

# Men's Basketball Legends Inaugural Class of 2013



## Paul D. "Tony" Hinkle

Butler

1926-42; 1954-70



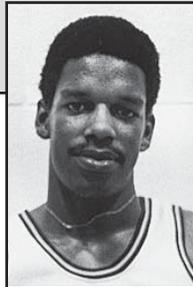
**Paul D. "Tony" Hinkle** was the man who molded Butler's athletic tradition. The legendary coach came to Butler in 1921 and, except for a brief interruption in the early 1940's when he served as a naval officer, he remained with the University until his death in 1992. He served for nearly a half century as Butler's football, basketball and baseball coach, the school's athletic director and as a teacher, before retiring in 1970. He guided Butler to 560 basketball wins, which still ranks in the top 60 all-time in the NCAA. He had over 1,000 wins combined in football, basketball and baseball. Hinkle is in the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame, the Helms Foundation Basketball Hall of Fame, the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame, the NACDA Hall of Fame and the Butler Athletic Hall of Fame.



## Cedric "Cornbread" Maxwell

Charlotte

1974-77



**Cedric "Cornbread" Maxwell**, Charlotte's lone first team All-American, led the 49ers to the 1977 NCAA Final Four in the school's first-ever NCAA Tournament appearance. He completed his career with 1,821 career points and a still-standing school record of 1,117 career rebounds. He averaged a double-double of 22.2 points and 12.1 rebounds while shooting 64 percent from the field during that Final Four season and the 690 points he scored remain a single-season school record. Maxwell was named the 1977 Sun Belt Conference Player of the Year and the 1977 Sun Belt Conference Tournament MVP as the 49ers claimed the league's first title. Chosen to the Sun Belt's All-Decade team for the league's first 10 years from 1977 to 1986, Maxwell was also named the Sun Belt's All-Time Player during the league's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration in 2006. In postseason play, Maxwell was named MVP of the 1976 NIT and Midwest Regional MVP in the 1977 NCAA Tournament. With a 16.3 career scoring average and a 10.0 rebounding average, he is the only player in 49ers history that averaged a double-double in his career. In addition, Maxwell has the distinction of winning every home game during his four year career, going 58-0 as the 49ers won 61 straight at home. He went on to enjoy an 11-year NBA career, notably with the Boston Celtics. In 1981, Maxwell was named the MVP of the NBA Finals after leading the Celtics to the NBA World Championship. His number was retired by the 49ers in 1977 and his Celtics jersey was added to the rafters of the Boston Garden in 2003.



## Donald "Monk" Meineke

Dayton

1949-52



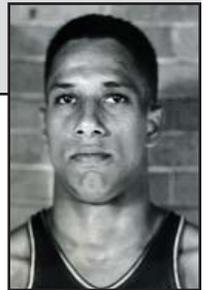
It's no coincidence that the University of Dayton's first 20-win season, its first NIT appearance and its only season with NIT and NCAA berths came with **Donald "Monk" Meineke** in the pivot. Meineke was the first member of UD's 1,000-point club and remains the sixth-leading scorer in school history. The 6-7 local Dayton product led the nation in field goal percentage as a junior and was named Third-Team All-America by the Helms Foundation and Converse. As a senior, he was named Second Team All-America by the Helms Foundation, Look Magazine and the Associated Press. Dayton's first NBA player, Meineke played for the Ft. Wayne Pistons, the Rochester Royals and the Cincinnati Royals. He was the first winner of the NBA's Rookie of the Year award in 1953.



## Chuck Cooper

Duquesne

1947-50



**Chuck Cooper** made professional basketball history on April 25, 1950 when the Boston Celtics selected him in the second round of the NBA draft. As the first African-American drafted by an NBA team, Cooper was a trailblazer for a league whose players currently span the globe. Cooper, who led Duquesne to a 78-19 record and a pair of NIT appearances, captained a 1949-50 squad that finished with a 23-6 record and No. 6 national ranking. The '50 Dukes were the first Duquesne team to be ranked for an entire season by the Associated Press. A consensus second team All-American in 1950, Cooper played six NBA seasons before earning his Master's Degree and embarking on a successful professional career. The Pittsburgh native was inducted into the Duquesne University Sports Hall of Fame in 1969 and the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame in 1974. He passed away on May 2, 1984, in Pittsburgh.

