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## CALVERT JOHNSON '71

Born in Maryland and raised in Denver, Calvert Johnson '71 started music lessons early in life. His father wanted all six of his children to go to college and to take music lessons. Johnson began piano lessons in third grade, violin in fifth, viola and organ in seventh, and oboe in ninth. He graduated from Denver's South High School.

An article about interesting colleges in *Look Magazine* (Kalamazoo College was on the list) caught Johnson's eye, and the opportunity to study abroad clinched it. He was drawn also to Kalamazoo's Bach Festival and the fact that, as a K student, he could continue to take applied music lessons.

During his undergraduate years, Johnson studied abroad in Madrid and worked as a math teacher's aide at the American School in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. For his Senior Individualized Project (SIP), he helped his organ teacher rebuild a pipe organ, then wrote a paper about the experience. "This came in handy during graduate school," he says, "because my work-study and summer jobs were working for an organ builder."

At K, Johnson co-founded the Bachward Society (a student group devoted to historically informed performance practice of Baroque music) and participated in orchestra, the College Singers, and the Bach Festival. He acted in several college plays. His favorite professors included Danford Byrens, Mary Beth Birch, Lawrence Rackley Smith, Marcelle Dale, George Nielsen and T.J. Smith, many of whom mentored him through graduate school and the early years of his career.

Johnson earned masters and doctoral degrees in organ performance from Northwestern University. After graduate school, Johnson served as associate professor of music at Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. From there he moved to Agnes Scott College, in Decatur, Georgia, where he worked from 1986-2014, teaching music, chairing the music department and serving as college organist. Among his accomplishments: he built the music department from three majors to 30 majors and 70 minors; he successfully attracted faculty from under-represented groups; he improved the school's musical instrument holdings; and he organized guest residencies and symposia.

Johnson's research interests include woman composers and early keyboard music of Spain, England, Italy and the Netherlands. He is currently revising and expanding his first book on Spanish organ music to a three-volume series. He has performed internationally, and often focuses on works by under-represented groups, including women, blacks, Asians and Hispanics. Johnson has published 11 books, 19 editions of music by women composers, and 10 professional recordings.

Among his civic activities, Johnson has chaired the board of the ArtReach Foundation in Atlanta, has served as national treasurer of the American Guild of Organists, and is former president of the Southeastern Historical Keyboard Society. As a member of the Anti-Racism Commission of the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta, he organized annual concerts in memory of Martin Luther King, Jr. featuring Episcopal choirs and chamber musicians.

Through the years, Johnson has maintained ties with Kalamazoo College, performing in recitals, at the Bach Festival, and at the Western European Studies Center. He and his spouse of 22 years, Kenneth, will leave K a bequest to establish an endowment for maintenance of K's keyboard instruments. He credits Kalamazoo College and the liberal arts education he received at K for providing openness to alternative ways of knowing, understanding and inclusiveness, particularly of the contributions of under-represented groups. His study in Spain – and the experience of seeking a private organ instructor there – led to a doctoral paper and his first publications.

Currently Johnson is involved in the community life of Big Canoe, Georgia, where he serves in organizations that promote lifelong learning and the welfare of local wildlife. He enjoys working part-time as Organist for First Presbyterian Church of Marietta Georgia, and for the Census Bureau.



## **KATHERINE (KAY) SEAMAN LEWIS '65 AND E. TURNER LEWIS '63**

Katherine (Kay) Seaman Lewis '65 was born in Washington, D.C., and raised in Michigan. She attended Sexton (Lansing) and East Lansing High Schools. E. Turner Lewis '63 had also come to Michigan from the East Coast. Born in Boston, Turner lived in Massachusetts, New York and Connecticut before his family moved to St. Joseph, Michigan, during his junior year in high school. He graduated from St. Joseph High School. When it came time to choose a college, both Kay and Turner liked the size of Kalamazoo College; Turner was interested in the medical field, and Kay liked the idea of foreign study. Kay majored in Spanish and studied abroad in Madrid. Turner was a biology major.

Shortly after she arrived on campus, Kay was having dinner with Sally (Haney) Puterbaugh '65 “ when a tall, geeky guy with a confusing name sat down across from us and made conversation.” Turner recalls, “I met Kay Seaman on Sept. 23, 1961, at 6:30 p.m.” That was the beginning. The two were married in 1965.

Kay was active in the Eurodelphian Gamma society, in singing contests and in ski club. Turner was a member of Sigma Rho Sigma, and the College Singers. He worked with Dr. Lewis Batts at the Kalamazoo Nature Center, and he played intramural sports. After they left K, Turner studied veterinary medicine at Michigan State University, and Kay earned a master's degree in Spanish from Northwestern. She taught Spanish at Michigan State while her husband finished the last two years of vet school. The couple then moved to Massachusetts, where Kay taught at Boston University for a year, and then did private tutoring.

Turner worked as an associate veterinarian in Stoneham, Massachusetts, before purchasing his clinic in Chelsea, Massachusetts, in 1971. He practiced there until 2006, and Kay worked with him for 20 years.

Turner was a volunteer trail vet for 37 sled dog races from 1993 to 2016; as well as serving at 20 Iditarods, he also worked races in the Yukon Territory, Maine, New Hampshire, Minnesota, Michigan, Montana, Oregon and Alaska. Through those years, he was active in the ISDVMA (International Sled Dog Veterinary Medical Association). He currently serves as the organization's treasurer.

