

# 1999 Hall of Fame Inductee

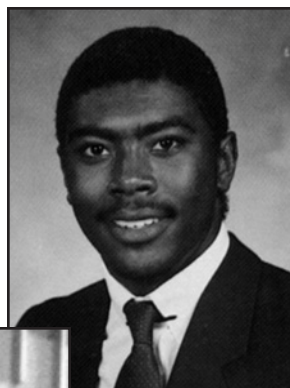
## Bernard Gilkey

*Class of 1984*

Bernard Gilkey earned All-Conference, All-Metro and All-District honors in baseball and basketball. He signed a letter of intent to play basketball at Drake University but chose instead to sign on with the St. Louis baseball Cardinals.

In 1985, he began his six-year career as an outfielder for St. Louis before he was traded to the New York Mets. The day after he learned he was to be traded he was the featured guest for the School District of University City's first Voter Registration Drive where his fans made sure he knew that no matter where he played he would always be a St. Louis star.

While with the Mets, Bernard Gilkey proved to be an outstanding acquisition. On Opening Day 1999, he found himself on the starting lineup of the Arizona Diamondbacks. That day, in Los Angeles, he went 3 for 5, including two home runs. It was the sixth career multi-homer game of his career. On his 33<sup>rd</sup> birthday, September 24, he celebrated by contributing two hits to aid Arizona in clinching the National League West title. In 1997, he took a swing at Hollywood with a cameo appearance as an outfielder in the box office hit, "Men in Black," starring Tommy Lee Jones and Will Smith.



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