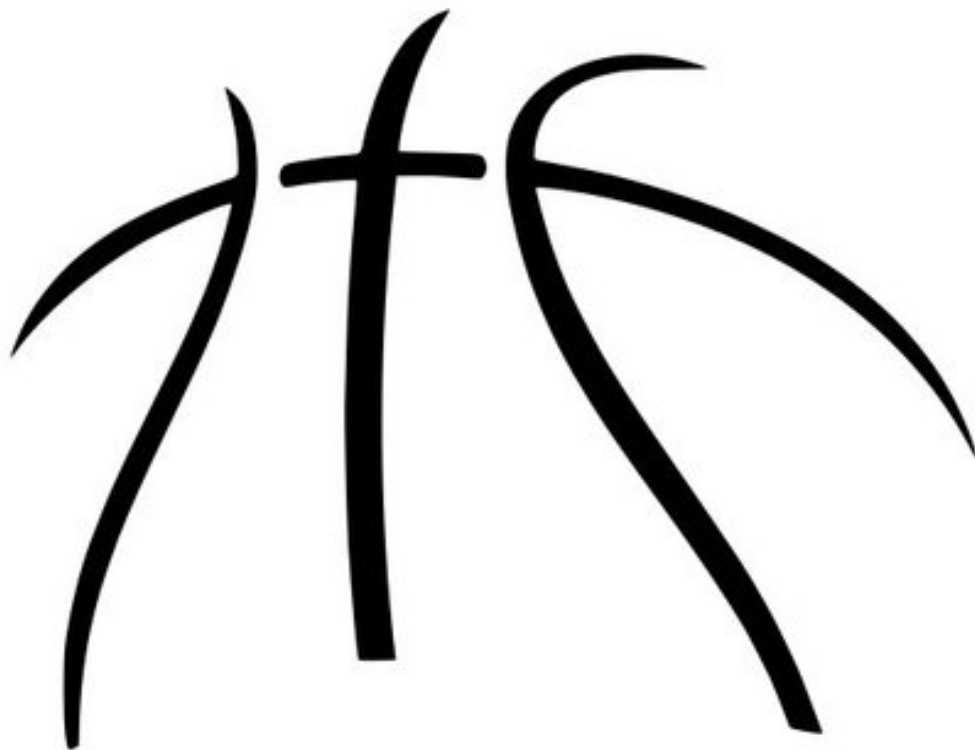


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**APRIL 21, 2024**

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## **Rich Giallella**

Rich Giallella has been a member of local IAABO board #193 for the past 50 years, serving as vice president for four years, interpreter for 11 years, cadet supervisor for eight years and evaluation committee for five years.

Rich has been a college NCAA official for over 30 years, with over 20 years at the Division I level. Rich worked for five Division I conferences, including the MAAC, Northeast, Ivy, America East, and the Patriot. Recently, Rich has held the role of observer – evaluator for men's basketball officials in the NJAC Conference.

During Rich's tenure as an official, he has worked many state finals and Tournament of Champions contests. In college, Rich has officiated many conference finals, as well as over 12 NIT postseason games, including the NIT final; Georgetown versus University of Minnesota in Madison Square Garden. Rich has been honored to be selected twice to work the NCAA March Madness in 2007 in San Diego and 2008 in Winston-Salem North Carolina.

Rich has received various recognition for his accomplishments over the years. In 1997, he received the MAAC official of the year award. In 2017, Rich was the recipient of the prestigious John P. Nucatola Honorary Life Membership Award presented by the CBOA to members who have made significant contributions through their commitment and dedication to support basketball officiating.

Rich served 36 years as an educator at Steinert High School in the capacity of teacher, department chair of Social Studies, head baseball coach, assistant soccer coach and served as Athletic Director for his last 11 years.

Rich lives in Hamilton Township with his wife, Kathy, of 53 years. He has two sons, Brian and his wife, Dana, and her son Joseph and his son Scott and his wife Gina. Rich is proud to have five grandsons, Kyle, Gavin, Luca, Logan, and Levi.



## **Colleen McNamara “Big Mac” Cimador**

Born March 26th, 1973 in Clarksburg, NJ, Colleen McNamara “Big Mac” Cimador is the daughter of Nancy and Garry McNamara and is the youngest sibling to her two sisters Kim and Tami. She is married to Gerald Cimador and a mother to Christopher (19) and Kate (17). Colleen’s first love was basketball, and this love was instilled by her Father, Garry from a young age with many hours shooting together and playing with his friends in pickup games. Colleen then attended Notre Dame High School where intensive training and an amazing coaching staff including Ann and Lou DeMille and Lou Rotundo helped to shape her into the player she became in college.

During her high school career, “Mac” was named First Team All-State while averaging 16 points per game and 12 rebounds per game. Her team won back-to-back conference championships and went 23-3 her senior year and lost in a controversial South Jersey Final. She was inducted into the Notre Dame Hall of Fame in 2010.

