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Shull-Johnson headlines Clarion HOF Class of 2026

The Clarion "Sports Hall of Fame" committee announced today that six new members will be inducted into the 2026 Hall of Fame Class on Friday, May 1. The new inductees are Amanda Bell (1986 – 1990 Women's Tennis), Rhianon Brady (2008 – 2011 Women's Volleyball), Kayla (Shull) Johnson (2010 – 2013 Women's Swimming), James Thornton (1990 – 2023 Head Athletic Trainer), Collin Vest (2014 – 2017 Men's Diving) and Marlon Worthy (1991 – 1994 Football).

Clarion's 37th Annual Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremonies are scheduled for May 1 at the newly renovated Waldo S. Tippin Gymnasium, located at the corner of Greenville Ave. & Payne St., beginning at 6:30pm. The event is open to the public.

A social is set to begin at 5:00 pm at the Second Floor Eagle's Perch at Tippin Gym. Ticket orders are being handled online by the Alumni Engagement Office at PennWest Clarion. Reservations are \$50 per person and are available online at www.PennWest.edu/clarion-shof. Induction information and registration is also available at www.clariongoldeneagles.com. Call 814-393-2826 with any questions. Checks are made payable to CUF/Sports Hall of Fame.

"I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the members of the Hall of Fame Class of 2026. Their contributions to the history and legacy of Golden Eagle athletics cannot be overstated, and I look forward to the chance to welcome them back to campus on May 1 and congratulate them in person," said Clarion Athletic Director Dr. Wendy Snodgrass.

Enclosed Below is a Snapshot of the 2026 Clarion Hall of Fame Inductees Careers:

AMANDA A. BELL – WOMEN'S TENNIS – 1990 Clarion Grad – Communications

Bell was an elite women's tennis player at Clarion, winning four individual PSAC titles and helping the Golden Eagles claim four straight PSAC team titles (1986–1989) and earn two trips to the NCAA D-II Nationals. Playing mostly No. 2 and No. 3 singles and No. 3 doubles throughout her career, she had an amazing career singles record of 65-6 and a doubles record of 53-5 under Hall of Fame head coach Norb Baschnagel.

In four seasons, the Golden Eagles posted an amazing dual meet record of 57-1 including a 45-0 dual meet winning streak. A 1990 Clarion graduate in Communications, Bell was a 1986 grad of Joel Barlow High in Redding, Connecticut, where she was a high school All-American.

Amanda is currently a tennis instructor and Director of Advantage Day Camp at Advantage Tennis Clubs in New York City. She is married to Peter Olthick and the couple have two children, Zoe and Andrew.

RHIANON B. BRADY – WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL – 2012 Clarion Grad – Liberal Studies/Education

Brady, Clarion's record setting Libero (defensive specialist), led the Golden Eagles to PSAC and NCAA Regional Championships and earned All-Region and Academic All-American honors from 2008-2011 under head coach Jennifer Herron. It started in her freshman year in 2008 when she posted 487 digs and was recognized as a second team Daktronics All-Region choice as Clarion's young team posted a 16-15 mark. In 2009 the Eagles were 26-10 overall and 15-4 in the PSAC-West as Clarion qualified for the NCAA Playoffs. Brady posted a school record 729 digs and had a career high 41 digs in a win over IUP. Selected first team Daktronics and HM AVCA All Atlantic Region, she also was a second team ESPN The Magazine/CoSIDA Academic All-District choice.

The 2010 Golden Eagles had the best season in program history, winning the PSAC-West, the PSAC and the Atlantic Region Championship on their way to the Elite 8 in the NCAA Playoffs. Posting an overall record of 32-5 and a PSAC-West slate of 17-2, Clarion won the PSAC title with a 3-1 win over Edinboro and the Region title with a 3-0 victory over California. Brady had 37 digs in the win over Edinboro and 17 digs in the shutout of Cal. Rhi posted 798 season digs, breaking her 2009 single-season record, while also placing sixth in the nation with an average of 6.33 digs per set. She again made first team Daktronics and AVCA All region teams and was an ESPN/CoSIDA second team Academic All-District selection.

In 2011 Clarion posted a 19-13 overall record, 14-5 in the PSAC-West and was a PSAC and NCAA Regional Qualifier. Posting 668 season digs, Brady was voted PSAC-West Defensive "Player of the Year", earned Daktronics and AVCA Region honors and was a second team Capital One/CoSIDA Academic All-American. Rhi set a Clarion career record with 2,682 digs and helped the Eagles to a 94-44 career record.

