

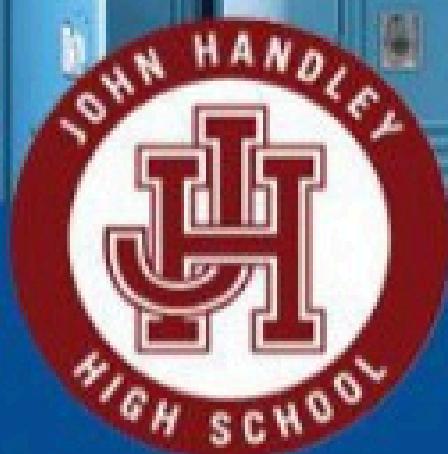
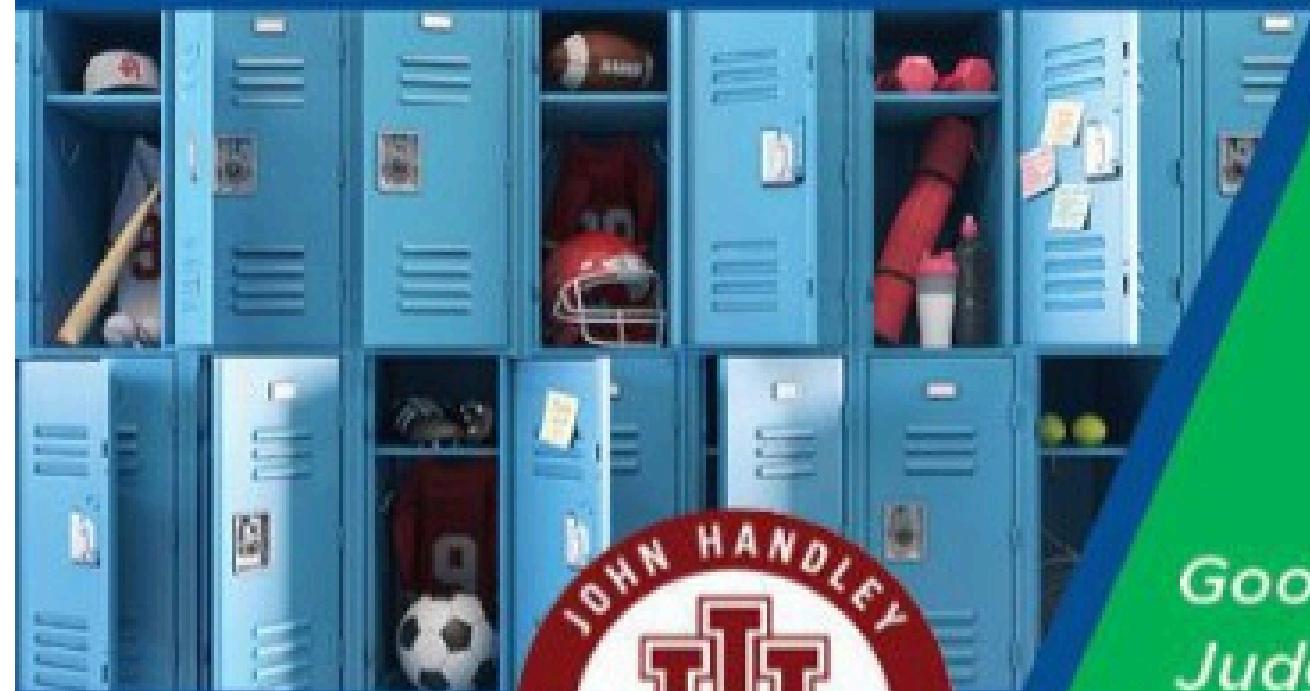


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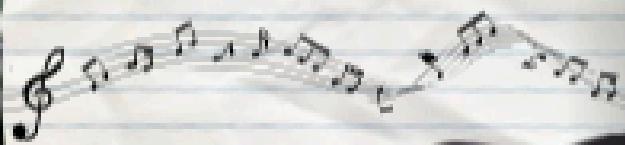


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This fall, we expect strong showings from all of our teams. Whether on the football field, the volleyball court, the cross-country trail, or any of our other programs, I am confident our Judges will represent our school and community with excellence, determination, and integrity.

Thank you for supporting our athletes and coaches. Your energy in the stands, your encouragement at home, and your belief in our students make all the difference. Don't forget to donate to the JAA and Band Boosters this year—your contributions directly support our athletes, musicians, and the traditions that make Handley so special.

Let's fill every game and match with Judge pride as we cheer on the Garnet & White this season!

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**Marc Timmons**

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF STUDENTS ACTIVITIES: ATHLETICS

**Connor Houser**

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF STUDENTS ACTIVITIES: ACTIVITIES

**Cosmo Balio**

ATHLETIC TRAINER

**Bart Stewart**

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT FOR ATHLETICS

**Melissa Shockey****Marc Timmons - Director of Student Activities**

Marc grew up in Mercersburg, Pennsylvania and graduated from James Buchanan High School. He attended Waynesburg University where he played baseball. He received his masters in administration from Shenandoah University in 2018. Since joining Handley in 2014, he has been a math teacher, baseball coach, volleyball coach, lead event coordinator, and assistant principal. He began as the Director of Student Activities in 2025. He resides in Winchester with his wife and two sons.

