

Dr. Carol Montague Davis

Carver High School
Administrator



A transformative educational leader with more than 30 years of service, Dr. Carol Montague Davis has made a lasting impact on students, schools, and communities across North Carolina and beyond. A graduate of Elizabeth City State University, the University of Maryland, and Gardner-Webb University, she has built a distinguished career as a teacher, coach, principal, and central office leader.

Dr. Montague Davis served as principal of Warren County High School and Carver High School, where she became widely recognized as a turnaround leader and champion for student success. She later served as Assistant Superintendent for Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools, overseeing secondary education for nearly a decade before returning to Carver to continue her direct impact on students.

Her leadership extended beyond academics into athletics, where her passion for sports helped elevate entire programs. Under her leadership, Carver High School achieved a Girls Basketball State Championship, multiple conference and regional titles, numerous track and field state championships, and sustained success across football and newly established soccer programs.

Dr. Montague Davis' excellence has been recognized with numerous honors, including The Chronicle's *Woman of the Year*, Warren County Principal of the Year, Teacher of the Year (St. Mary's County, MD), and Coach of the Year in Southern Maryland—reflecting her rare ability to lead and inspire both in the classroom and on the field.

A dedicated servant leader, she has also contributed extensively to professional and community organizations, including leadership roles in educational associations, civic boards, and mentoring initiatives. Her career is defined by a deep commitment to student achievement, school pride, and community engagement.

Dr. Montague Davis' legacy is one of excellence, resilience, and unwavering dedication to making a difference in the lives of young people.

Dr. Montague Davis is currently the Superintendent for Warren County Schools.

Frank Terry Martin

Mount Tabor & Reagan High Schools
Administrator



A respected educator, coach, and administrator, Frank Martin dedicated more than thirty years to shaping student success and athletic excellence in Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools. A graduate of Virginia Tech and Appalachian State University, he built a distinguished career grounded in leadership, discipline, and a deep commitment to students.

Martin began his career as a teacher and coach, serving at George Wythe High School in Virginia and later at Mount Tabor High School, where he taught marketing education and coached multiple sports, including baseball, basketball, volleyball, and tennis. His impact in the classroom was recognized when he was named Mount Tabor High School Teacher of the Year for the 1990–91 school year.

Transitioning into administration, Martin served as assistant principal at both Mount Tabor and Reagan High School before becoming principal at Thomas Jefferson Middle School and later Ronald Reagan High School. Known for his steady leadership and strong connection to students and community, he helped guide schools through periods of growth while maintaining a focus on academic and extracurricular excellence.

In 2017, Martin returned to Mount Tabor High School as Athletic Director, where he led one of the area's most successful athletic programs until his retirement in 2024. His leadership brought stability, vision, and continued success across multiple sports programs.

Throughout his career, Frank Martin has been recognized as a dedicated educator and leader whose influence extends far beyond the classroom and playing field. His legacy is defined by his commitment to students, his passion for athletics, and his lasting impact on the Winston-Salem community.

Charles Alan McAninch

West Forsyth High School
Administrator



Charles McAninch is a dedicated educational leader with more than 33 years of service, Charles McAninch has made a lasting impact across multiple school systems through his commitment to student achievement, staff development, and school improvement. Over the course of his career, he served as a teacher, athletic director, assistant principal, and principal, consistently demonstrating strong leadership and a focus on building successful school communities.

McAninch served as principal at West Forsyth High School, Meadowlark Middle School, and Lewisville Middle School, where his leadership produced measurable success. At West Forsyth, he oversaw a period of exceptional achievement, including seven state championships over a nine year period, across multiple sports, more than \$750,000 in athletic facility improvements, and the expansion of programs supporting student-athletes. McAninch oversaw major facility improvements at West Forsyth, including construction of a new football scoreboard, press box, ticket entrance, soccer scoreboard, baseball batting cage, softball dugout and backstop renovation, and many more facility upgrades. Under his leadership, the school also achieved a double-digit academic growth rate and earned an A+ rating, reflecting excellence both in the classroom and in athletics.

Beyond athletics, McAninch focused on strengthening instructional practices and increasing student engagement. He led staff development initiatives, expanded student organizations, and played a key role in the successful opening of Lewisville Middle School. His collaborative leadership extended into the community through partnerships that created new opportunities for students, including programs supporting non-college-bound pathways.

His contributions have been recognized with honors such as the Department of the Army Commander's Award for Public Service, reflecting his impact as a leader, educator, and mentor. Throughout his career, Charles McAninch has exemplified a commitment to excellence, leaving a lasting legacy on the students, schools, and communities he served.

