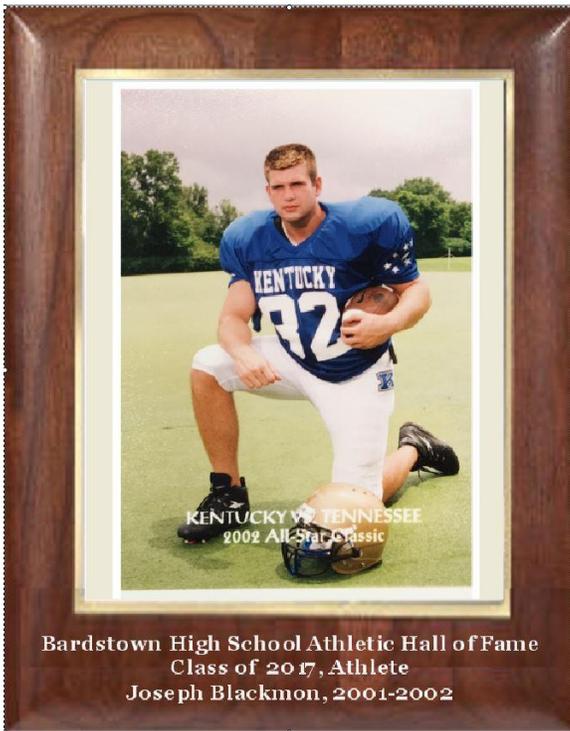


JOSEPH BLACKMON
ATHLETE
2001-2002



Joseph Blackmon came to Bardstown High School as a junior – the new kid in school who was recognized quickly by everyone as an outstanding young man and exceptional athlete. As a multi-sport athlete, Joseph made his impact in football, basketball and track. As a two-year letterman at tight end, outside linebacker, and kicker, he experienced two years of record-setting football with a two-year team record of 25-3 culminating with the 2001 district, regional, semi-state and undefeated (15-0) Class AA State Championship. He had a career 145 tackles, 4 interceptions, 57 catches for 895 yards and 12 touchdowns.

As a senior, Joseph earned 1st Team All-District, Best Defensive Back, Most Valuable Player Class AA Championship, 1st Team All-State Class AA Offensive Team, Courier Journal All-State Honorable Mention Defensive Football Team. In basketball, Joseph was the 2002 Most Outstanding Defensive Player and Fifth Region Class A All-Academic Team. In track and field, he was the District Champion in 400m Dash, 3200m Relay and District Champion in 1600m Relay. He earned the Tiger Award, Scholastic Award, Garnis Martin Scholar Athlete Award, Bardstown Rotary Scholarship and United State Army Reserve recognition as National Scholar Athlete Award for 2002. Joseph was selected for Kentucky High School Football All Stars. Coach Joey Downs said, “Joseph was a pure athlete- most fundamentally sound player on both sides of the ball that ever took the field for me.”

Although offered multiple scholarships to play collegiate football, Joseph opted to pursue a medical degree at the University of Louisville. Graduating Magna Cum Laude, he received the Provost’s Hallmark Scholarship and the Sigma Chi General Scholarship. He was an active member of the University of Louisville Honors Program, the Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society, the Golden Key International Honor Society, Order of Omega National Honor Society, National Society of Collegiate Scholars and on the Dean’s Scholar or Dean’s List every semester.

Graduating with High Distinction from the UK College of Medicine, Joseph was awarded the AMA Foundation Scholars Fund Award for Class Rank of 1 and the Atwood P Lantham Memorial Prize in Anatomy. He was elected President of the American Medical Students Association, selected in the Alpha Omega Medical Honor Society. He completed residency in Dermatology at the University of Kansas Medical Center, published over 15 articles in peer-reviewed journals, co-authored a book chapter on a myriad of dermatological topics and issues, presented research findings at several scientific meetings and completed a Micrographic Surgery and Dermatologic Oncology Fellowship at Dayton Skin Care Specialists in Dayton. Currently, he works at Dermatology Associates of Kentucky in Lexington, KY performing Mohs Micrographic and reconstructive surgery.

