

# 2017 INDUCTEE

## JOE BURCHETTE

Category: Player



School: West Forsyth High School

Achievements:

### Football

1996 Chronicle “Super 25” Selection, All Conference

1997 All City–County  
All Conference  
All Northwest  
East-West All Star Game  
Super Prep All American

Ranked: #1 QB by Super Prep, #2 QB by ACC Sports Journal, #16 QB by Sporting News, #18 QB by Fayetteville Observer

### Basketball

1997 All City-County, All Conference, All Northwest, MVP West Forsyth

### Baseball

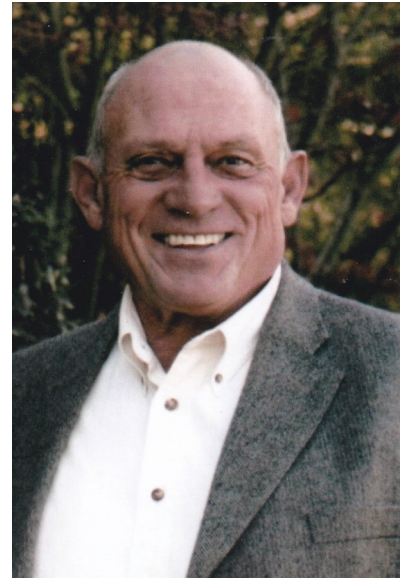
1997 All City-County, All Conference

Signed Full Football Scholarship to Appalachian State University

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## JERRY E. ECHOLS

Category: Player



School: Kernersville High School

Achievements:

### Football

1958 All City-County, All Conference, led team in rushing yardage  
Co-Winner Forsyth County Football Athlete of the Year  
Winner of the Tom McAn Award

### Basketball

1958 All Conference, All Tournament Class A, All County

### Baseball

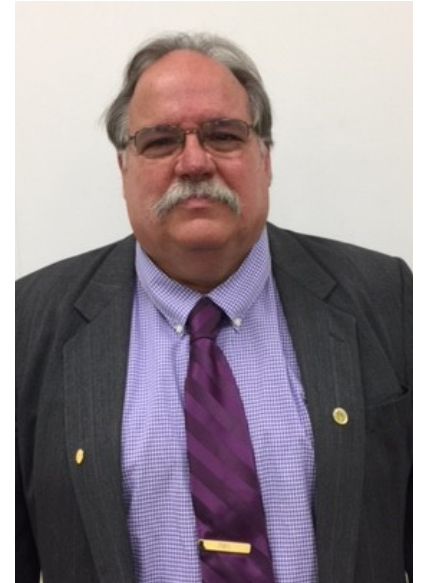
1957 All County, All Conference Class A,  
Kernersville Athletic Association Most Valuable Baseball Player  
Led team to State Class A Championship

\*Note: Legendary Forsyth County Coach Jack Blaylock dedicated an entire chapter in his book to Jerry Echols's career, he said "Jerry was the best there ever was in Kernersville."  
Drafted by the Brooklyn Dodgers Baseball Club

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## JOE BILL ELLENDER

Category: Coach



School: East Forsyth High School

Achievements:

Wrestling Head Coach

Won 7 Conference Championships in 15 Years  
1985 Team Finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the State Championship  
Coached several teams to a Top 5 Final Ranking

Awards

Named Conference Coach of the Year 7 times

Football Head Coach

1991 Team Finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the State with a 10 – 4 Record

1992 Team Won State 4A Championship with a 15 - 0 Record  
Team Ranked 15<sup>th</sup> Nationally  
Team Recognized as one of the Top 100 in North Carolina

Awards

1992 Lions Club “Sportsman of the Year”

1998 Carolina Panther Award “Outstanding Coach”

2013 East Forsyth High School Hall of Fame

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## SAMQUAN RAJOHN EVANS

Category: Player



School: Carver High School

Achievements:

### Football

2007 – 2010 All Conference, All City – County

2009 Carver High School Defensive Player of the Year

2009 – 2010 Conference Defensive Player of the Year  
All Northwest Selection

2010 Forsyth County Defensive Player of the Year  
NCHSAA 2A State Defensive Player of the Game  
Allstate  
Chosen to Play in East-West All-star Game

