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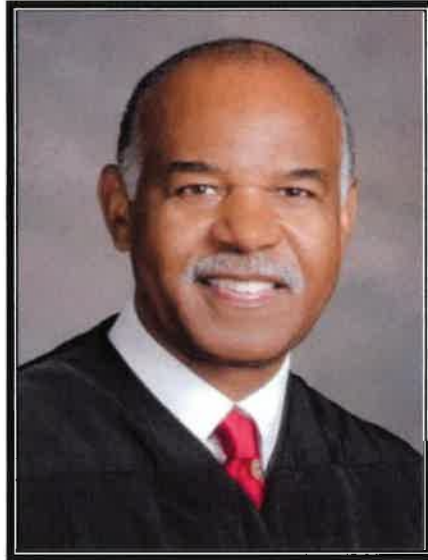
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Keynote Speaker



Judge Roger L. Gregory

Judge Roger L. Gregory was born on July 17, 1953, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, but raised in Petersburg, Virginia. He graduated from Petersburg High School in 1971, and enrolled at Virginia State University, where he graduated summa cum laude in 1975, and earned his J.D. degree from the University of Michigan Law School in 1978.

In 1978, Gregory became the first African American attorney at the law firm of Butzel, Long, Gust, Klein & Van Zile in Detroit. In 1980, he joined the Richmond law firm of Hunton & Williams LLP. Gregory was nominated by President Bill Clinton to be the first African American judge on the Richmond-based U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, but the Senate refused to hold Gregory's confirmation hearing. He was then nominated by President George W. Bush and confirmed in 2001. In 2014, he joined the majority opinion on *Bostic v. Schaefer*, which overturned Virginia's ban on same-sex marriage. Also, that year, Gregory authored the court's unanimous opinion on *King v. Burwell*, which upheld tax subsidies for health insurance purchased on federal exchanges under the Affordable Care Act. In 2016, Gregory became the first African American chief judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.

Keynote Speaker – Judge Roger L. Gregory - Continued

Gregory has served on numerous boards, including Richmond Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce, Richmond Arts Council, Virginia State University Foundation, Richmond Bar Association, and Central Virginia Legal Aid Society. He served as president of the Friends Association for Children and the Black History Museum and Cultural Center of Virginia. Gregory was chairman of the Industrial Development Authority of Richmond and the executive committee of Richmond Renaissance. Gregory also sat on the board of Child Fund International and served on the board of the Virginia Historical Society.

He serves as trustee emeritus on the Board of Trustees at the University of Richmond. He serves on the Junior Board of Directors of the John Marshall Foundation. He is a member of the American Bar Association and was keynote speaker for the opening assembly at the 2005 ABA annual meeting in Chicago. He is a member of the National Bar Association, and the Old Dominion Bar Association of which Gregory is a past president. He is a member of the State Bar of Michigan and Virginia.

He was the recipient of many awards, including the 1997 National Conference of Christians and Jews Humanitarian Award. He was featured in *Ebony* magazine as one of the “56 Most Intriguing Blacks of 2001.” In 2002, he received the Pioneer Visionary Award from the National Black Student Leadership Development Conference. In 2003, Judge Gregory received the Dominion Resources Strong Men and Women: Excellence in Leadership Award. Gregory was also awarded the Old Dominion Bar Association’s L. Douglas Wilder Vanguard Award. He was also awarded the National Bar Association’s Gertrude E. Rush and Equal Justice Awards, and the Thurgood Marshall Award of Excellence. In 2015, he received the Washington Bar Association’s Charles Hamilton Houston Merit Medallion.

THE VIA STORY

As a teen in the 1950s, Arthur Ashe was never allowed to test his formidable tennis skills against the best white high school players in his hometown of Richmond, Va. Bennie McRae, of Newport News, Va., never dazzled white opponents at the high school level with his blazing speed on the gridiron or in track meets. And because it was a time in history when Virginia and other southern states were composed of two societies – one black, the other white – Bobby Dandridge, another Richmond native, couldn't unveil his preternatural gifts on a fully integrated basketball court until he joined the National Basketball Association. Dandridge played college basketball for Norfolk State University. Ashe, the 1975 Wimbledon champion, was a tennis standout at UCLA and McRae was a running back at the University of Michigan.

