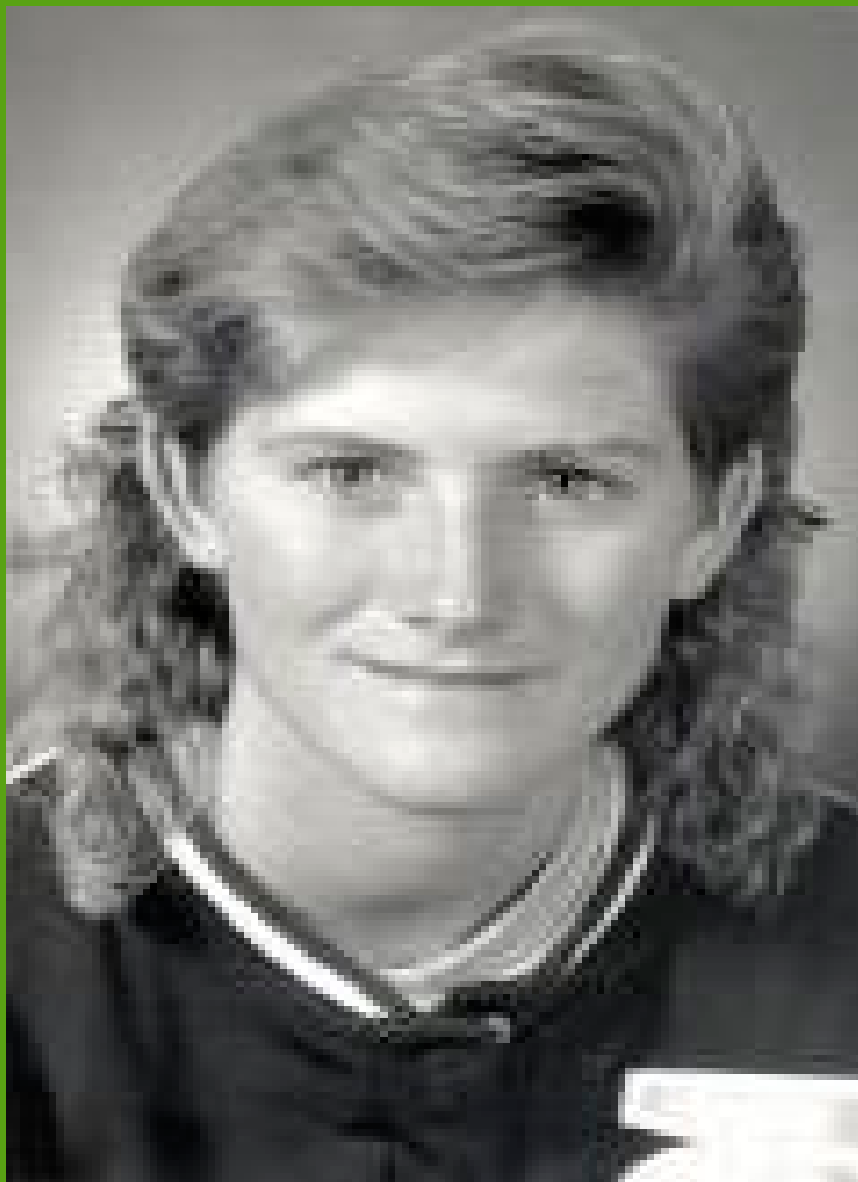




# CLOVER SCHOOL DISTRICT

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

**Leslie Adams**

Clover High School Athlete

Class of 2014

Leslie Adams, a 1989 graduate of Clover High School, is one of the most celebrated athletes in school history. A basketball, volleyball and softball standout at CHS, her resume includes nine all-conference selections, four conference MVP awards, three all-state selections and two All-Herald awards. She was a North-South All-Star in softball and the 1989 South Carolina 3A Softball Player of the Year. Adams played softball at Florida State University, where she was an All-ACC and All-Tournament selection in 1992 and 1993. She played professional softball with the Stratford, Connecticut Rebastas Brakettes, during which the team won two ASA fast-pitch championships. She played in the Olympic Sports Festival in LA in 1991 and was a starting catcher for the Carolina Diamonds of the Women's Professional Softball League. Adams also served as an assistant softball coach at the University of Louisville from 1999 to 2005 and is a member of the York County Athletic Hall of Fame.



