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DCSAA ANNOUNCES HIGH SCHOOL HALL OF FAME 2019 INDUCTION CLASS

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The District of Columbia State Athletic Association is proud to announce the 2019 class to be inducted into the DCSAA High School Hall of Fame. These 11 people have made remarkable contributions to scholastic and amateur sports in Washington. The DCSAA honors these individuals for their accomplishments:

- Esther Stroy Harper: Standout track performer at National Cathedral School and Howard University, was the youngest member of the U.S. Olympic team at the 1968 Mexico City Games, where she ran in the 400-meter dash while only 15 years old. Won a gold medal in the 4x100-meter relay and a bronze in the 200-meter dash in the 1971 Pan American Games.
- Lawrence “Larry” Hill: Lettered in football and basketball at Armstrong High and later made his mark as a football official. Beginning with local high school football, baseball, softball and basketball, he moved onto the college ranks, where he officiated ACC, Big East and MEAC football and basketball. Worked in the USFL and Arena Football League, before advancing to the NFL, where in 2004 he was the replay official for Super Bowl XXXVIII.
- Jim Howell: An All-Met basketball player and all-league football player at Carroll High, played basketball at American University before embarking on a career as a basketball official. Became the first African-American to referee an NCAA men’s basketball championship (UCLA vs. Memphis State in 1973). Worked 31 years in DCPS, including 14 as the principal of Taft Junior High, before retiring.
- Otto Jordan: A standout letterwinner in football, basketball and track and field at Dunbar High, was a three-time All-CIAA and two-time All-American in football at Howard University. Was a teacher, coach and assistant principal in DCPS, before being named DCPS Supervising Director of Athletics, where his tenure included the upgrading and expanding of athletic programs and implementing the mandates for Title IX.
- Dick Myers: Spent the last 29 of his 34 seasons as a boys basketball coach at Gonzaga, where his teams captured four Catholic league championships, one City Title and two Alhambra Catholic Invitational Tournament titles. Was named All-Met Coach of the Year in 1999. Career record of 714-362.





- **Lonnie Perrin:** Sensational football and basketball player at McKinley Tech, went to the University of Illinois, where he earned All-Big Ten honors and also showed a commitment to the community, convincing the athletic department to donate 100 tickets per game to disadvantaged youths. Played for the Denver Broncos, Chicago Bears and Washington Redskins during his NFL career and played in Super Bowl XII before returning to D.C. and working with DC Parks and Recreation.
- **Willie Stewart:** Played football at Dunbar High and Elizabeth City State University before becoming one of the District's most successful high school football coaches. Coached at Eastern and Anacostia high schools for 34 seasons, compiling a record of 214-142 with 13 DCIAA title game appearances and seven Turkey Bowl victories.
- **John Tatum Sr.:** Was a member of the basketball, baseball and swimming teams at Armstrong High, beginning a lengthy career of success in the pool. As an adult, joined the Water Wizards swim team and competed in large meets, most recently winning three gold medals in the 2014 DC Senior Games to qualify for the 2015 National Senior Games, where he also won three gold medals. Celebrated his 100th birthday earlier this year and continues to swim regularly.
- **Marie Williams:** Highly successful girls basketball coach built a dynasty at St. John's. After becoming coeducational in 1991, St. John's hired Williams in 1993 and in her second season, the Cadets went 20-4 and turned into a mainstay in the local rankings. Guided St. John's to three consecutive Washington Catholic Athletic Conference titles and two City Titles.
- **Maury Wills:** A standout basketball, football and baseball player at Cardozo High, enjoyed a 13-year Major League Baseball career. Was named an all-star seven times, played on three World Series championship teams and was the 1962 National League MVP. Also led the NL in stolen bases for six consecutive seasons and was a two-time Gold Glove winning shortstop.
- **Willie Wood:** A graduate of Armstrong High, played at the University of Southern California, where he was the first African-American quarterback in the history of the Pacific Coast Conference. Signed as a free agent with the Green Bay Packers, where he moved to free safety and became a star, playing in eight Pro Bowls in nine seasons, helping the Packers to six NFL championship games and five titles. Was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1989.

“What an amazing group of men and women who have contributed so much to advance high school athletics in the District,” DCSAA Executive Director Clark Ray said. “We are humbled to honor this group and look forward to celebrating their achievements.”





The inductees will be honored at an induction ceremony on Thursday, June 6 at the DC Office of Cable, Television, Film, Music and Entertainment.

To learn more about the District of Columbia State Athletic Association, please visit www.dcsaasports.org.

About the District of Columbia State Athletic Association

The mission of the District of Columbia State Athletics Association (DCSAA) is to serve member schools and the maximum number of their student-athletes by providing leadership and support for interscholastic athletic programming that will enrich the education experiences of all participants.

The DCSAA will preserve and promote the educational significance of interscholastic athletics by:

- Providing for fair competition between member schools;
- Promoting sportsmanship and ethical behavior;
- Establishing and enforcing standards of conduct for student-athletes, coaches, administrators, officials and spectators;
- Protecting the physical well-being of student-athletes and promoting healthy adolescent lifestyles; and
- Promoting participation of female and disabled students on member teams.

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