

**Welcome to the 2019
Central District Baseball Coaches Association
Hall of Fame Banquet**



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Inductees for tonight:

Tony Cleveland, Watterson

Presenter - Scott Manahan

Dean Washington, Northland

Presenter - Joe Heasley

November 7, 2019
St. Charles Prep. School

Columbus, Ohio

Tony Cleveland - Bishop Watterson High School

Tony Cleveland has been coaching baseball for 40 years. He has coached in the Central District for 22 years. His coaching stints have included Bishop Watterson, Dublin Coffman and Johnstown-Monroe. As a head coach, he has a combined 71-67 record with a CCL championship in 2009. For the last decade, he has always been found in the state clinic selling tee shirts and gear for the OHSBCA.

Tony has been an ambassador to the game of baseball at the state and national level. Awards include Assistant Coach of the Year: AFLAC (National), NHSBCA (twice), OHSBCA and CDBCA. He has served through the chairs of the CDBCA for three years. He has been an OHSBCA board member for two years. He has coached numerous players that have made it to the professional level. These players include Gabe Kapler, Seth Willoughby, Austin Cousino, Justin Segal, Stacy Kliener and Dave Leeper.

Tony has enjoyed the camaraderie and friendships of coaches the most while serving as a coach in Central District. He has enjoyed teaching the importance of God, family and baseball while running his programs. He truly loves seeing the kids learn about discipline and respect while playing this great game. He has seen this game turn boys into young men and prepare them for the next step of life, with or without baseball.

Tony currently resides in Dublin and is joined today with his wife Mimi Rousseau. Tony has five children: Justin, Jason, Bjorn, Charmagne and Jeff. He also has nine grandchildren: Daylan, Kayli, Clark, Aubrey, Nina, Hayden, Evan, Cheyenne and Eva.

Dean Washington - Northland High School

Coach Dean Washington has coached his entire career in the Central District, 33 years strong. He has coached at Marion Franklin, Watkins Memorial and Northland. His current record is 451-301 for a career .600 winning percentage.

One of his proudest moments as a coach includes leading his team to the City League Championship in 1990. He was named City League Coach of the Year in 1990 and 2018. Fifteen of his players have moved on to play college baseball including two of his sons.

Dean noted that none of this would have been possible without his family's support. Family members include Joy Washington, Ryan Washington, Patrick Washington, Benjamin Washington and Mallory Washington.

When asked what he enjoyed the most about coaching in the Central District, his answer was simply teaching kids the finer points of the game. Hopefully, these young men can then teach their sons about the finer points of the best game in America. One of his proudest moments of this amazing coaching career is just being known as "Coach". The fact that after 33 years, players return to visit just to see if Coach is still around! Most importantly to Coach Washington, the past players still call you by the title of "Coach".

PAST INDUCTEES OF THE CDBCA:

FIRST CLASS 2000

JOE PALAZZO, BISHOP READY
FRED NOCERA, WHETSTONE
VINCE CHICKERELLA, LINDEN MCKINLEY
JIM GERFEN, MORAL RIDGEDALE
DAVE EWING, WALNUT RIDGE
JIM STAHL, COLUMBUS ACADEMY
RICHARD TERMEER, WORTHINGTON/OHSAA
DICK FINN, THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY
FRANK COZZE, WORTHINGTON
DAVE KOBLENTZ, COLUMBUS WEST
GEORGE HAMRIC, HAMILTON TOWNSHIP
BILL SADLER, WESTERVILLE SOUTH
JOE NEFF, NEWARK
DON THORP, LAKEWOOD
MARTY KAROW, THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY
JACK RYAN, BISHOP HARTLEY
DICK FISHBAUGH, OTTERBEIN COLLEGE

SECOND CLASS 2001

JOHN NELSON, FAIRFIELD UNION
DAVE KLONTZ, HEATH
HAROLD BUTT, HILLIARD DAVIDSON
RICHARD MEYER, BUCKEYE VALLEY
ARNOLD "DECK" WEBB, JONATHAN ALDER/DUBLIN COFFMAN

THIRD CLASS 2002

BOB HAEGELE, WESTERVILLE NORTH
LARRY MERCHANT, MARION HARDING
BILL ROGERS, NEWARK

FOURTH CLASS 2003

GARY SMITTLE, GROVEPORT
MIKE MATTHAES, UPPER ARLINGTON
JOE MYERS, UTICA

FIFTH CLASS 2004

SCOTT MANAHAN, BISHOP WATTERSON
TIM SAUNDERS, DUBLIN COFFMAN
RICH HASKINS, WEST JEFFERSON
MARK WILEY, LIBERTY UNION
DAVE PARKHILL, LAKEWOOD

SIXTH CLASS 2005

PHIL CALLAGHAN, DUBLIN SCIOTO
JIM DOUGHERTY, HILLIARD DAVIDSON
DOUG SAVAGE, MOUNT VERNON
JEFF SMITH, CENTENNIAL

SEVENTH CLASS 2006

ED STARLING, MARYSVILLE
MARK APRILE, PICKERINGTON NORTH

EIGHTH CLASS 2007

DARRELL GUESS, LINDEN MCKINLEY
JOHN CANNIZZARO, NEWARK CATHOLIC

NINTH CLASS 2008

RALPH SCHIVONE, UPPER ARLINGTON
JON BENNETT, GRANVILLE
DAVE BARROW, FRANKLIN HEIGHTS

TENTH CLASS 2009

DENNY MARTIN, JOHNSTOWN/UPPER ARLINGTON
DAVE STARLING, REYNOLDSBURG

ELEVENTH CLASS 2010

BOB TALPAS, NEW ALBANY
MIKE PENN, WORTHINGTON CHRISTIAN

TWELFTH CLASS 2011

RANDY LEACH, RIVER VALLEY
JIM HABERMEHL, GROVE CITY

THIRTEENTH CLASS 2012

STEVE LITTLE, OLENTANGY
JEFF BOYER, LICKING HEIGHTS

FOURTEENTH CLASS 2013

STEVE GUSSLER, THOMAS WORTHINGTON
MIKE SHADE, GAHANNA LINCOLN

FIFTEENTH CLASS OF 2014

CHRIS KUBBS, MARION PLEASANT
RAY BENJAMIN, ST. CHARLES PREPARATORY

SIXTEENTH CLASS OF 2015

CHRIS FUGITT, HILLIARD DARBY
RICHARD "DOC" CARTNAL, GRANVILLE

SEVENTEENTH CLASS OF 2016

CHRIS HUESMAN, DUBLIN JEROME
TIM BROSKIE, WHETSTONE

EIGHTEENTH CLASS OF 2017

TOM NEUBERT, COLUMBUS ST. FRANCIS DESALES
GEORGE GILLESPIE, ST. CHARLES

NINETEENTH CLASS OF 2018

DON SCHONE, WATKINS MEMORIAL
MIKE YINGER, DELAWARE HAYES

TWENTIETH CLASS OF 2019

TONY CLEVELAND, WATTERSON
DEAN WASHINGTON, NORTHLAND