

Coppin State Announces 2016 Athletic Hall of Fame Class

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SHERRIE TUCKER

Coppin State University's
5th Annual
Athletic Hall of Fame Induction

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7:00 p.m.

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BALTIMORE – Coppin State University's Department of Athletics announced its fifth Athletic Hall of Fame class. The four teams and one individual will be honored at a ceremony beginning at 7 p.m. on Friday, February 26 in the Auxiliary Gym of the Physical Education Complex (PEC) on campus. The 2016 Hall of Fame class will also be honored during halftime of the Coppin State-Morgan State men's basketball game on Saturday, February 27th in the PEC Arena.

The 2016 Hall of Fame class includes the 1966-67 men's basketball team, the 1991-93 women's cross country teams, the 1991-93 men's cross country teams, the 1995 baseball team, and women's basketball standout Sherrie Tucker.

Coach (Dr.) Joseph A. Jones led **the 1966-67 Men's Basketball Team** to Coppin's first Maryland Intercollegiate Conference Championship and the first winning season in sixteen years. At that time, the Eagles 13-7 record was the best in the history of Coppin's intercollegiate competitions. Walter Greene led the team with his excellent shooting skills; he was the top shooter for the team and conference. Larry Hall, co-captain, was instrumental because of his court savvy and speed. Albert Roberts, co-captain, was most valuable for his leadership. Clayton McNeill was the team's trouble-shooter; he played both front and back court. Paul Holmes, the freshman, was noted for his rebounding and outside shooting. The members of the **1966-67 Men's Basketball Team** were William Burgess, Michael Chambers, Albert Edmonds, Alton Erwin, Walter Greene, Larry Hall, Alan Harris, Paul Holmes, Robert Layton, Clayton McNeill, Clyde Parker, Irving Quarles, Albert Roberts, Steve Thornton, Thomas Smith Jr., James Webster, and Matthews Wright.

The Women's Cross Country Track Team was led by Diana Pitts, who qualified for the 1992 NCAA and Olympic trials in the 800 meter run, was the catalyst for the women. In 1991, she covered the 3.1 mile course in 19:40, just: 04 ahead of teammate Felisha Harris. Felisha Harris was the 1991 MEAC individual cross country champion and outstanding performer. During the 1991 championship, Coppin had the top four finishers Diana Pitts, Felisha Harris, Ill-llya Gillard, and Annette Williams. Rounding out the 1991 and 1992 teams were Raquel Beverly, Karen DeCairish and Sheree Carter. Diana Pitts was the MEAC outstanding performer in 1992. Diana Pitts was Coppin's first track all-American. In 1993 Annette Williams covered the 3.1 mile course in 19:35 to take MEAC individual honors and earn the outstanding performer award. Also in 1993, Ill-llya Gillard placed third at the MEAC Championship. Completing the outstanding efforts of the women's 1991, 1992 and 1993 P. A. C. K. team was Kathryn Donaldson, Twana Allen, Kisha Cox, Sandra Dobson, and Zara Eden. The members of the 1991, 1992, 1993 MEAC Women's Cross Country Championship Team were Twana Allen, Annette Williams, Felisha Harris, Zara Eden, Karen DeCairish, Raquel Beverly, Kathryn Donaldson, Diana Pitts, Ill-llya Gillard, Sandra Dobson, Kisha Cox, Sharon Johnson and Sheree Carter.

