

## PRESS RELEASE

For Immediate Release:

**Tuesday, May 20, 2025, at the IUN Arts & Sciences Building (1<sup>st</sup> floor) at 11:00 a.m.**

***SUBJECT: GARY SPORTS HALL OF FAME (GSHOF) 2025 INDUCTION CLASS***

The Gary Sports Hall of Fame (GSHOF) Executive Board (Sherita S. Smith-Chief Executive Officer, Charles “Chuck” Hughes-President, Al Hamnik-1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Fred B. Mitchell-2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, and John E. Stroia-3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President) in conjunction with the staff of Indiana University Northwest, are pleased to announce the 2025 Induction Class on **Tuesday, May 20, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.** The Gary Sports Hall of Fame was incorporated on Friday, November 14, 2014, for the purpose of identifying and commemorating the athletic achievements of individuals who played for and/or coached Gary High School athletic teams or whose athletic achievements are clearly identified with the City of Gary.

There are a total of six individuals who make up the 2025 Induction Class, and they or their designated representatives will be honored on **Friday, July 25, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.** in the IUN Arts and Sciences Building Auditorium located at 3415 Broadway in Gary, Indiana. The cost to attend the Induction Ceremony is \$25.00 per person. Tickets are available for purchase through Eventbrite or by contacting one of the GSHOF Executive Board Members.

The Class of 2025 Inductees include ***Marce Gonzalez, Sr., Angela Hamblin-Blakely, J. Donald Leek, Jerry Shay, Dave Shelbourne, and Willie Williams.***

Each year, there will be an Induction Ceremony to honor at least six individuals, and the public is asked to complete nomination forms, which can be found on the Gary Sports Hall of Fame website (<https://garysportshalloffame.org>), to select candidates they feel are most deserving of this honor.

If you wish to help in the preservation of the display of Gary Sports History, we welcome your financial contributions. As a 501(c) 3 not-for-profit organization, donations are tax-deductible contributions. Please consider becoming a partner and donating or serving as a regular donor. The Gary Sports Hall of Fame was created as an effort to memorialize and show love and appreciation for our outstanding athletes. Watching them in action gave us, as spectators, many thrills, so please consider supporting our efforts. The process is secure, and donations can be made quickly through the DONATE page on the website via PayPal or by mailing a check or money order to our post office address (Gary Sports Hall of Fame, P.O. Box 641267, Gary, IN 46401).

The Gary Sports Hall of Fame Executive Board is excited to bring our rich sports history to not only the citizens of Gary and Northwest Indiana, but to the world!

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