl." He was named the "Salisbury University Offensive MVP" in 1987, and was a team captain in 1988.

From 1990 to 2007, Coach Cranford served as the defensive coordinator for fifteen seasons at Southern High School in Anne Arundel County. During his tenure, Southern tallied six playoff appearances, one state semi-final appearance, and one state final appearance. From 2008 to present, Coach Cranford has served as an assistant coach at Northern High School, being promoted to defensive coordinator in 2012. He worked in that capacity until 2016, and from 2017 to the present, he has coached the linebackers. In 2021, Northern High School won the Class 3-A MPSSAA State Championship, the first in school history.

Coach Cranford has always been a well-respected coach in Southern Maryland, and his record validates his reputation. His teams have always been well-prepared and well-coached, and he is deserving of this award. Congratulations, Coach Cranford, on a great career.



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HALL OF FAME, CLASS OF 2023

Todd Appel Fort Hill High School

Todd Appel's name is synonymous with Fort Hill High School football. After serving as an assistant coach for fifteen seasons, he was named to the head coaching position in 2008, a position he occupied for twelve seasons. During his tenure, he sported a career record of 142-16 in 12 seasons at Fort Hill, which included five state titles.

Appel leaves behind a legacy and culture matched by few programs around the state, winning the Maryland Class 1A state championship four years in a row from 2013-2016, followed up by a title in 2018 to make it five in six years. The 1987 graduate of Fort Hill succeeded Barry Lattimer, with whom he coached for nine seasons and six seasons for legendary coach Mike Calhoun. Lattimer is the son of Fort Hill's all-time wins leader Charlie Lattimer, who went 157-40 in 20 seasons as head coach from 1959-1978. After back-to-back two-loss seasons (12-2 in 2006, 10-2 in 2007) prior to Appel's promotion, the success continued for the Sentinels, going 11-2 in his first season and a trip to the state championship game. Fort Hill fell, 20-19, to Dunbar, which featured NFL and West Virginia University standout Tavon Austin.



Since Appel had been the head coach at Fort Hill, plus the two seasons prior, the Sentinels have reached the Class 1A West Region Final every year since 2006, barring the change in playoff structure by the Maryland Public Secondary Schools Athletic Association in 2019, which put Fort Hill in the region co-final. The Sentinels were 12-0 in opening-round games under Appel, outscoring opponents by a combined 520-123 for an average score of 43-10. In the process, the Sentinels won ten 1A West Region championships and played in seven state finals. Prior to the 2019 season, Fort Hill had appeared in six consecutive state championship games, which set an MPSSAA record when Fort Hill made their fifth straight appearance in 2017. Coaching football in the city of Cumberland is a tall task — and honor — for anyone, regardless of whether it's Fort Hill or Allegany. A solid baseline for area football fans is how they do against the opposing city school. Appel did just about as well as anyone, winning seventeen of his eighteen meetings with the Campers as head coach of the Sentinels by a combined score of 547-263. Appel's Sentinels were 5-1 against the Campers in the playoffs, with the point differential being seven (117-110). In total, Appel was part of 13 of the school's 14 state championship appearances — seven as head coach, five as an assistant (1994, 1996-1998 and 2006) and one as a player (1986).



When Appel stepped down in July 2020, Fort Hill had been to fourteen state finals and he was part of thirteen of those finals -- seven with him as head coach, five as an assistant coach and one as a player. Appel is second in wins all-time at Fort Hill, finishing with a 142-16 record for a school-best .899 winning percentage. After retiring from coaching, Coach Appel moved to the Eastern Shore of Maryland, where he teaches fourth- and fifth-grade students in Worcester County.

"God is good. I really believe that he changed my life," said Appel. "We as a team learned to trust each other through the things we did off the field. Because of that trust, they knew that I had their back and they had mine. When people know you care about them, I think as a group you can do wonderful things. In the external world, one of the critical things as far as winning, achievements, golden trophies and things, God looks at the heart and I was very thankful that he was able to bring that to me and to the kids. Along with that, we had some good, loyal coaches that I had each others' back also. Any organization with good leadership, you can trust them. There's been a lot of time spent with those kids. ... It's so cliché that you say (in the huddle) '1-2-3 family,' but we actually were. And I think that's what brought on the external success that the world likes. But the reality of it was we were just happy to be together."

Having achieved so much on and off the field, it's understandably difficult for Appel to pinpoint some of his fondest memories. "There are so many memories," he said. "I've been blessed to be able to have tons of relationships with all kids. All types of socioeconomic. This area of Cumberland, we're just so blessed to have that. The reality of where they come from and trying to learn from them as much as they can learn from you. With the multitude of kids, you can learn a lot." For Appel, one of the many that he'll always remember was about his family, including his wife Suzanne, daughter Harper and son Walker, and all that they have done to support him in his coaching journey.



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Steve Crouse Patuxent and Northern High Schools

Steve Crouse is one of the greatest coaches in the history of Southern Maryland high school football. Crouse started in Patuxent, where he was for fifteen years, then moved to Northern Calvert for three years. He stepped down in 2020 to take a position on Bill McGregor's staff at DeMatha, but for the 2022 season he was back in Calvert County, at Patuxent. He has a career record of 151-65.

