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to the Hall!**



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# PROGRAM

Master of Ceremonies .....	Voice of the SLU Billikens, Bob Ramsey
Invocation .....	Marty McCabe
Presentation of Bob Broeg Award .....	Keith Schildroth
Presentation of Jack Buck Media Award .....	Keith Schildroth
Presentation of J. Kim Tucci Legacy Award .....	Bob Ramsey
Presentation of Bob Burnes Award .....	George Csolak
Presentation of Rising Star Award .....	Bob Ramsey
Inductions .....	Bob Ramsey

## 2026 INDUCTEES

<b>PLAYERS:</b>	<b>PLAYERS:</b>	<b>MANAGERS/COACHES:</b>
Corey Blackwell	Andy Schutzenhofer	Andy Katzman
Daren DePew	Dennis Schutzenhofer	
Kent Hendrickson	Gary Starr	<b>CONTRIBUTORS:</b>
Ben Margalski	Todd Stein	Pete Schumacher
Tim Rakers	Brad Stone	
Tom Ritzheimer	Dave Warnecke	<b>UMPIRES:</b>
		Mike Weinstein

*You can find more information on our inductees, award winners, Rising Stars and the history of the Greater St. Louis Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame on our website - [www.stlabhof.org](http://www.stlabhof.org). Don't forget to follow us on Facebook, X (Twitter) and Instagram.*



The Greater St. Louis Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame was founded in 1973 to honor those players, coaches, umpires and contributors who have helped amateur baseball flourish in the Gateway City. The STL ABHOF celebrates the rich history of St. Louis amateur baseball by recognizing those individuals who have contributed on the field as an outstanding player, coach or umpire or off the field as an organizer or contributor. The STL ABHOF is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to promoting and recognizing individuals who have excelled in St. Louis amateur baseball during their career. Over 800 individuals have been honored since the first class of inductees in 1974.

Along with honoring past players, coaches, umpires and contributors, the STL ABHOF has expanded recognition to an even wider playing field:

In 1995, the Rising Star Award was born. This award honors high school baseball players and their coaches for outstanding play.

In 2001, the STL ABHOF created the Bob Broeg Award to honor a high school baseball coach who excels as a teacher, coach and mentor for their respective high school team.

The Bob Burnes Lifetime Achievement Award, established in 2004, honors a player from the Greater St. Louis Area who has achieved success at the professional level.

In 2012 the STL ABHOF created the Jack Buck Media Award, which is presented to a distinguished member of the St. Louis media who has promoted, reported, broadcast, provided analysis or play-by-play about the game of baseball in a professional manner during their career.

In 2018, the inaugural STL ABHOF Legacy Award was created to recognize a person or organization that has a proven track record of dedication to the great game of baseball in the Greater St. Louis area. This award recognizes people and /or organizations at all levels of competition – professional, amateur and youth baseball. In 2020, the award was renamed the J. Kim Tucci Legacy award in honor of the late owner of The Pasta House Company.

**ABHOF ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:**

To be eligible for induction, candidates must have the following minimum qualifications for consideration:

- Have reached the age of 40
- Have participated in an STL ABHOF approved level of amateur baseball for at least eight (8) seasons after high school. Each college season and summer season counts individually. Minor league playing time will be accepted. Appearances in the major leagues shall be limited to 120 or fewer AB's and five (5) or fewer pitching appearances.
- Have participated for at least one (1) year in the Greater St. Louis area.

All candidates must complete an application and submit it to the board no later than October 1 annually. For applications go to: [www.stlabhof.org](http://www.stlabhof.org) or contact: [info@stlabhof.org](mailto:info@stlabhof.org).

# PREVIOUS INDUCTEES

	Year	Status		Year	Status
Bob Abeln	2016	PI	Joseph W. Blessing	1977	PI
Jon A. Adamson	2006	PI	Bob Blank	2024	Ctr
Tom Ahrens	1995	PI	Fred A. Blumberg	2012	Co
John F. Ailworth	1985	PI	Rob Blumberg	2025	PI
Norman Albrecht	1989	Co	Robert Boehlow	1985	PI
John Michael Amoroso	1991	Um	Urban J. Boehmer	1977	PI
Vincent J. Androlewicz	1997	Um	Louis J. Boggiano, Jr.	1975	PI
John J. Archibald	2003	Co	Jess Ray Bolen	2013	Co
George A. Arft	1980	Co	Brad Bolliger	2024	PI
Allen Wayne Armstrong	1996	PI	Thomas J. Bond	1993	Co
Dick Armbruster	1987	PI	Pat Bone	2015	PI
Jack Arnold	1976	PI	Ronald P. Bone	1992	PI
Jesse Askew	1981	PI	William Boswell	1980	Co
Ron Auer	2005	PI	Kevin Bowers	2017	Co
Mike Austerman	2004	PI	Matt Boxdorfer	2024	PI
Kevin Austin	2019	PI	Herbert Bracken	1977	PI
Edward (Ed) Baeumker	1982	PI	Ken Braden	1990	PI
Raymond A. Bahr	2001	PI	William Bradley	1990	PI
Hubert (Dickey) Ballentine	1977	PI	Jim Brady	2008	Co
Roger Banze	2019	PI	Joseph G. Brady	1975	PI
Richard J. Barr	1986	Ctr	Thomas G. Brady	2006	PI
Edward J. Barry	1986	PI	Norman Roger Brauss	1997	Um
Gene Barth	1988	PI	Glen L. Brickey	1997	PI
Bert Barth	1992	PI	Jim Brickey	2000	Um
Tony Barylski	2015	PI	Robert P. Briner	1985	PI
Lee Basso	1995	Co	Terry L. Broccard	2000	PI
Garrett Bauer	2022	PI	Ken Brockmann	1991	PI
Joseph A. Bauer	1987	PI	Bob Broeg	1995	Co
Earl J. Bayer	1994	PI	Lynn Broemmelsick	1993	PI
Theodore A. Beck	1988	PI	Thomas E. "Tom" Brooks	1979	Co
William Becher	2022	Co	John W. Brown	1975	PI
Dave Beckering	2014	PI	Ivory Brown	1991	PI
Ralph "Red" Beckering	2012	PI	Scott Brown	2016	PI
Adolph G. Beckmann, Jr.	1986	PI	Robert W. Brueggeman	1978	Co
Bert Beckmann	1999	PI	William Ray Buchanan, Jr.	2012	Um
Bradford "Doc" Beckwith	2012	PI/Co	Robert Buschmann	2011	PI
Joseph A. Beelek	1988	PI	Henry A. Buffa	1991	Co
Patrick Beilsmith	2013	PI/Co	Billy Joe Bullock	1987	PI
Bob Benben	2007	Co	Bill Bunton	2012	PI
John P. Bender	2002	Co	Bob Bunton	2018	Co
Sheldon A. Bender	1984	PI	Harold Burbach	1989	PI
Paul H. Benne	1988	PI	Jerry Burbes	2012	PI
Ken Bennett	2001	PI	Milton C. Burkhardt	1990	Um
Dan Benoist	2025	Ctr	Frank Burkhart	2016	Co
William H. Bereitschaft	1992	PI	Donald E. Burrus	1997	Co
John L. Bernard	1993	PI	James A. (Jack) Caito	1988	PI
Louis A. Bertani	2004	PI	Wally Cammarata	2009	PI
Steve Biederman	2019	PI	Robert J. Cannon, Sr.	2008	PI
August Bieg	1998	PI	Tony Caradonna	2009	PI
Howard "Hank" Biermann	2022	PI	Vic Caradonna	1991	PI
Bill Binsbacher	2000	PI	Joseph S. Carezza	1982	Co
Tom B. Bishop	2003	Co	Joel C. Carr	1978	PI
Leo Blandina	1992	PI	Richard R. Carr	1985	PI
Julius D. Blanke	1997	Co	Orville P. Carter	1988	PI
Fred Blasberg	1996	PI	Don Carter	1992	PI

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Ezell Carter	1994	PI	Francis DeLong	1974	Um
Scott Cepicky	2022	PI	Johnny Denmon	2015	PI
Brannon (Boo) Champagne	2017	PL	Gene DeSalme	1977	PI
Babe Champion	2017	Co	Ches Deuser	1989	PI
Keith Champion	2017	PI	(Bing) Devine	1995	PI
Kirk Champion	2019	Co	Henry (Red) Diaz	1981	PI
Ed Chard	1999	Co	Joseph (Red) Dickens	1987	Co
Elijah (Little Chris) Chism	1979	PI	Dave Dickens	1991	PI
Bob Christian	2006	Co	Spencer Dickerson	1981	Co
Darin Cissell	2020	Ctr	George J. Dickherber	1987	PI
Jack H. Clark	1982	Co	Louis R. Dickherber	1990	PI
Leonard E. Clark	1989	PI	George L. Dickherber, Sr.	1975	PI
William Clark	2000	PI	Ron Dieckmann	2004	PI
Willie Roy Clay	2001	Co	Charles C. Diering	2005	PI
Ray Cliffe	1989	Um	Robert Diering	2006	PI
Ron Clifton	2010	Co	Douglas Dietz	2018	PI
John H. Coburn	1994	Um	Dave Dillenberger	2025	PI
Lewis P. Cochran	2005	PI	Frank Dinyer	1996	PI
Terry Cochran	2020	PI	Jim Dix	1998	PI
Charles Coe	2002	PI	Thomas Dix	1998	PI
Darrell Collins	2015	PI	Jim Doerr	2000	PI
Garrett Collins	2014	Co	Ed Dixon	1982	PI
Julius "Ken" Collins, Jr.	2016	PI	Harry L. Donovan	1975	Um
Pete Colombatto	2009	PI	Larry Donovan	2001	Um
Frank Colston	2025	PI	David D. Drake	2004	PI
Charles A. Conners	1977	PI	Dr. Bill Droege	2005	PI
Donald G. Cooksey	2002	PI	William Harvey Drummond	1983	PI
Arnold Copeland	2018	Co	Mark Drury	2015	PI
John Corcoran	1974	PI	Anthony W. (Sam) Dueker	1982	PI
Jim Crane	2020	Ctr	Joseph A. Dueker	1982	PI
John W. Creamer	1979	PI	Tony Duenas	2023	PI
Jack M. Cronin	1996	Co	Bobby Dunahue	2013	Co
Kit Crooks	2019	PI	Gary Dunahue	2013	Um
Nathaniel L. Crump	1992	PI	Steve Dunahue	2019	Um
Lee Cruz	2025	PI	Robert Dunard	2012	PI
George Csolak	1995	PI	R. Dennis Duncan	2009	Um
George Csolak	2025	Ctr	Robert Duncan	2000	PI
Jerry Cunningham	1991	PI	Mike Dunnigan	2011	PI
Harry J. Curdt	1976	Co	Wilbert Easter	1991	PI
Warren H. Carrier	1975	PI	Arthur E. Eberwein	1992	PI
Chuck Curry	2020	PI	Kenneth A. Eckardt	1996	Co
John Dangos	1996	PI	Thomas Eckelman	1998	PI
Raymond M. Danner, Sr.	1976	PI	John Eckmayer	2007	PI
C.W. Bill Dark	2004	PI	James Economon	2014	Ctr
William Daum	1974	PI	Ron Edgar	2001	PI
William Daues, Sr.	2007	PI	Frank (Teanie) Edward	1976	PI
William Daues, Jr.	2009	PI	Curtis W. Edwards	2000	PI
Ross Davis	1985	PI	William Edwards	1985	PI
William M. Davis	2004	Um	James K. Ehlmann	2011	PI
Travis Dawson	2025	PI	Bernard Eisenbath	1974	PI
Walter B. DeBaets	1979	PI	Clifford (Doc) Elliot	1996	PI
Anthony F. DeFilio	1990	Co	Raymond G. Elliot	2000	Co
Ray DeGreef	1979	PI	Byron (Barney) Elser	2011	PI
Pete Delkus	2024	PI	Norman (Smokey) Engelmann	1994	PI
Rev. Clarence Deloch	2013	PI	Lee E. Engert	1990	PI

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Rodney Epps	2011	PI	Fred C. Geldmacher	1985	Co
Thomas J. Erbe	1981	Um	Charles (Lefty) George	1986	PI
Harry W. Eschenbrenner	1974	PI	Matthew Giegling	2017	PI
J. Edwards Evans	1976	PI	Rob Giegling	2025	PI
Robert Everett	1992	PI	Walter Giesler	1982	Co
Bob Faron	2013	PI	Larry Giovanni	2003	PI
Joseph J. Faron	2005	PI	Carl Glaser	1997	PI
Jules J. Faron	1984	PI	Gary Glasscock	2018	PI
Nelson J. Faron	1993	PI	Cliford Glenhorn	1989	PI
Mario (Mike) Farotto	1982	PI	Bill Goff	2005	PI
Louis Farotto	1985	PI	Harold Gold	1978	PI
John Faszholz	2009	PI	Jack (Yogi) Gold	1988	PI
Paul Fauks	2000	Co	Donald Gonzalez	2008	Um
Charles Fayne	2001	PI	Garland Goodwin	1996	PI
Walter Ferguson	1992	PI	Robert Granda	1996	Um
Joseph (Apples) Fernadez	1990	PI	Bob Graves	2008	PI
Richard Fiala	2009	PI	Rich Grawer	1994	PI
Neil A. Fiala	1987	PI	Jack Gray	1982	PI
Neil Fiala	2007	PI	Harold (Tug) Gray	1995	PI
Charles (Charlie) Fichter	1983	PI	Albert C. Green	1985	PI
Walter Finke	2007	PI	John W. Green	1978	PI
Frank Finnegan	1987	PI	Leslie (Chin) Green	1982	PI
Chad Fix	2025	Ctr	William Green	1998	PI
Pete J. Fix	1974	Co	James J. Greenwald	2005	PI
Edward L. Flier	1985	PI	Brent A. Gregston	2005	Co
Stephen Folle	2010	PI	Henry Greifzu, Jr.	1980	PI
Mark Forchee	2022	PI	Harold Grice	2018	PL
Martin J. (Bud) Foster	1990	Co	Stanley Gromacki	1975	Um
Robert Foster	1998	PI	Albert G. Grosch	1976	Co
Thomas J. Franey, Jr.	1977	PI	Milton W. Gruber	1996	PI
George P. Frank	1985	PI	Monte F. Gummels	1979	PI
Tom Franke	2024	PI	Joe Gummersbach	1991	PI
Bill Franz	2006	Um	Harry W. Gurley	2001	PI
Aaron Franzen	1993	Co	Keith Guttin	2016	Co
Harry C. Freise	1974	PI	William Haberthier	1986	Co
Paul M. Frese	2003	Um	Steve Hacker	2020	PI
Roy C. Frick	1979	PI	Frederick W. Hackmann	1980	PI
Jake Friederich	2025	PI	Clarence H. Hackmann	1981	PI
Lonnie Fulte	2006	PI	Ed Haefler	1978	PI
Paul L. Fultz	1974	Co	Elbert (Gabby) Haenssler	2010	Um
Bill Funkhouser	2001	PI	Mark Hahn	2014	PI
Tim Funkhouser	2019	Co	Walter C. Hammermeister	2002	PI
John C. Fussner	1979	PI	Sylvester E. Hanebrink	1976	PI
Don Gabbert	1985	Co	Leroy F. Hankins	1975	Co
Elmer P. Gabel	1978	PI	Hubert C. (Bert) Hannum	1979	Co
William (Willie) Gabel	1997	PI	Bob Hantak	1989	PI
Louis A. Gabris	1984	PI	Robert B. Hardcastle	1994	PI
John Galimberti	1984	PI	John L. Harness	1986	PI
Thomas Gallagher	2014	PI	Larry Harris	2019	PI
Ron Garn	2004	Co	Luke E. Hart, Jr.	1985	Co
Steve Garrow	2019	PI	Edmund Harty	1994	PI
Ed Gasaway	2016	Ctr	Harry L. Haskins	1990	PI
Charles G. Gateley	2003	Co	Johnie Hasmer	1978	PI
William A. Geary	2005	Co	George V. Hasser	1981	Co
Joseph Gegg	2018	PI	Lester Hatchard	1976	Um
Morton L. Gelber	1990	PI	Bert Haug	1982	Co