Both Lewises have a long history of civic involvement. Kay was on the county mental health board, the League of Women Voters, and a committee for the oldest house in Wakefield (Massachusetts). Turner has been in the Rotary Club for nearly 50 years and served on the local Chamber of Commerce, and the boards of directors of several banks. He currently serves on the Halifax, Vermont, planning and zoning board.

Both Kay and Turner are long-time members of Kalamazoo College's 1833 Society, and both have served as class agents. Together they have established a \$250,000 endowment for faculty development. During the '80s and '90s they headed up the Boston Area Alumni Association for K alums. Turner served for 18 years as a trustee, first as alumni trustee and then as College trustee.

Since their retirement the couple has lived in Vermont. Kay says they enjoy doing “Vermonty” things, such as cutting, splitting and stacking wood, gardening, going to town meetings and farmers' markets, and enduring the mud season on a dirt road. They also enjoy travel and attending bluegrass festivals.

Kay and Turner Lewis have two children and five grandchildren. Turner summarizes the essential aspects of his life: “Number one – family; number two – veterinary medicine; number three – Kalamazoo College.”



### SAMANTHA WEAVER '08

Samantha Weaver '08 was drawn to Kalamazoo College because of its academic rigor, its small class size and its strong sense of community. Above all, she came because of K's study abroad program and the social justice orientation.

A political science major with a concentration in environmental studies, Weaver was interested in the role institutions (such as colleges and universities) play in climate change mitigation and environmental sustainability. She did a summer internship researching campus sustainability best practices at the Sustainable Endowments Institute, (Cambridge, Massachusetts).

Study abroad took her to the International Sustainable Development Studies Institute in Thailand. She studied bleached coral reefs, and climate change policy became her passion.

Back on campus, Weaver received a grant from the National Wildlife Federation to conduct a carbon emissions inventory and raise awareness of environmental issues on campus, work which turned into her Senior Individualized Project (SIP), "The 'Green' K-Plan: Toward a Carbon Neutral Campus." Her SIP led to an invitation to serve on a committee established by President Eileen B. Wilson-Oyelaran to help meet campus climate goals under the American College & University Presidents Climate Commitment. Weaver's extracurricular activities at K included mentorship in the AMIGOS program as well as participation and leadership in Kalamazoo College Democrats, the Sustainability Guild, and the Campus Energy Group. She also worked as a teaching assistant for Professor of Sociology Kim Cummings.

By the time she graduated from K, Weaver says her career objective was to become a "renewable energy policy wonk" – focusing on solutions to climate change. She moved to Boston to work for a wind energy consulting firm, but there she discovered that "poorly designed public policies often get in the way of technological growth." So she enrolled in graduate school at Tufts University, where she earned her master's degree in urban and environmental policy and planning. Weaver then went to work at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory in California. She conducted research and data analysis on renewable energy costs, technology and policy trends, authoring more than 10 publications.

Two years ago, she joined Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) in San Francisco. She is a renewable energy strategy analyst, helping California and PG&E meet the goal of generating 50 percent of electricity from renewables by 2030.

Her hobbies include "taking in everything the Bay Area has to offer," such as hiking, backpacking and learning to surf. All these activities, she says, come "when I'm not working to make California the greenest state in the country."

Weaver credits the College's networking opportunities with introducing her to Christa Clapp '97, who was working at the Environmental Protection Agency and returned to K to give a presentation in a professional development seminar sponsored by the Center for Career and Professional Development. Clapp, Weaver says, was the inspiration for her desire to become a policy wonk.



### PAUL SOTHERLAND

Born and raised in Waukesha, Wisconsin, Paul Sotherland graduated from high school there, and then majored in biology at Carroll College in the same city. From there, Sotherland migrated west to Colorado State University, where he earned an M.S. and a Ph.D. in zoology. A post-doctoral fellowship brought him to the department of physiology at the State University of New York at Buffalo.

Paul began his Kalamazoo College career as an assistant professor in the department of biology and was soon promoted to associate professor and professor. He has also served the College in the roles of associate provost, coordinator of educational effectiveness, and chair of the biology department

and of the natural sciences and mathematics division. Sotherland's many awards include the Lux Esto Award of Excellence; the Frances Diebold Award; the "Just for Grins" Alumni Symposium; the Outstanding First-Year Student Advocate award; and the Florence J. Lucasse Lectureship for Excellence in Teaching.

Sotherland's biological research, is in the area of the ecological physiology of vertebrate eggs and the developmental physiology of egg embryos. He is a student of the factors that affect student learning, and how to assess the effectiveness of various pedagogical strategies. "I am intrigued," he says, "by attempts to apply an empirical approach, as in 'weigh pig, feed pig, weigh pig,' to ascertain effects of a college education." Sotherland's research in these areas has been funded by the Teagle Foundation and by the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE).

Sotherland was founding director of the Lillian Anderson Arboretum, an endeavor which, as Sotherland says, entailed investing long hours of sweat equity in that "fixer upper" in collaboration with students, colleagues and family members. On his list of favorite memories was the occasion when Lillian Anderson agreed to make Kalamazoo College the sole owner of the land that would become the Arboretum. He also fondly remembers the afternoon when the Lillian Anderson Arboretum was officially dedicated.

