

**2017**

**Third Annual Induction Banquet**



**April 22, 2017**

**Good Shepherd Baptist Church  
Petersburg, Virginia**

# CLASS OF 2017 INDUCTEES

*Ronald Erb, Football*

*Remus James, Football*

*Kevin Jefferson, Basketball*

*Walter Massey, Jr., Baseball*

*Lisa Mickens-Mason, Basketball*

*\* Oliver Rudy, Football*

*Brien Smith, Football*

*\* Robert W. N. "Wert" Smith, Sr., Contributor*

*Darrell Stith, Sr. Basketball*

*Cheryl Taylor, Basketball*

*1973 and 1974 Championship Teams, Basketball*

*\* Deceased*

# **2017 AWARDS PROGRAM**

## **PRESIDING**

*Rita Harper*

## **WELCOME**

*Sherriff Vanessa Crawford*

## **INTRODUCTION OF MASTER OF CEREMONIES**

*Rita Harper*

## **MASTER OF CEREMONIES**

*Sean Robertson*

## **INVOCATION**

*Reverend Jeffrey Reaves  
Good Shepherd Baptist Church*

## **DINNER**

## **INDUCTION CEREMONY**

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## **CLOSING REMARKS**

*Sherriff Vanessa Crawford*



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April 22, 2017

WELCOME to the *2017 Petersburg Sports Hall of Fame* induction ceremony and banquet!

Our inductees are being honored for their foundational investment in Petersburg athletic programs. Two State Championship Teams (1973 and 1974) are being inducted, and the ten individuals being recognized are Petersburg High School graduates acclaimed for successful sports careers at the collegiate and national levels. Honorees have also exhibited their dedication by their ongoing support of student athletes and athletic programs.

Thank you for joining us as we celebrate those whose generous contributions in the sports arena have earned them a place in the 2017 Petersburg Sports Hall of Fame.

Sincerely,

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Kenneth L. Pritchett, Chairman  
Petersburg School Board

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Marcus J. Newsome'.

Marcus J. Newsome, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools

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March 9, 2017

Petersburg High School Hall of Fame  
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Dear Petersburg High School Hall of Fame Committee and Inductees:

On behalf of City Administration, I welcome those of you attending the 2017 Petersburg Sports Hall of Fame induction ceremony and banquet. It is indeed an honor as the Interim City Manager to present this letter to the Committee. Because of your unmatched legacies, courage, class, and community service the City is proud of you.

I commend each and every one of you for always maintaining your love for your community and your commitment to your craft. God bless each of you as you continue to represent the City Petersburg in your journey.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tom Tyrrell".

Tom Tyrrell  
Interim City Manager



April 22, 2017

On behalf of the Athletic Hall of Fame Committee, we would like to congratulate the 2017 Class of Petersburg Athletic Hall of Fame. They made strides for the Crimson Wave during their high school career, and have gone to pursue excellence on the next level. We are excited to have these honorees set the precedent for future inductees.

This year's class of inductees exemplifies significant contributions to the rich athletic tradition of Petersburg athletics. Many of our honorees have planted seeds in our community that are still flourishing and growing today. Because of their dedication to PHS athletics, our community has been enhanced.

These honorees epitomize the Petersburg athletic commitment to academics, community, and excellence. They persevered through adversity and difficult situation to make the most of each situation. Their commitment to represent the Crimson Wave with pride serves as inspiration and motivation to those in our community and future athletes.

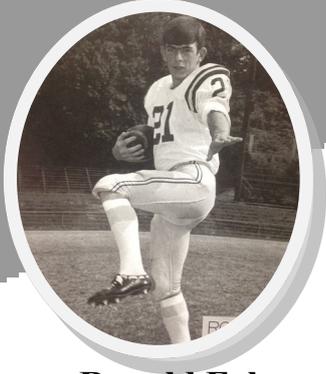
The accomplishments of the 2017 Class of Petersburg Athletic Hall of Fame are deserving of this prestigious award. Although their days at "Dear Ole PHS" have ended, their legacy and influence is still evident today, and will be evident for a lifetime. We are honored to have had them represent the Crimson Wave, and to take part in this ceremony.

Thank you to the families, friends, community, and fans of the 2017 Class of Petersburg Athletic Hall of Fame for supporting the honorees in their prime and beyond; as well as, thank you to those who took part in making this event happen.