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Dennis Hauswirth	2014	PI	Aaron Jaworowski	2023	PI
Jerry B. Hawkins	1994	PI	Larry Jennewein	2002	Co
William J. Hawley	1983	PI	Kevin Jett	2023	PI
Al Hedrick	1998	PI	Mike Jockish	2023	PI
Harry Heinemann	1977	PI	Webster C. Johnson	1985	PI
Mel Heinkel	1981	PI	Everett P. Johnston	1977	PI
Armin Hemsath, Jr.	2011	PI	Brenda Joyce Jones	2011	Ctr
Norbert Hemsath	2008	PI	David C. Jones, Jr.	1990	Co
Raymond W. Henderson	1997	PI	Frank M. Jones	2001	PI
Richard P. (Percy) Henderson	1979	PI	George K. Jones	1989	Co
Darin Hendrickson	2017	Co	Robert (Fox) Jones	1983	PI
John L. Hennerich	1980	PI	Timothy S. Jones, Sr.	1997	PI
Bernard Hennessy	1992	PI	Ed Joyce	2010	PI
Joseph R. Hermen	1979	PI	Frank Paul Joyner	2002	PI
John Herzing	2022	PI	Jim Kahlmeyer	1997	PI
Renard H. Heydt	1984	PI	Harry A. Kahre	1990	PI
Charles Hezel	2001	PI	Victor Kalinowski	1991	PI
Victor Hezel	1992	PI	Mike Kalist	1995	Co
Richard A. (Dick) Hibbeler	1991	PI	Terry Kasper	2010	Co
Arthur E. Hill	2011	Co	Rick A. Kavanagh	2013	PI
Charlie Hillemann	2020	PI	Richard Keefe	2011	PI
Ralph W. Hochgrebe	1988	PI	John A. Keenoy	2000	PI
Raymond L. Hodge	1993	Co	Justin T. (Jinks) Keenoy	1983	PI
Frank F. Hoerig	1990	PI	Robert V. Kehoe	1999	PI
Arthur Hofer	1976	PI	Joseph D. Keller	1976	Co
George W. Hoffmiester	1977	Co	Ray Keller	1989	PI
David Holder	2015	PI	Jerry Kelly	2009	PI
Orville Hollrah	2016	PI	Clay L. Kerley	1986	PI
Vance E. Hollrah	1983	PI	Edward Kestler	1982	PI
David Hoolan	2010	PI	Earl Kestler	1991	PI
John W. Horn, Jr.	1997	Co	George Khoury, Sr.	1974	Co
John W. Horn, Sr.	1999	Co	James Kick	2002	PI
Robert L. Horneyer	1979	PI	Ron Kinney	2014	PI
Joel Housewright	2015	PI	Louis W. Kissel	1986	PI
Frank R. Houston	2012	PI	Leonard G. Klaus	1982	PI
Hy Hovack	1983	PI	Leonard Klaus, Jr.	2014	PI
Raymond Howard	2014	PI	Bob Kleen	2003	PI
Raymond P. Hrabovsky	2008	PI	Jerry Kleeschulte	2017	PI
Donald J. Hrebec	2001	PI	Al Kleier	1994	PI
Palmer Hubbard, Sr.	1987	PI	Ollie Klosterman	1989	Co
Lee C. Hudson	1990	Co	Ken Klump	2022	PI
Bob Hughes	2003	PI	Ollie Klund	1987	PI
Harold Hummel	1978	Co	Wilfred A. Klutho	1993	PI
John Lee Hundley	1980	PI	Erwin A. Knueppe	1988	Co
Leonard Hunt	1997	PI	John Koeber	2006	Co
Norvall M. Hunthausen	1977	PI	Louis E. Koeneman	1987	PI
Donald A. Hurt	1987	PI	A.J. Koenig	2023	Ctr
Clarence Huster	1980	Co	Wilson C. Koewing	1975	PI
Cowan (Bubber) Hyde	1994	PI	Charles J. Kohler	1979	PI
Dominic Italiano	1986	PI	Sel Kohrs	1980	Co
Harold Jackson	2009	PI	Gus G. Konrad	1988	PI
Vernell Jackson	2001	PI	Ed Kopff	2017	PI
Ernest (Turk) Jacobs	1996	PI	Brian Korbesmeyer	2001	PI
Roy K. Jaeger	1993	PI	Kenneth J. Kortum	1993	PI
Warren N. Jaeger	1993	PI	Mike Kraft	2018	PI
Paul James	2016	PI	Carl A. Kramer	1984	PI

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Anthony (Tony) Kreft	1974	PI	Leo "Skip" Mann	2022	PI
John Krifka	1985	PI	Gerald J. Mann	1990	PI
Robert A. Krueger	1976	PI	Stanley C. Mann	1984	PI
Richard Krueger	1994	Co	Albert J. Marchand	1980	PI
Clifford Kruse	1995	Um	Greg Marecek	2002	Co
George (Marty) Kunkler	2013	PI	Randy Martz	2016	Co
Thos Kutis	1974	Co	Jay Mason	2002	PI
Robert Lee Ladd	2004	PI	William D. Matan	1997	PI
Terry L'Ange	1997	PI	Martin L. Mathews	1974	Co
Irl Lake	1999	Co	Robert Matzenbacher	2014	PI
Larry Lalumondiere	2019	PI	John L. May	1999	PI
Henry Laminger	1989	PI	Willie T. Mayes	2020	Co
Alfred (Dutch) Laminger	1990	PI	John A. McArthur	1984	Um
Jack Lane	1999	PI	John McArthur, Jr.	2007	Co
Edward W. (Red) Lanfersieck	1988	Um	Gene McArtor	1998	Co
Jim Laws	2020	PI	Eugene T. McAuliffe	1985	PI
Frank X. Lederle	1983	PI	Martin R. McCabe	1999	PI
Myrl Lee	2003	Co	Robert L. McCarron	1980	PI
Roy E. Lee	2012	Co	Fred McConnell	2003	Co
Ken Lehrmann	2010	PI	Thos M. McConnell, Sr.	1975	PI
Vernon K. Lehrmann	1980	PI	Thomas McCormack	1998	PI
Pete Leinicke	1983	Um	C.W. (Pat) McCready	1976	PI
Harry Lemakis	2017	PI	John McDermott	2018	PI
Walter J. Lembeck	1997	PI	Tom McDermott	2018	PI
Robert J. Lemmon	1977	PI	Joe McDonnell	2005	PI
Ed Lepping	1982	Co	Paul (Lefty) McKee	1983	PI
Robert W. Lesslie, Jr.	2013	PI	William McKenna	1975	PI
Ric Lessmann	1992	PI	Dale J. McMullin	1988	PI
Harrison J. Liebrum	1986	PI	Thomas J. McPheeters	1983	PI
Marvin Little	2007	PI	J. Mickey McTiernan	1981	PI
Norbert Litzinger	1991	PI	James Medlock	1995	Co
Robert L. Loddeke	1985	PI	Charles Meeker	2022	Co
Edgar Loehr	1974	PI	Gibbie (Gib) Meeks	1984	PI
Donald (Red) Loehr	1984	PI	Joe Mehallow	2023	PI
Dick Loeser	1989	PI	Richard Meisemann	1993	PI
Vince Loggins	2023	PI	Forrest Messel	2016	Co
William T. Lohmar, Jr.	2012	PI	Edward M. Metzger	1985	PI
Gus F. Lombardo	1996	Co	Donald Joseph Meyer	1999	PI
Robert L. Long, Jr.	1999	PI	Joe Meyer	1984	PI
John Lonsberg	1989	PI	John Meyer	2024	Co
Dave Loos	1997	PI	Rev. Monsignor Louis F. Meyer	1988	Co
Robert (Bob) Louis	1991	PI	Harry W. Meyers	1974	PI
David M. Lowman	1985	PI	Gus Mezinis	2009	PI
Gerald S. Lowther	1986	PI	Al J. Mick	1974	Co
Fred Ludwig	1976	PI	Tony Miles	2012	Co
Frank Ludwig	1993	PI	Marvin G. (Bud) Miller	1999	Um
Mark Ludwig	2014	PI	Steve Miller	2020	Co
William Mackay	1981	PI	Anderson (Andy) Minor	1997	PI
Lonnie Maclin	2024	PI	Leslie Mitkos	1998	PI
Gordon F. Maguire	1978	Co	Carl (Butch) Modzinski	2003	PI
Ned Mahon	2014	Ctr	Clay Moehrs	2017	PI
Robert E. Mallon	1996	PI	Vernell Moehrs	2003	PI
John Malagliati	1993	PI	Bruce Monrotus	1987	PI
Matt Malone	2020	Um	Joseph N. Montalbano	1980	Co
Don Mana	2018	PI	Lee Moody	1993	PI
Frank J. Mana	1981	PI	Bennie Moore	2000	PI

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Francis V. (Frank) Moore	1979	PI	John J. Orlando	2003	PI
James P. Moore	2002	PI	Richard Orms	2014	PI
John (Dinty) Moore	1984	PI	William Ortmann	1977	PI
Don Moore	1995	Co	Frank C. Ortmann	1981	PI
Edmund F. (Big Ed) Moran	1979	Co	Edward Osiek	1998	Um
Kenneth Morganstern	2002	Um	David M. Ostapowicz	2012	PI
Edward Morgenthaler	1975	PI	Dave Oster	2005	Co
Frank A. Mormino	2002	Co	Robert Oster	2012	Co
Wilbert L. Mosby	1988	PI	Elmer M. Otey	2002	PI
Jack Moser	1993	PI	Raymond O. Owens	1983	Co
Ray Mossman	1995	PI	William F. Panos	1985	Um
Alvin W. Mueller	1994	PI	Tony Parise	1989	Co
Charles E. Mueller	1999	PI	John Parke	2024	PI
Charles O. Mueller	1980	PI	Mel Patton	2008	PI
Earl D. Mueller	1991	Co	Ron Paul	1989	PI
Ed Mueller	2010	PI	Roy Payne	2006	PI
Jerry Mueller	1995	PI	Lee Pelligreen, Sr.	1983	Co
Leroy W. Mueller	1983	PI	Joseph Raymond Perez	1999	Um
Les R. Mueller	1984	PI	Tony Perkins	2015	Co
Mark Mueller	2025	PI	Edward J. Perniciaro	2004	Co
Roy Mueller	2011	PI	Mario A. Pertici	1982	PI
Joseph M. Muich	2004	PI	Roy Pfund	2017	Co
Donald E. Mumm	1986	PI	Steve Pfund	2020	Co
Harry Munari	1980	Um	Rich Phillips	2013	PI/Co
Raymond Munari	1990	Um	Dennis L. Pieper	2011	Co
Rick Mundy	2020	PI	Robert Pietroburgo	2011	PI
Dan Murphy	2019	PI	Tom Pile	2019	Co
John Murphy	2014	PI	Charlie Pilz	2022	Ctr
Mal Murphy	1988	PI	Douglas H. Pipes, Sr.	2002	PI
Mike Murphy	2006	PI	Mike Pisarkewicz	2007	PI
James R. Muskopf	2001	Co	Martin Ploussard	1994	PI
Anthony Musso	2007	PI	Fred H. Pohlmann	1977	PI
Charles M. Nash	1994	Co	Mike Potthoff	2020	PI
Lonie Neeley	1995	PI	Clifford Charles Poliette	1984	PI
Roy R. Netzeband	1975	PI	Scott Posey	2005	PI
Jack L. Netzeband	1988	PI	Nicholas (Dutch) Poth	1995	Um
Rusty Newman	2005	PI	Evan Pratte	2022	PI
Roy D. Newsom	1974	Um	Mike Pratte	2009	PI
Albert A. Nicolai	1974	PI	Dave Pregon	2024	PI
Ernest N. Nicoletti	1987	Um	Bill Pruneau	2011	PI
Steve Nicollerat	2015	Co	Ray Pujol	1992	Co
Kenneth L. Nieters	1987	Co	Kenneth Queen	1988	Co
Joe W. Nolan, Sr.	1978	PI	Stephen (Steve) Raab	1983	Co
Fred G. Naumann	1997	PI	William Radermacher III	2018	Um
Robert Norris	1997	PI	Sylvester Raftery	1978	PI
Hy Novack	1983	PI	Charles Rathmann	1976	Co
Morris L. Novack	1976	PI	Harold G. Rathmann	1991	PI
Morris Joe Novack	1984	PI	Lester W. Rauscher	1991	PI
Patrick (Steve) O'Reilly	1986	PI	Greg Ready	2022	PI
Norm Ochsner	2019	Co	Sterling M. Redfern	1993	Co
August H. Ochterbeck	1977	PI	Rich Reiker	2017	Um
Andrew Olenyik	1991	Co	Jack Reiter	2015	PI
Frank G. Ollinger	1986	PI	Harold (Beans) Reitz	1978	PI
Tilmon Olive	1998	Co	Ed Relling	2017	PI
Chad Opel	2025	PI	Marvin Renken	1981	PI
Eugene F. Orf	2013	PI	Terry Repp	2022	PI

