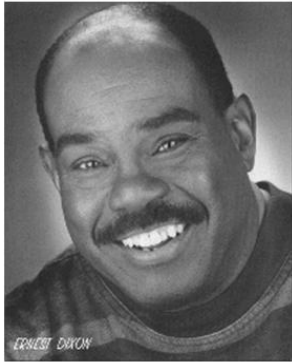


2011 President's Awards – Bios



Ernest Dixon

Pioneer – Youth Track & Field

- Son, Brother, Husband, Father, Uncle, Grandfather, Guardian, Coach, Banker, Actor, Entrepreneur, Community Leader, Church member, Humanitarian, Mentor, Friend.
- Attended Booker T. Washington High School – Atlanta, Andover Prep School – Andover, MA, Ohio Wesleyan University – Columbus, OH.
- Stage and screen actor appearing in such roles as “Guys and Dolls”, “Richard III”, “Julius Caesar”. Numerous commercials and radio advertisements for AJC, American Express and others.
- Appointed first Executive Director of the Sickle Cell Foundation of Georgia.
- Founder of the Quicksilver Track Club. His dream was to develop a world class track facility. With financial assistance from NIKE, the Quicksilver Track was constructed out of recycled NIKE tennis shoes. Many Quicksilver athletes held national records and many advanced to international and world class status.
- Served as head coach T&F at Spelman College.
- Mr. Dixon departed on May 24, 1999. His legacy continues through his loving and devoted family.

Lynn Hampton

“Unsung Heroine”



- As a child and young teen, Lynn organized a sixth grade campaign against drugs at Sandtown Elementary School and was featured in the local news. She was the first African-American Candy Striper at West Paces Ferry Hospital.
- Lynn attended the University of Georgia, majoring in Sociology. After college, she held several high level management positions with major corporations and government and still found time to volunteer to help others; specifically disenfranchised families and disadvantaged youth. She held a variety of volunteer positions with groups such as Literacy Action, Inc., Habitat for Humanity, Inc., the Atlanta Women’s Shelter, and Grown Kids, Inc., to name a few.
- Lynn was the first eighth grade student to make her high school’s varsity track and field team. She was a member of one of the first high school teams to win a state title with only four members; and one of the youngest competitors to win state track and field titles and be selected one of the Atlanta Track Club’s Woman of the Year in the same year.
- In 2007 she founded Impact Athletics Track and Field. Through her leadership, Impact’s Childhood-Obesity Project (“COP”), has help three “weight-challenged” children from becoming diabetics and assisted their parents with warding off other diseases through year-round exercise and portion-controlled eating programs. To curtail a spike in teen violence in the Rockdale County community, Impact partnered with the Rockdale County Sheriff’s Department to implement Impact’s “Positive Decision Making” (“PDM”) Program to assist middle and high schools students make better decisions for themselves and their peers.
- Her track and field student-athletes are required to maintain a 3.0 Grade Point Average (GPA), perform mandated community service for team membership, and participate in year-round Math and English tutoring camps (provided by Impact Athletics). Impact’s program has been recently recognized by Emory University’s Global Health Program and Ms. Hampton was the recipient of The National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc., coveted “Unsung Heroines Award” in 2009.

Pamela Hudson

Rising Star



- Pamela has been a member of USATF Georgia beginning in the late-90s and most recently since 2008.
- She has served as a certified official, most recently as a starter.
- Her daughter is a USATF member, running as a bantam with a local track club here in Atlanta. Pamela is also a director with SMART Athletics.
- Outside of track & field, Pamela is a corporate attorney, most recently for Coca-Cola Refreshments. In addition, she has provided legal counsel to several volunteer and non-profit organizations including Fulton County's truancy intervention program and the board of directors for the West End Medical Centers. For these reasons, she was asked to assume the helm as Chair of the Bylaw Review Committee.
- Pamela led the project for 5 months, leading calls, interpreting USATF and Association bylaws and operating procedures, and ultimately revising the bylaws to reflect the will of the Bylaw Review Committee.

Paul Koshewa

Pioneer – Youth Track & Field



- Served as T&F Cross Country Coach - Danville High School, Kentucky. Head T&F Coach - The Citadel, Charleston, SC. Head T&F Coach and Head Cross Country Coach – Westminster Schools, Atlanta, GA. Community T&F Coach and Cross Country Consultant – Whitefield Academy.
- Boys Track & Field, 1955 - 1988: 223 Dual meet wins, 20 Invitational Championships, 19 Region Championships, 4 State Runner-up Championships, 18 Individual State Champions.
- Boys Cross Country, 1956 - 1990: 195 Dual meet wins, 5 Invitational Championships, 10 Region Championships, 2 State Championships
- Girls Cross Country, 1978 - 1990: 72 Dual meet wins, 14 Invitational Championships, 8 Region Championships, 8 State Championships (7 Consecutive, 1984 - 1990, 2 State Runner-Ups), 6 Individual State Champions.
- Contributed to the founding and organization of Girls High School Cross Country in the state of Georgia
- Atlanta Federal Prison: Organized and conducted Track & Field clinics and meets during the 1960's
- Shepherd Spinal Center Track & Field Athletes: Conducted and held clinics at The Westminster Schools during the 1970's.
- Cystic Fibrosis Foundation: Organized races to benefit the Foundation; volunteered at Cystic Fibrosis Center at Emory University.
- Atlanta Track Club Awards Program for high school athletes: Organized program to recognize metro area performers in Cross Country and Track & Field (The Westminster Schools has been banquet host since 1975).
- Atlanta Track Club All-Comers Meets, Atlanta Track Club Marathon hosted by The Westminster Schools - 1965 – 1975.
- Chosen to be an Olympic Torch-Bearer in Atlanta, Georgia - 2004

Dr. Dave Martin

Contributions to Sports Science/Athletic Performance



David Martin was previously Regents Professor Emeritus of Health Sciences at Georgia State University. He was born in 1939, received his PhD in medical physiology from the University of Wisconsin at Madison in 1970, and has been at Georgia State University in Atlanta ever since.

