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## TENNESSEE SPORTS HALL OF FAME ANNOUNCES 50TH ANNIVERSARY CLASS OF INDUCTEES

The Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame announced the names of ten inductees plus a group of brothers to be enshrined at its 50th anniversary Induction Banquet on Saturday, June 17, 2016, at the Omni Nashville.

Announced inductees include posthumous inductions for Tennessee Titan great Steve McNair and Baylor School Golf Coach King Oehmig. Additional inductees include Conrad Graham, University of Tennessee All-America defensive back; Missy Kane, University of Tennessee Middle Distance Runner and bronze medal Olympian; Mike Taylor, UT-Martin football player and current SEC football official; Ernest Gray, All-America wide-receiver from the University of Memphis and NFL star; Mike Curb, legend in automobile racing; Joe Biddle, longtime middle Tennessee sport writer; and Lester McClain, first African American football player at Tennessee.



The Hall also chose the football Canale Brothers from Memphis to be inducted as a family. In all, six brothers played football in the SEC, three at Tennessee (George, Frank and Whit) and three at Mississippi State (Justin, Billy and Conn)

In addition the Hall will induct Milligan College legend, coach and athletic director Duard Walker for his lifetime of coaching and athletic administration.

The Sports Hall of Fame, which held its first induction banquet in 1966, has as its goal to enshrine successful teams and individuals who display sportsmanship, good character and success, creating a legacy for others to follow. The Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame Museum is housed the Bridgestone Arena in Nashville.

The Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame, a 501-(c)(3) pays tribute to all those who have made an impact through sports in Tennessee. The Hall subscribes to the principle that sports serve society's highest ideals by educating youth through sports. It promotes the virtues of competition, fair play, friendship, solidarity, mutual understanding and respect for human dignity. The best way to honor our sports legends is to pass this legacy down to future generations.

*For ticket information contact: Lynn Powell Toy at (615) 202-3996*

## 2015 Champion Within Celebrity Golf Classic

On October 19, 2015, the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame hosted its annual celebrity golf tournament at the Old Natchez Country Club. The spectacular weather gave us a great day of golf. We were delighted to have the TSU Aristocrat band perform during lunch to kick off the tournament. We want to thank our sponsors and celebrities that joined us. Their support made the day special for all participants. Our celebrities included former coaches, players and members of the Hall of Fame. It is the participation of our celebrity guest that set this day apart from other golf tournaments. More importantly this year's tournament was the most successful in the tournament's history. This success will benefit the Champion Within Youth Program. Next year's tournament will be held on October 17, 2016. All reservations must be made in advance. To participate next year, please contact Lynn Toy at 615.202.3996.

To view more images of the tournament click the link below.

### Champion Within golf photos



## Champion Within HALL-O-Ween at The Hall

The Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame recently hosted their 1<sup>st</sup> annual Champion Within “HALL-O-Ween”: Day at the Museum event from October 28<sup>th</sup>-October 30<sup>th</sup>. The various community centers around the area that participated in this event included the Martha O’Bryan Center, Cottage Cove, and The Boys and Girls Club of Middle Tennessee from the Andrew Jackson Club and Fairview Club.

This event featured many activities that gave children the chance to trick or treat at the five stations provided. These different stations offered kids a bean bag toss, train like an Olympic swimmer, decorate a paper pumpkin, a coloring station, and even dress as a Tennessee Titan and a Nashville Predator. In addition to the activities, a children themed Halloween movie played in our Delta Dental Educational Theater as the finale.



Instead of providing candy at every station the Hall offered items, such as toothbrushes sponsored by Delta Dental and reflective bracelets sponsored by Monroe Carell Jr. Children’s Hospital, to go along with our Healthy Lifestyles lesson plan that is aimed to help children improve their home and school healthy habits. “The goal was to provide the opportunity for children, who might not have the chance to enjoy Halloween festivities, a trick or treat experience that is fun and safe” said. Dr. Bill Emendorfer, Executive Director.

The Champion Within Youth Program was designed to serve Tennessee’s youth by teaching them leadership qualities and the importance of having a positive attitude on and off the field. “The Hall’s plan is to continue the Champion Within tradition and create more outreach events for the community. I hope to see this grow bigger and bigger every year”, said Corey Blaske, the Director of Operations.

This event would not have been possible without our wonderful sponsors including, Delta Dental, the Nashville Predators, Monroe Carell Jr. Children’s Hospital, and Target.

## A NOTE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



As 2015 comes to a close and 2016 begins, I want to reflect back on this year with gratitude and thanks.

This year, we were able to expand the Champion Within Youth Program to serve more of Tennessee's youth. Our outreach went beyond the walls of the Hall of Fame and into the community by teaching leadership qualities, healthy lifestyles and providing resources for parents of athletes.

The 2015 Hall of Fame events started with the Induction Weekend in June at the Omni Hotel Nashville and ended with The Champion Within Golf Tournament, hosted by Old Natchez Country Club.

This upcoming year will be a special celebration as we make our way into the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame. Please mark your calendar for the Induction Weekend on June 17-18, 2016, where we will be celebrating 50 years of Tennessee Sports' History. In addition to our milestone, Nashville and Bridgestone Arena will be hosting the NHL All-Star Game and the SEC Basketball Tournament, both of which will bring enthusiastic fans from all over into the Hall of Fame.

May you have a very Merry Christmas and a happy, prosperous New Year.

Happy Holidays,

Bill Emendorfer  
Executive Director