

ST. BERNARD PARISH SPORTS HALL OF FAME

22nd ANNUAL INDUCTION CEREMONY

St. Bernard Cultural Center



April 8, 2017



PROGRAM

INTRODUCTION/EMCEE..... DR. BRYAN P. FRICHTER
 INVOCATION..... ROY CORTES
 COLOR GUARD/NATIONAL ANTHEM..... CHALMETTE HIGH/RONNIE LAMARQUE
 PLEDGE

PRESIDENT’S REPORT..... EDWARD APPEL
 BAND..... CHALMETTE HIGH JAZZ
 DINNER..... 7:00PM BENEDICT’S
 GUEST SPEAKER DR. BRYAN P. FRICHTER



COACH “BOBBY” APRIL
 COACHING CAREER
 High School 1976-1978
 College 1978-1990
 NFL 1991-2016

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

ANDREW JACKSON CLASS OF ‘67 & ‘68 SOFTBALL TEAMS RENÉ HYER
 CRYSTAL AWARD RENÉ HYER
ANDRE DORSEY

MCDONALD’S ALL-AMERICAN..... PARISH PRESIDENT, GUY MCINNIS
MITCHELL ROBINSON
 AMATEUR ATHLETES OF THE YEAR..... SCOTT GAILLOT
 SAM CATALANOTTO
GABRIELLA O’NEIL EMILY PULLEY DOMINIC CUROLE
 ELPHAGE CAILLOUETTE SPECIAL RECOGNITION..... JUDY SCAGLIONE
MIKE BAIAMONTE

GULF COAST HUMANITARIAN DR. BRYAN P. FRICHTER
 GUS RIESS
 GUY WILLIAMS
RICHARD “DICK” MOCKLIN, SR.

HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES..... EDWARD APPEL
 PARISH PRESIDENT, GUY MCINNIS
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GOVERNOR’S AWARD & PROCLAMATIONS STATE REPRESENTATIVE
 RAY GAROFALO, JR.

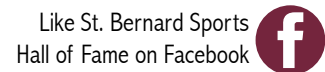
ST. BERNARD PARISH GOVERNMENT
 AWARDS & PROCLAMATIONS..... PARISH PRESIDENT, GUY McINNIS
 RECEPTION til 1:00AM THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

OFFICERS

PRESIDENT EDWARD APPEL	BOARD MEMBER..... RAYMOND DORAN
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BOARD MEMBER..... SAM CATALANOTTO	(Posthumous)
BOARD MEMBER..... ROY CORTES	



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Crystal Award Recipients



Garry Printing
2000



RJ Ducote
2012



Nicholas Michael
2013



Ray Brogle
2014

Hall of Fame Amateur Athletes

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Eddie Nelson
1994



Erika Schneider
1994/1995



Stephen Moity
1995



Kia Johnson
1996



Brent Wilssens
1996



Catherine Chenevert
1997



Jeffery Sanchez
1997/1998/1999



Danielle Lewis
1998



Melissa Caravella
1999



Ricci DeJean
2000



Gareth DiBetta
2000



Areal Bienemy
2001



Jason Schule
2001/2002



Christen Miller
2002



Mallory McInnis
2003



Matt Dier
2003



Candice Caravalla
2004



Ryan Collins
2004



Danielle Martin
2007



Walter Randolph
2007



Dana Martin
2008



Kal Bonura
2008



Kayla Casbon
2009



George Artigues
2009

Hall of Fame Amateur Athletes



Emily Bozant
2010



Brent Kitto
2010



Carley McInnis
2010



Haley Smith
2011



Andre Dorsey
2011



Rhett Lee Pritchard
2011



Magan Resendez
2012



Sharif Khalaileh
2012



Maci Ousset
2013



Sean Beckwith
2013



Callie Lambert
2014



Timmy Alphonso, Jr.
2014



Kelli Gallardo
2015

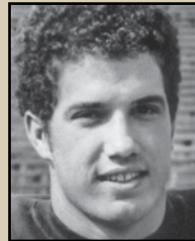


Brent Bailey
2015

Elphage Caillouette Special Recognition Award



The Pope
2008



Elphage Caillouette
2009



Kurt Rodriguez
2010



Ronnie Alonzo, Sr.
2011



Joshua San Salvador
2012



Leoncio "Chris" Roussel
2013



Byron Santiago
2014



Lonnie "Boogie" Coppersmith
2015

Hall of Fame Humanitarians



Sammy Frichter
1994



Edward A. Kattengell
1995



Earl Laigast
1996



Jerry Scheuermann
1997



Charles H. Reppel
1998



Huey Rabalais
1999



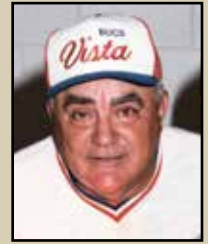
Don Picou
2000



Albert McVile
2001



J. Roy Brouillette
2002



Gene Leger
2004



Stanley Sirgo
2007



Bruce Kamlade
2008



John Gebbia
2009



Norman Vancourt, Sr.
2010



Alicé Peri Dornan
2011



Ronnie Lamarque
2012



Jimmy Besson
2013



Ronald S. Kornick, Sr.
2014



Betty Richards
2015

SPORTS

Hall of Fame Inductees



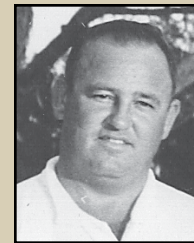
Jerry Pellegrini
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Norris Weese
1994



Edward Heider
1995



Robert Nuss
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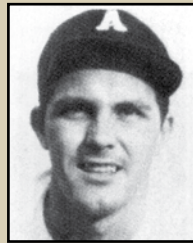
Sybil Richards
1995



Rose Scott
1995



Robert April
1996



Rene Cortes
1996



Kathy Trosclair
1996



Bill Johnson
1997



Cliff Perez
1997



Charlie Williams
1997



Roland Barbay
1998



Jimmy Camhout
1998



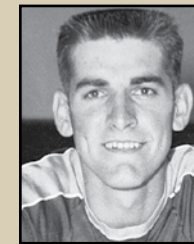
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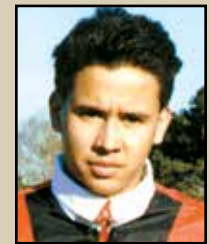
John Brechtel III
1999



Sandra Johnson
1999



Arthur Cedotal
2000



Gene Cavalier
2001



Jean Faust
2001



Francis Uzee
2002



Julie Ibieta
2002



Michael Romano
2002



Sandra Zulli
2004



Vince Manalla
2004



Ken Berthelot
2006



Jesse Carlin, III
2006



Lenny Munna Jr.
2006



Yolanda Banks
2007



David Neal
2007



Dalton Truax, Jr.
2007



Tommy Manzella
2008



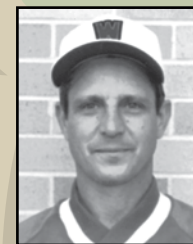
Katie Dow-Kahmann
2009



Artie Liuzza
2009



Bobby Scafidel
2009



Sammy Frichter, Jr.
2010



Paul Peak
2010



Jeffery Sanchez
2010



Richard L. Mocklin, Jr.
2011



Dale Chimento
2012

Hall of Fame Inductees



Gloria Rando Doran
2012



Jason Schule
2012



Brian Manzella
2013



William "Butch" Stockton
2013



James "Biggie" Bickford
2014



Donald Bourgeois, Sr.
2014



Kerwin "Boo Boo" Clark
2014



Crystal Eliers Domreis
2015



Dr. Thomas Warner
2015



Craig Westcott
2015



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ANDREW JACKSON CLASS OF '67 & '68 SOFTBALL TEAMS

