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Forrest City Athletic Hall of Fame

September 22, 2017

The 18th Annual Forrest City Athletic Hall of Fame induction ceremony will honor eight new members. The honorees are chosen from three eras: Lincoln High School, Forrest City High School before 1970 and Forrest City High School after 1970.

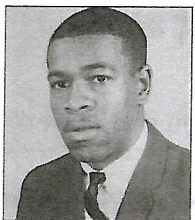
This year's honorees include: Fred Davis '63 and Maceo Hawkins '70 from

Lincoln; Lawson Hughes '48, and Fred Burrows '64 from Forrest City before 1970; and Clifton Blanchett '77, Tyrone Echols '77, Marcus Britt '07, Kelson Stewart '07 and Stephon Weaver '07 from Forrest City after 1970.

The induction ceremony will be held September 22, 2017 at the

Performing Arts Center at East Arkansas Community College at 5:00 pm. Tickets are \$15 each and can be purchased at Delta OfficeWorks, Forrest City High School or the Forrest City Area Chamber of Commerce.

For more Hall of Fame information or to purchase your tickets, please call Dr. Rodney Echols at 870-817-8381.



FRED DAVIS (deceased) was a 1963 graduate of Lincoln High School. He was a Lincoln Tiger letterman in basketball and football. Fred was a two-time All-Conference basketball player and was the leading scorer for the 1962 and 1963 Tiger basketball teams. He was nominated as the best offensive basketball player for the 1962 and 1963 basketball seasons. Fred was Captain of the 1963 3A Conference Championship basketball team under Coach M. O. Livingston. In football, Fred was a starting defensive back on the 1961 and 1962 3A Conference Championship Tiger football teams under Coach Livingston. Fred was a scholarship basketball player for Rust College in Holly Springs, Mississippi.



MACEO HAWKINS is a 1970 graduate of Lincoln High School. He lettered in football and track. Maceo excelled in football and was one of Lincoln High School's most prolific smooth, silky running backs. He had a knack for the goal line. He scored five touchdowns in a football game against Harrison HS of Blytheville. Maceo was a Region 2A All-Conference running back and a work horse for Coach Eugene Rook's 1968 undefeated Lincoln Tiger football team. In track, he qualified for the state championship as a member of the 440 yard relay team and the 100 yard dash where he received medals in both events. Maceo is a graduate of the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff with a major in Sociology.



FRED BURROWS is 1964 graduate of Forrest City High School. He was a three sport letterman in football, basketball, and track for the Mustangs. In football, Fred played offensive guard and defensive line-backer. He was named All-Conference guard and Honorable Mention All-State. Fred was voted defensive player of the year during his senior year. He is a graduate of Arkansas State University with a major in Business Administration.



LAWSON HUGHES (deceased) was a 1948 graduate of Forrest City High School. He was a three-year letterman in football and two-year letterman in basketball. Lawson was an All-District

and All-State fullback his senior year and played on the 11-2-1 District Championship and State Runner-up football team under Coach James "Zebe" Perry. In basketball, he was an All-District player his senior year. Lawson received a scholarship to play football at the University of Arkansas.



CLIFTON BLANCHETT is a 1977 graduate of Forrest City High School. He was a member of the state record setting 3:14.7 Mile Relay team of May 14, 1977 under Coach Eugene Rooks. A record that stands today. Clifton was a three-time All-Conference and All-State hurdler for the Mustangs. He was selected as a member of the All-American National Honor Roll as a member of the 1977 Mile Relay team that ranked seventh in the nation. As a collegiate, Clifton was a three-time All-NAIA Hurdler in the Southwestern Athletic Conference at the University of Arkansas-Pine Bluff.

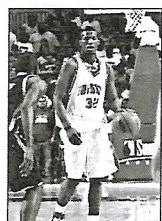


TYRONE ECHOLS is a 1977 graduate of Forrest City High School. He was a football and basketball letterman for the Mustangs. Tyrone was a member of Coach Al Miller's 1975 and 1976 3A East Conference Championship teams and 1975 State Runner-up team. In football, he was an All-District and All-State offensive guard and defensive end. He was team captain of the football team. In basketball, he was a starting forward and team captain. Tyrone was voted best athlete in the 1977 year book. He was a two-year letterman for the Henderson State University Reddies and graduated with a degree in Marketing.

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MARCUS BRITT, KELSON STEWART AND STEPHON WEAVER (Group Nomination) are 2007 graduates of Forrest City High School. The Triplets played for Coach Dwight Lofton's 2007 Class 6A State Runner-up team. The Mustang standouts are members of the only Arkansas high school team to have three players to sign Division (1) One scholarship offers.



MARCUS BRITT signed with the University of Arkansas. He received High School two-time All-State, three-time All-Conference, First Team All-Arkansas, and Sophomore of the Year honors during his career.



KELSON STEWART signed with the University of Arkansas- Little Rock. He received High School two-time All-State, All-Star game participant, two-time All-Conference and 6A East Conference player of the year honors.



STEPHON WEAVER signed with Arkansas State University. He received High School All-State, All-Arkansas, All-Conference, and Arkansas Democrat-Gazette All-Arkansas team honors.

2017 Rumble on the Ridge



The 21st Annual Rumble on the Ridge will be held November 23, 24, and 25th at Forrest City's Mustang Arena.

The Rumble, one of the top high school basketball tournaments in America, will feature three teams from Arkansas, two teams from Tennessee, one team from Mississippi, one team from

Alabama, and one team from Louisiana. The action starts Thanksgiving Day with the first game tip off at 3:30 p.m.

This year's lineup will feature some of the top players in America playing for St. Paul's High School from Louisiana, Sidney-Lanier High School from Montgomery, Alabama, McComb High School from Mississippi, Humbolt High School and Southwind High School from Tennessee, and El Dorado High School, Little Rock Hall High School and Forrest City High School all from Arkansas.

The Rumble on the Ridge has become a Forrest City tradition. Tickets will be \$7 per day or a 3 day tournament ticket will be \$15. Tickets can be purchased in advanced from the Forrest City Area Chamber of Commerce.

More tournament information is available on facebook - Rumble on the Ridge High School Basketball Tournament and www.rumbleontheridgefc.com.

Forrest City Education Foundation Teacher Scholarship Program

The Forrest City Education Foundation Teacher Scholarship Program is honored to be able to announce the 2017-2018 recipient of the annual scholarship, Regina Astin.

This scholarship was established in May of 1998 and is funded through contributions from the faculty and staff of the Forrest City School District and the Forrest City Education Foundation. The purpose of this scholarship is twofold 1) It is to assist students who are attending college and are planning to major in Teacher Education; and (2) it is to retain our college graduates in Forrest City. Upon receiving a teaching degree and becoming certified to teach, the recipient is required to teach full-time in the Forrest City School District for a minimum of one year to receive full forgiveness of the scholarship/loan.

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