



**NEWARK HIGH  
SCHOOL ATHLETIC  
HALL OF FAME  
INDUCTION CEREMONY  
2026**



**WELCOME**

Baron  
Smith

HOF COMMITTEE  
MEMBER



# Recognition of Former Inductees



# Scholarship Recipients

JULIA FITTERER

MADILYN JOHNSON

KARMA WELLS

LAYTON SHANER



**George & Jim Riley  
Memorial  
Scholarship**

**DRAYSON PETERSON  
&  
AUSTIN  
ROSE**



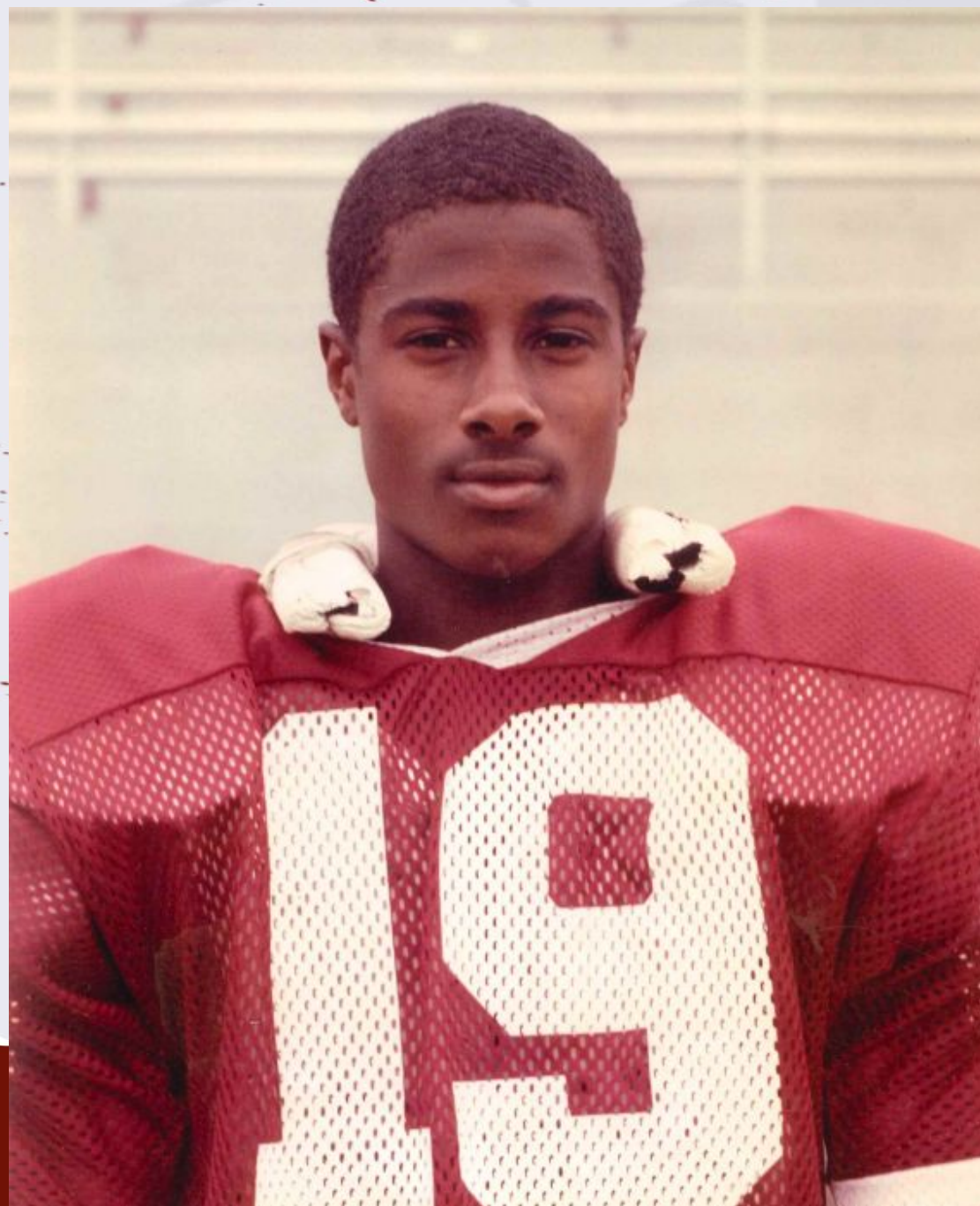
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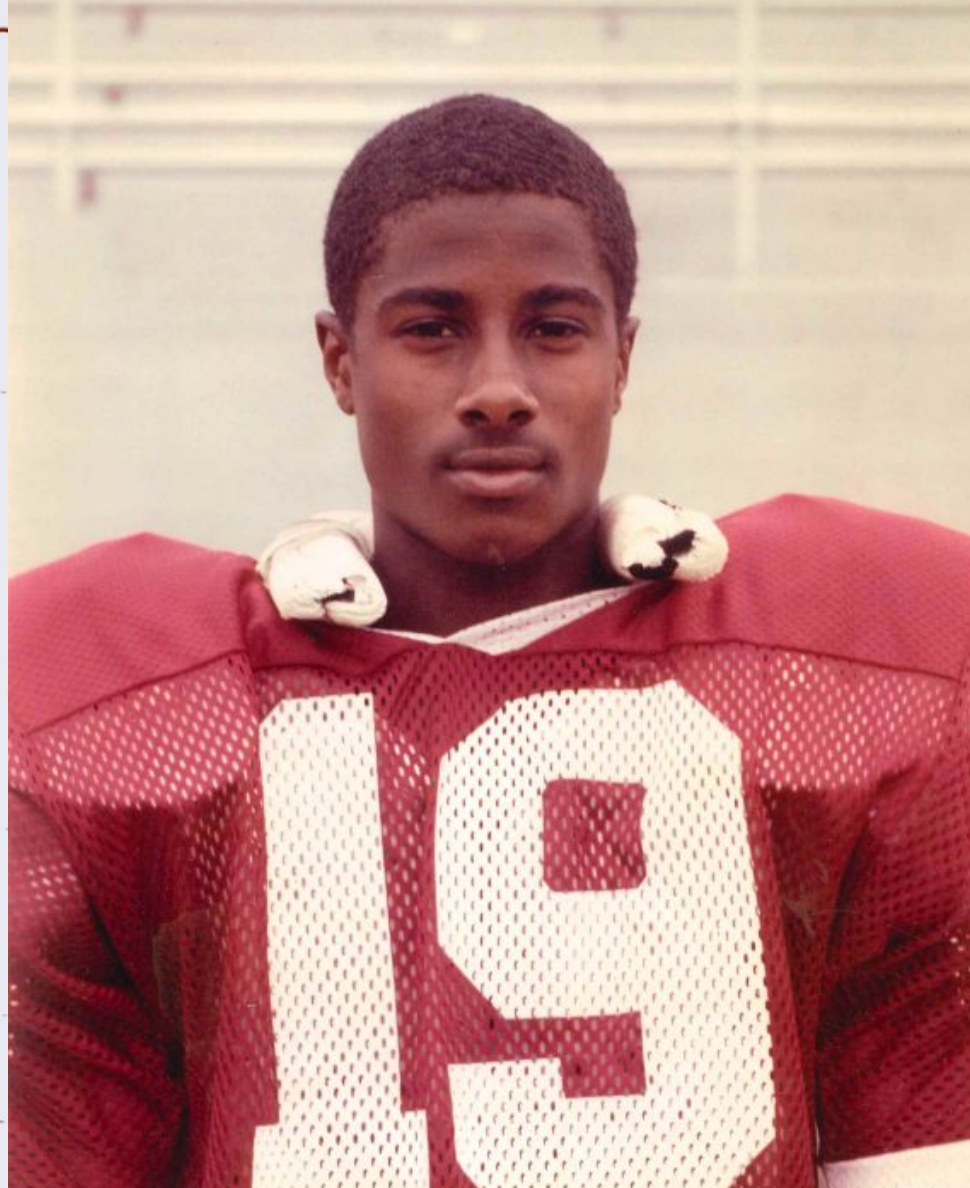
# Aaron Brown

