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OHSBCA ANNOUNCES HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES 2025

The Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association (OHSBCA) is proud to announce the coaches and date for the Hall of Fame Class for 2025. This year, the association is inducting four coaches into the Hall of Fame. The four high school coaches being inducted are Scott Aronhalt of Zanesville, Ray Corbett of Grandview Heights, Tim Tucker of Margareta, and Paul Wackerly of Hoover, Massillon Perry, and GlenOak.

The Induction Ceremony for the Thirty-Fifth Class will be at the Columbus Marriott University Area at 3100 Olentangy River Road in Columbus, Ohio on Saturday, April 26, 2025 at 5:30 PM.

Tickets may be obtained by Calling Hall of Fame Director Paul Wayne at 419-261-2547 or by email at wayno14@embarqmail.com.



SCOTT ARONHALT

Scott Aronhalt was born in Coshocton, Ohio, the son of Wayne and Waneta Aronhalt. He has one older brother, John (Ocala, FL), and five older sisters – Kathy (Marysville), Sally (Conesville), Beck (Coshocton), Mary (Coshocton), and Martha (DuQuoin, IL).

Scott served as boys head basketball coach at Zanesville High School for 31 seasons (1990-2021). During that span, his teams captured a Division I State Championship (in 1995, finishing as the 22nd-ranked team in the USA Today poll), a Division I Runner-Up (1997), and made a Division II Final Four Appearance (2010). His 1996 and 1997 teams were both declared Division I poll champions by The Associated Press. The 1995 and 1996 squads won a school record 49 straight games. The 1996-1997 team defeated the nation's number-one ranked team, Oak Hill Academy. Zanesville also won 11 league titles and made nine regional appearances during his tenure. That helped him earn an excellent overall record of 466-254.

Scott was named the Ohio Coaches' Association Division 1 Coach of the Year in 1995, and The Associated Press Division 1 Coach of the Year in 1996. He was inducted into the Basketball Coaches District 12 Hall of Fame in 2023. He has also coached six Ohio All-Star teams in international competitions.

Scott is a graduate of River View High School in Warsaw, where he earned All-Ohio honors while playing for Coach Walter Harrop. He went on to play at Southern Nazarene University in Oklahoma City, and was a member of the 1981 NAIA National Championship team.

Scott began his coaching career in Ft. Worth, Tex-

as. He then returned to Ohio and served three years as a varsity assistant to his former high school coach, Walt Harrop, at Ashland High School. Scott moved on to serve as an assistant at Tiffin University under Jim Hammond, helping to lead the Dragons to a school record 25-6 mark and the Mid-Ohio Championship, before taking the job at Zanesville High School.

Scott received his Bachelor's Degree from Southern Nazarene in 1983 and his Master's Degree from Ashland University in 1990. Scott and his wife, Madge, reside in Zanesville. They have three sons: Drake, his wife Cheyanne, their son Turner, and daughters Marin and Ruby (Ashburn, VA); Jordan, his wife Tyler, and their daughter Joanna (Denver, CO); and Logan, his wife Heather, and their daughters Tilly and Zoey (Lynchburg, VA). Scott still serves as Director of Athletics at Zanesville High School.



RAY CORBETT

Ray Corbett, son of Rodney and Opal Corbett, the youngest of seven boys, graduated from Bishop Ready High School in 1975 and The Ohio State University in 1979. At Ready, he played both baseball and basketball. Bishop Ready won the AA State Championships in both his freshman and sophomore years. At Bishop Ready he played for Bob Jackson who influenced Corbett greatly with his defensive approach to the game. It was a belief that stayed with him his entire coaching career.

Corbett began his career as an assistant freshman coach at Father Wehrle High School in 1978. Coaching football, basketball and baseball as a student teacher that year. In 1979, he was an assistant in both football and basketball at Jonathan Alder High School. He went back to Father Wehrle in 1980 as a varsity assistant to Coach Dave Miller. After Miller departed, Chuck

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Kemper took over and Ray became his JV coach for the next five years. In those five seasons, Wehrle made it to the Final Four three times. The third, turned out to be a charm as Wehrle won its first State Championship.

After that State Championship season, Corbett went on to become the head coach at Bishop Ready High School for the 1986-87 season. Grandview's Athletic Director Larry Larson called and I became a Bobcat from Grandview the next year. From 1987-2023 Corbett was the coach of the Bobcats. Winning a total of 522 games and losing 287 at Grandview. Five league championships and 8 Districts were gathered. The 1997-98 team made it to the Final Four, the 2019-20 team had its season ended by Covid 19 at the regional final level.

Individual honors include AP Coach of the Year in both 1992-93, and 1997-98 seasons. OHSBCA Coach of the Year in 2013-14 and North-South All Star Coach in 1998-99. District 10 Coach of the Year 13 times.

