

USA Deaf Basketball Hall of Fame - Class of 2019



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Tracing the Birth of the AAAD Hall of Fame...

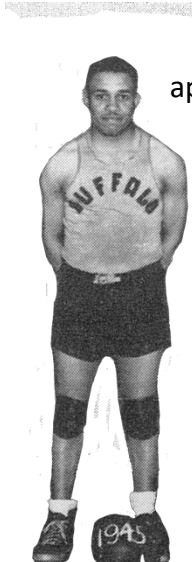
By Carmen S. Tiberio

At the 1951 AAAD National Basketball Tourney in Indianapolis, Alexander Fleischman, one of the early AAAD pioneers and first vice president at its founding, proposed that the AAAD establish a committee to draft up plans and policy for the formation of an "AAAD Hall of Fame". The motion was enthusiastically adopted and Mr. Fleischman was elected chairman. The first committee was comprised of the late Troy Hill of Dallas, Texas; the late Joseph Worzel of Bronx, New York, Leonard Warshawsky of Chicago, Illinois and Art Kruger, then of Los Angeles, California.



Alexander Fleischman

During the summer of 1951, on a vacation trip in the New York Catskills, Alex's wife Georgette, encouraged a stop at Cooperstown, New York where Baseball's Hall of Fame is situated. After a grand tour and discussions with trustees of the Baseball Hall of Fame, the whole concept of the proposed AAAD Hall of Fame was formulated. Work was started to lay the groundwork for its policy and methods of election.



Nat Echols

At the 1952 AAAD National Tourney at Houston, Texas, the delegates formally approved the policy of the new AAAD Hall of Fame and William Ellsworth Hoy, deaf professional baseball outfielder with the Washington and Cincinnati teams of the National League, was the first inductee. Nathaniel Echols was first basketball player to be inducted into AAAD Hall of Fame.

The AAAD Hall of fame policy calls for a panel of 27 to elect athletes, coaches and sports leaders/writers annually and entitles the Hall of Fame committee to induct old-timers whenever deemed necessary.

Mr. Fleischmann was officially elected first chairman to establish the AAAD Hall of Fame and carried on the work for the next two years. At each AAAD national basketball tournament a special program was held to honor the new electees with a certificate to those honored and the display of his or her athletic photo.

In 1958 at Cleveland, the first AAAD Hall of Fame Luncheon was inaugurated in which the newly elected inductees were honored.

In 1985, Lik Skinner was first woman to be inducted into Hall of Fame as a leader and then Janice Logan was inducted in 1992 as a coach. Ever since, 157 individuals (74 players, 37 coaches, 41 leaders and 5 officials) have been inducted in AAAD/USADB Hall of Fame. And now in Indianapolis, the 67th anniversary of the USADB Hall of Fame will be recognized, honoring 12 inductees and all these honored in previous years who are in attendance. The USADB Hall of Fame is a fitting tribute to the Deaf athletes, who over the years have contributed so much to the awareness of the sports heritage of the Deaf and is a living monument to the founder and guiding light, Alexander Fleischman.



Lil Skinner

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The AAAD Hall of Fame



Here's to the stars of the game and their great gallery
Enshrined in our *Deaf Hall of Fame* by the AAAD!
These stars that are shining so bright are "the real McCoy"
Like *Rattan*, and *S. Robey Burns*, *Dummy Taylor* and *Hoy*,
And right alongside dwell those stars of such glittering hues
As *Kruger*, *Warshawsky*, and *Meagher*, and *Neesam* and *Hughes*;
And many another immortal still twinkles nearby,
Like heroes they live in our hearts and they will never die!

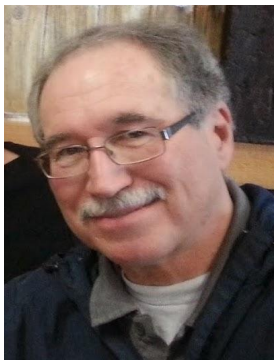
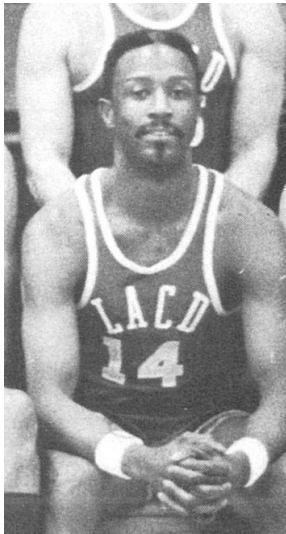
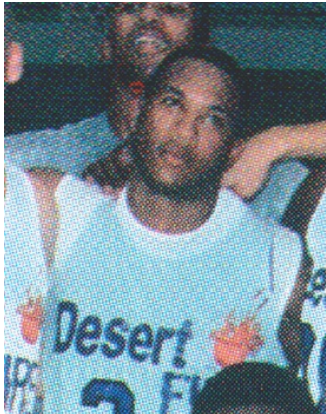
We'll never forget how they strove with spirit and fire
To prove that "the name of the game" is but *heart and desire!*
And if they got beat to the punch and dropped to the floor,
They reached deep inside to come up and fight on all the more!
And whenever they "looked like a goat" and the jeers it and grin!
As Players, promoters, and coaches, and writers supreme
No matter how great they became, they were *all for the team!*

So here's to the stars of the game and their great gallery
Enshrined in our Deaf Hall of Fame by AAAD!
Their glorious deeds will live on through the AAAD
To challenge the stars yet unborn and the great names to be!

