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51st Annual Induction
Ceremonies

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To all 2025 Inductees:

**Welcome
to the Hall!**



Congratulations from the
Greater St. Louis Amateur Baseball
Hall of Fame Board of Directors

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	Keith Schildroth
Presentation of Rising Star Award	Bob Ramsey
Inductions	Bob Ramsey

2025 INDUCTEES

PLAYERS:

Rob Blumberg
Frank Colston
Lee Cruz
Travis Dawson
Dave Dillenberger
Jake Friederich

PLAYERS:

Rob Giegling
Mark Mueller
Chad Opel
Ron Rohlfing*
Tony Russo

MANAGERS/COACHES:

Darin Scott
Rich Sturm

CONTRIBUTORS:

Dan Benoist
George Csolak
Chad Fix

*Posthumous

DINNER MENU

~~Westport Salad: Mixed greens, roasted red peppers,
honey-peppered walnuts, fresh shaved Parmesan cheese
& herb vinaigrette dressing

~Assorted Warm Breads & Butter

~Chicken Marsala: sautéed boneless breast of chicken
served with a Marsala wine mushroom sauce

~Garlic Mashed Potatoes

~Green Beans

~Carrot Cake

Freshly Brewed Regular & Decaffeinated Coffee & Selection of Fine Teas

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.com or contact: stl.abhof@gmail.com.

PREVIOUS INDUCTEES

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

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

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

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Darin Hendrickson	2017	Co	Robert (Fox) Jones	1983	Pl
John L. Hennerich	1980	Pl	Timothy S. Jones, Sr.	1997	Pl
Bernard Hennessy	1992	Pl	Ed Joyce	2010	Pl
Joseph R. Hermen	1979	Pl	Frank Paul Joyner	2002	Pl
John Herzing	2022	Pl	Jim Kahlmeyer	1997	Pl
Renard H. Heydt	1984	Pl	Harry A. Kahre	1990	Pl
Charles Hezel	2001	Pl	Victor Kalinowski	1991	Pl
Victor Hezel	1992	Pl	Mike Kalist	1995	Co
Richard A. (Dick) Hibbeler	1991	Pl	Terry Kasper	2010	Co
Arthur E. Hill	2011	Co	Rick A. Kavanagh	2013	Pl
Charlie Hillemann	2020	Pl	Richard Keefe	2011	Pl
Ralph W. Hochgrebe	1988	Pl	John A. Keenoy	2000	Pl
Raymond L. Hodge	1993	Co	Justin T. (Jinks) Keenoy	1983	Pl
Frank F. Hoerig	1990	Pl	Robert V. Kehoe	1999	Pl
Arthur Hofer	1976	Pl	Joseph D. Keller	1976	Co
George W. Hoffmiester	1977	Co	Ray Keller	1989	Pl
David Holder	2015	Pl	Jerry Kelly	2009	Pl
Orville Hollrah	2016	Pl	Clay L. Kerley	1986	Pl
Vance E. Hollrah	1983	Pl	Edward Kestler	1982	Pl
David Hoolan	2010	Pl	Earl Kestler	1991	Pl
John W. Horn, Jr.	1997	Co	George Khoury, Sr.	1974	Co
John W. Horn, Sr.	1999	Co	James Kick	2002	Pl
Robert L. Horneyer	1979	Pl	Ron Kinney	2014	Pl
Joel Housewright	2015	Pl	Louis W. Kissel	1986	Pl
Frank R. Houston	2012	Pl	Leonard G. Klaus	1982	Pl
Hy Hovack	1983	Pl	Leonard Klaus, Jr.	2014	Pl
Raymond Howard	2014	Pl	Bob Kleen	2003	Pl
Raymond P. Hrabovsky	2008	Pl	Jerry Kleeschulte	2017	Pl
Donald J. Hrebec	2001	Pl	Al Kleier	1994	Pl
Palmer Hubbard, Sr.	1987	Pl	Ollie Klosterman	1989	Co
Lee C. Hudson	1990	Co	Ken Klump	2022	Pl
Bob Hughes	2003	Pl	Ollie Klund	1987	Pl
Harold Hummel	1978	Co	Wilfred A. Klutho	1993	Pl
John Lee Hundley	1980	Pl	Erwin A. Knueppe	1988	Co
Leonard Hunt	1997	Pl	John Koeber	2006	Co
Norvall M. Hunthausen	1977	Pl	Louis E. Koeneman	1987	Pl
Donald A. Hurt	1987	Pl	A.J. Koenig	2023	Ctr
Clarence Huster	1980	Co	Wilson C. Koewing	1975	Pl
Cowan (Bubber) Hyde	1994	Pl	Charles J. Kohler	1979	Pl
Dominic Italiano	1986	Pl	Sel Kohrs	1980	Co
Harold Jackson	2009	Pl	Gus G. Konrad	1988	Pl
Vernell Jackson	2001	Pl	Ed Kopff	2017	Pl
Ernest (Turk) Jacobs	1996	Pl	Brian Korbesmeyer	2001	Pl
Roy K. Jaeger	1993	Pl	Kenneth J. Kortum	1993	Pl
Warren N. Jaeger	1993	Pl	Mike Kraft	2018	Pl
Paul James	2016	Pl	Carl A. Kramer	1984	Pl
Aaron Jaworowski	2023	Pl	Anthony (Tony) Kreft	1974	Pl
Larry Jennewein	2002	Co	John Krifka	1985	Pl
Kevin Jett	2023	Pl	Robert A. Krueger	1976	Pl
Mike Jockish	2023	Pl	Richard Krueger	1994	Co
Webster C. Johnson	1985	Pl	Clifford Kruse	1995	Um
Everett P. Johnston	1977	Pl	George (Marty) Kunkler	2013	Pl
Brenda Joyce Jones	2011	Ctr	Thos Kutis	1974	Co
David C. Jones, Jr.	1990	Co	Robert Lee Ladd	2004	Pl
Frank M. Jones	2001	Pl	Terry L'Ange	1997	Pl
George K. Jones	1989	Co	Irl Lake	1999	Co

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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
Leo "Skip" Mann	2022	PI	Francis V. (Frank) Moore	1979	PI
Gerald J. Mann	1990	PI	James P. Moore	2002	PI
Stanley C. Mann	1984	PI	John (Dinty) Moore	1984	PI
Albert J. Marchand	1980	PI	Don Moore	1995	Co
Greg Marecek	2002	Co	Edmund F. (Big Ed) Moran	1979	Co
Randy Martz	2016	Co	Kenneth Morganstern	2002	Um
Jay Mason	2002	PI	Edward Morgenthaler	1975	PI
William D. Matan	1997	PI	Frank A. Mormino	2002	Co
Martin L. Mathews	1974	Co	Wilbert L. Mosby	1988	PI
Robert Matzenbacher	2014	PI	Jack Moser	1993	PI

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

PREVIOUS INDUCTEES (CONTINUED)

	Year	Status		Year	Status
Allyn Rohlfig	2011	PI	Robert Schwarz	2014	PI
Wayne Rohlfig	2024	PI	Delmar J. Schwinke	1992	PI
Ronald P. Rollings	2000	PI	John Scully	1974	Co
Frank S. Rossner	1987	PI	Mike Sears	2016	Ctr
Milton Roth	1986	Co	Bill Seamon	2013	Ctr
Mike Roy	2022	PI	Frank H. Seiler	1977	PI
Robert R. Ruck	2011	PI	Rudy Serot	1993	PI
Dan Rudanovich	1995	PI	Walter G. Shannon	1982	PI
Jim Rudolph	1989	PI	William Shanks	2016	PI
Walter C. Ruesch	1997	PI	Bob Sharp	1999	Um
Ben Rufkar	2019	PI	Barry Shelton	1998	PI
Norbert (Norb) Rufkahr	1986	PI	Herman Timothy Shelton	2000	PI
Ben Rufkahr	1987	PI	Larry Shikles	2017	PI
Andrew Runzi	2018	PL	Greg Shipman	2015	PI
Lloyd G. Rupp	1979	PI	Charles Shinabargar	1989	Um
Michael D. Russell	2017	Co	Virgil Siemer	1975	PI
Neal Russo	2002	Co	Mike Sigler	2016	Co
Robert E. Ryan, Sr.	1996	PI	Joe Silkwood	2017	PI
Rusty Ryan	2004	PI	George J. Silvey	1980	PI
Joe Saguto	1989	PI	Roy Anthony Simmons	2012	PI
August G. Salg	1979	PI	Anton (Tony) Simonich	1981	Co
Harry (Feet) Sanders	1976	Um	Kenneth W. Simpson	2008	PI
Vernon Sandusky	1974	Um	Raleigh Singleton	1989	PI
John Sappington	2020	Co	Marc Sinovich	2009	PI
Tom Sarsfield	2006	PI	Mike Sinovich	2011	PI
Rich Sauget	2010	PI	John Slattery	1978	PI
Osbie Savage	1996	Co	Dave Slemmer	2020	PI
Jack Scanio	2022	Ctr	Buck Smith	2018	Ctr
Kevin Schaefer	2014	PI	Eugene (Gene) Smith	1984	PI
Marvin J. Schaefer	2001	PI	John A. Smith	1995	PI
Mel Schaefer	1974	Co	Wayne L. Smith	2006	PI
Doug Schaefer	2023	PI	Ron Snider	2018	PI
John H. Schaller	2000	PI	Gene Sococco	1979	PI
Theodore G. Schamburg	1988	PI	Joseph Sotolar, Jr.	1991	Co
Dave Scheer	2016	Co	Jasper J. Sottile	1999	PI
Jay Schicker	2008	PI	John T. Sparks	1983	PI
Keith Schildroth	2010	Co	Al Spector	2023	Ctr
Rudy Schildroth	1996	PI	Henry W. Spellmeyer	1976	PI
John Schilling	2019	PI	William R. Spencer	1985	PI
Martin J. Schlereth	1977	PI	Dennis Spitzer	2018	PI
Gene Schlereth	1984	PI	Thomas J. Stankey	1984	Co
George Schlobohm	1989	Co	Jean C. Stapenhorst	1980	PI
Jan A. Schmidt	2013	PI	Norm Stauder	1990	PI
Bob Schnietz	2008	PI	Warren Stecher	1998	PI
John Schnurbusch	2023	PI	Richard A. (Dick) Steger	1983	Co
Gary B. Schoen	2000	Co	Marty Stein	2023	Ctr
Joseph M. Schoenberger	1976	Co	Tyler Steinbach	2018	PI
Albert C. (Butts) Schroeder	1982	PI	Joe Steiner	2006	PI
Dan Schuchardt	2003	PI	Mark Steiner	2019	PI
Richard Schuchardt	1986	Co	Harold (Cap) Steinhoff	1982	PI
Leonard E. Schueler	1997	Co	Melvin W. Steinkiste	1987	PI
Lance Schuermann	2024	PI	Edward G. Stelmach	1980	PI
Lee Schulte	2013	Co	Marvin B. Stendel	1983	PI
Gus Schulteheinrich	1974	PI	Ralph H. Stephenson, Jr.	2001	Co
Mark Schwarz	2017	PI	Mercial (Mike) Stewart, III	2011	PI