In the late 1960s in St Bernard Parish, there was a group of teenage girls who had grown up playing indoor ball in SBARD summer leagues and in CYO leagues in Catholic Church parishes. They honed their skills as young teens playing softball with Shirley and Tony Licciardi as coaches. Further experience came as older teens on a team coached by 2 young men, Paul Peake and Jimmy Thriffiley. (Apologies if these names are incorrect. These are 50 plus year old memories). There was no interscholastic sports competition for the girls of St. Bernard Parish except the Louisiana State Rally Softball Tournament. It was pre-Title IX times. In high school, girls played intramurals, which were fiercely contested at local schools. For some girls, their only prior interscholastic experience was the '64-'65 Chalmette High softball team which did not fare well due to last minute coaching changes.

Andrew Jackson High School opened in the '66-'67 school year. AJ was a brand new facility, an all girls public high school without outdoor athletic fields, just a big open lot behind the school building. In the spring of 1967, this group of teenage girls was bound for Baton Rouge to compete in the State Rally softball tournament. They were outfitted in navy blue shorts, little sleeveless cotton blouses without numbers or lettering, tennis shoes and white crew socks! They wore daisies in their pigtails and ponytails. In their final game, they met a team from Baker that was decked out in full baseball gear - shirts with numbers and lettering, knee-length pants, stockings and CLEATS! The AJ girls were terrified! But relying on the years of experience and the skills they had learned from coaches past and present, Ellen Walker, Rose Misuraca and Kathleen Hilbert, AJ prevailed and beat Baker for the title. Controversy ensued. AJ's membership in the LHSAA was questioned and the victory over Baker was vacated. The trophy had to be returned.

The '67 AJ softball team was devastated by the turn of events, but they were proud of their accomplishments and pleased by their ability to succeed at this level of competition. The '68 AJ team, which counted several girls from the previous year's team as members, avenged the '67 controversy by winning again at the State Rally and becoming the state champs. It was the dawning of AJ's reputation as a sports powerhouse. Many athletic successes followed in several different sports for the girls of Andrew Jackson High School, which remained an all girls public high school through 1989.

by Jean Cazaubon

1967 GIRLS STATE SOFTBALL CHAMPIONS OF LOUISIANA

Once Removed because of a piece of paper



Row 1 (front)
Anne Bodet
Sharon O'Brien
Millicent Bramlett
Penny Krennerich

Row 2 (middle)
Sharon Collison
Pamela Krennerich
Debbie Cotaya
Christine Thomann
Kathy Cazaubon
Nancy Warren

Row 3 (back)
Pat Steele
Cindy Heller
Jean Cazaubon
Kathy Trosclair (D)
Mary Jane Pendergraft
Ann Michoud (D)
Charlene Gallo (D)

Coaches (not pictured)
Kathleen Hilbert
Rose Misuraca (HOF Inductee)
Ellen Walker

1968 GIRLS STATE SOFTBALL CHAMPIONS OF LOUISIANA

1st Team State Champion in St. Bernard history



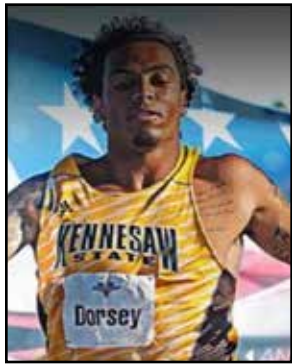
Row 1 (front)
Susan Zitzmann
Sharon O'Brien*
Christine Rowbatham (D)
Penny Krennerich*
Elouise Clement
Sharon DeBouchel

Row 2 (back)
Pamela Krennerich*
Jean Cazaubon*
Linda Landry
Kathy Trosclair* (D)
Mary Jane Pendergraft*
Cindy Heller*
Jacqueline Brooks

Coaches (not pictured)
Rose Misuraca
Ellen Walker

* also on 67

(D) Deceased



ANDRE DORSEY

2016 CRYSTAL AWARD

Kennesaw State track and field standout Andre Dorsey, who is a five-time USTFCCCA Second Team All-American and a 16-time ASUN Individual Champion, has become the first Owl to qualify for the U.S. Olympic Trials, announced by United States Track and Field. Dorsey's School-record triple jump of 16.10m (52'10) at the Florida Relays was tied for 10th farthest in the NCAA this outdoor season and was good enough to earn him a spot in the Trials.

"Making the US Trials is a huge honor especially when I can represent my school one last time," Dorsey said. "I get to compete against people I watched growing up. There's no Better feeling than knowing you get the chance to potentially represent your family, school, city, and your country all at one time. I've been blessed throughout my career and I'm just anxious to see what the future holds in this next chapter of my life."

In 2017, the Chalmette native competed in the long jump setting a personal best of 26'1. That mark ranked Andre 3rd best in the U.S.A. and 6th best in the world at the time of the jump. He is working hard for the next Olympic Trials in high jump, long jump and triple jump.

Dorsey recently wrapped up his collegiate competition career holding and a 27-time All-Conference selection. He holds eight school records, and was named ASUN Championship Most Valuable Performer five times. He will also leave KSU having been a part of a senior class that led KSU to eight straight ASUN men's conference championship titles.

HT./WT. 6'1"/190 lbs.
 POSITION Combined Events
 CLASS Redshirt Senior
 HOMETOWN Chalmette, La.
 HIGH SCHOOL Chalmette HS

PERSONAL BESTS

- » 60m- 6.88 Jack Johnson Classic (Heptathlon)
- » 1000m- 3:03.38 NCAA Indoor Championships (Heptathlon)
- » 60h- 8.21 Jack Johnson Classic (Heptathlon)
- » 110H- 14.56 Atlantic Sun Outdoor Championships
- » High Jump- 2.23m Atlantic Sun Indoor Championships
- » Long Jump- 7.79m Leon Johnson Invitational
- » Triple Jump- 16.27m Armory Collegiate
- » Pole Vault- 4.42m Jack Johnson Classic (Heptathlon)
- » Shot put- 14.57m A-Sun Outdoor Championships
- » Discus- 42.41m Atlantic Sun Outdoor Championships
- » Hammer Throw- 42.40m Baldy Castillo Invitational
- » Weight Throw- 13.91m A-Sun Outdoor Championships
- » Javelin- 58.80m Georgia Tech Invitational
- » Heptathlon- 5644 points Jack Johnson Classic (Heptathlon)

HONORS

2015-16

Outdoor

- » Atlantic Sun Championship Most Outstanding Field Performer
- » Atlantic Sun Championship Most Valuable Performer
- » Atlantic Sun Field Athlete of the Week (Apr. 13, Mar. 23, Mar. 30)

Indoor

- » Atlantic Sun Championship Most Valuable Performer

2014-15

Indoor

- » 2014 NCAA Second Team All-American (Heptathlon)
- » 2014 A-Sun Conference Championship Most Valuable Performer
- » 2014 A-Sun Conference Championship Most Outstanding Field Performer
- » 2014 A-Sun Conference Field Athlete of the Week (1/21,2/4)

2014-15

Outdoor

- » Redshirted while recovering from an injury.