After her success with Notre Dame basketball, she went on to excel at the collegiate level, from 1991-95. Colleen was one of the top front court players in University of Delaware women’s basketball history, she was a dominant force inside throughout her four seasons with the Blue Hens under UD Hall of Fame head coach Joyce Perry. Colleen was named to the 1992 North Atlantic Conference Rookie of the Year.

During her tenure at UD, she earned All-NAC honors each of the next three seasons. She was named the University of Delaware Outstanding Senior Female Athlete of the Year in 1994-95. She is one of just three players in UD women's basketball history to earn all-conference three times. Colleen established 14 school records during her career and graduated in 1995 as Delaware's all-time leader for points (1,560), rebounds (1,063), blocked shots (187), and double figure scoring games (86). She started all 111 games during her career and averaged double figure scoring all four years. She was inducted into the University of Delaware Hall of Fame in 2003.

After UD, Colleen then went on to play professionally in Iceland before returning home to begin her career in sales. She worked at CBS SportsLine in the digital ad sales department until she decided to take time off to be a full-time mother. As her children grew Colleen decided to go back to school to get a Health Coaching certification from the Institute of Integrative Nutrition. She then published a children's book which won a Mother's Choice Award. This book addressed the epidemic of childhood chronic illness this generation is now facing. She toured schools and parent organizations with her message of hope and healing. She currently resides in Fairfield with her husband, Gerald, and parents still nearby. She is happily attending her son's Rugby games at Bucknell University and her daughter's high school basketball games. She is also coaching the local grammar schools' girls' basketball team in the hopes of instilling the love of the game that brought her so much joy and fulfillment.



## **Reggie Murray**

Reginald Murray has been called, "The Winningest Coach" in Mercer County history for his achievements in High School Girls Basketball. An esteemed Trenton native and former athlete, he graduated from the Trenton Public School District where he served as an educator for forty-two years at the Trenton Central High School and coached girls basketball, soccer, and boys track & field.

Mr. Murray received his bachelor's degree from the Seton Hall University and graduated with high honors, as Magna Sum Laude in 1977. He is an active member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Seton Hall Alumni Association, Women Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA), New Jersey Coaching Association (NJCA), IAABO and serves as a board member for the New Jersey Interscholastic Athletic Association (NJSIAA) rules interpretation committee. He has served as a Women Basketball Coaching Association (WBCA) District 2 Representative, Commissioner of the Education Outweighs Them All Girls Summer League, organizer of the City of Trenton Mayor's Basketball Classic Tournament, Coordinator of the Joint Effort Girls All-star Traveling Teams hosted in Denver, Colorado and a participant in the Love Thy Neighbor Community Program.

Mr. Murray has sponsored and supported youth programs at the local YMCA, Boys and Girls Club of Mercer County, YWCA After-School & Summer Enrichment Programs and various youth programs in New York, Pennsylvania, and Delaware. Coach Murray was the recipient of several notable and distinguished honors for his contribution to high school girls basketball from Governor Jim McGreevy, Senator Shirley Turner, Assemblywoman Bonnie Watson-Coleman, Mayor Douglas Palmer, County Executive Brian Hughes, Mercer County Board of Chosen Freeholders, the Trentonian, Trenton Times and Star Ledger newspapers. His coaching career and community involvement have earned him many appearances on the local news channels, radio broadcast stations, ESPN and the Madison Square Garden Network. In 2012, he was a round table speaker at the Women's Final Four Conference in Denver, Colorado.

Coach Murray has achieved much success during his career as a coach in New Jersey. Adding to his personal portfolio of triumphs, he has been proclaimed "Coach of the Year". In 2002, he coached his team to victory and won the school's and his first, Group IV State Championship with a record of 30-1, and were Tournament of Champions. He coached his team to win consecutive Group IV State Championships in 2007 and 2008 with a record of (31-2) and (32-2) respectively. In 2004, he received the State Coach of the year award for Girls Basketball by the National Federation of State High School Associations, and the Russell Athletic Award for his 400 Career Victory games.

From 2005 through 2008 he coached his team to four straight Central Jersey titles and won four straight Championship titles; Capital City Christmas Tournament, Mercer County Tournament, Colonial Division of the Colonial Valley Conference League Championship; and was a two-time State runner-up of the Tournament of Champions. Coach Murray was inducted into the New Jersey Coaches Association (NJSCA) Hall of Fame. He remains the "winningest coach" of Mercer County and one of the most respected coaches in New Jersey with over 600 wins.

Coach Murray was also the recipient of the "Al Downing Excellence in Sports Award" by the City of Trenton's Black Image Awards Committee and a Certificate of Recognition by the American Legion Mitchell A. Davis Post #182 for outstanding service and assistance in contributing to the advancement of the American Legion programs and activities, the Education Award by the NAACP and received state, county and city resolutions for his outstanding achievement in the field of education.

Upon planning his retirement goals in 2017, he joined the Notre Dame High School boys team as an assistant coach; and in 2020, Mr. Murray joined the staff of Mercer County Community College as Head Coach of the Women's basketball team. In addition to all of his accomplishments, he currently serves as Vice President of the Garfield Avenue Civic Association for his community.