**Connor Houser - Assistant Director of Student Activities: Athletics**

Connor Houser was born and raised in Madison, Virginia. He attended Madison County High School where he played baseball, basketball and was a member of BETA Club. After graduating, he attended Shenandoah University, playing baseball for the Hornets. Connor graduated with Honors, in 2025 after earning an undergraduate degree in Education, minor in Business Administration, and a Graduate Certificate in Business Analytics. He is a math teacher at John Handley High School and the assistant director of student activities: athletics.

**Cosmo Balio - Assistant Director of Student Activities: Activities**

Cosmo is the Assistant Director of Student Activities and CTE Department Chair at John Handley High School, where he has also taught fine arts and CTE courses since 2001. He played NCAA Division III soccer at Utica College before becoming the Head Coach of the Handley Boys Varsity Soccer Team and leading his teams to seven Northwestern District titles and becoming the program's all-time leader in wins. Throughout his career, he has demonstrated a commitment to student development across academics, athletics, and extracurricular life. Cosmo resides in Winchester with his wife, Michelle, and their daughters, Mikayla and Isabella.

**Melissa Shockey - Administrative Assistant for Athletics**

Melissa is from Moorefield, WV, and is a graduate of Shepherd University with a degree in Social Work. Before coming to Handley, her background included Director of Workforce Education at a community college in WV and Social Worker/Admissions Director at skilled nursing facilities (both in WV and VA). Melissa now resides in Winchester with her husband.

**Bart Stewart - Athletic Trainer**

Bart was raised in Romney, West Virginia where he graduated from Hampshire High School. He attended school in Biddeford, Maine at the University of New England where he played basketball. Bart then completed his graduate work at Shenandoah University where he received a Master's Degree in Athletic Training in 2003. Since this time, he has been the head trainer for Handley. Bart and his wife Erica, and their two daughters, reside in Romney.

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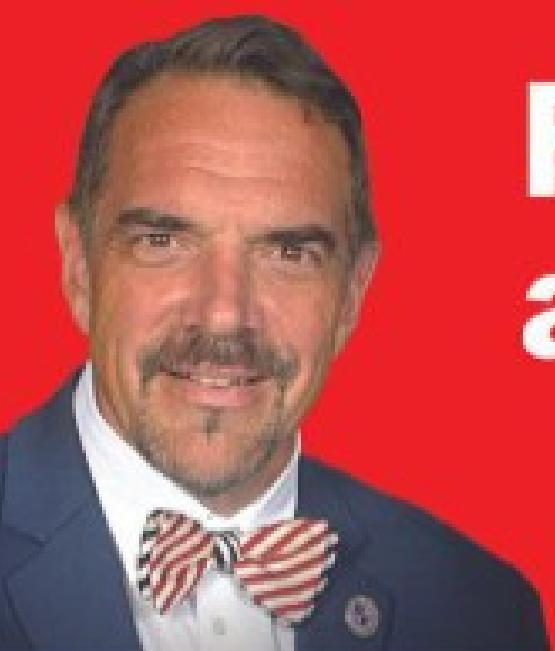
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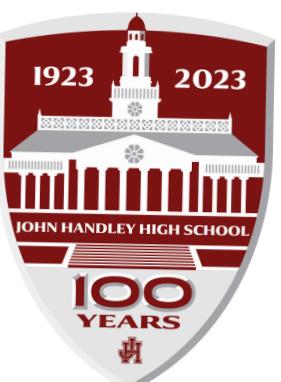


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## Marching Judges Band

**ROW 1:** Wren Skiles, Amy Stock (color guard coach), Natalie McGeachy (marching instructor), Danny Duran, Kaia Wilson, Retta Marie Short, Isa Franco-Marroquin, Shane Kim, Jeremiah Wallace, Mateo Ramey, Will Thomas, Laura Filppu (DMMS band director), Doug Harrison (JHHS band director), Lee Mabe

**ROW 2:** Jayna Lozeau, Romari Flores-Tolentino, Lily Nguyen, Marley Jircitano

**ROW 3:** Rebekah Owens, Rosalia Rios Patricio, Mila Iovanov, Montse Cruz-Ibarias, Aria Rodas, Itzy Villatoro, Britney Silverio

**ROW 4:** Clair Lowry, Melissa Mazarigeos, Alexandra Hoffman, William Martinez, Rian Diala, Ben Porter, Evelyn Rogers, Alicia Willingham

**ROW 5:** Leia Wright, Jackson Stock, Lily Hartstein, Ellie Miller, Hannah Kim, Tessa Clark, Naum Antonio Xinic, Belinda Luna

**ROW 6:** Jazmine Pellet, Cole Garza, Avery Miller, Aaliyah Lateef, Yolstin Antonio-Hawkins, Genesis Guerrero, Teaghan Baker

