

# TOWER NEWS



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Withrow—the first fifty years

## Principals who shaped our school

by Bob Linnenberg '63

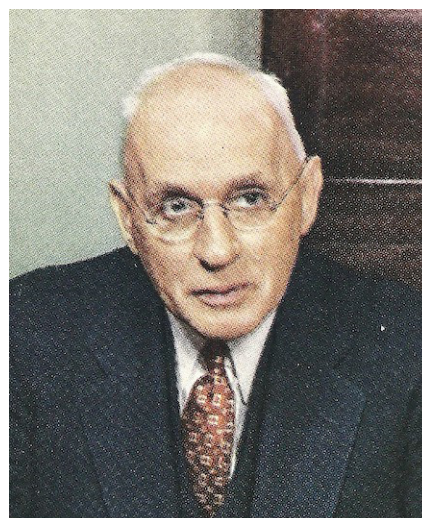
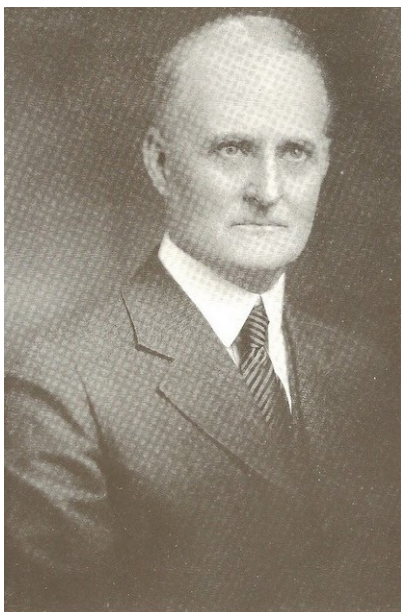
### Edmund D. Lyon 1919-1933

The son of a Methodist minister, Edmund Daniel Lyon was born September 6, 1862 in Martinsburg, a small town in northeastern Ohio. After graduation from Ohio Wesleyan University, Mr. Lyon spent his early years teaching, and as superintendent in Cuyahoga County and other northern Ohio districts.

He was hired by Cincinnati Public schools in 1901 as superintendent of Madisonville High School. In 1906 Mr. Lyon was appointed principal at Woodward High School and in 1912 was made principal of Hughes High School. When the new East High School in Hyde Park opened in 1919, Mr. Lyon was named its first principal. East High replaced Madisonville High where he had begun his career in

Cincinnati. An avid fisherman and reader, Mr. Lyon was also known for his interest in music and his fine singing voice. His interest in art manifested itself with his formation of the Art League at Withrow, which purchased, through student donations, many fine paintings and pieces of artwork to beautify the halls. Having guided East/Withrow High from its infancy into a

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Left to right: Mr. Lyon, Mr. Peoples, Mr. Mathias

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**President's Messages**

*by Dave Blocksom '68*

The copper roof is completely installed on the balcony level of the clock tower, and after years of water infiltration, we now have a dry interior in the tower.

The concrete structural repair work on the bridge is also complete, and the bridge looks beautiful again. During the project, additional structural defects were uncovered, and Cincinnati Public Schools Facilities agreed to pay the \$23,143 cost to make those repairs. Hummel Restoration did the work, and they did an outstanding job. Hummel was the masonry contractor on the original construction of Withrow and the clock tower in 1919. They built many of the old CPS schools as well as City Hall and the Art Museum. They just happened to be the low bidder on our project; low bidder and most qualified bidder are usually not synonymous. The total project cost was \$128,000 and CPS picked up 86% of the cost. Withrow Alumni paid for the structural engineering work (\$6,763), the City of Cincinnati building permits (\$1,672) and the restoration cosmetic work (\$9,200).

Thank you, generous alumni who made the above repairs possible.

I am so proud to inform you that our own alumna Regina Williams '84 has been elevated from interim to permanent Athletic Director at Withrow. She is the first female African American AD in Cincinnati Public Schools history. While a student at Withrow, Regina

was a basketball All-American and went on to play basketball at UC. She is in our Athletic Hall of Fame as well as the CPS Athletic Hall of Fame. She has been working at Withrow for the past 10 years as Assistant Athletic Director and in-school intervention specialist. Regina is diligently working on restoring the tradition of athletic excellence at Withrow again.

Speaking of our Athletic Department, the alumni are funding game day team meals for all our student athletes. This is the third year that we have had this program; we have budgeted \$21,000 for those meals.

