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OHSBCA ANNOUNCES HALL OF FAME FOR 2015

The Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association (OHSBCA) is proud to announce the coaches and the date for the Hall of Fame Induction of the Class of 2015. The four high school coaches being inducted are: Tom Barrick of Wheelersburg High School, Jerry Sigler of Sylvania Northview, Paul Wayne of Holgate High School and Karen Wittrock of Lutheran West High School. The Induction Ceremony of the 29th Class will take place at the Columbus Airport Marriott at 1375 N Cassady Ave in Columbus, OH on Saturday, April 18, 2015 at 5:30 PM.

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

Below are the biographies of each of the inductees.

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Tom Barrick

When you think of Tom Barrick, you think of passion, intensity and leadership. During Barrick's 27 year career as a head coach, people saw a lot of each. Each of these characteristics can be traced back to his roots in Coshocton, OH. Tom is the son of a factory worker and a full-time mother. Both Sandy (Stipes) and the late Ron Barrick instilled in him a work ethic and the values that later formed the foundation of his coaching philosophy. Tom and his wife of 29 years Kim (Benedict) were able to pass those same core values on to their own children. Tom and Kim have two adult daughters, Kayla (Barrick) Dawson (26) of Richmond, KY, who is an elementary school teacher, and Logan Barrick (23) of Falls Church, VA, who is a registered nurse.

Coach Barrick began his coaching career in 1985 as an assistant to Dan Liedtke at Fort Frye High School. After one year as an assistant, Coach Barrick accepted the head coaching job at Jewett-Scio H.S. (now part of Harrison Central). After two frustrating seasons, his persistence paid off when his Jewett-Scio teams were able to get back to competitiveness and help launch his hall of fame career.

In the fall of 1990, Tom accepted the head coaching job at Morgan High School. At Morgan he was hired to restore the basketball program to respectability after the Raiders had suffered a five year drought going 19-86 the 5 years prior to his arrival. During his four year tenure in McConnelsville, the Raiders improved from a last place team in the Muskingum Valley League to a second place finish in 1994 with a 16-6 record.

In the summer of 1994, Tom was named the head basketball coach at Wheelersburg High School where he stayed for the next 19 seasons. During his tenure at Wheelersburg, Coach Barrick posted a 339-113 record with 14 sectional championships, 8 district titles and three trips to the Final Four. His first Wheelersburg team ('94-'95) advanced to the state finals only to lose to Orrville H.S. and OHSBCA Hall of Fame coach, Steve Smith. In 2006 and 2007, Coach Barrick's teams returned to the Final Four but were defeated in the state semi-finals by Cleveland St. Joe's (2006) and Cincinnati North College Hill (2007). He retired after the '12-'13 season as the winningest basketball coach in Wheelersburg H.S. history.

Tom has been very fortunate during his coaching career. He was named OHSBCA Coach of the Year in 2006. He had the honor of coaching the South squad in the 2001 Ohio North/South All-Star Game. In 1998, he was an assistant coach with OHSBCA Hall of Fame coach, Doc Daughtery in the Ohio/Kentucky All-Star Game. Among his other coaching honors, Coach Barrick was named Southeastern District Coach of the Year in 2001 and 2007.

Tom has also had the good fortune to serve in many leadership roles within the coaching profession. He served not only on the local level but also on the state and national level. Tom served as District 14 Director from 1999-2006. Then in 2006 he was elected as an executive officer which culminated with his serving as OHSBCA President from 2010-13. During this tenure as an executive officer, he also served as the chairman of the Academic All-Ohio committee which recognizes both players and teams for their excellence in the classroom. He still serves in that capacity today. Last summer Tom was selected to serve on the executive board of the National High School Basketball Coaches Association. Tom is the first Ohio coach to serve in this role. Coach Barrick also serves on the Board of Directors with the Ohio Basketball Hall of Fame.

Tom received his Bachelor's degree from Rio Grande College in 1985 and his Master's degree from Ohio University in 2001. He continues to teach within the Wheelersburg School District.

Jerry Sigler

Jerry Sigler (Eastwood High School Class of 1963) is a '70 (BS) and '74(M Ed) graduate of Bowling Green State University. Sigler taught elementary physical education in Sylvania Schools for thirty-one years (1970-

2001). He began his coaching career at Sylvania High School in 1975 as the JV Girls' Basketball Coach. The following year, after Sylvania split into two high schools, he became the Varsity Girls Basketball Coach at Northview, a position he held for thirty-seven years. When Jerry retired from coaching, his overall record was 675 wins and 177 losses. He finished his career as the third winningest coach in the history of Ohio Girls' Basketball.