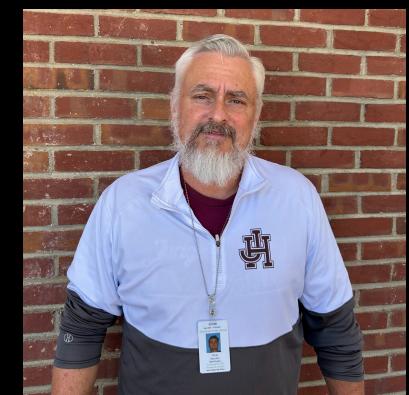
**ROW 7:** Angelina Carpio, Uriel Tolentino, Alec Iovanov, Seamus Russ, Gabriela Alamo, Colton Savile, Anthony Menjivar, Amy Gonzalez

**Row 8:** Fatima Vasquez, Carla Ramirez, Harry Santos, Galo Notario Hernandez, Eduardo Antonio, Sammy Albro, Henry Walker, Ozzy Haase

**Not pictured:** Dylan Mendoza Martinez, Janice Sandoval, Zander Rogers, Thomas Nelson, Marvin Castillo-Cruz, Butch Curry (percussion instructor)

## Doug Harrison – Band Director

Mr. Harrison began teaching at Handley in 1992 while still completing his bachelors in music: jazz studies at Shenandoah University. After helping with just the jazz ensemble, he soon began working with the marching band, the system-wide musical and substitute teaching through 2000. Mr. Harrison took the job as band director in 2000 and is beginning his 26th year in that position. He continued study at Shenandoah University and has a Masters in Music Education and a PSC in Administration and Supervision.





# COMPETITION CHEER 2025-2026



## Competition Cheer Team

**ROW 1:** Alawna Reese, Ashly Abrego Ramirez, Hailey De Leon-Shaw, Kensi Renner, Emma Skarupa, Annabelle Friend **ROW 2:** Cecilia Rivera, Azjalon Darling, Camilla Hall, Malu Hernandez-Bermejo, Ja'lissa Cook **ROW 3:** Maliyah Lincoln, Havenly Serrano, Lucy Gluzsak, Marley Walker, Taryn Shutts, Jordan Coates **Row 4:** Coach Jones, Coach Huynh

**Not pictured:** Aleiya Goulah, manager



### **Kelly Huynh** **Co-Head Sideline and Competition Cheer Coach**

Coach Huynh grew up in Winchester, VA, and attended Handley for three years before graduating from Millbrook High School. During her time at Handley, she was on the Varsity Cheer team for all three years. She earned a Bachelor of Science in Biology with a minor in psychology at Radford University in 2018. She returned home and began teaching at Handley in 2021 when she also began coaching Sideline and Competition Cheer. Coach Huynh is a proud member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. (SPR'18 Initiate). This year is her 5th year teaching and coaching cheer at Handley.

### **Chyanna Jones** **Co-Head Sideline and Competition Cheer Coach**

Coach Jones grew up in Winchester and graduated from Handley in 2014. Coach Jones was a four-year varsity sideline and competition cheerleader at JHHS. After graduating, she attended Radford University and cheered all four years, both sideline and competitively, at the collegiate level. Coach Jones is a proud member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. (SPR'18 Initiate). She graduated from Radford University with a B.S. in Psychology with minors in Sociology and Gender Studies. Directly after her time at Radford, she attended Virginia Tech to pursue her MA.Ed. in Counselor Education/Clinical Mental Health. This is Coach Jones' 5th season coaching the Judges.



# **VARSITY SIDELINE CHEER 2025-2026**



## **Varsity Sideline Cheer Team**

**ROW 1:** Annabelle Friend, Alawna Reese, Ashly Abrego Ramirez, Hailey De Leon-Shaw, Cassandra Arellano, Emma Skarupa, Sophia Carpio

**ROW 2:** Cecilia Rivera, Kensi Renner, Zoe Feit, Azjalon Darling, Malu Hernandez-Bermejo, Aleiya Goulah, Ja'lissa Cook, Natalya Green