# PREVIOUS INDUCTEES (CONTINUED)

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	Year	Status		Year	Status
Edmund C. Richards	1980	PI	George Schlobohm	1989	Co
Billy Joe Richardson, Sr.	1998	Co	Jan A. Schmidt	2013	PI
Brian Richardson	2007	PI	Bob Schnietz	2008	PI
Marshall Riddle	1988	PI	John Schnurbusch	2023	PI
Arthur W. Rinderknecht	1976	PI	Gary B. Schoen	2000	Co
Francis (Jim) Robben	1984	PI	Joseph M. Schoenberger	1976	Co
Bob Robben	1995	PI	Albert C. (Butts) Schroeder	1982	PI
Fred Roberts	1983	Co	Dan Schuchardt	2003	PI
Chris Robertson	2020	PI	Richard Schuchardt	1986	Co
Frank Robinson	1998	PI	Leonard E. Schueler	1997	Co
Rogers Robinson	2005	PI	Lance Schuermann	2024	PI
Richard Rogers	1995	PI	Lee Schulte	2013	Co
Allyn Rohlfing	2011	PI	Gus Schulteheinrich	1974	PI
Ron Rohlfing	2025	PI	Mark Schwarz	2017	PI
Wayne Rohlfing	2024	PI	Robert Schwarz	2014	PI
Ronald P. Rollings	2000	PI	Delmar J. Schwinke	1992	PI
Frank S. Rossner	1987	PI	Darin Scott	2025	Co
Milton Roth	1986	Co	John Scully	1974	Co
Mike Roy	2022	PI	Mike Sears	2016	Ctr
Robert R. Ruck	2011	PI	Bill Seamon	2013	Ctr
Dan Rudanovich	1995	PI	Frank H. Seiler	1977	PI
Jim Rudolph	1989	PI	Rudy Serot	1993	PI
Walter C. Ruesch	1997	PI	Walter G. Shannon	1982	PI
Ben Rufkar	2019	PI	William Shanks	2016	PI
Norbert (Norb) Rufkahr	1986	PI	Bob Sharp	1999	Um
Ben Rufkahr	1987	PI	Barry Shelton	1998	PI
Andrew Runzi	2018	PL	Herman Timothy Shelton	2000	PI
Lloyd G. Rupp	1979	PI	Larry Shikles	2017	PI
Michael D. Russell	2017	Co	Greg Shipman	2015	PI
Neal Russo	2002	Co	Charles Shinabargar	1989	Um
Tony Russo	2025	PI	Virgil Siemer	1975	PI
Robert E. Ryan, Sr.	1996	PI	Mike Sigler	2016	Co
Rusty Ryan	2004	PI	Joe Silkwood	2017	PI
Joe Saguto	1989	PI	George J. Silvey	1980	PI
August G. Salg	1979	PI	Roy Anthony Simmons	2012	PI
Harry (Feet) Sanders	1976	Um	Anton (Tony) Simonich	1981	Co
Vernon Sandusky	1974	Um	Kenneth W. Simpson	2008	PI
John Sappington	2020	Co	Raleigh Singleton	1989	PI
Tom Sarsfield	2006	PI	Marc Sinovich	2009	PI
Rich Sauget	2010	PI	Mike Sinovich	2011	PI
Osbie Savage	1996	Co	John Slattery	1978	PI
Jack Scanio	2022	Ctr	Dave Slemmer	2020	PI
Kevin Schaefer	2014	PI	Buck Smith	2018	Ctr
Marvin J. Schaefer	2001	PI	Eugene (Gene) Smith	1984	PI
Mel Schaefer	1974	Co	John A. Smith	1995	PI
Doug Schaefer	2023	PI	Wayne L. Smith	2006	PI
John H. Schaller	2000	PI	Ron Snider	2018	PI
Theodore G. Schamburg	1988	PI	Gene Sococco	1979	PI
Dave Scheer	2016	Co	Joseph Sotolar, Jr.	1991	Co
Jay Schicker	2008	PI	Jasper J. Sottile	1999	PI
Keith Schildroth	2010	Co	John T. Sparks	1983	PI
Rudy Schildroth	1996	PI	Al Spector	2023	Ctr
John Schilling	2019	PI	Henry W. Spellmeyer	1976	PI
Martin J. Schlereth	1977	PI	William R. Spencer	1985	PI
Gene Schlereth	1984	PI	Dennis Spitzer	2018	PI

	Year	Status		Year	Status
Thomas J. Stankey	1984	Co	Melvin H. Tonnsen	1992	PI
Jean C. Stapenhorst	1980	PI	Edward Tourville	1981	PI
Norm Stauder	1990	PI	Pete J. Traina	1993	PI
Warren Stecher	1998	PI	John Tramelli	2009	PI
Richard A. (Dick) Steger	1983	Co	Mike Trapasso	2015	PI/Co
Marty Stein	2023	Ctr	Harold Travis	1989	PI
Tyler Steinbach	2018	PI	David Tritz	2016	PI
Joe Steiner	2006	PI	Rudolph (Rudy) Trubacik	1978	Co
Mark Steiner	2019	PI	Edward Tschannen	1994	Co
Harold (Cap) Steinhoff	1982	PI	Al Tucci	2015	Ctr
Melvin W. Steinkiste	1987	PI	Larry Tucker	2000	PI
Edward G. Stelmach	1980	PI	Ed Turek	1998	PI
Marvin B. Stendel	1983	PI	Ernest (Skip)Turner	2014	PI
Ralph H. Stephenson, Jr.	2001	Co	Frank T. Tusinski	2000	PI
Mercial (Mike) Stewart, III	2011	PI	Thom Tusinski	2019	PI
John H. Stilwell	1990	PI	Tom Twellman	2018	PI
Chuck Stimac	1998	PI	Michael Tysdal	2004	PI
Don Stovall	2022	PI	William J. Vadalabene	1992	Um
Dennis E. Strickland	2013	PI	Ollie C. Vanek	1983	PI
Gary Stroot	2011	PI	John Vallina	1993	Um
Robert Strothkamp	1993	PI	Rich Van Gilst	2017	Co
Bill Struharik	1999	PI	Mike Vasquez	2000	PI
Howard F. Strunk	1992	Co	Will Vasser	2017	PI
Roland Stuckmeyer	1999	PI	Steve Viefhaus	2016	PI
Richard Sturm, Sr.	2015	Co	Albert (Red) Villa	1984	Co
Rich Sturm	2025	Co	Mike Villa	2003	PI
Scott Sullivan	2015	PI	Pete Vitale	1990	PI
Thomas Sullivan	2007	PI	Gregory Vittello	2005	Co
Tim Summers	1994	Co	Art Voellinger	2013	Ctr
Timothy F. Summers	2008	PI	George Vogel	2017	PI
Patrick Sweeney	1999	PI	Mark Vogel	2022	Co
Tom Swoboda	2024	Um	Raymond J. Vogler	2006	PI
Mike Tallis	2023	PI	William Volz	1992	Co
Mickey Talton	1995	PI	Fred J. Wahl	1997	Co
Joe Taormina	2010	PI	James Wahlig	2010	PI
Norman A. Tarantola	1978	PI	Steve Walsh	2014	PI
James F. Taylor	2003	Co	William J. Walsh	1979	Um
Marvin J. Tebeau	1988	PI	Oscar (Red) Waltherman	1979	PI
William (Gil) Tesreau	1981	PI	Walter (Wimpy) Walters	1978	Um
Phil Thomann	1992	PI	Fred Walton	2007	PI
Harold E. Thomas	2005	Um	Mike Waluska	1987	Co
Marvin Thomas	2016	PI	Gus Wamhoff	1978	Co
Herb Thompson	1978	PI	Stephen A. Ward	2003	PI
Phil Thomann	1992	PI	Barbara Washington	2009	Ctr
Henry Threlkeld	1978	Co	William Earl Washington	1999	PI
Joe Thurman	2015	Co	Russ G. Waterson	1975	Co
Lawrence G. Tiefenbrun	1981	PI	Courtney F. (Buck) Weast	1981	PI
Randy Tiefenthaler	2019	PI	Normal C. (Tweed) Webb	1974	PI
Bill Tipton	2012	PI	Kent Weisenstein	2023	PI
Grayling Tobias	2010	PI	David Weiss	2010	Co
David Todd	2022	PI	Kenneth Weissflug	2013	PI
Eddie (Ray) Tolliver	1986	PI	Scott Weissman	2008	Co
Sam Tomlinson	2000	Co	Jim F. Wennemann	1988	Co
Terry Tomlinson	1981	PI	Roger Wenzel	1973	PI
Leonard Toms	2020	PI	Douglas V. Werle	1993	PI

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Year	Status	Year	Status
Kenneth T. Werne	1986 Um	Emmett Wilson	1987 PI
Leo B. Werne, Sr.	1980 Um	James Wilson	1998 PI
Joseph H. Wessels	2013 PI	Jim Winkelmann	2008 PI
Bill Wessler	1991 PI	Fred H. Winkler	2003 Co
Lloyd West	1992 Um	Wilfred Winters	1995 PI
Bill (Billy) Westbrook	2000 PI	Leroy Witherspoon	2015 Ctr
Dale Westerholt	2018 PI	Fred H. Witte	1984 PI
Ed Wheatley	1989 PI	Jim Wolfe	2007 Co
Ed Wheatley, Jr.	2023 Ctr	Brent Wood	2024 PI
Robert B. White	2012 PI	Russell A. Wood	1977 Um
Ken Whitehead	1999 PI	Gary Woods	2009 PI
James M. Whiteside	1981 Co	Jim Wright	2024 Co
Carl E. Whitney	1986 PI	Alvin "Bud" Yates	2016 PI
Harold J. Wies	2012 PI/Co	David Yeast	2011 Um
Leonard Wiesner	1994 PI	Terry Yochum	1998 PI
Bob Wilber	2024 PI	H. Milton Young	1994 Co
Ken Wild	1977 PI	Milton J. Zenson	1978 PI
George G. Wiley	1982 Co	Ronald B. Zetcher	1997 PI
Fred Wilke	2018 Ctr	John Ziegemeier, Jr.	2008 PI
Scott Wilkerson	2014 Um	Edward S. Ziegler	1981 PI
Frank (Chub) Williams	1994 PI	Russell A. Zingrich	1994 PI
Charles Wilmes	2007 PI	Edward J. Zitko, Jr.	1987 Co
Bob Wilson	2020 PI	Charles Zomphier	1976 Co



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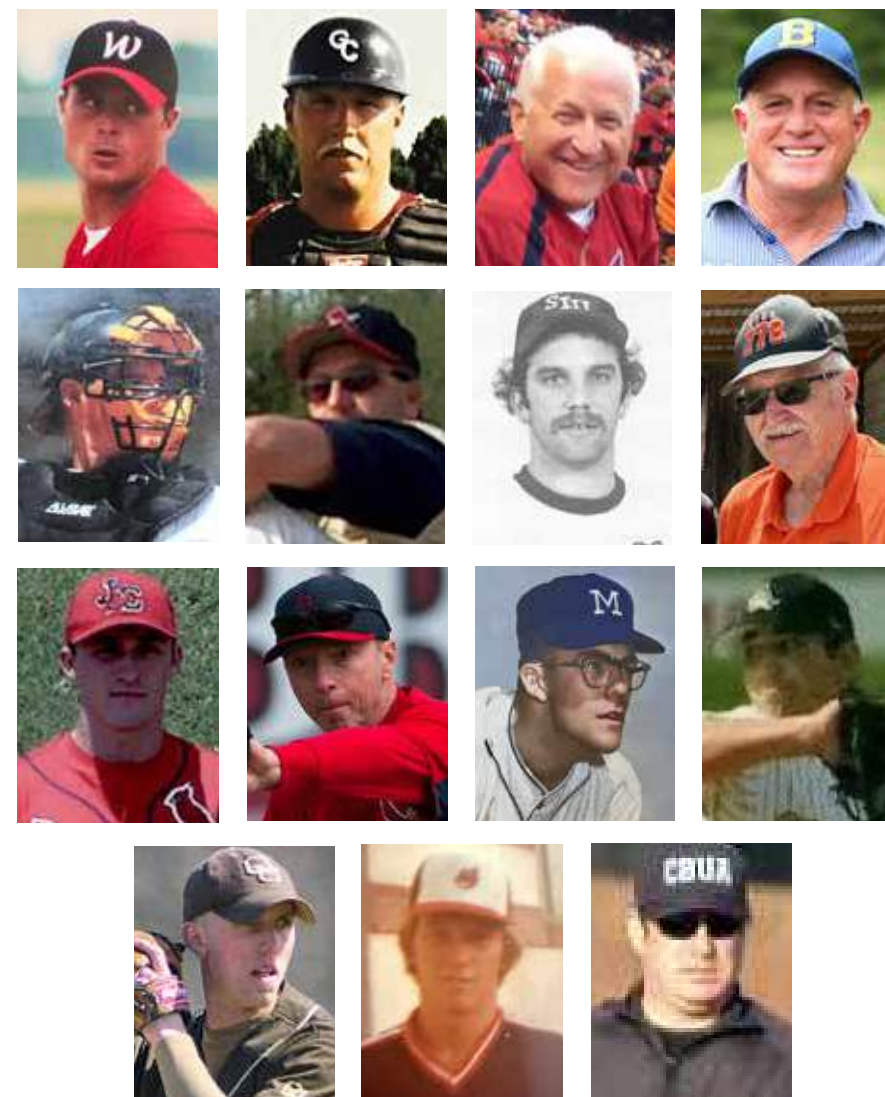
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Mike Eisenbath	1996-1997	
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Ed Chard	2000-2001	
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# BOB RAMSEY

Bob Ramsey, a two-time local Emmy award winner and a five-time Missouri Sportscaster of the Year Award winner, is our emcee tonight for the 52nd St. Louis Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony. He was presented the Jack Buck Award by the Greater STL Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame in 2020. He was inducted into the St. Louis Sports Hall of Fame in 2026.

