

Garfield Heights High School Alma Mater



Hark! the sound of mar-tial feet, breaks up-on the
air to-day. Sons and daugh-ters of old Gar-field
march a long to win the frey. Heart and hand and
voice un-it-ed as they gai-ly swing a-long.
and the ans-wering hea-vens ech-o to their bat-tle
song. Fight for Gar-field win for Gar-field
raise her col-ors old. on-ward pres-sing
ev-er on-ward for the blue and gold.
With a voice of migh-ty thun-der mount-ing to the
sky. Hail to thee our al-ma ma-ter
hail old Gar-field High!



**Garfield
Heights
High
School**



GARFIELD HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL CLIFF FOUST ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

CLASS OF 2012

Dr. Charles Blaugrund

Floyd Konet

Frank Titus '43

Friank Fiore '55

David Range '63

Jack Banville '64

Emanuel Capadona

Rory Borgio

Mike Arnold

Dennis Markiewicz

William "Sonny" Johnson III '98

GARFIELD HEIGHTS CITY SCHOOLS

Terrance S. Olszewski - Superintendent of Schools

Allen D. Sluka - Treasurer/CFO/Business Affairs

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Joseph M. Juby - President

Gary Wolske - Vice President

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2012 HALL OF FAME

AWARDS

Nov. 16, 2012

**Pazzo's
Grand Ballroom
Parma Ohio**

PROGRAM

GARFIELD HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL CLIFF FOUST ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME 4900 Turney Road, Garfield Heights, Ohio 44125 (216) 475-8075

Cocktail Hour..... 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Welcome..... **Kevin Hartman**
Master of Ceremonies

Invocation **Al Sluka '76**
GHCS Treasurer

Dinner **7:30 PM - 8:30 PM**

Presentation of Awards

Cliff Foust Introduction **Chuck Reisland**
GHHS Head Football Coach

Class of 2012..... **Kevin Hartman**
GHCS Athletic Director

Closing Remarks..... **Terrance Olszewski**
GHHS Superintendent

Considerations for Nominations:

- Garfield Heights High School graduates who enthusiastically participated in athletics;
- Garfield Heights High School graduates who excelled in sports at the collegiate, amateur, or professional level;
- Garfield Heights City School District Administrators, Coaches, or District Leaders who positively contributed to Garfield Heights High School Athletics;
- Garfield Heights City School Boosters and/or citizens who have had a major influence or eagerly made contributions to Garfield Heights athletics;
- Garfield Heights High School graduates must have been out of school or active service for at least five years;
- Garfield Heights High School graduates must have earned a varsity letter and must have attended Garfield Heights High School for at least two years. Additionally, you may wish to note any “All-League” honors or recognitions;
- Garfield Heights City School District non-athletes who have distinguished themselves by demonstrating leadership, dedication and outstanding service to the athletic program for a period of at least five years.

GARFIELD HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

Tammy Hager
Principal

Jeffrey Winton
Assistant Principal

LeeAnn Reisland
Assistant Principal

Kevin Hartman
Director of Athletics
& Student Activities



HALL OF FAME SELECTION COMMITTEE

Cliff Foust
Terrance Olszewski
Kevin Hartman
Allen Sluka '76
Chris Mather '73
Frank Pugely '50
Dan Klonowski '71
Mike Ruggiero '83
Jodi Randall '89
Ron Tepley '70
Chuck Reisland
Lance Reisland
Dale Krzynowek
Conrad Calander

Mike Arnold – Teacher/Coach

Mike Arnold was the Head Wrestling Coach at Garfield Heights High School for 28 years and at the time only the 9th Head Coach since the program started in 1930. Over his thirty plus years of coaching wrestling, Mike has coached 192 district qualifiers, 59 state qualifiers, 44 state placers, 12 state finalists and 5 state champions. His teams have won 1 State Championship, 1 State Runner-up, 1 District Championship, 4 District Runner-ups, a 3rd, 4th and 5th place in the State Dual Meet Tournament and an overall dual meet coaching record of 203 wins. As Head Coach at GHHS he earned 2 Time Greater Cleveland Wrestling Coaches and Officials Coach of the Year, Plain Dealer Coach of the Year, Ohio Division II Coach of the Year and 4-time LEL Coach of the Year. He is in the Pioneer High School Sports Hall of Fame, the Ashland University Sports Hall of Fame and most recently inducted into the OHSAA Wrestling Hall of Fame. After placing second in 1973 and 1974 in the New York State HS Wrestling tournament and winning a State Championship with his Pioneer Central HS team in 1974 Mike wrestled for Ashland University. At Ashland he was a 4-time NCAA qualifier and a 3-time NCAA All-American. Mike, a retired 30-year teacher at GHHS, resides in Twinsburg and has two adult children, Ray and Natalie.