Arthur Ian Hardin

Special Category
Contributor



Game Official:

Arthur Hardin is a highly respected football and basketball official, Arthur Hardin has dedicated more than four decades to serving student-athletes, coaches, and schools across North Carolina. Known for his professionalism, consistency, and leadership, Hardin has officiated at both the high school and collegiate levels, earning assignments to some of the sport's most prestigious contests, including state championship games, NCAA playoff matchups, and major bowl games.

Throughout his distinguished career, Hardin has served in leadership roles as a regional supervisor, position chief, and clinic instructor, while also playing a vital role within the North State Football Officials Association and the North Carolina High School Officials Association. His commitment to training and mentoring the next generation of officials has had a lasting impact on the profession. His excellence has been recognized with honors such as the R. Douglas Rhodes Award and the North Carolina High School Athletic Association Gold Whistle Award.

Hardin's extensive résumé includes officiating in the Atlantic Coast Conference, Southern Conference, and numerous postseason assignments, including ACC Championship Games and major bowl appearances such as the Peach Bowl (National Semifinal), Sugar Bowl, and Citrus Bowl. His career reflects a standard of excellence, dedication, and service that has elevated high school and collegiate athletics throughout North Carolina.

Michael Ray Jones Sr.

East Forsyth High School



Lettered: Football, Track and Field

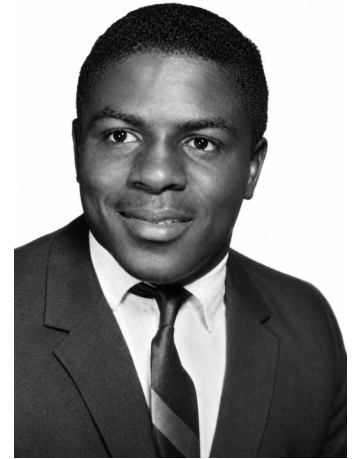
Mike Jones Sr. came to East Forsyth highly recommended by the staff at Carver Jr. High School, his 9th and 10th grade school. Coach Perry Pearson was very impressed with how coachable Mike was and decided to retire the Notre Dame Box offense and do a more quarterback friendly offense to highlight his skill set. Before Mike's senior season he attended Gus Purcell's quarterback camp in the Charlotte area to help improve his skills. As a result of this opportunity his skills improved and his name was now on the radar of college scouts. He was considered to be one of the top quarterbacks in attendance behind Mark Maye. At this time Davidson College heard that he was an outstanding student (selected into The National Honor Society at East Forsyth) as well as an outstanding athlete. This was very instrumental in Mike's future:

Mike became a standout student-athlete at East Forsyth High School, he excelled in both football and track & field, establishing himself as one of the premier quarterbacks in the state. During his senior season in 1982, he earned All Central Piedmont 4A Conference and was named Central Piedmont 4A Conference Player of the Year. He was also recognized as a member of the prestigious "Super 25" team (All-City/County). Mike led East Forsyth to an outstanding 10–1 record and a #1 state ranking, and received a full scholarship to Davidson College.

Following his collegiate career, Jones dedicated over three decades to education and coaching. He served as an assistant football coach at East Forsyth from 1991–1994 and was a key member of the coaching staff for the 1992 State Championship team. Michael Ray Jones Sr. was inducted into the East Forsyth High School Hall of Fame in 2020.

Thomas Little III

R.J. Reynolds High School



Lettered: Football, Track, & Wrestling

Thomas Little III was an accomplished multi-sport athlete at R.J. Reynolds High School, excelling in track, wrestling, and football. A dominant and versatile competitor, he made a lasting impact through his strength, speed, and ability to perform at an elite level across multiple sports.

Little was a state champion in the 440-yard dash, setting a record time of 49.3 seconds, and held the county record in the event at the time of his death. He also won back-to-back North Carolina state championships in wrestling (1968, 1969), capturing 52 consecutive victories and earning Most Outstanding Wrestler honors at the state tournament.

Mr. Alex Bass at the NCHSAA stated that Thomas Little while winning two state championships in wrestling, pinned 7 out of 8 opponents he faced at the wrestling championship over a two-year time period, which was unprecedented.

A standout football player, Little was the starting fullback for nationally ranked Reynolds teams and played a key role alongside some of the program's greatest players. His excellence, versatility, and dominance across multiple sports make Thomas Little III a deserving member of the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County High School Sports Hall of Fame.

Jeremy Peterson

R.J. Reynolds High School



Lettered: Football

Jeremy Peterson was a 5-foot-7, 141-pound sophomore when he became Reynolds' starting quarterback. During the offseason before his junior year, a steady diet of meat and peanut butter, along with dedicated work in the weight room, helped him grow to 5-foot-10 and 180 pounds. "It's like night and day," said Coach Mike Propst. "He gained 30 pounds (39 actually), but it's not just that—it's the confidence factor. He is very comfortable in what we are doing offensively, and he starts on defense, too. You always pick a player to build around, and Jeremy is the one. He is the leader of our football team—always the first one in the weight room and the last to leave. We wanted to build our offense around him."

