**2019 Salute to Student-Athletes Big Success For NCSHOF**

A total of 219 student-athletes from all over North Carolina and their chaperones were among the participants in the 2019 North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame’s Salute To Student-Athlete Program.

The program recognizes students from across the state and exposes them to the many positive lessons to be learned from North Carolina’s outstanding sports heritage.

A total of 31 different schools from 21 different counties across the state were represented by the student-athletes who attended the program.

The two-day event included a special reception and attendance at ceremonies where the newest class of inductees to the North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame was inducted at the Raleigh Convention Center.  The following day, the student-athletes toured the state’s hall of fame exhibition at the North Carolina Museum of History and participated in a seminar involving some of North Carolina’s most celebrated sports figures.

Speakers at the seminar included former UNC-Chapel Hill basketball star Phil Ford and current major league baseball umpire Joe West. There was also a special panel discussion featuring several members of the NCSHOF, including Ford, West, Dee Kantner, Eddie Bridges and Paul Miller.

The student-athletes were invited to sign up for Hall Pass, a free program that offers special opportunities. Each Hall Pass member receives interesting information about the North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame and the state’s sports heritage, including a monthly newsletter and special features in advance before the general public.  Any student-athlete can sign up to become a Hall Pass member by visiting www.ncshof.org and clicking on Hall Pass.

North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame members inducted this year included golfer Davis Love III, NASCAR legend Dale Earnhardt, Jr; former pro football player and renowned artist Ernie Barnes, former high school coaches Thell Overman and Willie Bradshaw, hunting and fishing icon Eddie Bridges, college football coach Rod Broadway, athletic administrators Gene Corrigan and Neill McGeachy, high school and college wrestling coach Steve Gabriel, basketball official Dee Kantner and college football standout Paul Miller.

**STUDENT-ATHLETE GROUPS AT NCSHOF ACTIVITIES**

ANDREWS MIDDLE SCHOOL from Cherokee County

ANSON HIGH SCHOOL

AYDEN-GRIFTON HIGH SCHOOL from Pitt County

CEDAR RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL from Orange County

CLYDE ERWIN HIGH SCHOOL from Asheville in Buncombe County

JOHN HOLMES HIGH SCHOOL from Edenton in Chowan County

LUMBERTON HIGH SCHOOL from Robeson County

MOORE COUNTY SCHOOLS

North Moore, Pinecrest, Union Pines

MOUNTAIN HERITAGE HIGH SCHOOL from Burnsville in Yancey County

NASH-ROCKY MOUNT SCHOOLS

Nash Central, Northern Nash, Rocky Mount, Southern Nash

NORTH BRUNSWICK HIGH SCHOOL

NORTH DAVIDSON HIGH SCHOOL

NORTH STANLY HIGH SCHOOL

PARKWOOD HIGH SCHOOL from Union County

PENDER HIGH SCHOOL

PISGAH HIGH SCHOOL from Canton in Haywood County

RAVENSCROFT HIGH SCHOOL from Raleigh

REIDSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL from Rockingham County

SOUTH LENOIR HIGH SCHOOL

WAKE COUNTY

Green Hope, Wake Forest

WEBB HIGH SCHOOL from Oxford in Granville County

WILKES COUNTY SCHOOLS

East Wilkes; North Wilkes; West Wilkes; Wilkes Central

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