The class of 1972 has asked me to tell you to "save the date" for their 50<sup>th</sup> reunion to be held September 15–17, 2022. More detailed information will be provided in the spring *Tower News*.

Bob Linnenberg '63 has contacted the Cincinnati Public Library about their program to digitalize school yearbooks and they have agreed to digitalize all of our yearbooks. We have given them extra copies that we had of the yearbooks that they were missing in their collection. It will be a long process that probably won't be complete until next spring but you can see the first three years online now at this link: <https://digital.cincinnati.org/digital/collection/p16998coll3/search/searchterm/Withrow%20annual/field/title/mode/exact/conn/and/order/title/ad/asc>.

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## Greetings from the Principal's Desk



I hope this letter finds all Withrow High School Alumni and your families doing well. What a year! Our 2020-2021 academic year was very eventful, to say the least. The global COVID-19 pandemic caused us all to truly pause and be thankful for life and our families – there was definitely no playbook for this nor how to educate students during such a crisis.

Recall that at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic last year our Withrow administration, faculty, staff and students were confronted with three separate models of instruction at different times throughout the year: 1) home remote instruction (August-October and December-March); 2) Blended in-school instruction (A Group: Tuesdays/Wednesdays; B Group: Thursdays/Fridays; and Mondays: all Students in the District home/remote instruction) (October-Late November); and 3) 5 day per week in-building instruction (during 4<sup>th</sup>

Quarter – March-May). As you can imagine, instructing and learning within these models was extremely difficult and challenging for all.

However, our Withrow faculty and staff navigated through these obstacles and adapted to change to provide the best instruction possible for our Withrow students. Our teaching faculty had to re-imagine their classroom environment —quickly adjusting their instructional and assessment practices to online learning platforms that provided the best possible virtual instruction. Our faculty is to be truly commended for all their hard work, creativity, patience and grace extended to their students throughout the year.

Teaching our students to *adapt to change and provide the innovative solutions to the global challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century* is the epitome of our Withrow University High School vision and what it means to be a Tiger! Our students have adapted to the academic instructional expectations and challenges that this global COVID-19 pandemic has presented and are poised for breakthrough and greatness. Last spring, our Class of 2021 fulfilled that vision and saw 186 Withrow Tigers walk across the stage at the University of Cincinnati's Fifth Third Arena to receive their high school diploma. What a tremendous accomplishment!

As we look toward this 2021-2022 academic year and beyond, we will continue to develop our Withrow students to be life-long learners who are change-agent global leaders—drawing strength from this pandemic to relentlessly pursue their goals and dreams and putting the world on notice that they are coming. Coming with skill, talent and the innovative solutions that the world needs and has not seen, representing Withrow High School with distinction and honor.

It is my hope that each of you and your families will continue to be healthy, safe and strong, and continue to support our Withrow Tigers in any way you can. Always remember, Once a Tiger...Always a Tiger!

All the Best,

*Jerron T. Gray*  
Principal

See pages 8 and 9 for information on and photos of some of the special programs and events held at Withrow during 2021. Check out the alumni website for more about all the wonderful activities going on at our school.

[www.withrowalumni.org](http://www.withrowalumni.org)

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modern first-class institution, Mr. Lyon concluded his 32 years with Cincinnati public schools, retiring from Withrow in 1933. Ohio Wesleyan University, of which he was a trustee, awarded Mr. Lyon an honorary master of arts and doctor of pedagogy degree. He was also so honored by Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. A resident of Madisonville, Mr. Lyon was president of the Ohio Teachers Association and was active in the National Association of High School Principals. He was a Mason and a trustee of Madisonville Methodist Church. Mr. Lyon passed away in November of 1944 at the age of 82 and is buried Laurel Cemetery in Madisonville. Perhaps the highest honor bestowed upon him was the 1957 dedication of Edmund D. Lyon Junior High School, also in Madisonville.

