

Cassandra Hickman

Alumna

2001-2004



Bardstown High School Athletic Hall of Fame

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Cassandra Hickman was an outstanding track and field athlete in high jump, long and triple jumps as well as other events. Although she was in high school from 2001-2004, her participation with Bardstown High School sports started as far back as 1996 as a fourth grader receiving a varsity letter for the last seven year of her high school career. Cassandra still holds the school's high and triple jump record and received track's high point award from 99-04 for scoring the highest number of points per season. During her senior year, she became a member of the Tigers 1000 point club with a total of 1307.5 career points. She won a combined total of 12 medals at state track meets from 98-04. Awarded to her were: three 1<sup>st</sup> place high jump (03, 04) and triple jump (02); three 2<sup>nd</sup> place high jump (99, 01) and triple jump (04); two 3<sup>rd</sup> place high jump (02) and long jump (04); one 6<sup>th</sup> place high jump (98); one 7<sup>th</sup> place triple jump (00); and two 8<sup>th</sup> place high jump (00) and 400m relay team (04). She concluded her senior year with two the

Senior and Scholastic Awards for academic and outstanding achievement.

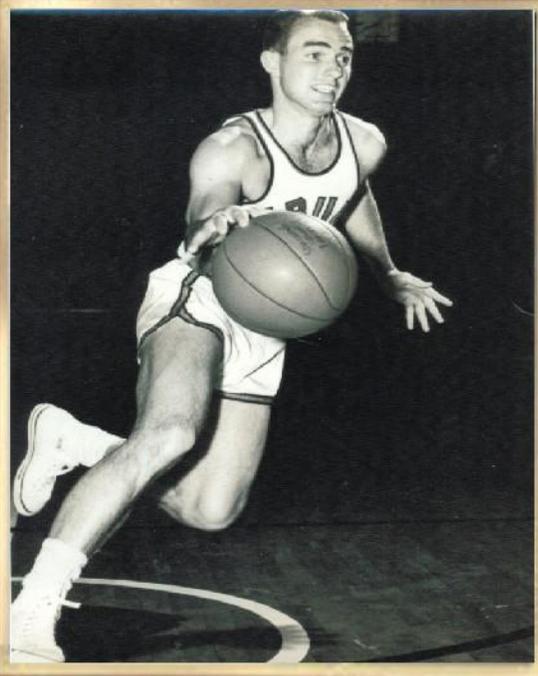
A member of the high school basketball team from 99-04, she received a varsity letter, was awarded the Academic award for 03-04, and the Lady Tiger Award 03-04. In 2004, she was awarded All "A" Classic 5<sup>th</sup> Region All-Academic Team. As a member of the girls' soccer team from 01-04, she received the Most Improved Player Award 2002 and received two varsity letters. In 2001, the girls' team was the District 14 Champions and the Class "A" Region 7 Champions. Outside of her high school track and field, Cassandra competed in the United States Track and Field and qualified for Nationals in the high jump for four years. For two of those national meets, she placed 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the high jump '98 (Seattle, WA) and 4<sup>th</sup> place in the high jump '00 (Buffalo, NY).

After high school, Cassandra became a member of the Western Kentucky University girls' track team in fall 2004 and competed six seasons. She lettered at WKU after scoring in two consecutive indoor and outdoor conference meets. The team was very successful track team winning four consecutive indoor and outdoor conferences in a row.

Cassandra attended WKU for pre-pharmacy prerequisites on a full academic scholarship from 2004-2007. After transferring to the University of Kentucky Pharmacy School in 2007, she completed a Doctorate Degree in Pharmacy in 2011. While there, she was awarded the Bootstrap Award for outstanding academic improvement over my first three semesters. She now works for Baptist Health of Louisville in the hospital setting.

Inducted September 4, 2015

R. T. Lee  
Alumnus  
1948-1949



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R. T. Lee 1948-1949

R. T. Lee was an outstanding athlete at Bardstown High School playing basketball and baseball. His senior year, the basketball team won the Sixth Region basketball crown defeating Fort Knox 36 to 34. This was the second regional basketball title for Bardstown, the first coming in 1935. The team played in the 1949 state high school basketball tournament at the Louisville Armory but lost the first game to Madisonville 63-50. The Tigers had 59 wins and only 8 losses over the last two seasons. In March of 1949, a newspaper story about J. H. "Hooks" Harvey, first year coach for the Bardstown High basketball team, noted his success in coaching his team to the Championships of the SCKC Conference and 24th District and Sixth Region with a record of 28-4.