	Year	Status		Year	Status
John H. Stilwell	1990	Pl	Michael Tysdal	2004	Pl
Chuck Stimac	1998	Pl	William J. Vadalabene	1992	Um
Don Stovall	2022	Pl	Ollie C. Vanek	1983	Pl
Dennis E. Strickland	2013	Pl	John Vallina	1993	Um
Gary Stroot	2011	Pl	Rich Van Gilst	2017	Co
Robert Strothkamp	1993	Pl	Mike Vasquez	2000	Pl
Bill Struharik	1999	Pl	Will Vasser	2017	Pl
Howard F. Strunk	1992	Co	Steve Viefhaus	2016	Pl
Roland Stuckmeyer	1999	Pl	Albert (Red) Villa	1984	Co
Richard Sturm, Sr.	2015	Co	Mike Villa	2003	Pl
Scott Sullivan	2015	Pl	Pete Vitale	1990	Pl
Thomas Sullivan	2007	Pl	Gregory Vittello	2005	Co
Tim Summers	1994	Co	Art Voellinger	2013	Ctr
Timothy F. Summers	2008	Pl	George Vogel	2017	Pl
Patrick Sweeney	1999	Pl	Mark Vogel	2022	Co
Tom Swoboda	2024	Um	Raymond J. Vogler	2006	Pl
Mike Tallis	2023	Pl	William Volz	1992	Co
Mickey Talton	1995	Pl	Fred J. Wahl	1997	Co
Joe Taormina	2010	Pl	James Wahlig	2010	Pl
Norman A. Tarantola	1978	Pl	Steve Walsh	2014	Pl
James F. Taylor	2003	Co	William J. Walsh	1979	Um
Marvin J. Tebeau	1988	Pl	Oscar (Red) Walterman	1979	Pl
William (Gil) Tesreau	1981	Pl	Walter (Wimpy) Walters	1978	Um
Phil Thomann	1992	Pl	Fred Walton	2007	Pl
Harold E. Thomas	2005	Um	Mike Waluska	1987	Co
Marvin Thomas	2016	Pl	Gus Wamhoff	1978	Co
Herb Thompson	1978	Pl	Stephen A. Ward	2003	Pl
Phil Thomann	1992	Pl	Barbara Washington	2009	Ctr
Henry Threlkeld	1978	Co	William Earl Washington	1999	Pl
Joe Thurman	2015	Co	Russ G. Waterson	1975	Co
Lawrence G. Tiefenbrun	1981	Pl	Courtney F. (Buck) Weast	1981	Pl
Randy Tiefenthaler	2019	Pl	Normal C. (Tweed) Webb	1974	Pl
Bill Tipton	2012	Pl	Kent Weisenstein	2023	Pl
Grayling Tobias	2010	Pl	David Weiss	2010	Co
David Todd	2022	Pl	Kenneth Weissflug	2013	Pl
Eddie (Ray) Tolliver	1986	Pl	Scott Weissman	2008	Co
Sam Tomlinson	2000	Co	Jim F. Wennemann	1988	Co
Terry Tomlinson	1981	Pl	Roger Wenzel	1973	Pl
Leonard Toms	2020	Pl	Douglas V. Werle	1993	Pl
Melvin H. Tonnsen	1992	Pl	Kenneth T. Werne	1986	Um
Edward Tourville	1981	Pl	Leo B. Werne, Sr.	1980	Um
Pete J. Traina	1993	Pl	Joseph H. Wessels	2013	Pl
John Tramelli	2009	Pl	Bill Wessler	1991	Pl
Mike Trapasso	2015	Pl/Co	Lloyd West	1992	Um
Harold Travis	1989	Pl	Bill (Billy) Westbrooks	2000	Pl
David Tritz	2016	Pl	Dale Westerholt	2018	Pl
Rudolph (Rudy) Trubacik	1978	Co	Ed Wheatley	1989	Pl
Edward Tschannen	1994	Co	Ed Wheatley, Jr.	2023	Ctr
Al Tucci	2015	Ctr	Robert B. White	2012	Pl
Larry Tucker	2000	Pl	Ken Whitehead	1999	Pl
Ed Turek	1998	Pl	James M. Whiteside	1981	Co
Ernest (Skip)Turner	2014	Pl	Carl E. Whitney	1986	Pl
Frank T. Tusinski	2000	Pl	Harold J. Wies	2012	Pl/Co
Thom Tusinski	2019	Pl	Leonard Wiesner	1994	Pl
Tom Twellman	2018	Pl	Bob Wilber	2024	Pl

PREVIOUS INDUCTEES (CONTINUED)

Key PI=Player; Co=Coach; Ctr=Contributor; Um=Umpire

	Year	Status		Year	Status
Ken Wild	1977	PI	Brent Wood	2024	PI
George G. Wiley	1982	Co	Russell A. Wood	1977	Um
Fred Wilke	2018	Ctr	Gary Woods	2009	PI
Scott Wilkerson	2014	Um	Jim Wright	2024	Co
Frank (Chub) Williams	1994	PI	Alvin "Bud" Yates	2016	PI
Charles Wilmes	2007	PI	David Yeast	2011	Um
Bob Wilson	2020	PI	Terry Yochum	1998	PI
Emmett Wilson	1987	PI	H. Milton Young	1994	Co
James Wilson	1998	PI	Milton J. Zenson	1978	PI
Jim Winkelmann	2008	PI	Ronald B. Zetcher	1997	PI
Fred H. Winkler	2003	Co	John Ziegemeier, Jr.	2008	PI
Wilfred Winters	1995	PI	Edward S. Ziegler	1981	PI
Leroy Witherspoon	2015	Ctr	Russell A. Zingrich	1994	PI
Fred H. Witte	1984	PI	Edward J. Zitko, Jr.	1987	Co
Jim Wolfe	2007	Co	Charles Zomphier	1976	Co



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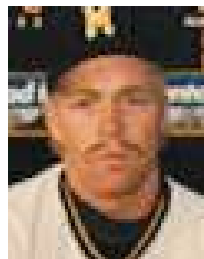
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Hank Greifzu	1982-2009	Co-Chairman 1995-2009
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Jack Netzeband	1990-1991	

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Mel Heinkel	1993-1996	
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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 51st 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.

The St. Louis University Hall of Famer started his long career broadcasting Louisiana Tech 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 St. Louis Area resident for
Lifetime Achievement in Professional Baseball.
Congratulations 2025 Recipient:*



BERNARD GILKEY



A native St. Louisan, Gilkey played in the Major Leagues for 12 seasons from 1990 to 2001. He was a right-handed outfielder who signed with the St. Louis Cardinals in 1984 as a free agent. He made his Major League debut with the Cardinals in 1990. Primarily a left fielder, he played six seasons for the Cardinals and hit better than .300 twice during that period. He was traded to the New York Mets in 1996 where he had his best MLB season. He hit .317 with 30 home runs and 117 RBIs for the Mets and finished 14th in the MVP voting that year. In 1998, Gilkey was traded to the Arizona Diamondbacks where he played left field until 2000 when he was released mid-season and was immediately signed by the Boston Red Sox. He wrapped up his Major League playing career in 2001 with the Atlanta Braves.

Gilkey played in 1,230 games during his 12-year MLB career. An outstanding defensive outfielder, he had a career fielding percentage of .988. He was a career .275 hitter with 118 home runs and

546 RBIs. He had 1,111 hits and scored 606 runs. His on-base percentage was .358 and his slugging percentage was .434. Always a threat on the base paths he stole 115 bases in his career.