### **Walter Peoples 1933-1947**

A native of Clark County, Ohio, northeast of Dayton, Walter Peoples was born in December 1881 and raised on a farm. He was a graduate of Juniata College in Huntingdon, Pennsylvania. After post-graduate work at Wittenberg University, Ohio State, and the University of Wisconsin, Mr. Peoples received a master of education degree in 1933 from the University of Cincinnati. His early teaching career was at Madisonville High School until he was named assistant principal of the new East High School in 1919. When Mr. Lyon retired in 1933, Mr. Peoples was made acting principal and was officially made principal of Withrow in 1934. He was noted for being at Withrow at 7:30 every school day

and greeting each teacher as they came to school. A noted bowler and golfer, he took time from his duties as principal to be the advisor for the Withrow bowling team. In 1930 he was elected president of the Ohio State High School Athletic Association. He was also a president of the Southwestern Teachers Association and a member of several educational organizations. Noted for his friendliness and his laugh, Mr. Peoples was greatly mourned when he died in November of 1947, while still principal of Withrow. The school closed at 1:00 p.m. so that faculty and students could attend his funeral. He is buried in Clark County. In 1971 Walter Peoples Junior High School in Hyde Park was dedicated by Senator Robert Taft, Jr. A resident of Madisonville, Mr. Peoples and his family lived just up the street from his predecessor Edmund Lyon. All three of Mr. Peoples' children were Withrow graduates.

### **A.O. Mathias 1947-1956**

In 1907 Anthony Ottis Mathias, who preferred to be known as A.O., began his teaching career in Adams County, Ohio, where he had been born. While teaching there for several years, Mr. Mathias received his bachelor's degree in 1916 from Ohio University in Athens, majoring in biological sciences. He came to Cincinnati and began his local teaching career at Woodward High School. When East High opened in 1919, he was appointed to teach agriculture. After that program was phased out in 1926, he turned to teaching mathematics at Withrow.

In 1946 he became assistant principal and, upon the death of Mr. Peoples in November 1947, he was made acting principal. Mr. Mathias, who would rather have remained a teacher, was persuaded by his fellow teachers to make the job as principal permanent. He retired as principal in June 1956 after 37 years at Withrow. He served as president of the Schoolmaster's club in 1935 and of the Ohio Education Association in 1945. In 1923 he helped create Teachers Group Insurance Co., which provided benefits to teachers in case of accidents or illnesses. In retirement he became president of Ohio Retired Teachers Association. Mr. Mathias, who for 13 years had a fruit and poultry farm in Indian Hill, also served as president and clerk of the Indian Hill Board of Education. He was honored by his alma mater Ohio University in 1969 for his "outstanding leadership in the field of education." Mr. Mathias died in March 1982 at age 92 and is buried in Adams County. He was a resident of Mt. Lookout, and all five of his children were Withrow graduates.

### **Rayburn Cadwallader 1956-1960**

A 1922 graduate of Wilmington College, Wilmington, Ohio, Raymond Woods Cadwallader began his teaching career at Withrow in 1927 in the commercial department. His mother and father, three of his grandparents, and eleven aunts and uncles were teachers. After a brief hiatus, he became assistant principal in 1933. He remained at Withrow until 1946, when he

was made principal of Western Hills High School. He returned to Withrow as principal in 1956. Mr. Cadwallader left Withrow for a research position at the Board of Education in 1960 and retired in 1962 after 35 years with Cincinnati Public Schools. He had also served as assistant principal of East Night High School and as principal of the YMCA night school. He was president of the Schoolmaster's club and secretary of the Southwestern Ohio Teachers Association. "Mr. Cad", who enjoyed fishing, bowling and golf, was also a member of many civic and fraternal organizations. In addition to having a master of education degree from the University of Cincinnati, Mr. Cadwallader was the recipient of an honorary doctor of laws degree from his alma mater, Wilmington College, in 1955. A resident of Hyde Park, Mr. Cadwallader died in February 1964 and is buried in Spring Grove Cemetery. All three of his children graduated from Withrow.