**ROW 3:** Havenly Serrano, Maliyah Lincoln, Adelaide Flint, Malik Long, Taryn Shutts, Jordan Coates

**ROW 4:** Coach Jones, Ahonor Alexander, Coach Huynh



## **JV Sideline Cheer Team**

**ROW 1:** Lyriq Washington

**ROW 2:** Camilla Hall, Liliana Castillo

**Row 3:** Coach Jones, Coach Huynh

**Not pictured:** Jacelyn Cornette, Mia Thomas





## BOYS CROSS COUNTRY 2025-2026

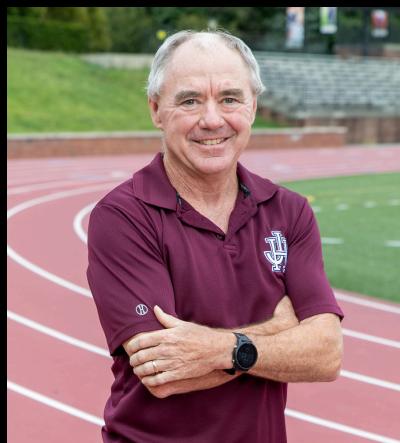


## Varsity Boys Cross Country Team

**ROW 1:** Ethan Truban, Tristan Wheeling, Jason Fitzwater, William Mayfield, Everett Otto

**ROW 2:** Samuel Plitt, Tom Nelson, Will Nelson, Halston Wright

**ROW 3:** Coach Stickley, Coach Whitty, Noah Meleason, Will Thomas, Coach Bowles, Coach Smith



### Mark Stickley - Head Cross Country Coach

A former Strasburg Ram, Coach Stickley went on to become a Hokie and earn a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agricultural Engineering from Virginia Tech in 1985. He ran track and cross country for the Hokies, earning All-American honors in track. He held the school record for the Hokies in the 10,000-meter run for 39 years and was inducted into the Virginia Tech Hall of Fame in 2005 for both cross country and track. Coach Stickley has previously qualified for the United States Olympic Trials in the marathon and the 10,000 meters. He also qualified for five United States teams, including the World Cross Country Championships four times. This is his 23rd year coaching boys cross country at Handley and 6th season as the girl's coach. Coach Stickley owns and operates Runners Retreat in Winchester. He and his wife, Beth, live in Winchester and are the proud parents of three Handley graduates, Ryan ('22), Ashanti ('23), and Garrett ('24).

### Tori Whitty - Assistant Cross Country Coach

Coach Whitty is a graduate of Wilmington Area High School where she ran cross country and track. She earned a Bachelor's degree from Waynesburg University and then went on to Slippery Rock University to earn her Master's Degree. Coach Whitty is a science teacher at John Handley High School. Before this, she taught and coached cross country and track at Hedgesville High School in West Virginia for four years. This is her third year coaching at JHHS. Coach Whitty is also an Outdoor Track and Field Coach for the Judges.





## GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY 2025-2026



### Varsity Girls Cross Country Team

**ROW 1:** Lucy Rueda, Seneca Welpott, Marjorie Cruz-Ibarias, Sage Welpott, Audrey Rinker

**ROW 2:** Faye Otto, Ellie Miller, Jayleh Porter, Zenaida Perez

**ROW 3:** Coach Stickley, Coach Whitty, Stephanie Truban, EJ Mullins, Ella Warren, Charlotte Thomsen, Coach Bowles, Coach Smith



### Charles Bowles - Assistant Cross Country Coach

Charles "Chuck" Bowles holds a Master's Degree in Exercise Science from George Mason University and has been coaching now for more than 20 years. His running research has been published in a nationally recognized journal. Before coming to Handley, he coached at Clarke County and was either assistant or head coach for nine team state championships, 11 individual state champions, and one All American in only a six-year span. Coach Bowles is also a USATF Level 2 certified coach and has furthered his education through more than 15 coaching clinics.

### Tyler Smith - Assistant Cross Country Coach

As a first year History Teacher at Handley, I am excited to bring almost a decade of running experience to the cross country team. My personal running journey began in high school and continued through college, and I still compete today, with recent notable placements including 2nd place overall in the Shenandoah Valley Runners Winter Series and 14th overall in the Apple Blossom 10K. My coaching background includes serving as an assistant coach for middle school cross country at Aylor Middle School and high school track and field in Virginia Beach. I am eager to share my passion for the sport with the student-athletes at Handley this year.





GOLF 2025-2026



## Varsity Golf Team

**Row 1:** Solhil Patel, Sofia Bogaty, Nina Bogaty, Mariska Sharma, Max Boula

**Row 2:** Coach Mezzatesta, Will Brubaker, Hudson Slaughter, Charles Warren, Joaquin Pearce-Gonzales

**Row 3:** Jaxon Pardue, Aaron DeChristopher, Cooper Phillips, Finn Slaughter

**Not pictured:** Jace Lane, Tanmay Sood

### Troy Mezzatesta



Coach Mezzatesta is a 1988 graduate of James Wood High School. From there, he went on to earn his B.S. Degree in History and Social Sciences from Ferrum College. Coach Mezzatesta began his career at Handley in 1997 as an assistant football and wrestling coach. He went on to become the head golf and wrestling coach at Loudoun Valley High School, where he coached several Individual and state champions in golf and wrestling. In 2015, he coached the VHSL 4A state championship in golf and was the runner-up in 2014. Last year, he led the Handley golf team to its first state tournament appearance in 40 years. Coach Mezzatesta is currently teaching Special Education at John Handley High School, and he is also the head wrestling coach in the Winter Season. Coach Mezz is in his 8th year as the head Handley golf and wrestling coach. His philosophy is that the process of perfecting your skill sets and chasing your goals better prepares you for the success, accomplishments, and failures you will experience later in life. Coach Mezz resides with his family in Winchester.