When American society was still segregated, scores of gifted black athletes from Virginia received nurturing and interscholastic competition thanks to the Virginia Interscholastic Association (VIA). Despite the racial barriers of that era, Ashe (Maggie Walker), McRae (Huntington), Dandridge (Maggie Walker) and scores of other gifted black athletes from Virginia received the nurturing and interscholastic competition needed thanks to the Virginia Interscholastic Association (VIA). From 1954 through 1969 the VIA coordinated, not just sports activities, but all extracurricular activities in black secondary schools, including band, music, art and science and math competitions.

The VIA not only helped produced superstar athletes, but prominent coaches, as well. Thad Madden, Huntington High's legendary coach, arguably was the state's best high school coach of any color. Madden, who guided the early careers of nine future pros, including McRae (Chicago Bears) and Earl Faison (San Diego Chargers), had 28 consecutive winning seasons in football compiling a 251-114-16 record. His Huntington teams won 16 VIA eastern District titles and 7 VIA state championships. Madden's track and field squads won 19 VIA state championships and were declared 7 times runner up when black schools integrated with the previously all-white Virginia High School League.

Before segregation, there were 115 black high schools in Virginia; desegregation was responsible for VIA member loss.

With little or no hope of landing mainstream white collar jobs in business, banking, local government, etc., many of the best and brightest blacks of the previous generation focused on education. They became teachers, principals, or school administrators. They sacrificed much but gave so much more to their students. Before his death in 1993, Ashe paid tribute to the thousands of unsung black heroes of the era of racial segregation in his autobiography, *Days of Grace*, with this observation: "A pall of sadness hangs over my life and the lives of almost all African Americans because of what we as a people have experienced historically in America, and what we as individuals experience each and every day. Whether one is a welfare recipient trapped in some blighted "housing project" in the inner city or a former Wimbledon champion who is easily recognized on the streets and whose home is a luxurious apartment in one of the wealthiest districts of Manhattan, the sadness is still there."

During the VIA era, many of Ashe's 'unsung heroes' helped him and other black students of that generation, wrestle with the realities of an unfair world by encouraging them to set high goals and then strive to surpass them. The goal of the VIA Heritage Association, which is composed of individuals who attended several of the 115 high schools that existed before integration, is to preserve and promote the history of the organization through a Hall of Fame and a museum at its birthplace, Virginia State University, Petersburg, VA.

VIAHA 2022



2022 Class of Inductees

Athletes

Dr. Claudis "CB" Claiborne
Jacob "Jake" Wyche, Jr.

Coach

Dr. Paulette Walker Johnson

Contributors

Carlton Earl "Carl" Anderson
James "Jimmy" Hollins
Thelma M. Jefferson
Dr. Gladys B. West

Congratulations

2021 Class of Inductees

Athletes: Warren C. Dance, J. Maurice Hawkins, Walter “Fuzzy” Ward

Contributors: Germaine S. Fauntleroy, Wesley L. Harris, William M. Harris, Ronald E. Mickens,
Maxie (Max) Robinson, Jr., Randall Robinson

2020 Class of Inductees

Athletes: Arthur Ashe, Jr., Donald Culpepper, Wheeler Hughes, Willie Lanier

Coaches: Harold Deane, Sr., Robert W. Johnson, Carnis Poindexter

Contributors: Afemo Omilami (Kenneth Lee), Carolyn Rudd, Melvin Stith,
Andrew “Jack” White

2019 Class of Inductees

Athletes: Charles Bonaparte, Benjamin “Benny” Brown, Warren Canada

Robert “Bobby” Dandridge, Louis Richard Harris, Fred Harold “Doc” Sawyer

Coaches: Willard Bailey, James “Blue” Earley, Willard Bailey, Carl Peal

Contributors: William Albert “W. A.” Brown, Cheryl Anthony Epps, Roger L. Gregory

2018 Class of Inductees

Athletes: Ronald Bolton, Joseph Bradley, Earl Faison, Jim Lewis, Jerry Venable

Coaches: Alphonso Hamilton, Eugene Thompson, Arnold Thurmond, Wm. Travis

Contributors: William Bailey, Julian, Marguerita Ragsdale

2017 Class of Inductees

Athletes: Mattie Parham Bell, Leroy Keyes, Albert Arthur (Piggie) Megginson,

Marty Miller, Charles Price

Coaches: Howard Allen, Walter Lovett, Harry Waters

Contributors: Garwin DeBerry, Clarence Oliver, Knox W. Tull, Jr.