Among the first of his K memories was standing with his wife, Pam, on the Balch Playhouse plaza, looking over the tennis courts and downtown Kalamazoo during their first interview visit in 1985 and saying to each other: "This is the place."

Sotherland and Pam Holliday were married in 1982 and have two sons, Peter and Nathan. Paul enjoys retirement by bicycling (he's a member of the Kalamazoo Bicycle Club), reading, and doing chores around the family home and yard.

Being a professor at K, Sotherland said, allowed him to fulfill the dream from his own undergraduate days, "of being like the professors I had at Carroll. It has been a long, strange trip and it has been a good one."



### CRAIG FLEMING '11

It was the members of Kalamazoo College's swim team and the welcome they gave him on his recruiting trip to K that convinced Craig Fleming that he'd found his college home. K's excellent academic record and the study abroad program also played a role in that decision, says Fleming.

At K, Fleming majored in economics and business, and he studied abroad in Madrid. He interned with a personal training start-up company in Chicago, InerTRAIN, an opportunity made possible by Jeff Marinucci '00.

Fleming's swimming honors are many:

- Team finished fourth at nationals in 2010.
- The team won the conference championship in 2011.
- Fleming was the national champion in the 100 free.
- He was a four-time all conference selection.
- He was the MIAA most valuable swimmer in 2011 and an NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship winner.
- He earned Academic All-American honors and holds Hornet records in the 50 free, 100 free, 200 free, 400 medley relay, 400 free relay, 200 free relay and 800 free relay.

As it had on his recruiting visit, the comradery of the swim team continued to influence Fleming throughout his years at K. His favorite memories include being with his teammates: "Whether spending too long eating in the cafeteria or procrastinating in the library or playing a game of disc golf through campus."

Fleming began his professional career with Epic, a healthcare software company in Wisconsin. After a year, the lure of the water beckoned and he became assistant swim coach at Wabash College, (Crawfordsville, Indiana), working with former K assistant coach Steve Barnes. A year later he moved on to Sagacious Consultants, now part of Accenture, a global professional services company, where he is now a senior consultant in healthcare information technology.

Fleming maintains close contacts with friends he made at K, and he credits the College with making him more aware of and curious about the world around him. "There were so many brilliant and different people at Kalamazoo that it forced me to explore the world with a different lens."

He continues to swim, working it into his work travel schedule. He has also competed in a decathlon event to raise money for pediatric cancer research. He enjoys traveling internationally and domestically and says he can often find fellow K graduates in places he visits. "They are always the most gracious of hosts," he adds.



### STEVEN NASSON '98

Steven Nasson '98 was a star basketball and tennis player at St. John's Prep in Danvers, Massachusetts. He played number-one singles on the tennis team which won the Division I boys' state championship during his senior year. He chose Kalamazoo College, because of its strong science curriculum, small class sizes, foreign study program and tennis pedigree.

At K, Nasson majored in economics and business, and earned a concentration in health sciences. Study abroad took him to Madrid, and an internship at the Kalamazoo Center for Medical Studies helped him decide "if medical school would be of interest to me." His career path ultimately led him in a different direction.

Nasson's tennis accolades during his college days included:

- All-MIAA first team All-Conference (1996, 1997, 1998)
- All-MIAA most valuable player (1998)
- National rankings in doubles (number 17, with Ryan Shockley in 1998) and singles (number 2, 1998)
- Rolex singles champion, central division (1995)
- NCAA individual singles runner-up (1998).

During summers, he taught at George Acker's tennis camps and became certified to umpire at the USTA Boys' 18 and 16 National Tournament. Classwork and tennis kept Nasson busy at K, but he did find time for Frisbee golf and working the concession stands.

After graduating from K, Nasson was hired as the youngest employee of Allergan Inc., a pharmaceutical and medical device company. He later held several sales leadership positions at NeuroMetrix, a healthcare company in Boston. Nasson served as the vice president of sales, North America, with CenterVue, an ophthalmic company based in Venice, Italy. Currently he is the CEO and founder of Drive Health, a national consulting company focused on helping ophthalmology practices grow and develop.

Nasson says that K taught him to manage a balance between sports and academics, and provided him the opportunity to travel through Europe and live in a foreign country. "My love for travel and my competitive spirit and desire to be the best has impacted my career in a positive way," he says.

In 2015, Nasson married Jessica Stacy. When this program went to press the couple was expecting their first child—a baby boy – the end of September. Nasson enjoys basketball, skiing, travel and (of course) tennis. A hiatus from all that will be just fine; he expects his baby boy will be taking up most of his spare time.



### KATIE STEFL '09

By the time Katie Stefl '09 graduated from Harrison High School in Farmington Hills, Michigan, she'd been swimming competitively for a dozen years on the local, state and national levels.

Kalamazoo College's academic reputation drew Stefl to the school, and so did its study abroad program. "Nowhere else was it so easy, and so expected, that you would study abroad," she remembers. And naturally the opportunity to continue her swimming career – and the warm welcome she got from the team during her recruitment – were big pluses.

Stefl majored in political science and religion. For her Senior Individualized Project (SIP) she explored how Zakat and Islam more generally are used to legitimize the government in Pakistan. Study abroad took her to Bonn, Germany, where she got a first-hand look at the swim culture of another country.