Athletic Hall of Fame Committee

# **PETERSBURG**

*Athletic*



**Ronald Erb**



**Remus James**



**Kevin Jefferson**



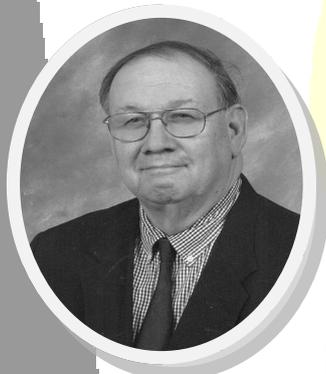
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**1973 and 1974 State Champions**



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**Robert Smith, Sr.**



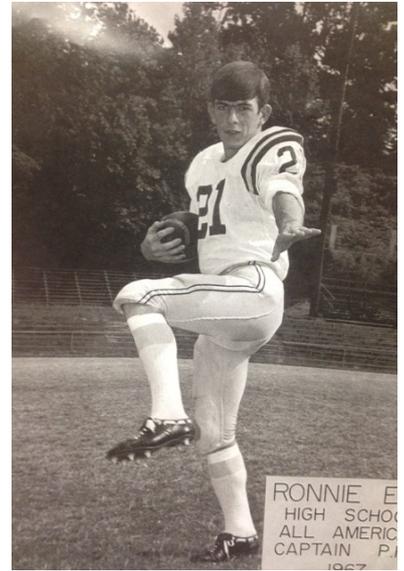
**Darrell Stith, Sr.**



**Cheryl Taylor**

## *Hall of Fame*

# Ronald Erb



Ronald “Ronnie” Erb was born on October 2, 1948 in Petersburg, Virginia. Erb attended Petersburg High School from 1964 until 1968. While a student at Petersburg High School, Erb contributed to the football, basketball, and track teams; football was his passion. He was a member of the 1966 Petersburg High School team that went undefeated (10-0) during the regular season, was the Central District Champions, and ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> in the state. During his first year on the football team, Erb led the Central District with 120 points. He was named First Team All- Central District, First Team All- Tri- City, First Team Group IA, and First Team All- Southern.

Erb helped the 1965 team keep Douglas Freeman, Highland Springs, Prince George, and Manchester from scoring any points when they faced Petersburg High School. In the 1967 season, the Crimson Wave went 9-1-1 and was Co-Central District Champions. Due to his accomplishments, Erb was selected First Team All- Tri- City, First Team All- Central District, and First- Team All- Region. In total, Erb scored 50 touchdowns during his high school career and 4102 career rushing yards.

He was named to the Virginia Sports Writers’ All- State 1<sup>st</sup> Team and was named one of the top football players in the commonwealth of Virginia. Erb was the 2<sup>nd</sup> Petersburg athlete to be named to the All- American High School Football team. In 2010, Erb was recognized as one of Richmond’s Top 25 Football players, along with Ricky Hunley and Eric Tipton. His accomplishments helped the Crimson Wave achieve many victories while he was at Petersburg High School; thus, he is worthy of the honor to be inducted into the Petersburg Athletic Hall of Fame.

# Remus James



Remus J. James was born in Petersburg, Virginia on April 18, 1972. He attended Petersburg High School from 1986 until 1990. While at PHS, James contributed to the track and field team, and he was a vital member of the football team. James's time on the PHS Crimson Wave football team as a wide receiver led the team to many victories and achievements. During the 1988 season, James's statistics for the season were exceptional. James had 63 receptions, 1061 receiving yards, and 11 receptions (single game) in the 1988 season. His accomplishments earned him All- Central District and All- Region 1<sup>st</sup> Team selections in 1988 and 1989. When James graduated from PHS, he held every receiving record at PHS: 115 receptions, 1893 receiving yards, and 13 touchdowns.

After his time at PHS, James went on to play for the Virginia State University Trojans, where he had just as successful a career as he did at PHS. His 1991 season was his strongest season with the Trojans. He was named All- CIAA Wide Receiver during the 1991 and 1992 seasons, and earned All- Academic achievement in 1991. He was a four year letterman under the Trojans, and was a 3 year starter. For the 1993 season, when the Trojans went 10-0 that season, James was named one of the team captains. When he graduated from VSU, James career statistics were as follows: 160 receptions, 2379 receiving yards, and 20 touchdowns. In 2013, James was inducted into the Virginia State University Athletic Hall of Fame for his accomplishments with the university.