### Joseph Ayer 1960-1967

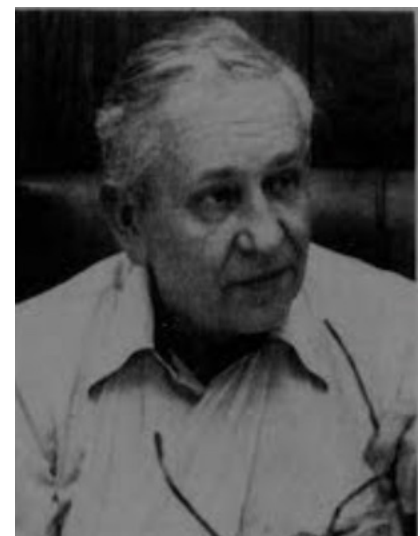
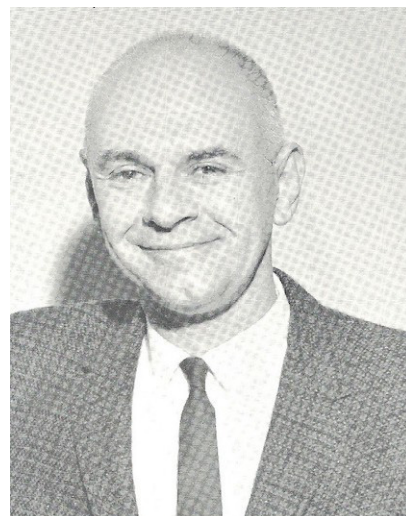
Before becoming principal in 1960, Joseph Charles Ayer's only connection with Withrow was as a student teacher of civics and history in the fall of 1940. He was then a recent graduate of Otterbein College in Westerville, Ohio, and working toward a bachelor of education degree from the University of Cincinnati. The son of a Congregational Church clergyman, Mr. Ayer was born in Windham, Connecticut, in April 1916. He served as an Army officer during World War II and was badly injured by a land mine in 1944. He was awarded the Purple Heart, Combat Infantry Medal, and Bronze Star. Mr. Ayer left Withrow in 1967 to become coordinator of Student Affairs at the Middletown campus of Miami University. He was named Director of Student Affairs in 1975 and retired from that job in 1977. Mr. Ayer, an elder in the Presbyterian Church, also held a master of education degree from Xavier University. He died in

December 2005 at age 89 and is interred at Dayton National Cemetery. He and Mrs. Ayer had no children.

### Marvin Renshaw 1967-1971

Born in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, Marvin R. Renshaw was a graduate of Norwood High School and had bachelor and masters degrees from the University of Cincinnati. An officer during World War II, he served in the south Pacific as a navigator in B-29s. Mr. Renshaw taught American History as a student teacher at Withrow in 1946 and taught English and journalism as a full-time teacher from 1947 to 1958. As a student teacher, Mr. Renshaw was quoted in *Tower News* as saying that "he doesn't know how he would have faced all those kids if it hadn't been for his training in the army". Before returning to Withrow as principal in 1967, he served at Lyon Junior High, Taft High and Cutter Junior High schools. After

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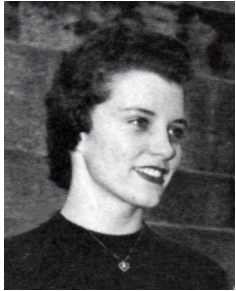
*Left to right: Mr. Cadwallader, Mr. Ayer, Mr. Renshaw*

# WITHROW 2022 ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

by Dave Blocksom '68

We are proud to introduce the five athletes who comprise the eleventh group to be inducted into the WAHOF.

## Joyce Bley Rosley, 1959



Joyce was an outstanding GAA athlete at Withrow who exemplified leadership on and off the field. She

played four years of field hockey, basketball, baseball, volleyball and badminton. She was the center linebacker and captain of the hockey team her senior year. She received charms for all five sports and a bracelet for outstanding participant. This was a time before the Title IX recognition of women's sports. She was selected Honor Girl for GAA and voted *Most Athletic Girl* her senior year. She was recognized by students and faculty for athleticism, leadership, scholarship, character and school service. She returned to Withrow after graduation for student teaching and worked with girl athletes with after school sports, organizing and running many of the games. She moved to Arlington Heights, Illinois, after college and was area GAA President for eight years. She established girls' softball there, organizing 60 teams for girls ages 8-16. She recruited managers, equipment, fields, schedules and umpires. She also coached for several years.

## George Mehl, 1967.



George was an outstanding tennis player at Withrow. During his sophomore year, Withrow won the PHSL championship

and George won the District doubles competition with teammate Joe Dehner. George and Joe advanced to the state doubles finals where they lost a close match 6-4, 6-3. During George's junior year Withrow won the PHSL championship again and George won the District singles competition and advanced to the State matches. There George lost in the State finals 6-4, 4-6, 6-1. His senior year, Withrow won the PHSL again and George won the District singles competition (defeating teammate Ron Lague). He was upset early in the State tournament, but was ranked eighth nationally in doubles and 26<sup>th</sup> nationally in singles that summer in junior tennis. He went on to play for the University of Arizona and was a starter and letterman for four years at a time when the school generally ranked in the top ten colleges in the country for tennis. After college George and his brother, Dave, started a real estate development company in Tucson, Arizona, developing apartments and retail centers. They built the master planned community of LaPaloma with the Westin

LaPaloma resort and Country Club with a Jack Nicholas golf course. George was very active in the Tucson community and was known as a very generous donor to many worthwhile endeavors. George and his entire family died in a tragic airplane accident in 1991.