The St. Louis University Hall of Famer started his long career broadcasting LouisianaTech basketball. He gave Tech player Karl Malone, a future NBA star, his nickname "The Mailman."

Ramsey has over 30 years on the call for St. Louis University Billikens basketball. He is the longest tenured play-by-play man in the history of St. Louis University. Ramsey also broadcast Cardinal baseball on Fox Sports Midwest and on the St. Louis Cardinals Radio Network.



## THE BOB BURNES AWARD

*Sponsored by Bob Hardcastle and Money Talk on 550KTRS, The Bob Burnes Award honors a native Metro St. Louis Area player, manager or umpire who achieved excellence during their Major League Baseball career. Congratulations 2026 Recipient:*



# ROSS DETWILER



Known as a versatile left-handed hurler, Ross Detwiler pitched in 14 big league seasons before making his final appearance in 2022. The Washington Nationals made him their first pick (sixth overall) in the 2007 June MLB Draft. He pitched in just nine minor league games before making his MLB debut in September of 2007. He pitched his first seven seasons in the Washington Nationals organization.

He was known for his high-90s fastball and an excellent sinker that induced a high percentage of ground balls. During his career he made 100 starts and collected 30 wins and over 500 strikeouts for ten MLB teams including Washington, Texas, Atlanta, Cleveland, Oakland, Seattle, Chicago (AL), Miami, San Diego and Cincinnati. His ability to start and relieve made him a valuable member of any pitching staff. He also pitched for Team USA in the 2013 World Baseball Classic earning a save in the U.S. victory over Italy.

He starred at Wentzville - Holt HS where he was named GAC Player of the Year after his senior season. He also pitched for Wentzville Legion Post 323 before moving on to Missouri State University where he pitched for three seasons and became ace of the staff while earning several Missouri Valley Conference honors.



## THE BOB BROEG AWARD

*Created by the Greater St. Louis Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame and sponsored by **Bob Hardcastle** and **Money Talk on 550KTRS** is presented to the high school baseball coach for his commitment to coaching excellence and lifetime of service to high school baseball in the greater St. Louis area. Congratulations 2026 Recipient:*

# CONRAD (BABE) CHAMPION



He was the head baseball coach at Granite City High School from 1960 to 1979. In 2006, the main baseball field at Granite City High School was named in his honor.

Champion played left field on the 1948 Granite City High School team that won the Illinois state championship. Granite City defeated New Athens to win the title. Whitey Herzog was the center fielder on the New Athens team. Champion was selected to the All-Tournament team as a sophomore. He coached the Granite City High School team in 1951 when he was a senior in his fifth year due to a lengthy illness in 1949-1950.

From 1970 to 1979, he was the head coach of the Granite City American Legion team. In 1976 and 1977, Granite City finished second at the Illinois American Legion state tournament.

From 1952 to 1956, Champion played left field and first base in the Madison County League in Illinois. During that same time, he also played for Shurtleff College in Alton.

Other teams he played for include: Fleishman's, the Steelworkers, and the Pontoon Athletic Club.

He also played fast-pitch softball in St. Louis for Thurner's Bar and Kutis.

From 1980 to 1987, Champion was a professional baseball scout for the Philadelphia Phillies and Kansas City Royals. He covered the states of Missouri and Illinois.

Champion was a college umpire for many years. In 1963, he umpired NCAA playoff games.

He was a high school and college basketball referee for 37 years, and a college football referee for fifteen years.

Champion is a charter member of the Granite City Sports Hall of Fame.

In 2016, he was named "Citizen of the Year" by the Chamber of Commerce of Southwestern Madison County in Illinois.

In 2017, Champion was inducted into the St. Louis Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame at the same time as his son Keith Champion.

## THE JACK BUCK MEDIA AWARD

*The Jack Buck Media Award, sponsored by **Bob Hardcastle** (**Money Talk on 550KTRS**), is presented for service to baseball as a distinguished member of the St. Louis media whose work embodies the principles of Hall of Fame legend, the late great Jack Buck. Congratulations 2026 Recipient:*



# DERRICK GOOLD



He is the lead baseball writer at the St. Louis Post-Dispatch and has been covering the St. Louis Cardinals for over 22 years. He joined the Post-Dispatch in September of 2001, writing about the St. Louis Blues. He moved to the baseball beat in July of 2004, covering the Cardinals exclusively. Goold has been the lead baseball writer at the Post-Dispatch since November of 2012.

Before coming to the Post-Dispatch, he was a sportswriter for the New Orleans Times-Picayune and the Denver Rocky Mountain News.

Goold is an award-winning journalist, recognized for his feature writing and investigative reporting on baseball, hockey, and college athletics. He has received numerous accolades, including four Associated Press Sports Editors Awards, an Associated Press Media Editors Award, and a Lee Enterprises President's Award.

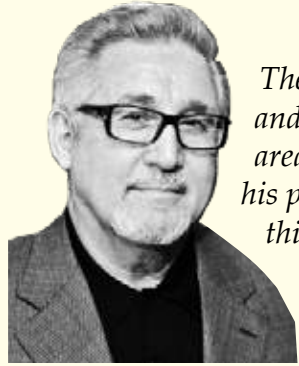
His work often focuses on in-depth reporting, analysis, and breaking news about the St. Louis Cardinals. He's known for his inside access and insightful columns.

Goold has contributed to Baseball America and the MLB Network. He has appeared on TV sports shows like "The Fast Lane" on Fox Sports Midwest. He is a frequent guest on several St. Louis "sports talk" radio stations. He hosts "The Best Podcast in Baseball" which covers the latest news about the Cardinals.

Goold was president of the Baseball Writers Association of America in 2016 after serving as vice president in 2015. In 2012, he wrote the book "100 Things Cardinals Fans Should Know & Do Before They Die" which is a comprehensive guide to the history of the St. Louis Cardinals. Stan Musial wrote the forward to the book, adding a nostalgic touch.

Goold grew up in Elgin, Illinois and he is a 1997 graduate of the University of Missouri School of Journalism.

In September of 2019, he helped save a man's life at Busch Stadium by doing CPR. Goold was trained in CPR as a former lifeguard and Eagle Scout. The incident happened right before the Cardinals clinched the division championship against the Chicago Cubs on September 29, 2019. A videographer collapsed in the Cubs dugout after suffering a heart attack and then a stroke. Goold was right there and he was the first link in the chain of survival.



## J. KIM TUCCI LEGACY AWARD

*The J. Kim Tucci Legacy Award was created in 2018 to honor individuals and organizations who are outstanding supporters of baseball in the St. Louis area. It is named for the late Kim Tucci of The Pasta House Company to honor his prolific support of amateur baseball and the city of St. Louis. Each year this award recognizes a person and their organization that has a proven track record of dedication to the great game of baseball at all levels of competition – professional, amateur and youth baseball in the Greater St. Louis area. Congratulations to the 2026 recipient:*

# CARDINALS CARE



Cardinals Care is the community foundation of the St. Louis Cardinals, dedicated to improving the lives of children in the St. Louis area. Established in 1997, it focuses on helping children in under-resourced neighborhoods. Since its inception, Cardinals Care has invested over 34 million dollars into community programs, providing essential resources and support to children and families in need.

A Redbird Rookies youth baseball and softball league was created for children in impoverished neighborhoods. Building and renovating ballfields is a top priority.

Financial support is provided to local nonprofits that work with children. The Cardinals Care Family Room at the Grove Ronald McDonald House opened in June of 2024. Cardinals Care funded the baseball-themed space where parents can gather with their children who are receiving treatment at local hospitals. Cardinals Care donated 200,000 dollars to the St. Louis

County Library to fund a Cardinals Care Bookmobile. There are over 5,000 items with a special shelf devoted to Cardinal-themed books. Thousands of students will benefit from the bookmobile. Last year, Cardinals Care provided a partnership grant of 500,000 dollars for an Eye Thrive Mobile Vision Clinic which travels to schools and community centers, benefiting children in need of vision care.

Cardinals Care provides health screenings, educational programs, and scholarships to support the health and education of children.

Cardinals Care raises money through various events and initiatives, including their popular Winter Warm-up fundraiser, where fans meet players, coaches, and alumni while exploring the Cardinals Hall of Fame and Museum. The Annual Fun Run features a family-friendly course through the streets of downtown St. Louis, finishing on Clark Street, followed by a memorable victory lap around the warning track inside Busch Stadium. The fun starts at Ballpark Village with a pre-race warm-up. There are weekly auctions, both online and in-person, featuring autographed items and memorabilia. There are 50/50 Raffles to raise money during home games at Busch Stadium. Cardinals Care works with local organizations to support children in the St. Louis community. Donations are accepted through the Cardinals Care website and other channels.

Cardinals Care works with the Joe Torre Safe At Home Foundation to provide resources to traumatized youth, helping them enjoy secure, violence-free lives. The many accomplishments of Cardinals Care reflect their commitment to improving the lives of children in the St. Louis area.



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1995 Whitey Herzog  
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2001 Bob Swift  
2002 Lee Engert  
2003 Bob Robben  
2004 Charlie Gateley  
2005 Edward Tschannen  
2006 Ray Cliffe  
2007 Henry Buffa  
2008 Ed Perniciaro, Sr.  
2009 Bob Christian  
2010 Marty McCabe  
2011 Jim Lemen  
2012 Rich Rogers  
2013 Bob Benben  
2014 Bobby Dunahue  
2015 Harry Gurley  
2016 Jim Taylor

2017 Steve Nicollerat  
2018 Rich Van Gilst  
2019 Michael D. Russell  
2020 Tony Perkins  
2022 Ed Chard  
2023 Kevin Bowers  
2024 Jerry Burbes  
2025 Rich Sturm

### Jack Buck Media Award:

2012 Mike Shannon  
2013 Rick Hummel  
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2016 Bernie Miklasz  
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2018 Tom Ackerman  
2019 Mike Claiborne  
2020 Bob Ramsey  
2022 Al Hrabosky  
2023 Steve Overbey  
2024 John Rooney  
2025 Randy Karraker

### J. Kim Tucci Legacy Award:

2018 Ed Wheatley -  
St. Louis Browns  
Historical Society  
2019 Martin Mathews -  
Mathews-Dickey  
Boys and Girls Club  
2020 J. Kim Tucci -  
The Pasta House  
Company  
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Kutis Funeral  
Homes  
2023 Missouri American  
Legion-Tom Rhoads  
Commissioner  
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# RISING STAR AWARD



The Rising Star Award was created by the Greater St. Louis Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame in 1995. The award is sponsored by **Pinnacle Hospitality** (A&W Restaurants) and the **St. Louis Cardinals**. The Rising Star Award honors local high school baseball players for achievements on and off the field.

Five finalists are selected by the Greater St. Louis Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame Rising Star Committee from nominations by high school coaches throughout the greater St. Louis area. The Rising Star Award is presented to the player who is considered "best of the best" in the greater St. Louis area.

The five finalists for 2026 are:

**C. J. LAKE** OAKVILLE HS  
Nominated by Head Coach – **Rich Sturm**

**JORDAN SCHNEIDER** PARKWAY SOUTH HS  
Nominated by Head Coach – **Matt Brown**

**WYATT SCHNEIDER** SUMMIT HS  
Nominated by Head Coach – **Jason Schneider**

**NOLAN SISSOM** FORT ZUMWALT WEST HS  
Nominated by Head Coach – **Matt Sissom**

**BRADY TANNER** FRANCIS HOWELL HS  
Nominated by Head Coach – **Tony Perkins**

## 2026 RISING STAR FINALISTS

**C. J. LAKE** RHP/1B  
OAKVILLE HS



**Parents:**  
Tim and Lisa Lake  
**Head Coach:**  
Rich Sturm  
**Committed:**  
JOHN A. LOGAN COLLEGE

1st Team All-Conference, All-District (2024 and 2025). Participated in Midwest Scout Association Games, Area Code Games.

- His fastball sits consistently at 89-93 mph and has topped out at 96 mph
- Volunteers for Special Olympics, Oakville Baseball Camps, Youth Suicide Prevention



**JORDAN SCHNEIDER** OF/P  
PARKWAY SOUTH HS



**Mom:** Heather O'Rourke  
**Head Coach:** Matt Brown  
**Committed:**  
JEFFERSON COLLEGE

Earned All-Suburban Red Conference and Conference Player of the Year (2025). 1st Team Class 6 All-State and 1st Team All-Metro (2025).

- Led Parkway South to first Final Four (2025) since 1999
- Hit .425, 10 doubles and drove home 31 (2025), posted a 4-2 record in 50 1/3 innings



## 2026 RISING STAR FINALISTS

### WYATT SCHNEIDER *IF/P* SUMMIT HS



**Parents:** Jason and Christine Schneider  
**Head Coach:** Jason Schneider  
**Committed:** MISSOURI SOUTHERN STATE UNIVERSITY

1st Team Class 5 All-State and 2nd Team All-Metro (2025) led Summit to third place in State.