Sigler's LadyKats won 18 League Titles (9 G.L.L. and 9 N.L.L.), 28 Sectional Championships, seven District Championships and three Regional Championships with trips to State Final Four in '79, '04 and '05. Three of his teams had undefeated regular seasons ('78-'79, '97-'98, '03-'04). Jerry is most proud of the fact that **every one of his thirty-eight teams** had a winning season! His teams averaged 18 wins per season over the 37 years as Varsity Coach.

Sigler's coaching honors include 2014 Recipient of the Naismith Meritorious Service Award from the OHSAA (this honor entitles him to Lifetime Membership in the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame), 2013 OHSAA Nominee for the National Federation of State High School Associations' Coach of the Year, the prestigious OHSBCA "Paul Walker Award" in 2007 and OHSAA "Sportsmanship, Ethics and Integrity Award" in 2005. He was the 2004 and 1998 OHSBCA Division I Coach of the Year, the 2004 and 1979 Associated Press Ohio Coach of the Year, 2000 Ohio-West Virginia All-Star Game Coach, 1998 Ohio-Indiana All-Star Game Coach, 1993 North/South Ohio All-Star Game Coach, 1987 Lucas County All-Star Game Coach and six times the District 7 All-Star Game Coach. He was named the District 7 Division I Coach of the Year eight times.

Sigler was President of District 7 Basketball Association from 1998 through 2002. He also served on the OHSBCA Girls' Advisory Board 2004 – 2008. He has co-directed the Ohio Girls' Top 100 from 2009 through the present.

Besides coaching basketball, Sigler spent 14 years as the Head Softball Coach at Northview with an overall record of 226 – 100. His teams won six league titles, eight Sectional Championships, three District Championships and one Regional Championship. Five times (four G.L.L. and one N.L.L.) he was named League Coach of the Year.

Sigler was a 2014 Inductee into the Sylvania Schools Athletic Foundation Hall of Fame. The basketball floor at Sylvania Northview High School has been named "Jerry Sigler Court".

Jerry and his wife, Karen, have two children [Jerry, Jr. and Gretchen (Aaron) Bobroff] and seven grandchildren (Allison, JP, Morgan and Brandon Sigler and Ainslie, Shelby and Dugan Bobroff).

Jerry is extremely honored to be included in the OHSBCA's Hall of Fame with the best Basketball Coaches in the history of the game in Ohio. He is also tremendously gratified with the life-long friendships and memories he has established.

Paul Wayne

Coach Wayne grew up in New Jersey, New York and Michigan before attending Bowling Green State University in 1970. He played Lacrosse and Soccer at BGSU for legendary Coach Mickey Cochrane, earning seven letters. He was a four-year letter winner in Lacrosse, and as a senior midfielder he captained an undefeated team and was named the team MVP. He was a starter for three years on defense in soccer; both his junior and senior years the team was knocked out of the NCAA tournament by St. Louis, the NCAA Champion.

After graduating with his B.S. in Education in 1974, he went to Holgate where he taught for 39 years. He later received his Masters in Administration and Supervision from BGSU. He was a Junior High Football Coach in the 1970s, Varsity Volleyball Coach in the 1980s, Athletic Director for 27 years and Head Boys Basketball

Coach for 36 years compiling a record of 496-336. As the smallest school in the Green Meadows Conference, Holgate won seven Conference Titles, 22 Sectional Championships and 13 District Championships. The 2004 team won the Division IV State Championship; the 2007 team lost in double overtime in the State Semi-Final game.

Holgate evolved from a run and gun team in the early years (shooting 492 “threes” in 1988), to more of a patient, defensive oriented team. Fundamentals and discipline were always highly stressed! Coach Wayne defined success by playing hard and playing smart. He wanted each team to reach its potential. Life lessons were always taught so that the student-athletes would become productive members of our society.

Coach Wayne knew to surround himself with good people, as evidenced by his many tremendous Assistant Coaches. Most had been previous Head Coaches, or would become a Head Coach. He was also fortunate enough to have many talented players and many role players to help the teams reach their potential.