After his MLB playing career was over, Gilkey went on to coach in the minor leagues. He served as an assistant coach for the Palm Beach Cardinals, a farm club of the St. Louis Cardinals in the Florida State League in 2023 and 2024. He now serves as a roving instructor for the Cardinals minor league system.

Prior to signing a professional contract in 1984, Gilkey played outfield for University City High School and played the summer season with the St. Louis Sotolar Pointers helping them to an NBC Missouri State Championship and a berth in the NBC World Series in Wichita, KS.

In 2018, Gilkey was inducted into the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame.



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 2025 Recipient:*

RICH STURM, SR.



Sturm was a high school baseball coach in the St. Louis area for almost 50 years. He was the head baseball coach at Oakville High School from 1983 to 1999. During those 17 years, he guided his teams to a record of 301 wins and 111 losses. In 1989, Oakville finished second at the Missouri State Tournament and Sturm was named Coach of the Year. In 1985, Oakville finished third at the Missouri State Tournament. Sturm was named conference coach of the year four times. He led his teams to six district championships. In 2008, the Oakville High School Field was renamed in Sturm's honor.

Sturm began his coaching career in the mid-1960s at Ladue High School. He also coached at Mehlville High School before coming to Oakville High School in the early 1970s.

He was an assistant baseball coach on Jim Muskopf's Johnny Mac team from 1976 to 1979 and then again from 1987 to 1991.

In 1980, Sturm founded the Oakville Raiders baseball team. He was the head coach until 1987.

Sturm played baseball for Affton High School from 1957 to 1961. A right-handed pitcher, he holds the school record for total wins. He pitched one perfect game and three no-hitters. He received All-Conference honors twice.

In 1999, Sturm won the Hal Whitaker Award for character, sportsmanship, and knowledge.

He was inducted into the St. Louis Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame in 2015. His son is Rich Sturm, Jr., who is being inducted into the Hall of Fame tonight. Rich Sturm, Jr. has been the head baseball coach at Oakville High School since 2003.

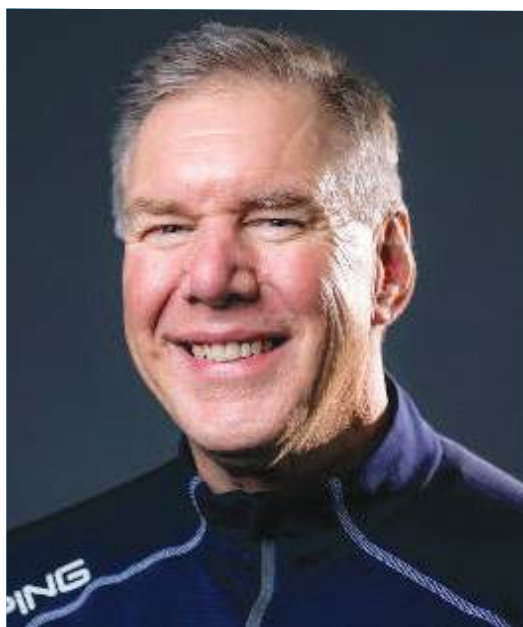
It is with great sadness that we mourn Rich Sturm, Sr. who passed away on March 18, 2025, after a significant illness. The STL Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame Board of Directors offers our sincere condolences to the Sturm family.

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 2025 Recipient:



RANDY KARRAKER



Randy Karraker is a prominent sports announcer in St. Louis, known for his extensive knowledge and passion for sports. Born and raised in St. Louis, Karraker has spent his entire career covering local sports, including the Cardinals, Blues, and Rams. In his early days, he was an usher for the Cardinals and the Blues. He is a graduate of Parkway North High School and Lindenwood University. He launched his broadcasting career in 1983 while attending Lindenwood University in St. Charles.

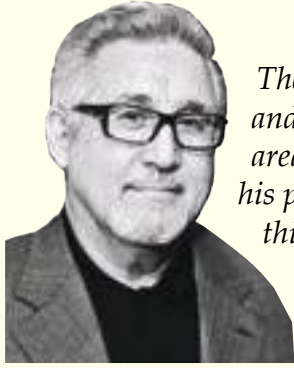
After Lindenwood, Karraker spent 18 years at KMOX Radio, working his way up from an intern to hosting the station's marquee sports program "Sports Open Line." After leaving KMOX, he worked for KTRS Radio and Team 1380 Radio where he hosted an afternoon drive program called "The Roll Home" alongside Bernie Miklasz.

Next, Karraker joined 101 ESPN Radio where he hosted "The Fast Lane" with former Cardinal pitcher Brad Thompson and Chris Rongey. The show was very popular. Listeners tuned in to hear Karraker and his partners dissect games, celebrate victories, and debate player stats. Before the Rams moved back to Los Angeles in January 2016, Karraker was the voice behind the St. Louis Rams pregame shows on 101 ESPN. He hosted "The Morning Drive" show on 101 ESPN. He spent 16 years at 101 ESPN.

In 2009 and 2010, Karraker was the television voice of Southern Illinois Edwardsville Cougars basketball on CCIN. He also hosted the popular CCIN television program "Chalk Talk" with Malcolm Briggs, McGraw Millhaven, and Tony Twist.

Karraker is currently a television presenter at Gray Media. He also hosts "The Fight with Karraker & Company" on Matrix Midwest. "The Randy Karraker Show" is now on YouTube.

In 2024, Karraker was inducted into the St. Louis Sports Hall of Fame. That was a testament to his significant contributions to sports broadcasting in his hometown of St. Louis. He is known for his charity work and community involvement, making him a beloved figure in St. Louis.



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 2025 recipient:

ST. LOUIS METRO COLLEGIATE BASEBALL LEAGUE



The St. Louis Metro Collegiate Baseball League has been the Gateway To The Bigs since 1979. The league consists of exceptional players between the ages of 19-22 recruited from the Greater St. Louis Metropolitan Area. The Metro League is proud to report that 90 percent of players are attending college on athletic or academic scholarships.

The Metro League was formed in 1979 by a group of ex-professional baseball players, Major League Scouts, and St. Louis area college and high school coaches. Only wooden bats are used. The Metro League is a franchise of the National Amateur Baseball Federation and sends a team to post season play through the NABF each season.

In 1979, the St. Louis Browns were the first champions of the Metro League. The Browns played their home games at Washington University in St. Louis and boast three members of the St. Louis Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame from that roster.

In 1980, the St. Charles Travelers won the Metro League championship with a record of 25 wins and no losses. Four players were drafted by Major League teams. The Metro League has offered a stay-at-home option for St. Louis area college players who want to play competitive summer baseball without the expense of travel.

Many Metro League alumni have played in the Major Leagues like David Freese, Al Nipper, Brian Boehringer, Joe Boever, Mark Buehrle, T. J. Mathews, Bill Mueller, Cliff Politte, and Lonnie Maclin who is currently the head coach of the Indians, one of the six Metro League teams. The other five teams are: the Midland, the Recruits, the Extreme, the Legion, and the Bandits. In 2003, the Bandits won the NABF World Series under head coach Rick Fiala. This was the first national title for the Metro League. Fiala has remained with the Bandits and is currently their head coach.

Ozzie Smith is the Honorary Chairman of the Metro League. Bob Totterer is the Executive Director and Marty Stein is the President.

Many Metro League players are now in the St. Louis Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame, including some of the men who are being inducted tonight.

The Metro League conducts clinics throughout the year to teach the fundamentals of baseball.

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2019	Al Nipper
2020	Scott Cooper
2022	Jacob Turner
2023	Brian Boehringer
2024	Joe Boever

Bob Burnes Award:

2004	Rolland Stiles
2005	Don Mueller
2006	Roy Sievers
2007	Buddy Blattner
2008	Lee Thomas
2009	Babe Martin
2010	Bob Wiesler
2011	Whitey Herzog
2012	Frank Baumann
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2017	Cliff Politte
2018	T. J. Matthews
2019	Al Nipper
2020	Scott Cooper
2022	Jacob Turner
2023	Brian Boehringer
2024	Joe Boever

Bob Broeg Award:

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

Jack Buck Media Award:

2012	Mike Shannon
2013	Rick Hummel
2014	Jay Randolph
2015	Ron Jacober
2016	Bernie Miklasz
2017	Frank Cusamano
2018	Tom Ackerman
2019	Mike Claiborne
2020	Bob Ramsey
2022	Al Hrabosky
2023	Steve Overbey
2024	John Rooney

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
2022	Tom Kutis Family- Kutis Funeral Homes
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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 2025 are:

MICHAEL CALLAHAN *LAFAYETTE HS*

Nominated by Head Coach – **Cole DuPont**

WILL GEARY *VALLEY PARK HS*

Nominated by Head Coach – **Mike Menley**

CHASE KNEBEL *HIGHLAND (IL) HS*

Nominated by Head Coach – **Joel Hawkins**

MASON SCHIRMER *FESTUS HS*

Nominated by Head Coach – **Jeff Montgomery**

CHARLIE WORTHAM *DESMET JESUIT HS*

Nominated by Head Coach – **Tim Canavan**

2025 RISING STAR FINALISTS



MICHAEL CALLAHAN RHP / 3B, *LAFAYETTE HS*

Earned All-Conference honors and was voted second team All-State in 2024. Signed to play with the O'Fallon Hoots of the collegiate summer league 2025.