A dynamic and record-setting quarterback at R.J. Reynolds High School, Peterson emerged as one of the most electrifying offensive players in the Central Piedmont 4-A Conference. A two-time Central Piedmont 4-A Offensive Player of the Year, he led the Demons' offense with exceptional leadership, intelligence, and playmaking ability. He passed for over 5,200 yards and 51 touchdowns during his final two seasons, consistently delivering in critical moments.

Peterson's impact extended beyond statistics. He also contributed as a defensive back and earned Central Piedmont 4-A All-Conference honors while being recognized on the All-Northwest Team—honorable mention as a junior and first-team quarterback as a senior—solidifying his reputation as one of the region's top players.

His outstanding high school career led to a collegiate opportunity at Elon University, where he continued his football journey.

Parker Crim Thomas

Mount Tabor High School



Lettered: Football and Baseball

Parker Crim Thomas was a dominant two-sport athlete at Mount Tabor High School, Parker Thomas excelled in both football and baseball, establishing himself as one of the area's premier competitors. His career reflects a rare combination of size, skill, and competitive drive that distinguished him as one of the top multi-sport athletes of his era.

On the football field, Thomas was a standout defensive end, earning All-City/County, All-Central Piedmont 4-A Conference, and All Northwest Football Team (Honorable Mention) honors while helping lead Mount Tabor to a 12-4 record and a runner-up finish in the 4-A State Championship, followed by a conference championship season in 2008.

In baseball, Thomas emerged as one of the top pitchers in the region and a nationally recognized prospect. As a junior Thomas had 69 strikeouts in 46 innings and his fastball was consistently in the low 90-miles-an-hour range and was clocked as fast as 94 mph. He earned Central Piedmont 4-A All-Conference and All-City/County honors and was named to the Rawlings Preseason All-American Third Team and All-Region Team. His performance on the mound, highlighted by a power fastball and high strikeout totals, drew attention from numerous Division I programs and professional scouts.

Thomas continued his athletic career at the University of North Carolina, where he competed in both baseball and football.

Kedrick Jayvon Williams

East Forsyth High School



Lettered: Basketball

Kedrick Williams was a dynamic and electrifying guard at East Forsyth High School, Kedrick established himself as one of the premier basketball players in the Metro 4-A Conference. Despite standing just 5-foot-8, Williams overcame size limitations through exceptional quickness, toughness, and confidence, consistently outplaying taller opponents and becoming one of the most difficult guards to defend in the region.

Kedrick was selected Metro 4-A All Conference in 2007 and 2008. He was Metro 4-A Conference Player of the Year in 2008. Williams earned All-Northwest (Honorable Mention) in 2007 and All Northwest 1st team honors in 2008 while leading his team with scoring, speed, and playmaking ability. He averaged 19.6 points, 5.0 rebounds, 4.3 assists, and 4.0 steals per game, scoring in double figures in 22 of 24 games, while finishing his career with 1,188 points.

Williams' impact extended beyond statistics, as he earned MVP honors in the Frank Spencer Holiday Classic and was recognized among Forsyth County's "Dazzling Dozen." His relentless competitiveness and leadership defined his career, as reflected by Head Coach Clyde Reynolds, who stated, "*Kedrick just willed himself to not be beaten.*"

Kedrick received a basketball scholarship to attend Saint Paul's College.

Joseph Lagarde

East Forsyth High School



Lettered: Football, Basketball, & Baseball

Joe Lagarde was one of the most accomplished multi-sport athletes in East Forsyth High School history, excelling in football, basketball, and baseball. Arriving from New Orleans as a sophomore, he quickly made a lasting impact, earning All-Conference honors and Player of the Year recognition in all three sports—an extraordinary achievement rarely seen in high school athletics.

On the football field, Lagarde led East Forsyth to a perfect 10–0 regular season and a 15–0 playoff run, culminating in the school’s first State Championship. Serving as quarterback, punter, and return specialist, he was a dynamic leader whose toughness and versatility set him apart. His performance earned him selection to the Shrine Bowl and recognition as Football Player of the Year by the Greensboro Daily News.

Lagarde carried that success into basketball, where he again earned All-Conference and Player of the Year honors, while also being named Most Valuable Player of the Frank Spencer Holiday Classic Tournament. In baseball—his true passion—he dominated as a pitcher, earning All-Conference and Player of the Year accolades once more. His outstanding high school career led to his selection by the Los Angeles Dodgers, where he went on to play professionally.

Joe Lagarde’s remarkable three-sport excellence, leadership, and competitive spirit make him one of the most distinguished athletes to ever represent East Forsyth High School.