Inducted September 1, 2017

Justin Grundy
Alumnus
1999-2002



Bardstown High School Athletic Hall of Fame
Class of 2017, Alumnus
Justin Grundy, 1999-2002

A multiple sport athlete in high school, Justin Grundy was a three-year letterman in football and basketball and a two-year letterman in track and field. He was All-District in basketball his senior year and a member of the 2002 Regional Champion track team running the 400 meter dash and throwing discus and shot put. Selected the Most Outstanding Male Athlete at Bardstown High during his senior year, his coaches often remarked that Justin was a ‘man’ in the lane guarding the rim and to beware of his picks and run from his tackles.

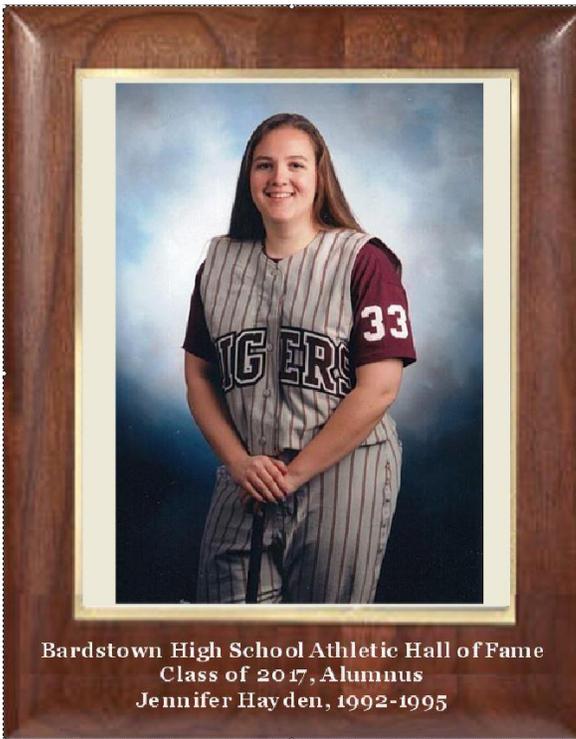
With football as his defining sport and a team captain, Justin was All-District his junior and senior seasons during which the Tigers were district, regional semi-state and

undefeated 15-0 Class AA State Champs. Generating 290 career tackles and 7 sacks, Coach Downs said, “He is one of the hardest hitters I ever coached.” Headlines read, “Tigers Roll over Prestonsburg 47-16 in Championship Game.” These headlines indicated that a 15-0 first-ever season was accomplished by the Bardstown football team. The Tigers had a two-year team record of 25-3 culminating with the 2001 Undefeated (15-0) Class AA State Champions.

On a personal note, Justin was selected on the Class AA 1st Team All-State Defense, Courier-Journal 2nd Team All-State Defense and a member of the 2002 Kentucky All-Star Team. Later, Justin earned a scholarship to Eastern Kentucky University where he was a four-year letterman and two-year starter at linebacker finishing his career with over 100 tackles, 4 interceptions and 7 sacks. He was a three-year member of Colonel Winner’s Club 2004-2006 for exceptional play on defense and special teams and the Ohio Valley Conference Academic Honor Roll 2002-2006. He earned a Bachelor’s Degree in Public Relations from Eastern Kentucky University in 2006, a Master’s Degree in Special Education from Campbellsville University in 2010. Justin is currently completing a second Masters in School Counseling from the University of the Cumberlands.

Although he enjoyed time as a college athlete, Justin says, “No season on any level has ever compared to the Tigers 2001 State Championship football season.” He was able to compete alongside his “brothers” with whom a bond remains today. He considers it a great honor and accomplishment to be selected as a member of the Hall of Fame. He has always looked to the HOF members with great admiration and being mentioned among these athletes, coaches and contributors is a treasured personal achievement.

Inducted September 1, 2017



Jennifer Hayden
Athlete
1992-1995

A multi-sport athlete, Jennifer Hayden was a four-year letterman in softball and a one-year letterman in basketball. In addition, she was All-State Academic for two years and received the team scholastic award multiple times in basketball and softball.