At K, Stefl's accomplished a great deal in the pool.

- She set four individual team records (200 free, 500 free, 400 IM and 200 fly) and was on the 400 medley and 800 free record-setting relays.
- She broke two MIAA records (400 IM and 200 fly), and she won those events three consecutive years.
- She qualified for the NCAA championships three years and received All-American honorable mention (2008, 2009) and All-American (2007) in the 400 IM.
- She was named All MIAA, All MIAA Academic, and Academic All-American, and she received the outstanding senior women's athlete award in her senior year.

Stefl was involved in the Autism Awareness group at K and served as secretary of the Athletic Leadership Council. She has fond memories of K traditions and says she still can't understand why the Day of Gracious Living isn't a national holiday.

After K, Stefl earned her M.Ed. in sport management at Springfield College. She became assistant swim coach at Union College in Schenectady, New York, guiding the team's women's relay.

Stefl then moved to Division I, becoming assistant swim coach and recruiting coordinator at Youngtown (Ohio) State University. During her tenure, YSU teams broke 13 program records.

In July 2015, Stefl moved to George Washington University in Washington, D.C., where she is currently the women's swimming coordinator and distance group coach. Last season, GWU teams broke 14 school records and had the program's first NCAA All-American.

K instilled in Stefl "a love of learning and travel and a respect for new and different people and experiences." And, she adds, K's biggest impact was related to her sport. "Swimming in college showed me that coaching as a profession was possible, and a great honor and privilege. Kathy [Milliken] showed me that coaching as a woman and being happy and healthy and having a family was also possible."

Stefl is engaged to Dr. Kevin Marsh; the two live in Vienna, Virginia. Marsh, says Stefl, "only occasionally breaks out a Kindle at swim meets." In her spare time, Stefl is rehabbing a back injury so she can return to running marathons and half marathons, and is preparing for her August 2017 wedding.

## 1982 MEN'S TENNIS TEAM

The 1982 men's tennis team completed the season with a 16-10 dual match record, the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) championship (6-0), and a second-place finish in the NCAA Division III championships.

The Hornets played against 14 Division I teams (and one Division II team) that included the University of Michigan, Auburn, Florida, Rollins, South Florida, Georgia, Indiana State, Ohio University, Miami of Ohio, Michigan State, Northwestern, Notre Dame, University of Toledo, Kent State, and Western Michigan University. The Hornets prevailed in five of those matches!

Honors abounded! Team captains were Chris Burns '82, David Higdon '83, and Mark Riley '82. Riley also was chosen the most valuable Hornet. All-Conference selections included Burns, Riley, Ven Johnson '83 and Paul Showers '83. Riley was the most valuable player of the MIAA.

Kalamazoo College hosted important tournaments in 1982. The Hornets finished first in the GLCA (West) Tournament and first in the MIAA tournament. The later feat was feted with the following headline and lead:

*"Kalamazoo College Men's Tennis Team Sets National Sports Record*

*The Kalamazoo College men's tennis team has won outright or shared every Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) tennis title since 1936. This string of 44 straight championships (championship competitions were not held for three years during World War II) represents an accomplishment unmatched by any college in any sport in the nation."*

Except Hornet Tennis, which notched its 78th consecutive MIAA championship this year.

A proud member of the team, Chris Yates '83, has very distinct memories from the 1982 season: "The year of the All-Americans," he says. "Five Hornets received that designation, with both doubles teams (Mark Riley and Ven Johnson; Chris Burns and Adam Bottorff) making All-American and Chris Burns, Ven Johnson, and Paul Showers making All-American in singles. We beat Michigan State and Notre Dame. Then, at the NCAA Division III championship held at K, we did everything except win the national title. If a few points had gone the other way, we would have won the team championship."



Despite coming short in the match with Gustavus-Adolphus in the national championship, the Hornets provided great excitement for the K fans in Stowe Stadium. Other noteworthy moments included Burns receiving the prestigious Arthur Ashe Award and Coach George Acker's recognition as the NCAA Division III Coach of the Year.

Life lessons were learned during the 1982 season, according to Ven Johnson. He and doubles partner Mark Riley lost close matches to three top teams. Top teams or not, Riley was quick to point out that "We are 0-3. We are one of the worst doubles teams in the country until we start winning matches!" From that date forward losing never had had a silver lining; a concept that motivates him personally and professionally every day. (Less than one week after their University of Florida loss, Riley and Johnson beat the University of Georgia's number-one doubles team, one of the the top two teams in Division I who later that year made the finals of the Division I national championships.)

Congratulations to the 1982 Men's Tennis Team!

Varsity Team Members are: Adam Bottorff, Chris Burns, Fred Fischer, Phil Harrington, David Higdon, Joe Hosner, Randy Jacobs, Kevin Johnson, Ven Johnson, Mark Riley, Paul Showers, Eric Trautmann, Chris Yates, Manager Heather Cowap, and Head Coach George Acker.

Junior Varsity Team Members are: Paul Dylewski, Evan Frost, Eric Hsi, Rick James, Jeff Lentz, Dan Ryan, and Frank Urbancic

# 1982

## 1983 MEN'S TENNIS TEAM

The 1983 team completed that season with a 15-10 dual match record, the MIAA conference championship, and a third place finish in the NCAA Division III championships in Albany, New York.