### **Lamont Hall**

Clover High School Athlete  
Class of 2014

Lamont Hall, a 1993 graduate of Clover High School, left his mark as a dominant football, basketball and baseball player in Blue Eagle Country. Hall lettered in every sport he played, all four years he played at CHS. In his senior year, he was MVP, all-conference and Region Three Player of the Year in basketball. He is the all-time leading scorer in CHS Basketball history. After high school, Hall attended Clemson University, where he played tight end for the Tigers. He played in every Clemson football game his four years, winning the Joe Francis Leadership Award in 1997. In 1996, he was named second team All-ACC, becoming the first tight end to make an all-star team in 12 years at Clemson. During his time at Clemson, Hall played in the 1993, 1996, and 1997 Peach Bowls and in the 1995 Gator Bowl.

After Clemson, Hall played professional football for the Rhein Fire of NFL Europe, the Green Bay Packers, and the New Orleans Saints from 1999 to 2005.



### **Fred Hambright**

Clover High School Athlete  
Class of 2014

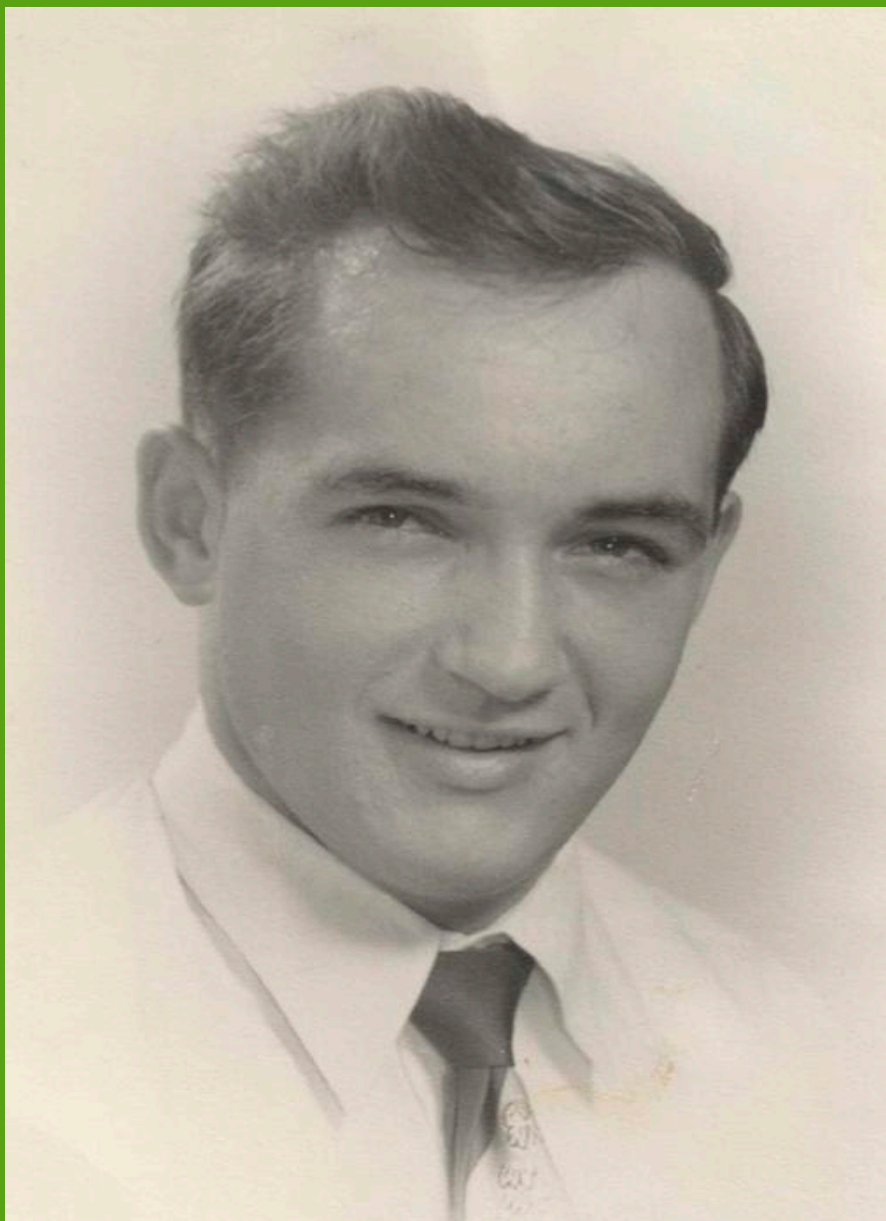
Fred Hambright, a 1929 Clover High School graduate, was an outstanding athlete at CHS. During his time at CHS, Hambright was voted all-conference in football, baseball, and basketball. After graduating from CHS, he attended the University of South Carolina and played football and baseball for the Gamecocks. Hambright lettered for the Gamecock football squad in 1931, 1932, and 1933. He received the Jacobs Blocking Trophy in 1931 and was inducted in the University of South Carolina Athletic Hall of Fame in 1969. After USC, Hambright played professional football for the Charlotte Bantams of the American Football League (1934-1936) and was named an Associated Press All-AFL Halfback in 1934.