- Led Lafayette to 2024 2nd place finish in MO state championships
- Hit .368 with OBP of .514 and scored 39 runs and drove in 15 in 2024
- Set single season school record with 37 stolen bases

Parents: Christopher and Latrisha Callahan

Head Coach: Cole DuPont

Committed: MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY



WILL GEARY SS, *VALLEY PARK HS*

2023 and 2024 First Team All-State and twice a 2nd Team All-Metro team selection.

- Hit .526 and scored 39 runs with 36 Stolen Bases as Sophomore
- Hit .509 with 27 hits and posted .714 OBP in 85 plate appearances in 23 games as a junior
- Signed to play with the O'Fallon Hoots of the collegiate summer league 2025

A standout soccer player (1st Team All-Metro, All-State) and basketball player 2,000+ career points.

Parent: Bob Geary

Head Coach: Mike Menley

Committed: LINDENWOOD UNIVERSITY

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2025 RISING STAR FINALISTS



CHASE KNEBEL LHP / 1B, *HIGHLAND (IL) HS*

3A All-State Selection by Prep Baseball Report and IHSBCA, All-Metro, All-Conference for 2 seasons

- 2024 All-Metro Pitcher of the Year with 11 wins and .65 ERA in 75 innings pitched
- Helped Highland to fourth place finish in IL Class 3A Championships
- 4.79 GPA through junior year and National Honor Society Member

Parents: Brian and Tara Knebel

Head Coach: Joel Hawkins

Committed: SOUTHWESTERN (IL) COMMUNITY COLLEGE



MASON SCHIRMER LHP / 1B / OF, *FESTUS HS*

Winning pitcher in the 2023 State Championship game for Festus as a Freshman. Earned 2nd Team Class 5 All-State honors and first-team All-Metro honors in 2024

- Tossed a 7-inning perfect game in 2024 vs. DeSoto, struck out 15 for his 7th win of the season
- Posted 9-2 record with .69 ERA for Festus in 2024, K'd 107 through 61 IP (school record).
- Hit .313 with a .414 OBP with 31 hits and drove in 26 in 2024
- Earned All-Conference, All-State and Conference MVP, DEF Player of the Year in football (LB).

Parents: Joshua and Crystal Schirmer

Head Coach: Jeff Montgomery

Committed: MIZZOU



CHARLIE WORTHAM C / 3B / OF, *DESMET JESUIT HS*

2024 1st Team All-Conference, All-State Catcher, 2nd Team All-Metro IF. Perfect Game 10 Rating – Elite College Prospect, Potential High Draft Pick

- Stix Early Childhood Center, Junior Service Project, HumanKIND STL, Senior Service Project
- 3.76 GPA – First Honors each Semester

Parents: Tom and Marsha Wortham

Head Coach: Tim Canavan

Committed: MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY

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



2024 Rising Star Finalists accepting awards with their head coaches.

PREVIOUS RISING STARS

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

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

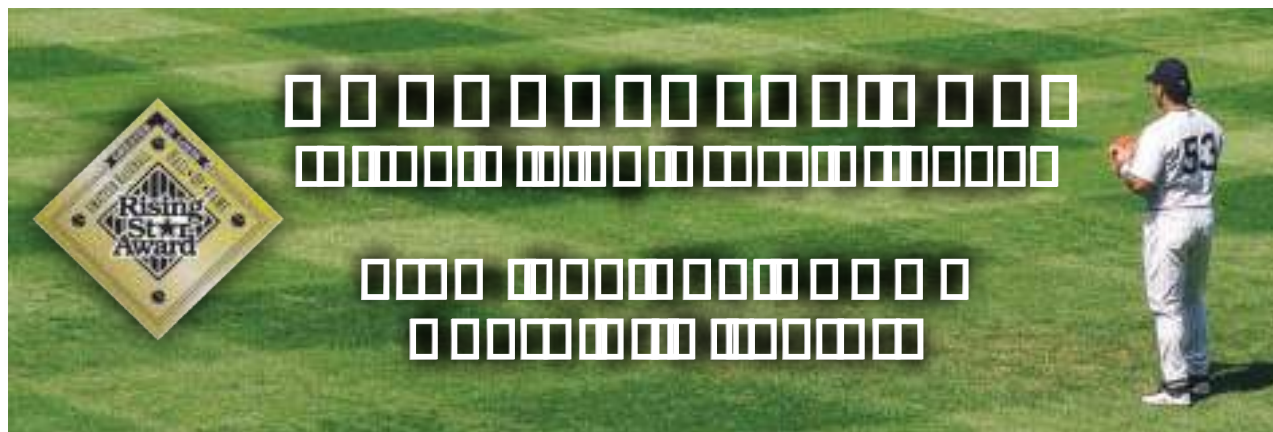
Tyler Charlton
Eli Hoerner
Josh Newell
Spencer Stearns

2023: *Brett Norfleet

Dane Bjorn
Riley Iffrig
Sean Kang
Kaden Peer

2024: *Jack Nobe

Ethan Bagwell
Hayden Bates
Brady Coon
Charlie Karlovic



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2025 CLASS OF INDUCTEES



ROB BLUMBERG (43)

He was a right-handed pitcher who starred for the Fairview Heights Redbirds in the Mon-Clair League from 2006 to 2019. He played shortstop on days when he wasn't pitching. Blumberg was a key member of Redbird teams that won three Mon-Clair League playoff championships, four division titles, and one Valmeyer tournament title. He was the Mon-Clair League Playoff MVP in 2009 and 2012. He was the batting champion of the Mon-Clair League in 2008. His career batting average in the Mon-Clair League was .376 with over 300 hits. His On Base Percentage was .450. Blumberg's career pitching statistics in the Mon-Clair League were: 58 wins and 29 losses, a 2.66 ERA, 614 innings pitched, 612 strikeouts, and 52 complete games. He led the Mon-Clair League in strikeouts every year from 2010 to 2014. Blumberg was inducted into the Mon-Clair League Baseball Hall of Fame in 2022.

After graduating from Freeburg High School, Blumberg pitched for Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington from 2001 to 2004. He only lost three games during that time. He was a member of the 2001 team that advanced to the Division 3 College World Series. In 2006, Blumberg pitched for the Gateway Grizzlies in the Frontier League. His manager was former Cardinal pitcher Danny Cox.



FRANK COLSTON (61)

A good-hitting catcher, Colston played in the minor leagues for the Salt Lake Trappers in 1987 when that team won 29 games in a row, establishing an all-time record for all of professional baseball. Memorabilia from the 1987 squad is on display at the Major League Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, including the bat Colston used on the record-breaking night. He had six RBIs in that game. He led the Trappers to the 29-game winning streak and the Pioneer League championship. His batting average of .397 was the second highest in the Pioneer League. He was named Player of the Month in July of 1987. He received the Topps Silver Dish Award. He was selected to the Pioneer League all-star team. "The Streak" is the name of a documentary film about the Trappers that premiered at the Nashville Film Festival on September 22, 2024. The actor Bill Murray was part owner of the Trappers.

Colston played four seasons in the minor leagues. After leaving the Salt Lake Trappers, he was a catcher for the Wausau Timbers in the farm system of the Seattle Mariners. He also played in the farm system of the Miami Marlins.

In 1983 and 1984, he was a catcher for Belleville Area College. In 1984, he was named to the All-State Tournament team. His team was ranked fifth in the nation, advancing to the JUCO World Series in Grand Junction, Colorado.

In 1985 and 1986, Colston played for Louisiana Tech University. He was named All-Conference both years, and he was chosen for the Southland Conference All-Decade Baseball Team. He once had four home runs in a doubleheader with 15 RBIs. In 1984 and 1985, he played for Centralia in the Mon-Clair League.

Colston was a catcher in the Clinton County League for 23 years, winning numerous batting titles and MVP awards. His teams won numerous championships. He was with Germantown from 1978 to 1983, Beckemeyer from 1990 to 1994, and Bartelso in 1995 and 1996. He returned to Beckemeyer in 1997 as the player-manager. He remained with the team until 2009. Colston is in the Clinton County League Hall of Fame and has coached and sponsored baseball in the Clinton County League for many years.



LEE CRUZ (41)

A right-handed outfielder, Cruz was drafted by the Chicago White Sox in 2006, and he played five years in their farm system. He started out with the Great Falls White Sox in the Pioneer League. In 2007 and 2008, he was an outfielder for the Kannapolis Intimidators in the South Atlantic League. In 2008 and 2009, he played for the Birmingham Barons in the Southern League and the Winston-Salem Warthogs in the Carolina League. In 2010, Cruz left the Birmingham Barons to play in the farm system of the Houston Astros. He was with the Triple A Round Rock Express in Round Rock, Texas. The team was named for Baseball Hall of Famer and Texas native Nolan Ryan, who was nicknamed "The Ryan Express." Ryan was the owner of the team. Cruz also played for the Lancaster Jet Hawks, a Houston Astros farm team in the California League. From 2010 to 2012, Cruz played for several independent minor league teams. He was with the Yuma Scorpions, the Amarillo Sox, the Kansas City T-Bones, and the Long Island Ducks. He also played in Mexico for the Yucatan Lions (Leones de Yucatan) which is a well-known team in the Mexican League.

Cruz was an outfielder at Pasco High School in Dade City, Florida. In 2003 and 2004, he played for Pasco-Hernando State College in Spring Hill, Florida. He is ranked in the Top Five all-time in total at bats, doubles, and hits.

