

2025 Inductee Class

Allen Lewis (Sportswriter) - Local - Legacy of Excellence

- Haverford College (1940) ; played on baseball and football teams
- Served in the Army Air Forces during World War II, attaining the rank of captain.
- Briefly covered the Philadelphia Warriors chronicled their 1946-47 BAA Championship
- Phillies beat writer for the Inquirer from 1946 until 1972
- Retired from the Inquirer in 1979
- Member of Baseball Hall of Fame's Veterans Committee from 1979 until 2000
- Served as Chairman of Major League Baseball's Scoring Committee from 1960 to 1974
- Considered the foremost authority on baseball rules
- Recommended many scoring changes that remain in effect today
- Covered 24 World Series and witnessed 10 no-hitters
- Came out of retirement in 1980 to assist with the Inquirer's coverage of Phillies' World Series
- Provided a weekly baseball trivia question for Sunday newspapers
- 1998-2002: First official scorer for Tampa Bay Devil Rays
- Published four books on the Phillies and baseball history
- Awarded the J.G Taylor Spink Award, gaining admission to writers' wing of Baseball Hall of Fame

Bo Roberson (Football/Track & Field) - Local

- Attended Bartram High School
- 1952 Philadelphia long jump champion
- 1953 Philadelphia 100-yard dash and long jump champion
- 1953 All-City Basketball team, along with Wilt Chamberlain & Guy Rodgers
- Excelled in basketball, football and track & field at Cornell
- 1960 AAU National Indoor Long Jump Champion
- World record for indoor long jump 25' 9½" (February 1960)
- 1960 Olympic silver medalist in long jump
- 1959 Pan-Am gold medalist in long jump
- Lieutenant in US Army (1959-61)
- Six years in the AFL (American Football League) as a WR with the Chargers, Raiders, Bills & Dolphins
- 1964: led the AFL in all-purpose yards
- 1965: caught three passes for 88 yards in Bills 23-0 victory in AFL Championship game
- First track and field coach at USC, Irvine (c 1970)
- Only Ivy League graduate to play professional football, win an Olympic medal and earn a doctorate
- Bartram High School Hall of Fame (1974))
- Cornell Athletics Hall of Fame (1978)

Christy Morgan (Field Hockey) - Local

- Area native: Norristown, PA
- 3-time NCAA National Championship at Old Dominion University (1982-84)
- 4-time All-Tournament team (1981-84)
- 3-time All-American
- ODU All-time scorer, 86 goals and 133 points
- ODU Female Athlete of Year (1984) and co-winner (1985)
- 1984 Honda award winner (Best Field Hockey player in nation)
- 1985 Broderick Cup (USA's top female collegiate athlete)
- 9 years on US National Team (1982-90)
- 2 Seasons US World Cup team (1983,1986)
- Member of the 1988 US Olympic team
- 15 Seasons as head coach at James Madison (198-116-2)
- Coached 14 All-Americans
- 1994 National Championships
- Only person to win and coach NCAA championships in Field Hockey (1982-84 ODU player) (1994 JMU Coach)
- Old Dominion Sports Hall of Fame (1990)
- USA Field Hockey Hall of Fame (2004)
- JMU Athletics Hall of Fame (2004)

Clyde Simmons (Football) - Eagles

- Eagles' 9th round draft pick in 1986 NFL Draft
- 8 seasons at DE with the Eagles (1986-93)
- 2-time Eagles leader in Sacks (1989, 92)
- Led the NFL with 19 sacks (1992)
- Member of 1991 Eagles defense, ranked 1st against the run, pass, & yards allowed
- 2-time Pro Bowler (1991-92)
- 2nd on Eagles Career Sack list with 77
- All-NFC (1989, 91)
- All-NFL (1991-92)
- Eagles 75th Anniversary Team (2007)
- Eagles Hall of Fame (2018)