Indoor

- » Competed in eight during the season

- » Participated in mostly jumping events and two heptathlons Opened the season with a win in the high jump (2.15m, 7-0.5) and a second place in the triple jump (15.41m, 50-6.75)
- » Won the heptathlon at the Jack Johnson Classic with a meet record 5644 points
- » Set new school heptathlon records in the 60m (6.88), long jump (7.18m, 23-6.75), and triple jump (14.84m, 48-8.25)
- » Won the high jump (2.16m, 7-1), long jump (7.18m, 23'6.75) and triple jump (14.84m, 48-8.25) en route to earning Most Outstanding Performer and Most Outstanding Field Performer honors
- » Battled through injuries to finish 13th in the heptathlon at the NCAA Indoor Championships.

2013-14

Indoor

- » Only jumper to make it to the Indoor NCAA Championships in the high jump, long jump and triple jump
- » Named a Second Team All-American in the triple jump and long jump
- » Named USTFCCCA South Region Field Athlete of the Year
- » Set conference records in the high jump and long jump at the A-Sun Championship
- » Named the USTFCCCA National Athlete of the Week after compiling 38 points with three gold medals
- » Ranked number one in the nation in the triple jump after jumping 16.27 (53'4.5") meters at the Armory Collegiate

Outdoor

- » Won A-Sun Field Athlete of the Year for the second year in a row.
- » Named the Most Outstanding Field Athlete award after totaling 45 points in six different events including three gold medals and a silver
- » Won the conference MVP for the third year in a row
- » Competed in the NCAA East Regional in the high jump, long jump and triple jump.

2012-2013

Outdoor

- » Placed 14th at the NCAA Championships in the triple jump with a jump of 15.59m/51-05.75 ft
- » Earned the Most Valuable Athlete Award for the second year in a row after racking up an individual meet-high total of 47 overall points
- » Set an Atlantic Sun Championship record in the triple jump (15.72m/51-07.0 ft.)
- » Dorsey's farthest triple jump of the year came at the Yellow Jacket Invitational (15.92m/52-02.75 ft.) where he placed first
- » Won the Atlantic Sun Championship in the Javelin (54.8m/179-09 ft.).

Indoor

- » Finished in 11th at the NCAA Championships (15.72m/51-5.57)
- » Named Most Valuable Performer of the Atlantic Sun Championship after totaling 36 points
- » Dorsey claimed two titles, winning the triple jump (16.04m/52-07.5) and the high jump (2.18m/7-01.75 ft.)
- » Also, placed in the long jump, weight throw, and shot put
- » Placed first in the triple jump at the Niswonger Invitational with a jump of 15.69m/51-05.5 ft.

2011-2012

- » Tabbed the Atlantic Sun Outdoor Championship Most Outstanding Freshman Performer after also receiving the Most Valuable Performer honor for garnering 31 points at the 2012 A-Sun meet
- » Dorsey placed in the top-seven of five events, which included top-three performances in three events; javelin (1st; 56.07m), high jump (2nd; 2.01m) and triple jump (3rd; 14.35m)
- » Was selected as an All Atlantic Sun Conference first team member for the Javelin and all Atlantic Sun Conference second team member for the High Jump along with an All Atlantic Sun Conference third team member for the Triple Jump during the outdoor season
- » He was selected as an all Atlantic Sun Conference second team member for the High Jump during the indoor season
- » Dorsey had 10 total top-5 finishes for the 2012 season.

HIGH SCHOOL

- » Earned four varsity letters at Chalmette High School
- » Jumped a PR of 6-11 in the High Jump at LHSAA State Outdoor Championship, placing first and setting a school record
- » Earned All-State honors in High Jump (6-11) and Triple Jump (47'10.75)
- » Set his high school's triple jump record at 48'4
- » Scored 20 out of the 21 points at the LHSAA State Meet.

PERSONAL

- » Born in Savannah, Georgia to Michelle Dorsey
- » Has sister, Aleyah Dorsey
- » Favorite track and field athlete is Christian Taylor
- » Favorite TV channel is ESPN
- » Favorite food is Chinese
- » Wants to coach high school track and field or run professionally.
- » Currently, Andre is a Volunteer Coach at Kennesaw State University.
- » The Chalmette native graduated with a degree in Exercise Science in the spring of 2016.



MITCHELL ROBINSON 2017 MCDONALD'S ALL-AMERICAN

On March 29, Chalmette High's Mitchell Robinson became only the 21st player from the state of Louisiana 10th from the New Orleans area, to play in the McDonald's All-American Game. Only 24 of the nation's best players get an invite.

Robinson will also play in the Jordan Brand Classic on April 17th. The 5-Star Recruit is ranked 9th in the nation by ESPN. He averaged 27.5 points, 12 rebounds, nearly 7 blocks and 2 steals per game.

Mitchell is listed at 7-foot, 226 pounds. Of course, he's dominant in the post, but the big man can handle the ball and knock down threes.

According to his coach and St. Bernard Sports Hall of Fame Inductee, Butch Stockton, "Mitchell is a very fine person, Mitchell's always the first one in the gym. He's also the last one to leave the gym each day. On weekends, Mitchell will call me and ask if he can get in the gym. I'll open it for him and he'll stay for three or four hours. Even during school days, he always comes at night time and works on his game. He's always willing to work to get better.

Most guys with the God-given attributes Mitchell has would just get by, but not him. And that's the reason McDonald's All-American is just the start for this Chalmette High School senior.

STATS

Jr. Year

- » 23 pts
- » 11 Rebounds
- » 4 blocked shots

Sr. Year

- » 27 pts
- » 12.6 Rebounds
- » 6.6 blocks

AWARDS/ACCOLADES

Jr. Year

- » All-District
- » All-Metro
- » First Team All-State
- » LHSBCA All-State
- » MVP of OWLS Basketball Team
- » Summer All-Nike Team
- » Invited to Nike Academy
- » Invited to 19 & under U.S. Olympic Team
- » made the All-Nike Team that went to the Bahamas

Sr. Year

- » District MVP
- » First Team All-State
- » All-Metro
- » LHSBCA All-State
- » LHSCA All-Star Game
- » McDonald's All-American Game
- » Jordan Brand Classic Game
- » Ranked Number 9 ESPN
- » Ranked Number 6 247 Sports
- » Led Owls to the State Semifinals



GABRIELLA O'NEIL

2016 CO-FEMALE AMATEUR ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

CABRINI HIGH SCHOOL

Gabriella O'Neil is a 14 year old High School freshman swimmer who already is garnering a host of accolades. She began swimming competitively at the age of 8 with the Buccaneer Villa Swim Club and by age 10 began swimming year round with the Hurricane Swim Club (Slidell, LA). While swimming for the "Canes", Gabriella became a four-time State Champion. As a Cabrini High freshman, she garnered three State Championships along with 8 School Records. Gabriella O'Neil is the College Swimming Top Ranked Recruit for the State of Louisiana Class of 2020 and a lifetime resident of St. Bernard Parish.