In 2005 and 2006, Cruz played outfield for the University of Tampa, establishing several single season school records. He is first in home runs with 26, first in RBIs with 97, and first in total bases with 204. He ranks second in single season hits with 104. He is ranked fourth with a single season batting average of .441. His career batting average of .736 puts him at Number 2 on the all-time list. He is fourth on the all-time career home run list with 43.

From 2017 to 2021, Cruz was an outfielder in the Mon-Clair League for the top-ranked St. Louis Spikes, a semi-pro team in Fairview Heights, Illinois. The Spikes are a nationally prominent team. The Spikes have been around since 2001, playing their games at Long Acre Park in Fairview Heights.



TRAVIS DAWSON (47)

An excellent left-handed outfielder, he was also a consistent threat at the plate.

From 1995 to 1997, Dawson played outfield for Belleville Area Junior College, now called Southwestern Illinois College. He received Honorable Mention as an All-American in 1997 when he had the third highest batting average in the nation.

In 1997 and 1998, Dawson was an outfielder for Austin Peay State University in Clarksville, Tennessee. During the summer, he played in the Central Illinois Collegiate League for the Bluff City Bombers in Alton.

From 1998 to 2000, he played outfield for Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville.

Dawson joined the River City Rascals in 2000 and was selected to the Frontier League all-star team. He also played for the Rascals in 2001.

Dawson starred in the Mon-Clair League for the Waterloo Buds in 1995 and the Sauget Wizards in 1996. He returned to the Mon-Clair League in 2005, playing for the Waterloo Millers under manager Vern Moehrs. Dawson remained with the Millers until 2009. He won two consecutive batting titles in the Mon-Clair League.

Dawson has been an instructor at numerous baseball camps, and he was an assistant coach at Notre Dame High School.



DAVE DILLENBERGER (62)

A right-handed pitcher and first baseman, Dillenberger played in the farm system of the St. Louis Cardinals for two seasons. He was with the Erie Cardinals and the Savannah Cardinals. He also pitched one season for the Sumter Braves in the farm system of the Atlanta Braves.

Dillenberger pitched three seasons for the McKendree College Bearcats. His best year was 1984 when he was named MVP of the National Tournament which the Bearcats won. The tournament was held in Sanford, Florida. He was co-captain of his team. At the tournament, he lashed out ten hits in nineteen at bats for a .527 batting average. He homered in the championship game. He also pitched impressively and won two games. He was recognized as the Offensive Player of the Year in 1984.

During the 1980s, Dillenberger pitched eight seasons in the Mon-Clair League for the Waterloo Buds. In 1983, he won the Mon-Clair League ERA title. Dillenberger coached baseball at Waterloo High School from 2008 to 2012. In 2011, his team finished third at the Illinois state tournament. He coached the Waterloo SLABA baseball team from 2009 to 2011. He coached the Waterloo Americom Bulldogs baseball team from 2000 to 2008. He also sponsored the team. Dillenberger coached and sponsored the Waterloo American Fireballs from 1998 to 2004.

In 1989 and 1990, he coached the Waterloo Junior American Legion baseball team. Dillenberger was a star pitcher at Waterloo High School in the late 1970s and early 1980s. He is an important part of the rich baseball history of Waterloo.



JAKE FRIEDERICH (43)

He was a second baseman and shortstop in the Mon-Clair League for 14 years. He was with the Waterloo Buds in 2001, and then again from 2003 to 2009. He played for the Waterloo Millers from 2013 to 2015 and the Fairview Heights Redbirds from 2018 to 2020. He was on teams that won six Mon-Clair League championships and five Valmeyer Fourth of July tournaments. Friederich was named to eight Mon-Clair League all-star teams, and he was the MVP of the all-star game one year. He was the MVP of the Valmeyer Fourth of July tournament one year. His teams made the Mon-Clair League playoffs numerous times, and he was the Playoff MVP one year. Friederich was inducted into the Mon-Clair League Baseball Hall of Fame in 2024.

In 2002, Friederich played second base and shortstop for the Wellsville Nitros in the New York Collegiate Baseball League. He was team MVP. He was selected to the all-star team. Friederich was an outstanding middle infielder, and he was honored with a Golden Glove Award.

In the late 1990s, he played for Althoff Catholic High School and the Belleville American Legion team. In 2012, he was inducted into the Belleville Hilgard American Legion Post 58 Hall of Fame. In 2000 and 2001, Friederich was a second baseman and shortstop for Forest Park Community College. In 2001, he was a First Team All-American, and also the National Defensive Player of the Year. He played for St. Louis University in 2002 and 2003. Friederich has been a baseball coach in the Mon-Clair League for many years.



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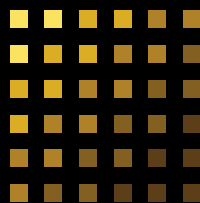
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ROB GIEGLING (61)

A right-handed outfielder, Giegling received a baseball scholarship to Nicholls State University in Thibodaux, Louisiana where he played from 1983 to 1985. His team won the conference championship in 1984 and 1985. In 1985, he was named All-Conference and he received honorable mention as an Academic All-American.

After graduating from St. Mary's High School, Giegling received a baseball scholarship to Crowder College in Neosho, Missouri. He played for Crowder from 1981 to 1983, helping his team advance to the final round of the Missouri State JUCO tournament. In 1993, he was inducted into the Crowder College Hall of Fame.

In 1983, he received the James Payne Scholar-Athlete Award. In 1981, he was an all-star outfielder for the Johnny Mac Fenton American Legion team that won the American Legion state championship. He was the Most Valuable Player on the team. He was selected to play in the Missouri-Illinois American Legion all-star game.

In 1981, Giegling played on Team Midwest at the US Olympic Sports Festival in Syracuse, New York.

Giegling played outfield in the St. Louis Metro Collegiate League for the Schnucks Royals in 1982 and 1983. He was with the Centerre Bank Browns in 1984 and 1985. In 1985, his Browns team won the Metro Collegiate League championship. In 1984, the Browns finished in second place. In 1984, Giegling was selected to the Metro Collegiate all-star team that played the US Olympic team at Busch Stadium.

From 1986 to 1988, Giegling was an outfielder for the Sauget Wizards in the Mon-Clair League, helping his team win the league championship in 1988. He was Rookie of the Year in 1986. He was named to the Mon-Clair League all-star team in 1986 and 1988. Giegling has been a baseball coach in the St. Louis area for many years.



MARK MUELLER (43)

A strong right-handed pitcher, Mueller played in the Mon-Clair League for 20 years. He was on three league championship teams, nine division championship teams, and six Valmeyer Fourth of July tournament championship teams. He won four Mon-Clair League ERA titles.

Mueller joined the Waterloo Buds in 2005, helping his team win the Mon-Clair League championship, the division championship, and the Valmeyer Fourth of July tournament where he was named Co-MVP. In 2007, the Buds won the league championship and the division title. Mueller pitched for the Waterloo Millers from 2008 to 2013. In 2009, he won the first of his four Mon-Clair League ERA titles. He was the starting pitcher in the Mon-Clair League all-star game. In 2010, he won his second Mon-Clair ERA title with an ERA of 2.40. The Millers won the Mon-Clair League championship in 2013, and he had a one-hit shutout in Game 3 of the playoffs. In 2014, he joined the Belleville Rockies and led the Mon-Clair League in total innings pitched. In 2015, Mueller won his third Mon-Clair League ERA title with an ERA of 3.13.

He pitched for the Fairview Heights Red Birds in 2017. The Red Birds won the division title and the Valmeyer Fourth of July tournament. In 2019, he won his fourth Mon-Clair League ERA title with an ERA of 1.36. He returned to the Belleville Rockies in 2022, helping his team win the Valmeyer Fourth of July tournament, and he was named MVP of the tournament.

Mueller played baseball in Australia for three years. He threw a no-hitter for the Woodville Senators. He also played for the Adelaide Magpies and the Kensington Cardinals. In 2004, Mueller pitched in the Frontier League for the Gateway Grizzlies and the Mid-Missouri Mavericks. He made the starting rotation of the defending champion Gateway Grizzlies.

Mueller played for Southwestern Illinois College in Belleville. He pitched for the University of Cincinnati in 2002 and 2003. In 2003 and 2004, he was a pitcher for Coker University in Hartsville, South Carolina.

Mueller has coached and sponsored teams in the Mon-Clair League for many years.



CHAD OPEL (45)

A hard-hitting infielder, Opel played in the farm system of the Baltimore Orioles for one season. In 2002, he was a second baseman and third baseman for the Orioles minor league team in the Gulf Coast League.

In 1998, Opel was named the American Legion Player of the Year after his Edwardsville Post 199 team won the American Legion National Championship. That same year, he was an infielder on the Edwardsville High School team that won the Illinois State Championship. The Edwardsville High School Tigers had an undefeated record of 40 wins and no losses.

From 1999 to 2002, Opel played shortstop for the SIU-Edwardsville Cougars, leading his team to a fifth-place finish at the 2001 College World Series. In 2001, he was named an All-American Shortstop by the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

From 1999 to 2001, Opel was a shortstop and second baseman for the Bluff City Bombers in the Central Illinois Collegiate League. The Bluff City Bombers were a very successful team based in Alton, Illinois from 1998 to 2004. In 2001, Opel was named Player of the Year in the Central Illinois Collegiate League.