**Bill Tate**

Roosevelt High School Athlete  
Class of 2014

Bill Tate, a 1964 graduate of Roosevelt High School, was an all-star basketball player from 1961 to 1964 and was an all-star running back for Roosevelt's first football team in 1963. He was voted best athlete in the 1964 graduating class. After high school, Tate attended Friendship College and Claflin University. Tate was the head football coach at Timmonsville High School from 1973 to 2007 and again from 2012 to the present. His teams have played for 9 state championships and won 2 state championships during his tenure. In addition, Tate has served as the Head Coach of the North/South All-Star game (2000) and was the first African American Head Coach of the Shrine Bowl in 2004. Tate was elected to the South Carolina Athletic Coaches Association's Hall of Fame in 2006.



**Gerald Neill Adams**

Clover High School Athlete

Class of 2015

Jerry Adams, a 1955 graduate of Clover High School, was a football and baseball standout. Adams was a seven-time letterman. Adams played on the offense and defense lines, was the team's kicker, and was the catcher on the baseball team. He was the team's football MVP in 1953, was selected to play in the Shrine Bowl, and he was the first athlete to play offense and defense in the Shrine Bowl. After graduation, Jerry Adams, gave back richly to this community as an award winning member of the Jaycees, The Optimist Club, and the Alpine Lodge. He was a youth football coach in Clover and a North Carolina Football Association official. Adams gave a rich legacy to this district as a student, athlete, and citizen.



### **Christopher Hugh Cobb**

Clover High School Athlete

Class of 2015

Christopher Hugh Cobb, a 1976 Clover High graduate, was a standout football player at Clover High School from 1973-1976. Cobb accumulated many awards during his years at Clover High School. Cobb was twice selected all-conference. He was the 1976 CHS team MVP and was selected as the 1976 Shrine Bowl MVP. Cobb rushed for over 3700 yards at CHS in three years of varsity play. From 1976-1979 Cobb attended Eastern Illinois University on a football scholarship. In college, Cobb was twice awarded All-American status. At Eastern Illinois, he rushed for 5042 career yards, recorded 6077 all-purpose yards, scored 48 touchdowns, and rushed for over 100 yards in 27 games. By the time he graduated college, he was the fifth highest leading rusher in NCAA history and led Eastern Illinois to the 1978 NCAA Division II National Championship. In 1978 he was inducted into the Eastern Illinois Athletic Hall of Fame.