While at Georgia State he taught courses in exercise physiology, cardiovascular physiology and pulmonary physiology. He started an exercise physiology laboratory in the 1970s which eventually became a model for testing the performance capabilities of elite-level distance runners.

Nearly 100 peer-reviewed publications have emerged from this laboratory, as well as dozens of coaching-related articles. He is active in USA Track & Field, the national governing body, and has served on committees that are involved with preparation of distance runners for successful international competition.

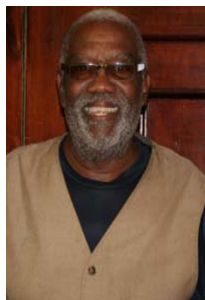
Martin, affectionately called "Dr. Dave", was elected to membership in the Association of Track and Field Statisticians at their meeting in Prague in 1978. He attended most of the original meetings which led to the formation of the Association of International Marathons, and has served the Association as its Statistician since the beginning. He became a Fellow in the American College of Sports Medicine in 1987.

David Martin has written seven books, including: *The Marathon Footrace* (1979, with Roger Gynn), *Respiratory Anatomy & Physiology* (1988, with John Youtsey), *Training Distance Runners* (1991, with Peter Coe), *Better Training for Distance Runners* (1997, with Peter Coe), and *The Olympic Marathon* (2000, with Roger Gynn).

David Martin has served as USATF Georgia Association LDR Chair for several years.

Minister Coach Charles Rambo

Pioneer – Youth Track & Field



- Born in Tallahassee, Florida. Father of five children, grandfather of seven.
- Educated in Leon County School System. Attended Clark Atlanta University, Metropolitan Atlanta Junior College, and Antioch College in Seattle, WA.
- Atlanta Professional Recreation Director, Boys & Girls Club Administrator, Atlanta Job Corps Athletic Supervisor and Minister of Recreation – Union Grove Baptist Church and Christ the Lord of Atlanta Baptist Church.
- Founder and CEO of Mercury Track Club – 1968, Georgia Park & Recreation Association, Certified Water Safety Instructor, American Red Cross, United States Table Tennis Association member, Track Athletic Congress, National Power Volleyball member, National Little League Coaches Association (Pop Warner) and Baptist Minister’s Association.

Sean Robison

Contributions to Hall of Fame Committee



- Sean has been actively involved in sports as an athlete and coach for 35 years.
- He has coached youth in basketball, volleyball, softball, baseball and track. The last 7 years Sean has been a volunteer assistant coach at South Gwinnett high school working with sprints, high jump, hurdles and relays.
- Sean serves as the president of the South Gwinnett Track Boosters. His efforts at South Gwinnett have helped to make South Gwinnett a power house in the sprints, jumps and relays in Region 8 5A in the state of Georgia.
- Sean is also the founder and head coach of Velocity Sun Athletics. He formed this club with a primary objective of giving young aspiring athletes the opportunities that he never had or didn't take advantage of as a student athlete.
- Sean currently chairs the USA Track and Field Hall of Fame committee which held its inaugural induction ceremony in August 2011. The first class included 7 Olympic gold medalists, and a former president of the US Olympic committee.

Red Smith

Pioneer – Youth Track & Field



- Red Smith, Atlanta born and bred, is not only a legend, he was a phenom who accomplished his impossible dream - making track and cross country champions out of kids from ages 5 to 18. Red's Northside Red Runners are known nationwide. His track athletes have won numerous national championships. Since he started his program in 1971 with eight preteen girls, he produced many county and state champions. Over seventy of his runners have won college scholarships.
- At Atlanta Boys' High School, he not only captained the track and cross country teams, he coached them. He won the state cross country championship two consecutive years. He was named to the cross country and track and field all-state teams.
- Smith won an athletic scholarship to Georgia Tech where he was twice captain of the cross country team and once co-captain of the track team. He won the Southeastern Conference cross country title his junior year when he set a Tech school record of 18 minutes and 42 seconds for four miles on the old Howell Mill course. The record still stands as the course was no longer used after the race.
- After graduating from Georgia Tech, Red was commissioned a 2nd lieutenant in the U.S. Army. After two years of active duty -- one in combat in Korea -- and 18 in the Reserve, he retired as a lieutenant colonel
- Red Smith won numerous awards over the years, with his most recent recognition came in 2003, when the Sporting Goods Manufacturers Association presented him Smith with its National Hero award and a check for \$10,000 for his track and cross country teams. In 2004, the Atlanta Track Club presented him with its Coach of The Year award and continue to recognize his contributions with an annual award in his name for an outstanding member of the Atlanta Metro Track & Field team.
- He conducted a life insurance practice for Pacific Life which lasted almost 50 years. Coach Robert Smith passed away from a long illness with Parkinson's disease on February 24, 2008.

