



# **Virginia Sports Hall of Fame**

**Will Driscoll**

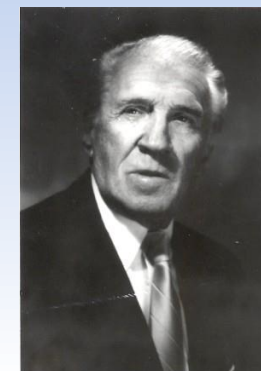
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# History



- Founded in 1966, by Herb Simpson (first Exec. Director)
- First *class inducted in 1972* (and every year since)
- Designated “official state Hall of Fame for Virginia”  
in 1996 by the General Assembly
- 334 inductees, 90 in National Halls of Fame
- Athletes from 22 sports have been inducted,  
along with coaches, administrators, and media members
- 501 c 3 Non-Profit



**Herb Simpson; Exec.  
Director 1966-1995**



**Eddie Webb; Exec.  
Director 1995-2019**



**Will Driscoll; Exec.  
Director 2019...**

# History cont.



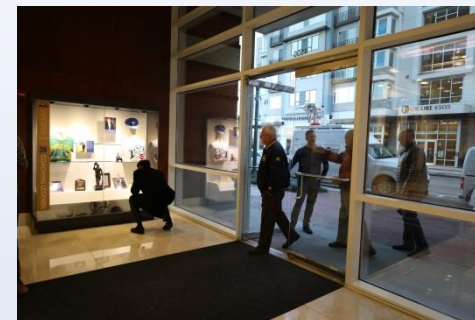
1977 – 2004: Portsmouth City Hall, Norfolk County Clerk's Office  
Portsmouth, VA



2005 - 2017: VA Sports Hall of Fame and Museum  
Portsmouth, VA



2017 - Present: Admin. Office/Walk The Hall  
Virginia Beach, VA (Town Center Area)



# New Platform

- No longer a “museum”
  - Walk The Hall
- Focus is on events, programming, and content
- 2019 events/programs
  - 757<sup>th</sup> Inning Stretch – January
  - 2019 Induction Weekend (48<sup>th</sup> Annual)
  - Changing the Game – May (Mental Health/Sports)
  - Hall of Fame Hoops – June
  - 2019 Golf Classic – October
  - Student Athlete Achievement Awards – December
- Content
  - Spotlight Series, Hall Call Podcast



THE VIRGINIA SPORTS HALL OF FAME PRESENTS

**757<sup>TH</sup> INNING STRETCH**  
A BASEBALL DISCUSSION WITH  
MICHAEL CUDDYER  
DAVID WRIGHT

| MONTH   | DATE | YEAR | TIME   |
|---------|------|------|--------|
| JANUARY | 9    | 2019 | 7 P.M. |

AMERICAN DREAM THEATER

Hall of Fame HOOPS

PRIORITY AUTOMOTIVE  
SPORTS LEGENDS OF SPORTS

June 26, 2019  
Virginia Beach, VA  
Celebrating Hall of Fame coach Charles "Lefty" Driesell



In collaboration with  
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NAMI  
National Alliance on Mental Illness  
Coastal Virginia

**Wednesday, May 15, 2019** Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for anyone 18 and under. All funds raised go to support the Hall of Fame and NAMI.  
**7:00 p.m.**  
Zelders American Dream Theater  
4509 Commerce St., Virginia Beach, 23462  
Please visit [www.thez.org](http://www.thez.org) OR [www.vasportshof.com](http://www.vasportshof.com) for more info or call the box office at (757) 499-0317



Spotlight Series  
Featuring

FRANK DEAMER  
KARA LAWSON  
MICHAEL CUDDYER  
MEGAN SILVA-SCHULTZ  
THOMAS JONES  
CHUCK HARTMAN  
TICK MAHORN  
DOUG DOUGHTY

# Education Foundation 2007 - 2019



- Separate 501 c 3 non-profit foundation
- Interactive outreach programs focusing on the connection between sports, math and science through statistics, physics and geometry
- Uses movement to enhance SOL based lessons and encourage love of learning
- Over 200,000 students participated in these programs, many from low-income school districts
- Student-Athlete Achievement Awards
- Closed in 2019





# What's Next??

# Student Athlete Achievement Awards



## 2018 Student Athlete Achievement Awards Finalists



### 2018 Stats

- 120 nominations from 90+ schools
- Four \$1,000 scholarships awarded
- Two appointments to the U.S. Naval Academy
- One 4-year full scholarship to Campbell University
- One qualifier for U.S. Olympic Swim Trials