Robert F. Panara



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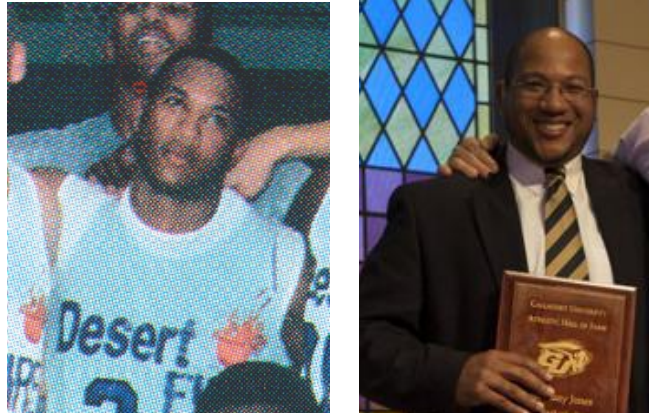
Brian Bippus Player



- A true Hoosier and considered the best passing post player of all time.
- 1987 AAAD and The Frat Basketball Deaf Prep Player of the Year.
- Four-year Gallaudet University basketball standout, the third all-time scorer in history with 1,882 points.
- 22 years participation in the USADB tournament, along with 18 regional championships.
- Four USADB championships and two D-2 championships (5 with Indianapolis, one with Frederick '96).
- Seven-time AAAD/USADB 1st Team All-Star.
- Four-time AAAD/USADB 2nd Team All-Star.
- Two-time USADB Most Valuable Player (1996 Division 1 & 1999 Division 2).
- 1989 and 2005 Deaflympics Men Basketball Gold Medalist.



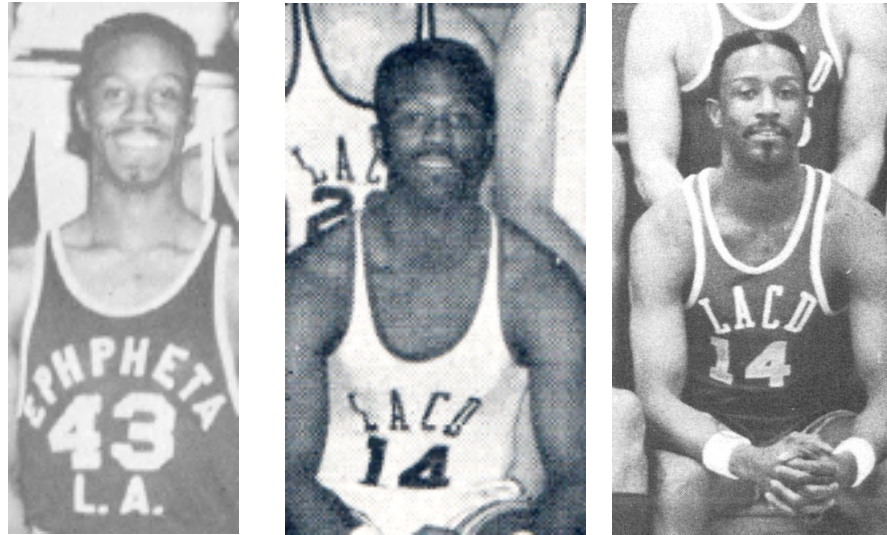
Anthony Jones Player



- Considered one of the most electrifying players in USADB history
- All Time Gallaudet Basketball Leading Scorer with 2,233 points
- Member of three USADB Championship teams in 1989, 1997 and 1998 and 3 runners-up finishes in 1999, 2000 and 2001.
- 1997 and 1998 USADB Most Valuable Player.
- Selected First Team All-Star in 1989 with two Second Team All-Star honors 1996 and 2001.
- Averaged 23 points per game in 8 National Tournaments.
- Member of 1997 Deaflympics Gold Team.
- Member of 2002 World Championship Gold Team.



Maurice Mosley Player



- Sweet-shooting guard from Los Angeles who was a member of six AAAD championship teams (1963, 1966, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1975)
- Was selected AAAD 1st Team All-Star in 1960 and a 2nd team 4 times (1961, 1964, 1965, and 1968)
- Member of 1963 AAAD Champions, LA Ephpheta that made history with winning 7 overtimes before winning championship.
- Scored 426 total career points in the AAAD history.
- Was Most Valuable Player of the 1959 Far West Tournament but unable to participate in the 1959 AAAD in Atlanta, Georgia due to the state's segregation laws.
- Member of first ever "Negro" Deaf Basketball team, Blue Jays, in 1962 that participated in AAAD tournament in Denver.



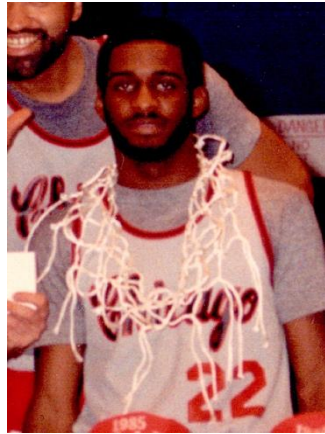
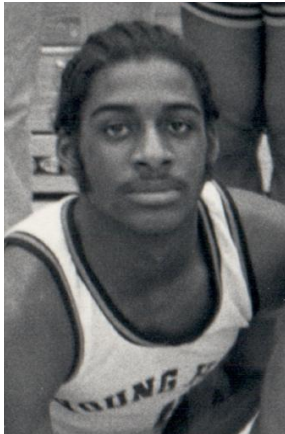
Kevin Smith Player



- “The Golden Arm” guard of the long-time Chicago (CCD).
- **Second** in all-time points in AAAD/USADB history (1,425 points).
- Holds USADB all-time 3-points record with 241 FG made.
- Member of seven championship teams; member on 11 runners-up teams; member on three 3rd place teams; 21 straight years from 1986-2006 of placing 3rd place or better.
- Seven time 1st Team All-Star; seven time 2nd Team All-Star.
- USADB MVP in 1995 when he made a record 11 3-pointers in championship game.
- Member of three Gold Medal Deaflympic teams (1993, 1997, 2001).
- Member of 2 World Games of the Deaf USA teams (1989 and 2002).
- Assistant coach on the 2009 Gold Medal Deaflympics Team.
- Played in the 50th anniversary tournament and won with Chicago team.
- Current assistant coach of the Indy Hawks.