Opel was head coach of the Bethalto American Legion team for one season. He spent three seasons as head coach of the Alton Indians in the Metro Collegiate League. In 2008, his Indians team advanced to the Summer Collegiate World Series in Toledo, Ohio.



RON ROHLFING (Posthumous)

He was a right-handed outfielder and pitcher who signed with the St. Louis Cardinals in 1973. That year, he played for the Gulf Coast League Red Birds in Sarasota, Florida.

In the 1960s, Rohlfiing starred for Valmeyer High School where he was named All-Conference and All-Area. In 2022, he was inducted into the Valmeyer High School Hall of Fame.

From 1969 to 1973, Rohlfiing was an outfielder and pitcher for Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. He was on the 1972 team that finished third at the College World Series. In 2006, that team was inducted into the SIUE Sports Hall of Fame. Rohlfiing finished his SIUE career with a .309 batting average, 16 home runs, a 6-1 pitching record, and a 1.88 ERA.

A powerful right-handed pitcher and left-handed batter, Rohlfiing was a dominant force in the Mon-Clair League for 20 years. He played for the Valmeyer Lakers for 17 years, helping his team win two Mon-Clair League championships. From 1985 to 1987, he was an outfielder and pitcher for the Sauget Wizards in the Mon-Clair League. Rohlfiing was a perennial Mon-Clair League All-Star. In 1992, he was inducted into the Mon-Clair League Baseball Hall of Fame. Rohlfiing was a longtime supporter of Valmeyer Lakers baseball including coaching, improving facilities, and player outreach.

He died on September 16, 2020 at the age of 69.

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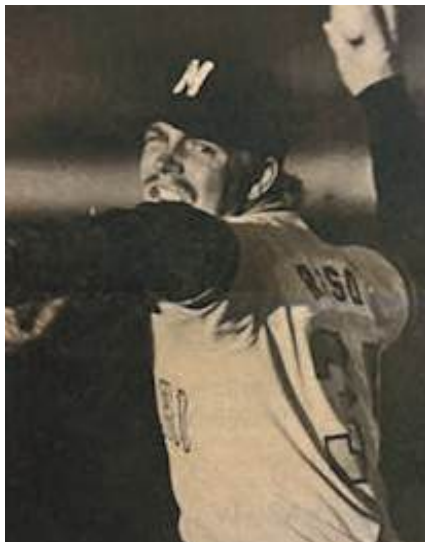
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TONY RUSSO (60)

He was a right-handed pitcher and outfielder who played three seasons in the farm system of the St. Louis Cardinals. He was with the Erie Cardinals in 1987, the Savannah Cardinals in 1988, and the St. Petersburg Cardinals in 1989. In 1991, he played in the Florida State League for the Baseball City Royals, a Kansas City Royals farm team in St. Petersburg. He was named Player of the Month.

From 1985 to 1987, Russo pitched for the Maritz Yankees in the St. Louis Metro Collegiate League.

He was named All-Conference at McBride High School where he was captain of his team.

He pitched for Meramec Community College where he set a record of 19 strikeouts in a game against Jefferson College.

In 1986, he pitched for the University of Nevada at Las Vegas.

Russo was named All-Conference at the University of Missouri where he pitched in 1987. He defeated a powerful Oklahoma State team in Stillwater. Oklahoma State was ranked Number One in the nation and had a 51-game winning streak at home.

Russo was an assistant baseball coach at Meramec Community College under head coach Ric Lessmann. Russo also helped Lessmann conduct baseball clinics throughout the St. Louis area.



DARIN SCOTT (51)

As the head baseball coach at Lindbergh High School since 2002, Scott has over 330 wins during those 23 years. Lindbergh finished fourth at the Missouri State Tournament in 2016 and 2022. Scott led the Flyers to five district championships, one sectional championship, two quarterfinal championships, and four Suburban West Conference Championships. He was named Suburban Conference Coach of the Year in 2003, 2015, 2016, and 2022. In 2004, he was the St. Louis Umpires Association Coach of the Year.

Many of his players advanced to the college ranks and four signed professional baseball contracts. Josh Outman pitched in the Major Leagues for the Oakland Athletics, Colorado Rockies, Cleveland Indians, and New York Yankees.

Scott has been coaching high school baseball for over 32 years. Before becoming the head baseball coach at Lindbergh High School, he was the assistant coach from 1998 to 2001.

From 1992 to 1997, he was the assistant baseball coach at Hillcrest High School in Springfield, Missouri. He also coached the Hillcrest American

Legion team. Scott played on the Hillcrest High School baseball team from 1988 to 1992. During that same time, he also played on the Hillcrest American Legion team.

From 1992 to 1994, Scott was on the baseball team at Labette Community College in Parsons, Kansas. From 1994 to 1996, he played for the University of Missouri at St. Louis, helping his team advance to the College World Series in 1996. From 2000 to 2014, he played in the Men's Senior Baseball League and the Fountain of Youth League.

Scott has worked directly with the Missouri State High School Baseball Coaches Association as a District Representative for Rankings and Post Season Honors. He is actively working to promote St. Louis High School Baseball through player awards, recognition, and local media. He has coordinated and hosted countless All-Conference, All-District, and All-State meetings as well as District Seed meetings.

Scott has directed and coached many youth and high school baseball camps throughout the years.



RICH STURM, JR. (53)

He has been the head baseball coach at Oakville High School since 2003. During those 22 years, he compiled a record of 316 wins, 205 losses, and one tie. He was named Conference Coach of the Year in 2008, 2009, 2010, 2016, and 2017. Between 2008 and 2010, he won three consecutive district championships and back-to-back sectional championships. In 2010, the Oakville Tigers finished fourth at the Missouri State Tournament.

From 1999 to 2003, Sturm was the assistant varsity baseball coach at Oakville High School. He was the head junior varsity baseball coach from 1995 to 1998, and the head freshman baseball coach in 1994. Over 80 of Sturm's Oakville players received college baseball scholarships, and three players were drafted by Major League baseball teams.

Sturm was a standout infielder at Oakville High School from 1987 to 1990. His father was head coach of the team. Rich Sturm,

Sr. was the head baseball coach at Oakville High School for 17 years. He was inducted into the St. Louis Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame in 2015, and he is receiving the Bob Broeg Award tonight.

After graduating from Oakville High School, Sturm played infield for Westminster College from 1990 to 1994. He began his baseball career in the Khoury League with the Oakville Raiders. He also played on Jim Muskopf's Johnny Mac team. Sturm was an outstanding basketball player at Oakville High School on a team that was coached by his father.



DAN BENOIST (75)

A current member of the Board of Directors of the Greater St. Louis Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame, he has been a key fundraiser for the betterment and success of the Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame. A well-known amateur golfer in the St. Louis area, Benoist is on the Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame golf committee where he has been working to grow the tournament through participation and sponsorships. He worked with Kim Tucci as Assistant Coordinator of the Billiken Fund Raising Golf Tournament to support baseball and athletic teams at St. Louis University.

Benoist is on the committee for the St. Louis Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame Banquet and has been a dedicated organizer of the event. He has been a solid contributor in his short time on the board of directors.

He attended De Andreis High School from 1964 to 1968 and played on the baseball team for two years. He then served in the Navy and was a long-time member of the Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 562 and has served as President of the Local 562 Retirees Club.

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~ ABHOF Board of Directors



GEORGE CSOLAK (68)

He was a sportswriter at the St. Louis Globe-Democrat from 1979 to 1986. He covered amateur baseball teams throughout the St. Louis area. He wrote about high school, college, and American Legion games. Csolak's beat included the Mon-Clair League and the St. Louis Metro Collegiate League. He provided excellent coverage of the St. Louis Union Printers team. In 1975, he was an outfielder for the Printers. He served on the Board of Directors of the Printers team, and he continues to support the organization. His father also played for the Printers and was president of the organization for many years.

In 1975 and 1976, Csolak was a sportswriter for the North County Journal, covering amateur baseball in the northern suburbs of St. Louis. During his years at the Globe and the North County Journal,

he wrote about numerous men who are now in the St. Louis Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame.

Csolak played outfield at McCluer North High School and in the CYC Senior Major League.

He attended Florissant Valley Community College from 1974 to 1976, and he was a student at SIU-Carbondale from 1976 to 1978. He wrote about the baseball teams at both those schools.

Csolak is on the Board of Directors of the St. Louis Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame. His father was inducted into the Hall in 1995.

Csolak is now working as a freelance sportswriter in the St. Louis area.



CHAD FIX (53)

Fix is currently the president of the St. Louis Amateur Baseball Association. He has been with SLABA for 31 years, including 20 years of executive board service. He became president of SLABA in 2023 after serving as executive vice president since 2011. From 2005 to 2011, he was the executive board secretary of SLABA. He has helped hundreds of young men move on to play college baseball and professional baseball. Max Scherzer played for SLABA. David Freese and Ryan Howard are the most famous alumni and both men have SLABA leagues named in their honor.

Fix managed the Sports Print Stallions in the SLABA League from 1994 to 2007. In 2002, his Stallions team advanced to the PONY Baseball World Series. In 2005, the Stallions played in the World Series of the National Amateur Baseball Federation. Fix was the Program Director of the Stallions from 2003 to 2012. He was the Finance Director of the Stallions from 2013 to 2021.

