

James Wood High School Announces 2026 P. Wendell Dick Athletic Hall of Fame Class

WINCHESTER, Va. — James Wood High School proudly announces the 2026 class of the P. Wendell Dick Athletic Hall of Fame. This year's class includes eight former student-athletes, one coach and the first team selected for induction.

The student-athletes selected for induction are Conor Babington (boys' swimming), Tyler Bishop (football), Keiana Brooks (girls' basketball), Grace Greene (track and field), Andrew Lloyd (football and boys' soccer), Dr. Alexandra "Alex" Stanford (girls' soccer), Strother "S.R." Shiley, IV (wrestling) and Dr. Gage Swartz (wrestling).

Todd Baker (softball) was selected in the coach category. The 1970 James Wood football team was selected in the team category and will become the first team inducted into the Hall of Fame.

Induction Ceremony

The evening will begin with a reception at 5 p.m. That will be followed by an induction ceremony at 5:30 p.m. in the auditorium. The inductees will also be recognized on the field at halftime of the Colonels' football game.

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Conor Babington — Class of 2015 (Boys' Swimming)

Babington is being inducted for his accomplishments in boys' swimming.

As a senior, Babington finished as the VHSL Class 4A state runner-up in two events. He recorded a time of 21.85 seconds in the 50-yard freestyle and 51.99 seconds in the 100-yard butterfly.

His 2015 performances established James Wood records in the 50-yard freestyle and 100-yard butterfly. He also recorded leading program times of 49.64 seconds in the 100-yard freestyle and 58.81 seconds in the 100-yard backstroke.

Babington received James Wood's boys' swimming award in 2012, 2013 and 2015. He was selected as *The Winchester Star's* Boys' Swimmer of the Year following his senior season.

Babington continued his swimming career at Old Dominion University, where he earned Coastal Collegiate Sports Association All-Academic recognition and was named to the Conference USA Commissioner's Honor Roll.

Conor is married to his wife, Cari, and is the proud father of a baby boy, Carter. He is currently pursuing a Master of Engineering Management degree and will continue his naval career as a Department Head aboard a nuclear submarine.

Tyler Bishop — Class of 2016 (Football)

Bishop is being inducted for his accomplishments in football.

Bishop completed his James Wood career with 2,939 rushing yards, 36 rushing touchdowns and 198 points. He recorded 14 career 100-yard rushing games.

During his senior season, Bishop rushed for 1,549 yards and scored 20 touchdowns. His 114 points that season were among the highest single-season totals in program history.

Bishop established a school record by rushing for 311 yards against Warren County. He also recorded a 91-yard touchdown run, one of the longest scoring plays in James Wood football history.

He received James Wood's football award in 2015 and 2016 and was selected as the 2016 recipient of the John Moser Award as the school's most outstanding male athlete.

Bishop continued his academic and football career at Millersville University, where he was named a PSAC Scholar-Athlete for three consecutive academic years.

Currently, Bishop works in business management for an aerospace company.

Keiana Brooks — Class of 2016 (Girls' Basketball)

Brooks is being inducted for her accomplishments in girls' basketball.

Brooks scored 1,188 career points, ranking third in James Wood girls' basketball history. As a senior, she averaged 19.1 points, 6.9 assists, 6.4 rebounds and an area-leading 4.6 steals per game. She earned Second Team All-4A West Region honors after also receiving all-district and all-conference recognition.

She is James Wood's career leader in assists and steals, recording 430 assists and 405 steals. Brooks also collected 417 career rebounds.

Brooks established a school record with 153 assists in 2016 after recording 138 assists in 2015. She also holds the single-season steals record with 129 in 2015, while her 101 steals in 2016 rank third in program history.

Brooks received James Wood's girls' basketball award in 2015 and 2016. She was also selected as the school's 2016 honoree at the Partlow Insurance Sports Breakfast during the Shenandoah Apple Blossom Festival.

Brooks continued her basketball career at St. Thomas University in Florida. During her senior season, she led the Bobcats in scoring with 14.3 points per game.

Brooks currently works as a graphic designer for CBS Sports in the Miami–Fort Lauderdale area.

Grace Greene — Class of 2016 (Track and Field)

Greene is being inducted for her accomplishments in track and field.

Greene won the 2016 VHSL Group 4A state championship in the discus with a throw of 123 feet, 4 inches. She also earned All-State honors in the outdoor shot put that season by placing seventh.

As a junior in 2015, Greene earned outdoor All-State honors in both throwing events, placing fourth in the discus and fifth in the shot put. She also earned indoor All-State honors in the shot put as a junior and senior, finishing sixth in 2015 and seventh in 2016.

