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Athletic Hall of Fame of the Lower Virginia Peninsula Induction Ceremony and Banquet Set for May 4 at the Boo Williams Sportsplex

Hampton, VA- The Athletic Hall of Fame of the Lower Virginia Peninsula will hold an induction ceremony and banquet at the Boo Williams Sportsplex (5 Armistead Pointe Parkway Hampton, VA 23666) on Sunday, May 4 at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$50 a piece and can be purchased in advance by dialing 757/727-8314. Tickets sales end April 25.

The 2014 inductees are:

Joseph Buggs

Joseph Buggs won letters in football, basketball, baseball, and track at Huntington High School in the mid-1950s. Later he was named to the Virginia Interscholastic Association's all-state teams in all four sports. At Elizabeth City State, he also earned letters in four sports and was named to the Black College All-American Team as a running back in 1958 and 1959. Buggs signed with the Pittsburgh Steelers in 1959 as a free agent. After college, he taught and coached football, basketball, and track at several area high schools and colleges.

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Carol Frenck

Carol Frenck was a world-class racquetball player, winning the 1980 national open singles title and several national doubles championships. She was a three-time member of the United States national team and competed on the 1984 U.S. team that won the world championship. After retiring from racquetball, Frenck went on to win two cycling gold medals in the National Senior Games. She began Ferguson High School's girls' tennis team in 1975, winning the state championship a year later. She then coached the team to seven straight district titles from 1989 to 1995.

Charles S. Hovis

Charles S. Hovis became the head football coach of Tabb High School in 1980 and for the next 24 years helped build an elite program. The Tigers went 186-84-2 during that span, winning the Group AA state championship in 1981 and the Division 4 state titles in 1987 and 1990. From 1980 through 1995, the Tigers went 157-33-2, reached the state playoffs six times, and produced future NFL standouts Chris Slade and Terry Kirby. Hovis began his coaching career as an assistant at York High School from 1959 through 1968, and was head coach there 1969 through 1975.

Dennis Kozlowski

Dennis Kozlowski began teaching and coaching at Bethel High School in 1968. He became head football coach in 1974 and his teams won 172 games and three state championships (Group AAA in 1974 and 1976, and Division 5 in 1992). He coached track from 1968 through 1993, producing more than 75 individual or relay state champions. Kozlowski's teams won Group AAA outdoor state championships in 1975, 1984, and 1986. As the school's athletic director from 1983 through 2000, Bethel teams won 21 Peninsula District titles and 13 state team championships.

Charlie Nuttycombe

Charlie Nuttycombe coached football and track at Newport News High School and Menchville High School from 1956 through 1990. His football teams won 150 games from 1961 through 1988, and he began Menchville's program "from scratch" in 1970. In track, he was a state champion broad jumper in high school in Richmond. As a coach, teams he coached (either as head coach, co-coach or assistant coach) won 21 state championships. Nuttycombe's track teams produced more than 100 individual or relay state championships

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C J Woollum

C J Woollum coached basketball at Christopher Newport University for 26 years, winning 502 games and 13 conference championships, including 17 NCAA tournament appearances. Woollum served as athletic director from 1987 to 2012. During that time, CNU's athletic program won 15 consecutive President's Cups, awarded to the USA South's top overall athletic program. Woollum oversaw an athletic expansion at CNU that including the creation of their football program, and the construction of new facilities such as Pomoco Stadium and the Freeman Center, where the basketball court bears his name.

Outstanding Achievement

In 2002, the selection committee established the "Outstanding Achievement" award to honor those whose achievements on and off the field have played a significant role in the development and promotion of athletes and athletics in the local area. This year we honor **Mary McCoy**, for her outstanding contributions to little league baseball and **Henry Morgan** for his devotion to the Peninsula Pilots summer baseball team.

In 1971, Hampton City Council established the Athletic Hall of Fame of the Lower Virginia Peninsula to honor individuals who, by outstanding achievement or service, have made lasting contributions to the cause of sports. A nominee must be either a native of Hampton, Newport News, Poquoson, or York County; or have resided 10 or more years of his/her life on the Lower Peninsula. An inductee must be at least 25 years old.

Created in 1971 by then Hampton Mayor Ann Hitch Kilgore, the Athletic Hall of Fame of the Lower Virginia Peninsula was established to honor athletes that have excelled in athletic and personal arenas. The Hall was housed on the second level of the Hampton Coliseum until 2011 when it was moved to the Boo Williams Sportsplex to help bring further awareness to its honorees. Each inductee is honored with a bronze plaque. Every three years the committee selects new inductees to be honored. Since 1971, 64 members have been selected.

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The Athletic Hall of Fame of the Lower Virginia Peninsula is free and open to the public during Boo Williams Sportsplex venue operating hours. Call ahead for details at 757/637-7300.

For more information on the Athletic Hall of Fame of the Lower Virginia Peninsula, contact Cyndi Masterstaff at 757/727-8314 or cmasterstaff@hampton.gov

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