

## NEWS RELEASE

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Mariemont City Schools

### **Mariemont High School Celebrates Athletic Stars at Hall of Fame Induction**



The Mariemont High School Athletic Department inducted four individuals into the Doc Kusel Hall of Fame in pregame ceremonies before the varsity football game with Batavia on September 3. The Inductees were:

Virginia Straley Duvall, Class of 1958

Virginia was an outstanding athlete for the Warriors, earning two varsity letters in basketball, 4 varsity letters in Tennis, and 4 varsity letters in Field Hockey. She was undefeated in tennis during her senior year and was the SW Ohio Regional Champ. Virginia was a four-year member of the US Junior Wightman Cup Tennis Team, and was Cincinnati Metro Women's Doubles Runner Up in 1957 and Champion in 1958. Virginia continued her career with four years at Purdue University where she played Singles and Doubles and would later receive the Purdue University Sportswoman Honorary Award. Virginia passed away last year. Her brother, Denny Straley, accepted her hall of fame plaque.

Brian Campbell, Class of 1981

Brian earned 8 varsity letters as a Warrior—3 in football, 4 in track and field, 1 in wrestling. Brian was a noted member of the Warrior defense in Coach Tom Crosby's 1980 State Finalist team at Mariemont High School. Many articles about the State Bound Warrior football team announced Brian as the feature of the "defensive Stop unit" and as a fringe benefit of the Warrior strength program. In his senior season, Brian was named to the EHL First Team Defensive unit, 1<sup>st</sup> team defense by the Cincinnati Enquirer and the Cincinnati Post, 1<sup>st</sup> team All State by the Ohio Sportswriters, 1<sup>st</sup> team Defense-Southwestern District, First Team Defense on the Associated Press All Ohio AA Team. Brian continued his football career at Anderson University. Brian currently lives in Glendale, Ohio.

Thomas Anderson, Class of 1983

Tom was a three year letter winner for the Warriors in the early 1980's, and during his senior year, when there was no swim team due to the low number of participants, Tom swam with the

Cincinnati Marlins club to keep in training. Tom held the 100 breaststroke record for many years at Mariemont High School. He was an All City Selection in 1982 and 1983, and the District Runner up in 1983. Tom finished 5<sup>th</sup> in the 100 Breaststroke in the 1983 Ohio State Championships. After graduation, Tom attended Dennison University where he earned 13 All American selections, the NCAA Division III 100 Breaststroke Champion in 1985. He was inducted into the Dennison Athletic Hall of Fame in 2003. Tom also competed in the 1996 Olympic Trials. Tom currently lives in Sante Fe, New Mexico.

Ashley McCracken, Class of 2005

Ashley McCracken graduated in 2005 with 13 Varsity letters – four each in soccer, basketball and softball, and one in Track. Ashley was the 2005 winner of the Kusel Award for the best female senior athlete, a 12-time CHL Scholar athlete, Academic All Southwest and All Ohio, a Team Captain in soccer, basketball and softball and selected Team “Most Valuable Player” her senior year in all 3 sports. Also as a Senior, she was granted an Ohio Coaches Scholar Athlete Scholarship.

Ashley was a 4-year starter in soccer and was selected 1<sup>st</sup> Team All City as a Senior, All Southwest Ohio as a Junior and Senior and 1<sup>st</sup> Team CHL as a Junior and Senior. She was selected 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All CHL as a Freshman and Sophomore. In Basketball, Ashley was selected All State Honorable Mention, All SW Ohio District as a junior and senior, 1<sup>st</sup> Team All City as a Senior and 1<sup>st</sup> Team CHL as a junior and senior. Her most cherished accomplishment is helping her team win the first CHL league championship her senior year. A 4-year starter in Softball, Ashley was Team “MVP” and 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All CHL as a Senior. She named CHL Honorable Mention as a Freshman, Sophomore and Junior.

Ashley graduated summa cum laude from Bucknell University in 2009 with a degree in Business and Finance. Following graduation, she started her working career at Johnson & Johnson in New Brunswick, New Jersey and was recently moved to Cincinnati by J&J, working at Ethicon Endo-Surgery as a Financial Analyst.



*Photo: Mariemont High School's Doc Kusel Hall of Fame inductees honored on Sept.3 were Thomas Anderson ('83), Brian Campbell ('81), Ashley McCracken ('05) and represented by her brother Denny Straley, Virginia Straley Duvall ('58)*