Although Jennifer loved basketball, softball became her most dominant sport from 8th to 12th grades. During her junior year, she had the Highest Batting Average. During her senior year, her team was the District Runner Up in fast-pitch softball and participated in the regional tournament as the first Bardstown team to participate in the new fast-pitch softball. The Lady Tigers were also the Slow-pitch District and Regional Champs and won two Games in the State Slow-Pitch

championship tournament. After tearing her ACL in her sophomore year and missing the basketball and softball seasons, the coaches allowed her to continue on their teams and welcomed her back during the junior and senior years. She was able to walk on to the Campbellsville College softball team her freshman year.

As a walk-on at Campbellsville University, Jennifer became a 4-year letterman and student athletic trainer. Her team posted the first winning record in fast-pitch softball for the college. She received the Exercise Science/Sports Medicine Award for being a scholar athlete along with the Academic All-Conference Team. She was blessed to be a student athletic trainer which lead her to attain her AT certificate and Bachelors, her Masters in PT at UK, and Doctorate in PT from Regis University.

After graduation from UK, Jennifer started work at KORT (Bardstown Rehab) and volunteered as an ATC/PT for Bardstown football and basketball teams. She also volunteered a couple of years as a coach for the Middle School girls' basketball teams along with the recreational league and middle school softball teams. She continues to perform medical screenings for the Bardstown athletes in her office and work with them in her spare time to ready them to return to play.

Her favorite sports memory was not only winning the Region Title for softball, but also being able to let everyone in town know the team was going to State by going into the community and painting the windows of the "old courthouse" with fellow teammates.

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Elliot Mattingly
Alumnus
2003-2006



Bardstown High School Athletic Hall of Fame
Class of 2017, Alumnus
Elliot Mattingly, 2003-2006

Lettering in track & field four years, basketball and football three years while becoming a valedictorian of his graduating class with a 4.0 GPA, Elliot Mattingly was a busy person. He was chosen as Most Outstanding Athlete in his class of 2006 that produced four State Championships (2004, 2005, 2006 Track and Field and 2006 All-A Basketball State Championship). While he loved all three sports, his passion fell into track and field where he competed in the discus and shot put. Two-time regional discus runner up, he became 2006 Region Champion in Discus and Shot put – setting a regional record of 48’10” in shot. Elliot was two-time Class A State Champion in discus in 2005 and 2006. Upon induction to the Hall of Fame, Elliot still holds the Bardstown discus record of 161’7”. In basketball, his team won the 2006 All-A Basketball State Championship where he made the All-A State Tournament Team. On the football field, Elliot was a

three-year starter on both offense and defense (25-11), finishing 13-1 his senior season – undefeated regular season with district and regional championships.

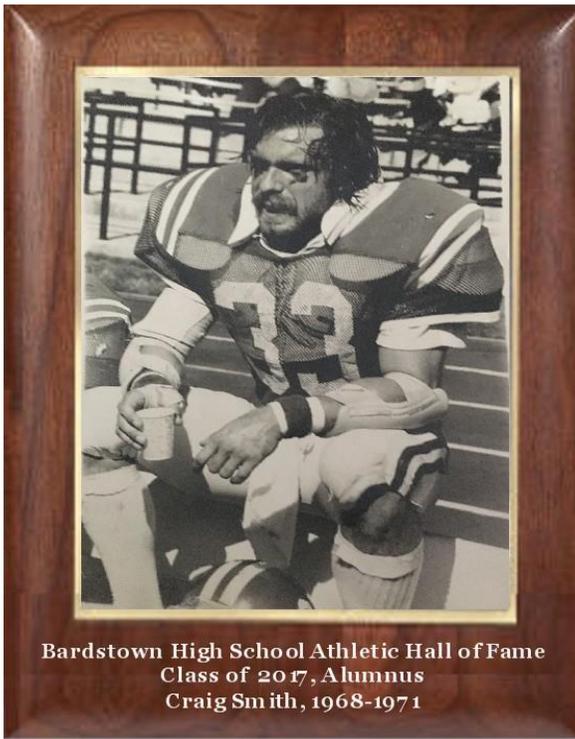
While in high school, Elliot competed in the USATF Junior Olympics in discus. He was the 2006 Junior Olympics Nationals Discus 12th overall (Baltimore, Maryland); 2004 Junior Olympics Nationals Discus 16th overall (Eugene, Oregon); 2006 Great Lakes Regional Champion; 2004 Great Lakes Regional Champion and 2004-2006 Kentucky USATF Discus Champion.