Dick Jerardi (Sportswriter) - Local - Legacy of Excellence

- Acclaimed sportswriter, commentator, and TV & Radio host, primarily focusing on horse racing and college basketball
- Graduated from the University of Maryland with degree in journalism
- Hired by Daily News in 1985 as its horse racing writer
- Covered every Triple Crown race since 1987 and every NCAA Tournament since 1988
- Charter member of the Beyer Speed Figure Team (mid-1980s)
- Covered major events, including the 1992 Barcelona Olympics, the 2001 NBA Finals, Eagles NFC Championship games and 2008 World Series
- Expert analyst for Pennsylvania Derby's live television broadcasts since 2011
- Radio analyst for Penn State basketball since 2005
- 5-time Red Smith award winner for Kentucky Derby coverage
- 3-time Joe Hirsch award for best Breeders' Cup story
- 2006 Eclipse award for series on Barbaro
- Walter Haight Award for career excellence in turf writing by National Turf Writers and Broadcasters (2007)
- Parx Racing Hall of Fame (2017)
- National Museum of Racing's Joe Hirsch Roll of Honor (2023)

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Dwight Muhammad Qawi (Boxing) - Local

- Area native: raised in Camden, NJ
- Learned boxing as an inmate at Rahway State Prison
- Professional record: 41-11-1 w/ 25 KOs (1978-98)
- World Cruiserweight Champion (1985-86)
- World Light heavyweight Champion (1981-83)
- Fought notables such as George Foreman, Evander Holyfield (2), Leon & Michael Spinks, Matthew Saad Muhammad (2)
- New Jersey Boxing Hall of Fame (1997)
- International Boxing Hall of Fame (2004)
- Pennsylvania Boxing Hall of Fame (2010)

Eddie Coyle (Powerlifting-Paralympics) – Local

- Area native; Monsignor Bonner HS
- Diagnosed with Polio at age 2
- 1972 gold medal - Middleweight
- 1976 gold medal – Lightweight
- 1980 silver medal – Middleweight
- Swam the English Channel-1995
- Set 23 World Records
- Dr. Eddie Coyle Award presented annually by Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame (Del. County Chapter)
- Delaware County Sports Hall of Fame (2016)
- Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame (1999)

Gary Williams (Basketball) – Local

- Area native; Collingswood (NJ) HS
- Point guard & team captain at University of Maryland
- Coached Woodrow Wilson HS to 1970 NJ State Championship
- 33-year career as NCAA head coach at American, Boston College, Ohio State & Maryland
- Lifetime record of 668-380
- 9 NCAA Sweet 16 appearances
- **Back-to-back Final Four appearances - 2001-02**
- **Coached Maryland to 2002 NCAA Championship (64-52 over Indiana)**
- **University of Maryland Athletics Hall of Fame (1999)**
- **National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame (2014)**
- **Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame (2014)**

Jeffrey Lurie (Football) - Eagles - Philadelphia Medal

- Born in Boston, 1951
- B.A. - Clark University; Master's in Psychology - Boston University and Ph.D. in Social Policy - Brandeis University
- Purchased Philadelphia Eagles on May 6, 1994
- Franchise is regarded as one of the most prominent in professional sports
- In 31 seasons as owner
 - ◇ Team Record: 283 - 214-3
 - ◇ 69 games over .500 (team was 70 games under at time of purchase)
 - ◇ 20 winning seasons
 - ◇ 19 Playoff appearances
 - ◇ 11 Division Titles (most in division since 2001)
 - ◇ 8 NFC East Conference games (most in NFC since 2004)
 - ◇ 4 NFC Championships
 - ◇ 2 Super Bowl Championships
- Eagles won their first Super Bowl over New England Patriots 41-13 in SB LII
- Since 2004 Eagles one of just 3 teams with 4 Super Bowl appearances (XXXIX, LII, LVII, & LIX)
- Oversaw building of Lincoln Financial Field in 2003 and renovation in 2012
- Established Eagles Youth Partnership in 1995 (now known as Eagles Charitable Foundation) focusing on health and education programming for more than one million at risk children in the Philadelphia area
- Dedicated to raising critical research funds for autism. Since the founding of Eagles Autism Foundation in 2019, more than \$30 million has been raised for research and care.
- 1995 Sporting News NFL Owner of the Year
- 1996 Torch of Liberty Award (Anti-Defamation League of Phila)
- 1997 Philadelphia Operation Understanding honor
- 2000 Pro Football Insider NFL Owner of the Year
- 2011 Sports Team of the Year Award (Beyond Sport)
- 2018 Paul "Tank" Younger Award (Fritz Pollard Alliance)
- 2019 Commitment to Cures Award (American Brain Foundation)