Though the Hall of Fame is an individual honor, Corbett realizes that without the help and support of great assistant coaches it never would have happened. These coaches Joe Harlow, Dave Ball, Tom King, Wally Teeters, Kevin Richards, Anthony Mangette, Rod Overmyer, Tony Gatto, Brad Gmerek, Roger Fox, Jason Hicks, Jack Quinichet, Matt Siegal and the late great Steve Hall are just a few.

Finally, without his family and their support and involvement over the years, coaching would have been very hollow. The love and support of his wife of 43 years Martha, and 3 children Andy, Tommy and Mary. Having them in the gym for practice and games as they were growing up was a great experience and brings back special memories.

Coaching Tom was an unbelievable experience and Andy filming our games was special as well. Then to watch as Mary became the player she became and the young lady and coach (Kenyon University) she is now is very special.

Finally, I would like to thank the guidance and support of his brothers in choosing and staying with this career. Especially important in that group was Jim and Dale. They kept me going in a straight line when I needed the most.

TIM TUCKER



Tim grew up in Carey, Ohio and was a 1974 graduate of Carey High School where he played basketball and baseball for the Blue Devils. As a high school student, he enjoyed attending Ohio High School state tournament games at St. John's Arena. Tim went on to attend Bowling Green State University where he acquired a BS Ed degree

in Physical Education and Math. He later attained his MEd from Marygrove College.

He began his high school teaching career in math at South Central High School. While there, he coached 3 years of junior high basketball, junior high football, and varsity girls track. After this, he decided to take a teaching job at Margaretta High School in Castalia, Ohio to be closer to a love for walleye fishing. With this move came the opportunity to coach girls' basketball.

His first couple of years were difficult because his league included a great program under the leadership of Dick Wennes at Huron High School. Tim learned early that to be successful in the Sandusky Bay Conference as one of the smallest schools, he was going to need to build the program from the ground up. In 1987, the program made some great improvement. This led to his teams winning 15 SBC Championships. The program, under his guidance, was able to win 13 Division III district championships, and 4 regional championships.

Over the years, Tim saw the coaching in the Sandusky Bay Conference become more competitive with the likes of John Cahill (Clyde), Ray Neil (Perkins), and Dick Heller at Oak Harbor. Tim loved the fact that these programs were improving because this helped Margaretta with a tough non league schedule. In addition, the stronger SBC only helped his team prepare for tournament time.

Throughout his coaching career, Tim was blessed to receive multiple accolades including several District 6 Coach of the Year awards, the OHSBCA girls division III Coach of the Year award, the Bob Arzen Longevity award, and the opportunity to coach the North-South All-Star game. In 2018, Tim and his 1992-1993 state team were inducted into the Margaretta Hall of Fame, and in 2020, Coach Tucker was inducted into the Margaretta Hall of Fame. With 576 wins, he remains in the top 15 winningest coaches in the state of Ohio.

Tim has been married to Angie for 36 years and together, along with some great assistant coaches, they have diligently worked to help make this a program that is still successful with players playing today that were in his biddy program. Tim and Angie have three wonderful children in Tiffany, Tatum, and Tyler as well as two son-in-laws, Brian Lombard and Lucas Poggiali and daughter-in-law Macy. They also have two wonderful grand daughters, Mila Lombard and Harper Poggiali.

Coach Tucker credits many dedicated, hard working young ladies that believed in his vision and put in the time to make Margaretta Lady Bear basketball a respected program around the state. Despite being quite demanding in practice, he truly loved his players. He also would like to credit some long time assistant coaches: Gary Borchardt, Gary Wahl, Tom Kennedy, Cyndi Heddon, Dean Koch, Drew Grahl, and Gene VanOrsdall. Tim's wife also contributed with coaching all the lower level ball handling programs as well as

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District 1 Director

Jeff Brink, Springfield Local

District 2 Director

Sean O'Toole, Gilmour Acad.

District 3 Director

Brett Larrick, Elyria Senior

District 4 Director

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District 5 Director

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District 6 Director

Joe Bedingfield, Willard

District 7 Director

Dave Boyce, Perrysburg

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Aaron Elwer, Delp St John's

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District 13 Director

Travis Wise, South Point

District 14 Director

Josh Arey, Peebles

District 15 Director

Adam, Preifer, Centerville

District 16 Director

Ricardo Hill, Indian Hill



many different coaching positions as needed to keep the program moving forward. He also credits the Polar Bear fans, and they were known as a faithful group that supported their beloved Lady Bears throughout the season and beyond. Coach Tucker really loved his years working for this school system and cherishes all of the great memories of Lady Bear basketball.



PAUL WACKERLY

Paul Wackerly, son of James & Donna Wackerly (Bresson), brother to three sisters and three brothers was born and raised in Canton, Ohio. Paul graduated from St. Thomas Aquinas High School in 1977 where he was a member of the varsity wrestling team.