SPORT SWIMMING

- » St. Bernard Swim Club (1 YR)
- » St. Bernard Swim Club Records
- » St. Tammany Swim Club Records
- » "A" Meet Champions

Buccaneer Villa Swim Club (5 YRS)

- » numerous Club Records
- » multiple City Championships
- » multiple "A" Meet Championships

Hurricane Swim Club (4 YRS)

Coach Chris Prator

- » year round program (Slidell)
- » numerous 1st place finishes
- » numerous High Point Winner at meets
- » 4 time State Champion USA swimming

SWIM CLUB ACHIEVEMENTS

2013

- » 100 meter Breaststroke Louisiana Swimming District Champion

2014

- » Selected Louisiana All-Star Team Member
- » 200 Meter Medley Relay Louisiana Long Course State Champion
- » Selected Louisiana Zone Team Member

2015

- » 200 yard Freestyle Louisiana Short Course State Champion
- » 50 yard Freestyle Louisiana Short Course State Champion
- » 100 yard Freestyle Louisiana Short Course State Champion

2016

- » Speedo Sectional Series Championship Meet
- » 100 meter Freestyle Louisiana Long Course State Champion
- » 200 meter Breaststroke Louisiana Long Course Runner-Up
- » Selected Louisiana Zone Team Member

2017

- » 100 yard Freestyle Louisiana Short Course State Champion
- » 200 yard Freestyle Louisiana Short Course State Champion
- » 200 yard Breaststroke Louisiana Short Course State Runner-Up
- » 100 yard Freestyle Louisiana Short Course State Runner-Up

School Team: Cabrini High School

Coach: Chip Bozant

School Achievements:

2015-2016

- » Greater New Orleans Middle School High Point Champion

2016-2017

- » 100 yard Freestyle GNOHSSL West District Champion
- » 100 yard Breaststroke GNOHSSL West District Champion
- » Allstate Sugar Bowl All District Team
- » Greater New Orleans Metro Swim League Female Athlete of the Year
- » Allstate Sugar Bowl All Metro Team
- » 200 yard Freestyle LHSAA Division II State Champion
- » 100 yard Breaststroke LHSAA Division II State Champion
- » 200 yard Freestyle Relay LHSAA Division II State Champion
- » 200 yard Freestyle Relay LHSAA Division II New State Record
- » Allstate Sugar Bowl All State Team
- » College Swimming Top Ranked Recruit for State of Louisiana Class of 2020

FRESHMAN HIGHLIGHTS

- » All-District
- » All-Metro
- » All-State
- » 8 School Records
- » 3 Time State Champion

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS & EXTRA CURRICULAR

- » GPA 3.72
- » Clubs: Student Council (Freshman Senator)
- » Pro-Life Club
- » No Place for Hate
- » Ambassadors Club
- » Renaissance Club
- » Helping Hands Club
- » Students Against Drugs and Alcohol (S.A.D.A.) Club
- » Junior Honor Society



EMILY PULLEY

2016 CO-FEMALE AMATEUR ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

CHALMETTE HIGH SCHOOL

Simply put, Emily Pulley is a "Leader" whether it be in athletics or academics. She is a product of both the St. Bernard Parish Recreation Department as well as the ST. Bernard Parish Public School System. Emily has played Volleyball, Basketball, Soccer, and Track and Field during her athletic career at Chalmette High School. Her accolades include multiple 1st Team All-District awards, multiple Team and District MVP awards, All-Academic awards and awards for most outstanding, athletic and intelligence. This list does not mention the many Club Memberships and Volunteer work that Emily has done.

Emily is a lifetime resident of St. Bernard Parish and is currently preparing to graduate from Chalmette High School. In the fall, she will attend Southeastern Louisiana University and study Kinesiology to pursue a career in Rehabilitation. Emily Pulley is synonymous with and exemplifies "Leader".

VOLLEYBALL

- » Position - Setter/Middle Hitter
- » 4 year letterman
- » 2013-14 1st Round State Playoffs
- » 2014-15 2nd Round State Playoffs
- » 2014-15 Woodlawn All-Tournament Team
- » 2016-16 1st Team All-District
- » 2015-16 Most Outstanding Offense Award
- » 2015-16 1st Round State Playoffs
- » 2015-16 finished season with 285 kills, 220 Assists, and 70 Blocks
- » 2016-17 1st Round State Playoffs
- » 2016-17 Senior Captain
- » 2016-17 1st Team All-District
- » 2016-17 District MVP
- » 2016-17 Team MVP
- » 2016-17 led team with 288 Kills and 114 Blocks, finished season with 204 Assists and 53 Service Aces.
- » 2016-17 LHSAA All-Academic Volleyball (Division I Team)
- » 2016-17 District 7-5A Undefeated Champions

BASKETBALL

- » Position Shooting Guard/Point Guard
- » 2013-14 1st Round State Playoffs
- » 2014-15 1st year letterman

SOCCER

- » Position Mid Field/Goalie
- » 2 yr letterman
- » 2016-17 Senior Captain
- » 2016-17 1st Team All-District
- » 2016-17 Team MVP
- » 2016-17 15 Goals, 25 Saves

TRACK & FIELD

- » Position - Distance Runner
- » 2 yr letterman
- » 2013 District Champs
- » 2013 Best in Track - District Championship Meet
- » 2014 District Champs
- » 2014 MVP Chalmette Invitational Track Meet

CLUBS/VOLUNTEER/AWARDS

- » Key Club
- » Beta Club
- » Interact Club
- » Knights of Columbus Volunteer
- » Special Olympics Volunteer
- » Voted Most Athletic Female 2015-16 CHS Annual Titles
- » Voted Most Intelligent 2016-17 CHS Annual Titles
- » WWL-TV/McDonald's A-Plus Athlete - \$400 Donation to CHS Volleyball Team
- » Chevron Week II Scholar Athlete
- » Terrific Teen April 2016

ACADEMICS

- » Cumulative GPA 4.373
- » ACT Composite 28
- » Will attend SLU and study Kinesiology to pursue a career in Rehabilitation



DOMINIC CUROLE

2016 MALE AMATEUR ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

CHALMETTE HIGH SCHOOL

Dominic Curole was a 3-sport letter winner in 3 different sports at Chalmette High. He received the 2015-16 Elphage Caillouette Most Outstanding Male Athlete Award. Accomplishments include LHSAA All-Academic Scholar Athlete in 3 different sports as well as 8-5A District Champs in both Football and Track and Field. Dominic also garnered 1st Team All-District in Baseball, Individual All-District/All-Metro, Regional Champ in the Javelin, 8-5A District Field MVP and Individual District Champ in Discus.

Dominic grew up on the ballfields and in the gyms of the St. Bernard Parish Recreation Department. He is a Native American belonging to the United Houma Nation and lifelong resident of the Parish.

CHALMETTE HIGH SCHOOL

Academics

Cumulative Un-weighted GPA 3.49/4.0

Overall Cumulative GPA 3.94/4.0

Class Rank: 57 of 423

ACT: Composite 27, English 27, Math 26, Science, 28 Reading 25

SPORTS (Senior Yr.)

