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**OHSBCA ANNOUNCES HALL OF FAME FOR 2013**

The Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association is proud to announce the coaches and the date for the Hall of Fame Induction of the Class of 2013. The four high school coaches being inducted are: the late Bill Cady of Cincinnati LaSalle High School, Mike Gallagher of Wooster High School, Carl Wolfe of Racine Southern High School and Honorary Inductee Mark Huffman of Monroe Central High School. The Induction Ceremony of the 27<sup>th</sup> Class will take place at the Columbus Airport Marriott at 1375 N Cassady Ave in Columbus, OH on Saturday, April 20, 2013 at 5:30 PM.

Tickets may be obtained by calling Paul Wayne, Hall of Fame Director, at 419-264-2547 or [pwayne@holgateschools.org](mailto:pwayne@holgateschools.org). Tickets are \$35 per person.

Below are the biographies of each of the inductees.

Thanks for your help.

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## Bill Cady

In a gymnasium on the west side of Cincinnati, you would hear chants, “Bill, Bill, open the door. Let the Lancers on the floor!” Those were the days that Bill Cady was building a perennial basketball power at Cincinnati LaSalle High School. Bill started the boys’ basketball program at LaSalle in 1963, and by 1967 he led the Lancers to their first Class AAA regional championship. Through his 25 years as head coach at LaSalle, the Lancers won 6 Greater Catholic League championships, 10 Sectional Championships, and 3 Regional championships. In total, Bill amassed 344 wins at LaSalle.

Bill began his coaching career at Cincinnati McNicholas back in 1958 and accumulated a 62-17 record. Next, Bill led the University of Steubenville basketball program to 35 wins in two seasons. But coach Cady longed to return to the competition of Ohio high school basketball, so he accepted the challenge to start a basketball program at the newly built LaSalle High School. In total, Bill’s coaching record included 441 total wins, including 406 victories in Ohio high school basketball. Ironically, his 400<sup>th</sup> high school victory came against McNicholas where he started coaching 35 years earlier.

Coach Cady’s teams were known for sound fundamental skills and aggressiveness. These traits also described Bill in his playing career. At St. Xavier High School, Bill was an all-conference and all-state center. He then started for three brilliant seasons at Xavier University. With his tireless dedication, Coach Cady used this experience to develop the skills of each of his players. As a coach and a player Bill is an honored member of several Hall of Fames including Buddy LaRosa, Greater Cincinnati, Hamilton County, St. Xavier High School, and LaSalle High School Hall of Fames. He also was a three-time Greater Cincinnati Coach of Year and coached in two Ohio North-South All-Star games.

Even with all of these achievements on the court, most will remember Bill for his accomplishments off the court. Bill tirelessly worked in the community to provide food and shelter to those less fortunate. He brought this enthusiasm of community and others back to the school and his players by leading LaSalle’s Christian Service program for over 10 years. While Bill was honored that the basketball court at LaSalle bears his name, he is most proud of the ‘Bill Cady Christian Service Award’ that rewards students with the most community service hours.

Coach Cady, who recently passed away in June 2012, served as a role model on and off court for hundreds of students in Cincinnati. His commitment to excellence and service lives on today in the LaSallian community.

## **Mike Gallagher**

Mike Gallagher was a head basketball coach for 26 years with 19 of those years at Wooster High School. He also coached at Ashland, Western Reserve, Elyria Catholic and Lakewood High Schools. His teams won 418 Games.

Mike's time at Wooster is where he won state recognition. His teams were 356-90, won 11 conference championships, 9 district titles, 2 regional crowns, 1 Associated Press Poll Title, and were State Runner-ups twice. They were ranked 19<sup>th</sup> in the USA Today Poll in 1993.

In 1996 he coached the North-South All Star Game. Mike was honored as league coach of the year several times, state coach of the year once, as well as coaching an AAU National Champion in 1992 with Mark Alberts, Sr, of Wooster and Jim Zak on Mt. Vernon.

He has been honored with Clem Caraboolad Award in 1996, The Defiance Alumni Coach of the Year in 1993, and is in the Wooster High School Hall of Fame.

Mike graduated from Lorain St. Mary High School in 1966 and The Defiance College in 1972.

Majorie (Taylor) has been his wife for 33 years and they reside on a wooded farm in Wooster.