In 2009, Fix received the Sears-Muskopf Award for his volunteer service to SLABA. In 2023, he received the SLABA Lifetime Achievement Award.

Fix played baseball in the Khoury League, and he was on the baseball team at Hazelwood Central High School. His father was a high school coach who encouraged him to pursue a baseball career.

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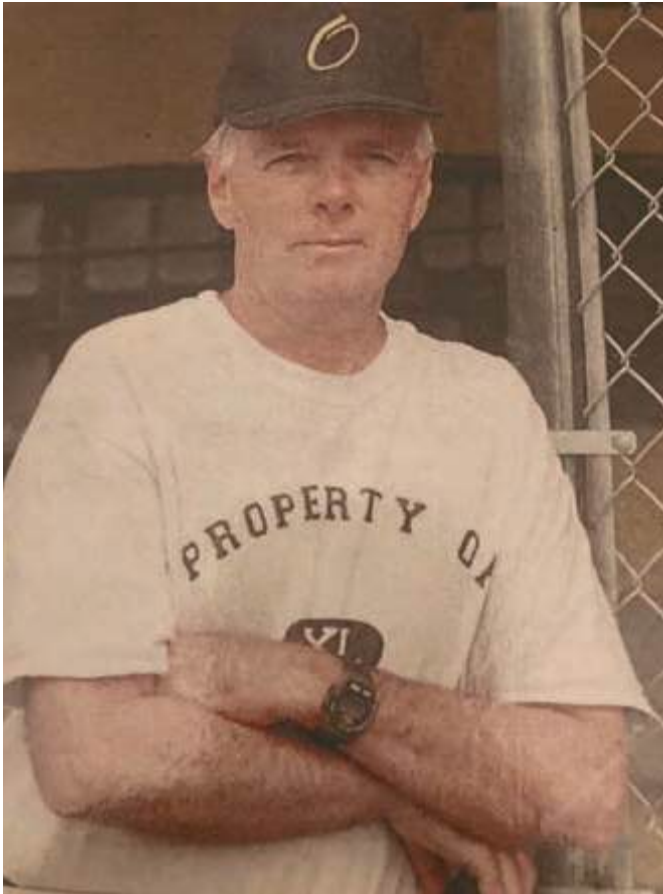
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**NATHANIEL "NATE" CRUMP**

The Greater St. Louis Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame has lost a good friend and colleague. Nate Crump, a dedicated member of the Greater St. Louis Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame Board of Directors for 30 years, passed away on January 26, 2025, at the tender age of 104. He was a beloved board member, always smiling and always imparting words of wisdom to the board. A native of North St. Louis, Nate was a standout outfielder in the St. Louis Tandy League from 1946-1951. His skill on the diamond earned him a spot in an exhibition game for the Kansas City Monarchs in 1948. Following that exhibition, he was offered a spot on the team. But he chose to pursue his dream of becoming an engineer instead over the hard life of a Negro League ballplayer. After earning a chemistry degree from Lincoln University, Nate worked at McDonnell Aircraft, contributing to the Mercury and Gemini space programs. He was an important part of the team that built the capsule flown and made famous by John Glenn in 1962. He was recognized by Congress for his space program work before retiring in 1987. Even in his seventies, Nate excelled as an active athlete. He was an exceptional at golf and bowling. A St. Louis treasure, Nate's remarkable life and accomplishments will be deeply missed.

**JEROME "JERRY" MUELLER**

The Greater St. Louis Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame mourns the loss of one of its own in Jerome "Jerry" Mueller who passed away on September 20, 2024. Jerry was a faithful board member for 26 years. Always willing to go the extra mile for the Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame. An accomplished athlete and public servant, Jerry was a retired career firefighter for the City of St. Louis and an amazing athlete. Jerry was a professional soccer player who spent time with the Houston Stars and the St. Louis Stars of the North American Soccer League. His baseball resume was also impressive. He led the Anheuser-Busch Post 299 to the American Legion national championship in 1962. He tossed a four-hitter to defeat Honolulu in championship game. He was a scholarship player at Nicholls State University where he was named team MVP his freshman season. He was inducted into the Greater St. Louis Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame in 1995. He is also a member of the St. Louis Soccer Hall of Fame, the St. Louis Softball Hall of Fame and was honored on the Cleveland High School Wall of Fame in 2016. Jerry will be remembered as an amazing athlete, family man and friend.



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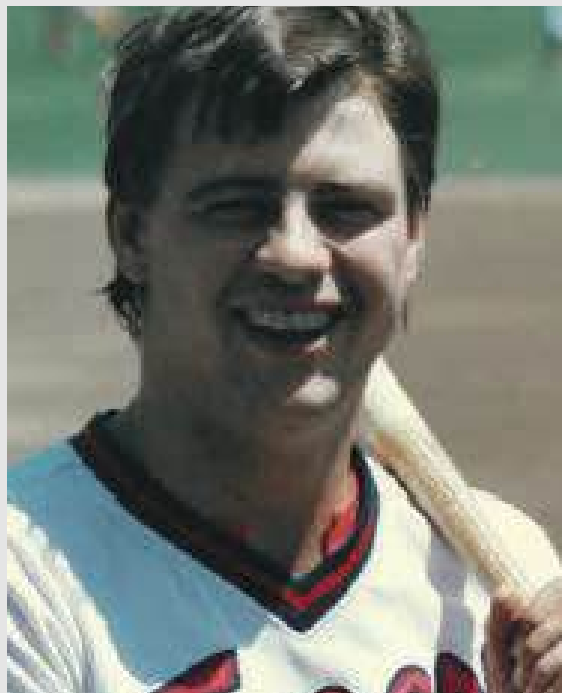
BILL GREENBLATT

On December 15, 2024, St. Louis lost an iconic figure in Bill Greenblatt after a brief battle with cancer, he was 70 years old. The official photographer for the St. Louis Fire Department and ever-present sports and news photographer for UPI, Bill Greenblatt was taking photos at every big event in St. Louis. Which included his work for the past four years as the official photographer of the Greater St. Louis Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame. Always smiling and always having fun, Bill knew everyone, and they knew him. His work appeared on the cover of Sports Illustrated, the National Baseball Hall of Fame and too many news publications to count. He had a soft spot for charitable organizations including the USO, the National Football Foundation, the St. Louis Press Club, the 1-2-3 Club and countless other organizations that benefitted from his photography. A true son of Mizzou and a proud Ladue High School grad, he was a true St. Louisan. While the Greater St. Louis Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame Board of Directors will miss him, we'll always have him with us through his photographs.



MIKE SEARS

The Board of Directors of the Greater St. Louis Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame lost a dedicated member and true supporter in Mike Sears on Monday, March 24, 2025, after a brief illness, he was 69 years old. He was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2016 for his hard work and contributions to the St. Louis Amateur Baseball Association where he was an administrator and long-time coach. He also served as General Manager of the Jefferson County Blazers in that league. If a baseball game was on, he was watching. He was a true baseball fanatic. He often amazed his fellow board members with his baseball trivia knowledge and his true love of the game. He always had a smile on his face and was truly generous with his time to our board of directors. Mike will always be remembered as a kind and thoughtful friend. He will be missed dearly by his players, fellow coaches and fellow board members.



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Well done!" — *Lacey's Place*



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Busch Stadium is home to the main display of our Hall of Fame. Located on the main concourse near first base close to the entrance to Section 141, the display features amateur baseball memorabilia and a video presentation that showcases the great amateur baseball tradition in the St. Louis Metro Area.

The display is available to Cardinal fans throughout the baseball season. An auxiliary display is located at the Mathews-Dickey Boys and Girls Club located at 4245 North Kingshighway in St. Louis and is accessible to the public during regular business hours. Members of the Greater STL Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame who have memorabilia they would like us to review for possible display at Busch Stadium should contact us via email stl.abhof@gmail.com.



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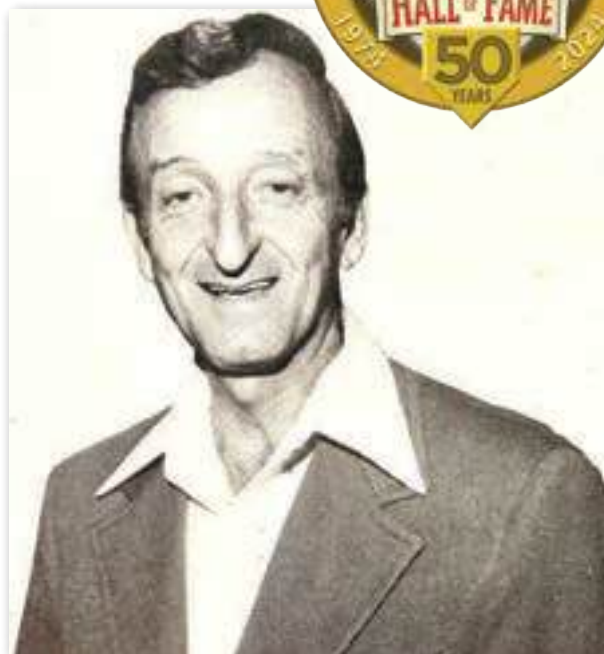
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St. Louis is regularly called “the best baseball town in America.”

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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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2025 ABHOF INDUCTEE

Travis Dawson



*Congrats to our King of Baseball!
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for all your accomplishments!
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The STLABHOF Executive Board congratulates all 2025 inductees.