Coach Wackerly had a 33-year varsity coaching career, 30 years as a girls coach and three years as a boys coach at four different high schools. He began at his alma mater, St. Thomas Aquinas, where he spent six seasons, winning district titles in 1993 and 1994. From there he moved on to North Canton Hoover where he coached for the next 14 seasons.

At North Canton Hoover, the challenging decision for him to leave his alma mater was made with support from his wife and lifelong basketball mentor and friend, Joe Eaton, who was the Athletic Director at Hoover. Paul became the most successful coach in the school's history, with a record of 252-74 over 14 seasons, a winning percentage of 77%. Under his leadership, the Vikings garnered 8 Federal League Championships, 8 Sectional Titles, 3 District Runner-Up Titles, 5 District Titles, 3 Elite Eight appearance and 1 Regional Championship. The program achieved its first and only Division I State Championship in 2002, compiling an impressive 26-1 record for the season. He also earned 6 Federal League COY awards, 3 District IV COY awards, 3 Northeast Inland COY awards, and 1 Associated Press COY awarded at conclusion of 2001-2002 season.

Coach Wackerly spent the next 3 years at Massillon Perry compiling a record of 43-24, 64%. They became a formidable opponent in the Federal League during his reign. In his second season they accomplished a feat that hadn't been done in 11 years by winning the Federal League and were District runner-up. Coach was named Federal League Coach of the Year as well. Upon completion of his third season Paul decided to leave the coaching arena, which ultimately only lasted a year as an opportunity to coach at GlenOak presented itself and off he went...

At the helm of the Eagles, Paul became the owner of the winningest percent to date in school history, 10 seasons, 166-73, 70%. During his tenure the program compiled 5 Federal League Championships,

the first in his initial season with 8 returning seniors was quite an accomplishment as the last Federal League Title was won 21 years prior; 7 Sectional Titles; 4 District Runner-Up Titles; 3 District Titles; 3 Elite Eight appearances; 2 Regional Championships and State Semi appearances in 2019 and 2020. Sadly, in 2020 the State Final Four was cancelled due to Coronavirus. During his career at GlenOak Paul was awarded Federal League COY on 3 occasions; District IV COY twice; OHSBCA Division I COY for the 2018-19 season.

Paul's impressive regular season career record stands at 526-238 (70%), a tournament overall record of 68-31(70%) and ten seasons with at least 20 wins. Throughout his career, it was a point of emphasis that he scheduled games against some of the top-ranked teams in the state, taking considerable pride in readying his team to confront superior opponents and encouraging them to surpass expectations. Paul expresses his heartfelt thanks to all the members of his coaching staffs, the numerous student athletes, their parents, and the friends and family who have supported him during this remarkable journey. He offers special thanks to his wife of 44 years, Jean, whose unwavering support and passion for his endeavors have been instrumental in his success. Their son Bret resides in North Canton with his wife and children.

SCHOLARSHIP SOCIETY

The OHSBCA has established the Scholarship Society to recognize Student Athletes for scholastic excellence. The Gold and Silver Certificates will be awarded to Seniors and Juniors who meet the criteria for the award. We want to give recognition to all Junior and Seniors who display high marks in academics, citizenship, and sportsmanship. All Juniors must have a 3.2 Grade Point Average for **Five Semesters** and Seniors must have a 3.2 Grade Point Average for **Seven Semesters**.

These athletes will be able to list this honor on College Entrance papers, year books, job applications, etc. This is a significant award as it comes from the Basketball Coaches of the State of Ohio. The recipients receive a **Silver Certificate** if they are a Junior and **Gold Certificate** if they are a Senior. Their names will be listed in the Spring Edition of the **Hooplines**.

BOYS / GIRLS SENIOR PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Each year the OHSBCA selects a Player of the Year in each division of Boys Basketball. The 2024-25 season enters the 42nd year the OHSBCA has been selecting the Player of the Year. The procedures for the selection of the Player of the Year is as follows:

1. Must be a Senior
2. Must be nominated by a state member
3. Must play in the North-South Game
4. Directors will vote on the Players
5. Nominees come from each OHSBCA District

Boys and Girls Players in each division will be presented a plaque at the North-South All-Star Game at Olentangy Liberty High School on Friday, April 25, 2025.

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Girls DD 1 & 4

Mike Miller, Triway

Girls DD 2 & 3

Andy Booth, Wadsworth

Girls DD 5 & 12

Troy McClellan, Strasburg

Girls DD 6 & 7

Natalie Lantz, Shelby

Girls DD 8 & 9

Greg Rickard, Crestview

Girls DD 10 & 11

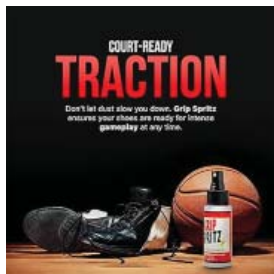
Dave Butcher, New Albany

Girls DD 13 & 14

Jon Buchanan, Fairland

Girls DD 15 & 16

Beth Simmons, Summit CD



COACHES SCHOLARSHIP

The OHSBCA Awards **Fifteen \$1,000 Scholarships** each summer to the sons and daughters of active members of the Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association. One of the parents of the applicant must have been an *active coach in the OHSBCA for the last five consecutive years*.