## LEGACIES

*This is the inaugural Atlantic 10 Men's Basketball Legends class. Each of the Legends will be honored on March 16 at the Basketball Championships at Barclays Center in Brooklyn, N.Y. in conjunction with the 2013 Inugural Women's Basketball class.*



### Johnny Bach

Fordham

1942-43; 1947-48; 1950-68



**Johnny Bach** is the all-time coaching leader in Fordham history, amassing a 263-193 record in 18 years as the head coach of the Rams (1950-68). Over his 18 years at the helm, Bach led Fordham to five NIT appearances and NCAA appearances in 1953 and 1954. Bach starred at Fordham as a freshman in 1942-43, the program's first NIT team. His career with the Rams, however, was interrupted by years at the University of Rochester, Brown University, and the U.S. Navy ROTC program. He served in the Navy until late 1947, at which point he returned to Fordham, earned a B.S. in economics and garnered team MVP honors for the 1947-48 season. After Fordham, Bach served as the head coach at Penn State before transitioning to the NBA. He worked on the staff with the Golden State Warriors for three-plus seasons before being named Warriors' head coach for 1983-84. He moved to Chicago in 1987, working under both Doug Collins and Phil Jackson. The Bulls accumulated a 432-224 (.659) record during Bach's tenure, notching 50 or more wins six times. He also has three NBA Championship rings, won with the Bulls in 1991, '92, and '93. Originally a native of Brooklyn, N.Y., Bach currently lives in Chicago, Ill.



### Arnold "Red" Auerbach

George Washington

1937-40



**George Washington: Arnold "Red" Auerbach** was a star guard for George Washington, helping the Colonials compile a 39-18 record during his career. He was labeled as a defensive specialist, but also led GW in scoring as team captain his senior season. Auerbach earned his bachelor's degree in 1940 and master's degree a year later at GW before embarking on one of the most successful careers in professional sports history. He spent three years as a player and four years as a coach in the Basketball Association of America, then a year as coach of the NBA's Tri-Cities Blackhawks before being named head coach of the Boston Celtics in 1950. During 16 seasons as Boston's coach, Auerbach led the Celtics to nine NBA titles - including a record eight consecutive from 1959-66. He then served as Boston's general manager from 1966-84 and team president and vice chairman from 1984 until his death in 2006, capturing an additional seven NBA titles during his time in the Celtics' front office. His combined 16 titles make him the most decorated team official in NBA history. He remained a GW basketball season ticket holder until his death in 2006, and a banner and red seat honor him inside the Charles E. Smith Center.



### Tom Gola

La Salle

1951-55; 1968-70



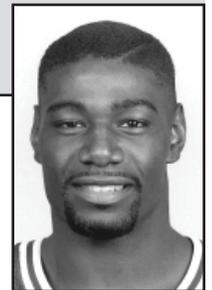
**Tom Gola** is the NCAA's all-time leading rebounder, pulling down 2,201 (18.7/game) in his four-year career. The 6-6 forward is the third all-time scorer at La Salle, pouring in 2,461 points in his career, while leading the Explorers to the 1952 NIT Championship and 1954 NCAA Championship. Gola was a four-time All-American and was named National Player of the Year in 1955. La Salle compiled a 102-19 record during Gola's playing career, two of those seasons under his captainship. A jack of all trades, Gola tried his hand at coaching, compiling a 37-13 record as head coach at La Salle from 1968-70. A 1961 La Salle Hall of Athletes inductee, his #15 jersey is retired and hangs from the rafters in the building named after him, Tom Gola Arena. Gola was inducted into the National Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Mass., in 1975 and is also a member of the Big 5 Basketball Hall of Fame, the Helms College Basketball Hall of Fame, the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame, and the Madison Square Garden Hall of Fame. He was ranked 17<sup>th</sup> on ESPN's "Countdown to the Greatest" college basketball players. A Philadelphia native, Gola led La Salle High School to a Philadelphia Catholic League Championship during his prep career and still resides locally, along with his wife Caroline.



### Lou Roe

Massachusetts

1991-95



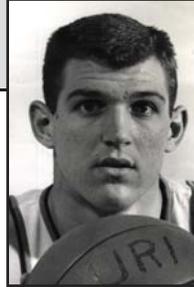
**Lou Roe** is the fourth-leading scorer in UMass history, scoring 1,905 points in his four-year career. A 6-7 forward, he was the first consensus All-American at UMass and the first player to earn Atlantic 10 All-Tournament honors four times. In addition to being a three-time first team All-Atlantic 10 selection, Roe finished his career as UMass' career leader in rebounds, games played, free throws made and free throws attempted. He is one of only two players in school history to total over 1,000 points and 1,000 rebounds in their career. Roe also led the Minutemen to a 111-24 record and four straight NCAA Tournament appearances. In 1995, he was named Atlantic 10 Player of the Year and Atlantic 10 Championship MVP. Roe's 1995 Minutemen also made the school's first appearance in the NCAA Elite Eight, while being ranked No. 1 in the nation for the first time in school history, a spot which they held on to for five weeks. Roe is a native of Atlantic City, N.J. and played professionally in the NBA, Europe, Asia and South America for 17 years before returning to UMass to complete his degree.