## Varsity Volleyball Team

**ROW 1:** Ashly Grimaldo, Kinley Duvall, Ellyse Licklider, Raya Milochova

**ROW 2:** Molly Peterson, Eloise Turnbull, Paige Boone, Sadie Bailey, Sadie Bishop, Teagan Braun-Duin

**ROW 3:** Kelly Braun-Duin, Haley Nelson, Tenley Mattison, Breeze Johnson, Eleanor Hessberg, Mya Mintschenko, Kristen Larson



### Kristen Larson - Head Varsity Volleyball Coach

Coach Larson has been involved with volleyball for more than 30 years, as both a player and a coach. After graduating from Penn State with a teaching degree, she coached high school volleyball in PA. After taking a few years off to start a family, Kristen became involved with volleyball again as a rec coach, then as a club coach for Blue Ridge Volleyball Association, and then as Handley's JV coach. In her spare time, Kristen plays and competes in indoor and outdoor volleyball tournaments. She holds a Master's Degree in Sport and Exercise Psychology from Lock Haven University and resides in Winchester with her husband and sons.

### Haley Nelson - Assistant Varsity Volleyball Coach

Coach Nelson is a graduate of James Wood High School where she played volleyball, basketball, soccer, and ran track. She attended Concord University and played basketball before transferring to Shenandoah University to play volleyball. Haley was a captain on the SU team, earned All-USA South Conference Honors, and then graduated with honors with a degree in Kinesiology. Coach Nelson is a Health and Physical Education teacher at Handley. She resides in Winchester with her two sons, Turner and Parker.





## Mya Mintschenko

### Assistant Varsity Volleyball Coach

Coach Mintschenko is a graduate of John Handley High School where she played volleyball and ran indoor and outdoor track. She earned a Bachelor's degree in Child and Family Studies and an associate's degree in Education at Davis and Elkins College, where she also played Volleyball. Mya currently lives in Winchester, working at Costco and teaching math and special education at Handley. This is her fourth season as an assistant Volleyball Coach. Go Judges!

## Kelly Braun-Duin

### Head JV Volleyball Coach

Coach Braun-Duin played volleyball at Shenandoah Valley Christian Academy, where she earned many honors, including Conference Player of the Year as a senior. She followed that up by playing four years of collegiate volleyball at Bryan College in Dayton, TN. She has coached high school volleyball for the last ten years. Kelly also enjoys coaching indoor travel and beach volleyball with the Blue Ridge Volleyball Association. She teaches fourth-grade math at John Kerr Elementary School. Kelly resides in Stephens City with her husband, Aaron, and has three children, Alaina, Will, and Teagan.



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## JV VOLLEYBALL 2025-2026



## JV Volleyball Team

**ROW 1:** Linden Welpott, Colette King, Emily Hernandez Bautista, Juliana Onzura

**ROW 2:** Lorrie Tandoh, Lily Nguyen, Allison Ryall, Emerson Gordon, Rylee Dougherty

**ROW 3:** Mya Mintschenko, Eliana Shoemaker, Lucy Nichols, Bella Hines, Kelly Braun-Duin

## Freshmen Volleyball Team

**ROW 1:** Olivia Maphis,  
Sanai Williams,  
Maliyah Hines,  
Scarlett Pifer, Anna  
Hensley, Blayke  
Copenhaver

**ROW 2:** Kelly Braun-  
Duin, Albin Lane,  
Juliana Duffy, Camille  
Kump, Rachel Casella





## VARSITY FOOTBALL 2025-2026



## Varsity Football Team

**ROW 1:** Zequon Williams, Jamir Washington, Trenton Gomez, Amari Brown, Donovan VanNatter, Gavin Williams, Will Yoder, Zaryk Johnson, Kyren Oglesby, Duncan Hensler

**ROW 2:** Isaiah Baxter, Zy'Air Ford, Triston Darling, Jackson Hansbrough, Levinyo Arango, Tanmay Sood, Keon Ulmer, Josiah Johnson, Chase Yoder, Andrai Wiltshire

**ROW 3:** Jeremiah Tandoh, Jalen Williams, Konstatin Dabeski, Logan Lewis, Elijah Panell, Reece McAlister, Dalton Allison, Josh Newcome, Kylan Adams, Nathan Brown

**ROW 4:** Ezekiel Amaya Diaz, Nazir Williams, Jamar Thomas, Tyler Davis, Carson Green, Jonathan Martinez Diaz, Jude Lindsey, Khemar Pollard, Jaiquan Offutt, Jessye Cameron

**ROW 5:** Alex Bush, Emma Davenport, CJ Hansbrough, Alec Dunn, Charisma Hensley

**ROW 6:** Coaches Nole, Hoenig, Bryant, Caldwell, Phillips, Smith, Anderson, Wingfield, Sheffer, Vigna



## Jake Smith - Head Varsity Football Coach

Coach Smith grew up in New Bethlehem, PA, and graduated from Redbank Valley High School. Coach Smith was a 3-year Varsity starter, where he played Quarterback and Safety. After graduating, he signed with Clarion University before transferring to Saint Vincent College, playing three years at QB and one year at Tight End. He graduated with a B.A. in History with a minor in Secondary Education. Before coaching the Judges, Smith made previous stops at Derry Area High School (PA), Redbank Valley High School (PA), Brooke Point HS, and Sherando HS. This is Coach Smith's third season as the Head Coach at Handley. His wife, Alee, teaches at John Kerr, and his daughter Molly is a 2nd grader.