Football

- » 3 yr letterman
- » LHSAA All Academic Scholar Athlete
- » Team Captain (2nd yrs.)
- » Starting QB (2nd yr.), Punter
- » 188 passing yds. vs. St. Thomas Aquinas (10th all time)
- » 192 passing yds, vs Bonnabel in 1st half (9th all time)
- » 644 passing yds. & 7 TD's (only 6 games played at QB due to injury)
- » 57 yd. punt (8th all time)
- » 2015 District Champs
- » 2015 Coach's Award
- » 2015 Captain's Award
- » 2015 Toughest Owl
- » NOLA.com Athlete of the Week vs. Bonnabel

Baseball

- » 3 yr. letterman
- » LHSAA All Academic Scholar Athlete
- » Offensive Player of the Year
- » Reached base in every game
- » 12 game hitting streak
- » Led team in: RBI's 34 Runs 30 Av. .457 OBP .556 SLG .843 Extra Base Hits 16 Total Bases 59 BA/RISP .530 3b 5
- » 1st Team All-District Utility
- » Career Stats
 - » Avg. .388, Hits 95, AB 245, SB 40, Total Bases 157, EXBH 39.
 - » Errors 3, Total Chances 239, Career FPCT .987
 - » Innings Caught 194.2, Passed Balls 17
 - » Runs 85, RBIs 76
 - » Playoff Appearances 2 (2016 advanced to 2nd round after beating John Curtis)
 - » Total Team Wins 20

Track & Field (Javelin/Discus)

- » 3 ys. letterman
- » LHSAA All Academic Scholar Athlete
- » 8-5A Distric Champs (3rd. consecutive yr.)
- » Individual District Champ in Javelin (2nd consecutive yr.)
- » Individual District Champ in Discus
- » 8-5A District Field MVP
- » Regional Champ - Javelin
- » LHSAA State Meet: Javelin 3rd place
- » 1st Team All-District, All-Metro: Javelin
- » CHS Field MVP (2nd consecutive year)
- » Bobby Nuss Invitation Champion: Javelin (only athlete in 50 yr. history of Bobby Nuss Invitational to win any event 3 consecutive years)
- » Scholarship offers from University of Southern Mississippi and Southeastern Louisiana University
- » 2015 set school record in Javelin 185'4"

AWARD, LEADERSHIP & ACTIVITIES

- » 2016 Honor roll/Honor Graduate
- » 2016 Golden Owl Award
- » 2016 Marous Scholarship Recipient
- » 2016 Elphage Caillouette Award
- » LA Boys State (NSU) elected State Supreme Court Justice
- » 2016-16 Most Athletic
- » Homecoming Court
- » 2015-16 Terrific Teen
- » 1st Degree Member - Knights of Columbus

CURRENT

- Nicholls State University
 - » Freshman Baseball Player: Outfield/Catcher
 - » Major: Secondary Education /Social Studies
 - » Minor: Business Management



MIKE BAIAMONTE

2016 ELPHAGE CAILLOUETTE SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD

The St. Bernard Sports Hall of Fame instituted the Special Recognition honor in 2008. Elphage Caillouette graduated from Chalmette High in 1974 as a four-sport letter winner in football, basketball, baseball and track and field. He received a football scholarship from Tulane University and started as running back, on the freshman team. Elphage was scheduled to start as running back as a sophomore in the fall of 1976. A tragic tubing accident took Caillouette's life on July 11, 1976. The local chapter of the Tulane Athletic Booster Club was renamed in his honor as is

Chalmette High's most outstanding senior male athlete each year with the Elphage Caillouette Award. In 2009, your St. Bernard Sports Hall of Fame followed suit.

Mike Baiamonte is a 51 year resident of St. Bernard Parish and a "Family Man" with a huge family. He has exemplified "Role Model" his entire life and strongly believes that being the best in everything is the only option. Mr. Baiamonte has motivated countless young men to accomplish great things utilizing Baseball as his vessel. Through Mike's tutelage his family has grown to include hundreds and hundreds of players, coaches and families throughout the Southeast United States. The 2016 Elphage Caillouette Special Recognition Award fits Coach Mike (the "Family Man") like a "Glove".

PERSONAL

- » born in New Orleans
- » resident of St. Bernard Parish - 51 years
- » current resident of Ponchatoula - 11 1/2 years
- » married to Laura Alfonso Baiamonte - 43 years
- » father of 3 children, grandfather of 7

EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL CAREER

- » Carolyn Park Elementary
- » Chalmette Middle
- » Chalmette High (1972)
- » Delgado Community College (Electrician Program)
- » Electrician 42 years (retired)
- » Currently a consultant at Exxon Mobile

ATHLETIC CAREER

- » Carolyn Park - Baseball/Football
- » Chalmette Middle - Baseball/Football
- » Chalmette High - Baseball/Football

COACHING

- » 1980 Carolyn Park Baseball
- » 1984 St. Bernard All-Star Program; Head Coach and Baseball Commissioner of the 12 y/o All-Star Program where Mike made his biggest impact.
- » Qualified St. Bernard 12 y/o Baseball All-Stars for the Dizzy Dean World Series in 1984, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1993, 1994, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000.
- » Assistant Baseball Coach for Chalmette High and Holy Cross
- » Began his private baseball organization to further serve the needs of the youth of St. Bernard Parish.
- » Carolyn Park - was a long time booster club / board member (multiple positions).
- » Past players have played college baseball at Delgado, ULL, LSU, UNO, SLU, etc. Some have spent time in farm systems for Major League Baseball. Many coach young children today. Many have become Head Coaches at places such as Newman, Holy Cross, Belle Chase and Loyola. Others are serving as assistant coaches in other sports throughout Southeast Louisiana

CURRENTLY

- » Continues to spread his baseball knowledge and share with his present community through coaching youth baseball. He now coaches 2 teams where he uses his knowledge to improve the skill sets of his ballers.
- » Head Coach 8th-grade baseball team at Holy Cross (New Orleans).
- » Family: Wife Laura, a.k.a Team Manager, has been the backbone of every team Mike has coached. Her support is the reason for his passion to continue. Together, they found a way to make baseball for the people of St. Bernard a family experience that created a life-time of memories. All of their children and grandchildren share in the passion of athletics. Either by playing the sport or attending games, his family has always been by his side. When growing up in the Baiamonte family, most of the family vacations were centered around a World Series Trip. Mike Baiamonte, Sr. has spent a lifetime paying it forward to the youth of the area.



RICHARD L. "DICK" MOCKLIN, SR.

2016 GULF COAST HUMANITARIAN AWARD

May 13, 1936 - Dec 12, 2001

Richard Mocklin, Sr. grew up in the heart of the famous 9th Ward. He was raised by his aunt when his mother passed at a very young age. His older brother Al was the male influence in his life as he grew up and it was he that encouraged Richard to get involved in sports in his pre-teen and teenage years. In addition to a strict upbringing, "Sports" were the key ingredient in teaching "Richie" the discipline and work ethic that would make him a good Student, Athlete, Employee, Coach and Mentor. "Coach Dick" was a 35 year resident of the 9th Ward and 31 year resident of St. Bernard Parish. "Dick" Mocklin, Sr. exemplifies "Humanitarian". This is his story.

