

# 2024 HALL OF FAME CLASS BIOS

## **Jackie Falconer**

A multi-sport athlete, Jackie excelled on the basketball court during the early 2010s as one of the best players in the state. The 2013 Cumberland Valley graduate scored more than 1,000 career points, was a two-time team captain, led the conference in scoring her senior year, and was a 2013 Class 4A first team All-State selection.

Jackie was much more than an athlete, graduating in the Top 15 of her class of more than 520 students and took her dual talent to Philadelphia and the University of Pennsylvania. During her 4 years as a Quaker, she earned three Ivy League titles, one Big 5 title and appeared in three NCAA Tournaments before receiving her degree in Economics in 2017.

After graduating from Penn, Jackie began her career at Wells Fargo Securities, spending 4 years in Corporate Interest Rate and Foreign Exchange Derivatives. Currently, she is a Vice President on the Financial Risk Management team at Truist Securities, specializing in Interest Rate Derivatives. Jackie continues to be involved as a member of the Ivy League Club of Charlotte, the Assistant Treasurer for the Penn Club of Charlotte, and SwimMAC Carolina, an organization for which she serves on the Board of Directors.

## **Mike Walker**

A familiar name in the rich tradition of basketball at Trinity, Mike was part of a four-year era that saw the Shamrocks win 124 of 131 games between 2000-2003. He played a role in winning four District 3 Class 2A championships and a pair of PIAA Class 2A championships. The 2003 Class 2A Pennsylvania Player of the Year

finished his high school career with 1,579 points, 233 three-pointers, 550 assists and 194 steals.

Mike received a scholarship to continue his academic and athletic journey at Penn State. The two-time Academic All-Big Ten selection was a captain his senior year, set the Big Ten Tournament record with seven three-pointers in a game against Illinois in 2007, and finished his Nittany Lions career with 745 points, 258 assists and 173 triples.

The 2008 Penn State graduate was a Lion's Paw Society member and earned a degree in supply chain and systems information management. For the past 16 years Mike has worked for TE Connectivity, a global industrial technology manufacturing leader, and is currently the Director Strategic Sourcing.

### **Annie Hine**

A standout athlete and mentor long before she became an elite basketball official, Annie played four sports (field hockey, basketball, track, and softball) and earned 11 varsity letters at Camp Hill High School during the mid 1970s.

She graduated from the University of Tennessee at Martin in 1983 that included a four-year basketball career where Annie earned Defensive Player of the Year honors her senior season. The head coach for Cumberland Valley High School from 1987-1991, Annie also played a role in helping establish what is today the Cumberland Valley Youth Basketball Association.

Annie started her basketball officiating career in 1995, was the 2009 Mulligan Award winner and has officiated games at the highest level in the state including the PIAA Championships, 11 District 3

championships, and a half dozen Mid-Penn Conference championship appearances.

## **Bill Grant**

A New Jersey native who was a three-sport standout in high school before earning an NCAA Division I football scholarship to Maryland, Bill left a legacy in Central Pennsylvania during more than three decades as high school football official.

Bill earned nine varsity letters in football, basketball, and baseball as a 1966 graduate of Gloucester City High School. He used his scholarship at Maryland to obtain a degree in Business Administration in 1970 while earning two varsity letters as a member of the Terrapins football team playing the “rover” position.

Bill started his officiating career in Ohio in 1972 before moving to Mechanicsburg and becoming a PIAA official in 1975. He retired in 2005, and in his three decades he officiated the Big 33 Classic, a PIAA Class 4A Championship game and numerous District 3 title games. He was inducted into the Capitol Area Chapter of PIAA-Registered Football Officials Hall Of Fame in 2013.

## **Joy Grant**

Joy earned eight varsity letters in field hockey and basketball at Gloucester City High School in New Jersey before embarking on an elite field hockey career at Glassboro State College, now Rowan University, in the late 1960s.

During her four years at Glassboro, Joy not only earned her degree in Elementary Education but was an elite field hockey player who earned three varsity letters and earned numerous postseason accolades including being recognized as a member of the 1969 All-America Field Hockey Team. Joy also earned three collegiate varsity letters in lacrosse.

She went on to Ohio State to obtain her master's degree in School Counseling before embarking on a long and distinguished education career. In 1976, Joy became a PIAA-registered field hockey and girls' lacrosse official and retired from officiating in 2001. During her 25 years of field hockey officiating in Pennsylvania, Joy was selected to oversee the 1988 PIAA Class 3A Field Hockey Championship Game and officiated District 3 and Mid-Penn Conference Field Hockey Championship games. In 1988 Joy was inducted into the Glassboro State College Sports Hall of Fame.

### **Jay Gainor**

For the better part of four decades Jay dedicated his life to athletics, academics, education, mentorship, and serving others in Central Pennsylvania. The 1969 East Pennsboro High School graduate was a multi-sport standout for the Panthers before accepting a scholarship to Clarion University to play football.

The East Pennsboro Outstanding Male Athletes for 1969 lettered in football, wrestling and track and field. On the football field Jay was selected as a Patriot Big 33 check list player. On the wrestling mat Jay went undefeated his senior year in conference play while leading the Panthers to their first winning season in program history as a team captain. At Clarion he earned two varsity letters as a two-way lineman, was a football team captain as a senior and after graduation embarked on a coaching career at Clarion in 1974 that would serve him well when he returned to his alma mater.

During his more than three decades as public-school teacher, Jay returned to his alma mater to start a wrestling program from the ground up. After going 0-20 his first year, he helped guide the Panthers to their second winning season in school history in 1986. He also served as an assistant football coach with the Panthers for nearly 15 years and was an assistant wrestling coach at the

collegiate level at Messiah University. In the mid 1980s he helped then-Big 33 Executive Director Mickey Minnich co-found the Buddy Program and spent nearly two decades overseeing that mentorship program.

### **Katie Herr**

One of the more complete all around high school soccer players to play for Cumberland Valley, Katie was also one of the best basketball players of her era who simply didn't see herself as an elite star on the hardwood but more along the lines of simply an athlete who just loved playing ball.

Twice before graduating from Cumberland Valley in 2002, Katie earned Pennsylvania All-State honors, was named Co-Player of the Year in 2001, helped the Eagles win three Mid-Penn Conference titles, two District 3 championships, and appeared in the PIAA semifinals three times. Her senior year she scored 22 goals and had 10 assists. On the hardwood she played an instrumental role in leading the Eagles to a PIAA Class 4A championship in 2002 and was a The Patriot-News Big 15 selection.

Katie earned a NCAA Division I soccer scholarship to play in the Big East at Seton Hall where she finished third in School History for goals and fourth in points, was a two-time captain, and a four-time Big East Academic All Star. Katie graduated from Seton Hall Summa Sum Laude with a 3.9 GPA in Elementary/Special Education and Psychology and was named to both the National Society of Collegiate Scholars and the National College Athlete Honor Society