Brady graduated from Clarion with a 4.0 in Liberal Studies with a concentration in Education. A 2008 graduate of Canal Winchester High in Ohio, she is currently employed as a Physical Therapist

at Atrium Health/Wake Forest Health in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

KAYLA (SHULL) JOHNSON – WOMEN'S SWIMMING – 2013 Clarion Grad Speech – Language Pathology & Audiology/2014 M.S. Speech Pathology & Audiology

Shull, a 15-time NCAA D-II All-American specializing in backstroke and freestyle events, was one of the most highly decorated female athletes ever to don the Clarion moniker. A 2009 graduate of nearby Rocky Grove High School, Shull came to Clarion and made her mark immediately. Coached by Mark VanDyke, she was voted PSAC "Freshman of the Year" in 2010, earning five All-American placings, including a third in the 100 backstroke with a Clarion record time of 56.27 and four All-American relays. Clarion finished sixth at NCAA's. She won the 100 back at PSAC's and was part of four winning relays as Clarion placed second as a team.

In 2011, Kayla led Clarion to a fourth-place finish at the NCAA Nationals and earned six All-American honors. She was fifth in the 100 back with a record time of 55.94, 12th in the 100 free and four All-American relays. Clarion was second at PSAC's as Shull won the 100 back and four winning relays. In 2012, she posted two individual NCAA DII All-American finishes, placing fifth in the 100 backstroke with a record time of 55.45, while placing 14th in the 200 free. The Eagles were second at PSAC's as Kayla won her third 100 backstroke race and placed second in the 50 and 100 freestyle and earned PSAC Champion Scholar honors.

In 2013, she was fifth at the NCAA's in the 100 backstroke with a record time of 55.40, plus she placed 16th in the 200 freestyle. She won her fourth straight PSAC title in the 100 backstroke and won the 400 medley relay to help Clarion finish second. PSAC Champion Scholar in 2013, Kayla went on to earn Capital One/CoSIDA First Team Academic All-American honors with a career GPA of 4.0. One of only nine finalists for the NCAA "Woman of the Year" honors, which includes athletes in NCAA Division I, II & III, later she was honored with the NCAA Top 10 Award at the NCAA Convention in January of 2014, honoring the top 10 women in the nation.

A 2013 Clarion graduate in Speech Pathology & Audiology, she earned her M.S. at Clarion in Speech Pathology & Audiology in 2014. Currently an independent contractor, she is a Pediatric Speech-Language Pathologist

in the Franklin area. Married to Zakk Johnson, the couple have sons Beckham, Baylor and Everett.

JAMES L. THORNTON – HEAD ATHLETIC TRAINER – 1990 – 2023

Jim (Thunder) Thornton, the Head Athletic Trainer at Clarion from 1990–2023 (33 years), contributed so much at Clarion University in the NATA profession, the NCAA and nationally that his contributions to all athletics are unsurpassed. Jim came to Clarion in the Summer of 1990 from the University of the Pacific and started his Hall of Fame career. From 1990–2016, Jim primarily covered all events and practices of football, wrestling and baseball at Clarion, as well as office hours to treat all Clarion athletes.

After 2016 he covered wrestling and women's volleyball and all athletes in the same fashion. From 1997–present, he has been the Athletic Training liaison to the NCAA Wrestling Rules Committee. His contributions and recommendations to the committee on Weight Management have been critical in reforming collegiate wrestling weight management. Starting in 1998, he founded and chaired the George Garbarino Scholarship Fund for Clarion Athletics and used as his primary fund raiser the "Wild Game Dinner". He raised nearly \$500,000 for scholarships and continues his involvement today.

His passion to advance athletic training has taken many forms. From 1999–2019, he helped develop an athletic training program for students at Clarion interested in athletic training curriculum. Approximately 20 students yearly took athletic training courses and developed on the job AT experience at Clarion as part of the AT program at California University-Pa. Thornton taught courses as a member of the Clarion faculty as well as an Adjunct Professor at Cal-U. Dedicated to the NATA (National Athletic Trainers Association), he was an extremely strong nationwide leader as VP from 2009–2012 and president from 2012–2015.