## Class of 1989



FOOTBALL  
TRACK & FIELD

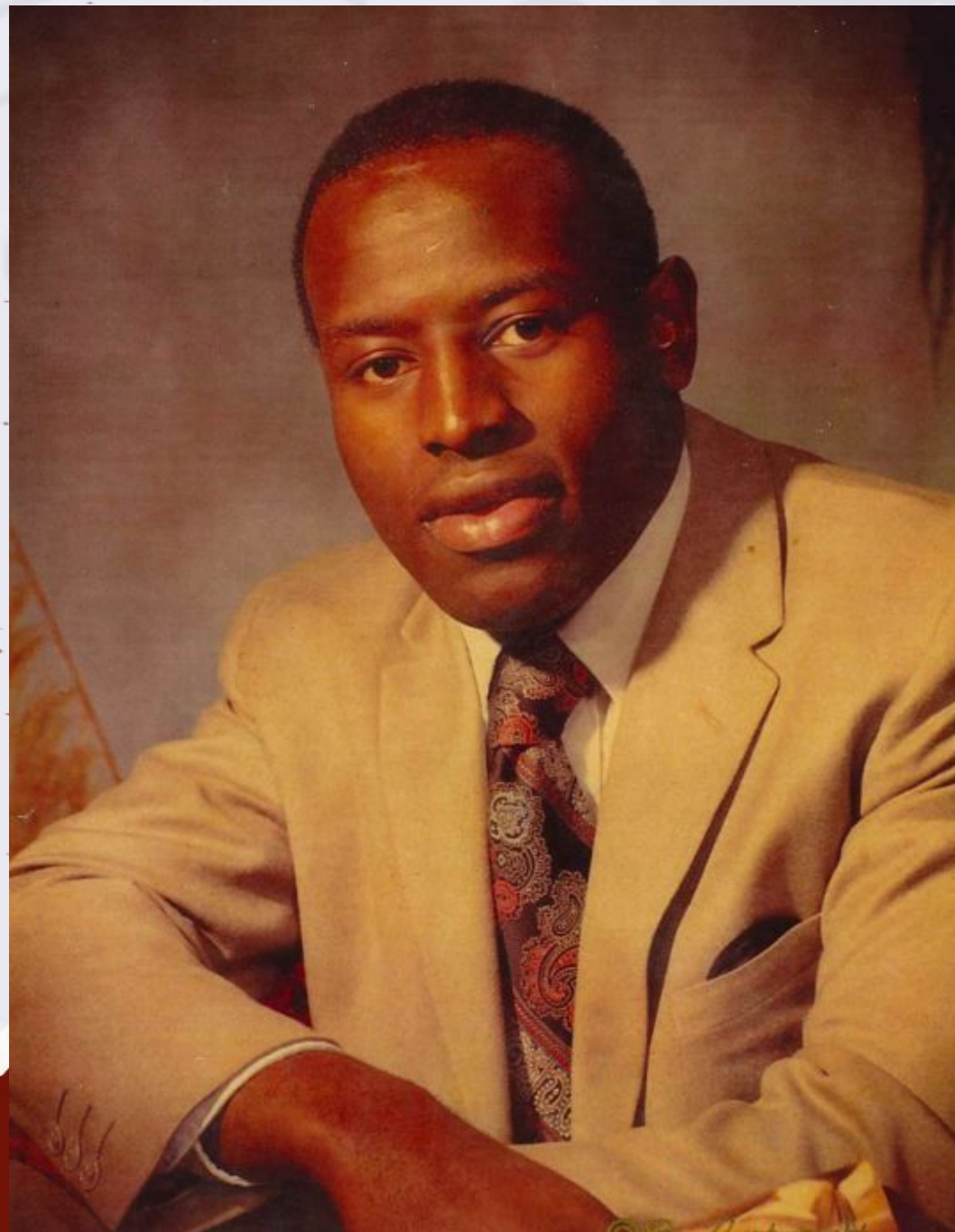
# Aaron Brown



- ▣ 1989 Graduate of NHS
- ▣ He spent his early life in San Bernardino, California before relocating to Newark, Ohio
- ▣ Aaron excelled in football and track and field at Newark High School
- ▣ His exception football career earned him a scholarship to the University of Wisconsin
  - He started as a red-shirt freshman at wide receiver
  - He excelled in all facets of the game
  - Played multiple positions during his career and impressed all of his coaches and teammates in the process
- ▣ After graduation, Aaron served his community
  - Active member at Shiloh Baptist Church
    - Served as a Deacon and AWANA Youth Ministry
    - mentored young people through service and spiritual growth
  - Volunteered for Big Brothers Big Sister of Licking County
- ▣ Professionally, worked for Mental Health Association in Newark
- ▣ Co-founded Race Relations Research with his father
  - Focused on fostering a more inclusive and diverse community
- ▣ Above All, he cherished his family
- ▣ Tragically, in 2003, Aaron and his wife lost their lives in a car accident. A.J. was lovingly raised by Aaron's brother and sister-in-law, Dee and Kim Lucas, in Akron, Ohio and went on to graduate from The Ohio State University in 2025 – a testament to the values Aaron instilled in his family.