## Kermit Smith, Jr., 1978.



Kermit was MVP and Captain of the football team. He was all-PHSL and All-City in football and played in the East-West All Star football game. He was All PHSL in baseball and played in the East-West All Star baseball game. He was a member of the number 1 state ranked basketball team. He was voted Best Athlete at Withrow his senior year. He was a member of Nip Magazine's "Who's Who Among Cincinnati Area

Students". After graduation, Kermit attended Wittenberg University and was a starting defensive back for two consecutive National Championship runner up teams. After college he became the head basketball coach for the Forest Park Tigers, who were four time Southwest League and tournament champions. He was head soccer coach for Forest Park, winning the Southwest League and tournament three times. He was an assistant coach for the West End Wildcats Super Bowl football champs of 1988. He was assistant coach for the Winton Hills Falcons 1990 and 1991 football league champs. He was assistant coach for the North Central Knights 1996 Super Bowl and national champion runner-up. He was head coach of the Winton Woods Warriors 7<sup>th</sup> grade league champs of 2007 and an undefeated 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys' basketball team of 2008. He is the owner of Kare 4 All Educational Enhancements mentoring program assisting children in all positive facets of life from 1988 to the present.

**Kymari Gates, 2015.** Kymari was a great athlete on the high school level while at Withrow and on the college level at Western Kentucky University. He was first team All-Eastern Cincinnati Conference in both football and track and field while at Withrow and went on to become a multi-time All-American in multiple events at Western Kentucky. Kymari is part of several school records at Withrow and also at Western Kentucky. At Withrow Kymari broke the school record in the 100 meter and 400 meter dashes and was ECC champion in the 100 meter dash, setting a conference record. In the 800

meter relay he was an All State performer and broke the school record, City record, district record and regional record. He was also a first team All-ECC defensive back in football. At Western Kentucky he was a three time All-American in the 1600 meter relay, a two time All-American in the 400 meter relay and a one time All-American in the 400 meter dash. Kymari was first team Conference USA champion in the 400 meter dash in 2019. He broke the indoor and outdoor Western Kentucky school record in the 1600 meter relay. Kymari graduated from Western Kentucky in 2019.



**Ayanna O'Neal, 2015.** Ayanna was one of the best track and field athletes in the state of Ohio in 2015 and led Withrow to its first track and field State Championship. In the 100-meter hurdles she was the Eastern Cincinnati Conference champion, the district champion, the regional champion and the state champion. She broke the school record, ECC record, and City record in the 100 meter hurdles. In the 300 meter hurdles she was the Eastern Cincinnati Conference champion, the district champion, the regional champion and state fourth place finisher. She broke

the school record and ECC record in the 300 meter hurdles. In the 400 meter relay she was the ECC champion, the district champion, the regional champion and the state champion. She broke the school and ECC record in the 400 meter relay. In the 1600 meter relay she was the ECC champion, the district champion, the regional champion and the state runner-up. She broke the school record and the ECC record in the 1600 meter relay. After graduating from Withrow

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# Great things are happening at Withrow

## Credit Recovery Bootcamp

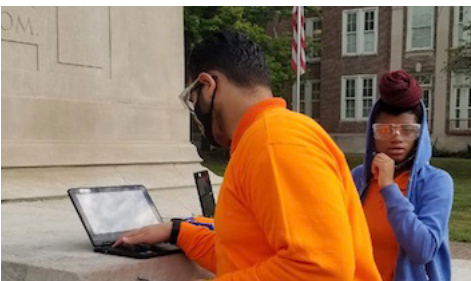
Because of COVID-19 and the challenges of remote learning, seniors who were credit deficient worked on Edgenuity to earn the credits they needed for graduation.

## Taking Care of Business Senior Appreciation Week

While students who were credit deficient worked on getting caught up, we had a celebration for those kids who had been “taking care of business” even during a pandemic. On the 15th we did staff vs. student dodgeball in the gym followed by ice cream. On the 16th we had a taco bar lunch for eligible seniors. On the 17th we had awards and goodie bags for the students.