With high goals, Jim worked to convince Secondary Schools nationwide to make athletic training part of their team. He also initiated AT Care — an Intervention for Athletic Trainers who have a death or permanent injury of an athlete, along with participating in White House meetings which resulted in the NATA being part of "Stop the Bleed" — a National Security Council initiative and the development of a new NATA Logo and branding, among others. Honors include re-

ceiving the Eve Becker-Doyle Leadership Award from the NATA in 2025, the NATA Hall of Fame in 2018, Pennsylvania Athletic Trainers "Hall of Fame" in 2016 and the 2010 recipient of the Clarion University Distinguished Volunteer Award.

A native of Mt. Pleasant, Utah and a 1977 graduate of North Sanpete High, he is a 1986 graduate of Utah State and received his Masters at U.O.P. in 1988. Jim and wife Bridget reside in Clarion and have three daughters, including Matti, Maci and Maya.

COLLIN VEST – DIVING – 2018 Clarion Grad – Med-Level Education/Math

Vest, one of the top NCAA Division II men's divers of all time, and on the mountain of great divers in Clarion's nearly 60-year history, Vest was a four-time NCAA Division II National Champion and an eight-time NCAA All-American (maximum possible) under head coach Dave Hrovat. As a freshman in 2014 Vest exploded on the scene, winning his first NCAA DII competition on the 1-meter board, scoring 552.40 points, besting his teammate and current Clarion diving coach Heath Calhoun by .50 points. That competition came down to the final dive and Vest nailed an inward 2½ to score over 70 points to claim the title. He went on to place sixth on 3-meter and helped the Golden Eagles to a 13th place team finish.

In 2015, Vest won his second NCAA 1-meter title in incredible fashion. Needing 74 points on his final dive to win, Vest did an inward 2½ from the tuck position and scored 79 points to win with 564.25 points. He went on to place third on the 3-meter with 546.50 points to help Clarion to an 18th-place finish. Vest was named by CSCAA as the NCAA DII men's "Diver of the Year".

In 2016, he won his second straight CSCAA "Diver of the Year" award after winning the 3-meter title, scoring 576.90 points while also finishing second in 1-meter with 538.05 points, helping the Eagles to a 23rd team placing. As a senior in 2017, Vest won his fourth NCAA title on 1-meter in his final collegiate event, scoring 534.55 points. He also was fourth on 3-meter with 471.55 points.

A 2018 Clarion graduate in Mid-Level Education--Math with a minor in coaching, he was a 2013 graduate of Wyoming Valley West High. After graduating from Clarion, he was head diving coach at Georgia Southern and Westminster for three years each and is currently Training and Compliance Instructor for Cintas. Collin and wife Annamaria reside in Larksville, Pa.

MARLON T. WORTHY – FOOTBALL – 1995 Clarion Grad – Earth & Space Science

Worthy, an explosive All-America wide receiver/return specialist for the Golden Eagles from 1991–1994, scored touchdowns from everywhere on the field. He started his career in 1991 under Hall of Fame coach Gene Sobolewski. That season he returned 18 kickoffs for 381 yards (21.2 avg.) and 12 punts for 160 yards (13.3 avg), including a 78-yard touchdown vs. Shippensburg. He ranked seventh in DII in punt return average.

In 1992, Marlon burst on the scene by posting 32 grabs for 607 yards and 7 TDs. He also had 21 punt returns for 254 yards and a score, plus 17 kickoff returns for 328 yards. His breakout game was against Slippery Rock when he caught four passes for 172 yards and three TDs from Tim Myers on lengths of 18, 76 and 67 yards. His 67-yard punt return for a TD gave him four on the day in a 49-37 victory. Clarion won the season finale and PSAC-West title (5-1) with a 35-26 win over IUP. Worthy was an all PSAC-West choice.

A pre-season All-America in 1993, he missed the final four games with injury. He caught 11 passes for 197 yards and four TDs, had 10 punt returns for 98 yards and 15 kickoff returns for 263 yards. In 1994, Worthy was elected co-captain under Hall of Fame head coach Malen Luke and he was electric. He set a Clarion record with 74 catches, posted 917 yards (fourth at Clarion) with seven TDs, plus 20 punt returns for 187 yards and 12 kickoff returns for 309 yards and a score.