Shawn Stringfellow Player



- Long-time floor general of the Chicago (CCD) dynasty.
- Member of 10 AAAD/USADB Championship teams (1983, 1984, 1985, 1987, 1990, 1994, 1995, 1999, 2001, 2002)
- Member of 7 runners-up teams. (1989, 1992, 1993, 1996, 1997, 1998 and 2000)
- A two-time 1st Team All-Star and seven-time 2nd Team All-Star.
- Made 775 points in career, ranking 16th in history
- Was AAAD's 50th Anniversary MVP in 1994.
- Member of the 1985 and 1993 Deaflympics basketball team that captured the Gold Medals.



Michael “Doc” Torres Player



- Wasn't able to participate in EAAD tournament because it prohibits any schoolboy to play.
- The 4th leading scorer in USADB history (1,244 points)
- Played professionally in Puerto Rico for 14 seasons.
- Was on national runners-up team 4 different times.
- Has been chosen AAAD/USADB first team twice, 1984 and 1989; with 2nd Team All-Star placement 8 times with various teams.
- Member of the 1986-87 Gallaudet University winning season team (15-11).
- Member of the Gold Medal winning 1985 Men's Basketball Team that played in the Los Angeles Deaf Olympics.
- Won only national championship in 2004.



Carl Wayne Denney

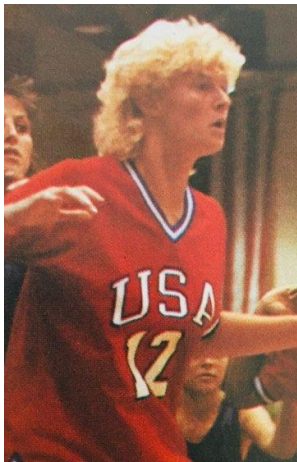
Coach



- Seven-time Regional Coach of the Tournament (EAAD – 1997; Central – 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2014)
- Four-time USADB Coach of the Tournament – 2005, 2008, 2011 and 2014.
- Led three different teams to 3rd place finishes (Metro Washington (MWAD) – 1997; Maryland Stars – 1997 and Greater Indianapolis (GIDC) in 2007).
- Led the Northern Virginia (NOVA) to a runner-up finish in the 2000 Division 2 tournament.
- Led the Greater Indianapolis and Indy Hawks to a combined three USADB championships (2008, 2009 and 2014) along with three runners-up finishes in 2005, 2006 and 2010 in nine years with the team.
- Led the New Mexico Zia to the 2013 USADB Championship.
- General Manager of the 2001 Arizona Desert Fire USADB runners-up team.



Sarah B. Faber Player



- Longtime Member as Chicago – WSAD’s Women’s post player 15+ years
- Ranked 16th with 349 points in 10 USADB National Tournaments
- Led Chicago - WSAD to 1998 USADB Women's Championship game
- Voted USADB Women’s 1998 MVP
- Selected to USADB 1st Team in 1997, 2009; 2nd Team 1995, 1999
- 2015 USADB Coach of the Tournament - Chicago Park District - Lady Panthers
- 1985 Gold Medalist, 15th USA World Games for the Deaf, Women’s Basketball, Los Angeles (youngest player)
- 1994, Member of USA Deaf Women’s Basketball East Team, Olympic Festival, St. Louis Missouri
- 1997 Gold Medalist, 18th USA World Games for the Deaf, Women’s Basketball, Denmark
- Longtime Administrator within Central Region



Janel Birrenkott Player



- Played for Northern State University; Induction Class of 2001.
- Played in first professional women’s basketball league, National Women’s Basketball Association in 1986 for “The Pride of Iowa”.
- Member of 10 Women’s championship teams. (1994, 1996, 1999, 2001, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2011, 2013)
- USADB MVP 1994 and 1999.
- All Star First Team: 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 2001 and 2003.
- 2nd team All-Star: 1996 and 2004.
- Consummate role player amongst Elite teams.
- Four-time Deaf Olympian. (1993, 1997, 2001, 2005)
- **Leading** women scorer in history with 794 points.
- Scored 52 points in one game, still a record.



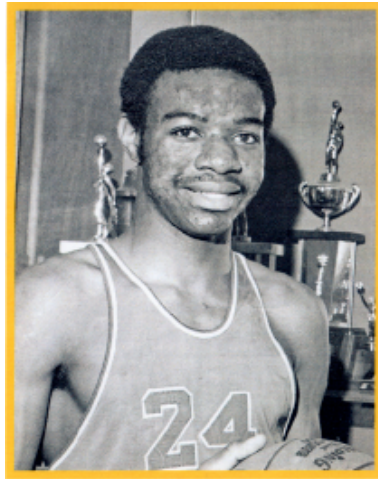
Chris Miller Official



- 4-year starter at the Kentucky School for the Deaf, 1980-1983.
- As a player, played on four AAAD championship teams (1989, 1991, 1992, 1993)
- Became certified Official in 1996.
- Officiated 14 USADB Championship games in 17 seasons
- DIBF official for 12 years and DIBF Official Coordinator for the World Championships and Pan Americans
- Official at World Deaf Basketball Championship (2011 and 2015) Deaflympics (2013)
- U21 World Deaf Basketball Championship (2018) Co-Chairperson.
- Founder of Deaf Basketball Officials (DBO) organization, entering 11th year.
- Been Officiating in College Division 1 for 8 years now.