Coach Reginald Murray resides in the City of Trenton with his wife Pearlle and is a diligent worker and member of the Greater Works Ministries. They are the proud parents of four children and several grandchildren.



## **Gary Bushelli**

Gary Bushelli graduated from Wyoming Seminary Upper School in 1970, where he excelled in football, basketball, and track; being named captain of all three teams. His football team was the first undefeated team in the school's history. Gary was named an All-Conference basketball player and played in the conference All-Star game.

Gary continued his education at Rider University, where he earned a track scholarship. While at Rider, he competed in cross country, indoor track, and outdoor track and field. Again his leadership was recognized as he was also named captain of his college cross country and outdoor track teams. His work ethic enabled him to hold the cross-country records for a time. He graduated with an education degree in Social Studies.

Gary was employed as an educator at McCorristin High School for ten years. There he was the assistant boys basketball coach for five years, where his teams went on to represent McCorristin in the state finals and state championships. He then moved over to lead the varsity girls basketball team for five years. Additionally, Gary served as an assistant football coach and the head track coach.

In 1985, Gary began his career at Hightstown High School. He also took on many coaching roles as he was the assistant football coach, an assistant girls basketball and track coach, for four years. After his roles as an assistant girls basketball coach, he fully took over the varsity girls basketball team for ten years.

At Hightstown, he was named the Athletic Director in 1986, and remained in that role until 2015. During that time he served as the coordinator of the Mercer County Baseball and the Mercer County boys and girls basketball tournaments. He made tremendous strides with both to ensure that the tournaments were seen as a showcase, and moved them to bigger fields and arenas. The baseball tournaments were held at Mercer County Park and Waterfront Park and the basketball tournaments were played at Mercer County College for many years and later, Sovereign Bank Arena. His actions were paramount in exposing the local athletes to the best possible sports environment and experience. To honor Gary's contributions, the Mercer County Tournament Girls Basketball Championship trophy is named in his honor.

Gary was the President of the Colonial Valley Conference for one term. He served on several NJSIAA committees including basketball, hockey, and baseball. He was awarded the Directors of Athletics Sectional Award of Merit by the NJSIAA in 2010. He was honored by the Trenton Select Committee as a Special Contributor for hosting a grassroots Jimmy V fundraiser, where nearly \$300,000 was raised. Finally, he was awarded the Trenton Select Man of the Year Award in 2013. For Gary's fine efforts throughout his career he was later inducted into the NJSIAA Hall of Fame in 2016.

Gary was also inducted into the Hightstown Hall of Fame in 2016, a foundation he established during his tenure, as Athletic Director at Hightstown High School. Hightstown was the first public school in Mercer County to have an Athletics Hall. His last hurrah was that he founded the Mercer County Basketball Hall of Fame, where he is being inducted today, and served as its President for three years.

Gary is married to Linda Piantoni and has a daughter, Toni and son-in-law Brian Dubernas. Gary spends eight months of the year in Florida playing golf and enjoying the warm weather.





## **Briyona Canty**

Briyona Canty, a Willingboro, New Jersey native, is a celebrated professional athlete recognized for her basketball career whose journey through the sport has been marked by resilience, skill, and a passion for the game. Born to the lovely Jessie and Joe Canty, she is the youngest of her siblings, Takia and Shakia Canty, both of whom have been influential figures in her life. Her father, Joe Canty, who is her hero, was the one who introduced her to basketball and taught her the game.

Growing up, Canty quickly established herself as a promising talent, displaying exceptional athleticism and an instinct for the game. Her talent didn't go unnoticed, and she soon became a highly sought-after prospect at becoming ranked #6 in the nation. Canty attended Trenton Catholic Academy, under Legendary Head Coach Kahliq Lewis-El, where she continued to hone her skills and make a name for herself as one of the top players in the state of New Jersey.

During her time at Trenton Catholic Academy, Canty earned numerous accolades and awards for her outstanding play, including being named a McDonald's All-American nominee, earned Parade All-American Honors, WBCA All-American, was named the Burlington County Scholastic League Player of the Year by Trentonian, earned a spot with USA National Team Olympics and captured Bronze in Singapore and many more. Her stellar performance on the court attracted the attention of college recruiters from across the country, but Canty ultimately decided to stay close to home and play for Hall of Fame Coach C. Vivian Stringer at Rutgers University.

At Rutgers, Canty continued to shine as a dynamic guard, bringing her scoring ability, defensive prowess, and leadership to the Scarlet Knights' lineup. Throughout her collegiate career, Canty played a key role in Rutgers' success, helping the team compete at a high level in the highly competitive Big Ten Conference.



Despite facing some challenges and setbacks, including injuries that sidelined her at times, Canty remained resilient and determined to succeed. Despite being diagnosed with a heart condition called Partial Anomalous Pulmonary Venous Connection during her freshman year – a congenital defect where the right atrium receives blood from some pulmonary veins, she continued to play throughout her freshman season under close monitoring. Following successful open-heart surgery, she also underwent knee surgery in the same year.