St. Rock Park

- » grew up playing baseball, football, and basketball in the N.O.R.D. Program.
- » excelled in baseball, football, and basketball
- » won many City Championships
- » selected to many N.O.R.D. All-Star Teams
- » formed many associations and friendships that would last a lifetime

Warren Easton High School

- » graduated 1954
- » 3 sport letterman (baseball, basketball, and football)
- » he joked that his size and speed were the only things that kept him from getting a college scholarship and that everyone was bigger and faster, they even made better grades
- » soon after graduation, Dick married Marie Baragona

Bunny Friend Playground

- » 1961 began coaching his son and became known as "Coach Dick"
- » became the playground Supervisor
- » "Coach Dick" won many "City Championships" in baseball, basketball and football.
- » developed his first Adult Softball League attracting players from the entire Metropolitan area. Soon the league was expanded to 2 nights a week and increased concession sales and financial success for the Bunny Friend Boosters Club.
- » "Coach Dick" joined the Veterans Umpires Association and quickly became one of the most requested umpires. His reputation for accuracy and honesty made him a favorite among coaches, players and fans. Coach's association with the Veterans Association lasted until the late 1960's.
- » Coaches all sports at Bunny Friend until 1971

Chalmette Vista Playground:

- » 1971 moved into a new home in Buccaneer Villa North subdivision in St. Bernard Parish
- » began coaching immediately at Vista Playground and became a key factor in the development of the baseball, basketball and football programs.
- » joined the St. Bernard Umpires Association and once again promptly became a favorite
- » 1973 "Coach Dick" and "Coach Jerry" Scheuermann led the St.

Bernard Dixie Boys All-Stars to a State and National Title.

- » 1973 "Coach Dick" developed a summer baseball program for 13-17 year olds that could not or did not play American Legion Baseball. The league became so popular that many Legion players requested permission from their high school coaches to play in the new summer league. "Coach Dick" and his volunteer coaching staff held a mock draft of the players to divide teams as equally as possible. He then secured parks, scheduled all games, hired umpires and manually kept all stats on every player. With local sponsors, secured by "Coach Dick", all cost involved, including uniforms, were covered.
- » "Coach Dick" formed a very popular Sunday morning adult softball league. Local restaurants and bars sponsored teams and many St Bernard Sports' Figures and Coaches played in the league. One team was coached and sponsored by WRNO radio personality Captain Humble. Along with being an active team member sponsored by the Village Restaurant, "Coach Dick" again scheduled all games and umpires and kept manual stats on every player and every team.
- » These leagues were held every summer well into the late 1980's
- » "Coach Dick" retired from coaching in 1995

PROFESSIONAL

- » 30 plus year career with Entergy Corporation
- » Family Man
- » Handicapping the horses "Coach Dick" always had an affinity for the Thoroughbreds and loved to wager on the ponies. Not surprising, he was very good at that too.

NOTEWORTHY

- » Many friendships and bonds formed at St. Roch, Bunny Friend, and Vista with former players and coaches are very strong until the day "Coach Dick" passed away in 2001.
- » Hundreds of former players and coaches consider "Coach Dick" one of the most influential people in their lives
- » 34 year Playground Coach
- » Whenever "Coach Dick" was out in any community (especially St. Roch, Bunny Friend, Chalmette Vista), memories were instantly realized.



JOSÉ BECERRA

2016 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

While growing up in St. Bernard Parish, the children on the corner of Magistrate and Volpe were seen "Running" through the neighborhood on a daily basis. The five siblings were actually holding Mock Track Meets and coincidentally, this was the residence of tonight's Hall of Fame Inductee, José Becerra. With happenstance, José the middle sibling, honed his skills a mere four houses from your St Bernard Sports Hall of Fame Center.

José Becerra is a young man, but his list of accomplishments/awards is without end. As a matter of fact, the list is burgeoning as we speak.

EDUCATION

Chalmette High School -1986
Southeastern Louisiana University - 1991 B.A. Political Science, 1998 M.A. History
University of Phoenix - 2003 M. Ed. Administration

PLAYGROUND & ST. BERNARD ALL-STAR HONORS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Rebel Park Raiders

- » Football - 10, 11, 12, 13, & 14 year old team member
- » Basketball - 10, 11, 12, 13, & 14 year old team member
- » Baseball - 12, 13, & 14 year old team member
- » Track & Field - 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, & 14 year old team member

St. Bernard Parish All-Stars

- » Football - 11, 12, 13, & 14 year old team member
- » Southerners Team member for Coach Mike Ginart - 1982 & 1983
- » Basketball -11, 12, 13
- » Bidy All-Stars 11 & 12 year old teams
- » Pre-Prep All-Stars 13 & 14 year old team member

St. Bernard Express Track & Field Club

- » 1984-1986
- » TAC (USATF) National Qualifier 1984, 1985, 1986
- » TAC 2000 Meter Steeplechase National Finalist (7th Place), 1986

MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETIC HONORS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

N.P. Trist Middle School

- » Football (7th & 8th Grade) 1981, 1982
- » Undefeated Parish Champions
- » Basketball (6th, 7th, & 8th Grade) 1980, 1981, 1982
- » Baseball (7th & 8th Grade) 1981, 1982
- » Track & Field (6th, 7th, & 8th Grade) 1980, 1981, 1982
- » Parish Champions

HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC HONORS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Chalmette High School Track & Field

- » 4 Year Letterman
- » State Indoor 1600 Meter Champion - 1986
- » State Finalist - 3rd Place - 1600 Meters - 1985
- » State Finalist - 5th Place - 3200 Meters - 1985
- » State Indoor Finalist - 5th Place - 1600 Meters - 1985
- » Region III Runner-up - 1600 & 3200 Meters - 1985
- » District 10-AAAA Runner up - 1600 & 3200 Meters - 1985
- » School Record Holder - 1600 Meters & 3200 Meters - 1985
- » 4 - Time Track & Field Team MVP
- » 3 - Time Cross Country Team MVP
- » AAU Junior Olympic Games National Championship Qualifier
- » TAC (USATF) National Championship Qualifier
- » TAC National Finalist - 7th Place - 2000 Meter Steeplechase

Chalmette High School Cross Country

- » 3 Year Letterman
- » State Finalist - 11th Place - 1984
- » State Qualifier 1984, 1985
- » District Finalist - Top 10 - 8th Place - 1984
- » District Finalist - Top 10 - 7th Place - 1985

Chalmette High School Football

- » 3 Year Letter Winner

- » District 10-AAAA Honorable Mention - 1985
- » Top 5 All-Time in Receiving Yards Per Game (104 yds.)
- » Top 5 All-Time in Receptions in a Game (12)

HIGH SCHOOL EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- » Student Council (9th, 10th, 11th, & 12th Grades)
- » Class Officer (9th, 10th, 11th, & 12th Grades)
- » Co-Editor in Chief of The Owl Newspaper (1985-86)

COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC HONORS

Cross Country

- » 1 Year Letterman - University of New Orleans ('86-'87)
- » 3 Year Letterman - Southeastern Louisiana University ('87-'91)
- » 2-Time Team MVP ('87 & '90)

Track & Field

- » 1 Year Letterman - University of New Orleans ('86-'87)
- » 3 Year Letterman - Southeastern Louisiana University ('87-'91)
- » 2-Time Team MVP ('88 & '90)
- » Team Captain Award - 1991
- » SLU's Men's Outdoor Track Events All-Time Best - Distance Medley Relay (School Record - 1991)
- » SLU's Men's Indoor Track Events All-Time Best - 4 x 800 Meter Relay (School Record - 1988)