2011 Carver High School Athlete of the Year  
ESPN Top 25 Players in North Carolina

### Wrestling

2009 Rookie of the Year

2009 – 2010 All Conference

2010 Conference Wrestler of the Year

\*Note: Accepted full scholarship to Tennessee State University

# 2017 INDUCTEE

## DAVID BROOKS “DAVE” GOREN

Special Category: Media, Television



### Achievements:

WXII-TV (1988 – 2008)

Sports Director (2001 – 2008)

Sports Anchor/Reporter (1989 – 2002)

Sports Reporter/Producer (1988 - 1989)

Covered more than 1000 high school games during WXII career

Scheduled, produced and anchored special Friday night high school football and basketball coverage

Play-by-Play announcer for Time Warner Cable's coverage of 2-A and 2-AA state championship football games

1990-1998 & 2013-2017 – Emcee, Winston-Salem Forsyth County High School Sports Hall of Fame Banquet

1996 – “Best Sports Story” – Carolinas Radio and TV News Director Association

1997 – “Sportscaster of the Year “ – North Carolina Tennis Association

2008 – North Carolina Sportscaster of the Year – National Sports Media Association

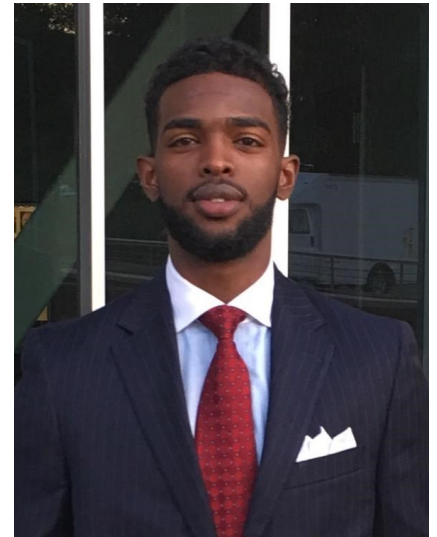
2009 – Present Executive Director, National Sports Media Association

1999 – 2013 Winger – Piedmont Hockey Association

# 2017 INDUCTEE

## MICHAEL A. GRACE, JR.

Category: Player



School: Mt. Tabor High School

Achievements:

### Basketball

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| 2007 – 2009 | 2 Times All District 7 Team<br>2 Times Winston-Salem Chronicle All City County   |
| 2008        | Most Valuable Player Frank Spencer Tournament  |
| 2008 – 2009 | 2 Times CPC All Tournament Team<br>2 Times Top 20 in the State in Assist   |
| 2009        | Runner up for the Frank Spencer Award<br>NCHSAA All State Team<br>North Carolina Preps All State Team<br>Mc Donald's All American Nominee<br>East – West All Star Game |

\*Note: Signed a full scholarship in basketball to Yale University

# 2017 INDUCTEE

## MELTON J. HARDEE

Category Player



School: West Forsyth High School

Achievements:

Wrestling

Four Year Letterman

1976 – 1980

All Conference

All City – County

All Northwest Team

Selected to all 3 Teams All 4 Years of High School Career

1980

High School All American

Placed 5<sup>th</sup> in Nation (NC/USA Wrestling)

Top 8 Wrestlers in North Carolina

High School Record 75 – 5

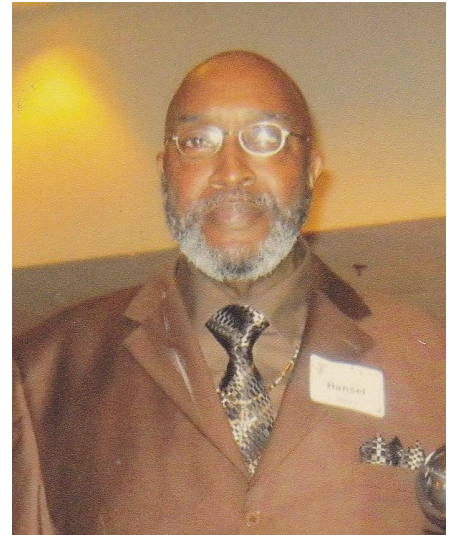
\*Note: Signed Full Wrestling Scholarship to Winston-Salem State University

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## HANSEL HENTZ

(Posthumous)

Category: Contributor



School: Anderson High School

Achievements:

Simply known as “Hentz,” If you were raised in Winston-Salem and know anything about 14<sup>th</sup> Street Recreation Center and the 14<sup>th</sup> Street All-stars then you know what his mission in life was. His love for the youth in the community went beyond passion.

