



Building a Better Community Through Sports

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**Montgomery County Sports Hall of Fame Announces
The Class Of 2020**

Virtual induction ceremony will stream on the MCSHF website Sunday October 18th at 7pm

WHAT: County Sports Hall of Fame names 2020 class

WHO: Johnny Holliday, Curtis Pride, Amy Wood, Tom Brown, Jeri Ingram, Roy Lester

WHEN: October 18, 2020 7pm

WHERE: Virtual WWW.MCSHF.ORG

CONTACTS:

Media:

Jim Neustadt 301.943.1237

neustadtjim@gmail.com

Joe Yasharoff 240.876.5475

jyasharoff@gmail.com

Sponsorships/other inquiries

Trish Heffelfinger 301.717.7283

heffelfingertrish@gmail.com

(September 1, 2020) The Montgomery County Sports Hall of Fame (MCSHF) today named six local sports figures to be inducted as the 2020 class. The six inductees will be honored in a virtual ceremony on Sunday October 18th at 7pm.

Terrapin broadcaster Johnny Holliday will be joined by MLB player Curtis Pride, field hockey coach Amy Wood, three-time NFL champion and ex-Washington Senator Tom Brown, local tennis great Jeri Ingram, and the late high school football coach Roy Lester.

“These men and women have brought recognition and honor to our community in their respective fields,” says MCSHF Board Chair Trish Heffelfinger. “It is indeed a stellar group. And in keeping with the COVID19 pandemic, the induction ceremony will be virtual, and we will hear from all of our inductees.”

More about this year’s class:



Building a Better Community Through Sports



Johnny Holliday has been the voice of Maryland Terrapins basketball and football since 1979. After starting out as a radio DJ and theater actor, Holliday turned his attention to sports broadcasting in the 1960s. The Kensington resident has covered football, basketball, golf, the Olympics, and was the pre- and post-game host for the Washington Nationals on MASN.



Curtis Pride spent 22 years playing professional baseball including stints with the Expos, Yankees, Red Sox, Braves, Tigers, and Angels. In 1993, Pride became the first deaf player to make it to the major leagues in 48 years. The Kennedy HS star excelled at baseball, basketball, and soccer in high school. He has been the head coach of the Gallaudet University baseball team since 2009 and is involved with several charity and community organizations.



Amy Wood coached field hockey at BCC for 19 years winning a record nine straight Maryland state titles ('94-'02) and earning 277 career wins. She was a two-time Washington Post All-Met coach of the year, and a recipient of the Morgan Wootten lifetime achievement award. Wood played field hockey at the University of Connecticut and was also a coach of the Washington Wolves field hockey club.



Building a Better Community Through Sports



Tom Brown is among fewer than 70 men to play in both the NFL and MLB. After one season with the Washington Senators, Brown turned his attention to the NFL where the safety won three NFL titles with the Green Bay Packers before ending his career in 1969 with the Washington Redskins and his longtime coach Vince Lombardi. The Blair HS star went to the University of Maryland where he played both football and baseball.



Jeri Ingram became the first undefeated tennis player in Maryland history when she went 106-0 at Springbrook from 1985-1988. She continued her undefeated streak at the University of Maryland becoming the ACC champion in 1989. Ingram went on to an eight-year professional tennis career. Inspired by her mentor Arthur Ashe, she is the Executive Director and Developmental Coach for the Metropolitan Tennis and Education Group and Assistant Coach at Saint John's College.



Roy Lester spent 43 years as a coach. After playing football, basketball, and baseball at West Virginia, he began his football coaching career. Lester led Richard Montgomery to six undefeated seasons in the 1960s before becoming head coach at the University of Maryland for three years. He returned to high school coaching, winning a state championship at Paint Branch and two at Magruder. He won a total of 260 games as a Montgomery County football coach. Lester passed away in May of 2020 at the age of 96.



Building a Better Community Through Sports

This year's class joins last year's inaugural class of Katie Ledecky, Dominique Dawes, Shawn Springs, Bob Milloy, Bruce Murray, and Walter Johnson in the Hall of Fame. More information about this year's ceremony can be found at our website www.MCSHF.org

The MCSHF is a non-profit organization established in 2018. Our objectives are to build a better community through sports and to develop and support such programs. Potential sponsors can contact Board Chair Trish Heffelfinger at 301.717.7283 or heffelfingertrish@gmail.com. People wishing to contribute can go to paypal.me/MoCoSHE.