2016 Class of Inductees

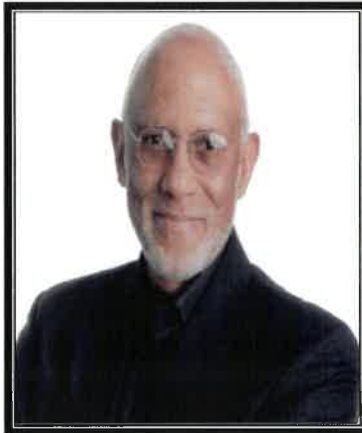
Athletes: Roosevelt Brown, Walter A. Bowser, Joseph Buggs, Jesse H. Jefferson, Jr., Louvenia Johnson, Earl Frances Lloyd, Benita Fitzgerald Moseley, Raymond Pollard, Donald L. Ross, Jr., Bryant L. Stith, Charles E. Stukes

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Contributors: James Hayes, Calvin Jacox, Clarence Jones, George Peterson, Jr., Elmer F. Sampson, Ernest Shaw

Special Recognition: Armstrong-Walker Football Classic

***Dr. Claudius "CB" Claiborne
Langston High, Danville (1965)
Athlete***



According to several narratives, the Langston High School class of 1965 was the most honored class in the school's 28-year history. This class had 122 graduating "super stars." Two of the most honored students ever to attend Langston and other members of the audience were told the future is very bright for the Negro youth. Do you remember newspaper articles that use to say, "you are a credit to your race?" Well, the wind has changed direction and "they" didn't see it coming. They could not do anything to discourage super achievers who attended a school premeditated to produce inferior citizens mentally and emotionally. Can you believe, a stellar baseball & basketball athlete and honor student, Dr. CB Claiborne was invited to a reception at the White House after being selected as one of 121 "Presidential Scholars." The scholars were chosen as representatives of the outstanding 1965 high school graduates.

"CLAUDIUS CLAIBORNE, winner of a National Achievement Scholar, will enter Duke University in the fall to study engineering. Ranked No. 1 in his Langston High School (Danville) class, the talented basketball player led his team to the finals in the VIA Group I State Tournament recently concluded at Hampton Institute. Duke Cage Coach Vic Bubas said, 'Claiborne would be welcome to come out for the team and compete for a position.' Should he make the grade, Claiborne will be Duke's first Negro Basketball player."

Daily Press Newport News, Virginia Friday April 3, 1965; page 31

*Jacob "Jake" Wyche, Jr.
Carter G. Woodson High, Hopewell (1958)
Athlete*



Jacob "Jake" Wyche, Jr. was born and raised in Hopewell, Virginia. He was number four of ten children born to Deacon & Mrs. Jacob Wyche, Sr. Jake was the first student athlete to play on four championship basketball teams.

During his junior and senior years, he led the Woodson Trotters in scoring, rebounding, and steals. By the way, he was captain both years for the Carter Woodson Trotters. The team was rebuilding around Jake and one other returning starter. At every opportunity, the team played an up-tempo game. Throughout the basketball season, Jake had some really dazzling game performances. Woodson opened the season on the road at Saint Emma Military Academy (Powhatan, VA), and Jake was the leading scorer for the game with 24 points.

During the month of January 1957, he averaged 19.6 points per game with a high game of 24 points against the Southside Bears (Dinwiddie). During the VIA Group III State tournament, Jake tossed in 42 points verses Jefferson High of Clifton Forge. In the championship finals, he blistered the net with 28 points in a 70-55 win over Saint Claire Walker of Middlesex County. The Group III State Tournament Committee recognized Jacob Wyche as the leading scorer and the most valuable player for the tournament.