COACHING ACCOMPLISHMENTS - St. Thomas Aquinas High School

- » Coached 9 Team State Champions (4 Cross Country, 5 Track & Field)
- » Boys Cross Country 1995
- » Girls Cross Country 1997, 2002, 2003
- » Girls Indoor Track & Field 2003, 2004
- » Girls Outdoor Track & Field 1998, 2003, 2004
- » Coached 5 Team State Runner-ups (3 Cross Country, 2 Track & Field)
- » 2004 Louisiana Sportswriters Association T&F Coach of the Year
- » 14 Team District Championships in Cross Country
- » Coached 9 Individual State Champions in Cross Country
- » Coached 14 Individual State Champions in Indoor Track & Field
- » Coached 38 Individual State Champions in Outdoor Track & Field
- » 47 Student-Athletes Selected to LTFCA/LHSAA Academic All-State Team
- » 20 Former Athletes signed with Colleges or Universities
- » Coached 6 National Champions - All Americans (AAU & USATF)

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS WHILE PRINCIPAL OF SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS HIGH SCHOOL (2005-2016)

- » Boys Basketball (2007 & 2008)
- » Boys Soccer (2008)
- » Girls Cross Country (2007, 2008)
- » Girls Indoor Track & Field (2009, 2010)
- » Girls Outdoor Track & Field (2008)
- » Girls Basketball (2010 & 2013)
- » Baseball (2016)

Other Accomplishments

- » NCAA Track & Field Official (2015-Present) - NCAA 2015 West Regional Qualifier and NCAA 2016 East Regional Qualifier, Assistant Starter at both Meets
- » USATF Official (1998 - Present) (Starter & Head

- » Starter)
- » Meet Official - AAU National Championship Junior Olympic Games and AAU Club National Championships ('00-Present)
- » 10 Year Achievement Award for AAU Track & Field Officials (2011)
- » AAU Junior Olympic Games Bob Oren Excellence in Officiating Award - For Outstanding Commitment Officiating 15 Junior Olympic Games Track & Field Championships (2016)
- » Dean's List - Southeastern Louisiana University (1987-1991)
- » Honor Graduate - Southeastern Louisiana University - M.A. History (1998)
- » Honor Graduate - University of Phoenix - M.Ed. - (2004)

MEMBERSHIPS

- » USATF Master Certified Official
- » NCAA Track & Field Official
- » AAU Track & Field Official
- » Louisiana State University Track and Field Officials Association
- » University of Texas Track & Field Officials Association
- » Louisiana Track & Field Coaches Association
- » Tau Kappa Epsilon International Fraternity Member - Theta Nu Chapter
- » Phi Alpha Theta - History Honor Society - Rho-Phi Chapter
- » National Association of Secondary School Principals (NAASP)
- » Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) - Quality Assurance Review Chair and Team Member

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- » Roseland Montessori School 2016-Present
- » Assistant Principal
- » Head Cross Country and Track & Field Coach
- » Started school's first ever athletic program

SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL 1994-2016

- » Hammond, LA
- » Principal 2005-2016
- » Assistant Principal 1998-2005
- » Teacher/Coach 1994-2005

PERSONAL

- » Lifelong resident of St. Bernard Parish until 1993. Currently live in Hammond.
- » Married to Laura Stevens Becerra
- » Three Children - Jordyn (23), Brady (19), and Jacob (18)
- » All three of my children have won State Championships in High School. Jordyn won 6 State Championships, 2 in Cross Country and 4 in Track & Field. Jordyn was an All-American in AAU Track & Field, winning the 2000 Meter Steeplechase at the AAU Club National Championship Meet in 2010 and the High Jump in 2009. Brady won the 60 Meter Hurdle State Championship at the LHSAA State Indoor Track & Field Championship Meet in 2015. Brady was also an AAU All-American National Champion in the Pentathlon in 2011 at the AAU Club National Championship Meet. Jacob was a member of the Saint Thomas Aquinas 2016 Baseball State Champions as the starting left fielder.



KELLI MELERINE PLAISCIA

2016 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

Kelli was born and raised in St. Bernard Parish, and is a proud representative of the public school system having gone to Lacoste Elementary, Trist Middle, and Andrew Jackson High School. She began her athletic career in the St. Bernard Recreation Department at Rebel Park where she played all sports. While at Trist, she played volleyball, basketball softball and ran track. At Andrew Jackson, she played volleyball, basketball, softball and ran track and cross country. She received an athletic scholarship to the University of New Orleans where she played volleyball for 4 years. She started her Coaching Career in 1986 at P.G.T. Beauregard High School as the head basketball coach, and assistant volleyball coach. When the school system went co-ed in 1988, she transferred to Chalmette High, where she became the head coach of the first ever Chalmette High volleyball team. Kelli is the only coach to have coached the volleyball team at Chalmette High, and currently has over 600 career wins. She has also been the assistant coach in girls' basketball and track while teaching at Chalmette High. In 2011, she was inducted into the Louisiana Volleyball Coaches Hall of Fame. Kelli's dream was to teach and coach in the St. Bernard Parish Public School System so she could give back to the community where she grew up, loves so dearly and where she began her athletic career. Kelli's husband, Michael, works for the St. Bernard Parish Sheriff's Department. They have 2 beautiful children, Brock and Brynn, who both attend school in the St. Bernard Parish Public School System. They are all lifelong residents of St. Bernard Parish.

EDUCATION

OLPS - Kindergarten
Lacoste Elementary 1st - 4th grade
Trist Middle 5th - 8th grade
Andrew Jackson High - 9th - 12th grade
University of New Orleans
B.S. Degree in Physical Education with a minor in Health

ATHLETICS

Recreation: Rebel Park

- » Basketball, Softball, Track - St. Bernard Recreation Department
- » Member of All-Star Teams for Recreation Department
- » Member of State Championship Team for Dixie Belles & Debs Softball Teams

Middle School: Trist

- » Played 4 years of volleyball, basketball, softball, and track
- » won multiple championships in all sports

High School: Andrew Jackson

- » Played Softball 1 yr
- » Ran Cross country 3 years
 - » 3rd place finish at state meet
 - » State Runner Up
- » Ran Track 4 yrs
 - » 2 yr State qualifier 100m hurdles
 - » currently holds school's 100m hurdle record
- » Played Basketball 4 yrs
- » Played Volleyball 4 yrs
 - » 3 yr Varsity Starter
 - » 1 State Runner-up Title
 - » 2 State Championship Titles
 - » Voted the "Hot Stuff" Award Senior year at the State Tournament for Most Outstanding Defense
 - » Earned 12 Varsity Letters

College: University of New Orleans

- » Volleyball Scholarship 4 yrs
- » 4 yr starter
- » NAIA Runner-Up Freshman Yr
- » Team MVP Junior Yr
- » Team Captain Senior Yr
- » Currently holds serving "Ace Record" for most "Aces" in a game and season

COACHING

P.G.T. Beauregard (Dec. 1986-1988)

- » Head Basketball, Assistant Volleyball
- » 1 Volleyball District Championship
- » 2 Basketball District Championships
- » 2 basketball State Playoff appearances

Chalmette High (1988-Present)

- » 29 years of Coaching and Teaching
- » Assistant Girls Basketball Coach (1988-91)
 - » 2 District Championships
 - » State Semi-Finalist
- » Assistant Track Coach (1991-99)
 - » Sprint, Relay & Hurdles
 - » 3 District Championships
 - » Coaches 2x State Champion in 400 M run
- » Head Volleyball Coach (1988-present)
 - » 18 District Titles
 - » 6 District Runner-Up Titles
 - » 12 State Quarter-Finals
 - » 6 time State Semi-finals
 - » 2 State Runner-Up Titles
 - » 19 time District Coach of the Year
 - » 17 time St. Bernard Parish Coach of the Year
 - » Over 600 Career Wins
 - » 3 yrs selected to coach the LHSAA All-Star Volleyball Match
 - » 8 players have become Head Volleyball Coaches
 - » 15 former players have played Collegiately
 - » 2011 Inductee into the LVCA Hall of Fame



JIMMY SMITH

2016 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

Jimmy Smith began writing about sports as a 16-year-old in 1972, with stories published in the weekly St. Bernard News about the St. Bernard Ladies Softball League, Chalmette High School athletic events, and the St. Bernard semi-pro baseball league whose representative, sponsored by Gruns Drugs, won the state championship and participated that year in the National Baseball Congress tournament in Wichita, Kan.

