

James Wood to induct six into Hall of Fame

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WINCHESTER — Five athletes and a former coach will be inducted into the 13th annual James Wood High School Athletic Hall of Fame on Friday.

The ceremony will begin with a reception at 5 p.m., followed by the 5:45 p.m. induction ceremony in the James Wood's Shirley Gymnasium. The inductees also will be recognized at halftime of the football game between the Colonels and the Skyline Hawks. Kickoff is scheduled for 7 p.m. at James Wood's Kelican Stadium.

Sterling N. Shockley, Class of 1960 — Shockley is being inducted for his excellence in football, basketball and baseball. A versatile athlete who competed in three sports all four years of high school, he earned four letters in football. On offense, he played halfback and guard positions and on defense he was a linebacker. He also returned punts and kickoffs.

In basketball, he was the point guard on the 1957-58 district championship team. Shockley says baseball was his best sport. He was the catcher and captain of the 1959 team, and also played third base when he wasn't catching. He earned two letters and received the James Wood Touchdown Club (former name of the JWAA) Award in 1959 and 1960 for baseball. His batting average his senior year was around .340.

David Ganse, Class of 1972— Ganse is being honored for his high school prowess in football, wrestling and track. Ganse, whose older brothers Bob and Don also were well-known athletes at JW, advanced to the varsity level his sophomore year and earned letters in all three sports for three years.

Ganse played defensive cornerback on the Colonels' Commonwealth District Championship and State Championship football team in 1970 and had an important pass interception in the state title game.

In track he was a sprinter, jumper and hurdler and still ranks among the top 20 fastest runners in the 100 yard/meter dash. He received the JWAA Track and Field Award his senior year and was awarded the Jerry Hannas Scholarship.

Kevin Crosen, Class of 1977— Crosen also was a three-sport standout for the Colonels and is being inducted for his excellence in football, basketball and track.

In football he was the Colonels' starting quarterback for three years and played defensive safety and was on the kickoff, kick-return and punt-return teams. He was named All-Region Honorable Mention his junior year in football and went on to play defensive safety his freshman year at James Madison University. At JMU, he also played on the club racquetball team and competed in the Collegiate National Tournament in doubles his senior year.

In basketball at James Wood, Crosen was a point guard and led the team in assists (70) and free-throw shooting (75.5 percent) his senior year. He received the Defensive Player of the Year Award, the Jerry Hannas Scholarship, and a JWAA scholarship his senior season.

In track and field Crosen is remembered for his speed and jumping ability. He set records in the triple jump and long jump and was a key leg of the 880 relay team.

Adjoa Taylor, Class of 1995— Taylor came to James Wood as a junior from Jamaica in 1993. One of the top female runners in James Wood track history, she lettered in cross country and track both her junior and senior years.

She won the 1995 AA State Championship in the 800 meters and finished second in the state in the 400 meters. She won Northwestern District titles in the 400-meter event in 1994 and '95 and the 800-meter district title in '95. She also won the Region II 800-meter title her senior year.

Taylor still holds the Colonel girls school record in the 800 meters (2:16.6) and is tied for the record in the 200 meters (26.6). She is second among the all-time 400 meter leaders (58.2). She was captain of the James Wood cross country and track teams her senior year and received the JWAA Outstanding Track Award.

After high school, she ran track and cross country at Christopher Newport University for one year where she was named the Most Outstanding Track Athlete, NCAA Division 3 All-American in the 400-meter relay, and she helped lead her team to a fourth-place finish in the NCAA finals.

Also at Christopher Newport, she was named All-DIAC Conference in cross country and was named the Mason Dixon Conference MVP in indoor track and selected to the All-Mason Dixon Conference team in outdoor track.

After one year at Christopher Newport she transferred to Duquesne University where she ran the 300 meter, 500 meter and 800 meter events. She won medals in three Atlantic 10 Conference championship races and was listed on the Atlantic 10 Commissioner's Honor Roll in 1999-2000.

Michael Crawford, Class of 1997 — Crawford still fills the record books in basketball and baseball at James Wood and is considered by many to be one of the best athletes ever to play at the school.

Crawford is the Colonels' all-time basketball leading scorer, former State Player of the Year, Regional Player of the Year, and two-time recipient of the Winchester Star Player of the Year Award. He was a First Team All-State two seasons, a three-time All-Regional player, and a four-time All-District selection.

He scored 2,232 career points at James Wood between 1994-97, including a 44-point performance in a single game. He holds the top season-average scoring record of 29.5 points his senior year and averaged 28.8 PPG his junior season, 24.2 as a sophomore, and 19.9 as a freshman playing at the varsity level. He received the JWAA Basketball Award each of his four years of high school.

In baseball he was equally outstanding and still holds James Wood records for most runs scored (69), most doubles (15), most stolen bases (58), and most walks (42). In the record books he is also still listed among the top-10 performers in five other categories, including batting average, RBI's, hits, home runs and triples. His senior year he also received the JWAA Baseball award, the John Moser Award and the Jerry Hannas Scholarship.

After high school Crawford received a full athletic scholarship in basketball to Rider University, where he scored over 1,000 points and amassed more than 400 assists. He was a two-time basketball team captain at Rider and helped his team advance to the post season NIT where they lost to Penn State. He also was a member of the MAAC All-Star Team that played against the Japanese National team and competed in six major Japanese cities as well as in England and Italy against professional club teams.

Dave McGuigan, Coach — McGuigan is being inducted for his excellence and success as the 12-year head coach of the James Wood girls' volleyball team. From 1987-99, his teams posted a 169-69 record (71 percent).

His coaching highlights include two state semifinal finishes, the Virginia AA State Sportsmanship Award in 1998, four Region II appearances, with two runner-up finishes, and two Northwestern District undefeated regular seasons (1997 and '98).

His teams won three district regular season championships and two Northwestern District Tournament titles. They also won Apple Capital Tournament titles in 1988, '89, and '90.

McGuigan was named District Coach of the Year twice, in 1997 and '98 and Region II Coach of the Year in '97. Among the athletes he coached many received accolades throughout the region and state. He coached 12 first-team All-District players, four All-District Players of the Year, and four first-team All-Region selections. He also placed four players on Virginia State All-Star teams