Dennis Markiewicz – Coach

Dennis Markiewicz was the Head Baseball Coach at Garfield Heights High School for 15 years. As Head Coach of the Bulldog Diamond Men his teams won 6 Lake Erie League Championships, 4 Sectional Championships, qualified for the District Semi-Finals 5 times and were District runner-ups 4 times. Dennis had an overall record of 201-157 as Head Coach at GHHS. In the 15 year tenure his teams had winning seasons in 13 of the 15 years. Dennis was a tireless worker in getting his ball players on to the next level. Over 60 of his student/athletes went on to play college baseball. Dennis is also the Head Freshman Football Coach for the Bulldogs. In his 16 years as Head Frosh Coach his teams have won 7 Lake Erie League Titles and 3 Northeast Ohio Conference Lake Division Titles. Dennis is currently the Head Baseball Coach at his alma mater, Holy Name High School. Entering his third year his teams have won two league championships and reached the Final Four in Ohio in 2011. As the District Wide Registrar and Investigator for the Garfield Heights City Schools, Dennis started the AJP Program and is a “Founding Father” of the GYFTS Program. Along with that, Dennis is a “Master Fundraiser”. Besides fundraising for his equipment needs and his many team trips to Florida and the Carolinas, Dennis was the person instrumental in securing the Texas Hold ‘em Charity Poker Event at Nautica for the Athletic Booster Club. The Booster Club has earned over \$300,000 from the charity event over the past seven years. Dennis prepped at Holy Name High School where he starred in football and baseball. From there he attended Cleveland State University and played baseball for the Vikings. Dennis lives in Garfield Heights with his wife Karen and has two adult children, Anthony and Kelly.

William “Sonny” Johnson III ‘98

Sonny Johnson played basketball for Garfield Heights High School from 1997 to 1998 and shattered 12 school records along with being named Mr. Ohio Basketball for 1998, the highest honor a student-athlete can achieve in Ohio interscholastic sports. Sonny averaged 34 points per game his senior season and scored 52 points in one game and 50 in another while shooting 62.3% from the field. Along with his scoring prowess he had 28 rebounds in one game and 357 for the season along with 13 steals in one game and 116 for the season. Sonny received numerous awards in his two years at GHHS. Besides being 1st team all LEL and the LEL’s Player of the Year in ’97 and ’98, Sonny was the Plain Dealer Cuyahoga County Player of the Year, the PD scoring champion in ’97 and ’98 and the PD rebounding champion in ’98. He also garnered the Northeast Lakes District 1st team honors along with the Northeast District’s Co-MVP honors in ’98. Sonny was named 1st team All-Ohio his junior and senior seasons and Honorable Mention All-American in ’97 and ’98. He also received the prestigious Cleveland Cavaliers Nate Thurmond Award in 1998. Sonny went on to play basketball for Cleveland State University and Ohio University. At Ohio University Sonny was named National 6th Man of the Year. After graduation from Ohio University, Sonny returned to his alma mater to coach basketball and work as an Intervention Specialist. Sonny was named Head Basketball Coach at GHHS in 2006 and turned the program into one of the finest in Ohio. In seven years he has a 127-34 record with one LEL Title and five NOC Titles and 1 appearance in the State’s Final Four in 2011. Sonny resides in Garfield Heights with his wife Sianez and their four children Sonny, Serina, Marcus and Mia.

CLIFF FOUST - FOOTBALL COACH

“A Challenging Opportunity!”



After graduating from Kent State University with a BS in Education and brief stints teaching and coaching at Magnolia and Rootstown High Schools, Cliff Foust became the Head Football Coach at Garfield Heights High School in 1951 and retired 28 years later in 1979. In those 28 years he developed one of the finest football programs in Ohio High School Football history. When people heard Garfield Heights the name Cliff Foust was mentioned next. The two became synonymous.

Each year people wanted to know how Cliff Foust’s Garfield Heights’ team was going to do.

He developed a program with hard work and integrity.

He surrounded himself with coaches who were eager to learn and coaches who were his equal or better, and they learned from one another. The nucleus of his staff for many of those years were his cohorts Len Brickman, Floyd Konet and Andy Knazek. Garfield’s own Four Horseman.

While at GHHS Cliff’s teams won 8 league championships and he was named league Coach of the Year 10 times. After coaching at Garfield Heights Cliff continued his coaching career at University School. In his 43 years as a varsity football coach his overall record was 244-140-7.