"Magic Man" had a 93-yard kickoff return against Fairmont, grabbed 11 aerials for 157 yards and a TD vs. Westminster and finished his career catching a middle screen at the 18-yard line at Edinboro and exploded into the end zone for a game-winning score. He was a third team C.M. Frank and HM Football Gazette All-American and first team PSAC-West selection. Worthy ranked sixth in career catches with 117, fifth in yards with 1,721 and third in TDs with 18, plus 63 punt returns for 699 yards (11.1 avg.) and two TDs with 62 kickoff returns for 1,281 yards (20.7 avg) and one TD. He had 21 career TDs which ranked sixth at Clarion.

Worthy graduated from Clarion in 1995 with a degree in Earth and Space Science. The 1990 Easton High graduate is currently employed at Colonial Intermediate Unit 20. Marlon and wife Vanessa reside in Easton, Pa. His children include Tristen Shaffer, Darius Worthy, Miles Worthy, Robert Christian, Whitney Christian and Ashley Thompson.

THE DAILY SCOREBOARD

NHL STANDINGS
Thursday's Games
Boston 6, Winnipeg 1
Ottawa 3, N.Y. Islanders 2
Columbus 6, N.Y. Rangers 3
Detroit 3, Montreal 1
Chicago 2, Minnesota 1
Nashville 3, Seattle 1
Florida at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
Buffalo at San Jose, 10 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Utah at Vegas, 10 p.m.
Philadelphia at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.
Friday's Games
Carolina at Toronto, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Washington, 7 p.m.
Colorado at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Florida at Calgary, 9 p.m.
Anaheim at Utah, 10 p.m.
Saturday's Games
Winnipeg at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
Vegas at Nashville, 2 p.m.
Buffalo at Los Angeles, 4 p.m.
Dallas at Minnesota, 4 p.m.
Philadelphia at San Jose, 4 p.m.
Seattle at Columbus, 6 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Montreal, 7 p.m.
St. Louis at Vancouver, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Ottawa, 7 p.m.
Boston at Detroit, 8 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Edmonton, 10 p.m.
Local Bowling
K OF C WEDNESDAY NIGHT MENS
High game — Steve Deemer 178, Matt Kulinski 166, Ed Schossler 155.
High series — Deemer 439, Matt Kulinski 400, Joe Reinsel 368.

ANNOUNCEMENT
FLY CASTING SKILLS DEVELOPMENT
The 6th Annual Fly Casting Skills Development workshop will be held on five Saturdays from May through September at Cranberry High School. The workshop will be held on May 16, June 20, July 18, August 15 and September 19 from 9 a.m. to noon each day. The fee is \$10 cash for participants ages 12-17 and \$20 cash for those ages 18 and older. Ages 12-17 must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-registration is greatly appreciated prior to start date.
Fly casting instruction will be by FFI master certified casting instructor Gary Kell and FFI certified instructors Bob Anderson, Jack Barr and Chase Howard.
The workshop will utilize the Fly Fishers International Fly Casting Skills Development Program (FCSD). The mission of the FCSD is to give all anglers a guide to learning and improving their casting skills that address increasingly advanced fishing situations.
The workshop will start at the Foundation Level, which is for true beginners of the sport who might be picking up a fly rod for the first time. Fly rod outfits are provided for beginners to use.
The workshop will progress through four levels: Foundation, Bronze, Silver and Gold. These levels provide a broad, relevant range of fishing casts covering a number of skills to better your fishing opportunities.
For more information, contact us at keystoneflyfishers1@gmail.com or call 814-673-5478. The FCSD program can be searched for on the FFI website.

FRIDAY, MARCH 20
AUTO RACING
3:30 p.m.
FS2 — NASCAR CRAFTSMAN Truck Series: Practice, Darlington Raceway, Darlington, S.C.
4:35 p.m.
FS2 — NASCAR CRAFTSMAN Truck Series: Qualifying, Darlington Raceway, Darlington, S.C.
7:30 p.m.
FS1 — NASCAR CRAFTSMAN Truck Series: Buckle Up South Carolina 200, Darlington Raceway, Darlington, S.C.
COLLEGE BASEBALL
8 p.m.
SECN — Vanderbilt at Mississippi St. COLLEGE BASKETBALL (MEN'S)
12:15 p.m.
CBS — NCAA Tournament: Santa Clara vs. Kentucky, First Round, St. Louis
12:40 p.m.
TRUTV — NCAA Tournament: Akron vs. Texas Tech, First Round, Tampa, Fla.
1:35 p.m.
TNT — NCAA Tournament: LIU Post vs. Arizona, First Round, San Diego
1:50 p.m.
TBS — NCAA Tournament: Wright St. vs. Virginia, First Round, Philadelphia
2:50 p.m.
CBS — NCAA Tournament: Stonessville vs. Iowa St., First Round, St. Louis
3:15 p.m.
TRUTV — NCAA Tournament: Hofstra vs.