## **Carl Wolfe**

56 years in a gymnasium! That is the number of years that Carl Wolfe spent as a high school player, college player, and high school basketball coach.

Carl graduated from Racine High School in 1958 where he played basketball and baseball. He graduated from Marietta College in 1963 where he played 4 years of varsity basketball. He has coached at Middleport, Meigs, Racine Southern, Waverly, Portsmouth Clay, and River Valley. His teams won a total of 551 games. He is best remembered for his 12 years at Racine Southern where his teams compiled a record of 214-57.

His teams won 11 league championships, 14 sectional championships, 3 district championships, and 2 regional championships. His 1980 and 1982 teams played in the State Tournament, where the 1982 team finished as State Runner-Up. The 1977 team was undefeated in regular season play. Carl coached the Ohio -Kentucky All Star game in 1993. He was inducted into the Marietta College Hall of Fame in 1986 and the Naismith Hall of Fame in 2000.

Coach Wolfe is completing his 50<sup>th</sup> year as a high school teacher. He has also spent 28 years as an Athletic Director, 4 years as a Varsity Baseball Coach, and 6 years as an Assistant Football Coach. His greatest satisfaction was watching his former players become productive members of society. He takes great pleasure in telling you that 14 of his former players have become Varsity Basketball Coaches.

Coach Wolfe believed in an up tempo offense, full court pressure, and usually played an aggressive man to man defense. He believed that his best teams were successful because they had great chemistry.

Carl and his wife Della have been married 28 years. They have a son, Carl Michael Wolfe, who is a magician in Myrtle Beach and a daughter, Catie Cox, who is a member of the United States Air Force. Carl also has 3 daughters, Wendy Creed, a nurse at Ohio State Heart & Vascular Center, Tricia McNickle, the Curriculum Director for Southern Elementary School, and Megan Cleland, a Clinical Research Assistant for Ohio State University. Carl and Della are also very proud of their 6 grandchildren Taylor, Bryson, Morgan, Trey, Weston, and Asa.

## **Mark Huffman**

Coach Huffman began his career at Franklin Local Schools in 1976. There he coached freshman basketball and Junior High football (enjoying an undefeated 7-0 season in a sport “he didn’t know much about.”)

In 1979 he returned to Skyvue High School, his alma mater, as head baseball coach and JV basketball coach. Starting in 1980-1981 he became the head basketball coach also. The 1983-84 basketball season seemed almost magical. On their way to Columbus Class A state tournament, Skyvue beat Hiland in the District Finals (the last high school game coached by Charlie Huggins). In the Regional Finals, Skyvue beat Wellsville, who returned all starters from their 1983 Class AA State Semi-finals team.

In 1985, the Skyvue basketball team again returned to Columbus after a triple overtime win over Hiland at the Convo in Athens. A heart-breaking loss in the State Finals to Jackson Center didn’t stop this group from coming back to Columbus two months later in the State Baseball Tournament. Coach Huffman and many of the same players won the Class A State Baseball Championship in 1985.

Almost every game played by Skyvue was against an opponent with a bigger enrollment. In 1994-95, Skyvue and Woodsfield High School were consolidated into Monroe Central. Coach Huffman retired from coaching after the 2002 season. Coaching the 1986 North-South all-state game, PVC and OVAC All-Star games were other highlights of his career.

Coach Huffman was the District 12 director from 1988-2002. He received the Bob Arnzen award in 2000. He was a member of the OHSBCA every year.

Some of Coach Huffman’s innovative ideas included creating and coaching a pony and colt league baseball team. In basketball, they built jump boxes and did plyometrics, never having a weight room. His philosophy was pretty simple: “Give 100% and enjoy the great game of basketball.” Practices were harder than games. Good conditioning was a necessity for their fast style of play. He always said that the secret to their success was “great kids, great parents, and great fans.”

Coach Huffman would like to thank all of the coaches from third grade through high school who made his job better, as well as the people involved in making this award possible.

Coach Huffman works part-time for the Ohio Valley Educational Service Center. He has six children: Tina (teaches in Michigan), Scott (works for Merck in Columbus), Erin (on the Air Force base in Colorado Springs), and Nicole (senior at Wheeling Jesuit). David and Daniel attend Skyvue Elementary where his wife Susan is a teacher. He also has seven fantastic grandchildren.