### Steve Chubin

Rhode Island

1962-64; 1965-66



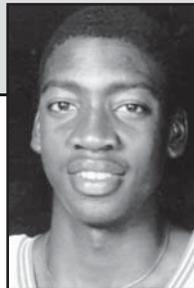
**Steve Chubin** is native of Forest Hills, N.Y., and finished his Rhode career with 1,751 points - currently fifth on the school's all-time scoring list. He averaged 21.8 points per game in his 80 game career, the third-best scoring average in school history. He led the Rams to the program's second appearance in the NCAA Tournament in 1966, as well as a pair of Yankee Conference Championships. After college, he was a third round pick of the San Francisco Warriors of the NBA and played several seasons in the ABA - including the 1968-69 season with the New York Nets.



### Johnny Newman

Richmond

1982-86



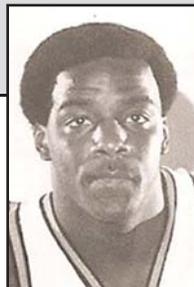
**Johnny Newman** was a three-time Associated Press Honorable Mention All-American who led the Spiders to their first two NCAA Tournaments, including a win over Charles Barkley-led Auburn, and an NIT. The Danville, Va. native is still the Spiders' all-time leading scorer with 2,383 points and he did that prior to the three-point line. He shot 53.2 percent from the field for his career and finished as Richmond's all-time leader in free throw percentage (.895). Newman led the team in scoring in each of his four seasons and was named to eight All-Tournament teams, including Most Valuable Player in the 1984 CAA Tournament. He was a two-time captain, twice named First Team All-State, a three-time CAA All-Conference selection and was conference Player of the Year in 1984. Newman was drafted by the Cleveland Cavaliers as the 29th overall pick in the 1986 NBA Draft. He scored 12,740 points in a 17-year career, including scoring a then-franchise single-game record 41 points for the Charlotte Hornets. He also played for the Milwaukee Bucks, the Denver Nuggets and Dallas Mavericks.



### Earl Belcher

St. Bonaventure

1978-81



**Earl Belcher** led St. Bonaventure to 70 wins and appearances in both the NCAA Tournament and NIT during his four-year career. He led the team in scoring three straight years from 1978-79 to 1980-81, averaging no fewer than 21.5 points per

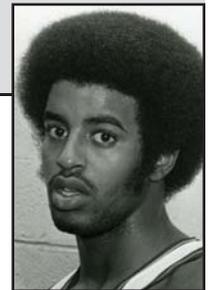
game in each of those seasons. In 1980 and 1981 he earned All-Conference First Team accolades, becoming one of just three Bonnies to earn All-Conference First Team twice in a career. He was named the A-10 Player of the Year in 1981 after averaging 24.5 points and 7.2 rebounds per game. Belcher was the only Bonaventure player to have won the award until Andrew Nicholson in 2012. Belcher is one of just five players in SBU history with 2,000 or more points, and his 2,077 points ranks third all-time. His 19.9 points per game average is tied for sixth in school history, and his 83.1 career free-throw percentage good for fourth in Bona's history. Additionally, he is one of 23 players who have reached 1,000 career points and 500 career rebounds while wearing the Brown and White.



### Mike Bantom

Saint Joseph's

1970-73



**Mike Bantom** was one of the greatest post players in Saint Joseph's history. Bantom earned All-America honors in 1972-73, was named to the NABC All-District First Team twice, and was also selected to Philadelphia's All-Big 5 First Team as a junior and senior. The three-time All-Middle Atlantic Conference selection ranks as the Hawks' second leading all-time rebounder with 1,151 and is ninth in career points with 1,684. He averaged a double-double in his career with 20.0 points and 13.7 rebounds. He led Saint Joseph's in rebounding all three seasons and in scoring as a sophomore and junior, and posted career best-averages of (21.8) points per game and (14.8) rebounds per game in his junior year. He was selected by the Phoenix Suns in the first round (8th pick) of the 1973 NBA Draft, and tallied over 8,500 points and 4,500 rebounds in a nine-year NBA career with five different teams. Bantom capped his career as a member of the 1982 Philadelphia 76ers team that reached the NBA Finals. He also played professionally in Italy, and was the first and only SJU player to be a member of the U.S. Olympic Team, with his participation in the 1972 Summer Games. He was inducted into the Big 5 Hall of Fame in 1979 and into the SJU Basketball Hall of Fame in 1981. He was also inducted into the Saint Joseph's Athletics Hall of Fame in 2000. His uniform number (44) was retired by the university on March 1, 2003.