He founded and directed the Winston-Salem Summer Basketball League for under 18 youth, which was played at many of the recreation centers in the city. His summer leagues served two purposes for the youth of the city, it kept them off the street and out of trouble and inspired them to perfect their skill in the summer in order to compete on their school teams.

He founded and directed the “One – On – One” Basketball Tournament at Bellview Recreation Center for under 18 youth.

In 2012 Hentz was awarded the YMCA Strong Award from the YMCA of Northwest North Carolina. This award is given to adult volunteers who demonstrate exceptional volunteerism and consideration towards others.

Hentz was Head Coach for Special Olympics – 2004 – 2014 and won 5 State Championships.

Recognized by Winston-Salem Forsyth County Schools as one of the Volunteers of the Year 2013 – 2014.

Recognized for his support of the Senior Games of Forsyth County.

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## WHITNEY KNIGHT

Category: Player



Schools: R. J. Reynolds  
Achievements:

### Basketball

- 2008 All City – County  
All Conference Northwest 1A  
1A State Champions
- 2009 All Forsyth County  
MVP Mary Garber Girls' Basketball Tournament  
1A State Champions
- 2010 All Conference 4A  
MVP Mary Garber Girls' Basketball Tournament  
Max Prep Player of the Year
- 2011 Ranked Number 4 in the South by Basketball Times  
Ranked Number 6 in the Nation by Basketball Times  
McDonald's All American High School Basketball Team

\*Note: Recruited by over 120 Major Colleges, Signed Full Scholarship to Florida Gulf Coast University, Presently Member of WNBA Sparks

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## GREG D. SCALES

Category: Player



School: East Forsyth High School  
Achievements:

### Football

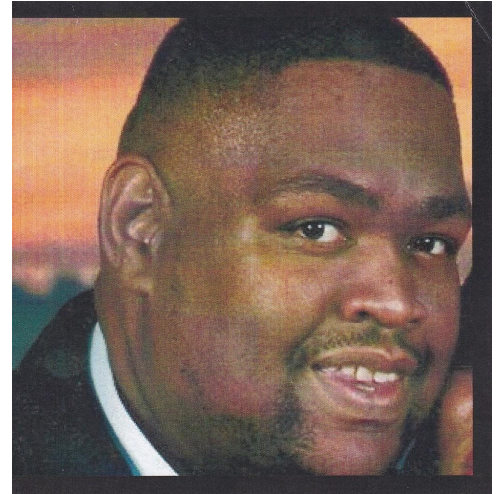
- 1981 All City – County, All Conference
- 1982 All City – County, All Conference, All Northwest
- 1983 All City – County, All Conference, All Northwest, Shrine Bowl Selection
- 1984 All City County, All Conference, All Northwest, East – West All Star

### Basketball

- 1982 All City – County, All Conference
- 1983 All City – County, All Conference
- 1984 All City – County, All Conference

\*Note: Signed Full Scholarship to Wake Forest, Drafted 5<sup>th</sup> Round by New Orleans Saints

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## TALMADGE "TAB" THACKER

(Posthumous)

Category: Player

School: West Forsyth High School

Achievements:

Wrestling

1979 – 1980 All City – County

All Conference

All Northwest

1980 High School All American

Jr. National Freestyle Champion (NC / USA)

Jr. National All American

Top 8 Wrestler in NC High School Record 126 – 3

\*Note: Signed Wrestling Scholarship to NC State University, Won NCAA Heavyweight Title in 1984. After College he became an Actor and appeared in movies: "City Heat" with Clint Eastwood and Burt Reynolds, "Wildcats" with Goldie Hawn, "Police Academy 4 and 5", and "Identity Crisis."

Died at the age of 45 from complications from diabetes.