Each recipient will receive a plaque courtesy of the Ohio Army National Guard and a check for \$1,000 at the North-South Game on Friday, April 25, 2025.

ACADEMIC ALL-OHIO

Each year a committee of the OHSBCA selects its "**Academic All Ohio Teams**" for the school year. 2024-25 will mark the thirtieth-second year that the association has chosen "**All Ohio Academic Teams**."

The players are selected for this honor based on their academic excellence and their athletic contributions to their basketball teams. The top 25 players will be selected for both the Boys and Girls teams.

BOYS / GIRLS COACH OF THE YEAR

Each year the OHSBCA selects a Coach of the Year in each division of Boys and Girls Basketball. The 2024-25 season enters the 42nd year the OHSBCA has been selecting the Coach of the Year. The procedures for the selection of the Coach of the Year is as follows:

1. Must be a member of the OHSBCA
2. Must be nominated by a District Director
3. Committee will review all candidates and make a recommendation to the District Directors.
4. District Directors will vote to approve the recommendation for Coach of the Year.

The winning coach in each division will be presented a plaque at the North-South All-Star Game at Olentangy Liberty High School on Friday, April 25, 2025.

TOP 20 STATISTICS AWARDS INDIVIDUALS & TEAMS

This will be the 26th year that the association has honored teams and individuals with the Best Free Throw, Two Point Field Goal and Three Point Field Goal Percentages. Certificates will be awarded to the "Top 20" Individual in Boys and Girls Free Throw, 2 Point Field Goals, and 3 Point Field Goals Shooting. All teams, individuals and coaches will be listed in the May Issue of Hooplines. Because of the success of this award the association now requires a form to be completed online by the head coach.

INDIVIDUAL TOP 20 RULES:

Free Throws - Players must have attempted at least 60 Free Throws during the regular 22 game season. Top 20 in Shooting Percentage will be honored.

Two Point Field Goal Shooting - Players must have attempted at least 110 Two Point Field Goals during the regular 22-game season. Top 20 in shooting percentage will be honored.

Three Point Field Goal Shooting - Players must have attempted at least 60 Three Point Shots during the regular 22-game season. Top 20 in Shooting Percentage will be honored.

TEAM TOP 20 RULES:

Team Free Throws, Two Point Field Goal Shooting and Three Point Field Goal Shooting will be based on the Top 20 Shooting Percentage for the regular 22 game season.

ASSISTANT COACH OF THE YEAR

For the 23rd year, the OHSBCA will select the Assistant Coaches of the Year to represent the State Association in each division. Each district for each division will select one Assistant Coach for Boys and one Assistant Coach for Girls. Each representative must be a member of the OHSBCA. Each of the winners will advance as a state finalist to the OHSBCA March meeting. At the March meeting, the OHSBCA District Directors will then vote and select the Boys Assistant Coach of the Year and the Girls Assistant Coach of the Year. Three coaches for Boys and Girls will be selected with the breakdown - one coach Division I/II/III, one coach Division IV/V, and one coach Division VI/VII.

Local winners will receive a plaque at the District's Local Meeting. The State Winners will be presented their plaques at the North-South Game at Olentangy Liberty High School on Friday, April 25, 2025.

ACADEMIC TEAMS

The 2024-25 basketball season will be the 22nd year consecutive year that the Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association will recognize basketball teams for their excellence in the classroom. Again this season the OHSBCA will be honoring the top 5 girls teams and top 5 boys teams who report the highest team GPA.

Academic Team Award Winners

Criteria:

1. Complete the nomination form using the GPA's of the top nine varsity letterman.
2. All GPA's must be converted to a 4.00 grading scale.
3. All GPA's must be carried out to two decimal places (eg. 3.95)
4. GPA's are only for the **First Semester** of the 2024-25 school year. (Not cumulative GPA's.)

Award:

1. The OHSBCA in conjunction with the **Ohio Army National Guard** will provide a plaque that can be displayed at the school to commemorate the team's academic success.
2. Winners will receive recognition in May Issue of *Hooplines*. (OHSBCA Newsletter)

Special Instructions:

The **Ohio Army National Guard** will present a plaque to the winner at a mutually agreed time.

Winning team is required to take a picture and send to the Academic Chairman, Adam Hall. Teams failing to turn in pictures will not be recognized in the May issue of *Hooplines*.