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University City High School Alumni to be enshrined in Missouri Sports Hall of Fame

Ceremony and banquet Sunday, Nov. 4 honors more than a dozen individuals and teams

University City, MO – Three University City High School alumni will be inducted into the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame during the Enshrinement in St. Louis presented by Great Southern Bank on Sunday, Nov. 4 at the Chase Park Plaza Hotel (212 Kingshighway Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63108). The event begins with a reception at noon followed by the banquet at 1 p.m.

Professional baseball standout Bernard Gilkey (UCHS Class of 1984), University of Missouri quarterback and pitcher Pete Woods (UCHS Class of 1974) and sports journalist Myron Holtzman (UCHS Class of 1960) will be enshrined along with a group of 13 other individuals, including Isaac Bruce, Jackie Joyner-Kersey and Mark Buehrle, as well as two area high school coaches and their exemplary programs. Donn Sorensen of Mercy Health Systems will be honored with the President's Award.

“We're always excited to see alumni of The School District of University City honored for their accomplishments,” said Superintendent of Schools Sharonica Hardin-Bartley, PhD, PHR. “Their example gives current students a goal they can seek to achieve in their future.”

Biographies of all honorees, including Gilkey, Woods, and Holtzman, are posted at mosportshalloffame.com.

According to its website, the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame celebrates the accomplishments made by past athletes, while inspiring future athletes to succeed. All inductees have helped mold Missouri sports into what it is today. For more information about the Hall of Fame, contact Kary Booher at booher@mosportshalloffame.com.

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Biographies from mosportshalloffame.com

Bernard Gilkey – University City High School, St. Louis Cardinals & New York Mets

A University City High School graduate, Gilkey played 12 seasons in the big leagues, including his first six (1990 to 1995) for the hometown St. Louis Cardinals. Overall, he hit 118 home runs, 244 doubles and drove in 546 runs in a career that included time with the New York Mets, Arizona Diamondbacks, Boston Red Sox and Atlanta Braves. Two of his best years were in the middle of the 1990s. His best year in St. Louis was 1995, when Gilkey batted .298 with 17 home runs and 69 RBI. Traded the next season to the Mets, he put together one of the best seasons in Mets history, belting 30 home runs, 44 doubles and drove in 117 runs. His performance that season led to a No. 14 finish in National League MVP voting. He later helped the 1999 Diamondbacks and 2001 Atlanta Braves reach the playoffs, plus had a stint with the Boston Red Sox.

Pete Woods – University City High School & University of Missouri

Woods was a three-sport athlete at University City High School in the early 1970s, earning All-State in baseball and football, and was a two-sport athlete at the University of Missouri. In his first two years in Columbia, Woods compiled a 9-1 record as a pitcher on the baseball team. He also was a three-year letterman on the football squad (1975, 1976, 1977) as he played for coach Al Onofrio. The 1976 season was Woods' most memorable, as he led Mizzou to upset victories against No. 2-ranked Ohio State and No. 3-ranked Nebraska. In a 22-21 victory against Ohio State in the Horseshoe in Columbus, Ohio, he led the rally from a 21-7 halftime deficit, engineered the final drive and scored the game-winning, 2-point conversion. He also threw a 98-yard TD pass in the 34-24 upset of Nebraska a month later. Woods, the 104th player taken in the 1978 NFL Draft, played three seasons combined with the Kansas City Chiefs, Denver Broncos, Cincinnati Bengals and Miami Dolphins.

Myron Holtzman – Sports Journalist

A longtime sportswriter and former sports editor of The St. Louis Globe-Democrat, Holtzman is also a member of the Baseball Writers Association of America. After the newspaper ceased publication, he worked for the Sporting News and for the Associated Press. In 1993, he joined Anheuser-Busch as publications manager for the St. Louis Cardinals, editing and designing the Cardinals Magazine (later Gameday Magazine) in addition to the Cardinals' yearbook. Before retiring from the brewery in 2004, he also worked in the Communications Department, contributing his editorial skills to several publications. Holtzman is now a freelance communications specialist and co-authored the book, "The Cardinals of Cooperstown." He is chairman of the St. Louis Baseball Writers dinner and also serves as P.R. director for the St. Louis Sports Hall of Fame.