In 1995 shortly after his graduation from VSU, James joined the coaching staff as an assistant coach at his high school alma mater. He also became the head track and field for the Crimson Wave in 1996. After successfully contributing to the football coaching staff, Remus was promoted to head coach for the football team in 2001. As the head football coach, he was voted the Central District Coach of the Year in 2001 and was selected to coach the First Annual Central Region All- Star Football game. He also coached two players who eventually became NFL players- Kendall Langford and Jerome Mathis.

James had an exceptional career as the track and field coach for the Crimson Wave. For the 1999, 2000, and 2001 seasons, he was named the Central District Coach of the Year for both the boys' and girls' teams. He was named the Central Region Coach of the Year for the boys' team in 2000 and 2001. James was named the Richmond Times Dispatch Metro Coach of the Year for boys' track and field in 2000 and the Tri- City Track Coach of the Year for boys. His 2001 track and field boys' team finished as the runner- up at the VHSL Track and Field Championship meet. During his years as the track and field coach, James coached two National Track and Field champions, Jerome Mathis and Nicole Cook, who was inducted into the PHS Athletic Hall of Fame last year for her achievements at PHS and University of Tennessee.

Although it was a tough decision due to his investment in his hometown, James became an assistant principal at Colonial Heights Middle School. He was hired as the first African- American head football coach for Colonial Heights High School, where he served for four seasons. He also served as the head track and field coach for CHHS for four years and produced several successful athletes in the program. James is currently the Principal at Tussing Elementary. Throughout his years of coaching and investing in high school athletes, James has helped over 80 student- athletes carry their talents on the field and in the classroom to the college. His numerous contributions and investments make him more than worthy of being inducted into the PHS Athletic Hall of Fame.

# Kevin Jefferson



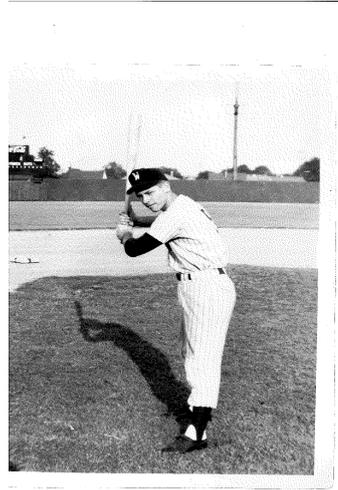
Kevin M.L. Jefferson was born on June 23, 1968 in Petersburg, Virginia. Jefferson attended Petersburg High School from 1982 until 1986, and was a member of the varsity basketball and baseball teams. Jefferson, a talented basketball player, is known as “Coop” for his resemblance to NBA player Michael Cooper, and he is still a leader on and off the court. During his high school career at PHS, Jefferson was named First Team All- District, First Team All- Region, and First Team All- State. His accomplishments on the court also earned him a nomination to the McDonald’s All- American Team.

Jefferson received a full athletic scholarship to Longwood University, where he played from 1986 until 1990. Jefferson ended his college career with 1806 points, a record that he held for 22 years. He had 467 career rebounds. He still currently holds numerous other basketball records for Longwood: season scoring average (25.6), career field goals (746), season field goals (285), career field goal attempts (1,422), season field goal attempts (547), career dunks (107), season dunks (47), single game dunks (6), and single game field goals (15).

Jefferson helped the 1988 team earn the Mason- Dixon Conference Co- Champions. He was voted as the 1990 Longwood Male Athlete of the Year and two- time Team MVP. Jefferson earned All- South Atlantic District honors in 1990 and was a two- time VaSID College Division All- State selection. Jefferson was inducted into the Longwood University Athletic Hall of Fame in 2007 based on his athletic contributions and accomplishments for the university.

Currently, Jefferson is still invested in the world of athletics as he owns his own fitness company- FitCoop33. He is still active in the Petersburg community as he often volunteers with his church, Mt. Olivet Baptist Church. His incredible contributions to the PHS Crimson Wave basketball team make him a great inductee into the Athletic Hall of Fame.