The Crouse football dynasty began when Steve started his coaching career in Pennsylvania at Delaware Valley High School in 1994. Since that time, Coach Crouse has built a tradition of success at every school that has been lucky enough to have him take the helm of their football program. His teams have always been exceptionally well prepared and technically sound. However, one of the things that has differentiated Coach Crouse from his peers is his ability to both create highly successful game plans and make in game adjustments. The proof is in both his record and in the quality of the young men that have come through the programs that he has led through the years at both Patuxent and at Northern High Schools. However, one of the best and most validating experiences of his career is having the ability to coach his sons and coach all three of his sons in state final games.

Crouse's sons Tyler and Reese were born in Pennsylvania, but they spent most of their years growing up in Maryland after their father started his head coaching career in 2002 at Patuxent High School. Since Steve spent a lot of his time coaching, his sons grew up in the game of football. The game left an imprint on the boys because it was their childhood. "The thing about the boys is that they grew up in football. They grew up in locker rooms. They grew up in the practice fields. They idolized all those guys they watched as little kids, and all of three kids became excellent football players. Tyler became his quarterback in 2012, and they went to the state championship in 2013 but lost. Reese followed up by becoming his father's quarterback in 2015, which was the same year they won the state championship. After many years serving as head coach at Patuxent, Steve decided to move to Northern the following year, where his sons followed him. Reese then led Northern to a regional appearance, and he got the school record for fifth-most passing yards in a season. As for the youngest son, Zach, who is five years younger than Reese, he has been in Northern since middle school. By the time he became a freshman in high school, they pushed him into becoming a quarterback for varsity mid-season. Zach won only two playoff games during his freshman and sophomore years as a varsity quarterback. Then, Zach's junior season was taken away because of the pandemic. When Coach Crouse left Northern to take a job at DeMatha, Zach had followed his father; However, when, at the end of that year his father left the Stags program, Zach decided Northern was home for him. He ended up coming back for his senior year and winning a championship.

"When they got their opportunity, they were very committed and serious about representing their parents, our family, their schools, and themselves. They had each other too. They were all on the sidelines for each other," Steve Crouse said. And the legacy continues: at Patuxent High School, he will have his son, Tyler, as his offensive coordinator. He looks forward to working with the young kids and building the program back to glory. And, while there are no more sons in the pipeline, Coach's daughter will continue the Crouse family tradition of excellence as a standout field hockey player at Patuxent.

As coaches, we tend to measure everything we do in wins and losses. Championships are the standard measure of success. When we all look back at the end of our careers, we tend to see what we as coaches have accomplished through that lens. But as one can see in regard to Coach Crouse's career, having the opportunity to work with and mentor his own children throughout the life of his career, overtakes all of the success and accolades he may have garnered throughout his tenure as a head football coach. The family tradition of excellence, dedication and success passed down from father to children is probably the most validating aspect of his storied career.





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Reggie White **Milford Mill High School**

Reggie White is an icon at Milford Mill, as well as throughout the state. His reputation as a great coach and a fantastic human being is indisputable. That reputation has also been bolstered after leading the Millers to a 14-0 record and an MPSSAA Class 2-A State Champion title in 2022. In doing so, White became the rare person to play AND coach his alma mater to state titles. White played on Milford Mill's 1987 state title team. He played at Oklahoma State and NC A&T during his college career before a four-year NFL career. He was part of the 1995 San Diego Chargers squad that lost in the Super Bowl XXIX to San Francisco. White played in the AFC final but was inactive for the Super Bowl. He returned to Baltimore to coach at his alma mater and has kept Milford Mill near the top of the Baltimore County standings for most of his 20 years as head coach. He has a career record of 163-62 in 20 seasons.

Throughout his tenure as the Millers' head coach, Coach White's teams have been well-respected throughout the state as being tough, well-prepared, and displaying excellent sportsmanship. This year, the program took a giant leap under the tutelage of Coach White and his excellent staff. The Millers defeated Kent Island 25-16 after trailing 10-7 at the half at Navy Marine Corps Stadium in Annapolis on 2 December 2022. It was the Baltimore County school's second consecutive trip to the state finals and third since 2017. Telling his players at the beginning of the season that they had some "unfinished business" to take care of after the heartbreaking 29-14 loss in last year's state finals, Coach White finished his 20th year with a 172-74 record. The 14-0 Millers won their second state title, their first coming back in 1987 when White was a player during that 13-0 season.

Milford Mill enjoyed a tremendous year, outscoring its opponents 635-111 and racking up 5,794 yards in total offense on its way to the championship. The Millers were led by All-Metro Offensive Player of the Year Sean Williams Jr., who rushed for 2,059 yards and 37 touchdowns during the 14-0 season, and junior quarterback Deshawn Purdie, a second team All-Metro selection, who was 13/20 for 138 yards passing, throwing for one TD and running for another in the final game. Coby Jones' 20-yard interception return for a touchdown with 4:45 left iced the game for the Millers. The Millers were also led by All-Metro first team OL Rashard Herring and Emmanuel Gee, a senior DL who had 62 tackles, 26 for losses and 12 sacks during the 2022 campaign and second team All-Metro senior WR Daysen Shell.

