

2015 Berks County Chapter of the PA Hall of Fame Inductees



Snip Esterly

Snip Esterly, who played basketball at Wilson and Alvernia in the 1970s, has been the head boys basketball coach at Central Catholic and Berks Catholic for the last 26 years, compiling a record of 638-157.

He surpassed longtime Holy Name coach Lloyd Wolf as the winningest boys basketball coach in Berks history this past season.

He won the 2007 state title at Central Catholic and has had three other Final Four teams.

His teams have won 21 BCIAA division titles, six county championships and 12 District 3 titles.

His teams have had three 30-win seasons and 21 20-win seasons.



John Gilmore

John Gilmore was Wilson High's outstanding male athlete as a senior in 1996 after an outstanding football career that included selection for the Big 33 Classic.

He went on to play four seasons as a tight end at Penn State, where he had 58 catches for 634 yards and three touchdowns and was named the outstanding senior player in 2001.

He was drafted by the Chicago Bears and played six seasons there, followed by three seasons with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and one with the New Orleans Saints.

Along with fellow Wilson grad and NFL player Chad Henne, he founded the Gilmore/Henne Foundation, which improves Berks recreation facilities and provides scholarships.



Bill Jankans

Bill Jankans set the Reading High career boys basketball scoring record with 1,423 points from 1963-66. He was a first-team All-State selection after leading the Red Knights to a 25-1 record and the Central Penn and District 3 titles as a senior.

He averaged more than 20 points and 15 rebounds in his 71-game career.

He played at Long Beach State for Jerry Tarkanian and earned all-conference honors.

He played professionally for the Pittsburgh Condors of the ABA, and in Mexico, Europe, South America and the

Philippines.

He was inducted into the Berks Basketball Hall of Fame in 2009.



Dee Kantner

Dee Kantner was an outstanding all-around athlete at Exeter, earning 13 letters.

She received a field hockey scholarship to the University of Pittsburgh.

She began officiating women's Division I basketball in 1984. She worked her first women's Final Four in 1992 and recently officiated in her 17th Final Four.

She also officiated two women's world championships and the 2000 Olympics in Sydney.

She was named the Naismith Women's Official of the Year in 1997 and became one of the first two women to referee in the NBA, working from 1997-02.

She also was the first supervisor of officials for the WNBA and has served as director of referee development since 2002.



Edward Kuhn Jr.

Edward Kuhn Jr. was a member of West Reading's first state championship basketball team in 1959.

He attended Mount St. Mary's University, where he was president of student government. He received the distinguished alumni award in 1977 and the national alumni association award in 2014 and was elected to the school's athletic hall of fame in 2007.

He is best known for founding the West Reading Summer Basketball League and directing it for more than 50 years, and starting the West Reading-Sacramento cultural exchange program in 1972.

He received the Vermeil Award for leadership in 1979 and was inducted into the Berks Basketball Hall of Fame in 2010.

He received the sportsman of the year award from the Berks Chapter in 1983.



Jerry Moyer

Jerry Moyer was a four-year starter in soccer at Fleetwood, helping the Tigers win two state titles. He was a three-time All-State selection and an All-American as a senior in 1980. He finished his career with 93 goals and 104 assists.

He went on to start for four years at Penn State, where he was a co-captain, team MVP and an NCAA Regional All-American.

He played two years for the USA East team and played professionally for the Chicago Soccers, Washington Diplomats, Philadelphia Freedom and Reading Rage.

He served as the men's and women's coach at Moravian College and as an assistant at Syracuse University.



John 'Doc' Moyer

John "Doc" Moyer is the dean of athletic training in Berks County, becoming the first certified athletic trainer in the county in 1979. He is in his 36th year at Wilson.

He directs a highly successful student trainers program, is the trainer for the Big 33 Classic and is the Pennsylvania Athletic Trainers Society consultant to the PIAA.

He is president of the state trainers organization and has received the society's service award and distinguished merit award.

He was inducted into the Wilson Sports Hall of Fame in 2009.

Jason Stewart

Jason Stewart was an outstanding runner at Conrad Weiser, winning the 1600 in the PIAA meet in 1990. He also won District 3 titles in the 800, 1600, 3200 and cross country, and set the Berks 1600 record.

He went on to a stellar career at Army, setting school records in the mile, 1500, 3000 and 5000, and earning NCAA Division I All-American honors. He also became

He is the fastest miler in Berks history with a 3:57.01 while at Army.

He was an alternate on the 1996 and 2000 U.S. Olympic teams and a member of the U.S. team that won three world cross country titles.

He is a retired Army major.



Harry Williamson

Harry Williamson was an outstanding all-around athlete at Hamburg.

He was the Berks MVP in basketball in 1964 and held the school scoring record until it was broken by his son, Troy.

He played for the Exeter Black Knights, who won two national amateur basketball championships and also played for Dietrich's Dairy, one of the top local amateur teams.