## AP Physics Projectile Lab

Because of Ms. Burns' ingenuity, students are using Just Excel to analyze data from their Nerf Projectile Lab. Additionally, physics students will participate in a culminating project of designing and building generators. Ms. Burns goes over and above to make science fun!

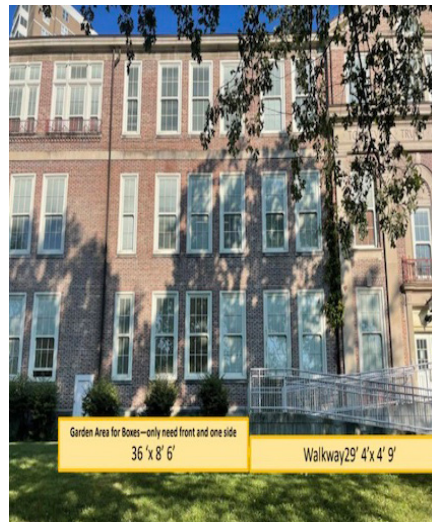


## MD and AU Classrooms First Annual Field Day

MD and AU Classrooms Participated in the 1st Annual Field Day (Working on Social and Communication Skills)

## Botany Classroom Garden

The outdoor garden will be used to grow produce year round for students to use to make lunch on a weekly basis. As the project continues, we want to have enough produce to sell at the farmers market. Students will be responsible for maintaining keep track of what is planted and what was sold.



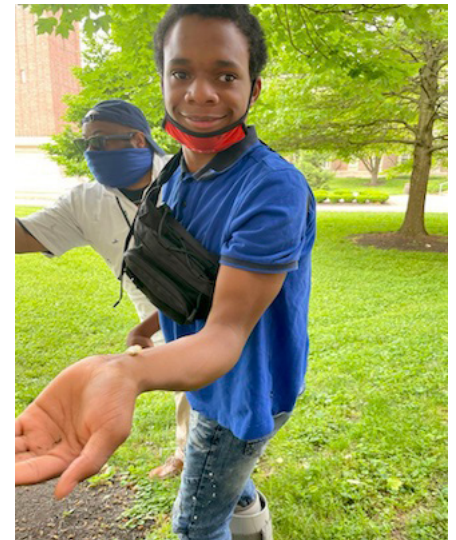
## Lunchtime Sewing Club

Students are learning to sew dresses and shirts out of pillowcases for children in Haiti. This project is teaching measurement skills, perseverance, problem solving, and service to others.



## MD Units Learn about Cicadas!

MD Students learn about Cicadas in the classroom and outdoors around Withrow's campus.



## Classroom Math: Golf is for Everyone

Mr. Jon Camp and his wife Mrs. DeeAnn Campare teaching students at Withrow the game of golf. Dr. Webb's classroom has been transformed into a mini golf training facility. Students are learning integers in math and using golf to master the concept. It's a great way to make the math meaningful, get some movement in to fuel the brain and practice golf.





**Class of 2021  
Scholarship Recipients**

**Kappa Alpha Psi Foundation  
Certificate of Achievement**

Ryan Moore, Anton Fant,  
Mwetaminwa Mteula

**Withrow Cook Memorial  
Scholarship Recipients**

Mwetaminwa Mteulwa  
Anton Fant

**Withrow Leadership Scholarship  
Award Recipients**

Destiney Giles-Latimer  
Zakiyah Willis  
Ariyana Blunt

**Jobs for Cincinnati Grads (JCG)**

Ariyana Blunt won first place in the State of Ohio in Decision-making for The Jobs for Cincinnati Graduates competition.

Aleny Moreno was accepted to UC Engineering Program where she will study Computer Engineering. Aleny received scholarships for her first year at UC and was a Book scholarship recipient

**Refugee Connect Scholarships**

Ida Mteultwa and Mwetaminwa Mteulwa

**Senior Appreciation Week**

- Staff vs. student volleyball and basketball games in the gym.
- Senior Awards Day in the auditorium
- Senior Field Day—Luau on the field. We had inflatable games and bouncy houses as well as life connect four, tic-tac-toes, checkers, and yahtzee. We grilled out hamburgers and hotdogs with green beans, mac-n-cheese, and chips for sides.