Lynne Carter (Boxing Judge) - Local - Legacy of Excellence

- Philly Native-Cardinal Dougherty HS
- Learned boxing from Joe Frazier at his gym on Broad Street
- Trained as a judge under Carol Polis, the 1st female boxing official
- First African American female boxing judge
- Licensed in New Jersey under "Jersey" Joe Walcott
- Judged first fight in March 1982
- In over 43 years as a judge, officiated over 1,000 fights including bouts in Africa, Asia, South America and Europe.
- Judged numerous title bouts in various weight classes including IBF, WBC, WBA, WBO, WBU and WBF.
- Fighters: Mike Tyson, Lennox Lewis, Roy Jones, Dwight Muhammad Qawi & Bernard Hopkins
- New Jersey Boxing Hall of Fame (2012)
- Pennsylvania Boxing Hall of Fame (2019)
- Atlantic City Boxing Hall of Fame (2022)

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Mary Ellen Clark (Diving) - Local

- Area native; Radnor HS
- Pennsylvania State Champion at Radnor
- Attended Penn State 1982-85 (1st full scholarship for diving)
- 6-time All-American
- Battled Benign Paroxysmal Positional Vertigo enroute to a successful diving career
- 10-time member of the U.S. National Diving team (1986-96)
- 7-time National Champion
- 4-Time Woman Athlete of the Year-Diving (1992-94, '96)
- 1987 Summer National Title in 10m Platform
- 2-time Olympic bronze medalist in the 10m Platform (1992, '96 - oldest Diving Medalist at 33)
- Voted one of the top 10 female athletes by the USOC (1996)
- Head Diving Coach at Amherst College & Mount Holyoke College since 2004
- 2008 NCAA DIII National Champion
- 2-time New England Small College Diving Coach of the Year (2007-08)
- 2008 NCAA Division III Diving Coach of the Year
- Pennsylvania Aquatics Hall of Fame
- Broward (Florida) Sports Hall of Fame (2000)
- Radnor High School Sports Hall of Fame (2013)
- Delaware County Sport Hall of Fame (2013)
- World Acrobatic Society Hall of Fame (2015)

Mendy Rudolph (Basketball) - Local

- Philadelphia native
- Considered by many one of the greatest officials of all time.
- Officiated 2,112 NBA games from 1953 to 1978
- Refereed 8 NBA All Star Games and at least one NBA Finals games for 22 consecutive seasons
- Authored the NBA Official's Manual and Case Book
- Became NBA's chief of referees in 1969
- With partner Earl Strom refereed all seven games of 1961 Finals, only time in NBA history
- Uniform number 5 has not been worn since his passing in 1979
- Pennsylvania Basketball Hall of Fame
- Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame (1987)
- International Jewish Sports Hall of Fame (1989)
- Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame (2007)

Mike Rozier (Football) - Local

- Area native; Woodrow Wilson HS (Camden, NJ)
- 2-Time All-American at Nebraska
- Set NCAA record with 29 rushing TDs in 1983
- 1983 Heisman Award
- 1983 Maxwell Award
- 1983 Walter Camp Award and Chic Harley Award
- 1983 Player of the Year (UPI & Sporting News)
- #1 Pick by Pittsburgh Maulers in 1984 USFL Draft
- Rushed for 2,153 yds & scored 18 TDs in two USFL seasons
- #2 Pick by Houston in 1984 NFL Supplemental Draft (behind Steve Young)
- 8-year NFL career with Houston & Atlanta
- 2-Time Pro Bowler
- Jersey #30 Retired by Nebraska
- Nebraska Athletics Hall of Fame (2018)
- College Football Foundation Hall of Fame (2006)