SPORTS ON TELEVISION
Alabama, First Round, Tampa, Fla.
4:10 p.m.
TNT — NCAA Tournament: Utah St. vs. Villanova, First Round, San Diego
4:25 p.m.
TBS — NCAA Tournament: Miami (Ohio) vs. Tennessee, First Round, Philadelphia
6:50 p.m.
TNT — NCAA Tournament: Iowa vs. Clemson, First Round, Tampa, Fla.
7:10 p.m.
CBS — NCAA Tournament: N. Iowa vs. St. John's, First Round, San Diego
7:25 p.m.
TBS — NCAA Tournament: UCF vs. UCLA, First Round, Philadelphia
7:35 p.m.
TRUTV — NCAA Tournament: Queens (NC) vs. Purdue, First Round, St. Louis
9:25 p.m.
TNT — NCAA Tournament: Prairie View A&M vs. Florida, First Round, Tampa, Fla.
9:45 p.m.
CBS — NCAA Tournament: California Baptist vs. Kansas, First Round, San Diego
10 p.m.
TBS — NCAA Tournament: Furman vs. UConn, First Round, Philadelphia
10:10 p.m.
TRUTV — NCAA Tournament: Missouri vs. Miami, First Round, St. Louis
COLLEGE BASKETBALL (WOMEN'S)
11:30 a.m.
ESPN2 — NCAA Tournament: Coll. of Charleston at Duke, First Round
Noon

ESPN — NCAA Tournament: UC San Diego at TCU, First Round
1:30 p.m.
ESPN2 — NCAA Tournament: Virginia Tech vs. Oregon, First Round, Austin, Texas
2 p.m.
ESPN — NCAA Tournament: Nebraska vs. Baylor, First Round, Durham, N.C.
2:30 p.m.
ESPNNEWS — NCAA Tournament: S. Dakota St. vs. Washington, First Round, Fort Worth, Texas
3 p.m.
ESPN — NCAA Tournament: Murray St. vs. Maryland, First Round, Chapel Hill, N.C.
3:30 p.m.
ESPN2 — NCAA Tournament: Gonzaga vs. Mississippi, First Round, Minneapolis
4 p.m.
ESPN — NCAA Tournament: Missouri St. at Texas, First Round
5:30 p.m.
ESPN2 — NCAA Tournament: Holy Cross at Michigan, First Round
ESPNNEWS — NCAA Tournament: W. Illinois at North Carolina, First Round
2 p.m.
ESPN — NCAA Tournament: Jacksonville at LSU, First Round
ESPN — NCAA Tournament: Green Bay at Minnesota, First Round
7:30 p.m.
ESPNNEWS — NCAA Tournament: Colorado St. vs. Michigan St., First Round, Norman, Okla.
8 p.m.

ESPN — NCAA Tournament: Tennessee vs. NC State, First Round, Ann Arbor, Mich.
8:30 p.m.
ESPN — NCAA Tournament: Villanova vs. Texas Tech, First Round, Baton Rouge, La.
10 p.m.
ESPN — NCAA Tournament: Idaho at Oklahoma, First Round
COLLEGE WRESTLING (MEN'S)
Noon
ESPN — NCAA Tournament: Quarterfinals, Cleveland
8 p.m.
ESPN2 — NCAA Tournament: Semifinals, Cleveland
GOLF
6 a.m.
FS1 — LIV Golf League: Second Round, The Club at Steyn City, Midrand, South Africa
8 a.m.
FS2 — LIV Golf League: Second Round, The Club at Steyn City, Midrand, South Africa
2 p.m.
GOLF — PGA Tour: Valspar Championship, Second Round, Innisbrook Resort and Golf Club — Copperhead Course, Palm Harbor, Fla.
6 p.m.
GOLF — LPGA Tour: Fortinet Founders Cup, Second Round, Sharon Heights Golf & Country Club, Menlo Park, Calif.
10 p.m.
GOLF — PGA Tour Champions: Colougard Classic, First Round, La Paloma Country Club, Tucson, Ariz. (Taped)