Eight letter winners returned, including senior tri-captains David Higdon, Ven Johnson, and Chris Yates. The team never lacked for strong leadership. Yates recalls, "I vividly remember that Dave had all of us watch the movie "Chariots of Fire" before the Southern trip to get us ready to go." And it was a good thing, because the 1983 schedule was very tough. It included three Big Ten teams, three Southeastern Conference teams, four Mid-American teams, and two strong independent schools (the University of Florida and Notre Dame.) For Coach George Acker, that caliber of competition made for an exciting season.

And exciting it was! Significant matches included 5-4 road victories over Michigan State and arch rival Western Michigan. The Hornets also swept doubles at Georgia for the first time in Hornet history. The Hornets won 7 of 9 flights at the GLCA championship to earn a place in the eight-team NCAA team championship in Albany. There the Hornets beat SUNY Rochester 8-1. In the semifinal round (which included three schools from California and K) the Hornets dropped a six-hour heartbreaker, 5-4, but bounced back to beat University of California-San Diego, also 5-4, for third place.

Coach Acker always shared his thoughts openly and honestly with the team. Yates recalled one occasion that involved his teammate and fellow captain Ven Johnson. "Ven was pleased that he almost beat Michigan's number-one player in Ann Arbor; Coach Acker said: 'Johnson, I have 20 guys on the team who can lose for me. I need somebody who can win for me.'" Said Higdon, "I once appealed to Coach to allow me to play higher on the team, pointing out my progress as a player. 'Higdon,' he told me, 'Don't tell me how good you are. I'll tell you how good you are.' It was a lesson in humility that I've tried to apply to my entire life."

Coach Acker was masterful at rallying his players. "I was devastated after Adam and I lost the deciding doubles



match in the national semis in three long sets," said Yates. "Coach talked to me that night and reminded me that third place is a big trophy. 'You're going to get that for us,' he said. And sure enough, the next day, Adam and I again were the last ones on the court with the meet tied 4-4. We won that day, and Coach almost broke my hand with a high-five, and then said: 'Let's go eat! No limit!' That never happened before."

Higdon echoes Yates recollection of Coach Acker's powerful high-five. "He had massive hands," said Higdon. "Shaking his hand was an awe-inspiring experience. But Coach never did quite get the hang of a high-five. He basically wouldn't move his hand. It would be like high-fiving a brick wall. Get too excited after a big match, and you had to remember that, or you'd be in pain for three days."

Team members' mutual admiration and respect was evident back in 1983 and continues today. Congratulations, 1983 Men's Tennis Hornets, you brought great honor to Kalamazoo College.

Varsity team members include: Adam Botorff, Timon Corwin, Fred Fischer, Butch Gebhardt, Phil Harrington, David Higdon, Joe Hosner, Ven Johnson, Dan Ryan, Chris Stokes, Eric Trautmann, Chris Yates, and Head Coach George Acker

Junior varsity team members include: Scott Ackerman, Gary Dylewski, Eric Hsi, Scott Payne, and David Siegel

# 1983

## 1996 MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM

*The 1995-96 Season in Review* says it best: "The 'dancing shoes' finally hit! After several years of being overlooked, head coach Joe Haklin and the K men's basketball team finally had something to smile about in 1995-96 – an at-large bid into the field for the NCAA tournament." Clearly, the NCAA Division III Tournament bid was the highlight of the 1995-96 men's basketball season in which the Hornets finished second in the MIAA.

Though the season was magical in many ways, it did have a few low points but the Hornets managed to rebound from a 7-8 record midway through the season. The team's long-standing goal of making the NCAA tournament was accomplished. The team won 10 of its final 13 games to finish the season with an overall record of 17-11 (8-4 in the MIAA). The second place MIAA finish in 1996 was the third time in the course of four seasons that Kalamazoo College finished second in the league.

The Hornets success was centered upon three seniors: Matt Bishop, Jeremy Cole, and Steve St. John. Coach Haklin noted that "the seniors have left behind a legacy for other players to follow." Significant contributions from underclassmen added to the depth of the Hornets' arsenal. Hornet basketball took a positive step forward in the 1995-96 season with this group of men.

Kalamazoo College team honors went to Jeremy Cole '96 (captain and most valuable player) and Doug Gordon '97 (most improved player). Cole and Brian Blattert '97 earned All-MIAA First Team honors, Brian Ellison '98 earned All-MIAA Second Team honors, and Steve St. John '96 was an honorable mention selection. Cole was also named as co-most valuable player of the MIAA and was selected to the GTE Academic All-America Second Team.

When Coach Haklin learned about the team's selection to the Hornet Hall of Fame, he wrote:



*"This team calls itself, 'The Phoenix', as it rose from the ashes of a possible lost season to play in the school's only NCAA Division III basketball tournament. At one point, our record was 7-8, and things looked very bleak. However, to a man, our team refused to give up and we got on a remarkable run which took us to an at-large bid in the NCAA tournament. It was a great life lesson to everyone involved how perseverance and togetherness can result in high achievement. Way to go guys, we're still proud of you!"*

Congratulations to the 1995-95 Hornets men's basketball team! It is indeed a great day to be a Hornet!