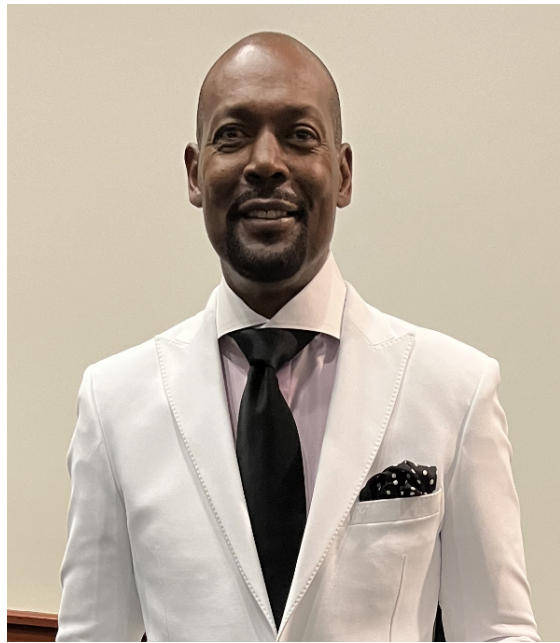
After graduating from Rutgers University with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice, Canty pursued her professional basketball aspirations, showcasing her skills as an International professional basketball player. While her professional career had seen its share of ups and downs, Canty's passion for the game and her unwavering work ethic continued to drive her as she strived to reach new heights in her basketball journey.

Off the court, Canty is known for her philanthropy and community involvement, using her platform as a professional athlete to make a positive impact in the lives of others. Whether she's volunteering her time at youth basketball camps, participating in charitable events, or serving the community as a role model for aspiring athletes, Canty remains committed to giving back to her community and inspiring the next generation of basketball players.

In summary, Briyona Canty's basketball journey is a testament to her talent, determination, and resilience. From her humble beginnings in New Jersey to her success at Rutgers University and beyond, Canty has overcome obstacles and embraced challenges with grace and determination, leaving an indelible mark on the sport and inspiring others to pursue their dreams with passion and perseverance.

Beyond the basketball court, Canty's commitment to serving others led her to pursue a career in law enforcement. Currently based in Texas, she dedicates herself to ensuring the safety and well-being of her community, embodying the values of integrity, compassion, and dedication.

As a policewoman, “My goal is to inspire and empower the youth, recognizing them as the future leaders of our community. Through education, mentorship, and proactive outreach, I aim to foster their potential while tirelessly working to protect and serve the community, ensuring a safe and supportive environment for all.



## **Robert Potts Sr.**

Robert 'Bobby' Potts was born October 15, 1957 in Trenton, Mercer County, to his parents James and Corrine Potts. His family included one brother, Robert Moreland, and two sisters, Barbra Potts and Toni Tan. Growing up in Ewing Township on Ingham Avenue his education began in the Ewing Public School System. Antheil Elementary School served as the building blocks for his academic achievements, until he transitioned to Fisher Junior High School. At that point, the game of basketball began to spark his interest

Potts spent countless hours practicing his skills at the neighborhood court called the "Dog Patch". When he went on to Ewing High School he played for the great, Coach Emil Wandishin, where he was selected to All Mercer County First Team.

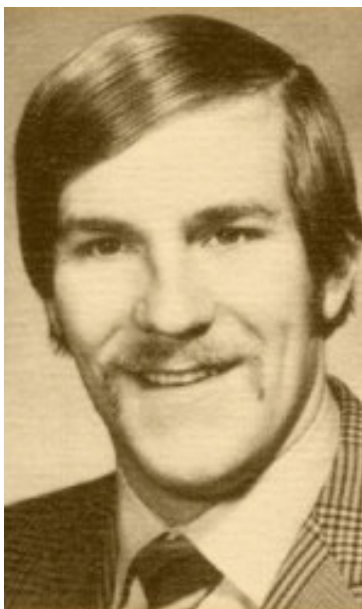
The next chapter of his academic journey led to The Pennington School, where Coach William Long was his basketball mentor. While at Pennington, he was named All State, All Area, and All Mercer team members. After two years, in 1977, he became Pennington's All-Time leading scorer with 1,455 points. Currently, he is fourth all time on the scoring list in Pennington's boys basketball history. In 2006, he was inducted into The Pennington School Athletic Hall of Fame.

After Pennington, he went on to Independence Community College. This was Potts' first time being away from home and living independently, and where he grew as a man and as a basketball player. He was part of a two-time NJCAA National Champion for the 1977 and 1978 seasons. During his time with the Pirates, he achieved an all-time scoring rank with 1,409 points from 1977-1979, as well as third all-time in rebounds with 773. Also, he was named to the NJCAA All-Tournament Team in 1978 and second team NJCAA All American in 1979.

From there he went on to excel at UNCC-Charlotte. As a 49'er, the coaching staff always found us mountains to climb as Coach Mike Pratt had a serious desire to achieve greatness for the program. Potts was one of three players in UNCC-Charlotte's history to score 40 points in a single game. In the 1981-82, he was selected to the All-Sun Belt First Team, where he was one of the top Division I foul shooters in the nation, as well as the leading scorer in Sun Belt Conference.