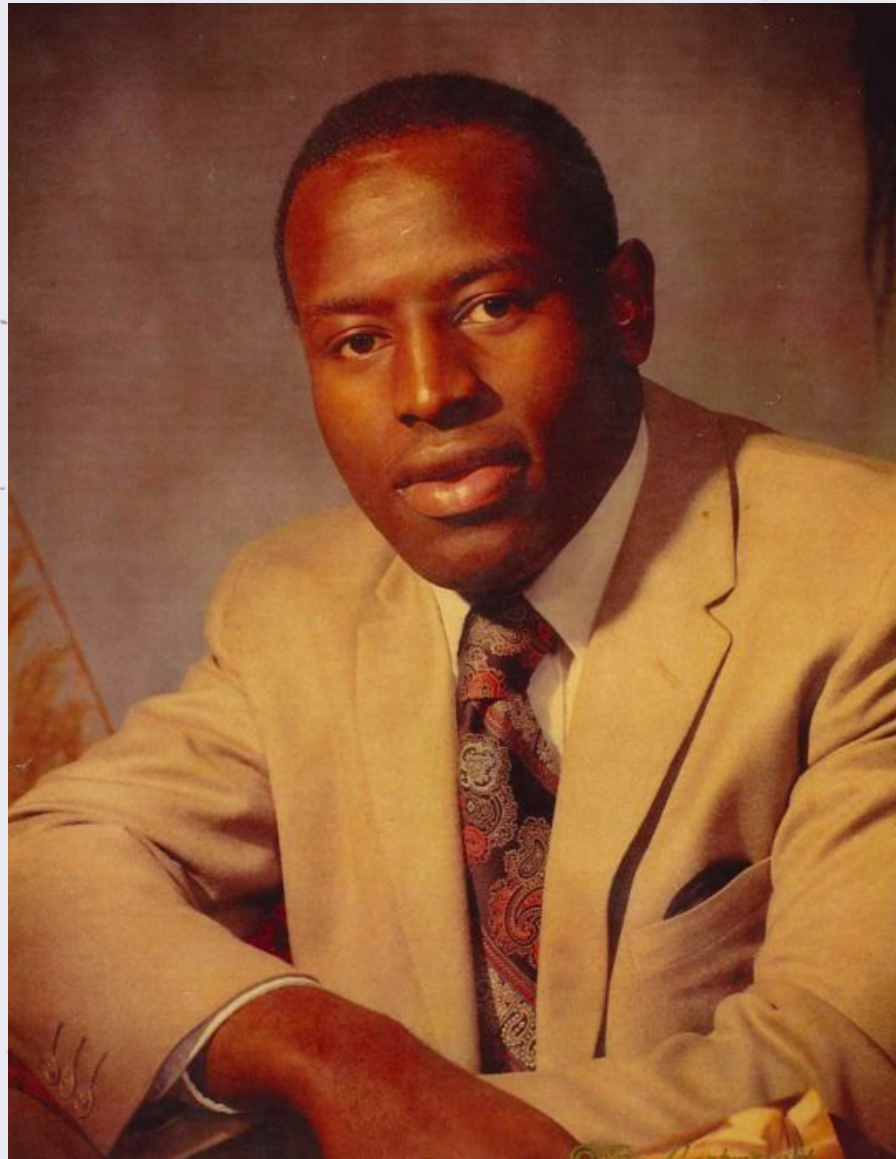
# Patrick Carter

## Class of 1982



**HONORARY**

# Patrick Carter



- ▣ 1982 Graduate of Newark High School
- ▣ Pat is an integral part in all levels and sports at Newark High School and the city as a whole
- ▣ In his younger years, he excelled in football and track
- ▣ He was a major contributor to the 1980 Co-County Football Championship Team
- ▣ Enlisted in the United States Army from 1982-1986
  - Served honorably, embraced the high standards of integrity and responsibility inherent in military life
- ▣ Returning to Newark, Pat devoted his life to service
- ▣ Worked at State Farm in shipping and receiving
- ▣ Joined Newark City Schools and serves in Environmental Services
  - Approached every task with pride and purpose
- ▣ Active Influencer in the community
  - Countless years of volunteerism
  - Coached 7th and 8th grade sports at Wilson Middle School
  - Contributed to Newark Police Athletic League, Newark Area Jaycees, Special Olympics, Newark Gus Macker Tournament and the Newark Athletic Department (in all facets).
- ▣ Earned the OHSA State “Respect the Game” Award in 2016
- ▣ 2023 Ripple Effect Award Recipient for his devotion to our community
- ▣ His legacy will always be on of service, compassion, integrity, and honor

# **Judy (McLaughlin) Davis**

## **Class of 1974**



**TRACK & FIELD**

# Judy (McLaughlin) Davis



- 1974 Graduate of NHS
- Judy has always been a runner
