IATCCC Hall of Fame Class of 2021 **For Immediate Release**

Athletes

Tori Bliss **Portage** **2011**
Four-Time State Champ – Shot Put 2009, 2010, 2011; Discus 2010 Current State Meet Record Holder in Shot Put at 50' 9". Went on to compete at LSU where she was a 3-Time All American (2-Time Runner-Up), SEC Champion, and 2-Time All-SEC. Best at LSU were Shot Put (IN: 60-7 ¼; OUT: 60-8 both school records), Weight Throw (53-4 ¾), Discus (178-4 3rd best in school history)

Hannah Farley **Park Tudor** **2009**
Three-Time State Champ, Two-Time State Runner-Up, and 3 Third Place finishes for a total of 67 state meet points in 4 years. 2006 State Champ 400; 2007 State Champ 400, 3rd Place 200; 2008 State Champ 400 and State Runner-Up 200; 2009 State Runner-Up 400, 3rd Place 100 and 200. 2009 Mental Attitude Award winner. Went on to compete at Stanford

Curt Carey **Owen Valley** **1981**
Won the 1980 IHSAA Cross Country Championship with a 5000-meter record for the South Grove course. His record was retired after 13 years and the move of the championship course, however, his mark remains the fastest in an IHSAA Championship Meet. Won the 3200 at the 1981 sectional and ran 3rd at the state meet after a battle with 4 local runners that would finish in the top 4 places at state. He would continue an excellent running career at Purdue University and Southern Indiana University. Later ran ultra-long road race distance.

Brandon Pounds **Lawrence North** **2008**
Indiana all-time leader in the shot put with 68-11.25. '07 State Runner-Up, '08 State Champ Shot Put also '08 4th place discus. '08 Nike Indoor All-American, Midwest Meet Champ, Nike Outdoor National Champ Shot Put. At Indiana State 2 Time All-American and 2 Time 2nd Team All-American in the Hammer and Weight Throw. Also 2-Time MVC Champ in the Shot before a wrist injury derailed his shot put career, so he switched to hammer and weight throw. He ended his ISU career as the school record holder in the hammer throw.

Coach **Tim Richey** **White River Valley, Lawrence Central, UIndy**
3 team state championships as head coach at Lawrence Central, 2 Girls (2010, 2014), 1 Boys (2012), 1 Girls State runner up team (2013); 4 Girls Sectional team champs, 2 Boys Sectional team champs, 4 Girls Regional team champs, 2 Boys Regional team champs; 2 Hoosier state Relays champs, 1 boys, 1 girls, 2 runner up teams Girls Marion County Titles, 1 runner up, 5 straight team wins in Marion County meet; 6 Individual state champs in pole vault, 23 state medalist performances in the vault, including state boys record in 2001 16'9", First girls state champion in Pole Vault for Indiana 2003. Richey's field event athletes have included the following: Girls: PV 13'2.5, 13'1, 13 HJ 5'10, 5'7.5, 5'7 LJ 19'7; SP 48'8,46'6 D 168'8 ; Boys: PV 16'9, 16'1 HJ 6'10, 6'8 LJ 24'4 State champions in the PV (6), D (2), LJ (2), 300H, 400m (3), 800m out of program as head coach. Named IATCCC Coach of the Year 3 times. After a successful stint at UIndy from 2015-2018, Coach Richey is now back at Lawrence Central heading up the cross country and track and field programs.

Contributor **Steve Cotherman** **East Central**

Graduated from Goshen High School in 1968, Attended and ran cross country and track at Ball State University from 1968-72, Taught physical education and health for a total of 44.5 years (all in the same school corporation). Taught at Bright Elementary 1972-73; North Dearborn Elementary 1973-1978; East Central HS from 1978–1988; Sunman Dearborn MS from 1988 until retiring in December 2016. Became the assistant boys track & field coach at East Central in 1979, became the head boys track & field coach in 1980 and remained head coach until 2016, became the girls head track coach in 2003 until 2016. Served as a sectional rep for the IATCCC since 1990, Past Vice-President and President of the IATCCC and the head coach and coordinator of the Indiana Men's Track All-Star Team from 1998 – 2016. Member of the track clinic staff for many years, Steve is currently coaching boys and girls cross country at East Central High School.

Pioneers

Cornell Garrett **Evansville North High School** **1977**
Cornell was the 1976 IHSAA State 220-yard dash champion tying Pat Gullett's 1971 record 21.3. he also ran second in the 100-yard dash and recorded high school best of 9.7 in the 100-yard dash, 21.2 in the 220 yard dash and 49.2 in the 440 yard dash. After High school Cornell attended Louisiana Tech and was a three-time all-conference honoree, conference "Track Athlete of the Year", five-time conference champion, NCAA All-American and placed 5th in the 1981 NCAA 200 meters.

Steve Cooksey **Terre Haute Gerstmeyer** **1968**
Steve Cooksey graduated from Terre Haute Gerstmeyer as an all-round track and field athlete, placing 2nd in the 1968 IHSAA State meet. While at Indiana State Steve enjoyed a decorated athletic career, he was a nationally-ranked high jumper, NCAA All-American and US Track and Field Federation All-America, two time captain and team MVP. His coaching career started at Ball State University in 1974 with great success and the 29 years at Navy with equal success.

Dru Cox-Pearcy **Plainfield** **1977**
Dru Cox graduated from Plainfield as the most outstanding softball thrower of Indiana Track and Field history winning the 1975, 1976 and 1977 IHSAA State Championships with a record 0f 239' in 1977, this record remans the retired record. She had a longer throw in 1975 (242'4") but was negated by wind more than allowed. She took her talents to Indiana State University.