Wyche finished the '57 season by tying the Woodson all-time individual scoring leader with 42 points. The school's history reveals that he has also become the second individual high scorer with 41 points against Ruthville High School.

Dr. Paulette Walker Johnson
Peabody High, Petersburg (1969)
Coach



There are several Paulette Walker Johnsons, but there is only one Paulette Walker Johnson that is synonymous with Peabody High School and the VSU Woo-Woos. It has been said by many, “never underestimate all that a VIA Alumni has to portion out to the world.” Dr. Paulette Walker Johnson spent 35 plus years coaching the internationally recognized Virginia State University “Woo-Woos” Cheering Squad. While setting the standard for college level cheering programs, the Woo-Woos and Dr. Johnson have been featured on the BET television network, Urban Sports Network, ESPN and have had numerous appearances on locally based television stations and in Jamaica. In the 1990’s the squad performed at a boxing match staged by the legendary promoter Don King. In 1999, the Mayor of the City of Petersburg established “Dr. Paulette Walker Johnson Day.” Dr. Johnson is noted as the first female athletic director in VSU history who coached the VSU softball team to win its first CIAA Softball Championship.

In the conference, Dr. Johnson was the first president and founder of the CIAA Cheerleader Coaches Association. She is a 2003 inductee of the VSU Wall of Fame, and 2011 inductee into the CIAA John B. McLendon Hall of Fame.

Morgan State University, Dr. Johnson’s alma mater, can be credited with bridging the maturity gap between her adolescent and adult life. Below is a conversation she often shares:

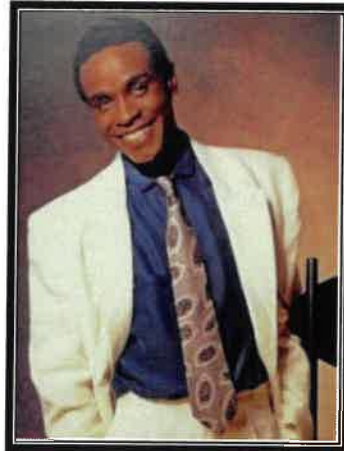
Dr. Johnson: “Are you a Diva?”

Campers: “Yes ma’am, I am.”

Dr. Johnson: “How do I know?”

Campers: “I have a beautiful mind, a beautiful face, and a beautiful attitude all over this place. Diva”

Carlton Earl "Carl" Anderson
Dunbar High, Lynchburg (1965)
Contributor



Carlton Earl Anderson (1945-2004) was a 1965 graduate of VIA Group 1, Dunbar High School in Lynchburg VA. "Carl" was memorialized at the time of his death as "a renaissance man" who moved skillfully between music, television, theatre, film, nightclubs and concert halls in the U.S., the Americas, Europe and Asia. In his hometown, he achieved near-iconic status as one of its most accomplished native sons. Carlton was best known for his portrayal of Judas Iscariot in the Broadway and film versions of the rock opera "Jesus Christ Superstar" produced by Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice.

Following high school, Anderson sang at military bases across the United States as part of the Worldwide Air Force Talent Contest and often returned to Lynchburg to tutor aspiring young artists at the Lynchburg Academy of Music. Anderson was cast in the film adaptation of "Jesus Christ Superstar" released in 1973 by director Norman Jewison, which catapulted his career with two Golden Globe nominations as "Most Promising Newcomer" and "Best Musical Actor. He was also nominated for the NAACP Image award. Some notable achievements of Carl's, Grammy nomination for the song "Forbidden Lover" a duet with Nancy Wilson, appeared in the TV show "Hill Street Blues" and the movie "The Color Purple" (1985) as 'Rev. Samuel'. He also had TV appearances as 'King Monroe' on the Soap Opera "Another World" and guest appearances on shows such as "The Rockford Files," "Magnum P.I." and "Starsky & Hutch." Anderson and singer-actress Gloria Loring performed the duet "Friends and Lovers," which reached No. 2 on the Billboard Hot 100 chart in 1986. Carlton Earl "Carl" Anderson was a multifaceted entertainer and performer. On May 15, 2004, the Dunbar High School Auditorium in Lynchburg, Virginia, was officially renamed the "Carl Anderson Performing Arts Auditorium."