Greene qualified for the outdoor state meet during all four years of her James Wood career. Her personal-best discus throw of 124 feet, 11 inches ranks second in program history, while her outdoor shot-put mark of 36 feet, 11 inches also remains among the school's leading performances.

During her senior season, Greene won the discus and shot put at the H. Brian Landes Apple Blossom Invitational and received the Jim Casey Most Outstanding Performer Award.

Greene also competed in girls' basketball, recording 223 rebounds during the 2015–16 season—one of the leading single-season totals in program history.

She was selected as the 2016 recipient of the John Moser Award as James Wood's most outstanding female athlete and continued her track-and-field career at George Mason University.

Greene earned a degree in psychology from George Mason University. Currently, she is a preschool teacher and registered behavior technician working with children on the autism spectrum.

Andrew Lloyd — Class of 2009 (Football and Boys' Soccer)

Lloyd is being inducted for his accomplishments in football and boys' soccer.

As a senior, Lloyd earned First Team Group AA All-State honors as a placekicker and Second Team All-State honors as a punter. He was also selected First Team All-Region II at both positions and named First Team All-Met by *The Washington Post* as one of the nation's top placekickers.

During the 2008 season, Lloyd made 7 of 13 field-goal attempts, including three from more than 40 yards. He established a school record with a 47-yard field goal and also connected from 44 and 40 yards. Lloyd converted 34 of 35 extra-point attempts, recorded 30 touchbacks and averaged 42 yards per punt. His seven field goals remain the second-highest single-season total in program history.

Lloyd made at least four field goals in four consecutive seasons at James Wood. He also connected on a 41-yard field goal earlier in his career.

In soccer, Lloyd scored 47 career goals from 2006 through 2009, ranking third in program history. He scored 17 goals in 2008 and 14 in 2009. Lloyd recorded three career hat tricks, including two during the 2008 season.

Lloyd received James Wood's boys' soccer award in 2006, 2007 and 2009 and the football award in 2009. He was selected as the 2009 recipient of the John Moser Award as James Wood's most outstanding male athlete.

Lloyd continued his football career at Shenandoah University, where he established a school record with a 48-yard field goal. He later transferred to NCAA Division I Eastern Kentucky University. As ECU's primary kicker in 2013, Lloyd converted 8 of 10 field-goal attempts and made a career-long 49-yard field goal. In 2014 he made a career long 53-yard field goal against the Florida Gators.

Currently, Lloyd is the owner and operator of Southwest Colorado Construction, where he works as a contractor and carpenter specializing in custom homes and trim work.

Dr. Alexandra “Alex” Stanford — Class of 2015 (Girls’ Soccer)

Stanford is being inducted for her accomplishments in girls’ soccer.

A four-year varsity player, Stanford completed her James Wood career with 45 goals and 43 assists. As a sophomore, she established the program’s single-season record with 17 assists.

Stanford earned First Team All-District honors in 2012, 2013 and 2014 after receiving Second Team recognition as a freshman in 2011. She was named James Wood’s Offensive Player of the Year in 2013 and 2014.

During her junior season, Stanford led the Colonels with 14 goals and tied for the team lead with 11 assists. She became the first James Wood player named *The Winchester Star’s* Girls’ Soccer Player of the Year and the first Colonel selected as the outright Northwestern District Player of the Year.

Stanford helped lead James Wood to its first Northwestern District championship in 2014. A versatile midfielder who played nearly every position, she served as a varsity captain beginning with her sophomore season.

She also competed for four years in varsity competition cheerleading, serving as a captain for two seasons, and played one season of varsity basketball.

Stanford became the first James Wood girls' soccer player selected for the Virginia High School Coaches Association All-Star Game.

Following her graduation from James Wood, Sanford attended Lafayette College, where she played Division I soccer for four years and served as team captain during her senior season. She graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in Biology and a minor in Health and Life Sciences. Sanford was named to the Patriot League Academic All-League Team and the Google Cloud Academic All-District Team and received the Barbara Lipkin Student-Athlete Award.

Sanford later attended St. George's University School of Medicine in Grenada, graduating summa cum laude in 2023. She completed her pediatric residency at Inova Children's Hospital in Fairfax this past summer and is currently serving an additional year as chief resident of Inova's Pediatric Residency Program. She is also in the process of applying for a neonatal intensive care fellowship.

Strother "S.R." Shiley, IV — Class of 2007 (Wrestling)

Shiley is being inducted for his accomplishments in wrestling.

Shiley won consecutive VHSL Group AA individual state championships in 2006 and 2007. He qualified for the state tournament during all four years of his career, placing fifth as a freshman, third as a sophomore and first as both a junior and senior.

