

# **WESTERN CHAPTER**

## **2016 INDUCTEES**

### **WAYNE “THE TRAIN” DIBARTOLA** –FOOTBALL

- Graduate of Baldwin High School and the University of Pittsburgh
- A 1977 Big 33 Game participant
- 1980 Academic All-American and, and 2009 Pitt’s Lettermen’s Club Award of Distinction honoree
- A four year letterman at Pitt and a starting running back during their three consecutive 10-1 seasons
- Offered free agent contracts from Steelers and Eagles in 1981 but opted to remain in Dental School
- A successful Dentist in the South Hills and active in various charities in several South Hills communities

### **DAVID “ROOSTER” FLEMING** – FOOTBALL

- Graduate of Gladstone High School and resident of Munhall, PA
- Played for the Pittsburgh Steelers in 1963 and 1964
- Signed with the Hamilton Tiger-Cats in 1965 and played for 10 seasons
- Still holds team running back records for; *years played, total games, most touchdowns, and, total combined rushing and receiving yards*
- Caught the winning touchdown pass in the 1972 Grey Championship Cup

### **J.T. THOMAS** – FOOTBALL

- Graduate of Lanier High School in Georgia and Florida State University
- First African-American football player awarded a full scholarship to FSU
- First FSU African-American All-American football player
- First FSU African-American All-American football player to earn his baccalaureate degree
- Selected as the number 1 draft choice of the Pittsburgh Steelers in 1973
- Played with the Steel Curtain defense for eleven seasons; Pro-Bowl honoree and four-time Super Bowl Winner
- JT and Mel Blount named 6th best cornerback combo in NFL history by NFL.com
- Successful food and restaurant business entrepreneur for over thirty years

### **DANTE CALABRIA** - BASKETBALL

- A graduate of Blackhawk High School and University of North Carolina
- Scored 2,252 points at Blackhawk and was one of the WPIAL’s greatest shooters
- Blackhawk won three WPIAL Titles and one PIAA Title during his high school career
- Went to North Carolina and played as a freshmen on the Tar Heel’s 1993 NCAA Championship team
- One of the greatest three-point shooters in Tar Heel’s history
- Played and starred for 16 seasons as a professional basketball player in Europe

### **BILL MUIR** – COACH - FOOTBALL

- A graduate of Homestead High School and Susquehanna University
- Listed of among top 100 football players in Susquehanna University history
- Named to the All-MAC team his junior and senior seasons
- Susquehanna had a record of 32-3-1 during his four year playing career
- Elected to Susquehanna University’s Sports Hall of Fame in 1990
- Coached for eight NFL teams, three college teams and, two minor leagues football teams over a 47 year coaching career
- Coached in the NFL for 13 years. Part of that tenure as both an Offensive and Defensive Coordinator
- Was offensive coordinator and offensive line coach for the Tampa Bay’s 2002 Super Bowl Championship team

## **ART TRAGESSER – FOOTBALL COACH**

- Head and assistant football coach at four schools in Westmoreland County for 45 years
- Overall football coaching record was 165-133-3
- His Jeannette teams won 3 section titles and his 1994 squad was WPIAL AA runner-up
- His Penn-Trafford teams won 5 section titles and his 1997 squad was the WPIAL AAAA runner-up
- Head and Assistant track coach at Jeannette High School for 17 years
- 12 years District 7 representative to the Pennsylvania Scholastic Football Coaches Association, serving as it's president in 2000
- Big 33 Game Pennsylvania head coach in 2003 and assistant coach in 1995
- Inducted into the Clarion University of PA Sports HOF in 2005
- Ferrante Memorial Award recipient in 2015

## **BOB SHEARER – COACH - BASEBALL**

- A graduate of Peabody High School and the University of Pittsburgh
- A four sports star at Peabody, garnering All-City honors in football and baseball and was a member of Peabody's state championship volleyball team
- Langley High School's Baseball Coach for thirty-one years. Also coached; football, basketball, soccer, and swimming at Langley. Coached football for two years at Duquesne University
- His Baseball teams won; fourteen City League section titles and five City League championships
- Langley was runner up in the 1982 PIAA Title game and finished fourth in both 1978 and 1979
- Active in teaching, coaching, and community organizations. A baseball and softball official

## **TIM O'MALLEY – SPORTS ADMINISTRATION**

- A graduate of Avonworth High School and Findlay College
- High school football coach for nineteen years, 14 as Head Coach at Avonworth
- Served fifteen years as Athletic Director at; Moon, North Allegheny and, Butler school districts
- A member of the WPIAL Board of Control since 1995, serving as Treasurer, VP, and President
- Since 2006, he has been the Executive Director of the Western Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic League (District 7) overseeing the athletic programs in the 141 schools in the 9 Western Pennsylvania counties that comprise the WPIAL

## **TOM STABLE – OFFICIAL – FOOTBALL**

- Graduate of Tarentum High School and Slippery Rock University of PA
- PIAA football, basketball, and baseball game official
- NCAA official in Football and Basketball working many playoff and bowl games
- NFL Head Linesman for twenty years working numerous playoff games
- Named to the officiating crew for Super Bowl XLVI and an alternate official on Super Bowl XL
- Member of the Allegheny-Kiski Sports Hall of Fame and WPIAL Sports Hall of Fame

## **MIKE WHITE – SPORTS REPORTER**

- A graduate of North Hills High School and Duquesne University
- Covered high school sports for the Post Gazette since 1979 and was High School Sports Editor since 1985
- Color Commentator for WPIAL football and basketball Championship games
- Co-host of high school football radio show on the Fan and spot contributor to other radio sports talk shows
- AAU and elementary school basketball coach for many years
- Winner of writing and reporting awards; including Golden Quill, Keystone Press Award and others
- A member of the North Hills High School Sports Hall of Fame and Pittsburgh Basketball Club Hall of Fame

## **BOB MILLER – VOLLEYBALL COACH**

- North Allegheny High School and Capital University graduate
- N.A. boys volleyball coach for 35 seasons
- Six WPIAL and four PIAA Boys Titles
- N.A. girls volleyball coach for 20 seasons
- Two WPIAL and three PIAA Girls Titles
- Combined record of 950 wins and 150 losses (86% winning percentage)
- Co-founder of the PA Volleyball Coaches Association
- A member of the PA Volleyball Coaches Association Hall of Fame and WPIAL Hall of Fame

## **PAT PECORA – WRESTLING COACH**

- Native of Turtle Creek, PA and graduate of Serra Catholic High School and West Liberty State College
- Head wrestling Coach at Pitt-Johnstown, Coach since 1976 (40 years)
- Athletic Director at Pitt-Johnstown since 2008 (8 years)
- Team captured 20 NCAA Regional Championships, 31 Top-20 national finishes, 20 Top-10 finishes, and 10 Top-five finishes and he was named Regional Coach of the Year 16 times
- 1996 and 1999 teams won the NCAA National Championship and he was 1995 and 1999 Coach of the Year
- First in NCAA Division II to win 500 dual-meets (now 540) ranking third all-time and first among all active wrestling coaches at all levels of collegiate wrestling
- Tutored 139 All-Americans, 10 individual national champions, and 100 NWCA All-Academic Team members
- Inducted into the Cambria County, West Liberty State College, Pitt-Johnstown, NCAA Division II Wrestling Coaches Halls of Fame, and the East Boros Chapter PA Sports Hall of Fame