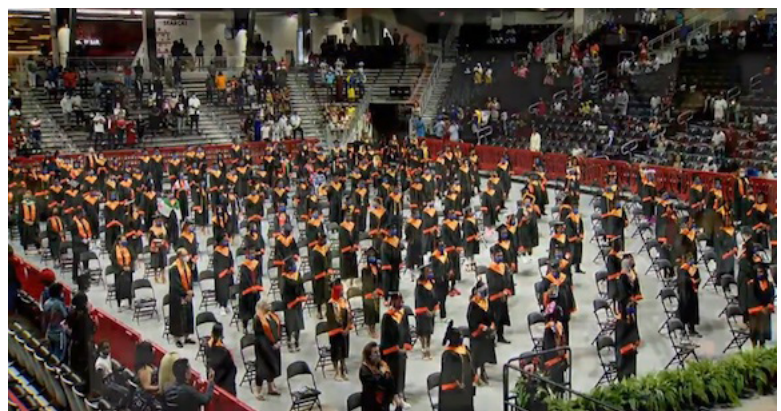


**Prom Fashion Show**

Nine girls and nine boys were outfitted by local vendors for this season's prom looks. They did a fashion show for the juniors and seniors in the auditorium. The girls were dressed by David's Bridal. The boys were dressed by Crowned King Apparel.



*Above left: senior lock-in; above right: prom was held in a tent on the field; below left: bridge walk; below right: graduation at UC's Fifth-Third Center.*



# Cincinnati Tennis Foundation improves courts, teaches skills, impacts lives

The Cincinnati Tennis Foundation is dedicated to impacting lives through tennis and education, and Withrow University High School has been the epicenter of action this summer. Seeking to find a location that allows players throughout the city access to quality courts, the Foundation raised almost \$100,000 to resurface the courts and add accessible ramps for wheelchair and adaptive players to better utilize the space. With this new central location, CTF created opportunities for both Withrow students and youth across the city.

The courts were first built in 1929 and throughout their history they were home to Withrow players who went to The Ohio State High School Championships and moved on to college tennis teams.

Programming on the courts this summer included Foundation-led Summer Scholars Tennis with Jerry Howard '75 (who was a Withrow State Championship player) helping the CTF team to get kids out trying something new. CTF will be working with administration to develop a plan to get a Jr High team back in action that will grow into a high school tennis program.

The summer kicked off with over 300 youth from across the district coming out to play this May. State Senator Cecil Thomas '71 and Principal Gray swung the ceremonial first hit. Over 1,000 players have now stepped out on the newly refinished courts. All

programming is free or income based, designed to make the sport accessible to all players. Just over 80% of CTF's players are economically underserved. Tennis equipment is provided to those in need.

Executive Director Matt Dektas and program coaches have coached more than 300 NCAA athletes and look forward to bringing that energy to kids that haven't had the opportunity to play before.

The Foundation offers weekly wheelchair tennis clinics and monthly Adaptive tennis classes led by a three-time Paralympian, Emmy Kaiser. We are excited about growing these programs with CPS youth. The third annual Cincinnati Wheelchair Tennis Open brought 35 players and 10 juniors to Withrow from across the country for the weekend. Tom Porter '76 stopped by for the event. "It was like coming home. I swung at my first tennis ball on these courts. My mother taught me the basics here. Watching these tremendous athletes play was an experience I will not forget. I was honored to meet several of them," Tom said.

To offer more opportunities to players, CTF includes educational enrichment during camps and afterschool programs. Curriculum has been designed by leaders from Xavier's early childhood education department and has now been delivered to over 150 students at four locations this year. At Withrow, the summer LEAP program (Life and Education Advancement Pathway) impacted 30 youth during full day

camp during the month of July. In addition to tennis and educational opportunities for area youth, three Withrow students were hired as paid interns with the support of the Withrow Alumni Association to lead players both on and off the court. Awa Seck, Adeline Niyonkunda, and Kynnedey Wiley spent the month guiding children ages 6-12 with the financial support of the CTF team, practicing both their tennis and leadership skills. Both Awa and Kynnedey shared that they hope to be leaders on a Withrow tennis team in the future.

The Foundation dreams to build an indoor facility on campus with university quality courts, additional classrooms, and community spaces to be used by Withrow and tennis players throughout the community. They are currently in the fundraising stages pursuing an anchor donor and potential tenants to support the project. The expected funding requirement is \$7-8M. Initial designs were completed by the USTA to ensure the space is adequate for a structure, but specific designs have not yet been created. The Foundation is working closely with the administration to ensure a design that creates opportunity for the community while respecting the space and current needs of the community.

