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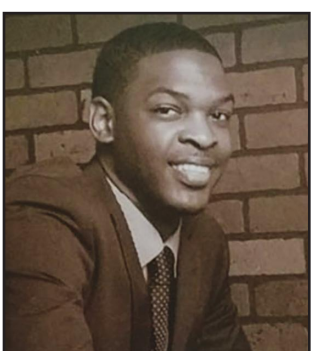
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Boyd and Carpenter inducted into Sports Hall of Fame



JONATHAN BOYD

The late Jonathan Boyd of Durant played basketball at Holmes Community College for two seasons under Coach Todd Kimble. Boyd was a 2008 graduate of Holmes.

Basketball was a family thing for Boyd as he was following his brother Trianton, who had also played basketball at Holmes. Holmes was a good fit for Boyd as it was just down Highway 51 and he had five other family members that called it their alma mater as well.

Boyd was part of the 2007 Holmes Men's Basketball Team which won the MACJC Men's Basketball Championship. Boyd was a successful on and off the court as he maintained academic honors while at Holmes. In 2006-2007 season, Boyd was recognized as the highest men's free throw percentage leader. The following season Boyd was really recognized for his talent. He was the recipient of the Frank B. Branch Award, MVP for the Holmes men's basketball and participated

on the MACJC North All Star Team.

After Holmes, Boyd continued his career in basketball at Alcorn State University (ASU). Boyd's success followed him at the next level. Among some of his accomplishments was the opportunity to play on the sub-regional all-tournament team in 2009, ASU Men's Basketball Best 3 point shooter 2008-2009, ASU Outstanding Young Adult in 2010 and ASU Academic Award in 2010.

While at Alcorn, Boyd earned a Bachelor of Science in Recreation and a Master of Arts in Secondary Education/Guidance Education.

After college, Boyd continue to share his love of basketball and youth. He volunteered with the McAdams High School boys' and girls' basketball. He taught physical education at Linwood Elementary School and was named 2012 Teacher of the Year. In 2013, Boyd was hired as head coach of Durant Public Schools boys' basketball team. It only took him two years to lead the boys basketball team to a Region 6-1A championship, after which he was named 2015 6-1A Coach of the Year.

Boyd was diagnosed with leukemia in early March 2015 and lost the fight only three weeks later at age 26. Boyd had



DURWIN CARPENTER

Durwin Carpenter, a native of Holcomb, graduated from John Rundle High School in Grenada and headed to Holmes Community College to play basketball.

Carpenter graduated from Holmes in 1971 and a daughter, Riley Janae Boyd, who is now six.

Boyd's family continues to work to inspire youth who Boyd impacted by using a quote from Tony Dungy.

"Success is uncommon and not to be enjoyed by the common man. I'm looking for uncommon people because we want to be successful, not average, on and off the court," Dungy said.

In honor of Boyd's life the Annual Coach Jonathan Boyd Award is given to a high school senior athlete in Durant by Boyd's family. Holmes Athletics now awards a deserving athlete who embodies the principles of dedication as Boyd held.

continued on to Delta State to play basketball. In 1973, Carpenter earned a B.S. from Delta State University.

After college Carpenter began his coaching career at Grenada Lake Academy as the head boys' basketball coach, track coach and assistant football coach. After a one-year stay, he went to Central Holmes Academy. During his 20-year tenure at Central Holmes, he served as athletic director, head football coach, head boys' and girls' basketball coach, track coach, head boys' baseball coach and head girls' fast-pitch softball coach.

In the fall of 1994, Carpenter accepted the position as head girls' basketball coach at Pillow Academy where he continues to coach varsity and junior high girls and serve as athletic director. He has also assisted with girls' track and softball.

Carpenter begins his 49th year as a coach in the MAIS, 48 years of coaching girls and he begins his 28th season at Pillow Academy. While at Pillow his coaching accomplishments in girls' basketball include four Overall State Championships and four Overall State Championship runner-ups. This year's Lady Mustangs are the reigning overall champions from 2020. His girls' basket-

ball teams have participated in the Overall State Tournament 21 times out of the last 28 years. One of these years were with his Central Holmes Academy Team. In addition, his girls' basketball teams have won 10 State Championships, 19 North State Championships and numerous conference championships. His girls' basketball record is 1,099 wins and 387 losses. His 1996-1997 Pillow Academy team recorded a perfect 37-0 record. On December 5, 2017 Carpenter received his 1,000 win. During his tenure as girls' track coach, his teams won two Track State Championships and eight North State Championships. During his career as boys' basketball coach at Central Holmes Academy, his teams had several championship appearances.

Carpenter has been recognized as "Overall Coach of the Year" four times and "State Coach of the Year" 10 times. He has served as a coach on 12 MAIS All-Star teams.

In 2005, Carpenter was inducted into the Delta State University Alumni Coaches Hall of Fame. In 2010, he was inducted into the MAIS Hall of Fame. In 2017 he was inducted into the Pillow Academy Sports Hall of Fame.

Currently, Carpenter resides in Greenwood with

News by Steve Diffey

The 2021 HCC Sports Hall of Fame virtual ceremony was held on Thursday, April 1, at 6 p.m.

The 2021 inductees are Willie C. Harris, Sr. (basketball), Durwin W. Carpenter (basketball), Jacobby M. Robinson (baseball), Danya A. Turner (football), the late Jonathan E. Boyd (basketball) and Trumaine J. Sykes (football).

The Mississippi Community and Junior College Sports Hall of Fame will recognize Holmes Community College alum, Alvin McKinley for his football career accomplishments. McKinley will represent Holmes Community College athletics at the induction ceremony at the Muse Center in Pearl on April 27.

We have the full stories on our Sports Hall of Fame inductees accomplishments on our website. Please log in or activate your alumni profile to read the full stories.

Our social media outlets include Facebook and Instagram (@HolmesCALumni). We will not require tickets this year for our virtual ceremony but (Continued on page 4.)

his wife Judy, who is also a Holmes Alumnae. Together the Carpenters have two daughters, Angie and Dana, along with four grandchildren

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