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Forrest City Athletic Hall of Fame

September 16, 2022

The 22nd Annual Forrest City Athletic Hall of Fame induction ceremony will honor eight new members this year. The honorees are chosen from three eras: Lincoln High School, Forrest City High School before 1970 and Forrest City High School after 1970.

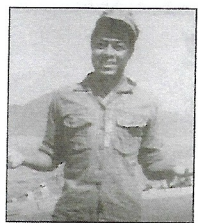
This year's honorees include: T. Boy Wright '66, and Samuel

Hawkins '67 from Lincoln; The 1959 Football Team and George Clegg '58 from Forrest City before 1970; and Kyle Houston '07, David Johnson '88, Atrell Razor '93 and David Bean '76 from Forrest City after 1970.

The induction ceremony will be held September 16, 2022 at the Performing Arts Center at East

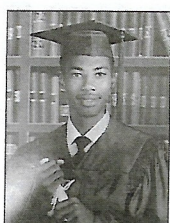
Arkansas Community College at 5:00 pm. Tickets are \$15 each and can be purchased at Delta OfficeWorks, Forrest City High School or the Forrest City Area Chamber of Commerce.

For more information on the Hall of Fame or to purchase your tickets, please call Fredrick Freeman at 870-270-6853.



T. BOY WRIGHT is a 1966 graduate of Lincoln High School. He lettered in football, basketball and track for the Tigers. In football, T. Boy

was a wide receiver for the Tigers. He was known to catching long passes for touchdowns. T. Boy played forward on the Tiger basketball team and ran the 100 and 220-yard dash, all relays and broad andn high jump for the Tiger track team. On the 1965 track team, he was selected as MVP.



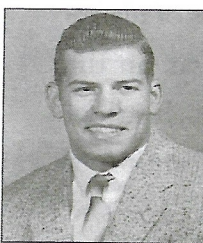
DAVID JOHNSON was selected to the All-Conference (4A-East) in 85-86, 86-87 and 87-88. He was selected to the 4A All-State Team in 86-87 and 87-88. David participated in the Arkansas Activities

Association All-Star game as a senior. He was named to the All-Star Game All-Tournament Team in 1988. He signed Letter of Intent to WestArk Community college in 1988 now known as University of Arkansas at Fort Smith and Texan Pan American Univeristy in 1990s.



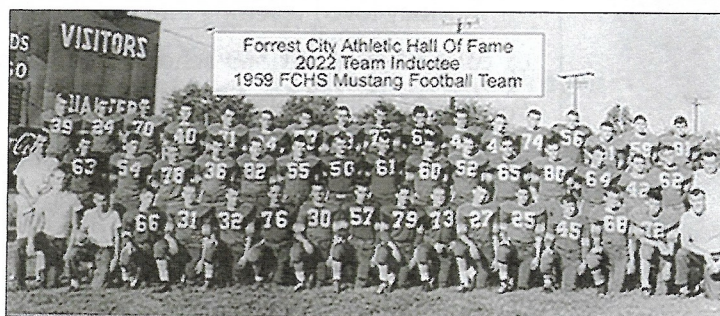
SAMUEL HAWKINS is a 1967 Lincoln Tiger graduate. Samuel lettered as a defensive end and wide receiver on the Tiger football team. He was recognized as region AAA all conference player as a junior and an

all district and all conference football player. He was a member of the Tigers basketball team for multiple years.



GEORGE CLEGG was a 1958 graduate of Forrest City High School. He was a three year letterman in football for the Mustangs. He was the starting guard on offence and was the nose guard on defense. George's distinguishing characteristics were his toughness,

tenacity and leadership abilities. George was a total team player and coined the phrase "We Play 11 Ball" meaning each player was an important part of the team. George further distinguished himself as a 2 year All-District player on three 2AA Dist. Championship Teams in '55, '56 & '57. His love for the land overshadowed his desire to continue his football career and he stayed in St. Francis County to raise a family and became a successful farmer and landowner. George's salvation was secure and he went to be with the Lord June 9, 2020.



1959 FOOTBALL TEAM

was the second undefeated and un-tied team in the history of Forrest City High School. The 1959 team was 11-0-0 and scored a total of 303 points to the opponents

19. This was the best record, both offensively and defensively posted in the state of Arkansas. The team held the number one spot in the state AA rankings and was number six state wide. The team was also the only undefeated team in the state above class A. The team included five (5) All-District Players, three (3) All-State Playes and one (1) All-American Player.