Shiley completed his James Wood career with a school-record 199 victories, finishing 199–18 for a .917 winning percentage. He recorded at least 40 victories in every season: 40 in 2004, 45 in 2005, 54 in 2006 and a school-record 60 in 2007.

A four-year varsity wrestler, Shiley won four consecutive Northwestern District championships from 2004 through 2007 and three Region II championships.

Following his senior season, Shiley was selected as the 2007 Wrestler of the Year by both *The Winchester Star* and the *Northern Virginia Daily*. He also received *The Washington Post* All-Met honorable mention at 112 pounds.

With two state championships, four state placements and James Wood records for career and single-season victories, Shiley completed his career as one of the most accomplished wrestlers in program history.

Dr. Gage Swartz — Class of 2010 (Wrestling)

Swartz is being inducted for his accomplishments in wrestling.

Swartz won the 2010 VHSL Group AA individual state championship at 119 pounds with a 6–2 victory in the championship match. He also placed third at the state tournament in 2008.

A four-year varsity wrestler, Swartz compiled a career record of 196–30 for an .867 winning percentage. His single-season totals included 55 victories in 2008, 53 in 2009 and 47 in 2010.

Swartz won three consecutive Northwestern District championships from 2008 through 2010. He also captured Region II championships in 2008 and 2010.

His state championship completed a comeback from an injury that had threatened his senior season. Swartz's accomplishments were formally recognized through a commendation from the Virginia General Assembly.

After high school, Gage Swartz continued his wrestling career at West Virginia University, where he earned his Doctorate of Physical Therapy degree.

He now owns and operates Totem Training and Performance, a sports performance center in Bridgeville, PA, helping athletes train and recover at their best.

Coach

Todd Baker (Softball)

Baker is being inducted for his accomplishments as James Wood's head softball coach.

Baker led the program for eight seasons from 2015 through 2022, compiling a record of 105–45–1 and a .700 winning percentage. His 105 victories are the most recorded by a James Wood softball coach.

He guided the Colonels to four consecutive regional playoff appearances and led the program to a district championship in 2019. Baker was selected as *The Winchester Star's* All-Area Softball Coach of the Year in 2016, 2018 and 2019.

Baker helped develop players who continued their careers in college, including Ivy Rosenberry, who pitched at Virginia Tech and Oklahoma State and appeared in two Women's College World Series.

A 1986 James Wood graduate, Baker also had an accomplished career as a student-athlete. He played four seasons of baseball as a pitcher, third baseman and first baseman and was a member of the 1985 team that advanced to the VHSL Group AAA state championship game. He also played three seasons of basketball as a reserve forward.

Baker's accomplishments as a multi-sport student-athlete, his sustained success as a coach and his influence on players who competed beyond James Wood reflect his lengthy contribution to the school's athletic program.

Baker currently works full time at H.N. Funkhouser and owns and operates a beef cattle farm in Cross Junction.

Team

1970 James Wood Football Team

The 1970 James Wood football team is being inducted for winning the school's only state football championship.

Led by head coach Walter Barr, the Colonels finished unbeaten at 10–0–1 and won the VHSL Group AAA Northwest Region championship. Because Group AAA did not conduct a complete state tournament in 1970, James Wood was awarded the state championship as the classification's only undefeated regional champion.

James Wood outscored its opponents 326–112, averaging 29.6 points per game while allowing only 10.2. The Colonels also outgained their opponents by an average of nearly 160 yards per game.

The Colonels' undefeated season included a 22–22 tie against Handley before more than 10,000 spectators. James Wood and Handley shared the Commonwealth District championship, but the Colonels advanced to the regional championship based on a superior VHSL power rating.

James Wood defeated William Fleming 25–7 in the Northwest Region championship game. The Colonels' defense kept Fleming from crossing midfield until the fourth quarter, while fullback Jerry Combs rushed for 181 yards and a touchdown.

Combs and offensive tackle Archie Anderson earned First Team All-State honors. Linebacker Paul Cooper received Second Team All-State recognition, and guard Marshall Derry was named Honorable Mention All-State. Paul Campbell led the team with 81 points, while Combs rushed for 1,292 yards and scored 66 points.

The championship completed an exceptional four-year period in which Barr's teams compiled a 38–2–1 record from 1967 through 1970. The 1970 Colonels remain the only football team in James Wood history to win a state championship and will become the first team inducted into the P. Wendell Dick Athletic Hall of Fame.

About the P. Wendell Dick Athletic Hall of Fame

The P. Wendell Dick Athletic Hall of Fame recognizes former James Wood High School student-athletes, coaches, administrators, contributors and teams whose accomplishments and contributions have brought distinction to James Wood athletics.