In the 1982 NBA Draft, the Seattle Supersonics selected Bobby in the 6th round as the 19th pick, 134th overall. Being selected was a dream come true for Potts. The Seattle Supersonic organization decided that they wanted Bobby to hone his skills in the CBA for the Wisconsin Flyers. So he decided to seize an opportunity to go overseas. From 1983-1985, he played in Antwerp Belgium for team Opel-Mersum. There he led the conference in scoring for two seasons, and found living in Belgium to be a fulfilling experience.

When returning Stateside in 1985, he began his employment with Community Multi Services located in Washington, DC., where his current title is Program Manager for individuals with intellectual disabilities. He has been employed with CMS Inc for over 39 years, where he resides in DC, and enjoys his three sons; Robert Jr., Christopher, and Zackery Sr. and his four grandchildren; Zackery Jr., Caier, Messiah, and Navy Simone.



## **Walt Kocubinski**

Walt was born in Trenton, NJ in 1951, and grew up in Lawrence Township and went to Lawrence Township Public Schools until 10th grade. He started playing organized soccer as a youngster for American Legion Post 458 and flourished in soccer as the years passed.

In 9th grade Walt played on an unbeaten team, as a 9th grader, at Lawrence Jr. High as well as a 15-1 basketball team. The next year Walt, with his family's support, decided to transfer to Notre Dame High School.

While at ND Walt played varsity soccer in his sophomore and junior years scoring 11 goals his first year and 21 his junior year while playing on two consecutive Parochial A state championship teams. For his soccer prowess he was named to the All-Mercer 2nd team his sophomore year Mercer 1st team his junior year along with being named to the All-State soccer team his junior year.

In basketball, Walt played varsity basketball all three years playing for the Irish and averaged 14.3, 20.7 and 20.3 points per game in those years earning him All-Mercer 1st team honors in both his junior and senior seasons. His senior year Walt passed the 1,000-point mark and finished by breaking the then, Mercer County scoring mark, with a total of 1,297 career points which included (most points and rebounds, 32 vs. Red Bank Catholic and 19 against St. Anthony).

In April after basketball season ended, he accepted a full four-year basketball scholarship to attend Lafayette College in Easton Pa. His freshman year he played on the freshman team because freshmen were not allowed to play varsity, but he made the most of it averaging 23.7 points per game and 10 boards on a team that finished with an 11-7 team record.

As a sophomore, Walt made the starting lineup and remained there the rest of his Lafayette career. As a sophomore, he was an integral part of a 21-6 team that upset Virginia, but then lost to Jacksonville in the quarterfinals of the NIT, which was played at Madison Square Garden. In the Virginia game, Walt's last second bucket tied the score as Lafayette upset the ACC team by a point. He averaged 18.5 points per game and nine rebounds and shot over 52% as a junior.

In Kocubinski's senior year, he was the team's lone returning starter and Walt was named team captain, and then led the team to a 16-10 record and the championship of the MAC's Western Section. For his career, Walt scored 1,401 points, averaging 18 points per game to go along with 9.9 rebounds a game, plus shot over 51% from the field. He was named MVP of the MAC's Western Division and was named four times to the weekly 1st team All East Coast Division 1. Career-wise Walt scored his most points (32) against Temple and the most rebounds (22) against Lehigh. Walt also received Lafayette's Charles Albert Award which was awarded to Lafayette's best senior athlete. Lafayette's record during his 3 years was 54-25, and after graduation, Walt was selected to the Lafayette Hall of Fame in 1987 and then to the Notre Dame Hall of Fame a few years later.



## **Tracy Quinn**

Quinn's basketball career began in the St Raphael's Intramural League in the Fourth Grade. In the 5th grade, Tracy was awarded the League's Top Scorer award, despite breaking her arm and missing five weeks of play.

From 6th through 8th grade Quinn played in the CYO league. St Raphael's quickly became a force in the league due to the dubbed 'Dynamic Duo' of Quinn and Patty Helmlinger. In these years St Raphael's won several league championships and Quinn and Helmlinger were awarded CYO 1st team awards.

In 1980 Quinn started attending Hamilton High West where she and Helmlinger brought West back to prominence. The next three years Quinn played varsity ball for West under Mickey Kessler, earning All Mercer County and All Area awards. In the 1982-1983 season, Quinn became the first female player in West history to score 1000 points. West was considered a powerful team but dubbed the team that "couldn't win the big one" by local sportswriters. In 1983, Quinn and her teammates proved all the critics wrong by winning the Mercer County Championship against arch-nemesis Trenton High, and Quinn was awarded the Most Valuable Player of the Tournament.

In the Group 4 State tournament, West defeated Trenton High for the fourth time that season, and ultimately earned a berth to the Group 4 State Championship game, after defeating nationally ranked Lenape High. In the championship game, West defeated Plainfield and became the first and only Hamilton Township Girls Basketball team to win a Group 4 Basketball State Championship. Quinn was awarded the NJSIAA 1983 Most Valuable Player for her efforts throughout the tournament.