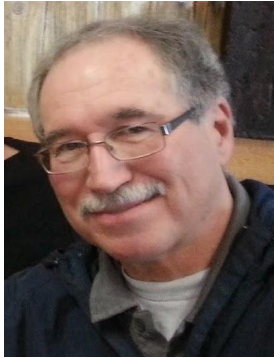
Bennie Fuller Player



- Schoolboy legend at the Arkansas School for the Deaf (1968-1971)
- Still holds a record for most points scored in state of Arkansas with **4,896** in 4 years at ASD.
- Scored 102 points in a game in 1971 – ranks second most in state history.
- His 50.9 points per game during his senior year ranks number one in state of Arkansas per game in season. AAAD/USADB Hall of Famer Houston Nutt (Little Rock (LRAD)) was his coach.
- Played in 1971 Arkansas High School All-Star game and was voted MVP with 26 points.
- Attended and played basketball at Pensacola Junior College where he averaged 30 ppg.,
- played basketball for various Oklahoma City club teams.
- Enshrined in the Arkansas High School Basketball and Southwest (SWBAD) Hall of Fames.



Myron Greenstone Leader



- Long-time member of Los Angeles Club of the Deaf (LACD) member in basketball and softball prior to relocating to the NWAAD area. Was member of 1975 LACD championship team.
- Member of 1973 World Games of the Deaf as a trackster.
- Active in reforming the Sacramento, CA basketball team in NWAAD from 1976 through 1990's after no teams since 1960.
- Was chair of 4 Northwest basketball (and softball) tournaments.
- Served as Northwest Athletic Association of the Deaf (NWAAD) Vice President in 1980-1981, as Secretary 1981-1989 and then as President from 1989-1993.
- Inducted into NWAAD Hall of Fame in 1996 as Leader for his 13 years as NWAAD officer.
- Served as USADB Secretary for 6 years (2000-2007) under 3 USADB Presidents (Dennis Platt, Tom Penny and Ray Kilthau).
- Prior to becoming USADB officer, he served for many years as head scorekeeper and stats crew at many USADB tournaments.
- Involved for many years with AAAD/USADB Hall of Fame selection committee.
- Very detailed, diligent, accurate and proud of his work. Always willing to help and assist. Help set-up and improve format for AAAD/USADB all-time scoring list started by Ira Lerner and Marvin Greenstone.
- His father, Marvin Greenstone, was inducted into AAAD Hall of Fame in 1980 as Leader. Myron and his dad are the first father and son combo to be elected to the AAAD/USADB Hall of Fame in the same category. *(see picture above with his parents, Marvin and Mary)*





AAAD & USADB Hall of Fame Inductees



as of March 25, 2019

There are four categories: 1) Players 2) Coaches 3) Leaders and 4) Officials whom we recognize individuals who made contributions toward AAAD/USADB. Under the Contributors section, those individuals were recognized for their significant contributions to the game of basketball outside of AAAD/USADB. The first induction was in 1953 and first woman was inducted in 1992.