Many of his other accomplishments and awards include:

- 1965 Greater Cleveland Football Coaches Association Coach of the Year.
- 1985 Cleveland Touchdown Club Lee Tressel Award for service to the sport of football.
- 1989 Inducted into the Ohio High School Football Coaches Hall of Fame.
- 1993 Greater Cleveland Football Coaches Association Golden Deeds Award winner.
- 1997 NFL Finalist for the National High School Football Coach of the Year Award.
- 2011 Inducted into the Cliff Foust Athletic Hall of Fame at Garfield Heights High School.

Cliff and his wife Pat have two children, Kim and Michael and two grandchildren
The two have been married 59 years.

ATHLETIC INDUCTEES

Dr. Charles Blaugrund – Team Doctor

Dr. Charles Blaugrund provided medical care for Garfield Heights High School athletes and their opponents during the 1930’s, 1940’s and 1950’s. He was a pioneer in Ohio High School interscholastic sports history in establishing the role of the team physician for scholastic athletes. In 1968, the Garfield Heights Board of Education officially dedicated and named the High School Football Field Dr. Charles Blaugrund Field. In 1957 the Garfield Heights American Legion Post honored him as Legion Man of the Year for his service to the community. In 1995, he received, posthumously, the Ohio Outstanding Team Physician Award from the Ohio State Medical Association and the Ohio High School Athletic Association. When a Greater Cleveland High School Sports Fan hears the game is being played at Blaugrund Field they know the game is at Garfield Heights High School.

Floyd Konet – Teacher/Coach

Floyd Konet was a teacher, coach and athletic director for Garfield Heights High School from the 1950’s through the 1980’s. Coach Konet’s success in athletics started in high school in southwestern Pennsylvania where he earned a football scholarship to the University of Florida. After a successful career as a Gator he continued on as a professional football player with the Cleveland Rams. After those experiences he came to Garfield Heights to teach and coach. Floyd, Cliff Foust, Lenny Brickman and Andy Knazek formed one of the finest high school coaching staff’s in Ohio High School history. Working with youth was a gift that he had. He was a man of strong character. He displayed tough character and a consistent firm, fair discipline that earned the respect of students, athletes and colleagues. Those who remember him as a coach and mentor still quote his unforgettable sayings. In the summer of 1987, he was diagnosed with cancer. He kept up his coaching responsibilities while receiving radiation treatments. He never missed a practice during that summer. He set an example and always put forth 110%. He died November 19, 1987. After his death, the coaching staff wanted to establish an athletic award in his honor and memory. The Floyd Konet 110% Award was established to show respect to a man who spent his life showing athletes and students the way to be winners not only in their chosen sport but also in the game of life. The coaches choose the recipients each year from the demanding criteria that was established.

Frank Titus ‘43

Frank Titus played offensive center and defensive linebacker on the great early 1940’s teams of Head Coach Jack Wilson. Coach Wilson stated that Frank was one of his elite players from that era. As an all-league center he anchored the offensive line that scored numerous touchdowns in the fall of 1942. Defensively, Frank was a ferocious all-league linebacker who was one of the team leaders in tackles. Even though the game of football has changed over the past 70 years, Frank’s coaches and teammates still believe his skills and talents would have made him a standout player today. After graduation Frank joined the Air Force and served in WW II. He flew out of England with the 8th Airborne Division. The District Unit flew ahead of the bombers and cleared the airspace. They interrupted German ground units from targeting bombers behind the unit. After the war, Frank worked for Ohio Bell as an installer and rose to a managerial position. Frank married his high school sweetheart Mildred. They have a son, daughter and ten grandchildren.

Frank Fiore ‘55

Frank Fiore was Garfield Heights High School’s first two-time State Wrestling Champion. He won his first title in 1954 and his second in 1955, both at the 165 pound weight class. It wasn’t until the late 1960’s that Ron Angello joined him as Garfield’s only two-time State Wrestling Champion. Frank was also inducted into the OHSAA Wrestling Hall of Fame. He is one of seven Garfield Heights’ wrestlers and coaches who are in this prestigious group. Besides his wrestling honors, Frank also lettered in football, baseball and track. In football Frank was chosen 1st Team All - Conference and chosen to the Cleveland News Dream Team and Cleveland Press Stars. Besides his athletic prowess, Frank was Class President and Homecoming King. After graduating for GHHS Frank went to Kent State University where he wrestled and coached. Frank also was instrumental in establishing numerous wrestling programs throughout Northeast Ohio.