# Walter Massey, Jr.



Walter Rufus Massey, Jr. was born in Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina on September 3, 1934. During his years at Petersburg High School, he was a vital member of the varsity baseball team. Massey, who graduated in 1951 at age 16, played baseball for 2 years for the Crimson Wave. He played shortstop for the Wave, and held a .350 batting average during his high school career. He played several summer leagues with teams like the Woodpecker Lodge and American Legion Post #2 (winning the District Championship).

After graduation, at age 17, Massey was scouted by several major league clubs and signed with the Chicago White Sox. The White Sox sent him to the Wisconsin Rapids Club of the Class D Wisconsin State League for "seasoning." Massey was sent to the Madisonville Miners in Kentucky to play in the Kitty League, where he was moved to second base. The local newspaper, The Messenger, reported that his first home run of the season was a "high fly ball" that "soared over the wall in left field 355 feet away," and helped his team win the game.

His final stop in his pro career was with the Coastal Plains League, playing for the Tobs team in Wilson, North Carolina. At the end of his second year, Walter returned home, saying that he was homesick for family and for Petersburg. Massey was the first graduate of Petersburg High School to be signed by a professional baseball team since Eric Tipton (who was inducted last year into the PHS Athletic Hall of Fame) in 1939. Massey was considered an outstanding player and a long ball hitter known as "The Stick" for his hitting abilities. Massey's great contributions to the baseball team at PHS and is deserving of this honor of being inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame.

# Lisa Mickens-Mason



Lisa Mickens- Mason was born in Petersburg, Virginia on July 1, 1979. Mickens- Mason attended Petersburg High School from 1993 until 1997. She contributed to the basketball, tennis, and softball teams at the high school. As a member of the tennis team at PHS, she was a 4 year letter winner and was selected as 1<sup>st</sup> Team All- Central District in 1996. On the softball team, she was voted as PHS Most Valuable Offensive Player in 1996 and 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All- Central District and Central District All- Academic Team in 1997.

Mickens- Mason was a standout on the two spring teams, but her shine was brightest during the winter seasons as a member of the Lady Wave basketball team. She was a 4 year varsity starter and letter winner. She averaged 10 points per game and 10 assists per game during her freshman year and 12 ppg and 6 rebounds per game during her sophomore year. During her junior year, she averaged 18.7 ppg, second in the Central Region. All four years of her high school career, she helped lead the Lady Wave to a Central- District regular season and tournament champions.

Mickens- Mason was voted as a member of the Central District All- Tournament Team and All- Academic Team all four years of her high school career. She was 1<sup>st</sup> Team Central Region Team and 1<sup>st</sup> Team Times- Dispatch All- Metro Team during her senior season. Additionally, she was named to the AAA Academic All- Region team and played in the Virginia High School Coaches Association All- Star Game. She was voted as Times-Dispatch/ Richmond Sports Backers Scholar- Athlete of the Month and Runner- up Female Scholar- Athlete of the Year in 1997.

Mickens- Mason graduated from PHS with a 4.47 GPA and was the valedictorian of her graduating class. Due to her exceptional career and academic achievements, Mickens- Mason earned a full scholarship to play at Morgan State University. Mickens- Mason started 20 of 28 games during her freshman year, and contributed greatly to the team that year. However, the next 3 years of her college career were her standout years. She led the Lady Bears to numerous victories on the court while maintaining an outstanding GPA in the Electrical Engineering program.

She finished her career at Morgan ranked in the top 10 for all- time assists and steals leaders. When she earned her bachelor's degree, her education did not stop there. Mickens- Mason continued her studies at Morgan State and earned her doctorate degree. She is now currently continuing her research with the Department of Defense, and contributes a lot of her time to the community around her. Because of her incredible accomplishments, Dr. Lisa Mickens- Mason is worthy of being inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame.

# Oliver Rudy



Oliver D. Rudy was born on May 31, 1937 in Petersburg, Virginia. From 1951 until he graduated in 1954, Rudy was a member of the basketball, baseball, and football teams. He started for the basketball team and served as captain his senior year under Coach Bob Kilbourne. Rudy was named 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All- District during his senior year of basketball. He averaged about 16 points per game and the team advanced to the state tournament. Rudy was also a starter at 1<sup>st</sup> base on the baseball team.

He started at quarterback as a freshman, under Coach Roland Day, and he held that position for the remaining 3 years of his high school career. His senior year, he was voted on the All- Central District and All- State Football Teams. He played both offense and defense and was known as an incredible defender.