Players

Year	Last Name	First Name	ACHIEVEMENTS
1963	*Echols	Nathaniel	Led Buffalo to first ever AAAD title in 1945 and again in 1948; Was the fastest, most agile, and best seasoned player to perform in early years; Selected to four First Team All-Star team
1970	*Acuna	Angel	Hailed from Farwest; Led Los Angeles Club of the Deaf to 1946 AAAD championship and voted MVP; Played for Mexico in 1948 Olympics, the first deaf person to play in a team sport at the Olympics; Was offered a contract to play for Harlem Globetrotters but did not accept it; First Hispanic player inducted to AAAD Hall of Fame
1972	*Jackson	John	Was awarded accolade "Mr. Basketball" at Arkansas Deaf School; Led Little Rock Deaf Club to 11 Regional Championships (1949-1959); Most Valuable Player at 1950 AAAD Nationals; Played on 1957 USA Deaf Basketball team at the World Games ft Deaf
1974	*Nutt	Clyde	First man to reach 1,000 points in AAAD; Two-time AAAD MVP; Named to 11 All-Star teams; Had a 23.9 points average in history; Won gold medal in basketball at 1961 World Games for the Deaf
1976	*Loveland	Edward Paul	During his 21 years of playing basketball, he was elected to the First Team All-Star 20 times and MVP five times; 1949 AAAD MVP
1976	*Lorello	Carl	Made 700 points in his first year on the varsity at Fanwood; Was an instrumental player on Golden Tornadoes team; Voted AAAD MVP in 1952; career cut shortened in his prime in an accident
1977	*Marxer-Clark	Larry	Played in six AAAD tournaments; Selected to AAAD All-Star team six times; Led Des Moines to 3 championships 1949, 1951 and 1952
1978	Schyman	William	Played at DePaul Univ; First Deaf to be selected in NBA by Washington Bullets in 1953; 1965 WGD Gold Medalist; 1961 AAAD Champions; Coached USA Men Basketball to gold medal at 1981 World Games for the Deaf
1979	*Tuttle	Marvin Walter	Led state of Iowa in scoring with 23.6 points average in 1949; Won 1951 & 1952 AAAD National Championships
1980	Miller	John C.	Gallaudet; 1965 AAAD Champions with District of Columbia Club of Deaf (DCCD); 1965 World Games ft Deaf Gold Medalist
1981	*Milligan	Kevin	5th in Gallaudet history with 1,681 points made; 1962 & 1964 AAAD Champions with Buffalo Deaf club; 1964 AAAD MVP; Selected to four All-star team; Averaged 19.8 in 8 National tournaments
1981	*Wemimont	Dennis	Member of 1962 AAAD Champions with Des Moines; 1962 AAAD MVP; Selected to four All-star team; Won gold medal in Men Basketball at 1965 World Games for the Deaf
1981	*Janczak	Chester	1955 AAAD MVP; Averaged 19.8 in AAAD tournaments; Made AAAD All-star team six times
1983	Dorrell	Mike	Participated in nine nationals and averaged 15 points per game for Beaver Valley, PAD and DCCD; Won gold medal twice at 1961 and 1965 WGD; Was the flag bearer of the 1965 USA team
1983	*Heck	Hilary	Led to Milwaukee Club to back-to-back AAAD titles in 1954 and 1955; Played with Chester Janczak, another Hall of Famer; Coached by Hall of Famer Anthony Panella
1984	MacFadden	James	Gallaudet College, Hollywood, District of Columbia Club, World Games for the Deaf
1985	Schwall	William	Played in eight AAAD tournaments; Top scorer in 1959; 1961 AAAD MVP & Champions; 1965 World Games for the Deaf Gold Medalist
1985	*Amati, Sr.	Quentin	Led Union League to AAAD championships in 1956 and 1964; Voted MVP in 1956; Averaged 15.1 points in six tournaments
1985	*Nutt	Houston	1957 AAAD MVP; Selected to All-Star team four times; 1957 WGD Gold Medalist; His brothers, Clyde and Fay, are also Hall of Famers
1985	*Crino	Anthony	Standout player in 1940's-1950's; EAAD's first MVP ever; Selected to 1946 First Team All-Star
1985	*Cohen	Samuel	Played basketball for Union League, Lexington Boys, and Hebrew Association of the Deaf; Scored 16 points at age of 52 at NYAD tournament; Was unselfish player
1986	Johnson	Ronald G.	Led to MinnePaul to eight Regional titles in nine years averaging close to 20 points and 10 assists per game; Won two AAAD titles in 1973 and 1974; Won gold medals in men basketball at 1969 and 1973 WGD
1986	Lyons	Donald	While a student at CSD Berkeley, he led scoring in the state; Played for Univ. of Las Vegas; Scored 904 points in AAAD history and won six AAAD championships; Selected to 11 All-Star teams; 1977 AAAD MVP; 1977 WGD Men Basketball Gold Medalist
1987	Fuechtmann	Ralph	Participated in 8 AAAD tournaments and was selected to All-Star teams five times; Always was among the leaders in rebounding; Won two AAAD crowns; Won two gold medals on 1969 and 1973 basketball teams
1987	*O'Donnell	Robert	Most observers would rank him among the top five centers ever to play in AAAD tournament; 1971 AAAD MVP; AAAD runner-ups four times; Total scoring of 478 points; Always had "never give up" spirit guy
1988	Couthen	Albert	American Deaf School, Gallaudet, World Games ft Deaf
1988	Hendrix	Gary	1967 AAAD MVP; Member of 1971 Oakland AAAD Champions; Made three All-star teams
1989	Kaessler	Paul	Clarke, New York, Gallaudet, Union League, Westchester, 1965 WGD Gold Medalist
1989	*Spears	Wayne "Billy"	Four-time AAAD Champion with Los Angeles Club of the Deaf and LA Ephpheta; 1965 WGD Gold Medalist
1990	Antal	Jack	1963 AAAD MVP with LA Ephpheta; 1961 & 1969 WGD Gold Medalist
1991	*Grant	Leon Orient	"Deaf" Wilt with seven AAAD championships with Los Angeles and Carolinas; Made 8 All-Star teams; Made 833 points in career for a 26.9 points per game average; Member of 1973 World Games ft Deaf Gold Medalist team
1991	*Nutt	Fay	Made 511 points in 38 games over 13 tournaments for 13.4 average; One All-star team; World Games ft Deaf
1991	Anderson	Glenn	Played for Gallaudet College; Motor City, Union League, Pelicans; Selected to three All-Star teams; World Games ft Deaf
1992	*Fine	Danny	Pelicans, GTAC, Union League; One All-Star team; World Games ft Deaf
1994	*Renshaw	James	Once held a one game scoring record of 76 points in a FAAD tournament (1970's); Three All-Star teams; Averaged 17.6 in 10 tournaments
1997	*Healy	Craig	1975 AAAD MVP; Six All-Star teams; 14.5 points per average in 9 tournaments
2008	Brown	Craig	Member of 1982 & 1988 AAAD champions with Carolinas; 1988 AAAD MVP; 1977, 1981, & 1985 WGD Gold Medalist
2008	Ashford	Michael	Selected to 17 All-Star teams with Chicago; 1983, 1984, 1985 & 1987 AAAD MVP; 1981 & 1985 WGD Gold Medalist; Made 1,110 points in 20 tournaments for 18.5 points per game
2008	Mattson	Ronald	Four All-Star team with Chicago; 1989 WGD Gold Medalist