David Range ‘63

David Range was the 103 pound State Wrestling Champion in 1963 from Garfield Heights High School. He continued his wrestling career at Miami of Ohio and was the 123 pound Mid-American Conference Champion in 1967. In both high school and college, David was Team Captain and Outstanding Wrestler. After college David continued his wrestling career with the Amateur Athletic Union where he was a 3-time National Champion at 105.5 pounds. He won consecutive AAU Titles in 1973, ’74 and ’75. He also was named to the World Cup Team from 1973 to 1975. In 1975 he was a Silver Medalist for the United States in the Pan-American Games. Besides his wrestling career, David had a career as an educator for 30 years.

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He began his career at Garfield Heights High School and then moved on to Warrensville Heights High School and Shaw High School ending his career at Chambers Elementary School as a physical education teacher. David credits his wrestling success and tenacity on the mat to his Father, David Range Sr., who said “Education starts at home”; Bill Morris, his high school coach who encouraged Dave’s dream of doing something special for the wrestling community; Joe Galat and Jeff Lewis who mentored Dave on the fundamentals of being a good coach and motivator; and, his children, David, Dava, Carol, and Cathy, who taught him patience and how to laugh out loud.

Jack Banville ‘64

Jack Banville played offensive guard and defensive tackle for the great early 1960’s Cliff Foust football teams at Garfield Heights High School. As a junior he helped lead the team to the 1962 Greater Cleveland Conference Championship. His senior year, Jack was the only two-way starter on the 1963 G.C.C. Championship football team. After the ’63 season, Jack was voted the Most Valuable Lineman in the G.C.C. He also earned All-Scholastic honors from the Cleveland Plain Dealer and Cleveland Press. At the state level, Jack was chosen 3rd Team All State for the 1963 season. Jack also was a two year letterman for the Bulldogs in baseball in 1963 and 1964. Jack was awarded a full athletic scholarship for football to Arizona State University, Home of the Sun Devils. After college he worked for 20 years at the NFL Experience as an Assistant Games Manager. He has been married to Susanne for 41 years. Their son Brian and his wife Linda have three beautiful children, Shane, Brady and McKenna. They refer to Grandpa as “Bubba”. Jack is now retired and enjoys his free time with his wife, son, daughter-in-law and grandchildren.

Emanuel “Cappy” Capadona – Booster Club President

Emanuel Capadona was President of the Garfield Heights Athletic Booster Club (originally the Dad’s Booster Club) for many terms of office. Most referred to him as “Cappy”. He worked countless volunteer hours over a span of thirty years and helped raise hundreds of thousands of dollars for the athletes and coaches of Garfield Heights City Schools. He helped organize many fundraisers like Night at the Races, the Football Game Programs and the 300 Club just to name a few. He initiated and managed the Garfield Booster Bingo which generated over a million dollars. At Bingo he was the hardest worker but not the best bingo number caller. He was solely responsible for the Capadona Room at the Middle School where he not only provided the funds, but designed and actually transformed the old wrestling room into a meeting room for the coaches and community groups. He was also named Booster of the Year and Athletic Volunteer of the Year. Cappy had a deep commitment and unselfish dedication to his family, the community and the school. He was a member of City Council, the Recreation Board, the Planning Commission, the Charter Review Commission, the Zoning Board Chairman, Home Days Chairman and a Manager and Board Member of the Garfield Heights Little Boys’ League. After graduating from John Adams High School he served as a Marine in WW II in the South Pacific. He went on to Fenn College and was honored as the Outstanding Engineer and was editor of the college newspaper. He then became a professional mechanical engineer. Cappy was married to his high school sweetheart Ann for 51 years and they had four children – Clare, Jim, Anita and Jon along with 12 grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren and three more on the way.

Rory Borgio – Teacher/Coach

Rory Borgio was an English teacher, senior class advisor, volleyball and basketball coach at Garfield Heights High School from 1975 until she unexpectedly passed away in 1999. She was a true “Renaissance Woman”. When it came to working with kids in the classroom or on the court she was a master motivator and innovator. She was able to bring out the best in all the kids she taught and coached. A true role model! As one of her former student wrote shortly after she passed, “All of us looked up to you as a role model, for you taught us everything we needed to know. From English Lit to showing us how to be a better person you were always there for us. We are completely grateful to you and all you’ve done”. When working with colleagues, parents and community members she had the uncanny ability to bring out the best in them and motivate them to become involved in the educational process, be it academics, athletics, student activities and community involvement. If you worked with Rory you didn’t work. She made work, be it teaching or coaching or working on a levy campaign have a purpose and most importantly fun. After her death the Athletic Department in conjunction with a private donor set up the Rory Borgio Humanitarian Scholarship. The \$1,000 scholarship is awarded each year to an athlete or group of athlete’s who display humanitarianism in their daily lives.