- Ranks in Top 4 in Career Hits, BB, Wins and K's for Summit
- Pitched Summit to victories in 3 consecutive District Championships – 4-0, 0.90 ERA, 1 Save
- Special Olympics Volunteer, Community Campus Clean-up Volunteer, 3.78 GPA
- Captain, Summit HS Hockey team (4-year Varsity Starter)



## 2026 RISING STAR FINALISTS

### BRADY TANNER *2B* FRANCIS HOWELL HS



**Parents:** Clint and Jill Tanner  
**Head Coach:** Tony Perkins  
**Committed:** INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY

Class 6 All-State 1st Team, All-District, All-Conference and 2nd Team All-Metro (2025)

- Has started 84 consecutive games at 2B for the Vikings
- Posted .407 BA, 8 doubles and 29 RBIs, led the team with 50 hits
- Went 4-for-4 vs.CBC with 4 RBIs and 3 runs scored



### NOLAN SISSOM *SS/RHP* FORT ZUMWALT WEST HS



**Parents:** Matt and Melissa Sissom  
**Head Coach:** Matt Sissom  
**Committed:** MIZZOU

Class 6 All-State – First Team (2025), 2nd Team (2024), Honorable Mention (2023), ABCA/Rawlings All-American (2025), All-Metro, All-District and All -Conference (2025)

- GAC South Conference Player of the Year (2025), hit .439, slugging .785
- Career Leader at Ft. Zumwalt West in R, SB, 2B, RBI and BB
- Honored as “Leader in ME” representative for Ft. Zumwalt West in 2025



**Congratulations**  
**2026 Inductees**  
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## PREVIOUS RISING STARS

**Rising Star Award finalists:** *Winners are indicated with \* before name.*

**1996: \*Justin Buck**

Shane Allen  
Chris George  
Danny Huesgen  
Jon Lewis

**1997: \*Jon Lewis**

Shane Allen  
John Mayer  
Alvin Morrow  
Nick Wilfong

**1998: \*Alvin Morrow**

Ben Hutton  
Ken Lutz  
Mick Weiss  
Nick Wilfong

**1999: \*Ben Hutton**

Brett Katz  
Ken Lutz  
Justin R. Neel  
Jared Theodorakos

**2000: \*Ken Lutz**

Matt Bogle  
Cliff House  
Andy Schutzenhofer  
Nick Seibert

**2001: \*Brent Lacy**

Dan Jackson  
Joe Simokaitis  
Pat Steinhoff  
Derek Stratman

**2002: \*Dan Jackson**

Matt Buschmann  
Devin Collis  
Ronnie Ray  
John Sternberg

**2003: \*Greg Rodgers**

Nathan Culp  
David Kramer  
Ron Martin  
Lucas May

**2004: \*Justin Ellrich**

Andrew Cella  
Jeff Sargent  
Shaun Seibert  
T.J. Sinovich

**2005: \*Jeff Sargent**

Evan Button  
Tim Clubb  
Aaron Cox  
Andy Marks

**2006: \*John Lyons**

Jason Hagerty  
Phil McCormick  
Jeremy Rahman  
Blake Slagle

**2007: \*Jonathan Schmidt**

Todd Baumgartner  
Adam Gliebe  
David LeResche

Dan Sandbrink

**2008: \*Tim Melville**

Preston Aldridge  
Ethan Jaeger  
Conner Mach  
Ben Turner

**2009: \*Jacob Turner**

Brannon Champagne  
Ryan Huck  
Alex Larkin  
Scott Sommerfeld

**2010: \*Danny Brennan**

Jake DePew  
Michael Failoni  
Kevin Pohle

**2011: \*Brett Graves**

Sasha Kuebel  
Tate Matheny  
Jake Mavropoulos  
David Schmidt  
Mike Wilson

**2012: \*Tate Matheny**

William DuPont  
Danny Holst  
Sam Hopkins  
Jake Walters  
Alex Winkelman

## PREVIOUS RISING STARS

**2013: \*Matt Brown**

Drew Curtis  
Brent Gibbs  
Lex Kaplan  
Ben Lovell

**2014: \*Shane Benes**

Jake Burger  
Keith Grieshaber, Jr.  
Nic Perkins  
David Prost

**2015: \*Logan Andersen**

Austin Bennett  
Luke Matheny  
Ryan Sosnowski  
Brock Weimer

**2016: \*Ryan Perkins**

Chris Cornelius  
Brad Harrison  
Jordan McFarland  
Cameron Touchette

**2017: \*Kyle Grantham**

Harry Hegeman  
Erik Kaiser  
Luke Vallandingham  
Dennis Yingling

**2018: \*Luke Mann**

Patrick Conner  
Kevin Graham  
Hayden Juenger  
Austin Schmitt

**2019: \*Noah Jacobsen**

Jimmy Obertop  
Kolten Poorman  
Jeremy Schork  
Cole Schroeder  
Shane Wilhelm

**2020: \*Drake Westcott**

Nathan Beaton  
Jordan Duncan  
Jacob Hager  
Bryce Mayer

**2022: \*Daniel Wissler**

Tyler Charlton  
Eli Hoerner  
Josh Newell  
Spencer Stearns

**2023: \*Brett Norfleet**

Dane Bjorn  
Riley Iffrig  
Sean Kang  
Kaden Peer

**2024: \*Jack Nobe**

Ethan Bagwell  
Hayden Bates  
Brady Coon  
Charlie Karlovic

**2025: \*Charlie Wortham**

Michael Callahan  
Will Geary  
Chase Knebel  
Mason Schirmer



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Charlie Wortham

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ABHOF Board member Ed Wheatley, Jr. (left) with 2025 Rising Star Winner Charlie Wortham.

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2025 Rising Star Finalists accepting awards with ABHOF Board member Ed Wheatley, Jr.

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# 2026 CLASS OF INDUCTEES



## COREY BLACKWELL (49)

He was a strong right-handed pitcher from New Athens, Illinois who starred in the Mon-Clair League for the Waterloo Buds/Millers from 1996 to 2013. During his eighteen years in the Mon-Clair League, he won 147 games and lost only 33, setting a league record for wins. He won six ERA titles, more than any other pitcher in the history of the Mon-Clair League. In 2000, he was the Most Valuable Player on his Waterloo Buds team. In 2005, he was named MVP of the Valmeyer Tournament. He was a perennial all-star who was named to the Mon-Clair League all-star team every year. Blackwell was on teams that won seven Mon-Clair League championships, five Valmeyer Tournament championships, and twelve Monroe Division championships. He pitched three no-hitters during his Mon-Clair League career. He has coached youth teams in the Mon-Clair League for the past eight years. In 2016, Blackwell was inducted into the Mon-Clair Baseball League Hall of Fame.

From 1996 to 1998, Blackwell played semi-pro ball for the Sauget Wizards and was named team MVP in 1998. In 1999, he signed a professional contract and pitched in the Frontier League for the River City Rascals under manager Jack Clark.

Blackwell pitched for Belleville Area College in 1996 and 1997 with a record of 20 wins and only three losses. In 1997, he was named MVP of his team. In 1998, he was a pitcher for the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. In 1999, he pitched for Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

Blackwell is a proud supporter of the Mon-Clair League which is known for developing talented players and fostering a strong sense of community. The Mon-Clair League provides a positive, supportive environment for baseball players in Southern Illinois.



## DAREN DEPEW (60)

He was a hard-hitting catcher who in 1988 played in the farm system of the Texas Rangers. He was on the Boise Hawks, the Rangers farm team in the Northwest League.

In 1984 and 1985, DePew was a catcher for the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

In 1986 and 1987, he caught for Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. His senior year, he batted .382 and was named MVP and All-Region. His team won 40 games and lost 15 with one tie. He caught every inning of all 56 games.

From 1989 to 1998, he was a player-manager for Granite City in the Mon-Clair League. He was selected to the all-star team all ten years. His teams won three Mon-Clair League championships and three Valmeyer Tournaments. He was named Manager of the Year three times in the Mon-Clair League. In 2001, DePew was inducted into the Mon-Clair Baseball League Hall of Fame.

DePew coached baseball at Granite City High School for 21 years.

He was the assistant baseball coach for eleven years and the head baseball coach for ten years. He was also a teacher. A 1983 graduate of Granite City High, DePew is currently principal of the school.

He coached four years at the Gators Baseball Academy in St. Louis. He also coached the St. Louis Pirates traveling team four years.



## KENT HENDRICKSON (70)

He was a right-handed pitcher on the 1977 SIU-Edwardsville team that advanced to the College World Series. The 1977 team was inducted into the SIU-Edwardsville Hall of Fame. Hendrickson also pitched for the SIUE Cougars in 1978 when he was named the Most Valuable Player and All-Conference. His Earned Run Average that year was 2.21.

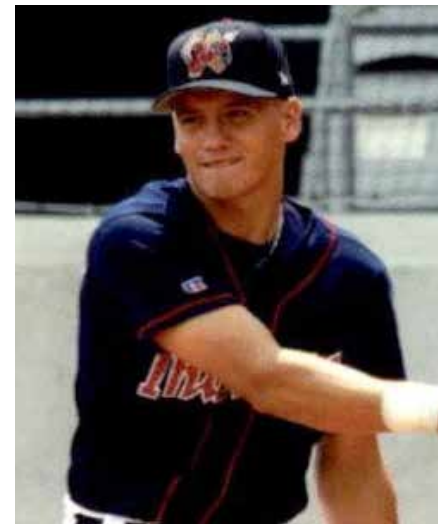
From 1974 to 1976, Hendrickson was a pitcher on the strong Florissant Valley Community College team coached by Larry Adams. During those three years, the Norsemen were a dominant JUCO team in Missouri.

In the early 1970s, Hendrickson pitched for St. Thomas Aquinas High School.

In 1974, he was on the Maryland Heights American Legion team. From 1978 to 1980, he played for the St. Louis Gateways, helping his team advance to the NBC tournament in Wichita all

three years. In 1978, the Gateways finished fourth at the NBC tournament.

In the late 1970s and early 1980s, Hendrickson pitched in the St. Louis County League for Kutis, Giesler-Jorgen, McBride & Sons, and the Sotolar Pointers. He was on several County League championship teams.



## BEN MARGALSKI (46)

A prolific catcher, Margalski was drafted by the Anaheim Angels in 1997 while playing for Northwest High School in Cedar Hill, Missouri. In 2001, he was drafted by the Philadelphia Phillies in the 16th round out of Missouri State University in Springfield. He spent two seasons in the Phillies farm system. In 2001, he played with the Batavia Muckdogs and then with the Lakewood Blue Claws in 2002. In 2003, he signed with the Cleveland Indians and played for the Kinston Indians. In 2003, he also played in the farm system of the Montreal Expos, catching for the Savannah Sand Gnats. Margalski remained in the Expos farm system in 2004 with the Brevard County Manatees in the Florida State League. In 2004, he also caught for the legendary Stockton Ports, a minor league affiliate of the Texas Rangers. Margalski wrapped up his minor league career in 2004 with the

Oklahoma City Red Hawks.

In 2005, he caught for the Gateway Grizzlies in the Frontier League under manager Danny Cox. Margalski was named All-League and he was selected to the Frontier League all-star team.

In 1998 and 1999, he played for Southwestern Illinois College in Belleville under long-time coach Neil Fiala. In 2000 and 2001, Margalski was a standout catcher for Missouri State University in Springfield. In 2001, he led his team to the Missouri Valley Conference Championship, and he was selected as "College Player of the Year" by the Midwest Scouts Association.

Margalski has been coaching baseball in the St. Louis area for over twenty years. He is presently a head coach for the US Nationals baseball organization in the St. Louis area. He founded Team Missouri Baseball in 2013. He has coached the Rawlings Prospects team in St. Louis. He has coached three Major League players, eighteen Major League draft picks, and 173 NCAA players.



### TIM RAKERS (63)

He was a right-handed pitcher who played in the Clinton County League for 17 years. He pitched for the New Baden Bombers from 1980 to 1982 and Trenton from 1985 to 1998. He was named MVP seven times, and he was on nine league championship teams.

In the late 1970s, Rakers was a pitcher for Wesclin High School in Trenton, Illinois.

In the early 1980s, he pitched for Belleville Area College, helping his team advance to the Illinois state tournament.

From 1982 to 1984, he starred on the mound for the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, finishing his college career ranked second in ERA and fifth in total wins.

Rakers played semi-pro ball from 1982 to 1984 for Spankies in Edwardsville. From 1999 to 2011, he pitched in the Cahokia Fountain of Youth League for the A's and Phillies. He was on eight league championship teams. Rakers coached amateur baseball teams in the St. Louis area for many years.



### TOM RITZHEIMER (67)

He was a powerful right-handed pitcher and strong left-handed batter. He pitched 21 years for Trenton in the Clinton County League from 1975 to 1995. He was also an outfielder and designated hitter. He later managed the Trenton team for 12 years. Ritzheimer is in the Clinton County Baseball League Hall of Fame.

From 1978 to 1981, Ritzheimer played for Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, setting school records for career batting average and single season batting average. In 2016, he was inducted into the SIUE Hall of Fame.

In 1978, he played in the Jayhawk Summer Collegiate League for the Beatrice Bruins in Beatrice, Nebraska. In 1979, he joined the Edwardsville Civics and his team advanced to the NBC tournament in Wichita, Kansas.

In 1980, he pitched for the Quincy Rivermen in the Central Illinois Collegiate League.

Ritzheimer managed the Trenton American Legion Post 199 team for eight years. In 1983, his team won the Illinois American Legion state championship.



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## ANDY SCHUTZENHOFER (45)

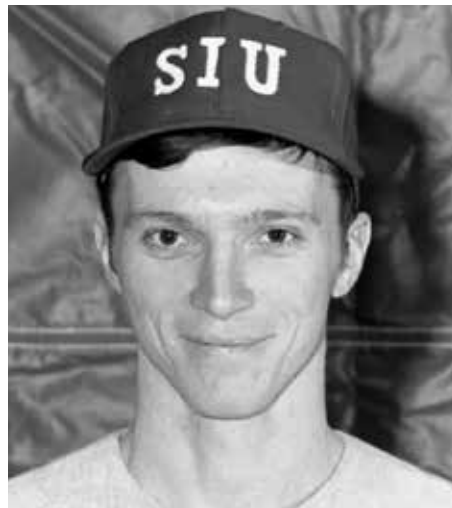
He was a left-handed first baseman who played in the farm system of the St. Louis Cardinals from 2003 to 2005. In 2003, he started out with the Johnson City Cardinals in the Appalachian League and then moved to the Palm Beach Cardinals in the Florida State League. He also played for the Palm Beach Cardinals in 2004 and 2005. In 2005, he advanced to the Double A level with the Springfield Cardinals in the Texas League. Schutzenhofer consistently hit over .300 in the minor leagues.

From 2000 to 2003, he was a first baseman for the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, setting several school records. He ranks third in all-time career hits with 132 and sixth in all-time career RBIs with 173. His on base percentage was .449, which is fourth best in the history of the Fighting Illini. In 2000, Schutzenhofer set an all-time freshman record with 87 hits and 63 RBIs. He helped the Fighting Illini win the Big Ten Tournament with seven home runs, 63 RBIs, and a .375 average. He was named a Freshman All-American. He was selected to the All-Big Ten first

team and the ABCA Midwest Region first team. In 2001, he led his Fighting Illini team with a .392 batting average. He was selected to the All-Big Ten second team in 2001 and 2002. He was chosen for the All-Big Ten first team in 2003. He excelled in athletics and academics. In 2003, he received the Big Ten's Award of Honor for the Outstanding Scholar-Athlete.

Schutzenhofer played for several summer collegiate baseball teams. In 2000, he was an all-star first baseman with the Alton Bluff City Bombers in the Central Illinois Collegiate League. In 2001, he was selected to the all-star team while playing for the Waterloo Bucks in the Northwoods Summer Collegiate League in Iowa. In 2002, he was with the Kenai Peninsula Oilers in the Alaska Summer Collegiate Baseball League.