- Broke the All-City 50-yard dash record and never looked back
- As a sophomore, she entered the Newark area Jaycees Junior Olympics where she completed against both boys and girls
  - 440 and 880-yard runs
  - Qualified to compete in the Junior Champ Track and Field Regionals in Canton, OH
  - Finished second in the 440 and 880-yard runs and met Olympic Gold Medalist Jesse Owens
- 1973 joined the Ohio Women's AAU Track Club in Columbus, OH
  - Competed against Ohio and Regional Competition
  - 1973 AAU Women's National Track Championship in Irvine, California
    - Lead runner on mile relay with a time of 58 seconds
  - Captured 11 firsts, 10 seconds, and 10 third place finishes
- After graduation, attended Otterbein College
  - Junior Year, set three records at BGSU Invitational
    - 880-yard run (2:16), mile run (5:10), two-mile run (11:10)
    - Qualified for AIAW national track and field meet at UCLA (earned All-American Honors)
- Graduated in 1978
  - Accepted an internship at Indiana University in Adapted PE
  - Continued running
- Returned to the 1980 Ohio AAU team in hopes of making the 1980 Olympic Team, but due to 1980 boycott, that dream was not achieved
- Judy continues to hold several records at Otterbein, and was inducted into their Hall of Fame in 2011.
- Judy is a proud Wildcat and taught for 30 years for Newark City Schools
- Her influence on others to chase their dreams will always be a major part of her legacy