Upon graduation from PHS, he followed his idol, Eric Tipton, to Duke University. Because freshman could not play on the varsity during that time, Rudy had to work hard to earn his spot on the team during his sophomore year; in which, he started at right halfback. In the last game of the season against North Carolina, Rudy scored the only and game winning touchdown. This earned him the national "back of the week" recognition, and was named to the all ACC sophomore team.

Unfortunately, Rudy's junior year was plagued with ankle injuries that prevented him from playing anymore football. Because of this, Rudy transferred to University of Richmond's T.C. Williams Law School and graduated in two years. After serving many years as the Chesterfield County Commonwealth Attorney, he successfully opened his own law practice. Rudy's life was cut short in 2007 at the age of 69 when he lost his battle with cancer. Rudy had a remarkable athletic career, which deems him worthy of being inducted in the PHS Athletic Hall of Fame.

# Brien Smith



Brien O. Smith was born on October 22, 1961 in Richmond, Virginia. Smith attended Petersburg High School from 1976 and graduated in 1980. Smith was a member of the track and field and football teams during his high school career. On the track, Smith contributed his great speed that helped the team earn several victories.

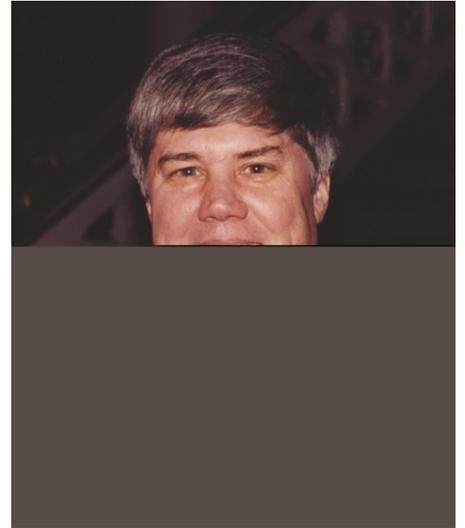
Smith was a member of the varsity football team and helped the team achieve numerous wins. Smith began playing football at a young age, and even then, his coaches could tell there was something special about him. Smith came up through playing youth football in Petersburg, and also played for the junior high school. All the training and hard work led to a strong high school career at Petersburg.

During his high school career, he scored a total of 48 touchdowns and ran over 3,400 yards. Due to his accomplishments during his senior year, he was honored as Player of the Week over 10 times. He was voted as 1<sup>st</sup> Team All- Central District and 1<sup>st</sup> Team All- Tri-City. He was also 1<sup>st</sup> Team All- Region, Honorable Mention All- State (junior year), and was recognized as the Most Outstanding Player for the state tournament his senior year. The most outstanding achievement of Smith's high school career was helping his team win the 1979 Football State Championship.

Smith's great high school career he was a highly recruited running back. He had many college offers, and he chose to pursue his football career at Coffeyville Junior College. In his time there, he scored 15 touchdowns and gained 900 yards. Smith then moved onto The Ohio State University, where he was second string running back. To be closer to home, he transferred to Virginia Union University and accomplished a lot there.

He scored 18 touchdowns and ran over 1,800 yards during his years at VUU. Because of his great accomplishments, he was named Newcomer of the Week for CIAA and All CIAA Player of the Week 3 times. He also helped the team become Regional Conference champions. Smith played for VUU for three years, and was a vital member of the team. Smith was one of the strongest running backs to come through PHS, and because of his achievements, he is worthy of being inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame.