As you can see it is an exciting start! We hope that you will join as we move forward to provide much more than just a love of tennis for children in Cincinnati!

## Withrow High School Class of 1981 is giving back

Withrow High School “Class of 1981” is taking action to “Give Back”; some of our classmates from ’81 are always on the move! We are focused on a good cause and working to give back to the Withrow High School Band (WHSB).

As members of the class, we have decided to support the WHSB; we will volunteer with FCC Cincinnati and participate in their fundraiser, which allows us to give a portion of money earned to our band. Additionally, we will also use some of our fundraising efforts to help with the planning for our 40<sup>th</sup> year class reunion to be celebrated in August 2022 (Withrow Class of ’81 “40 + 1” Reunion) since this year’s event was canceled due to the pandemic. We will also work on more fundraising events in the future.

If you would like to contribute to our fundraising efforts for WHSB or for your upcoming Class of ’81 Reunion, you may do so by contributing through Zelle: [Withrow81reunion@gmail.com](mailto:Withrow81reunion@gmail.com) or Cash App: \$withrow81reunion. Please indicate if your donation is going toward WHSB or class of ’81 reunion efforts.

If you are interested in information about our upcoming Class of ’81 Reunion in August, 2022, please contact: Vicky Luke [VickyL.Luke@gmail.com](mailto:VickyL.Luke@gmail.com) or Nece Jones [msgoldie40@yahoo.com](mailto:msgoldie40@yahoo.com) or Kathy Johnson [kathyj0225@gmail.com](mailto:kathyj0225@gmail.com).



*Pictured are members from the Class of 1981 at the FCC Cincinnati TQL Stadium.*

*Top row standing: Gail Johnson- Cain, Toyo (nee Brown) Waller, Vicky (nee Guthrie) Luke.*

*Sitting right to left: Kathy Johnson, Valencia D. Jones “Nece”, Marica “Cookie” Daniels, and Angela (nee Williams) Farris.*

## 2021 WITHROW SPECIAL TIGERS

**You become a Special Tiger when you make a one-time gift of \$1,000 or more. This donation significantly impacts our ability to support academic and extracurricular programs and conserve our campus and facility.**

Ferdinand Avril '48  
David Bruns '48  
Terri Colangelo '68  
Joan Hoffman Crawford '51  
Roberta Fiore-Kittel-friend  
Phyllis Hauke '50  
James & Betty Heathcote '52

Margaret Schaeffer '45  
Roger Schwartz '59  
Dan Shick '66  
Sara Storjoann '65  
William Swenfurth '57  
Ann Van Vyven '54

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-serving at Withrow for four years, Mr. Renshaw was made principal of Western Hills High School in 1971 and retired there after nine years in 1980. There was quite a bit of student unrest during his tenure as principal of both schools and he was praised for his even-handedness and calm. During his years of teaching at Withrow, Mr. Renshaw, an avid bowler, coached the bowling team. He was a popular faculty advisor to *Tower News*. He also enjoyed golf. As residents of Mt. Washington, Mr. Renshaw's two daughters were Withrow graduates. He was an elder in the Presbyterian Church. He died in February 1988 and is buried in Spring Grove Cemetery.

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she attended Eastern Michigan University where she was an All-MAC performer and MAC champion.

The induction ceremony will take place on Friday evening, January 21, 2022, at half time of the Withrow-Shroder varsity boys' basketball game, which starts at 7:30 PM. These outstanding athletes will join an exclusive group of 55 previous inductees. Names and bios of all inductees are available at the Withrow alumni website, [withrowalumni.org](http://withrowalumni.org).

Maintaining a meaningful Hall of Fame requires the efforts of many people starting with **your** submission of nominations for consideration for induction. The criteria for consideration and the nomination form are available on our alumni website. We need your support of this important recognition effort.

*President, from page 2*

I am sad to inform you that long time Withrow teacher Miriam Stefanik has passed away. She was 95 years old. She ended her 29-year teaching career at Withrow High School from 1974 to 1986. Miriam taught a variety of classes at Withrow including English, speech and drama, journalism, and public speaking. She was an advisor for the drama club and director of student plays.

Lastly, I would be remiss if I didn't ask for donations to help support all our efforts to maintain our beautiful campus and support our students and staff. If you are taking taxable IRA distributions, don't forget about using tax-free qualified charitable distributions instead. We sincerely appreciate any help that you can give us.