From 1996 to 1999, he was a first baseman for Belleville East High School, and his father Dennis was head coach of the team. Their team advanced to the Illinois state tournament in 1996.



## DENNIS SCHUTZENHOFER (76)

Schutzenhofer, often referred to as "Shooter," began his long playing career as a shortstop for Belleville West High School from 1965 to 1967. He was a shortstop and second baseman for the Belleville Hilgards Post 58 team from 1966 to 1968. He is in the Belleville Hilgards American Legion Hall of Fame.

In 1968 and 1969, he played shortstop for Belleville Area College. In 1970 and 1971, he played second base for SIU-Edwardsville. He coached the team as a graduate assistant from 1972 to 1974.

Schutzenhofer was a second baseman for Millstadt in the Mon-Clair League from 1968 to 1985. He was on numerous championship teams. In 2014, he was inducted into the Mon-Clair Baseball League Hall of Fame.

Although he was an infielder during his playing career, Schutzenhofer became the batting practice pitcher for the St. Louis Cardinals from 2000 to 2019. He was a full-time member of the Cardinal staff with the title "Coaching Assistant to Baseball Operations." He wore a Cardinal uniform and traveled with the team. The name Schutzenhofer is the longest name

to ever appear on the back of a Cardinal uniform.

Schutzenhofer spent over thirty years coaching baseball in the Belleville School District. He coached at both Belleville East and Belleville West High Schools. He coached his son Andy at Belleville East from 1996 to 1999. Their team advanced to the Illinois state tournament in 1996. Schutzenhofer was named High School Coach of the Year in 1996 and 1999. He received the St. Louis Sports Commission's Redbird Award in 1996, 1999, and 2000. In 2006, he retired from teaching chemistry and coaching baseball in the Belleville School District. That's when he became a full-time member of the Cardinal staff.

Schutzenhofer was the head coach of the Fairview Heights American Legion team from 1973 to 1977 and then again from 1990 to 2000. He was named the American Legion District 22 Coach of the Year in 1996 and 1999. He was an umpire from 1982 to 2008, working high school, college, American Legion, CICL, and Mon-Clair League games.



## GARY STARR (88)

A versatile infielder, Starr played in the Chicago Cubs farm system in 1960 and 1961. In 1960, he was on Cub minor league teams in Lancaster, Pennsylvania and Carlsbad, New Mexico. In 1961, he played for the Chiefs, a Cub farm team in Wenatchee, Washington.

Starr was an infielder for Belleville Township High School from 1953 to 1956, and his team won the Illinois state championship in 1954.

He also played for the prestigious Belleville Hilgards Post 58 team that won the Illinois American Legion state championship in 1954. He is a member of the Belleville Hilgards American Legion Hall of Fame.

Starr received a baseball scholarship to the University of Missouri at Columbia and played for the Mizzou Tigers baseball team from 1957 to 1960. His team finished second at the College World Series in 1958. The Tigers lost in the final round to the University of Southern California Trojans. Starr was captain of the 1960 team. He set several team records at the University of Missouri

at Columbia. He also received a football scholarship to Mizzou, and he was a quarterback on the Tigers team.

He spent four seasons in the Ban Johnson League with the St. Louis Buick Dealers team, and four seasons in the St. Louis County League with the Sievers Tavern team. During those eight years, he was selected to many all-star teams.

In the 1960s, Starr was the head baseball coach at Joplin Memorial High School in Joplin, Missouri. He guided his team to numerous championships.

In 1987, Starr coached the Berkeley High School football team to the Missouri state championship.



## TODD STEIN (44)

Stein was a left-handed pitcher who was drafted by the Arizona Diamondbacks in 2004, and he spent two years in their farm system. In 2004, he pitched for the Missoula Osprey in the Pioneer League. In 2005, he was with the South Bend Silver Hawks, helping his team win the Midwest League championship.

In 2006, he played for the Gateway Grizzlies in the Frontier League under manager Danny Cox. From 2001 to 2004, Stein pitched in the Missouri Valley Conference for Illinois State University in Normal.

During the summer of 2001, he was a pitcher for the Twin City Stars, a team representing the twin cities of Bloomington and Normal in the Central Illinois Collegiate League.

During the summer of 2000, he played for St. Charles in the St. Louis Metro Collegiate League. During the summers of 2002 and 2003, he pitched for Creve Coeur in the St. Louis Metro Collegiate League. He was named to the Metro League all-star

team all three years.

Stein was an outstanding pitcher at Ladue Horton Watkins High School from 1997 to 2000. His senior year, he pitched a no-hitter against Brentwood High School. He set a school record with sixteen strikeouts in the 6-1 victory. He only walked three batters, and the one run allowed was unearned.

He was named to four American Legion all-star teams while pitching for the Goff-Moll Post 101 team in Brentwood. Stein is currently the owner and manager of the St. Louis Recruits Baseball Club which has approximately thirty youth teams for ages eight to seventeen.

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### BRAD STONE (41)

An outstanding right-handed pitcher, Stone was drafted by the Houston Astros in 2005 and the next year he was drafted by the Florida Marlins. He played in the Marlins farm system from 2006 to 2010. He began his five-year minor league career with the Marlins farm team in Greensboro, North Carolina. He pitched for the Greensboro Grasshoppers from 2006 to 2008. In 2006, he was also on the Jamestown Jammers in Jamestown, New York. In 2008 and 2009, he pitched for the Jupiter Hammerheads in the Florida State League. In 2009, he advanced to the Triple A level with the New Orleans Zephyrs. He also pitched for the Zephyrs in 2010. In 2009 and 2010, he was a pitcher for the Jacksonville Suns in the Southern League. His team won the league championship both years. Stone wrapped up his minor league career in 2010 with the Gulf Coast League Marlins. He continued to play professional

baseball in 2011 with two independent teams – the Gateway Grizzlies and the Sioux Falls Pheasants.

Stone pitched for CBC High School and received a baseball scholarship to Quincy College where he played from 2004 to 2006. He was then drafted by the Florida Marlins.

Stone was a pitching coach in the St. Louis area from 2003 to 2023. He coached baseball at Bishop DuBourg High School, St. Mary's High School, and Webster University.



### DAVE WARNECKE (70)

He was a relief pitcher and shortstop who played in the farm system of the Cleveland Indians from 1978 to 1980. In 1978 and 1979, he pitched for the Waterloo Indians in Waterloo, Iowa. In 1978, he also played for the Batavia Trojans in Batavia, New York. In 1980, he was on the Chattanooga Lookouts in the Southern League.

Warnecke was playing for the McKendree University Bearcats in 1978 when he was drafted by the Cleveland Indians. He was the first McKendree baseball player ever selected in the Major League draft. He was a four-year starter on the Bearcats team from 1975 to 1978. His career batting average at McKendree was .348, including a career-best .396 as a junior. He was a dominant force on the mound, cementing his status as one of the top pitchers in the league. Warnecke was the Most Valuable

Player on the Bearcats team in 1978. That year, he was named to the All-State and All-District teams. He was also selected to the Missouri-Illinois Collegiate League all-star team. From 1980 to 1984, he played for the renowned Aviston Aces in the Clinton County League. He is in the Clinton County League Hall of Fame.

In the early 1970s, Warnecke pitched for Central High School in Breese, Illinois. He is in the Central High School Hall of Fame. In the 1990s, he coached youth baseball teams in his hometown of Aviston, Illinois.



### ANDY KATZMAN (59)

Katzman has been a cornerstone of the baseball program at John Burroughs High School since 1989 as both a head and assistant coach. During those 37 years, he has over 500 wins with three state championships, seven Final Four appearances, and eleven conference championships. Katzman was the assistant baseball coach from 1989 to 2000, and the Burroughs Bombers won the Missouri state championship in 1991. He became head coach in 2001 and the next year he guided the Bombers to the state championship. He was named Missouri Coach of the Year in 2002. He was head coach for 18 years until 2019. He has been the assistant baseball coach at John Burroughs since 2020. The Bombers won the state championship in 2023.

Katzman attended John Burroughs High School from 1981 to 1985, and he was a left-handed pitcher on the Bombers squad all four years. In 1985, he was the winning pitcher when the Bombers defeated Licking High School to win the Missouri state championship.

Katzman has been part of all four state championship victories in the history of baseball at John Burroughs High School. For over five decades, Katzman has been “Mr. John Burroughs Baseball” and last year the main baseball field at John Burroughs High School was renamed Katzman Park.

In 1985 and 1986, Katzman was a pitcher for Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem North Carolina. In 1987 and 1988, he pitched for St. Louis University where he graduated with a degree in political science.

A consummate role model, he has positively influenced hundreds of young men to be better ballplayers and even better human beings.



### PETE SCHUMACHER (86)

Schumacher was the Secretary-Treasurer of the Clinton County Baseball League for 50 years from 1965 to 2015. In 2004, he was an inaugural inductee into the Clinton County Baseball Hall of Fame.

Since 1979, Schumacher has been a top administrator for the Trenton American Legion Baseball program in Trenton, Illinois. He was also a manager and coach. In 1991, he was inducted into the Trenton American Legion Baseball Hall of Fame.

He was the baseball coordinator for the city of Trenton from 1962 to 2019. The main baseball diamond at Trenton City Park was dedicated as Pete Schumacher Field in 2001.

In the 1950s, he attended St. Henry’s Preparatory Seminary in Belleville and Chaminade Catholic High School in St. Louis.

He is a 1970 graduate of Belleville Area College now called Southwestern Illinois College.

From 1970 to 1972, he attended Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. Schumacher has loved baseball since he was six years old, and he is still an avid supporter and dedicated contributor.

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### MIKE WEINSTEIN (42)

He has been an umpire since 1995, working at all levels from the minor leagues to high school and everything in between.

Weinstein began umpiring when he was twelve years old. He was with the Creve Coeur Athletic Association from 1995 to 2001. He started umpiring high school games while still a student at Parkway Central High School.

From 1998 to 2002, he was a member of the Greater St. Louis Association of Umpires, working high school, junior college, and college games.

In 2003, Weinstein umpired in Iowa in the Northwoods Summer Collegiate League.

He was a minor league umpire from 2004 to 2008, working games in the Midwest League and the Carolina League. Many of the players would later advance to the Major Leagues. In 2005, he umpired the Midwest League all-star game. In 2006, he worked the Carolina League all-star game. In 2007, he was assigned to the Carolina League championship series.

From 2013 to 2022, Weinstein umpired in the Frontier League, an independent professional baseball league. In 2018, he was named Frontier League Umpire of the Year.

In 2013, he joined the prestigious Collegiate Baseball Umpires Alliance, and he is still an active umpire with that organization, working NCAA games in several different conferences like the Big Ten and the Missouri Valley Conference. He also umpires junior college and NAIA games.

In 2002, he attended the Southern Umpires Camp, a training program for umpires in Atlanta, and he received the top award.

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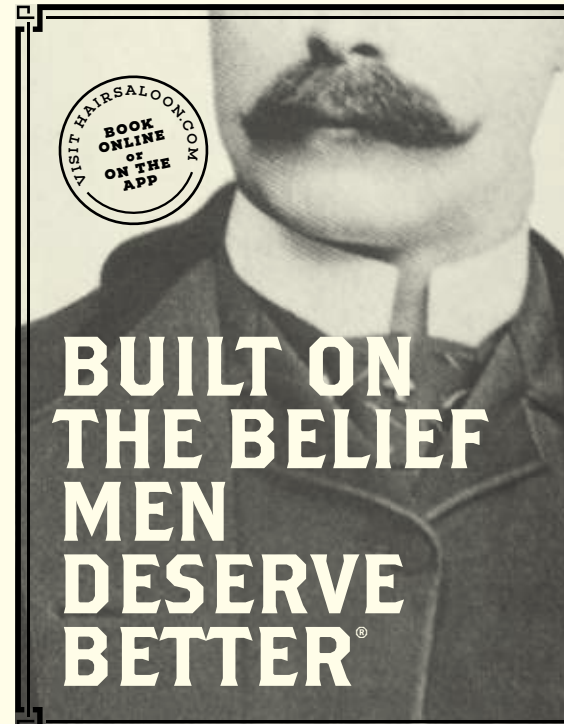