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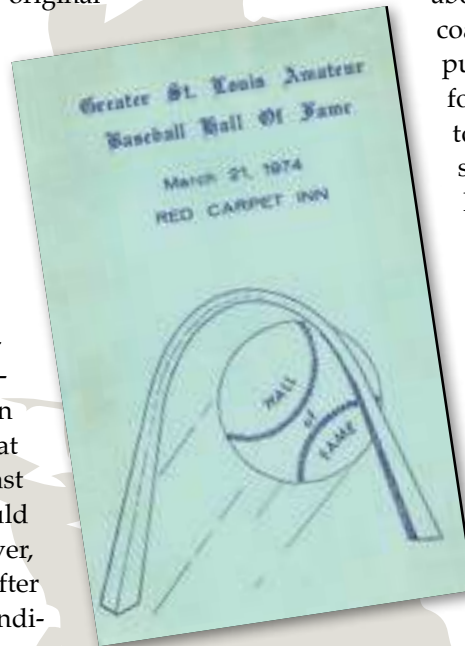


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gert, were added along with the original committee to form a diverse Board of Directors that would represent the many decades of St. Louis amateur baseball. In developing the first class of inductees, the Board put forth the guidelines that no Major 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 Schulteheinrich** 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.

- **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.



Bob Burnes at the podium of the first induction dinner.

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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 Schultehenrich, 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.

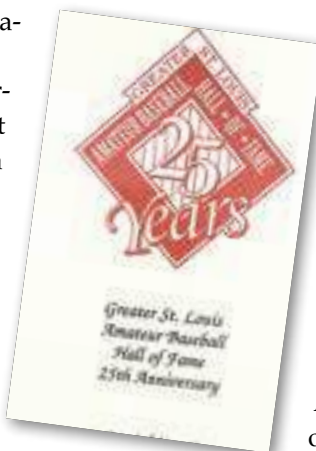
- In recognition of our first Master of Ceremony, the **Bob Burnes Award** was first give out in 2004 to honor a St. Louis area resident for Lifetime Achievement in Professional Baseball.

- 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.”**



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Coach Sturm and Coach Scott
and all 2025 Inductees!

Larry Donovan
2001 Inductee



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Preparing to celebrate its 38th anniversary, SLABA includes 16 member organizations in Missouri and Illinois. In 2025, this consists of 28 teams and more than 400 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.

SLABA offers maximum exposure to top-notch competition as its teams participate in select tournaments across the Midwest each summer.

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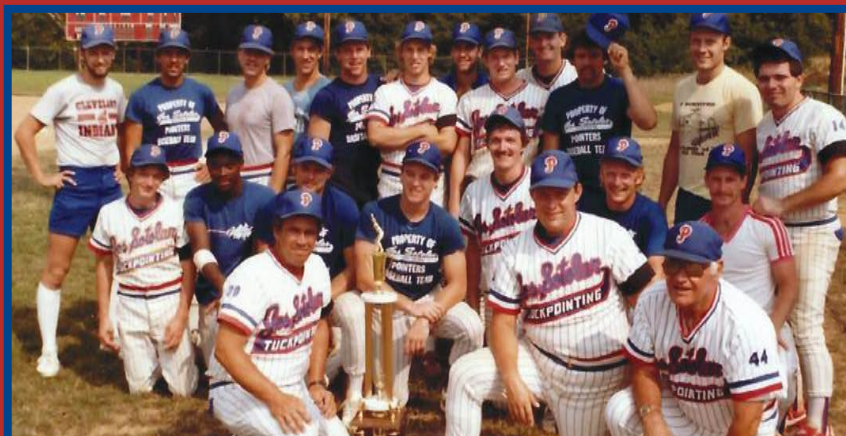
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Christine, Keira & Remi*



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*Congratulations on your 2025 induction into
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We are proud of you!

Love,

**Laura, Dan, Stacy, René, Zach, Angie,
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**Congratulations to our dad,
GEORGE CSOLAK!**



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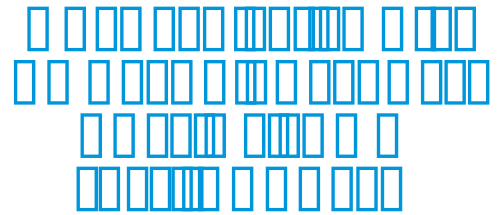
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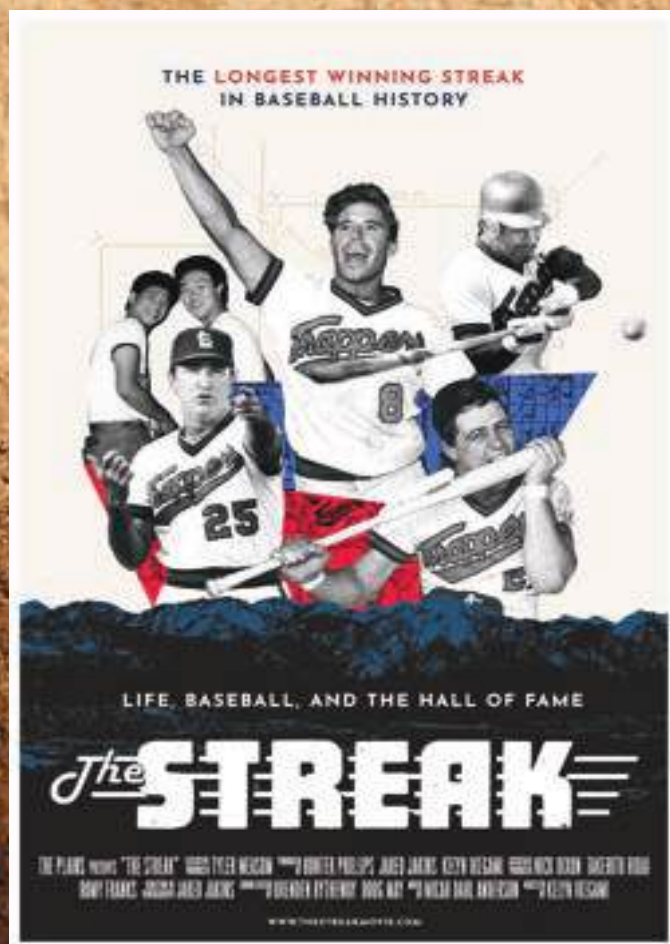


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*The victories were great, I still think about the losses,
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when we were all just trying to climb the mountain together.*

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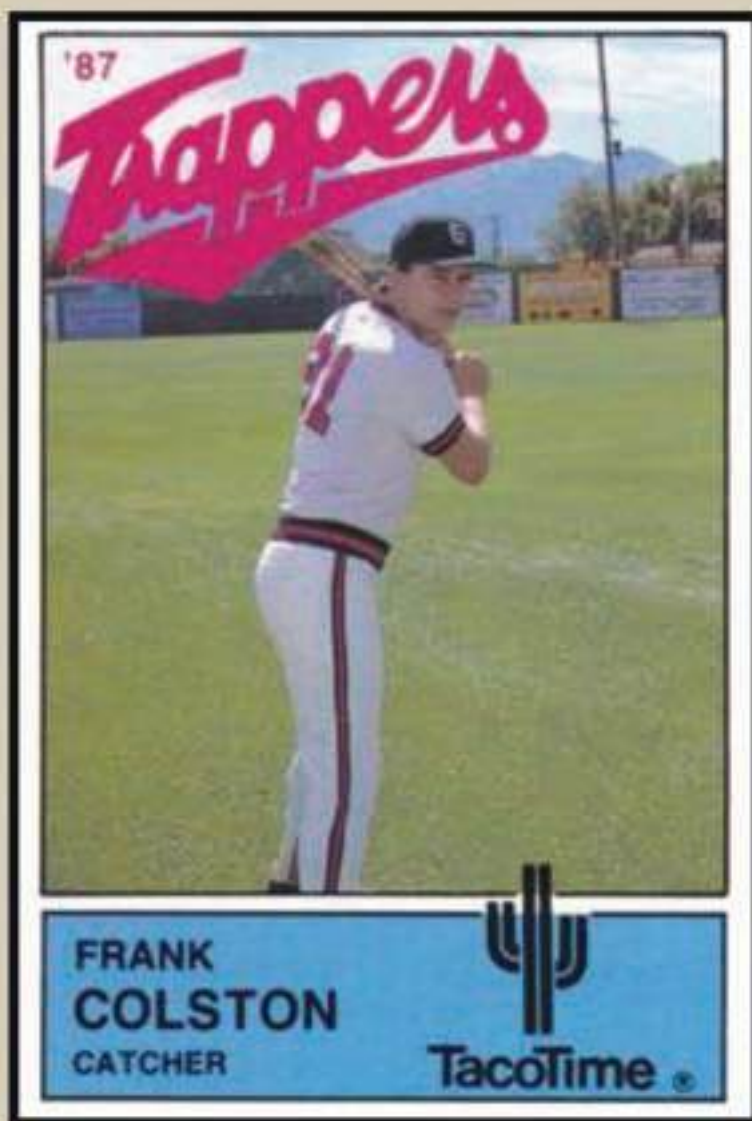


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Back Row (L to R) Tom Franke, Matt Boxdorfer, Lance Schuermann, Wayne Rohlfing, Dave Pregon.

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