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2009	Dike-Johnson	Jodee	One of original AAAD woman players; Averaged 20.5 points per game; 1993 World Games ft Deaf Gold Medalist
2015	Hamblin-Lorenz	Paula	Played on high school team that won state championship in Mississippi; Led Little Rock to national championship in 2000 and was voted MVP; Played in nine national tournaments and was selected to three All-Star teams; 1993 and 1997 Deaflympics Gold Medalist
2015	Hyde	Barbara	Played for University of Arizona on a full-ride scholarship; One of the first women to play in AAAD and USADB; 1992 and 1996 MVP; Six-time All-Star team; Five-time Deaflympics Gold Medalist
2015	Huser	Amanda	At Indiana Deaf School, her team won four straight CSSD championships and surpassed 1,000 points; Averaged 23.7 points per game in seven USADB tournaments; Voted MVP in 2005; Five All-Star honors
2015	*Johnson	Ronda	In high school, her team won four straight championships and scored 1,000 points; Played four years at Gallaudet and scored 1,000 points; Played in nine USADB tournaments and was selected to seven All-Star teams; Member of three straight championship teams; 2001 and 2005 Deaflympics Gold Medalist
2015	Miller	Ronda Jo	Led Minnesota School for the Deaf to the National Champion title; Led Gallaudet to Division 3 Sweet 16; Led Division 3 in rebounding (1,545 rebounds) and ranked third in scoring (2,565 points) and third in blocked shots (373); Played in seven USADB tournaments and won three straight championships averaging 22.3 points per game; Voted MVP in 2004 and First All-Star team five times
2015	Wummer	Sara	Made First Team All-American in four years as a high schooler at Pennsylvania Deaf School; Made 2,064 points at PSD; One of first women to play in early days of AAAD; Member of 1981, 1985 and 1989 WGD Gold Medal teams
2018	Stultz	Michael	Four-year Gallaudet University starter; Four-time AAAD champion; Two-time AAAD MVP; 1998 USADB Most Outstanding Player; Four-time All-Star team; Member of 1985 & 1993 WGD Gold Medal teams
2018	Woods	Darnell	Four-year letterman basketball at Gallaudet; Four-time AAAD/USADB Champions; Seven-time All-Star team; Member of 2001 & 2005 Deaflympics Gold Medal team; Finished with 995 points with an average of 14.9 points per game; Made second highest 3 points (189)
2019	Bippus	Brian	Four-year Gallaudet standout and third all-time scorer in history with 1,882 points; Four USADB Championships; Two-time MVP; Seven-time AAAD/USADB First Team All-Star; Four-time AAAD/USADB Second Team All-Star; Two-time Deaflympics Gold Medalist
2019	Birrenkott	Janel	Northern State University Star; Sioux Falls; Played in first professional women's basketball league for Pride of Iowa; Three-time Deaflympics Gold Medalist; 10-time National Champions with Sioux Falls and Arizona Black Widows; Leading women scorer in USADB history with 794 points; Scored 52 points in one game (still a record)
2019	Faber	Sarah	Long-time post player for WSAD (Chicago) and led its team to 1998 USADB championship; 1998 USADB MVP; Four-time All-Star team; 1985 and 1997 Deaflympics Gold Medalist; 2015 USADB Coach of the Tournament
2019	Jones	Anthony	Gallaudet University all-time leading scorer with 2,233 points; Member of three USADB championship teams; Named MVP in 1997 & 1998; Averaged 23 points per game in eight USADB tournaments
2019	Mosley	Maurice	Member of six AAAD championship teams; Selected to AAAD All-Star team five times; Member of first ever "Negro" Deaf Basketball team, Blue Jays, in 1962 that played in AAAD
2019	Smith	Kevin	Known as "The Golden Arm" guard of the Chicago team; Second in all-time points in USADB history with 1,425 points; Holds USADB all-time 3-points record with 24 1 FG made; Member of 7 championship teams; 14-times All-star team; Member of three Gold Medal Deaflympics Basketball teams (1993, 1997 and 2001)
2019	Stringfellow	Shawn	Long-time floor general of the Chicago dynasty; Member of 10 National Championship teams and seven runner-up teams; 1994 AAAD MVP; Nine-time All-Star team; Member of 1985 and 1993 Deaflympics Gold Medalist Basketball teams
2019	Torres	Michael "Doc"	The fourth leading scorer in USADB history with 1,244 points; Played professionally in Puerto Rico for 14 years; Selected to ten All-Star teams; Member of 1981 & 1985 Gold Medalist Basketball team; Won USADB National Championship in 2004
Coaches			
Year	Last Name	First Name	ACHIEVEMENTS
1962	*Dyer	Louis	Won six National Championships (1946, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969 and 1970) with Los Angeles Club of the Deaf; 1965 WGD Head Coach
1966	*Panella	Anthony	Coached Milwaukee Silent for 15 years; Won CAAD titles nine straight times and AAAD championships in 1954 and 1955; AAAD Coach of the Tournament twice in 1951 and 1957; Coach record: 206-46
1976	*Tubb	Lonnie	Coach for famed Little Rock Silents of 1953 through 1961 with a record of 177-36; Won seven SWAAD titles and two AAAD championships
1980	*Berg	Dennis	Coached Minnepaul to two national titles in 1972 and 1973
1986	*Maucere	Bennie	Coach of six National Championships (1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1981, and 1986) with Los Angeles and Hollywood; Finished with 48-21 record; Voted Coach of Tournament four times; 1989 WGD Basketball Head Coach Gold Medalist
1988	*Pordum	Dan	Buffalo, Union League, Staten Island; 1977 World Games ft Deaf Assistant Coach
1992	Logan	Janice	First woman inducted into AAAD; Coached at Oregon School for the Deaf
1994	Morrison	Scott	Selected as CAAD Coach of the Tournament 11 times; Won 7 National Championships (1983, 1984, 1985, 1987, 1990, 1994, 1995); Won AAAD Coach of the Tournament six times; Coached 1993 Gold Medalist USA Men Basketball team
2000	*Rubiano	Alexander	Milwaukee & Chicago; Coached 1997 Gold Medal USA Men Basketball team
2001	Pedersen	Melvin	Member of 1971 AAAD champion team (Oakland); Led East Bay (Oakland) to its only title game in 1994
2015	Johnson	Ronald G.	Won Great Plains School for the Deaf four times as high school coach (1994-1997); Won 1995 National Championship as coach; Coached Minnepaul women to three straight titles (2001-2003); Coached women team to 2005 Deaflympics gold medal
2018	*Anderson	Hubert	Began coaching the Capital City Association for the Deaf in 1964; Gallaudet College Head Coach (1976-1980); While at Gallaudet, he coached the Washington Diplomat Club for the Deaf (1976-1979) winning 1979 title; Coached Carolinas in 1981-1983 and won AAAD title in 1981; Coached 1985 Gold Medal USA Men Basketball team
2018	*Emerson	Ronald	Member of 1969 World Games ft Deaf Gold Medal team; Coached Houston its only title in 1980 and voted Coach of the Tournament; Coached Capitol City (DC); Served as Gallaudet University men's assistant coach in early 1990's
2019	Denney	Carl Wayne	Coached teams to four USADB championships in 2008, 2009, 2013, and 2014 with Greater Indianapolis, Indy Hawks, and New Mexico Zia; Seven-time Regional Coach of the Tournament
Officials			
Year	Last Name	First Name	ACHIEVEMENTS
1997	*Bulliner	John F.	First Deaf Basketball referee in grade and high schools in Illinois (1943); Officiated in 1946 & 1947 AAAD games
1998	Kirk	Guy T.	NAIA Division official (1980's); Long time USADB Official
2001	Duve	Gene	Officiated for 23 years; 12 years for USADB; Officiated at 50th anniversary in Akron; DBO-USADB Official Liaison
2015	Wetzel	Marsha	First Female Deaf Referee in NCAA Division 1 (2002); First Deaf Female Referee in AAAD/USADB
2019	Miller	Chris	Officiated in 14 USADB championship games in 17 seasons; DIBF official for 12 years; Founder of Deaf Basketball Officials (DBO); Official in College Division 1 for 8 years