Receiving both academic and athletic scholarships to Bellarmine University, Elliot competed in the discus, shot put, weight throw, javelin and hammer. He threw a NCAA Division II National Provisional Qualifier distance throw in the Discus, reaching top 25 in the nation. He also threw another Provisional Qualifying throw in the Hammer, once again ranking top 25 in the nation. In the Great Lakes Valley Conference, Elliot was two-time Conference Champion in Discus and Javelin and 2nd Place in Hammer. Elliot also set many Bellarmine school records including freshman Javelin, varsity Discus, Hammer, Javelin and Weight Throw. Elliot was Bellarmine’s first athlete named GLVC Field and GLVC Scholar Athlete of the Year.

When asked about his favorite BHS memories, he said that the success his class teams had with winning State Championships in track and field, basketball and then going 13-1 in football should be his top memories. Freshman year of basketball went 5 -19 on the season; football was 4-6 his sophomore year; and the track team was 6th in state his freshman year. His class stuck together, suffered defeat and then rose to win a combined four Kentucky State Championships and multiple district and regional championships.

After graduating from Bellarmine with a Degree in Health Science and Doctor of Physical Therapy Degree, he began working at KORT Bardstown Rehab Services as a Physical Therapist. In 2014, he completed the Select Medical Orthopaedic Residency Program and later became an Orthopedic Certified Specialist. His role with KORT has grown to include faculty member of the Clinical Excellence Academy as well as the Select Medical Orthopaedic Residency Program. As an avid runner, cyclist and Ironman finisher, he founded KORT’s first Running Team, which numbers over 50 members.

Inducted September 1, 2017



Craig Smith Alumnus 1968-1971

Craig Smith was a multi-sport athlete and a three-year letterman in football and track. In football, he played offensive halfback, defensive secondary and returned punts and kick-offs. Whether he was the ball carrier, blocker or tackler, his effort was unparalleled and always 100%. Pound for pound, he was the toughest player on the gridiron for the 1970 State Champions. He rushed for 995 yards and 10 touchdowns during his senior season. Most notable was his performance in the state championship game versus Lynch High School as he carried the ball seventeen times for 80 yards, caught two passes and a Coach Martin's favorite "Georgia pass" for a game changing touchdown. He was named to the 1970 All-State Honorable Mention Football Team. A regular top finisher in high, triple and long jumps, Craig also ran on the 800 and 1600m relays while leading

the Tigers to Class A State Track Championships in 1970 and 1971. 1st in region high jump, 2nd at state high jump, 1st in region long jump, and 2nd at state long jump, Craig was All-State 1st Team in both the high and long jumps.

After graduation, Craig enlisted in the US Navy. After finishing his enlistment in 1977, he enrolled at Western Kentucky University on the GI Bill. At age 23, he "walked on" to play football for the Hilltoppers, later earning a scholarship. The "old man" proved to be the real deal, played harder, and hit harder than any of his "youngster" teammates. A starter in both the 1978 and 1979 seasons, his 1978 Hilltopper team was 8-2 overall and champion of the Ohio Valley Conference (undefeated in OVC play - 6-0). For his four years as a Hilltopper, he had 128 tackles (72 solos + 56 assists), 9 tackles for loss, 3 passes broken up, and one caused fumble.

After Western, Craig returned to the US Navy, became a commissioned officer in Navy Aviation and Supply and retired the rank of Commander. As one of 35 officers approved by the Secretary of Navy for Designation as TAR Aerospace Maintenance Duty Officers, a plaque with his name hangs in the Aviation Space Museum Naval Air Station in Pensacola. A highly regarded instructor for six years in Junior ROTC in Cobb County, GA, he mentored and advised many students and friends in his community who were considering military careers.

Passing away far too early in January 2008, at the age of 54, Craig remained close and loyal to many friends, classmates and teammates in Bardstown, especially his life-long best friends, Joe Wathen, Buzzy Pardieu and Charlie Yocum.

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