Team Members are: Matt Bishop, Brian Blattert, Jeremy Cole, Brandon Crose, Mike Demo, Dave Dobbie, Brian Ellison, Doug Gordon, Joe Grant, Steve Jett, John Kirk, Brian Lindauer, Brad Phillips, Steve St. John, Steve Strecker, Head Coach Joe Haklin, Assistant coach Mike Bareis, Assistant Coach Rob Passage, and Assistant Coach Jim Tuls

# 1996

**ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME MEMBERS**

George Acker  
 Rene "Kip" Adrian '97  
 Tom Anagnost '95  
 Rolla Anderson  
 Karla Lutz Atkinson '66  
 Jacqueline Aurelia '94  
 Chester S. Barnard  
 Laura L. Behling '89  
 Dennis Bishop '75  
 Robert T. Black '26  
 Victor K. Braden Jr. '51  
 Andrew Bradford '90  
 Ronald W. Bramble  
 Henry "Hank" Brown '36  
 John Brummet '71  
 James R. Burda '87  
 Christopher G. Burns '82  
 Christopher P. Bussert '78  
 Derek S. Bylsma '91  
 Karen Carney '93  
 Miles W. Casteel '22  
 Jeremy P. Cole '96  
 Timon Corwin '86  
 David Curren '78  
 David Dame '79  
 Albert L. Deal '37  
 Rosemary Luther DeHoog '60  
 Seth Denawetz '94  
 Phillip Dillman '53  
 Les Dodson '58  
 Susie (Anderson) Dubek '98  
 Nicholas Duda '02  
 Paul Ellis '90  
 Megan Faurot '00  
 Margaret Howrey Ferris '90  
 Donald Flesche  
 Hardy Fuchs '68  
 Manny Glaser '54  
 Sandi Poniatowski Gerwin '00  
 Jeff Gorton '00  
 Rebecca (Rifenberg) Green '92  
 Tiffany G. Greenman '92  
 Charles C. Hall '01  
 E. James Harkema '64  
 Milton "Bud" Hinga '23  
 Jack M. Hosner '88  
 James A. Hosner '78  
 Joseph L. Howard '38  
 Richard P. Howrey '87  
 Allison M. Iott '09  
 William H. Japinga '60  
 Richard Johnson '66  
 Ven R. Johnson '83

Merry Lu Jordan '82  
 Dennis P. Kane Jr. '75  
 Robert L. Kent  
 Erin Killian '99  
 Mary (Siwajek) Klahorst '92  
 Donald J. Knoechel '80  
 Kory R. Kramer '99  
 Roger Kramer '61  
 Sara Musser Kreckman '96  
 Michelle (Shelly) Krisfalusi '92  
 Andrew D. Kurtz '05  
 Richard D. Lacy '74  
 John P. Lambooy '37  
 John Latham '99  
 Ed Lauerma '64  
 Richard A. Lemmer '41  
 Mary Rosso Lewis '43  
 A. Letitia Loveless  
 Bertram "Scotty" MacGregor '19  
 Cara Marker '96  
 Lydia Raburn Mathas '02  
 Lyn Maurer  
 Gregory W. McDonald '97  
 Joel J. Menges '80  
 Brian J.S. Miller '96  
 Lewis Miller '93  
 Amy S. Burgardt Morinelli '00  
 Gary Alan Morrison '57  
 Sean Mullendore '93  
 William J. Oberholtzer '83  
 Lynn Achterberg Offerdahl '83  
 Alex G. Palladino '87  
 Kim E. Paterson '90  
 Claire Wight Payne '16  
 John C. Persons '64  
 Lawrence A. Pfaff '73  
 Harley R. Pierce '51  
 Mary Westerville Prange '67  
 William Harryman "Harry" Rapley '38  
 Julie E. Redner '81  
 Dirk S. H. Rhinehart '03  
 Brett Robbins '98  
 J. Gordon Rodwan '62  
 David J. Rowley '74  
 Jennifer Russell '94  
 John A. Schelske '82  
 Kathleen Dombos Schlukibir '72  
 Marion "Buck" Shane '40  
 Linda (Topolsy) Simpson '86  
 Daniel J. Slattery '79  
 Marjorie Snyder '75  
 Donald D. Spalsbury '39  
 Charles T. Stanski '50

James Stefof '53  
 Allen B. Stowe '20  
 Jack W. Sunderland '50  
 William S. Taylor '18  
 Marc S. Tirikian '88  
 Emily Trahan '03  
 Robert Urschaltz '59  
 MaryJane E. Valade '01  
 Kevin E. VandenBerg '89  
 James VanSweden '73  
 Mitchell J. Veldkamp '91  
 Clint J. Wagner '96  
 Jeffrey W. Walker '93  
 Frank "Bucky" Walters '50  
 Robert S. Warren '39  
 Joseph B. Westnedge 1899  
 Jeffrey A. Wilson '91  
 G. Daniel Wood '40  
 Don Young '80  
 Ralph H. Young  
 Mei Zhang '92  
 Steven R. Zuhl '76