# Robert W. N. Smith, Sr.



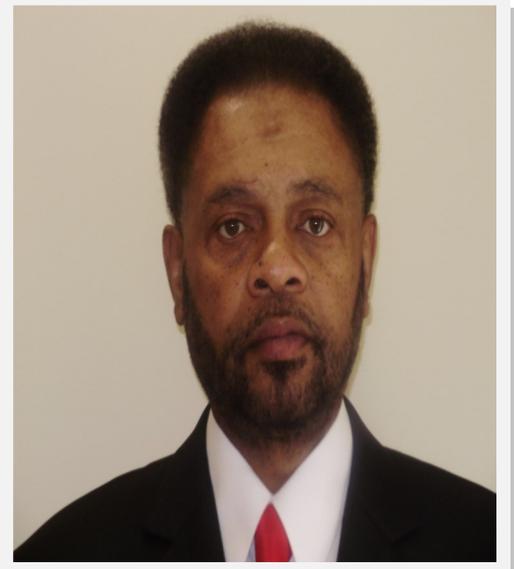
Robert Worthington Nunnally Smith, Sr., better known as “Wert,” was a lifelong supporter and advocate for Petersburg High School and its athletic program. Although he was born in Richmond, Smith’s parents were Petersburg natives, and the city quickly became home. Smith was a proud member of the vaunted PHS Class of 1963. During his high school years, he was honored to play basketball for his mentor and PHS Athletic Hall of Fame Coach Bob Kilbourne. Smith’s college years began at Randolph- Macon College and he graduated from Virginia Commonwealth University. He was a long-time supporter of Randolph- Macon College, VCU, University of Virginia, and Richmond athletics. Due to the ties with Petersburg, Randolph- Macon coaches Paul Webb and Hal Nunnally were particularly near and dear to his heart.

After college, Smith returned to Petersburg, where he would eventually team with his father and brother to lead various businesses. This included Smith Advertising, T.S. Beckwith and Owen Printing Company. He was active civically with Kiwanis, Jaycees, The United Way, the Petersburg Chamber of Commerce, and the Tri- Cities Forum.

Smith was very involved with many organizations, but above all else, he loved his Crimson Wave. Smith supported the Petersburg Booster’s Club and often attended Wave games, whether the team was winning or losing. When the 1979 PHS football team won the state championship, Smith was the force behind raising funds to purchase championship jackets for the team members. Smith was also part of a group that spearheaded efforts to revitalize the old PHS building into the Appomattox Regional Governor’s School.

Smith was proud to have been part of the inaugural Petersburg Athletic Hall of Fame committee. He continued to devote many hours and much energy to making sure the event was a success in his first two years. Without the leg work and perseverance of Smith, many of the committee’s tasks would have been more difficult. Smith passed away on November 3, 2016 at the age of 71, and with his passing, a great supporter of PHS was lost. Because of Smith’s dedication and commitment to the Crimson Wave, it is an honor to induct him into the PHS Athletic Hall of Fame.

# Darrell Stith



Darrell Marceilus Stith was born on January 6, 1961, in Petersburg, Virginia. Stith attended Petersburg High School from 1975 and graduated in 1979, and he contributed to the football and basketball teams during his high school career. While on the football team, Stith was selected on the 1<sup>st</sup> Team All- Central District, All- Central Region, and All- Tri-City. He was selected as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All- State for his accomplishments throughout the season during the 1977-1978. In the next season, Stith was voted as 1<sup>st</sup> Team All- Central District, All- Central Region, All- Tri-City, and All- State; as well as, he was named the All- Tri-City Player of the Year.

Stith was incredible on the field, and was even more incredible on the basketball court. During the 1977- 1978 season, he was voted as 1<sup>st</sup> Team All- Central District, All- Central Region, and All- Tri-City; he was also named 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All- State. That same year, the team was the Central District and Central Region champions, and he was named the Tri- City Player of the Year. The 1978- 1979 season proved to be a successful season for his basketball career. Stith was named the 1<sup>st</sup> Team All- Central District, All- Central Region, and 1<sup>st</sup> Team All- State; the team was also the Central District and Central Region champions. In 1999, Stith's high school jersey #30 was retired due to his great accomplishments.

Stith's career continued beyond PHS, and he earned a spot on the Virginia State University basketball team. During his freshman year, he was the leading scorer in the nation among all divisions. Stith was named CIAA Rookie of the Year and was 1<sup>st</sup> Team All- NAIA. All four years of his career at VSU, he was named All- CIAA Conference Team. For 3 years, he was named Kodak All- American Division II Team, All- CIAA Tournament Team, and All Mid- Atlantic Region Team. For the 1981-82 and 1982-83 seasons, Stith was named All- NCAA Division II team.

Stith led the CIAA in scoring during his senior year at VSU with an average of 27 points per game. In fact, he is the all- time leading scorer at VSU with 2,586 career points; he is the top third scorer in the history of CIAA and 4<sup>th</sup> all- time career rebounder with 1,006 rebounds. He holds the record at VSU for the most points scored in a single game and the most points scored in a single season (45 points and 703 points respectively). Due to his achievements, Stith's jersey #30 was retired. Stith is worthy of being inducted into the PHS Athletic Hall of Fame for his outstanding achievements at PHS and his years beyond.