Quinn's playing ability and academic achievement led to the recruitment of many Division I schools across the country including UCONN, Florida State and Stanford. She chose Holy Cross College in Worcester, Massachusetts, a Division 1 school in the Metro Atlantic Conference and received a full scholarship. The nature of women's basketball changed during her college career with the introduction of the women's ball and the three-point shot. By her sophomore year, she secured a starting position on the team, and Holy Cross made history that year by winning the MAAC championship and receiving its first berth in the NCAA tournament facing off against Ohio State. In her senior season at Holy Cross, Quinn scored her 1000th point against LaSalle University. During this season, Quinn had back to back 32 point 19 rebound games, but Holy Cross fell short of the MAAC championship. Quinn, however, received the MAAC Division One Player of the Year for her efforts throughout the season.

Post college, Quinn continued to play in various women's leagues in Boston. Upon moving back to Hamilton, she obtained her teaching license, and coached several years at West with Linda Weise and at Steinert with Jim Giglio. Several years ago she was honored by being inducted into the CYO Hall of Fame. She retired from playing and coaching with the birth of her daughter Shaye.



## **Randy Corker**

Randall Corker was born in Quitman, Ga., January 6, 1962, to Walter and Dolly Corker. He grew up with three brothers Darrell, Walter Jr., and Gregory and two sisters Pamela Corker-Wade and Angela.

Life in Trenton, NJ began for Corker, at the tender age of five. He is a proud graduate of the Trenton Public School District, where his academic journey began at Ulysses S. Grant School, but also attended Joseph Stokes and Clara Parker Elementary Schools. My first time playing organized basketball was at Clara Parker School. Later, he transitioned to Junior High School #1 and played intramural basketball in the 7th and 8th grades, where the late great Coach Johnny L. Singleton took special interest in him as a player. As a freshman, he only played one quarter a game and averaged 23 points a game for Junior High School #1. Coach Singleton saw something in Corker and entered him into the prestigious City-Wide Junior High One on One tournament. Upon winning the tournament his confidence began to rise.

The next step of his journey was at Trenton Central High School. It was a dream come true, as he was determined and motivated to and represent "THE HIGH" and his city of Trenton the best he could as a basketball player. He was confident and his work ethic over the years helped ease his nerves along with the love and support that came from the entire city.



Trenton's coaching staff consisted of JV Head Coach Billy Clark, Varsity Head Coach Fran Pinchott, Varsity Head Coach Lenny Carmichael, and Assistant Coach Jedd Kadish. As Corker's game grew from their wisdom and experience, during his sophomore season, he was able to gain both JV and Varsity experience. His first opportunity came from JV Head Coach Billy Clark while he averaged 29 points per game, and after three JV games, head Coach Fran Pinchott, felt that it was time for Randy to join the Varsity Team. In that same season, Coach Lenny Carmichael became the Varsity Head Coach and assistant Coach Jedd Kadish helped Head Coach Lenny Carmichael develop the program into a State Powerhouse.

Trenton went on to win two Group IV Central Jersey titles. Through hard work and repetition over the next three years, Corker was selected to the first team All Mercer County, New Jersey All State Team, United States All Star Team, and the Converse All American Team. The most fulfilling award for Corker was becoming the fourth player in Trenton Central High School's history to score 1,000 points (1,013).

After graduating from Trenton Central High School in 1980, he took his talents to Howard College in Big Springs, TX, where he averaged 29.3 points per game and accumulated 895 points in a single season. He chose to transfer to Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) where his teams won a Sunbelt Championship along with two trips to the NCAA Tournament. One of those years they were but one game shy of a Sweet Sixteen berth, while he was averaging 15 points per game for VCU.

Now, he enjoys a full life of traveling around the country through the logistics industry. He currently resides in Shreveport, LA. He has been blessed to share his life with his wonderful children, grandchildren, siblings, and his fiancé Jaqueline Hines.

# GEORGE O'GORMAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



The Scholarship is named for George O'Gorman, the long-time legendary sportswriter of the Trentonian who passed away in August of 2018. He is noted and remembered for his coverage of all high school sports but most notably girls basketball, football, and soccer. He was also a broadcaster for WBCB 1040 radio.

The George O'Gorman Memorial Scholarship is presented to a deserving senior girls basketball player who is a member of a Colonial Valley Conference school or Mercer County prep school as selected by the Mercer County Basketball Hall of Fame committee. George was the type of sports writer that wanted to highlight the underdog player, the type of player that did the little things for a team that was seldom noticed by the casual fan. Someone that had a great attitude, a work horse and always found a way to contribute. We are honoring a player that may not be the star of a team, but someone it would be hard to imagine winning games without her.