**TEAMS**

1938 Men's Basketball  
 1939 Men's Basketball  
 1940 Men's Tennis  
 1949 Men's Tennis  
 1956 Men's Tennis  
 1962 Men's Basketball  
 1962 Football  
 1963 Football  
 1966 Men's Tennis  
 1969 Women's Tennis  
 1976 Men's Tennis  
 1978 Men's Tennis  
 1980 Men's Swimming and Diving  
 1986 Men's Tennis  
 1986 Women's Tennis  
 1987 Men's Tennis  
 1988 Men's Soccer  
 1990 Women's Soccer  
 1991 Women's Soccer  
 1991 Men's Tennis Team  
 1991 Volleyball  
 1992 Men's Tennis Team  
 1993 Men's Swimming and Diving  
 1993 Men's Tennis Team  
 1996 Men's Swimming and Diving  
 2002 Men's Swimming and Diving

## PAST RECIPIENTS OF THE DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Glenn S. Allen, Jr. '36 (1986)  
jurist, public official

Harold B. Allen '24 (1980)  
linguist, educator, author

Renee Askins '81 (1999)  
wildlife biologist, environmental activist

George C. Baldwin '39 (1987)  
physicist, educator

H. Lewis Batts, Jr. '43 (1978)  
naturalist, environmentalist, educator

Larry J. Bell '80 (2010)  
business executive

Bruce Benton '64 (1988)  
economist

Louis F. Brakeman '54 (1992)  
political scientist, educator

Roger E. Brinner '69 (1987)  
economist

Garry Brown '51 (1994)  
congressman, attorney

Harold W. Brown '24 (1982)  
physician, educator, author

Susana M. Cabeza de Vaca '67 (2011)  
educator

Arnold H. Campbell '72 (2012)  
foreign service officer

David G. Campbell '71 (1995)  
biologist, educator, author

Martha L. Campbell '72 (2012)  
foreign service officer

Italo Carl Candoli '50 (1986)  
educator, school system administrator

Frances Clark '28 (1987)  
music educator

Scott C. Cleland '82 (2000)  
political scientist, business executive

Alma Smith Crawford '27 (1983)  
civic leader, volunteer

Harold Decker '67 (2008)  
lawyer

Mildred Doster '30 (1976)  
physician, school health administrator

Paul B. Eads '73 (1997)  
production designer, art director

Eva M. Eicher '61 (1992)  
biologist, educator

Kenneth G. Elzinga '63 (1983)  
economist, educator, author

Elsie Herbold Froeschner '35 (1988)  
biological illustrator

Harry T. Garland '68 (1983)  
computer scientist, businessman

Walter A. Good '37 (1977)  
scientist, inventor

William E. Good '37 (1977)  
scientist, inventor

Richard D. Haas '65 (1993)  
economist

Donald L. Hafner '66 (1987)  
political scientist

E. James Harkema '64 (2015)  
educator, coach

John N. Howell '61 (1991)  
educator

Richard C. Hudson '69 (1991)  
television producer

Holly A. Hughes '77 (1995)  
playwright, performance artist,  
author

Cynthia Earl Kerman '44 (1979)  
educator, author

Lisa Kron '83 (2003)  
actress, director, playwright

Vincent G. Liff '73 (1995)  
casting director

Jacqueline Buck Mallinson '48 (1989)  
science educator, author

G. Mark McDonald '73 (1996)  
journalist

Ralph W. McKee '34 (1981)  
scientist, educator

Genna Rae McNeil '69 (1986)  
historian, author, educator

Julie Mehretu '92 (2007)  
artist

David Mesenbring '73 (2003)  
activist, clergyman

Helen Pratt Mickens '76 (2006)  
lawyer, professor

John D. Montgomery '41 (1988)  
political scientist, educator

Daniel Nepstad '73 (2013)  
ecologist

Gilbert F. Otto '26 (1989)  
zoologist, educator

Guy L. Perry '27 (1988)  
business executive

Harley R. Pierce '51 (1993)  
coach, educator

Fred O. Pinkham '42 (1989)  
educator, management consultant

Jack P. Ragotzy '48 (1993)  
director, actor, writer

William R. Rogers '54 (1985)  
educator, author

Gerald E. Rosen '73 (2014)  
judge, public official

Daniel M. Ryan '42 (1975)  
journalist, newspaper publisher

Myra C. Selby '77 (1998)  
associate justice

Ronald Sharp '67 (2002)  
educator

P. Ronald Spann '66 (1999)  
clergyman, housing activist

Laurence E. Strong '36 (1984)  
scientist, educator

Gene Tidrick '64 (2004)  
teacher, researcher, practitioner

Peter Tippet '75 (2005)  
computer scientist, businessman

Frank S. Tomkins '37 (1990)  
research scientist

Margaret E. Waid '40 (1987)  
pathologist

John W. Warner '66 (1990)  
scientist, businessman

Craig S. Wells '75 (1989)  
photographer

Kathleen M. West '77 (2001)  
Director Drug Endangered Children  
Resource Center