# Cheryl Taylor



Cheryl Christine Taylor was born in Carlisle, Pennsylvania on August 5, 1973. Taylor attended Petersburg High School from 1987 until 1991. She was a member of the tennis, softball, and basketball teams during her high school career. In addition to her wonderful athletic contributions, Taylor contributed to the student body as the president of her senior class, assistant editor of the school newspaper, and editor of the school yearbook. She was a member of the Key Club, Spanish Club, and National Honors Society. She held a 4.3 GPA and graduated as the valedictorian of her class in 1991.

On the basketball court, Taylor was an unbelievable sight to see. She scored a total of 1,013 points during her high school career, and led the team to several victories throughout each season. For 3 seasons, Taylor helped the Crimson Wave win the Central District and Central Region Tournaments. She was named to the Central District Honorable Mention for the 1989 season, and 1<sup>st</sup> Team All- Central District, All- Central Region, and All-Academic in 1990 and 1991. Taylor earned the Most Valuable Player for the Central District Tournament (1990 and 1991) and Most Valuable Player for the Central Region Tournament (1990).

In addition to her many athletic awards, Taylor earned several academic awards for her hard work in the classroom. She was named USA Today- Nation's Newspaper Salute to the Best and Brightest High School Academic Team and earned the United States Air Force Mathematics and Science Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement. Taylor earned the Certificate of Merit National Honor Society, MCI Scholars award, was recognized as an Honor Scholar by Governor L. Douglas Wilder, and was a semifinalist for McDonald's Honors National Program for Outstanding Leadership, Scholarship, and Character.

Taylor's incredible success at PHS led her to a tremendous college career at the University of Virginia. Despite Taylor's great high school career, she chose to focus on her academics during her freshman year at UVA. However, she flourished academically and was ready to get back on the court during her sophomore, so she walked onto the team. The team ranked as high as #2 in the nation, and made it to the Elite 8 in the NCAA basketball tournament. The Cavaliers were also the ACC Regular Season and ACC Tournament Champions. They were the first basketball team (men's or women's) to finish with an undefeated regular season conference in the expanded ACC. While at UVA, Taylor also earned numerous academic awards that represent her superb performance in the classroom. She is now a successful director at Enterprise Project Management Office, National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation and focuses on giving back to her community. Because of Taylor's success on the court at PHS, she is highly deserving of being inducted into the PHS Athletic Hall of Fame.

# 1973 & 1974

## VHSL State

### Championship Teams

#### 1973 State Champions

- \*10—Michael Howard
- 12—Bernard Wilson
- 14—Noah Kerns
- 15—Mark Thompson
- 20—Stanley Taylor
- 22—Eugene Hollins
- \*24—Moses Malone
- 30—Billy Nunnally
- 32—Ronald Robinson
- 34—Morris Fultz
- 40—Gonzell Phillips
- 42—Ronald Walker
- 50—Tony Thweatt
- 52—Glenn Johnson



Head Coach Carl Peal

\*Assistant Coach Robinette Hayes

Assistant Coach Jimmy Williams

\* Deceased

#### 1974 State Champions

- \*10—Michael Howard
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- 30—Edward Robinson
- 32—Tony Thweatt
- 34—Jeff Perkins
- 42—William Gee
- \*44—Oswald Beloate
- 52—Glenn Johnson

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Assistant Coach Jimmy Williams



# BACK TO BACK

VHSL

## State Basketball Champions

The 1972- 1973 team consisted of the following players: Michael Howard, Bernard Wilson, Noah Kerns, Mark Thompson, Stanley Taylor, Eugene Hollins, Moses Malone, Bill Nunnally, Ronald Robinson, Morris Fultz, Gonzell Phillips, Ronald Walker, Tony Thweatt, and Glenn Johnson. These fourteen young men dominated the court whenever they set foot on it, and they played as a strong unit. Game after game, they knocked down team after team, earning win after win. The team had an exceptional regular season record, and they were the Central District regular season champions.

When they advanced to the Central District Tournament, they were the first seed, allowing them to easily clinch the title of Central District Tournament Champions. Their road of victory did not stop here as they plowed through the Central Region and became the Central Region Champions as well. The state tournament proved to be a chance for the players and coaches to make a name for themselves and represent the city that helped shape them into great young men. Carrying the city on their backs, the team rolled through the tournament and came out on top. They defeated Halifax County in the Championship 59—51: 1973 AAA State Champions.