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KYLE HOUSTON is a 2007 graduate of Forrest City High School. He was a three-year track letterman for the Mustangs, a three-time 5A East All-Conference track runner, a two-time 5A-6A

East All-State Cross Country runner, a two-time 5A-6A East All Star Cross Country runner, and a member of the All-Arkansas track team. During his senior year, Kyle recorded first place wins in the Ark. Indoor State meet for the 800 meters, 1600 meters, and 4.400 meters races, first place wins in the 5A East Conference meet for 800 meters and 1600 meters, and first place wins in the Outdoor 5A-6A Arkansas State meet for the 800 meters, 1600 meters, and 4.400 meters races. He was a pivotal point contributor on Coach Donnie Willis' 2005-06 and 2006-07, 5A East Conference Championship teams, Indoor Arkansas State Championship teams, and Outdoor Arkansas State Championship teams, the Triple Crown of the track. Kyle accepted a cross country and track scholarship offer from the University of Arkansas Little Rock. At JALR, he was a member of the 2007 Sun Belt Cross Country Championship team.



ATRELL RAZOR is a 1993 graduate of Forrest City High School. She was a three-time letterman in track and field for the Mustangs. Atrell was a three-time 4A East All-Conference sprinter,

three-time 4A East All-State selection, two-time Arkansas Meet of Champions winner in the 100 meters and 200 meters. In 1992, she set the female track athlete Arkansas State Meet of Champions records in the 100 meters (11.7) and 200 meters (24.5). Atrell is an Arkansas Activities Association Gatorade Circle of Champions (Arkansas High School Track and Field Athlete of the Year) selection, a First National Bank Distinguished Student-Athlete selection, and a Who's Who among National High School Athletes selection. She accepted a track and field scholarship from Northeast Louisiana University. At NELU, Atrell was a member of the 1994 Sun Belt Conference Championship team and was an All Sun Belt Conference selection.

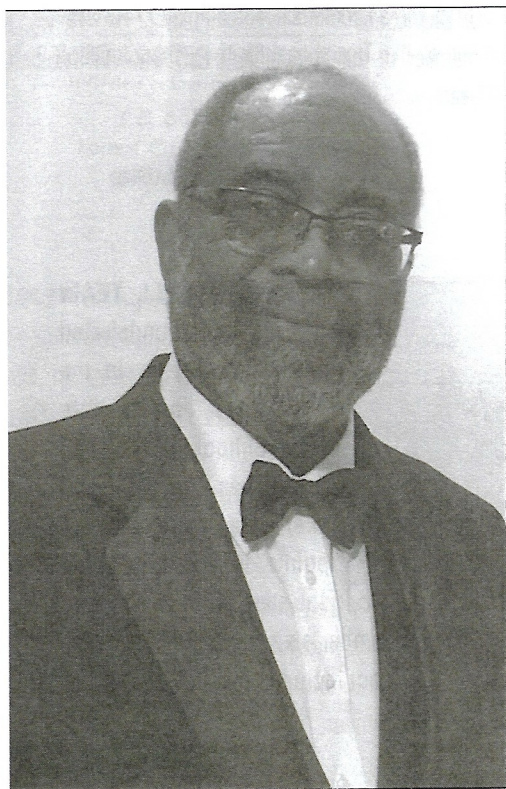


DAVID BEAN is a 1976 graduate of Forrest City High School. He was a member of the Mustang football team and track teams. During his 1975-76 school years, David's outstanding

athletic achievements included being 1975 AAA East All-Conference, 1975 AAA All-State, and 1975 Meet of Champs Performer. During 1975 David was a AAA East Conference runner for the 100 and 200 yard dash, the 4x100 and 4x200 yard relay team member. He was a AAA State Runner for the 100 and 200 yard dash, the 4.100 and 4.200 yard relay team member.

During 1976, David was AAA East All-Conference, AAA All-State, 1976 Meet of the Champs Performer, AAA East State High Point Meet Performer, and 1976 4.200 Yard Relay Team Member ranked 7th all-time in Arkansas History with a time of 127.04. David was a 1976 East Conference runner for the 100 and 200 yard dash and the 4x100 and 4x200 yard relay team. Additionally, he was a 1976 AAA State runner for the 100 and 200 yard dash and the 4x100 and 4x200 yard relay team member.

Forrest City Athletic Hall of Fame Honors the Memory and Service of Our Late Executive Director, Dr. Rodney Echols



Rodney attended school in the Forrest City School District and graduated from Lincoln High School in 1970, the last class of Lincoln High School before integration. He was a lettering member of both the football and basketball teams. He then attended college at Harding University, where he was a member of the football team.

Rodney loved teaching and coaching and dedicated over 40 years of his life to education in various school districts across the state of Arkansas. In the Forrest City School District, he served in the following capacities: high school biology teacher, the first black head basketball coach, the first black Director of Maintenance and Operations, Magnet School Director, Athletic Director, and the first black Deputy Superintendent for the district.

Rodney ended his professional career as Athletic Director in the Forrest City School District in 2015; however, he remained involved in athletics in the community as the Executive Director of the Forrest City Athletic Hall of Fame from 2013 until 2021. He was inducted into the Arkansas High School Athletic Administrators Association Hall of Fame in the Fall of 2020.