The Men's Cross Country Track Team P. A. C. K. was comprised of Kelvin Barton, Courtney Bennett, Larry English, Nicholas Eugene, Euan Hinds, Phil Johnson, Myers Kirkaldy, Dave Loobie and Sam Willoughby. After sweeping the 1991 MEAC championship; in 1992 this team ended U.M.B.C.'s six-year hold of the Metro Invitational Championship (which featured the seven area four-year institutions) and took team title at the Delaware State Invitational. Nicholas Eugene snared individual honors at both meets. Courtney Bennett won two conference titles, Most Outstanding Performer, in 1991 and 1993. In 1993 he raced through the 6.2 mile course in 30:23. Nicholas Eugene won the MEAC's Most Outstanding Performer in 1992. The P.A.C.K. not only excelled on the track, many were MEAC All-Academic Honorees, including; Annette Williams, Felisha Harris, Twana Allen, Sheree Carter, Kathryn Donaldson, Kelvin Barton, Lawrence English, Courtney Bennett,

Nicholas Eugene, Sam Willoughby and Dave Loobie. The P.A.C.K. was coached by Donald Webster, a three-time MEAC Coach of the Year. A former track-athlete, Coach Webster was world-ranked in 1960, 1961, 1963, 1964, and 1968. He also participated in the U. S. Olympic Trials in 1964 and 1972. In 1993, Ernest Barrett joined Coach Webster as the assistant coach. Coach Barrett had earned All-American status while at George Mason University, where he was a member of the relay team which clocked the second-fastest time in the world (7:17.77). The members of the 1991, 1992, 1993 Men's Cross Country Championship Team were; Courtney Bennett, Kelvin Barton, Sam Willoughby, Phil Johnson, Dave Loobie, Euan Hinds, Myers Kirkaldy, Nicholas Eugene, Courtney Payne and Lawrence English.

Sherrie Tucker was a four year member of the Lady Eagles basketball team at Coppin State University from 2002-2006. At Coppin State, Tucker led the Lady Eagles to a pair of Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) regular-season titles, MEAC Tournament championships and NCAA Tournament appearances (2004-05, 2005-06). The Philadelphia, PA native was a two-time MEAC Player of the Year selection in consecutive seasons (2005, 2006) and was named to the 2006 All-MEAC Women's Basketball First Team. During her sophomore year Sherrie was named to the 2004 MEAC Women's Basketball All-Tournament Team. In the following season Tucker led the MEAC in scoring as a junior averaging 16 points per game and ranked in the top ten in both field goal and free throw percentages. She helped the Lady Eagles to their best conference record (15-3) in the school's history and their first outright MEAC regular season title. As a senior, Tucker led Coppin State in scoring and rebounding with averages of 13 points and 5 rebounds per game. She also led the Lady Eagles in seven other categories. Tucker was ninth in the MEAC in scoring, tied for 15th in rebounding, 11th in field goal percentage (.441), and 10th in minutes played (33.0 per game). Tucker wore No. 40 on the court and earned Coppin State women's basketball Most Valuable Player award for three consecutive years. She finished her career ranked third all-time at Coppin State with 1,389 points.

The 1995 Baseball Team won Coppin's first-ever Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) baseball crown, with a 10-5 victory over Florida A & M. The team won a berth in an NCAA Play-In series. Brian Pisani was named the outstanding player at the MEAC Tournament and was runner-up for player of the year. Brian Pisani was on the All-MEAC second-team. Jamal Davis was named to the all-tourney squad. Marcus Hamilton was selected to the All-MEAC first team. Travis Thornton was named the league's rookie of the year and earned second-team honors. Travis Thornton was among the top freshman batters in the country, finishing with a team high .410 average and 45 runs scored. He struck out just 11 times in 178 at bats. This team broke 17 school records—Brian Pisani set the record for single-season marks for complete games (14) and strikeouts (83); Cecil Christwell tied the record of nine home runs in a year. The members of the 1995 Baseball Team were Antwoine Means, Harry Martin, Cecil Christwell, Ruffin Bell III, Jonathan Fulton, John Kennard, Jamal Davis, Marcus Hamilton, Kevin Robinson, Ramon Santiago, Emmanuel Fitzgerald,

Drek Smith, Brian Pisani, and Travis Thornton. Jason Booker, a former Coppin Baseball player, was the Head Coach of the 1995 Baseball Team. An outstanding player himself, he holds many school career records. He also helped Coppin win the national team stolen base crown. He was assisted by coaches Kenneth Fowlie, Raymond Hale, and Andre Johnson.

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