### **Virginia Ann Gardner**

Clover High School Athlete

Class of 2015

Virginia Ann Gardner, a 1987 Clover High School graduate, earned 12 varsity letters in volleyball, basketball, and softball. She was an all-conference selection five times and an all-state selection three times. She played on the North/South All-Star softball team and was the first female from CHS to play in the state North/South all-star basketball game. She was a three-time Gaston Gazette player of the year in basketball and made the conference all-tournament team in basketball three times. Gardner finished her basketball career at Clover with 1010 points, 201 steals, and 794 rebounds in 101 games. She played on three tournament champion teams and led the Blue Eagle basketball team the playoffs four years in a row. After high school, Gardner signed a Division I scholarship at the University of South Carolina where she played four years. During her college years, her teams won four Metro Conference regular season championships, two tournament championships, and she appeared in 4 NCAA tournaments on the way to contributing to a 92-36 record. After graduation, Gardner turned to coaching. From 1992–2000 she coached at Winthrop and Western Carolina Universities. From 2000–Present, Gardner has coached high school basketball at Robbinsville and Tuscola High Schools in North Carolina. She has won over 200 games as a high school basketball coach.





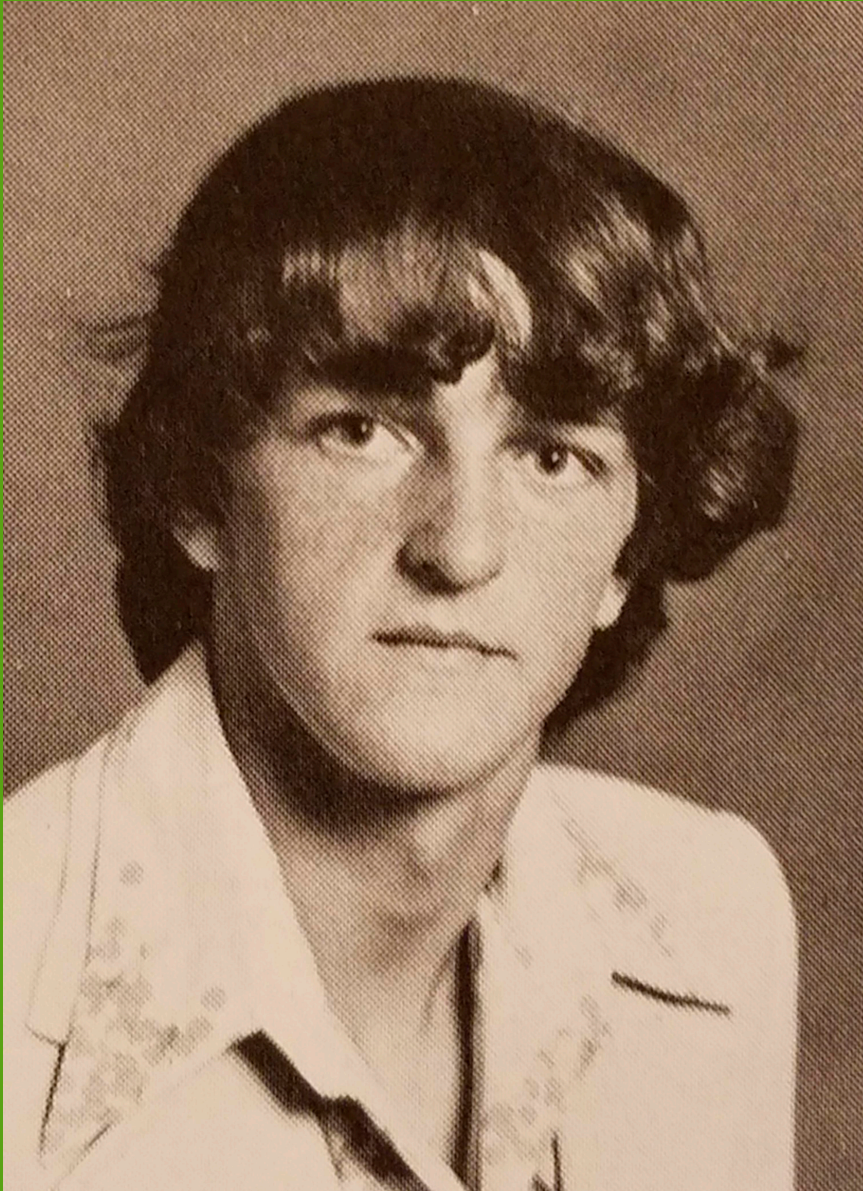
### **Mary Agnes Dye Morrow**

Roosevelt Athlete

Class of 2015

Mary Agnes Dye Morrow, a 1955 Roosevelt High School graduate began playing varsity basketball in the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade. Her coach, Alexander Davis, reports that she established herself as a prolific scorer averaging 15 points per game in her underclassmen years and broke the 30 point scoring mark several times during her senior campaign. In addition to her outstanding basketball career, Morrow was also a talented musician and singer, performing in the band and glee club at Roosevelt High School.



**Mike Jackson**

CHS Athlete

Class of 2016

Mike Jackson graduated from Clover High School in 1977. He began playing varsity sports in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade at CHS and quickly became a team leader in football, basketball, and baseball. Jackson started in all three sports during his sophomore, junior, and senior years. He was an all-conference selection in basketball during his junior season and was then selected to the all-conference team in football, basketball, and baseball during his senior year. After high school, Jackson received scholarship offers in both football and basketball. He attended USC-Lancaster and was a starter on the basketball team for two seasons. After USC-Lancaster, he transferred to Wofford College where he played both basketball and baseball. During the 1982 basketball season, he was named the team's best defensive player. After college, Jackson became one of the best softball players in the southeast, playing on numerous teams, and winning multiple state championships. In 2012, he was inducted into the National Softball Association's Tri-state Hall of Fame.