\*\*\* NOTICE \*\*\*

### 15th Annual Student Athlete Achievement Awards Application Period August 1, 2019 - October 18, 2019



2018 Student-Athletes of the Year (left to right): Cayla Katz, Cox High School, Virginia Beach; Jason Kaiser Jr., Brooke Point High School, Stafford; Cason Wilburn, First Colonial High School, Virginia Beach; Cassandra Watts, York High School, Yorktown

The Hall of Fame is looking to honor student-athletes that exemplify excellence in Athletics, Academics, and Community Service. Eligible student-athletes **must**:

- Attend a high school in Virginia (public or private)
- Be a junior/senior during the '19 - '20 academic year
- Have a minimum 3.0 G.P.A
- The application/nominating period will begin August 1st and run through October 18th

**4 winners will receive \$1,000 scholarship awards. All nominations and supporting documents MUST be completed online. Visit [www. VaSportsHOF.com](http://www.VaSportsHOF.com) for more info and to nominate a deserving student-athlete.**

# Benefits of Playing Sports





# Concerns



## Youth Sports Participation is



Per Aspen Institute, *State of Play 2019 Report*

- **38%** of kids ages 6 to 12 played team or individual sports on a regular basis in 2018, down from **45%** in 2008 (Sports and Fitness Industry Association)
- **24%** of youth ages 6 to 17 engage in at least 60 minutes of physical activity per day, down from **30%** in 2008 (National Survey of Children's Health)
- Average age children quit playing a sport; **10.5 years**
- Average length of participation; **2.9 years**
- Full Report at [www.aspenprojectplay.org](http://www.aspenprojectplay.org)



# Reasons



## Mental Health Among Youth Athletes



- Clinical/Situational Mental Health
- Youth Sports Specialization
- Burnout
- Social Media
- Lack of resource

## Income Inequality: Access to Sports



- Youth Sports = **\$15B**
- Pay for Play
- Rec Leagues replaced by Specialized Organizations
- **All are not welcome**

# Mental Health

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C. DOUGLAS FINNEY  
Mental Game Coach

## *Changing the Game*

- Brought together sports professionals to discuss issues related to mental health at all levels of sport
- Former athletes, sports psychologists, medical professionals, school administrators
- Mental health curriculum is now mandatory in Virginia public schools. How is that passed on to coaches, trainers, parents?
- How are Virginia's NCAA programs recognizing/reacting to mental health issues?
- Target audience: student-athletes/families, coaches, administrators

# Looking Ahead



- **Less than 20% of youth coaches have been trained within the past three years** in CPR/ basic first aid, concussion management, general safety and injury prevention, physical conditioning, sports skills and tactics, or effective motivational techniques.

Aspen Institute, *State of Play 2019 Report*

## *Partnership with Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters*

- CHKD Sports Medicine
- Coaches Clinics
- Programs/forums
- Understanding how sports affects mental health both positively and negatively

## **Additional Initiatives?**

# Income Inequality



- **Kids from lower-income homes face increasing participation barriers.** In 2018, 22% of kids ages 6 to 12 in households with incomes under \$25,000 played sports on a regular basis, compared to 43% of kids from homes earning \$100,000 or more. Kids from the lowest-income homes are more than three times as likely to be physically inactive.

Aspen Institute, *State of Play 2019 Report*

Average cost to play 1 sport is \$693/year

- 1,032 youth sports parents surveyed
- 21 sports included
- Take away top 2/bottom 2, cost is \$827/year

## PHYSICALLY INACTIVE CHILDREN

Percentage of kids ages 6 to 12 who engaged in no sport activity during the year



|                            | 2012  | 2013  | 2014  | 2015  | 2016  | 2017  | 2018  |
|----------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Average                    | 19.0% | 19.0% | 19.7% | 18.9% | 18.3% | 17.5% | 17.1% |
| <b>By Household Income</b> |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| Under \$25,000             | 24.4% | 26.0% | 28.4% | 28.7% | 32.5% | 32.4% | 33.4% |
| \$25,000 to \$49,999       | 22.0% | 23.5% | 23.4% | 24.2% | 24.3% | 24.9% | 24.5% |
| \$50,000 to \$74,999       | 17.1% | 17.8% | 20.1% | 19.3% | 19.3% | 18.7% | 17.4% |
| \$75,000 to \$99,999       | 16.5% | 17.1% | 16.1% | 16.2% | 16.3% | 15.6% | 15.0% |
| \$100,000+                 | 14.4% | 13.9% | 13.4% | 12.6% | 10.9% | 10.6% | 9.9%  |



***PARTICIPATE, DON'T SPECTATE!!***



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