## LEGACIES

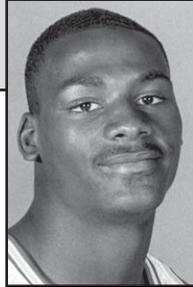
*The 2013 Inaugural Legends class includes 11 former players, three head coaches and two individuals that were both a player and a coach for their respective institutions.*



### Anthony Bonner

Saint Louis

1986-90



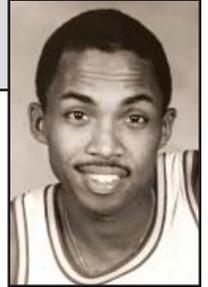
**Anthony Bonner** is the all-time leading scorer and rebounder in Saint Louis University men's basketball history. He accumulated 1,972 career points and 1,424 career rebounds during his brilliant four-year Billiken tenure. Bonner is also SLU's all-time leader in steals (192), minutes played (4,536) and games started (130). During his time at SLU, the Billikens posted an 87-46 record and advanced to the finals of the NIT in 1989 and 1990. He helped the Bills to a school-record 27 wins during the 1988-89 campaign. Bonner holds the Billikens' single-game scoring mark after he scored 45 points against Loyola Chicago in 1990. A native of St. Louis, Bonner was a first-round pick by the Sacramento Kings in the 1990 NBA Draft and played six seasons in the NBA with the Kings (1990-93), New York Knicks (1993-95) and Orlando Magic (1996).



### Gerald Henderson

VCU

1974-78



**Gerald Henderson** is the 11th-leading scorer in VCU history, scoring 1,542 points during his four-year career. A 6-2 guard, he helped the Rams post a 70-35 record including a 24-5 mark in his final season, the highest win percentage in school history. During his career at VCU, he scored 30 points on two occasions and he still ranks eighth in career scoring average at VCU. His 245 field goals made in a career is still the fifth-highest by a Rams player. Henderson went on to play 13 years in the NBA winning four NBA titles. Originally a native of Richmond, Va., Henderson currently lives in Blue Bell, Pa.



### John Chaney

Temple

1982-2006



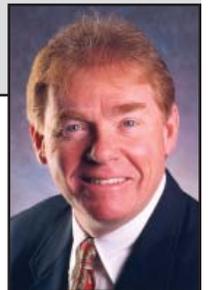
**John Chaney**, one of two Naismith Hall of Fame Temple men's basketball coaches, led the Owls to 516 wins, 17 NCAA Tournament appearances and five trips to the Elite Eight in his 24 years at the helm (1982-06). The school's all-time winningest basketball coach, who retired in 2006 with 741 career wins over 34 seasons, earned consensus National Coach of the Year honors in 1988, the year he led Temple to its first and only #1 national ranking. He also earned USBWA National Coach of the Year honors in 1987. In all, he led Temple to 23 postseason appearances in 24 seasons. He won a record 296 Atlantic 10 Conference games and was named A-10 Coach of the Year a record five times. His Temple teams won eight regular season Atlantic 10 titles and six A-10 Tournament championships.



### Skip Prosser

Xavier

1994-2001



The late **George "Skip" Prosser** enjoyed a 15-year career at Xavier as a head basketball coach and assistant coach. Prosser led Xavier to four NCAA Tournament appearances and two NIT berths in seven years as head coach. He ranks second on Xavier's all-time wins list for head coaches, having won 148 games in seven seasons at the helm in Cincinnati (1994-2001). The only man ahead of Prosser on the list, Pete Gillen, had Prosser as his top assistant for 180 of his 202 wins from 1985-93. Prosser, the 1996-97 *Basketball Times* Mideast Coach of the Year and NABC District 10 Coach of the Year, was 148-65 (.695) as head coach at Xavier and his overall head coaching record was 291-146 (.667), which included stops at Loyola College and Wake Forest. Prosser led Xavier to the 1998 Atlantic 10 Conference Championship and XU captured back-to-back Atlantic 10 West Division Regular Season Championships in 1997 and 1998. Prosser's first Xavier team won the 1995 Midwestern Collegiate Conference Regular Season Championship with a perfect 14-0 mark, XU's last year in the MCC before Prosser led the Musketeers into their first A-10 season in 1995-96.