### **Sheila Stewart**

CHS Coach

Class of 2016

Sheila Stewart, a 1976 graduate of Chester High School attended Winthrop College where she lettered in tennis and softball. While at Winthrop, Stewart was named to the SC Collegiate all-state team in Softball as a first baseman. After earning her undergraduate and graduate degrees from Winthrop, she began her teaching and coaching career at Clover High School in 1981. Stewart worked her entire 32 year career at Clover High School teaching physical education and personal fitness, as well as coaching and serving as assistant athletic director. During her 32 years at Clover, she coached golf, tennis, volleyball, basketball, and softball. In her six years as varsity basketball coach, she had an overall record of 102-44, was named conference coach of the year 5 times, won 3 tournament championships, and made the state playoffs in all 6 years. In addition, she had five players sign college scholarships. Stewart coached softball at CHS for 19 years. During that time, her teams won 7 conference championships, she was named conference coach of the year 7 times, her teams won 2 district championships, 2 upper state championships, and she compiled an overall record of 239-123. In addition, 15 of her softball players went on to sign college scholarships. Stewart from the Clover School District in 2012.



## **Roosevelt High School**

1969-1970 Boys Basketball Team

Class of 2016

Called the Mighty Roosevelt Tigers in a 1970 newspaper headline and known for their stingy defense and determined play, the Roosevelt High School boys basketball team of 1969-1970 claimed the final segregated State Class A basketball championship. After starting the final season at Roosevelt High School by losing its first 3 games, the team rallied around captains Bill Dulin, Jackie Tate, and Charles Bryson to reel off 12 straight victories to claim the state championship in Orangeburg, SC against West High School of Hardeeville. The go ahead basket was scored by Marshall Sanders and then sealed at the free throw line by Frank Portee, III. The team's achievement will be remembered as an example of pure determination and the will to win.

Team members include: William Dulin, Charles Bryson, Samuel Knox, Jackie Tate, Clement Falls, Felix Watson, Marshall Sanders, John Sherer, David McCullum, Roy Choates, Bill Powell, Frank Portee, III, Don Rainey, Robert Tate, Coach James Carroll.