**JV FOOTBALL  
2025-2026**



## JV Football Team

**ROW 1:** Nehemiah Ryan, Hagen Berry, Dermaine Johnson, Henry Buelow, Thailen Steele, Chase Hobbs, Savion White

**ROW 2:** Charles Cooper, Phoenix Campbell, Miguel Perez Fernandez, Jackson Hansbrough, Taylor Palmer, Jeremy Barth, Richmond Johnson

**ROW 3:** Nyshawn Williams, Memphis Wilkins, Narcisco Mendoza, Xavier Armistead, Leilynd Moorer, Daniel Buevara

**ROW 4:** William Greenya, Shane Robinson, Landon Snapp, Aiden Fields, Jeremias Ramirez-Bonitto, Jowell Viera, Tylyn Loy-Thomas

**ROW 5:** Coach Swann, Coach Shifflet, Coach Booth



### Charles Shifflet

Charles Shifflett, a 2008 graduate of Sherando High School, grew up in Winchester, Virginia, where he played both football and baseball. He has seven years of coaching experience, including three years with CCYFL, one year with the Winchester Wolfpack, two years with WV Venom, and one year with the Stephens City Seminoles. Charles currently works as a teaching assistant at Admiral Byrd Middle School.

### Jordan Swann

Played high school football at Jamestown High School before continuing his career at Shenandoah University, where he played for one season. He is currently a graduate student at SU, pursuing a Master's in Business Administration. This year marks his first season as a coach.



### Avayon Boothe

Originally from Newport News, Virginia, is in his first year of coaching. He played football at Warwick High School before continuing his academic and athletic career at Shenandoah University. While at SU, he earned a degree in Exercise Science and was a member of the football program for five seasons.





## Scott Nole

### Assistant Varsity Football Coach [DC, Outside Linebackers]

Coach Nole grew up in Miami, FL & Arlington, VA. He graduated from Shenandoah University with a bachelor's degree in Kinesiology, an emphasis in Physical Education, and a Master's in Educational Administration. While at SU, he played football & lacrosse. He played Defensive End & was part of the USA South Conference Championship Team. He has coached for over 15 years and is in his 20th year of teaching in Loudoun. He & his wife Amy have two daughters, Ellianna & Sydney. In his spare time, his hobby is officiating basketball games & he enjoys that fifty percent of the fans love his calls!



## Byron Hoenig

### Assistant Varsity Football Coach [OL]

Coach Hoenig grew up in Winchester and graduated from James Wood High School. He joined the USMC immediately after graduation. Coach Hoenig has been married to his wife Lisa since 1994, and has 3 children Morgan, Haley, and Byron "Daniel". He joined the Friendship Fire Company in 1987, before getting hired by his current employer Washington D.C. Fire Department in 2000. He has been coaching the Offensive Line since getting into coaching in 2013, predominantly in Loudoun County but is very excited to be working in his hometown, with the kids in our community.



## Lloyd Phillips

### Assistant Varsity Football Coach [WR,DB]

Coach Phillips is from Pittsburgh, PA, where he graduated from North Hills. He graduated from Malone University with a bachelor's degree in physical education and health. In college, Coach Phillips played football for three years as a Defensive Back and also ran track. He currently teaches Health, PE, and Weight Training at Handley, and is the Head Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field Coach. Coach Phillips lives in Winchester with his wife April, and their three sons.



## Pat Wingfield

### Assistant Varsity Football Coach [RB, Safeties]

Coach Wingfield is a graduate of Handley, class of 2004. He was a four-year starter at shortstop and pitcher and a three-year letterman for the football and basketball teams. He earned a Bachelor's degree from the University of Virginia where he played 4 seasons on the nationally ranked baseball team. After graduating, he began coaching as an assistant at Shenandoah University before returning to coach at Handley in 2014. In addition to football, Coach Wingfield is the Head Varsity Baseball Coach. He is currently teaching math at Handley and resides in Winchester with his wife, Helen.



## LA Anderson

### Assistant Varsity Football Coach [WR, DB]

Coach Anderson is a 2005 graduate of Handley High School. He was a standout football & basketball player for the Judges, earning All-State QB honors his senior year. LA went on to an outstanding college career at Fort Scott CC, Northland Technical CC, & Old Dominion University. LA was a JUCO All-American and played professionally in the NEFL. He is the owner of All In Sports Training and founder of the Winc City Assault Youth organization. He lives in Winchester with his children Kenyon, Jordan, and Kiah.