Paul Holmgren (Hockey) - Flyers

- 9 Seasons at right wing with the Flyers
- 1981 All-Star
- Recorded 243 career goals and a total of 374 points
- 2nd all-time in penalty minutes for the Flyers
- 1st U.S.-born player w/ hat trick in Stanley Cup Finals (1980)
- Retired with 3rd most games at RW for Flyers (currently 8th)
- Flyers head coach from 1988-91, reaching the conference finals in his first season (first former Flyer to be named head coach)
- Served as Flyers Director of Pro Scouting (1995-97), Director of Player Personnel (1997-99), Assistant GM (1999-2006), General Manager (2006-2014) and President (2014-2019)
- Currently Senior Advisor to Dave Scott, Comcast Spectacor Chairman and CEO (since 2019)
- Lester Patrick Award winner (2014)
- Flyers Hall of Fame (2021)
- US Hockey Hall of Fame (2021)

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Roy Thomas (Baseball) – Local

- Area native; Norristown HS
- Baseball standout at University of Pennsylvania
- 13 MLB seasons as centerfielder (1899-1911) with Phillies (12), Pirates and (Boston) Doves
- 7-time league leader in Walks (1900-04; 1906-07)
- At retirement, held records for center fielders in putouts (NL) and fielding percentage (MLB)
- Foul strike rule (counting the first two foul balls as strikes) established because of his ability to deliberately foul off pitches.
- Only major league regular ever to have scored three times as many runs as RBIs
- 20th all-time in walk %; 29th all-time in on base percentage.
- Rank on Phillies all-time list at retirement (and current rank)
 - ◇ 1st Walks (3)
 - ◇ 2nd OBP (2) & 2nd At Bats (20)
 - ◇ 3rd Runs (8) & 3rd Hits (18)
 - ◇ 4th Stolen Bases (9)
- 11 seasons as Head baseball coach at Penn (1909-16; 106-43-3)

Virginia Allen (Lacrosse) – Local

- Area native
- All-Philadelphia field hockey team
- All-American honors in Lacrosse & Field Hockey at Temple
- U.S. lacrosse team 1935-38
- Legendary coach for at Swarthmore HS
- Coached 11 All-American lacrosse players
- Coached 18 players who made U.S. teams
- Compiled 29-year unbeaten streak from 1932-61
- 34 years as Director of Girls' Athletics at Swarthmore; developed numerous athletes who became outstanding coaches.
- All-American-Lacrosse 1935-37
- All-American-Field Hockey 1935-36
- Led Philadelphia Team to 1938 National Title
- 1970 National Lacrosse Tournament was dedicated in her honor.
- Temple Athletics Hall of Fame (1975)
- PA Sports Hall of Fame (1977)
- US Lacrosse Hall of Fame (1994)
- Eastern PA Lacrosse Hall of Fame (1998-Charter Class)

1925 Darby Hilldales Negro League Champions

- Overall Record: 53-18-1 (.746)
- Eastern Colored League Champions: 45–13 (3rd straight ECL title)
- Hilldale won the best-of-nine series, 5 games to 1 over the Kansas City Monarchs
- Hit .300 as a team for the series, outscoring KC 25-14
- Hilldale pitchers had a 1.58 ERA for the series
- Philadelphia Sports Hall of Famers:
 - Judy Johnson (2009) .389 BA for the 1925 season
 - Biz Mackey (2011) .348 BA for the 1925 season & .360 in the series
 - Louis Santop (2018)
 - Ed Bolden-Owner (2022)

1985 Villanova NCAA Men's Basketball Champions

- Overall Record: 25-10
- Big East Record: 9-7
- Big East Tournament Champions
- NCAA tournament/Opponents
 - ◇ 1st Round: Dayton (9) 51-49
 - ◇ 2nd Round: Michigan (1) 59-55
 - ◇ 3rd Round: Maryland (5) 46-43
 - ◇ 4th Round: North Carolina (2) 56-44
 - ◇ Final 4: Memphis State (2) 52-45
 - ◇ Championship Game: Georgetown (1) 66-64
- Ed Pinckney, Harold Jensen, Dwayne McClain & Gary McLain named to All-Tournament Team
- Ed Pinckney named Tournament MOP (Most Outstanding Player)
- "The Perfect Game" victory over Georgetown widely considered one of the greatest upsets in college basketball history.
- Remains the lowest-seeded team (8) to win the NCAA Tournament
- Coach Rollie Massimino is a member of the Hall of Fame's 2022 Inductee Class