***James “Jimmy” Hollins
Jackson P. Burley High, Charlottesville (1965)
Contributor***



James “Jimmy” Hollins was born on June 21, 1947, in the city of Charlottesville and was reared by parents who wanted the best for him and from him. In 1965 Jimmy graduated from VIA Group I, Jackson P. Burley High School in Charlottesville VA. At Burley Jimmy was active in academics and extra curricula activities to include football and band. After graduation he went to trade school and then into the United States Army where he served in Vietnam. After discharge from the military, he went to work for Amtrak from where he retired.

Always curious and interested in his surroundings Hollins began to think about things that would improve the community as well as things to keep the spirit of Jackson P. Burley alive. On January 27, 2007, four former Burley High School athletes, Donald Byers, Jimmy Hollins, George Lindsey, and Beverly McCullough, came together to form the Burley Varsity Club. The club wanted to make a difference in the community and wanted to give back to their former school which closed in 1967. James Hollins has been and still is passionate about not letting Jackson P. Burley be forgotten. Under his leadership, he has managed several events, programs, and fundraisers to keep and maintain the history of Burley alive. One accomplishment that was well recognized was the building of a \$90,000 Monument Historic Wall honoring Burley High.

As Chairman of the VIA Heritage Association, Inc., Jimmy has lived up to the mission of the VIAHA, which is “to honor the rich heritage and legacy of African Americans in sports, academics, medicine, law, politics, music, and other achievements under the direction of the Virginia Interscholastic Association from 1954 -1970.”

Thelma M. Jefferson
Peabody High, Petersburg (1967)
Contributor



Thelma M. Jefferson is a graduate of Peabody High, the first public high school established for Negroes in the Commonwealth of Virginia, class of 1967.

To the children of the community, the old buildings on the campus of the original Peabody High School, which later became a Junior High and Middle School are just aging structures with boarded windows. However, their parents, grandparents and great-grandparents view those buildings with pride.

It's that pride that will help keep the history and legacy of Peabody High School alive, thanks to the efforts of Thelma Jefferson, the Peabody High School National Alumni Association, Inc. and the Peabody Academic Learning and Development Center (PALDC), which Jefferson works on as Co-Chair. The organizations are looking to restore the original Peabody High School building on Jones Street, the closed Peabody Middle School on Wesley Street, and the Giles B. Cooke School building on the campus behind Peabody Middle School in order to create a Learning and Development Center and African American and Peabody High School history museum.

According to Jefferson, "Our main objective is that we keep the legacy of Peabody High School alive." It is also with much pride that Jefferson worked tirelessly to have an historical highway marker dedicated and unveiled at the birthplace of Peabody High School in Petersburg. Peabody Middle School has received a \$28,000 donation and many academic enrichment items through the works of Jefferson and the Alumni Association.

It is with much hope that the Peabody buildings will be brought back to life and remain a legacy in the City and the State.

Thelma Jefferson, President Peabody National Alumni Association Petersburg Progress-Index News May 27, 2012

Dr. Gladys B. West
Dinwiddie Training School, Dinwiddie (1948)
Contributor



Dr. Gladys West grew up in Dinwiddie County, VA as the farmer's daughter with a dream to significantly exceed beyond what she could see. The world has changed in ways that would have been virtually unimaginable when Dr. West walked to schools as the only means of transportation to children assigned to the schools she attended. After graduating from Dinwiddie Training School at the very top of her class, she enrolled in Virginia State College (now University) to study mathematics. At Virginia State College she was privileged to sit at the feet of renowned mathematician Dr. Reuben McDaniel. The VIA Heritage Association honors this VIA Alumna who dedicated her career to pushing forward the frontier of mathematics via a strong orientation towards research in the mathematical sciences by length of career, teaching youth, frequency of publication, and impact of her work upon the world.

Mathematics has been a major component part that has suddenly made a number of previously unthinkable endeavors very possible. From modern electronics to computers, smart phones, the internet, brain imaging and more, everyday life in 2022 is vastly different from what it was when Dr. Gladys West and the vast majority of us were born.