## **Josh Vigna**

### **Assistant Varsity Football Coach [LB]**

Coach Vigna grew up in Johnstown, PA, and graduated from Westmont-Hilltop High School, where he played football, basketball, & track. He attended Saint Vincent College and earned a Bachelor's in Mathematics with an Education focus while playing 4 years of football for the Bearcats. Coach Vigna began his coaching career at Christopher Newport University and then another season at his alma mater. He began his teaching career at Warwick HS, before moving to Winchester & teaching locally. He earned his Master's in Special Education from Shenandoah University and is teaching at JHHS. He is a proud husband & father to his son.

## **Mason Caldwell**

### **Assistant Varsity Football Coach [DL]**

Coach Caldwell grew up in Martinsburg, WV where he attended Spring Mills High School. He played football, basketball, and track & field. He then attended Shenandoah University where he was a 5-year starter on the football team. He graduated with his Bachelor's in Business Administration in 2022 and graduated with his MBA from Shenandoah in August of 2023. This is Coach Caldwell's second season coaching with Handley, where he also teaches Special Education.



## **Kaden Bryant**

### **Assistant Varsity Football Coach [QB]**

Kaden Bryant, a 2023 graduate of Sherando High School, was a four-year member of the football team, playing quarterback for the Warriors. After graduation, he began his coaching career at John Handley High School, serving first as an assistant JV coach, then as the Head JV coach. He is currently a member of the varsity football coaching staff, working with the team's quarterbacks.

## **Darrin Sheffer**

### **Assistant Varsity Football Coach (OL)**

Darrin Sheffer is a seasoned coach with a decade of experience as a science teacher and on the gridiron. He brings his expertise to the varsity team, serving as an assistant coach for the offensive line. Sheffer has dedicated the last ten years to coaching in Prince William and Fauquier counties, helping to shape and develop athletes in the region.



## **John Bahl**

### **Assistant JV Football Coach [OL, DL]**

Coach Bahl graduated from Athens Area High School, where he played football, indoor track, and track & field. He earned a B.A. in Criminal Justice with a minor in Sociology at Marywood University. This is Coach Bahl's first year coaching at Handley; he spent the last two seasons coaching at Daniel Morgan Middle School. Coach Bahl is also the SRO at John Handley. He is a proud father of two sons and a daughter.

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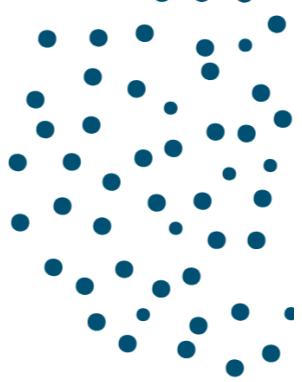
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## Our Humble Beginnings

The Judges Athletic Association was founded in 1957 by Don Smallwood, Dick Kern, Bill Baker, Dick Rosenberger, and Eddie Manuel for the purpose of providing financial support to the Handley Athletic Program. Their vision was to help fund athletic equipment over and above what the schools budget would allow, giving Handley an advantage over their rivals. The First scholarship was awarded in 1959 to Dick Donica for \$100.

## JAA Officers



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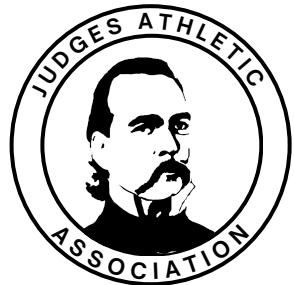
*\*\*We are looking for more board members. If you are interested in serving, please contact any board member.*

## About the JAA

The JAA is governed by a Board of Directors selected from the general membership of the organization. The JAA is a charitable foundation that is completely independent of the school system and the athletic department.

We offer a membership for annual dues of only \$30.00. Our members all share that **HANDLEY PRIDE** and they consist of parents, coaches, alumni, and Handley supporters. Membership also includes a merchant discount card and a pass to our member social. The member social will be held after the home game versus Sherando on Nov. 9th at the home of Frank and Meg Sublett.

The JAA invites all parents, coaches, alumni, and Handley supporters to become members of the Association and to participate in our many projects involving JAA membership and activities. Please feel free to contact any of our board members, listed above, about JAA membership and activities.



## Giving Back

Since the first scholarship in 1959, the Judges Athletic Association has awarded more than 2 million dollars in scholarships to deserving student-athletes. The JAA also provides annual gifts to the athletic department of \$15,000 or more for uniforms and equipment. Major gifts to the athletic department include \$50,000 to help with the current Larry Nelson Weight Room and \$75,000 for the new track resurfacing in the Handley Bowl.

Annually at the JAA Awards Banquet, they honor more than 40 athletes and their coaches who have nominated them for their excellence in their sport. Scholarships are given to deserving seniors based on need, participation, and academics. Each senior athlete is given a commemorative gavel as a thank-you for participating at Handley. In addition to these awards and scholarships, there are 5 major awards given to student-athletes, recognizing them for academics, athletics, leadership, and perseverance. The JAA also yearly recognizes two people from the community for their service, to the JAA, and the athletic department.