Owen W. Williams '48 (1986)  
geodesist

David H. Wilson '69 (2009)  
filmmaker

Marcia J. Wood '55 (1986)  
sculptor, artist, educator

## PAST RECIPIENTS OF THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Harold B. Allen '21 (1983)  
 Hugh V. Anderson '43 (1976)  
 Larry B. Barrett '64 (1988)  
 Elinore Hoven Basnett '43 (1982)  
 Marie S. Burbidge (1989)  
 Stanley J. Chalmers '51 (1984)  
 Wen Chao Chen (1990)  
 Ruth Scott Chenery '24 (1978)  
 Joyce Kirk Coleman '66 (1996)  
 Gene R. Conrad (1987)  
 Maynard M. Conrad '36 (1979)  
 Helen I. Coover '33 (1985)  
 Joan Story Copeland '56 (1995)  
 Robert L. Copeland '55 (1995)  
 Amelia Courter '83 (2008)  
 Cara Marker Daily '96 (2015)  
 Albert Deal '37 (1999)  
 Karen DeVos '59 (2004)  
 Eleanor Hootman Dewey '45 (1987)  
 Robert D. Dewey '47 (1987)  
 Mary Joslin Discher '50 (1991)  
 Gordon L. Dolbee '50 (1991)  
 David L. Easterbrook '69 (2012)  
 F. Conrad Fischer (2011)  
 Donald C. Flesche (1991)  
 Samuel Folz '47 (1987)  
 Marlene Crandell Francis '58 (1976)  
 Richard K. Francois '69 (2003)  
 Susan (Kilborn) Francois '68 (2003)  
 Charles E. Garrett, Jr. '42 (1988)  
 Alfred J. Gemrich '60 (1980)  
 Edwin G. Gemrich '26 (1980)  
 Amy Mantel Hale '66 (2006)  
 Richard L. Halpert '69 (2013)  
 Caroline Richardson Ham '48 (1988)  
 I. Frank Harlow '39 (1982)  
 Lois Stutzman Harvey '29 (1977)  
 Marilyn Hinkle '44 (1979)  
 John Honell '66 (2002)  
 Marian Monteith Hudson '18 (1975)

Joanne Lent Hyames '60 (1983)  
 Jane Schaafsman Iannelli '58 (1981)  
 James H. Ingersoll (1993)  
 Vernon R. "Ven" Johnson '83 (2009)  
 David Kessler '70 (2005)  
 Thomas W. Lambert '63 (1985)  
 William J. Lawrence, Jr. '41 (1988)  
 Delbert D. Long '34 (1987)  
 John W. Lundeen '69 (2007)  
 David R. Markin (1997)  
 Elizabeth Upjohn Mason (1979)  
 Ralph W. McKee '34 (1985)  
 Gary L. Miller '61 (1992)  
 James W. Morrell '53 (1990)  
 Jon R. Muth '67 (1991)  
 Louise Barrows Northam '36 (1994)  
 Preston S. Parish (1998)  
 James H. Pinkham '48 (1984)  
 John G. Polzin '47 (2014)  
 Burke E. Porter (1993)  
 Jane Meyer Rapley '37 (1983)  
 W. Harry Rapley '38 (1983)  
 Marshall H. Rutz '34 (1982)  
 Marion Johnston Schmiede '45 (1984)  
 Luel P. Simmons, Jr. '42 (1977)  
 Marian Wilson Simmons '42 (1977)  
 Stuart H. Simpson (1985)  
 B. Thomas Smith, Jr. '55 (2001)  
 Mary Lou Schofield Smith '55 (2001)  
 Charles E. Starbuck '48 (1982)  
 Marian Hall Starbuck '45 (1982)  
 Virginia Johnson Stone '47 (1978)  
 Jon L. Stryker '82 (2010)  
 Betty Heystek Thompson '44 (1985)  
 Edward P. Thompson '43 (1985)  
 Royena Hornbeck Tice '26 (1993)  
 Paul H. Todd, Jr. '42 (1992)  
 Charles J. Venema '33 (1980)  
 Richard A. Walker '41 (1981)  
 Marilyn Barton Wilhelm '39 (1975)  
 J. Rodney Wilson '60 (1989)  
 Mary K. Woolever '70 (2000)  
 Nancy Southard Young '67 (1975)

## PAST RECIPIENTS OF THE WEIMER K. HICKS AWARD

George Acker (1999)  
 Rolla L. Anderson (1997)  
 Marigene Arnold (2008)  
 Laurence N. Barrett (1997)  
 Thomas C. Breznau (2014)  
 Wen Chao Chen (1994)  
 Ruth L. Collins (1996)  
 C. Kim Cummings (2010)  
 Billie Fischer (2009)  
 Donald C. Flesche (2001)  
 Joe Fugate (1998)  
 Conrad Hilberry (2005)  
 Marilyn Hinkle '44 (1995)  
 Marilyn J. LaPlante (2004)  
 Letitia "Tish" Loveless (2002)  
 Paul Manstrom (2015)  
 John R. McFarland (1994)  
 George M. Nielsen (1995)  
 Paul Olexia (2007)  
 Sally Olexia (2007)  
 Bernard S. Palchick (2006)  
 Romeo E. Phillips (2003)  
 Eleanor Humphrey Pinkham '48 (1993)  
 Thomas M. Ponto (2011)  
 Marcia Price (2000)  
 Joellen L. Silberman (2013)  
 T. Jefferson Smith (1993)  
 Richard T. Stavig (1993)  
 Kathryn N. Stratton (1993)  
 Babette Trader (2003)  
 John Wickstrom (2012)  
 Ruth Ziegelmaier (1994)

## PAST RECIPIENTS OF THE YOUNG ALUMNI AWARD

Chris Dragisic '99 (2014)  
 Elizabeth Garlow '07 (2015)  
 Jeff Marinucci '00 (2013)

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