Often, coaches have excellent records, and people tend to view that record and the wins and championships as the things that quantify a great coaching career. However, while Coach White has been highly successful in that regard, as a person and family man, he has crushed that level of success. With the help of his wife Nicole, he has built a community at the school that does an excellent job of looking after the kids in his charge. He has also made it a family affair, coaching both of his boys through the Millers football program. Reggie Jr. was a scholarship player at Monmouth, and played briefly for the New York Giants. He now plays in the Canadian Football league with the Montreal Alouettes. Coach White also got the opportunity to coach his youngest son Nicholas in the Big 33 Classic (of which he was the Head Coach), in which Maryland beat Pennsylvania. Nick currently attends Monmouth University.

Reggie has an excellent record of service to the football community in Maryland. He serves on the executive boards of both the Baltimore Touchdown Club and the Maryland Football Coaches Association, as well as on the Greater Baltimore Chapter of the National Football Foundation and the Scholar Athlete Banquet, which it sponsors. Reggie White is a true champion on and off the field, and is an excellent example of the qualities that a Hall of Fame coach should exemplify.



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JOHN HARVILL LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Ernie Ceccato

Poolesville and Quince Orchard High Schools

This thirty-three year Montgomery County coaching veteran has been the head coach in three different sports, began two new football programs, named football coach of the year five different times, and won a total of fifteen football championships. Coach Ceccato began his coaching career in 1967 at Robert E. Peary High School as the defensive coordinator of the football program and an assistant wrestling coach. After five years, Ernie was asked to develop the new football program at Poolesville High School. During his sixteen years at Poolesville, he also was the head coach for both the wrestling and girls softball programs. In 1988, Coach Ceccato was tapped to create football and softball programs at the new Quince Orchard High School. Ernie went on to serve as the athletic director at QOHS as well. His success can best be measured by the numerous championships and honors he and his teams have won.

Coach Ceccato's teams have won four Maryland Regional Titles, five MCPS League Championships, four Montgomery County Division Championships, one Maryland state runner up crown, one Maryland state 4A title, and named the number one team in the Washington metropolitan area during the 1991 season. Despite starting two new football programs from scratch, his overall head coaching record stands at 146 wins, 91 losses, and two ties. Ernie also served as Assistant Coach for the Maryland Big 33 and Head Coach for the Chesapeake Classic/Super 44 All Star Football Games.

As a result of his team's successes, Ernie was named:

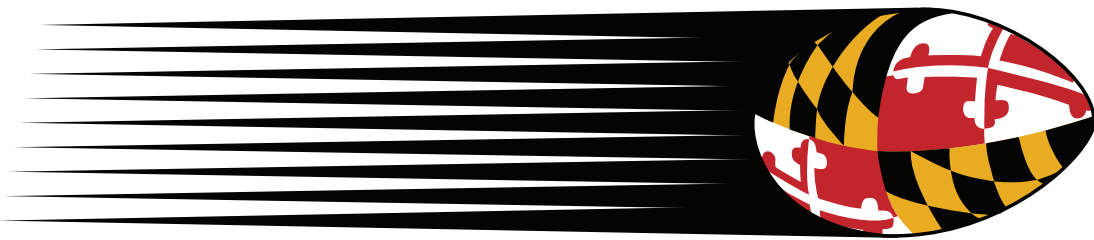
- Washington Post Metropolitan Coach of the Year, 2 years
- Touchdown Club of Washington's prestigious "Timmie Award"
- Montgomery Journal Coach of the Year
- Montgomery County Football Coach of the Year, 3 years
- Outstanding coach in Montgomery County three times
- Maryland State Coaches Association Coach of the Year
- Maryland All State Football Hall of Fame
- Penn Hills High School Hall of Fame in Pittsburgh
- Poolesville High School Hall of Fame.
- Quince Orchard High School Hall of Fame



In addition to his coaching, Mr. Ceccato taught a full schedule of physical education and served as the Athletic Director at Quince Orchard High School. He was named the QOHS Outstanding Staff Member and the Outstanding Secondary Physical Education Teacher for MCPS. Ernie also was the recipient of the Maryland Excellence Award in Teaching and was recognized by the Maryland State Delegation for Leadership and Commitment to Youth. Upon retirement from MCPS, Ernie and his wife Anne moved to Greensboro, Georgia where Ernie continued his love of teaching and coaching for an additional 15 years in Georgia as a teacher, football coach, and District Athletic Director for Greene County Schools. Ernie relaxes on the golf course, his bass boat, and is a huge University of Georgia Bulldogs fan. He and Anne spend as much time as possible with their son, Ernie Jr., his wife Karen, and our three grandsons, Christian, Grant, and Patrick.

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