The 1973- 1974 team consisted of the following players: Michael Howard, Wyatt Curtis, Ronald Harris, Mark Thompson, Stanley Taylor, Eugene Hollins, Moses Malone, Edward Robinson, Tony Thweatt, Jeff Perkins, William Gee, Oswald Beloate, and Glenn Johnson. When the 1974 basketball season came around, there were high expectations for the basketball team. And, the team lived up to the hype that surrounded them. Yet again, they dominated the basketball court each time they played.

They claimed win after win, and drew a lot attention to the city of Petersburg. After clinching the Central District and Central Region Championships, many people wondered how they would fair in the state tournament. The team entered the state tournament with great pride and determination to bring home another championship. And, that they did by defeating West Springfield 50—48, they were the 1974 AAA State Champions.

Between the two seasons, the teams earned a total of 50 wins. These two teams, under the direction of head coach Carl Peal and assistant coaches Robinette Hayes and Jimmy Williams, accomplished something that no other team in the Commonwealth of Virginia has been able to do. They won back- to- back state championships, and made Petersburg known as a basketball powerhouse. The 1973 and 1974 state champion teams are highly deserving of being inducted into the PHS Athletic Hall of Fame due to their great accolades and accomplishments.

# CLASS OF 2015

*\* Marvin Bass, Football*

*\* Roland Day, Coach*

*Ricky Hunley, Football*

*\* Robert Kilbourne, Administrator, Coach*

*\* William Lawson, Jr. Coach*

*\* Moses Malone, Basketball*

*\* Eric Tipton, Football*

*Paul Webb, Basketball, Football, Baseball*

*Mark West, Basketball*

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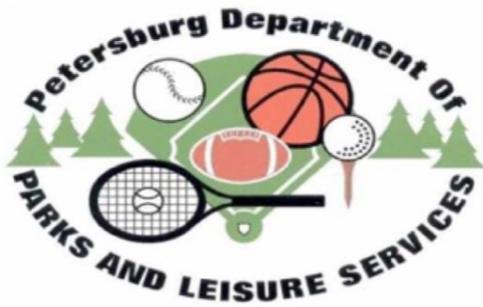
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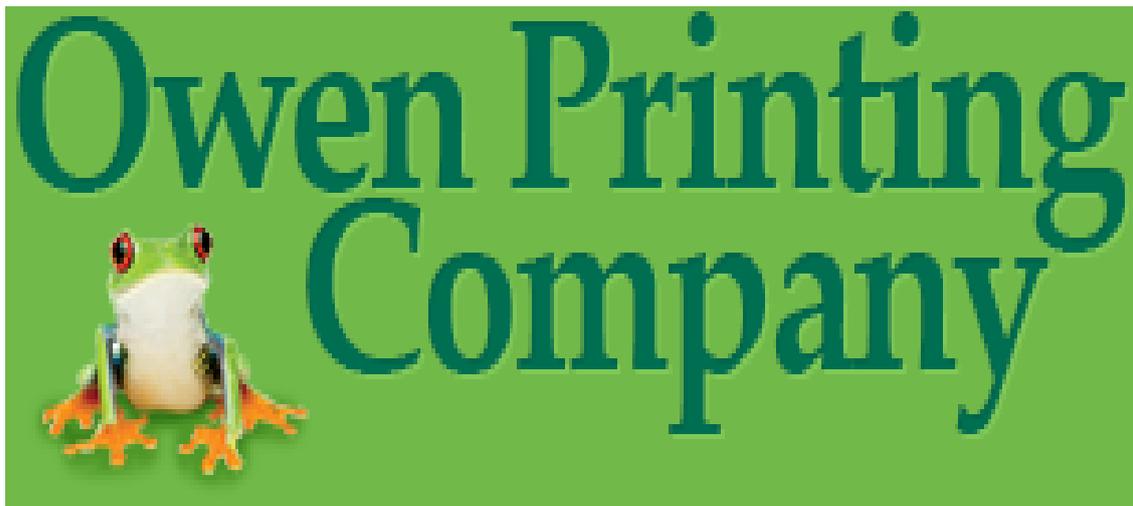
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