R. T. was the second leading scorer in his 1948-1949 senior year. He was a teammate with Tyler Whitehouse, John Adams, Glenn Bennett, William "Bud" Parrott, C. J. Summit, Ralph Jefferson, Owen Talbott, Bill Simpson, Joe Oakley and Milton Graham. Although a trip to the Sweet Sixteen was the highlight of the 1948-49 season, their biggest rivalry in town was the game between St.

Joe and Bardstown on February 19, 1949. The game was at St. Joe's gym and the tickets sold out. The Kiwanis Club arranged to pipe the game to the courthouse where it could be heard on loud speakers. Everyone was invited at no cost and the overflow crowd half-filled the courthouse. The Tigers won 58 to 42 over the Eagles. R. T. went on to play in the annual North-South game in 1949.

After graduating from Bardstown High School in 1949, R. T. attended Morehead State College where he played basketball. He interrupted college to join the Air Force serving honorably from 1950 to 1954. While in the service, he played on the Air Force basketball team for 3 years. An Air Force sports profile reported that the six foot, one inch hoopster was not only the finest player in the 20<sup>th</sup> Air Force league and probably Okinawa but he also was the coach. His Warren Air Force Base team won the western AF Championship and went to Chanute for the All-Air Force Tourney. R. T. was picked for the All-Tournament team – most noteworthy was his 44 for 53 foul attempts and 16 point average.

Upon leaving the service, R. T. accepted a basketball scholarship to Auburn University and played for Coach Joel Eaves. He graduated with honors in 1956. He remained an ardent supporter of Auburn for the rest of his life, contributing time and energy to recruiting and fund-raising for both academic and athletic efforts. In business, he spent the majority of his career owning and operating restaurants and real estate companies.

R. T. married Mary Buckner of Birmingham, Alabama and found immense joy in spending time with his family and friends. His brother, Buddy Lee of Bardstown, said, "R. T. always enjoyed sports and athletics of all kinds and was an avid amateur golfer in Birmingham".

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Nicholas Boone (Nicky) Rapier

Alumnus

1976-1979



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Nicky Rapier 1976-1979

Nicky Rapier made his name at Bardstown High School kicking a football. The 5'10", 158 pound kicker became known as "The Toe." Selected by long-time local sports reporter, Ron Greenwell, as the best kicker in BHS football history, Ron said that Nicky was the "most prolific field goal kicker in school history." In 1976, Nicky was 29 for 37 for extra points. In 1977, 12-1 season, Bardstown outpointed its opponents 339-60 registering seven shutouts and four one-touchdown games on defense. Nicky finished the season with 31 extra points in 38 attempts and with field goals of 38, 32, 33, 31 yards in one game on what the E'town newspaper called "Nicky Rapier Night". He made the 1978 KHSAA record book for field goals made during a game – a minimum of 3 in a game.

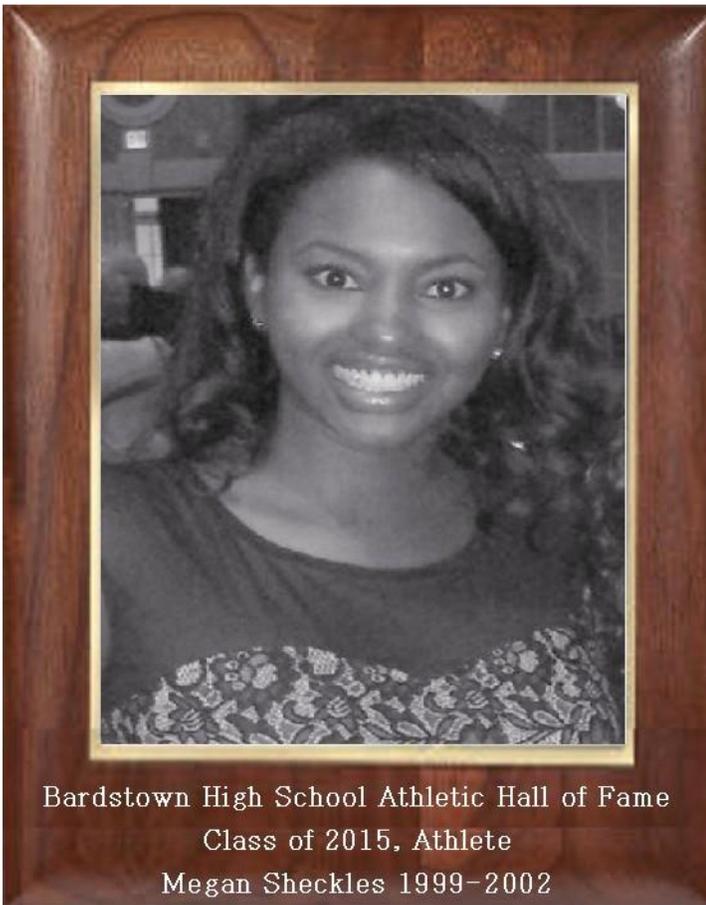
Nicky holds all BHS field goal and extra point records with the longest field goal record of 45 yards at East Hardin in 1978. "The 45 yarder was easily a school

