

2019 Benedictine HOH-HOF Inductee Info

The Benedictine Alumni Association is proud to announce the inductees into the Class of 2019 Hall of Honors and the Athletic Hall of Fame.

The event will be held on Sunday, February 24, 2019 at Windows on the River, 2000 Sycamore Street in the Flats of downtown Cleveland.

4:45 p.m. Public Reception

6:00 p.m. Dinner

7:00 p.m. Ceremony

Tickets are \$45 and are available by pre-sale only. You will be able to place your ticket order on the school website soon. Please check again often for ordering tickets. If you are interested in placing a congratulatory ad for one or all of the inductees, contact Bryan Lacey '12, Alumni Director.

The 2019 Hall of Honors Class:

Rev. Dominic Mondzelewski O.S.B. '60 is the longest-serving administrator in Benedictine history serving as assistant principal from 1970 until 1977, and then as principal from 1977 until 1994. But his passion was following his beloved Bengals. He often found time as a fan in the stands cheering on the teams representing Benedictine in all sports. Fr. Dominic was a popular history teacher, who also served as cross-country coach from 1970 until the mid-1980s.

Jamie Georgeson '78 was elected Mr. Benedictine and has remained close to his alma mater despite living out of state in Michigan and traveling worldwide in his business career. Georgeson, a former Bengals quarterback, is the longest-serving lay member of the Benedictine Board of Trustees. He serves on the boards of several global private high-tech companies and is an investor in companies ranging from medical research, real estate, and even a Netflix production.

The 2019 Athletic Hall of Fame Class:

Frank Janoch '56 was the second of Benedictine's state wrestling champions winning the 138-pound class in 1956 and helping the Bengals to a fifth-place finish as a team. He also was a quick running back on the 1955 football team, the first coached by Augie Bossu, as the Bengals finished a 9-0 season with a record-setting 47-6 win over St. Ignatius in the Charity Game.

Jeff Chorba '63 earned varsity letters in four sports: football, basketball, baseball and golf for the Bengals. As quarterback for the Bengals in 1962, Chorba's pinpoint passing led to an important win over Massillon and a last-minute victory over rival Cathedral Latin 6-0. Posting a 9-2 overall record, the Bengals were East Senate champions.

Gary Barnes '69 set a school record with 47 catches as a senior in 1968 in an era when the rushing attack was dominant. Barnes, who earned Plain Dealer All-Scholastic honors, helped the Bengals to an East Senate co-championship. At the University of Louisville, Barnes earned Associated Press All-America honorable mention at tight end. He is still listed among the Cardinals all-time leaders in several pass receiving categories.

Wayne Bacik '70 played on three Cleveland City Championship teams in two sports. He was the captain of the 1969 Bengals football team that defeated St. Ignatius 18-7 in the championship game at the old Stadium. In baseball, Bacik played on the 1968 and 1969 city title teams. As a senior, he was chosen to the All-East Senate team in football and to the Plain Dealer All-Scholastic team as an honorable mention in baseball.

Brendan Walton '84 was an outstanding runner who re-energized the distance running events at Benedictine. As a senior in the state meet, he finished second by less than one second in the Class AAA (large school) 3,200-meter run. He set school records in four individual events and was on two record-setting relay teams. In cross-country he was a two-time team MVP and three-year letterman.

Kevin Coffey '96 set a school record with 258 receiving yards on just 5 catches in his varsity debut as the Bengals defeated Sandusky 30-7 in 1994. In basketball, Coffey scored 1,031 career points, which is still eighth on the all-time list. He had a very successful career at the University of Virginia as a three-year starter at wide receiver, then signed as a free agent in 2001 with the Carolina Panthers.

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