Leaders			
Year	Last Name	First Name	ACHIEVEMENTS
1954	*Kruger	Art	Co-founder of AAAD; Elected as first AAAD president (1945-1947); 1947-1954 AAAD Secretary-Treasurer; 1966-1982 USA/WGD Chairman; Long time Sports Editor for Silent Worker
1957	*Warshawsky	Leonard	Coach for 1945 Chicago Club basketball team; CAAD President; AAAD President for two terms; Founder of AAAD Hall of Fame
1962	*Elliott	Thomas W.	Co-founder of AAAD; AAAD President
1963	*Hill	Troy E.	1954-1955 AAAD President
1964	*Cusack	Hugh	1952-1954 AAAD President
1965	*Fleischman	Alexander E.	1945-1947 AAAD Vice-President; 1951-1954 AAAD Publicity Director; 1954-1959 AAAD Secretary-Treasurer; 1961-1963 AAAD President
1966	*Whisman	Charley	Coached at the Indiana School 1936-1946; Held all offices in CAAD; Served as Vice President and President of the AAAD
1967	*Friedman	Max	1957-1959 AAAD President
1968	*Carney	Edward C.	1961 - 1965 AAAD Vice President; 1965-1967 AAAD President
1969	*Jacobs	Harry	1963 - 1965 AAAD President
1970	*Jordan	Jerald	1958 - 1961 AAAD Vice-President; 1962-1966 USA/WGD Chairman; 1971-1973 AAAD President
1971	*Barrack	James A.	1959-1967 AAAD Secretary-Treasurer; 1967-1969 AAAD President
1972	*Fraser	William	MAAD president and writer for AAAD bulletin
1973	*Allen	Gordon	SWAAD Officer
1975	*Schreiber	Herb	AAAD Publicity Director for 8 years; AAAD Secretary-Treasurer for 3 years; Wrote many articles for Silent Worker
1976	*Connell	Richard 'Duke'	CAAD President 8 years; 1956 AAAD Chair
1978	*Buckmaster	John	1971 - 1973 AAAD Vice-President; 1973 - 1975 AAAD President
1979	Caswell	Richard E.	1969-1972 AAAD Publicity Director; 1972-1981 AAAD Secretary-Treasurer; 1981-1985 AAAD President; Scored 1,410 points at Gallaudet
1980	*Greenstone	Marvin	A loyal fixture of the Los Angeles Club of the Club (LACD); LACD manager for 15 years; LACD Athletic and Chief Fund Raiser for AAAD basketball trips; 1970-1971 FAAD President; 1974 AAAD Basketball Chairperson; involved with AAAD scorekeeping committee for many years, helped developed and maintained official stats for AAAD.
1981	*Hopkins	Robert	CAAD President & AAAD Chairperson
1982	*Nelson	Arthur	Began his long AAAD career by playing basketball in 1946; Served in the different capacities for MAAD for 11 years; 1975-1978 AAAD Vice President; 1980-1981 AAAD President
1984	*Finklestein	Norman	Devoted 20 years of active leadership for Gotham clubs, New York clubs, EAAD, and AAAD; Served as AAAD Vice President in 1978; Had been one of the official scorers at AAAD
1985	*Skinner	Lillian	Considered a pioneer feminist for leadership in the Deaf sports of 1950-60; First Deaf Woman elected to chair 1963 AAAD Tournament; Involved with FAAD region
1987	*Buell	Edward	Known as "Father of the New England Athletic Association"; Attended NEAAD meeting for 42 years; NEAAD President nine times; AAAD delegate more than 30 times; 1975 AAAD Chair
1988	*Curtis	G. Leon	1973-1975 Vice-President; 1975-1977 AAAD President
1989	*Simpson	William	World Games for the Deaf Chair
1990	*Mortensen	Lyle	1981-1985 AAAD Secretary-Treasurer; 1985-1988 AAAD President
1991	Zulauf	Cole	EAAD President; 1980-1990 AAAD Publicity Director
1992	*Wilding	George	NWAAD President; 1981-1988 AAAD Vice President
1992	*Galloway	Victor	AAAD President
1993	*Belsky	Martin	1985-1988 AAAD Secretary-Treasurer; 1988-1991 AAAD President
1993	*White	John F. "Jack"	AAAD Chair & Leader
1994	*Davidson	William C.	Served as an officer in both NWAAD and FAAD; Founder of FAAD Hall of Fame; Frequent published sportswriter; Served as 1997 AAAD Basketball Tournament Publicity Director
1995	*Brown	Lon	FAAD President & Leader; Coached LA Ephpheta to 1963 AAAD title
1995	Carrico	Joseph F.	AAAD Chair & MAAD President
1998	*Ray	Max	AAAD Vice President & SEAAD Vice President
1999	*Platt	Dennis R.	NWAAD President & AAAD Vice President
2000	*Carr	E. Gene	AAAD Chair & SWAAD President
2010	*Fleischer	Lawrence R.	1991-1992 AAAD President
2015	Platt	Shirley Hortie	First Female Officer (Secretary); First AAAD Executive Director; First Women USADB Commissioner
2019	Greenstone	Myron	Long-time member of Los Angeles Club of the Deaf; Served as NWAAD Vice-president 1980-1981, Secretary 1981-1989, President 1989-1993; USADB Secretary 2000-2007; Served many years as head scorekeeper statistics crew for USADB; Involved for many years with AAAD/USADB Hall of Fame selection committee; Very detailed, diligent, accurate and proud of his work; He and his father are the first father and son combo to be elected to the AAAD/USADB Hall of Fame in the same category