# Justin Morseth

## Class of 1994



**FOOTBALL  
BASKETBALL  
TRACK & FIELD**

# Justin Morseth

- 1994 NHS Graduate
- Three-Sport Athlete (Earned Seven Letters)
- Football
  - Two Varsity Letters (Played Offense and Defense)
  - First Team All-Conference, Second Team All-District and Honorable Mention All-Region
  - Played in the Licking-Muskingum County All-Star Football Game
- Basketball
  - Two Varsity Letters
  - Second Team All-Conference
  - Roger Balding Memorial “Mr. Hustle” Award and Most Improved Player Award
- Track and Field
  - Three Varsity Letter
  - Specialized in Discus
  - District and Regional Qualifier
  - Third in School History
  - 1994 Male Athlete of the Year
- Attended Denison University after high school
  - Played four years of football
  - Second-Team All-NCAC and Defensive Player of the Year
  - Lettered twice in Track and Field
- Commissioned to Infantry Officer after graduating from Denison with the US Army
  - Assigned to 3rd Infantry Division at Fort Stewart in Georgia
  - Rifle Platoon leader during 2003 Iraq War
  - 21 days of intense ground combat
  - Awarded two Bronze Stars with “Combat Valor”
  - Commissioned to Captain in 2004
- Advocates for veterans, focusing on brain health awareness, PTSD and moral injury
- Collaborates with Indiana and Purdue Universities as a keynote speaker for students entering fields dedicated to supporting veterans
- Flags and Football non-profit to aid veterans
- Resides in Bloomington, Indiana with his wife Megan, son Sander, and daughter Cora



# Darius Shackleford

## Class of 2015



FOOTBALL  
BASKETBALL  
BASEBALL

# Darius Shackleford



## ■ 2015 Graduate of NHS

### ■ Football

- All-Ohio Special Mention 2014
- Licking-Muskingum All-Star Game 2015
- 2nd all time in school history for single season receptions
- 2nd all time in school history for single season receiving TDs
- 3rd all time in school history for career receptions
- Career stats = 115 receptions for 1,539 yards and 15 TDs
- 2nd Team All-OCC in 2013
- 1st Team All-OCC in 2014
- Awarded Football scholarship to Youngstown State University

### ■ Basketball

- Member of District Championship Team 2015
- OCC Champion in 2013, 2014, 2015
- 2nd Team All-OCC 2015
- 2nd Team All-District 2015
- 2015 Leading Rebounder (6.2 RPG)

### ■ Baseball

- Member of District Runner-up Team 2015
- 1st Team All-OCC 2015
- 1st Team All-District 2015 I
- In the District Semi-Final victory, hit a 2-run homerun, threw out the would-be winning run at the plate from centerfield, and was the closer

## ■ Advocate Male Athlete of the Year 2015

### ■ Youngstown State University

- 2016 earned his first letter after playing in 5 games
- 2017 played in 3 games as a receiver
- 2018 played in 10 games and earned numerous starts (213 yards, 11 receptions, and a game winning TD v. Valparaiso)

*His Legacy extends further than Athletics and will Live on Forever*

# Vernon Williams

## Class of 1947



FOOTBALL  
BASKETBALL  
TRACK & FIELD  
COACH

# Vernon Williams



- 1947 graduate of NHS
- Born June 3, 1926 in Pleasant City, Ohio...moved to Newark at a young age
- Attended Newark High School and loved sports
- He played football and basketball
  - Junior year he was a member of the State Championship Team
- Summer before his senior year he was drafted into the US Army during WWII
  - He fought in France and spent some time at the Battle of the Bulge
  - He was a guard at the Palace of Justice during the Nuremberg Trials
  - The assignment was important but not exciting, so he tried out for the US Army basketball and baseball teams
  - He made both teams and traveled throughout Europe in a detached unit playing those sports
  - After being honorably discharged, he kept his promise to his mother and returned to Newark to finish high school
- He met his future wife, Mary Ann Hale and attended Baldwin Wallace University for three years, where he played baseball and basketball
- He married Mary on June 16, 1951
- They were blessed with five children and nine grandchildren
- He refereed basketball for over 30 years, coached little league baseball and worked his entire life at White-Westinghouse (he retired in 1981 after 30 years of service)
- He enjoyed golfing, high school sports, family, and watching NHS basketball practices
- Vernon passed away on November 15, 2006

**Congratulations!**  
**Newark High School**  
**Hall of Fame**  
**Class of 2026**

**Closing with Coach Quackenbush**