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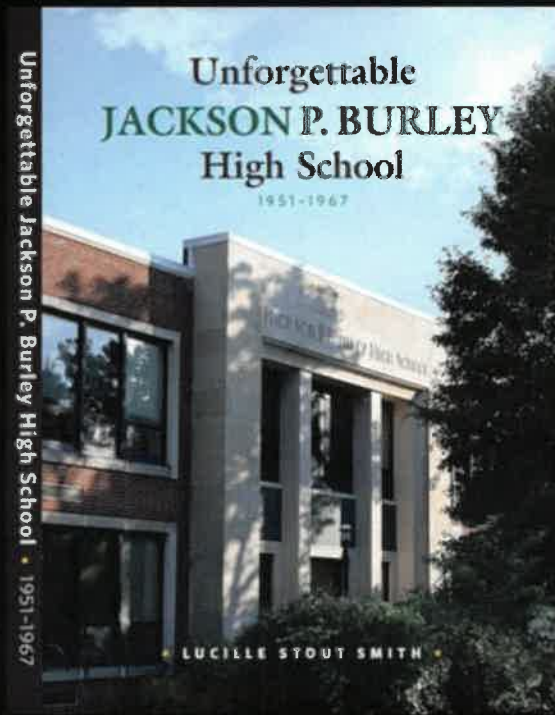
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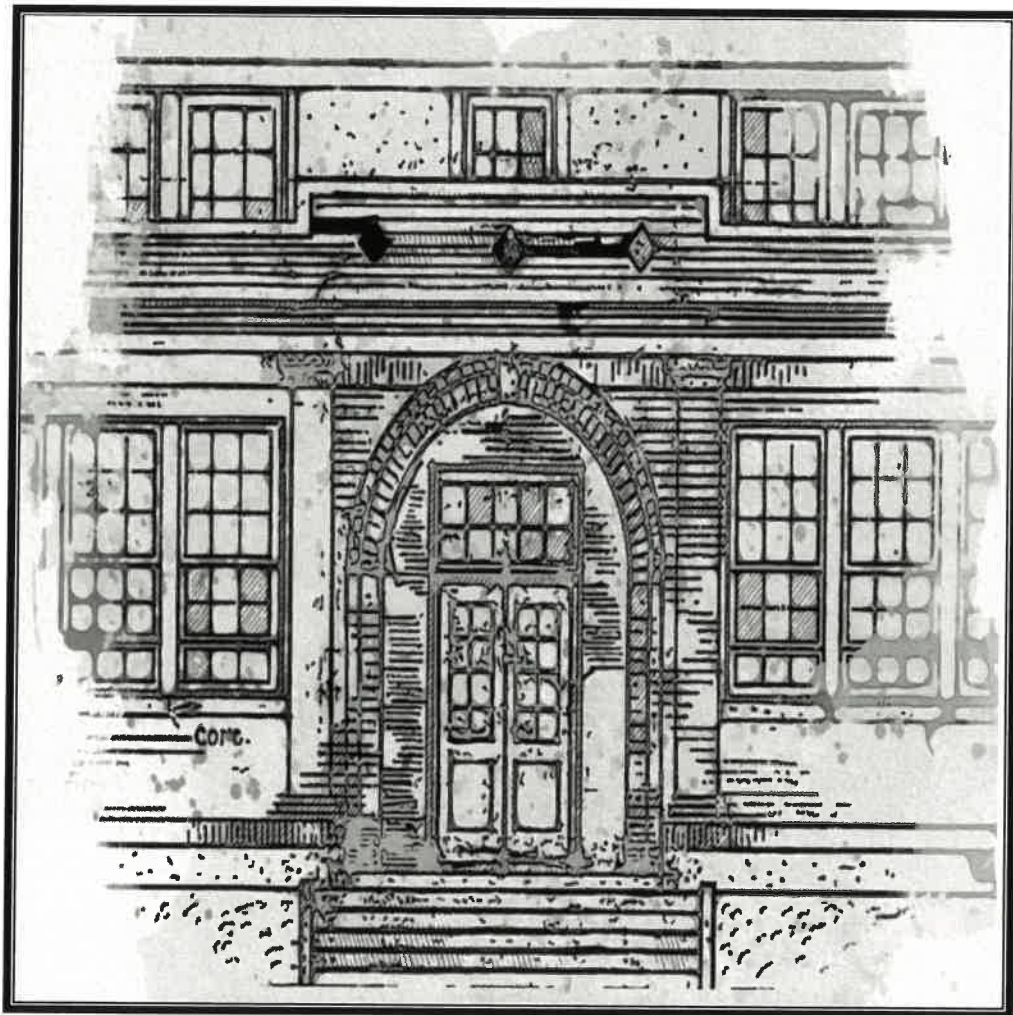
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Rank	Points	Name	Date	Opponent	Score	Researched By
1	42	Joe Bradley	**Mar4,1956	St. Claire Walker	83-33	
1	42	Jake Wyche	*Mar7,1957	Jefferson(Clifton Forge)	97-49	
2	41	Jake Wyche	Feb6,1957	Ruthville	90-49	
3	38	James Price	Feb12,1959	Maggie Walker	75-59	
4	35	Joe Bradley	Feb14,1956	East End Lunenburg	67-36	
5	34	Joe Bradley	Feb22,1956	East End South Hill	51-30	
6	30	Joe Bradley	Jan11,1956	Wyatt	58-34	
7	29	David Leech	Jan. 6,1954	Waverly Tng. School	68-20	
7	29	David Leech	Jan 8,1954	Carver	46-43	
7	29	Joe Bradley	Dec20,1955	Armstrong	61-57	
7	29	Bill Ringer	*Feb27,1960	Bruton Heights	81-67	
8	28	Jake Wyche	Feb17,1957	Ruthville	90-47	
8	28	Jake Wyche	**Mar8,1957	St. Claire Walker	70-55	
8	28	Bill Ringer	**Feb27,1960	J. W. Johnson	83-68	
9	27	Joe Bradley	Feb 23,1954	VA Randolph	82-30	
9	27	James Price	**Mar14,1959	St. Claire Walker	84-53	
9	27	Bill Ringer	Feb 18,1960	T. C. Walker	82-40	
10	26	Robert "Bob" Wyche	Feb6,1958	S. C. Abrams	102-29	
11	25	David Leech	Jan26,1954	Carver	61-52	