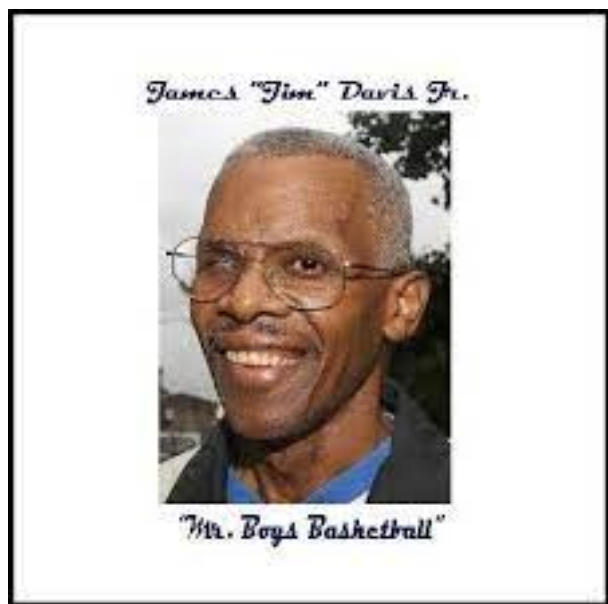


**Shawnae Biggs  
Ewing**

Shawnae is a four-year player and 3-year starter for the Ewing Girls Basketball Program. Five qualities - hustle, perseverance, selflessness, sacrifice, and sportsmanship - are, without a doubt, the first five words that come to mind when describing Shawnae. While everyone knows the three outstanding college-bound players Ewing has, Shawnae is the fourth of the "Core Four" and of equally outstanding caliber as an athlete and as a student. She is always the first to help a teammate, or opponent up whether it be after a fall or just in need of words of encouragement.

She started every game since her sophomore year and has always defended the opposition's best guards. Many times the players she defends are well-known for their offensive prowess. Yet, Shawnae always holds these players below their averages. Last year, she was an integral part of our State Championship Team, but no moment was bigger than the State Semifinal against Ocean City. In the game prior, she had suffered a wrist injury late in the game and was unable to finish. Her status for the State Semifinal against Ocean City was never in question, "Nothing could keep me out of this game." As she played through the injury, the opposition chose to foul her in a one-and-one situation. Confidently, Shawnae stepped to the line and sank two key free throws in the closing moments to secure the win; wrist injury and all. Shawnae's hustle and gutsy play has never lacked in her four years. She is a relentless, lock-down defender and although she stands at only 5-5, she is a tenacious rebounder and lives up to her name, "Biggs". Shawnae has gone above and beyond to succeed.

# JIM DAVIS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



The Scholarship is named for Jim Davis, who was a sports reporter for the Trentonian for 30 years, who passed away June 2004. As a sports reporter for The Trentonian, Jim covered high school boys' basketball for decades. Although he reported on many competitive CVC, Prep, MCT, and NJSIAA games and championships involving the local teams,

The Jim Davis Memorial Scholarship is presented to a deserving senior boys basketball player who is a member of a Colonial Valley Conference school or Mercer County prep school as selected by the Mercer County Basketball Hall of Fame committee. Jim was best known for celebrating the players who weren't necessarily the stat leaders or stars of their teams. Jim's stories often detailed the efforts and contributions of players known as unsung heroes for their grit and selfless performances, who impacted the game often without accumulating impressive statistics.



## **Jordan Raba Nottingham**

Not many know that Jordan suffers from scoliosis. At times it is painful for him to get out of bed, tie his shoes and just do the everyday things that normal student-athletes do. Imagine waking up every morning and not knowing if you can play sports you love, not knowing if you can even bend down to put your sneakers on! Jordan's work ethic and enthusiasm when undertaking challenges are characteristics that have helped him reach success and will lead him to many future achievements. He has demonstrated a positive and cheerful attitude even in the most challenging situations. His unflappable presence-regardless of what is going on around him is unmatched. Above all else, Jordan has a very mature sense of team, and is self-less among his teammates.

The All-Davis Team was always about a teenager coming to grips with reality. The fact that things won't always go your way. That team comes first. We win together, and we lose together. Raba is the kid who Jim Davis would want to be stuck in a foxhole with. The stories they would tell. Jordan would tell Jim about how bad of a coach his father Chris is, and Jim would tell Jordan how Trenton Boys Basketball hasn't won a state championship in his lifetime. The All-Davis team was about unsung heroes. Players that knew the game was bigger than them. Players who knew that adults actually knew more than them, and would listen. Jordan is that guy.

To all recipients,

Congratulations on all your amazing sports achievements. You all have worked so hard and deserve all the recognition you are receiving.

Tracy we are all so proud of you and happy to have been along for the ride!

