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2024 HALL OF FAME CLASS OF THE BOB HAYES TRACK MEET

Jacksonville Florida- The Bob Hayes Track Meet proudly announces its Hall of Fame Class for 2024. This group of outstanding individuals will be honored and inducted at the Bob Hayes Hall of Fame Gala Class of 2024, Thursday, March 14th, 2024, at the Potters House International Ministries in Jacksonville, Florida.

The inductees are:

Arman "Gino" Hall - a World and Olympic gold medalist as a member of the USA's 2014 and 2016 4x400 meter relay teams. He is currently a track coach at Arizona State University. He attended St Thomas Aquinas HS in Ft Lauderdale, Florida, where he participated in the Bob Hayes Track Meet during his high school years and was a Bob Hayes Champion during high school.

Tony Mc Quay - an Olympic gold medalist in 2016 as a part of the 4x400 meter relay team in 2016, a two-time Olympian in 2012 and 2016. He represented Team USA in the 4x4 meter relay and participated in the World Championships in 2013, 2015, and 2017. McQuay attended the University of Florida and is from West Palm Beach, Florida.

Jearl Miles Clark- a 400- and 800-meter runner who competed at four Olympics between 1992 and 2004. She won gold medals in the 4x400 relay at the 1996 and 2000 Olympics and a silver medal in that event in 1992. In addition, Jearl Miles Clark was a Bob Hayes Champion in the long jump and 440-yard. At the World Championships she won nine medals, including four golds, with three relay golds, and highlighted by her 1993 gold medal in the 400 meters. She was also World Indoor Champion at 400 meters in 1997 and won the 1992 World Cup. She is from Gainesville, Florida, and attended Alabama State University. Jearl went into coaching with her husband, JJ Clark, at the University of Connecticut and currently lives in Palo Alto, California.

Torrin Lawrence – attended <u>Andrew Jackson High School</u> in <u>Jacksonville</u>, <u>Florida</u>, though he did not start competing in <u>track and field</u> until his junior year. Lawrence ran the three fastest indoor 400-meter times in the world in 2010, with his 45.03 clocking at the Tyson Invitational, his 45.10 at the SEC Men's Indoor Championships, and his 45.23 at the NCAAs.[2] His 45.03 is the seventh-fastest indoor 400-meter in history. At the 2010 <u>NCAA Men's Indoor Track and Field Championships</u>, Lawrence won the 400-meter title, clocking a 45.23. Lawrence was named the 2010 National Male Track Athlete of the Year by the U.S. Track and Field Cross Country Coaches Association. He also participated in the Bob Hayes Track Meet during his high school years. Lawrence died at the early age of 25 in a tragic car accident on July 28, 2014.





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Caleb White- is a household name in Track and Field across the US. He has coached in Track and Field in Jacksonville since 1986- present. He is the AAU District Sports Director of Track and Field Florida Region 9 (1&2). He has had nearly 200 individual athletes and relay teams to earn All-American honors. He has also coached and trained 2 Olympic athletes, Dannett Young-Stone and Jeral Miles-Clark. He resides in Jacksonville, Florida.

Kendall Ellis- was a gold medal winner in the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo in the 4x400-meter relay and earned a bronze medal in the mixed 4x400-meter relay. She is also a World and Pan American Champion. She attended St Thomas Aquinas HS in Ft Lauderdale, Fl. and the University of Southern California, Kendall, where she was a 4x NCAA champion and the (former) Collegiate and American Record Holder in the indoor 400-meter. She is a 14x All-American, 5x Pac-12 Champion, and had a viral relay leg at the 2018 NCAA Outdoor Championship. She was also a Bob Hayes Champion during her high school days in Florida.

Al Denson- a native of Jacksonville, Florida who was an All-Pro receiver for the Denver Broncos in 1967, 1968, and 1969 who played all 4 receiver positions during his career. He graduated from New Santon High School in Jacksonville Florida, and competed in football and basketball along with track and field. He attended Florida A&M University, where he is a member of the FAMU Sports Hall of Fame. After his NFL career, Denson returned to Jacksonville and coached in the public schools. He currently lives in Jacksonville, Florida, running the Al Denson Foundation.

These individuals will be inducted into the Bob Hayes Track and Field Hall of Fame Gala Thursday, March 14th, at 6 pm at the Potters-House International Ministries in Jacksonville, Florida.

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