**Bennie D. Bennett**

CHS Coach, Administrator

Class of 2017

Bennie Bennett graduated from East Clarendon High School and Winthrop College. Following an outstanding basketball career at Winthrop, Bennett had a successful 15-year coaching career at both Fort Mill High School and Clover High School. While serving in the role of administrator and athletic director, Bennett coached the Blue Eagle boys' basketball teams from 1989 until 1998. During his coaching career, Bennett's teams qualified for the playoffs 10 times, won 5 region championships, and he was named region coach of the year 5 times. He became principal at Clover Middle School in 1998, and later was appointed as an assistant superintendent in the Clover School District in 2002. After leaving Clover, Bennett served as superintendent of the Newberry County School District for 10 years. Bennett was named the 2009 SC Athletic Administrators Association Superintendent of the Year and served on the South Carolina High School League's Executive Committee from 2003-2014. In addition, Bennett is also a member of the Winthrop University Athletic Hall of Fame and the York County Athletic Hall of Fame.

**Allen Boyd**

CHS Athlete, Contributor

Class of 2017

Allen Boyd graduated from Clover High School in 1949 and was truly a Blue Eagle for life. Boyd served as team manager in 1945, then moved on to quarterback the Blue Eagles throughout his high school career. Boyd's most lasting influence on Blue Eagle athletics, however, was in the role of public address announcer for parts of six decades. As the voice of Clover Blue Eagle football, Boyd's attention to detail and preparation, his love for the Blue Eagles, and his crisp, clean delivery made him one of the very best and definitely one of a kind. Boyd's knowledge of the game and the team and his unique style helped fans stay connected on a personal basis throughout the games he called in Memorial Stadium.



### **C. Robert Munday**

CHS Athlete

Class of 2017

Clarence Robert Munday graduated from Clover High School in 1962. Considered one of the best running backs to ever play for the Blue Eagles, Munday's career numbers included 29 touchdowns, 17 extra points as the team's kicker, and a total of 191 points scored. Munday rushed for 2994 yards during his time with the Blue Eagles and was selected to the North/South All-Star game at the conclusion of his senior season. Munday was named to the all-area team in 1960 and 1961, named the team's top offensive player in 1960, and the team's most valuable player in 1961. After his senior season, Munday signed a grant-in-aid to play football at Clemson University. In addition to football, Munday played baseball for the Blue Eagles.



**Robert Louis Jackson**  
**Roosevelt HS Athlete, CHS Coach**  
**Class of 2018**

Robert Louis Jackson graduated from Roosevelt High School in 1965. Between 1963 and 1965, Jackson was a three-sport athlete at Roosevelt excelling in football, basketball, and baseball while earning five varsity letters. After graduation, Jackson went on to play baseball at Friendship Junior College in Rock Hill but his return to Clover was where he made his lasting impression on Clover High School, the Clover School District, and the Clover community. Jackson worked in the Clover School District for 42 years as a member of the Clover Middle School physical department and member of the football, basketball, and baseball coaching staffs at Clover High School. Jackson was influential in the development of Clover's young people and also served the community as a town councilman for 22 years and mayor pro-tem.





**Erin Wright Pierson**  
**CHS Athlete**  
**Class of 2018**

Erin Wright Pierson graduated from Clover High School in 2002. As a four-year varsity letter winner in both basketball and volleyball, Pierson, was part of four straight region volleyball championships. Pierson was an all-region selection for 3 years in volleyball, was selected as the region's volleyball player of the year in 2001 and 2002, was a two-time all-state selection, and was selected to represent Clover High School in the 2002 North/South Volleyball all-star games. During her time playing volleyball, the Lady Eagles won 74 games and lost only 14. Pierson's Lady Eagle basketball career resulted in two region championships, one upper state championship, and one state runner-up finish. Pierson averaged 15 points and 8 rebounds per game over four years on the basketball court and her 1704 total points is still a Clover High School record. During Pierson's four-year basketball career, she was four time all region selection and part of 85 wins and only 22 losses. At the end of her senior year, Pierson won the DH Bowman award as the most outstanding female athlete at Clover High School, won the outstanding senior award given by the faculty, and received the US Marine Corps Distinguished Athlete award. Pierson attended Presbyterian College where she played basketball for the Lady Blue Hose.