Love,  
Michael, Deitra,  
Connor and Spencer



**The Hamilton High West Athletic  
Hall of Fame would like to  
congratulate Tracy Quinn on her  
induction into the Mercer County  
Basketball HOF.  
HHW Athletic HOF Class of 2000**

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**Gary Bushelli**

on his induction to the

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**CONGRATULATIONS!**



**WE ARE SO PROUD OF ALL YOUR  
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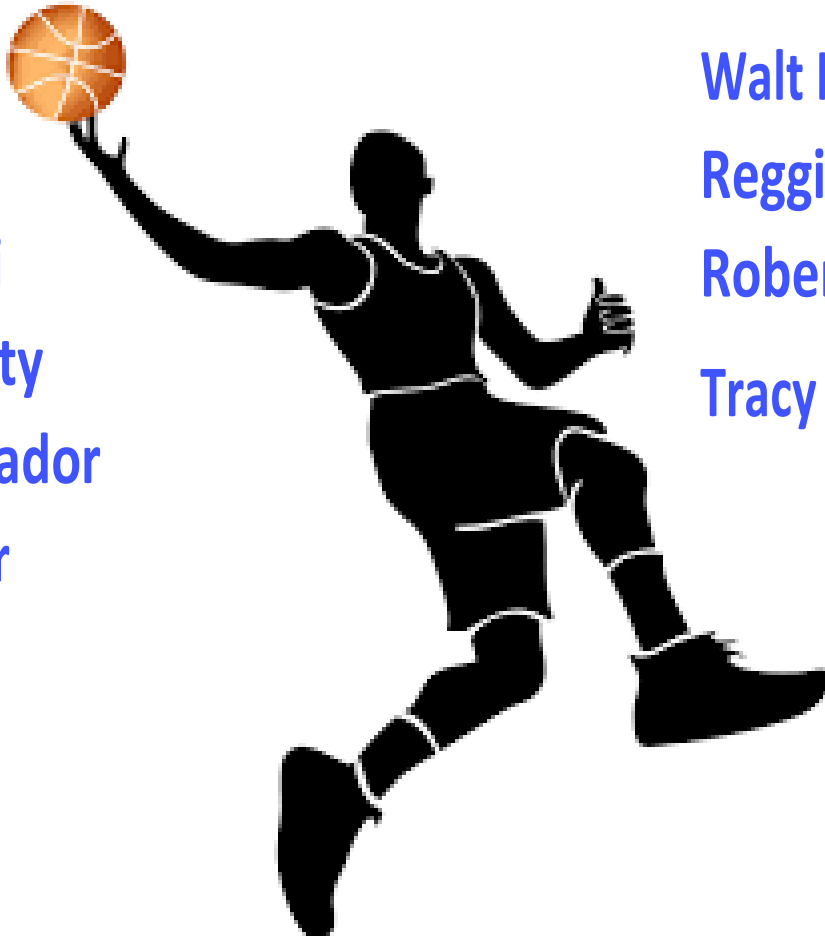
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Randy Corker  
Rich Giallella



Walt Kocubinski  
Reggie Murray  
Robert Potts  
Tracy Quinn





## **CONGRATULATIONS to our “Pops”, “POP-POP” COACH REGGIE MURRAY!**

**We are so proud of you and this great honor. Today you are being inducted in the Mercer County Hall of Fame. It goes without saying that you are the greatest “Pops” or “pop-pop” to us. What a wonderful honor of recognition for your outstanding coaching achievements in basketball. Well done!**

**We love you! Your grands**

**Dyvae, Nadia, Quannah, Dara, Rakwan, Lance Jr., Lanae, Kristian, D’Njah, Tyler, Trey, Malachi, Tori, Raquel, Adonis, Sekani, Kash, Zamir, Keyion, Deon, and Nayelee**



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**BOBBY POTTS '77**

**ON HIS WELL-DESERVED INDUCTION INTO THE  
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## CONGRATULATIONS REGGIE!

Reggie, we are so proud of you. Not only for your accomplishments as a basketball coach but for who you are to us. You are a wonderful husband, brother, an awesome father and the greatest “pop-pop” and uncle in the world. Your accomplishments go beyond the courts and will forever permeate our hearts with great memories, love, and gratitude.

Today, we congratulate one of the greatest High School basketball coaches of all time! You definitely epitomize the acronym for “the G.O.A.T.” Your achievement in coaching basketball has proven that you deserve such an honor not just because of your winning record. But because of your years of dedication, resilience, determination, leadership, and knowledge of the game, the heart of a warrior, and devotion to your teams. Your coaching efforts aspired and motivated your players to excel beyond the “rim” and encouraged them to pursue academic studies at the collegiate level.

Throughout the many years of coaching, we have witnessed your undeniable achievements and recognition for winning the most championship games in the history of Trenton Central High School girls’ basketball. Your coaching legacy has set precedents and foundational examples for up-and-coming coaches who aspire to impact youth in any sport in Mercer County, the region, and the nation.

God will appoint someone to honor men and women of great character for their works. Therefore, we are thankful to the Mercer County Basketball Hall of Fame Committee Members for this most prestigious honor bestowed upon you and all the honorees.

We love you!

Your wife Pearlie, children, and family



**Congratulations!**

REGGIE MURRAY  
&  
RANDY CORKER

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CBOA MET NJ would like to  
**CONGRATULATE** Rich Giallella on his  
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Basketball Hall of Fame





is proud of both of you  
and your accomplishments



Bob Pugh '22

Rich Giallella '24

Congratulations to Rich Giallella on being inducted into the  
Mercer County Basketball Hall of Fame Class of 2024



Congratulations to  
**Rich Giallella**  
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