record and it had room to spare," stated Coach Garnis Martin and is still a BHS record and believed the longest field goal kicked by anyone at a Bardstown/Nelson County Public and Private School. He amassed seventy-five career extra points and eight career field goals, a career shortened by a broken arm during his senior season missing games mid-season games. Nicky often made game-deciding big plays, splitting the uprights with a perfect kick for the winning extra point like the 7-6 cliff hanger with long-time rival Frankfort in 1976. He was selected as the top kicking specialist in the state for Class AA football, All Mid-Kentucky Conference senior year and listed in the Top 10 as Courier Journal picked the 10 best football players by position in the 1970's.

Nicky was awarded a college scholarship with Morehead State University. The Eagles coaches, concerned that Rapier might sign with Middle Tennessee University, told him that he would be their kicker the next year. "We can't let him get out of the state," said one person close to the Morehead program, "especially to another Ohio Valley Conference team." As a freshman, Nicky stung Western Kentucky with a 34 yard field goal for a 3-0 victory.

After Morehead State, Nicky worked three years as an internal auditor for Farmers Bank and Trust and then joined Salt River Electric. He often jokes that in 42 years, he has had three jobs within four blocks in Bardstown. He selected as the 1999 Bardstown/Nelson Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year, 2000 Kentucky Junior Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Young Kentuckian and the 2007 Kentucky Association of Economic Development Allied Professional. Nicky dedication to a good education is apparent as he has served on the BHS Site Based Council, and recently as Vice-Chairman of the Nelson County Board of Education. He is a true believer that education and jobs are two of the most important issues affecting our children today completing in this 21<sup>st</sup> Century economy.

**INDUCTED SEPTEMBER 17, 2015**



Megan J. Sheckles

Athlete

1999-2002

Megan Sheckles distinguished herself as not only an outstanding female athlete, but also a great teammate and team leader. A five-year Basketball Letterman and member of the 1000 Point Club, Megan was the 4<sup>th</sup> All-time Leading Scorer for Bardstown High School at graduation. She was three-time All-Tournament Team 19<sup>th</sup> District as well as 5<sup>th</sup> Region All Coaches Selection Team in 2001. She was selected to 5<sup>th</sup> Region All-Star Team in 2001 and was Papa John's Player of the Week numerous times. Megan was selected basketball captain during her senior season. In addition to basketball, Megan was a two-year letterman in Track and three-year letterman in volleyball. She was selected volleyball captain in 2000, 2001 and 2002.

In her time away from sports, Megan managed to be Class President during her sophomore and senior years, a HOBY Award Ambassador as a sophomore and participated for three years as member of FBLA.

She was active in National Honor Society in 2001 and 2002 and a three-year member of Student council. Megan even found time to serve as basketball homecoming queen in 2002 – quite a busy young lady.

Graduating from University of Louisville in 2006 with a BA in Communications, she began work in sales/marketing for the National Basketball Association's Indiana Pacers. Notable is her almost two years as Volunteer Coordinator for the Women's National Basketball Association All-Star, Tamika Catchings' "Catch the Stars Foundation", Indiana Pacers Foundation, NBA Cares Program and numerous other community organizations that helped to improve the lives of at-risk and underprivileged youth through the sport of basketball.

After working with the Pacers Organization, Megan took the job of Retail Manager of Merchandizing at Kraft Foods, Inc. with responsibilities for recruiting, supervising, training and development of sales/service representatives as well as managing the budget/payroll processes for the top ranked CPG Company globally. Megan volunteers and holds position as Associate Director of the Kentucky Black Sports Hall of Fame organization's Annual Winner's Circle Derby Gala event, held in Louisville, Kentucky.

Her fondest memories are, as an 8<sup>th</sup> grader, beating Bethlehem in 1<sup>st</sup> game of the district for our first regional tournament, being elected senior class president and having her graduation speech make her father cry. Her father says Megan has always demonstrated the qualities of a true leader in the classroom and on the athletic playing field.

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