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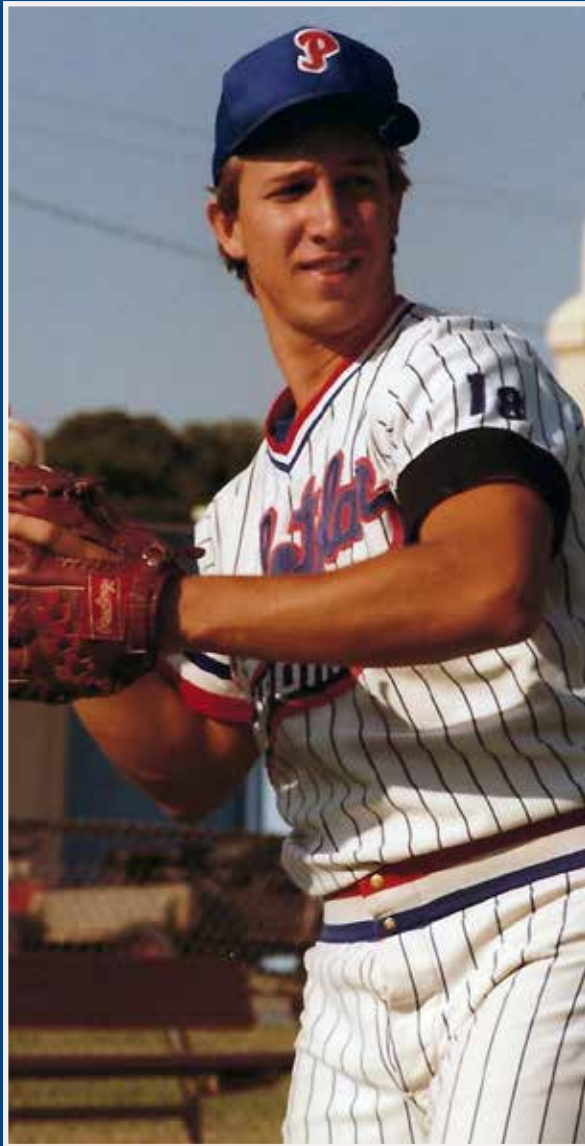
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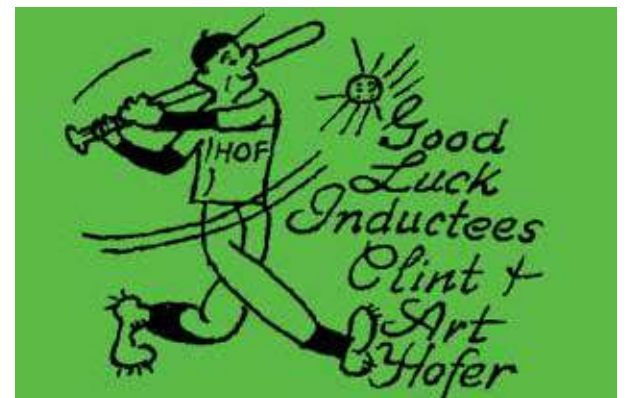
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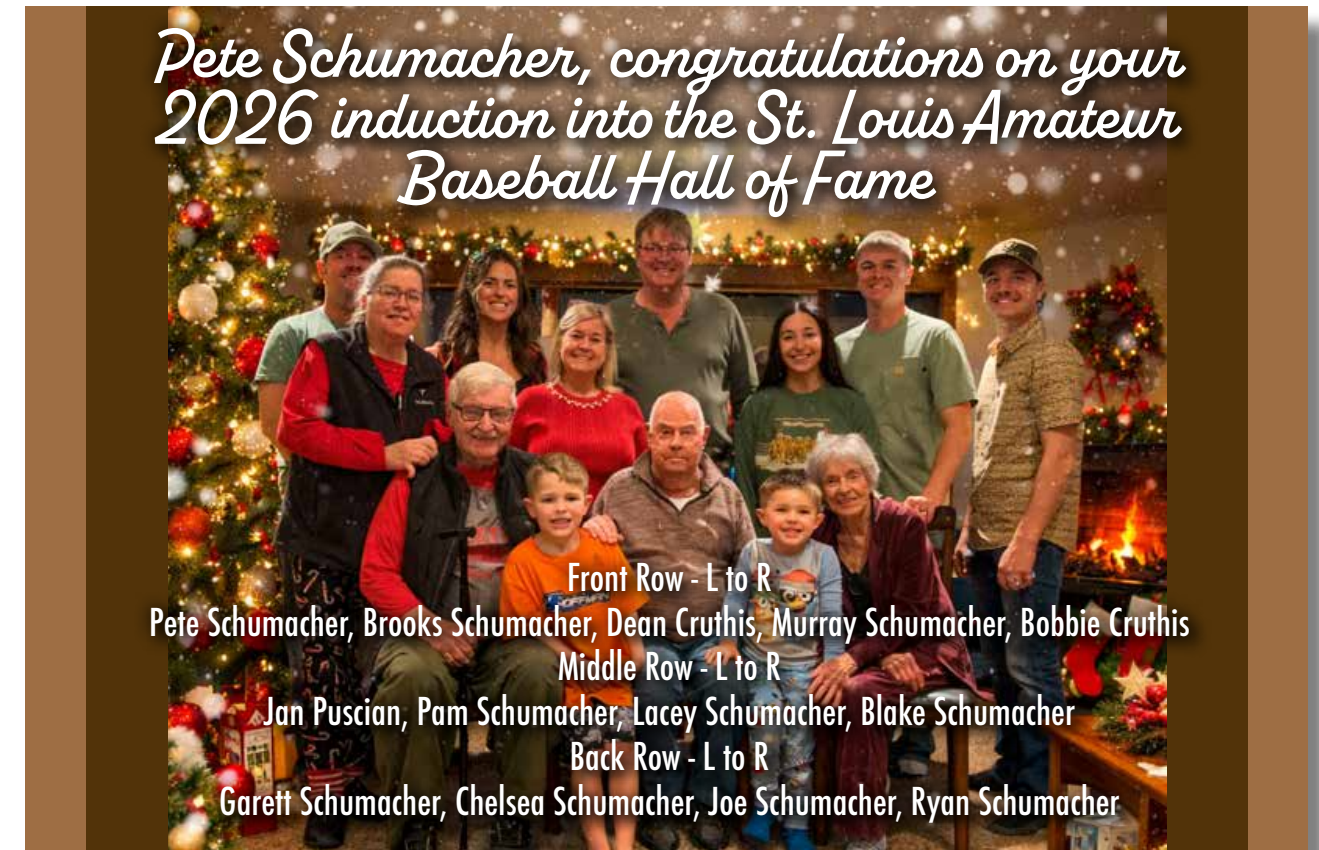
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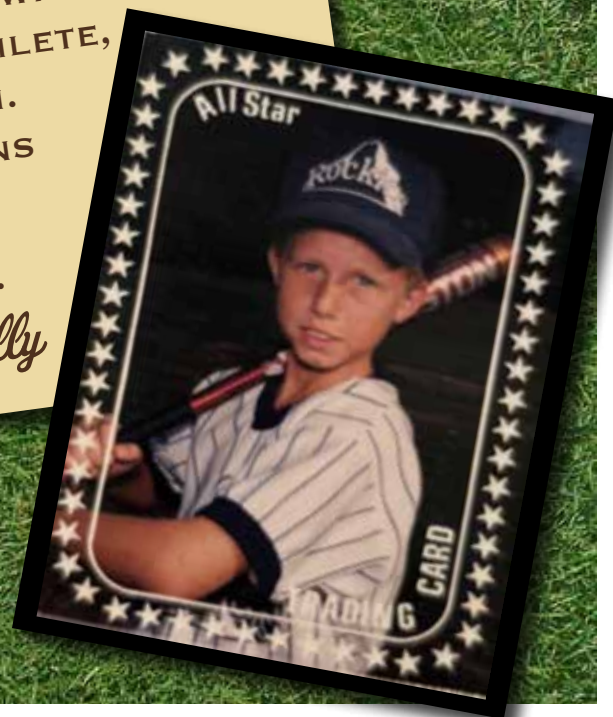
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*Congratulations to all of the 2026 inductees - especially my former teammates Andy Schutzenhofer and Corey Blackwell and my high school coach Dennis Schutzenhofer*



Andy - One of the best hitters I ever played with and the funniest in the dugout.



Corey - A fiery competitor, big game pitcher and someone who inspired me to be a good family man.



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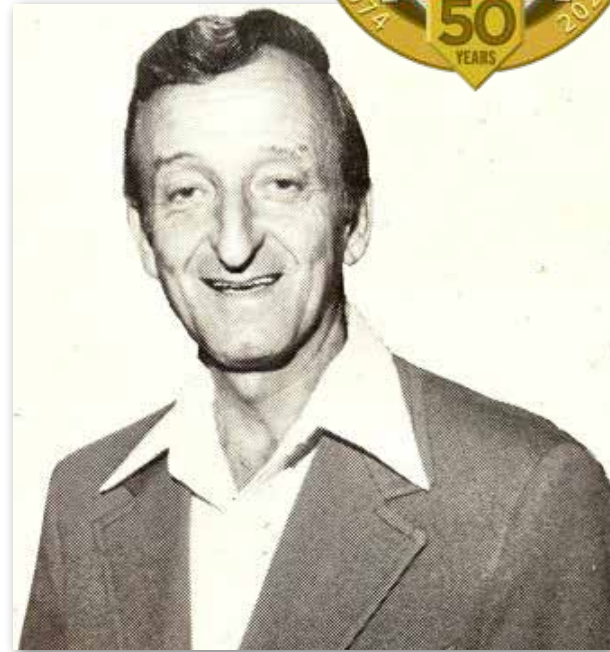


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# St. Louis is regularly called “the best baseball town in America.”

But that descriptor is not solely due to the success of its professional baseball teams. What truly makes St. Louis baseball so special is its rich history at the amateur level—a history that dates back to July 9, 1860, when two amateur teams, the Cyclones and the Morning Stars met in the region’s first documented organized baseball game played at Fairgrounds Park, in north St. Louis at Grand and Natural Bridge Avenues.

Amateur baseball is the very root of the game we play, love, and watch. It’s where all baseball players begin. Everyone is an amateur the first time they pop a mitt or take a swing. How many youngsters playing in organized baseball realize that the Khoury League was founded in St. Louis in 1934 and today still calls its National Organization’s home St. Louis? Within this baseball greatness, there was a time when more players were in the Major Leagues from one St. Louis high school than any other in America. Few recognize the significant role that a St. Louis African American amateur league played as a turnstile to the Negro Leagues in the days prior to the integration of Major League Baseball. Beyond high school, there were decades where the region’s teams were regular finalist in the American Legion National Championship games. And for those who could not give up their love of the game, senior amateur baseball has flourished for decades at a level as competitive as many Minor League affiliates. It is this history, the moments, and players that make St. Louis amateur baseball so special. To honor their accomplishments, the Greater St. Louis Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame was established in 1973 to recognize and preserve the memories of those players, coaches, umpires, and contributors who have helped amateur baseball flourish in the Gateway City. Every year since 1974, an induction dinner and ceremony has been held to recognize the newest class of honorees.



Don Gabbert, Founder and Chairman of the Board of Directors.

**Tonight is the 50th Anniversary and Induction Ceremony of the Greater St. Louis Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame.** The HOF was organized in July 1973, when Don Gabbert initiated discussions to honor those individuals that have made the region’s amateur baseball history so special. Over the next month, Gabbert formed a special committee consisting of himself, Bob Burnes, Gideon Elmore, Ed Fogarty, Chuck Foulke, Walter Giesler, Leroy Hankins, Ben Hopwood, Steve Raab, and Roger Wensel. On August 9, 1973, these men met and formally laid out the qualifications necessary for induction, the awards to be given, and the other necessary items to form and to establish the Greater St Louis Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame.

With Don Gabbert elected Chairman, four others, Greg Maracek, Ray Owen, Tom Dix and LeRoy En-

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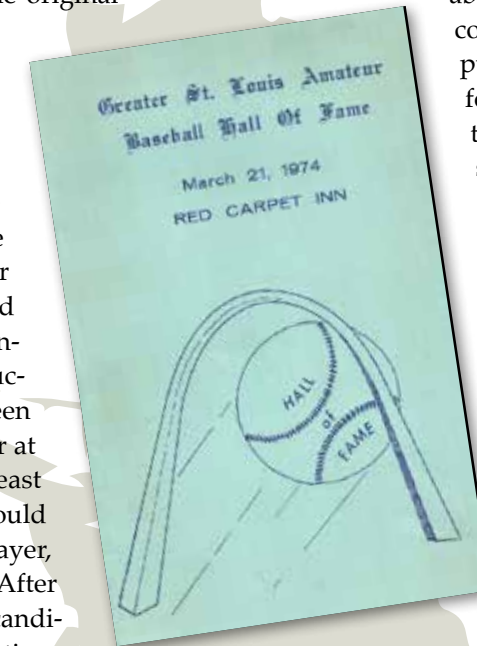
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gert, were added along with the original committee to form a diverse Board of Directors that would represent the many decades of St. Louis amateur baseball. In developing the first class of inductees, the Board put forth the guidelines that no Major League player would be nominated for the award and no director would be eligible for the first year's induction. To be eligible for induction, candidates must have been involved in amateur baseball for at least 10 years and must be at least 50 years old. The inductees would fall into three categories: Player, Contributor, and Umpire. After months of reviewing potential candidates and finalizing their selections, 22 individuals were selected for induction at an awards ceremony scheduled for March 21, 1974, at the Red-Carpet Inn.

The Post-Dispatch called that first ceremony "a smashing success." More than 900 people attended the banquet to pay tribute to the first inductees into the new Hall of Fame. Don Gabbert summoned up the turnout by saying, "It just goes to show that this is a tremendous baseball town...It's a tremendous sellout, that's all." The Master of Ceremonies that night was Bob Burnes, sports editor of the St. Louis Globe Democrat, alongside two other guest speakers Bob Buck of KMOX-TV and France Laux, the former voice of the Browns and Cardinals. From its inception, the induction dinner has always been a very special, well attended, and formal evening.

**Honored in the first class of inductees** were 22 men whose contributions distinguish themselves



Program and ticket from first induction ceremony.



above all others. While having played, coached, or umpired decades ago, we publish this original class so as not to forget their legacy and what it meant to our region. These are the men that set the bar for all those who would later be inducted into the Greater St. Louis Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame:

- **Tony Kreft** a second baseman and shortstop that played on three St. Louis city championship teams and was president of the Heine Meine League.
- **Gus Schulte** a triple hitting first baseman who played for Wentzville and managed the first St. Charles American Legion team.
- **Harry Meyers** pitched in national amateur baseball from 1929 through 1939 and managed at Fairgrounds Park and in the Khoury League through 1957.
- **Harry Freise** was a third baseman named to three Muny League all-star teams after it was organized in 1913 and also played with the Ben Millers of the Trolley League.

- **Bernard (Boobie) Eisenbath** was a shortstop second baseman who spent thirty-one years in amateur baseball including the 1930 and 1931 seasons playing with the House of David team as it toured across the country and even played against Babe Ruth's and Lou Gehrig's New York Yankees.

- **Al Nicolai** was an infielder and pioneer in the early years of the Muny League with the Yucatan Chewing Gum team before managing the Monsanto team for nine years.

- **Bill Daum** was a second baseman who began his over 50 years in amateur baseball with a team

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in Centralia, Illinois and was the Khoury Manager of the Year in 1962 for leading the Khoury senior team and the Kutis team in the Ban Johnson League to pennants.

- **Hap Eschenbrenner** was an infielder on seven County League championships (six in Ballwin and one at Manchester) and helped organize the Eastern Missouri Night Baseball League in the 1950s as well as the Ballwin and Manchester Athletic organizations.
- **Tweedy Webb** was an infielder who played on the Tandy League's St. Louis Black Sox, Broomers, and Pullman Shop teams as well as being the area's leading African American baseball historian.

- **John Corcoran** was a shortstop and third baseman that spent eighteen years with the Hellrung and Grims team which competed three times in the national amateur tournament.