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Players			
Year	Last Name	First Name	ACHIEVEMENTS
1953	*Downes	Noah	Considered one of the greatest basketball players in early 1900's; Won city championship with Maryland School ft Deaf; Helped Gallaudet College win D.C. Intercollegiate Basketball crown in 1919
1955	*Rockwell	Walter	Considered one of the greatest basketball players in early 1900's; Selected as one of the greatest basketball players of the last half century by the Silent Worker
1956	*Riddle	Willie	Known as "The Wizard" from South Carolina; Played in 521 games and made 7,618 points in a total of 27 years; Played for Gallaudet and made All-District Columbia two years in a row
1959	*Worzel	Joseph	Known as "Little Joe"; Played professional basketball in 1920's with Original Celtics, New York Rens and Visitations teams; His remarkable accuracy in locating the basket from all angles of the court made him a dangerous man, and his speed in dribbling was a revelation; Above all, his quick thinking at opportune moments more than once turned a seeming defeat into a glorious victory
1969	*Shafranek	Ben	New York
1972	*Behrens	James	Played professional basketball averaging 12 points per game (1922-1932)
1973	*Russell	Joseph	Mississippi, World Games ft Deaf
1973	*Downes	Leonard	Maryland, Semi-Professional
1975	*Rodman	Edward	New Jersey
1978	*Roller	Winfield	Colorado, Gallaudet, Goodyear Silents
1982	*Cosgrove	Dennis	Played 3 years at the Washington School for the Deaf and averaged 25 points per game in his senior year; Captain of the All-Star public school; Was a top-scorer at Gallaudet College
1983	*Teare	Fay T.	Was a star of the Nebraska School for the Deaf's State School Class A Champions of 1931; Unanimously selected on the All-State Nebraska team of 1931
1987	Brown	Alexander	Clarke School for the Deaf
1988	Couthen	Albert	Connecticut, Gallaudet, World Games ft Deaf
2003	*Huggins	Monica Kupka	Averaged 24 points a game at Iowa School for the Deaf in early 1940's; played in the semi-pro Empire Bluffs in 1950.
2005	*Blehm	Steve	Averaged 47.3 during his sophomore year at North Dakota School for the Deaf which ranks top 10 in the country; 12th in Gallaudet scoring history with 1,287 points; 1977 WGD Gold Medalist
2019	Fuller	Bennie	Holds a record for most points scored in state of Arkansas with 4,898 points in 4 years at Arkansas Deaf School; Scored 102 points in a game in 1971; His 50.9 points per game during his senior year ranks number one in state of Arkansas; AAAD Hall of Famer Houston Nutt was his coach; Enshrined in the Arkansas High School Basketball and SWBAD Hall of Fame
Coaches			
Year	Last Name	First Name	ACHIEVEMENTS
1953	*Neesam	Frederick	Devoted 41 years coaching at the Wisconsin School for the Deaf winning 1934 & 1937 national titles; Introduced basketball to Gallaudet College in 1903; Started several basketball clubs
1953	*Foltz	Edward	Coached at Mississippi, Oklahoma, Kansas, Arkansas and Louisiana Schools for the Deaf; Won Midwest Conference basketball title twice; Led Arkansas to State Class "B" title in 1949
1954	*Burns	S. Robey	During 1931-32 basketball season, his cagers won four titles including a national title; One of the leaders that formed Central States Cage tourney; Instrumental in sending Americans to International games of the Deaf in 1935, '39, '49, '53, '57; Designed the original AAAD logo
1954	*Lewellyn	T. Carlton	Coached at Virginia School for the Deaf with a record of 282-189; In 1952, his basketball team finished the season with 23-3 mark
1956	*Benson	Harry	Coached Maryland School for the Deaf basketball for 48 years; Won Frederick City titles in 1910, 1918 and 1926; Best record was in 1939 when his Maryland team won twenty straight
1962	*Baynes	Harry L.	Coached Alabama basketball team for 38 years
1965	*Lahn	Nathan	Iowa
1966	*Peterson	Nick	Coached South Dakota Deaf School basketball team for 23 years winning Nebraska State Class D HS Basketball Championship in 1931
1968	*Roberts	Earl	Michigan
1969	*Akin	E. Conley	Tennessee
1971	*Brown	George K.	North Carolina
1972	*Bilger	Charles	Kansas
1973	*McVey	Early R.	Houston
1974	*Lauritsen	Wesley	Minnesota
1976	*Shibley	Luther C.	SWAAD and AAAD leader since 1951; 1961 AAAD Tournament Chairman; Manager of the famed Little Rock Silents basketball team
1977	*Davis	Cecil B.	As a coach, he won 4 Mason Dixon championships (1954, 1957, 1961 and 1973) with smallest enrollment among schools in Mason Dixon; Coached teams in SWAAD seven times and was chosen Coach of the Tournament three times; Won SWAAD titles twice
1978	*Cordano	Waldo	Wisconsin
1978	*McVernon	James	Maryland
1980	*Cohen	Abram	Rhode Island
1981	*Shirley	Oscar	Connecticut
1983	*Sladek	Frank	Led his basketball team that won 1952 conference title; Served as Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer of FAAD during early 1960's
1984	*Smith	Jess M.	Girls basketball coach at Tennessee School for the Deaf for 19 years (1941-1961); His teams were District 8 champions three times and had a 25-3 record against other Deaf schools
1987	*Tuttle	Marvin O.	Excellent coach for the Carolinas in SEAAD and AAAD; Coached Carolinas to its first title in 1972; Selected as Coach of the Tournament

* Deceased