Some of his honors include District 7 Coach of the Year seven times; Ohio Coach of the Year 2001; North-South All-Star Coach 1984; Ohio-Indiana All-Star Coach 1994; Ohio-Kentucky All-Star Coach 1997; Wendy’s Four State All-Star Coach 1997; and National Federation of State High School Coaches Association Midwest Section Coach of the Year 2007; Bob Arnzen Award; and Paul Walker Award 2010.

Coach Wayne has been a OHSBCA member for 40 years, District 7 Director for many years, OHSBCA President for two years and District 7 President for two years. He currently is OHSBCA Hall of Fame Banquet Director. He treasures the friendships he made with so many great coaches and people throughout the state.

He is so thankful and lucky to have his family. His wife Lisa of 33 years has been so supportive and the backbone of the family; and he is blessed to have two wonderful daughters, Kelsey 22 and Emily 20, a sophomore at BGSU.

For his success throughout the years, he thanks all the players, assistants, community, friends and family – he is truly humbled and honored to be an inductee into the OHSBCA Hall of Fame.

Karen Wittrock

Karen was born in Iowa and raised in rural Missouri where her family still resides. She is a 1963 graduate of Morgan County RII High School in Versailles, Missouri. She completed her degree in Math and Physical Education at Concordia Teachers College in Seward, Nebraska in 1967. She competed in 4 sports (field hockey, basketball, softball, and track) while she was in attendance and received the Athlete of the Year Award in 66-67.

Karen was called to teach at Lutheran West High School in 67-68. She soon earned her Master’s Degree in Education at Kent State University and then attended additional classes at Cleveland State University.

In the late 60’s and early 70’s, she started and coached the women’s sport’s programs at LHSW. She spent several years building the women’s sport programs as assistant athletic director and as a coach in each one of them for several years. (Basketball – 1967, Track -1968, Cross Country -1969, Volleyball and Softball-1972). She served on the board for women’s athletics as an officer in the Greater Cleveland area for several years while women’s sports were in their infancy.

Basketball became her first love and she gradually gave up coaching the other sports because of the time commitment that basketball demands.

During her 41 year career as coach of the basketball team, her teams have won 21 Conference Championships, (conference play for girls began in 1972) 22 Sectional Championships, 7 District Championships, and 1 Regional Championship. They were State Runners-up in 1976. Her current overall record is 657-198.

Karen also spent 25 years officiating basketball and 38 years officiating volleyball. During this time she served the Lutheran Elementary League in her area for 35 years as the Girl's Athletic Coordinator as well as directing the Lutheran High School Girls Basketball camps for 3rd to 12th graders in the area for 25 years.

She has been honored to coach for the Ohio North-South All-Star Game in 1998, to coach for Greater Cleveland Basketball Coaches Association East-West All-Star Game for 2 years and was chosen as Ohio Coach of the Year for 4 years and received Coach of the Year in her conferences for 21 years. Karen also coached Track and Field for 25 years and coached the men's golf team for 14 years while starting the women's golf team at West

Some of her other honors and awards include receiving the Wegman Outstanding Teacher Award from the Cleveland Lutheran High School Association, the Cleveland SMACO Award (Basketball), the Bob Arnzen Award, the National Outstanding Coach of the Year Award given by the National Women's Sports Foundation, the Northeast District Naismith Basketball Service Award, the Outstanding Basketball Coach and Sportsmanship Award given by GCBCA, inductee into the inaugural class of the Lutheran West High School Athletic Hall of Fame, inductee into the Women's Basketball Magazine Hall of Fame (OHIO), inductee into the Concordia University Sports Hall of Fame in Seward, Nebraska, and inductee into the inaugural class of the Ohio Basketball Hall of Fame in 2006.

In 2009, the Lutheran West gymnasium was dedicated to Karen "The Rock". It was named "The Rock" because Karen has always attributed the success of her teams to her Rock of Salvation-the Lord Jesus Christ. Her desire was to help all players see the importance of Jesus Christ in their lives.

Karen retired from teaching at Lutheran West in 2012 after 45 years of teaching math and Physical Education. Presently, Karen is on the on the board of directors of the Ohio Basketball Hall of Fame. She stays active working out at the YMCA, biking, camping, fishing, gardening and golfing and substituting at Lutheran West. She enjoys playing in the Senior Olympics and has qualified for the National Senior Olympics in Shot put, discus, Badminton and Pickleball.

Her family (3 brothers and their families) lives in Missouri and she loves traveling to see them. She is especially grateful for all the great kids that she has coached and taught as they have touched her life in many positive ways.