In addition to these players in attendance, the following received Sponsors Awards:

- **Thomas Kutis** began picking up the tab for amateur sports in 1930. Today he sponsors sports teams in eight sports.
- **Paul Fultz** managed the Southwest Pros, who traveled more than 10,000 miles across the country playing a challenging 80 game schedule.
- **Martin Mathews** a former amateur baseball star, he formed the Mathews-Dickey Boys Club in 1960.
- **Al Mick** managed 14 years in the Muny League, 12 years in the Heine Meine League and won three pennants and two championships.
- **Mel Schaefer** a player for 17 years, he is a mem-

ber of the board of directors of the ABC League in St. Louis County and headed a fund drive to raise money for St. Louis University's baseball program. Posthumously inducted were:

- **George Khoury Sr.** who founded the Khoury League in 1936 with eight teams. At his death in 1967, the Khoury Association had grown to 50,000 baseball teams, 700 girls softball teams, and 276. Total participants were close to 1,000,000 players.
- **John Scully** a druggist by trade, he devoted his life to coaching young players in the Muny League and the American Legion.



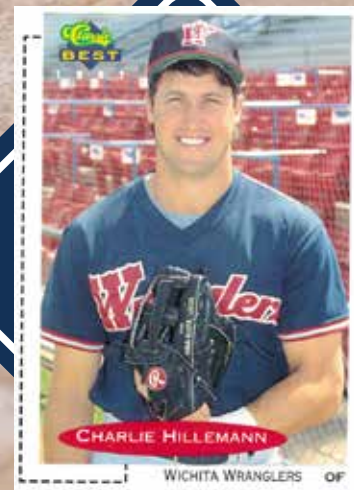

Bob Burnes at the podium of the first induction dinner.

- **Pete Fix** President of the Muny Association and won acclaim as a manager in 1932 when he guided Muny champion Sentinel De Molay to second place in the national tournament.
- **Edgar Loehr** played amateur baseball and later helped organize a team and helped build a field in Ballwin.
- **Roy Newsom** a catcher and a member of the Schenberg Market championship teams of 1922-23-24, while also playing for Frank Smith's Market Championship team in 1925.
- **Francis (Pete) DeLong** one of the most admired and respected umpires in St. Louis amateur baseball history.
- **Vernon Sandusky** an active umpire from 1922-55, he was known as the dean of umpires in St. Louis. He was the director of the Columbus Playgrounds at Tenth and Carr Streets.

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Preparing to celebrate its 39th anniversary, SLABA includes 12 member organizations in Missouri and Illinois. In 2026, this consists of 23 teams and around 350 players competing in the 15U through 18U age levels, with league and playoff championships as well as all-star games part of a nearly three-month season. SLABA also hosts a youth league for 11U through 14U teams.

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The league also seeks all available opportunities to connect its players with the region's college coaches so young men can continue their playing careers beyond the high school level. Thousands of SLABA players have played professionally or in college since the league's inception, including:

- Three-time Cy Young Award winner Max Scherzer;
  - 2011 NLCS and World Series MVP David Freese;
  - 2006 National League MVP Ryan Howard; and
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At that first ceremony, the precedent of honoring inductees with framed certificates and a unique and special Hall of Fame ring was established. They represent each individual's special contributions to the region's amateur baseball experience. When the organization initially decided they couldn't afford them, Don Gabbert used his salesmanship to convince Falstaff Brewing to underwrite the \$525 cost.

To all inductees, these are rings of honor. To date just over 800 individuals have been inducted in the fifty years of the HOF's existence. When looking back over time and recognizing how many hundreds of thousands and more likely "millions" of people have either played or contributed to amateur baseball over the past century, it truly is a very special honor to be one the few chosen to wear these special rings.

Since that first dinner in 1974, the Annual Hall of Fame Induction Ceremonies have been held in multiple locations ranging from the Henry VIII Hotel on North Lindbergh Blvd at Highway 70 and then down the interstate to the Marriott St. Louis Airport Hotel. In recent years, the Westport Sheraton Chalet has been home to the annual induction and awards ceremonies. The induction dinners have always been a night of dressing up and remembering the past. As shown in the 25th Anniversary program

from 1998, there was much more to these evenings than just dinners and awards. The celebration went on "For Your Dancing And Listening Pleasure" with Russ David and his Orchestra featuring Doty Bennett that would keep the party going from 9:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.



*Inaugural class members Gus Schulteheinrich, Tweedy Webb, Harry Freise, and Al Nicolai admire the blue sapphire and silver rings commemorating their induction.*

How special have these ceremonies been? All you have to do is look at the list of those who have stepped up to the dais to speak at each year's dinner. From Stan Musial, to Enos Slaughter, to Cool "Papa" Bell, and Bob Feller, these are just a few of the biggest names in baseball history that have come to offer their personal stories and memories to the attendees. While nearly a dozen of our speakers received their own induction into Cooperstown's HOF, the others have all have left mark in St. Louis baseball history.

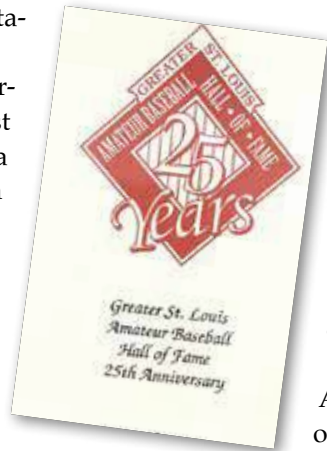
**There have been many other changes to the ceremony over the course of five decades.** The earlier induction programs were simply a folded sheet of paper with the evening's details and honorees listed inside. Today's programs now exceed 75 pages, printed in brilliant color detailing past inductees and award winners, while also providing special biographies of the current inductee class. To further recognize the legacy of amateur baseball and their achievements within the sport across the region, there has been an expanded roster of awards beyond each year's annual individual inductees. These awards are named after key alumnus of the St. Louis

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baseball community and display the testament and dedication of each.

- In recognition of our first Master of Ceremony, the **Bob Burnes Award** was first give out in 2004 to honor a St. Louis area resident for Lifetime Achievement in Professional Baseball.
- The **Bob Broeg Award** was first awarded in 2001 to the high school baseball coach for his commitment to coaching excellence and a lifetime of service to high school baseball in the greater St. Louis area.
- The **Jack Buck Media Award** was first presented in 2004 for service to baseball as a distinguished member of the S. Louis media whose work embodies the principles of Hall of Fame legend Jack Buck.
- The **J. Kim Tucci Legacy Award** was created in 2012 to honor individuals and organizations who are outstanding supporters of baseball in the St. Louis area.
- The **Triple Crown Award** was first awarded in 2023 to recognize an individual who over a sustained period of time has supported the game of baseball and the St. Louis Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame by either financial assistance, sponsorship, or contribution of time and effort.



Program cover and inside page from the 25th ceremony.

- In 1996, the **Rising Star Award** was first presented to honor high school baseball players for achievements on and off the field. Each year with five finalists selected from nominations by high school coaches throughout the region. From those five nominees, the Rising Star is awarded to the player who is considered the "best of the best" in the greater St. Louis area.

As we celebrate fifty years of the best of St. Louis amateur baseball tonight, we can say five decades is truly a long period of time. In reality it is not. When considering all the amateur baseball that has been played across the region since the game first came to town after its birth in Hoboken, New Jersey in 1845, the inductees and award winners of this Hall of Fame represent, over time, the best of the best within our region's game. **Let us all honor those individuals on this stage tonight while also remembering all of the previous inductees and award winners who helped contribute to the legacy of amateur baseball across the greater St. Louis region that helped make ours "the best baseball town in America."**



**Congratulations  
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and all 2026 Inductees!**

**Larry Donovan  
2001 Inductee**



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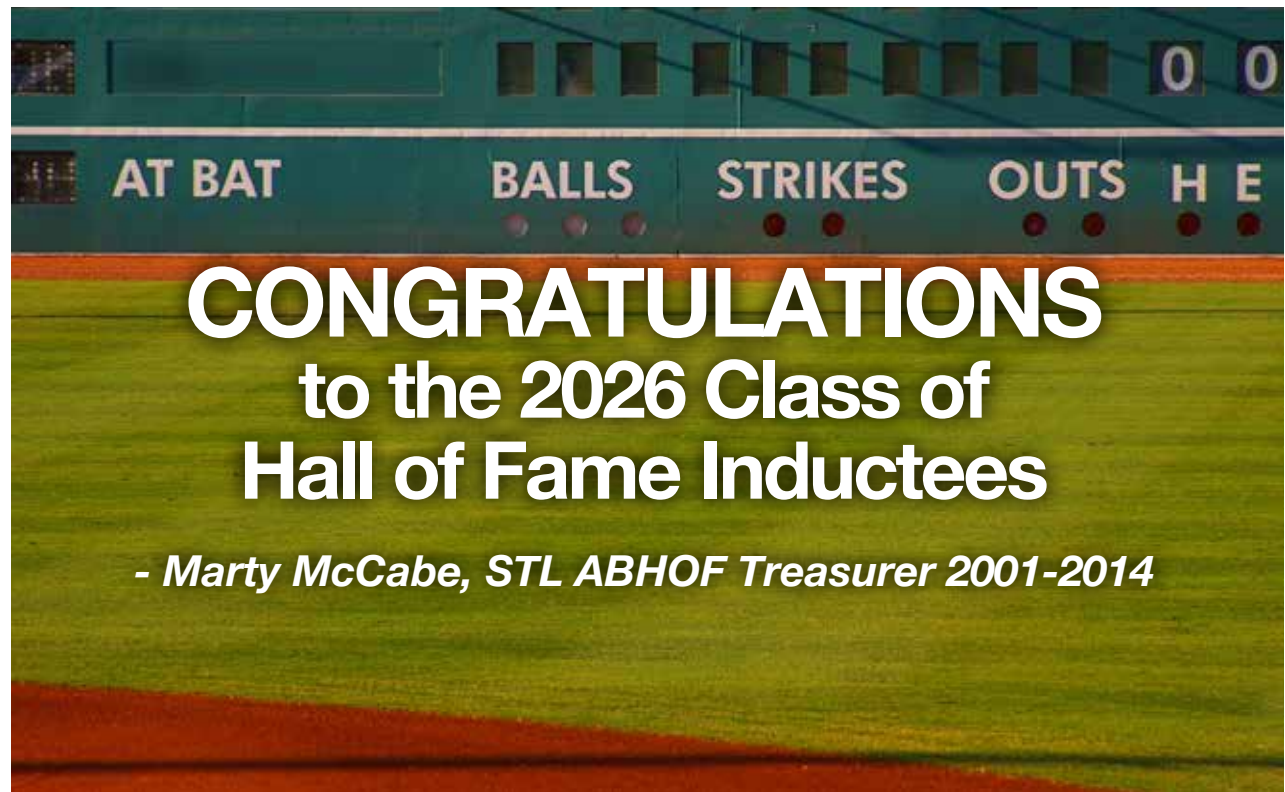


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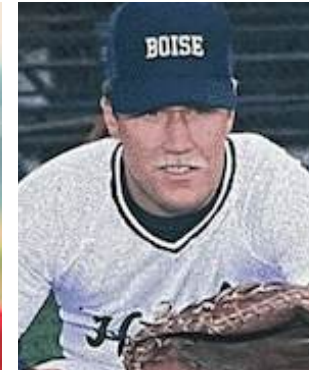


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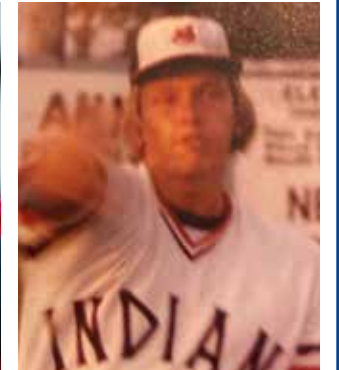
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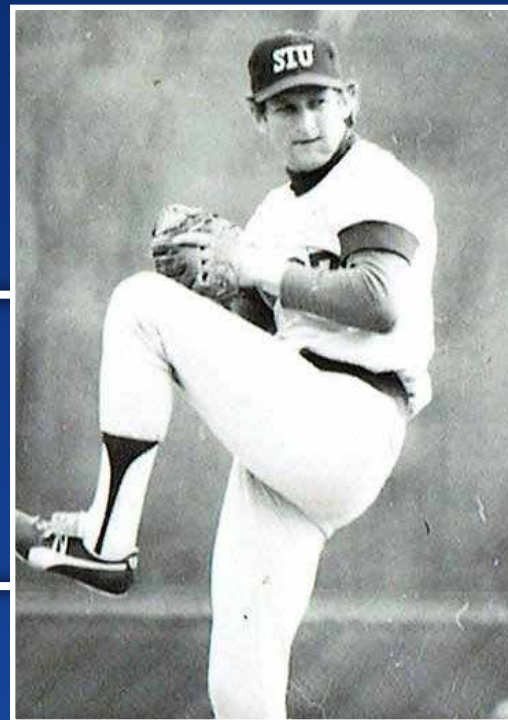


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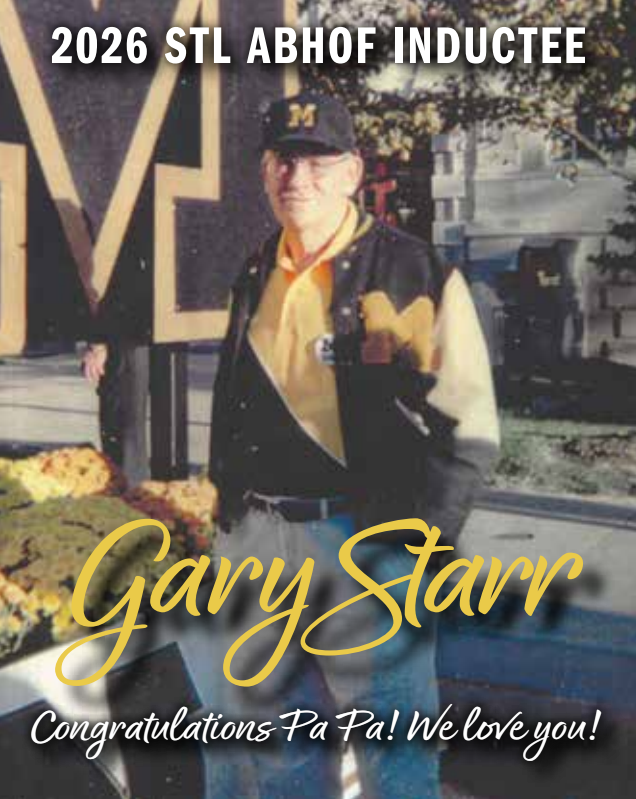
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**Tom Ritzheimer**



From Donna & Brent Wood  
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