11	25	David Leech	Feb 18,1954	Maggie Walker	56-58	
11	25	David Leech	Feb12,1954	VA Randolph	60-51	
11	25	Joe Bradley	Jan11,1956	Wyatt	58-34	
11	25	Charles "Moby" Hayes	*Feb27,1960	Bruton Heights	81-67	
12	24	David Leech	Dec 7,1954	Dinwiddie Tng. School	78-40	
12	24	David Leech	Feb 8,1955	Carver	74-57	
12	24	Joe Bradley	*Mar2,1956	Ralph Bunch	66-34	
12	24	Dick Jones	Feb17,1957	Ruthville	90-47	
12	24	Arthur "Pee Man" Gholson	Feb 17,1957	Ruthville	90-47	
12	24	Jake Wyche	Feb20,1957	Southside Dinwiddie	62-56	
12	24	Jake Wyche	Dec11,1956	St. Emma	49-53	
13	23	Joe Bradley	Feb8,1956	Maggie Walker	42-51	
13	23	James Price	*Mar6,1959	Thomas Hunter	59-50	
14	22	David Leech	Dec14,1954	Armstrong	50-58	
14	22	Dick Jones	Jan31,1957	Bruton Heights	64-69	
14	22	Bill Ringer	Feb5,1960	J. W. Johnson	52-47	
14	22	Charles "Moby" Hayes	Jan12,1960	VA Randolph	61-31	
14	22	Randolph "Hot Dog" Judkins	Jan19,1960	Peabody	47-77	
15	21	David Leech	Feb 12,1952	VA Randolph	36-50	
15	21	Joe Bradley	Dec15,1955	Peabody	42-44	
15	21	Jake Wyche	Feb26,1957	St. Emma	67-58	
15	21	Jake Wyche	Jan28,1958	Bruton Heights	64-58	
15	21	Charles "Moby" Hayes	Feb18,1960	T. C. Walker	82-40	
16	20	David Leech	Jan15,1954	Peabody	34-39	

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