In September 1973, while a senior at Chalmette, Smith began what would become a 42-year career in the business at the city's once-daily paper.

His journalism work has taken him across the country and around the globe, covering some of the world's premier sporting events.

His work has appeared in a number of national publications and magazines, as well as on the syndicated

Newhouse News Service.

He was an incredibly average athlete at Patricia Park in Arabi three blocks from his boyhood home in St. Claude Heights, playing football, basketball and baseball, eventually learning that it was vastly more personally rewarding to write about others' athletic endeavors.

CHALMETTE HIGH SCHOOL:

- » Editor-in-chief of The Owl student newspaper as a senior, three-time student council representative, member of the Beta Club, Key Club (Secretary), debate team, spirit boosters, baseball statistician (three years), basketball announcer, participant in the state leadership conference at LSU. Graduated in 1974.

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY:

- » Graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Journalism in 1978. Three-time member of The Maroon, student newspaper.

PROFESSIONAL:

- » Covered the New Orleans Saints professional football for 13 years on a daily basis, generating news coverage, feature and game stories, occasional columns, as well as on-line blogs, podcasts and videos.
- » Covered 12 Super Bowls, including the Saints' win in Super Bowl XLIV, and six conference championship games, four AFC, two NFC.
- » Covered the 2010 Pro Football Hall of Fame induction ceremony in Canton, OH for Saints linebacker Rickey Jackson.
- » Covered inaugural USFL Championship Game in Denver, CO in 1983.
- » Covered the New Orleans Hornets/Pelicans professional basketball team for 10 years, generating daily news coverage, feature and game stories, columns, pre- and post-game videos and on-line blogs and analysis. Spent two years serving primarily as a columnist covering the Pelicans and the NBA.
- » Covered five NBA Finals, seven NBA All-Star Games, and five NBA Playoff series.
- » Covered the New Orleans Jazz professional basketball team in 1978-79, its last season in New Orleans.
- » Four times (2012-15) covered USA Basketball training camps in Las Vegas, NV
- » General sports columnist for three years, providing weekly opinion on varied topics.
- » For 11 years, was an enterprise/feature writer producing long-range special projects including a definitive history of the New Orleans Recreation Department (NORD), the post-career lives of local professional boxers and professional football players both local and national, and numerous other human interest stories.
- » Covered three Olympic Games:
 - » The 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta, GA.
 - » The 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City, UT.
 - » The 2004 Summer Olympics in Athens, Greece.
- » For 11 years, covered various collegiate sports, primarily focusing on the University of New Orleans in men's and women's basketball and baseball, with forays into LSU and Tulane football, basketball and baseball.
- » Covered the 1991 NCAA Women's Final Four at UNO Lakefront Arena.
- » Covered the 1993 NCAA Men's Final Four in the Superdome.
- » Covered the 1981 NCAA Men's Basketball first and second round games in Wichita, KN and the Midwest Regional in the Superdome.
- » Covered the 1993 Men's Basketball East Regional tournament in East Rutherford, NJ
- » Covered the 1995 NCAA Men's Basketball first and second round games in Austin, TX and the Midwest Regional in Kansas City, MO.
- » Covered the 1997 NCAA Men's Basketball Midwest Regional in San Antonio, TX.
- » Covered the 1998 NCAA Men's Basketball East Regional in Greensboro, NC.

- » Covered the 1999 NCAA Men's Basketball East Regional in East Rutherford, NJ.
- » Covered the 2001 NCAA Men's Basketball South Regional first and second round games in the Superdome.
- » Covered the 1977 NCAA Baseball Regional in Arlington, TX.
- » Covered the 1980 NCAA Baseball Regional in Tallahassee, FL.
- » Covered the 1981 NCAA Baseball Regional in Ann Arbor, MI.
- » Covered the 1982 NCAA Baseball Regional in New Orleans.
- » Covered 11 Sugar Bowls (1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1987, 1995, 2000), four of which determined the college football national championship.
- » Covered the 1998 Orange Bowl which determined the college football national champion.
- » Covered the 1998 Liberty Bowl (Tulane vs. Brigham Young).
- » Covered the 2000 Peach Bowl (LSU vs. Georgia Tech).
- » Covered the 1986 Masters Tournament in Augusta, GA, won by Jack Nicklaus for a record sixth time.
- » Covered the 1992 U.S. Olympic Track and Field Trials in New Orleans.
- » Covered the 1996 U.S. Olympic Track and Field Trials in Atlanta, GA.
- » Covered the 1998 U.S. Outdoor Track and Field Championships in New Orleans.
- » Worked on the coverage team at the 1978 Battle of New Orleans fight card in the Superdome, which included the heavyweight title fight between Muhammad Ali and Leon Spinks and three other world title fights.
- » Covered the 1979 light-heavyweight championship fight in the Superdome between Mike Rossman and Victor Galindez.
- » In his career has interviewed and profiled some of sports' most noteworthy athletes, coaches and executives including John Wooden, Jack Nicklaus, Pete Maravich, Bob Pettit, Paul "Bear" Bryant, Ted Williams, Yogi Berra, Bob Feller, Satchel Paige, Muhammad Ali, Archie Moore, Pele', Pete Rozelle, David Stern, Eddie Robinson, Tom Landry, Dale Brown, as well as several members of the St. Bernard Sports Hall of Fame: Art Cedotal, Bobby Nuss, Norris Weese, Jerry Pellegrini, and Bobby April.

AWARDS

Writing has been honored with numerous awards for deadline stories, professional, college, and prep features, events and columns, and for series/enterprise from the Louisiana Sports Writers Association, the Associated Press Managing Editors and the Associated Press Sports Editors. Was named Louisiana Sportswriter of the Year in 1994 by the National Sportswriters and Sportscasters of America. Was a member of the newspaper staff that in 2006 won two Pulitzer Prizes for coverage of Hurricane Katrina and its aftermath.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Former general, and board member of the Pro Football Writers of America, former member of the Professional Basketball Writers of America, and the United States Basketball Writers Association.

CURRENT

Jimmy and his wife, Karen, an adjunct professor of Music at Loyola University and Director of the Loyola Preparatory Arts Program, have been married for nearly 38 years and have two children: Stephanie, who is the Administrative Coordinator for Education Programs at Audubon Nature Institute, and William, a physical therapy doctoral candidate at the LSU Health Sciences Center in New Orleans. Jimmy is currently the public relations coordinator at The Catholic Foundation of the Archdiocese of New Orleans.



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