Each year the JAA inducts a class into the Hunter Maddex Hall of Fame, honoring athletes, coaches, and contributors. In 2010, the JAA Hunter Maddex Hall of Fame started the Edwin Barksdale wing to honor the outstanding athletes for Frederick Douglas School who would have otherwise attended Handley had it not been for segregation.

## Activities and Fundraisers

Super Fund Night Cash Party, 300 Club Raffle, Golf Tournament, & Members Social

## Recapping 2024-2025

- The JAA awarded \$32,500 in scholarships
- The following equipment was purchased for the athletic department:

<b>Hudl</b>	For all teams
<b>Tent with Handley Logo</b>	Handley Events
<b>Water Cow</b>	For all teams
<b>Cross Country Warm Ups &amp; Uniforms</b>	Cross Country
<b>Track Uniforms</b>	Track



## JAA SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

2024-2025

Totaling \$32,500

- Logan Ambrose
- Ariyana Brown
- Carolina Fost
- Hassan Akanbi
- James Battulga
- Javier Chavez
- Kelsye Brown
- Lukas Corsnitz
- Mario Marquez-Gomez
- Meyly Vicente
- Michael La Croix
- Moustafa Hassan
- Olivia Jett
- Robert "Lang" Shickle

# JAA MAJOR AWARDS

## DESCRIPTIONS

### Winnie Legge Award – JAA Award for Best All-Around Athlete



Winnie Legge coached athletics at Handley in 1927. Before his coaching career, he had coached at Shepherd College and Virginia Tech. Mr. Legge attended Virginia Tech from 1914 to 1918 as a four-year football, basketball, baseball, and track letterman. During his four years at Virginia Tech, Mr. Legge earned 16 athletic letters and came to be regarded as one of the greatest athletes in the history of that university. The J.A.A.Winnie Legge Award is given annually to the Senior Student-Athletes at Handley, who display excellence in all-around athletic ability.

### Otis "Snag" Sargent Award– for Excellence in Athletics & Academics



Otis "Snag" Sargent played football, basketball, and baseball at Handley High School, where he received his long-standing nickname, "Snag," for his outstanding ability to catch football passes. After he graduated from Handley, Mr. Sargent returned to coach football, basketball, and track at his alma mater. His 1945 football team is one of only four undefeated, untied teams in Handley history. Snag Sargent later owned Snag's Sport Shop in downtown Winchester. As a businessman, he was active in civic affairs and community service. Snag Sargent, a Winchester legend, succeeded in many endeavors and enjoyed the respect of his peers. The Otis "Snag" Sargent Award is given annually to the Senior Student-Athletes who display excellence in athletics and academics.

### Ron Rice Award – JAA Award for Excellence in Athletics and Leadership



In 1966, Ron Rice came to Handley High School to teach math and to become the school's head football coach. He took a football program that had posted a 2-7-1 record the previous year and led the team to a 7-2-1 record his first year due to charismatic leadership and hard work. Two years later, he coached one of only four Handley football teams that have enjoyed undefeated, untied seasons. Mr. Rice was an inspiring leader of young people; he could change the negative to the positive. His outstanding leadership guided one of the great eras in Handley's athletics history. The Ron Rice Award is given annually to the Senior Student-Athletes at Handley who display excellence in athletics and demonstrate, both on and off the field, school spirit and leadership qualities.

### Jimmy Ombs Award- JAA Award for Perseverance



In 2005, the JAA recognized the contributions of long-time Handley athletic director James "Jimmy" Ombs by establishing an award in his honor. Ombs himself was the initial recipient of this award. Jimmy Ombs, or "J.O." as he is affectionately called, graduated from Handley in 1953 and returned to Handley in 1959 as a math teacher and assistant basketball coach. He later became head varsity basketball coach, athletic director, and director of student activities. His meticulous organizational skills and work ethic served Handley Athletics well for many years. J.O. is a member of the Hunter Maddex Hall of Fame, the Shepherd University Hall of Fame, and the Virginia High School League Hall of Fame. He has received numerous awards recognizing his talents and hard work in athletic administration, including national and state awards as High School Athletic Director of the Year. When asked to select the criteria for this award, J.O. requested that the JAA honor the student who displayed persistence, diligence, reliability, team spirit, and high character while not necessarily being the most outstanding athlete on their team.

# JAA MAJOR AWARDS

## DESCRIPTIONS

### H. Russell Potts, Jr. Award- JAA Award for Academic Excellence



In the term ‘student-athlete,’ the student comes first, and the athlete comes second. Striving to recognize student achievement in the academic realm, the JAA has recognized the senior student-athlete who has achieved the highest grade point average for many years. In 2003, the JAA decided to formalize this award by naming it in honor of H. Russell Potts, Jr., a long-time friend and supporter of the JAA. A graduate of Handley, “Russ” is personally responsible for securing funding for many of the scholarships the JAA awards. His great affection for Handley High School is well-known, as is his support for education in general, both in his personal life and in his former role as Chairman of the Virginia Senate Education and Health Committee. In recognition of Senator Potts’ support for education and his tireless efforts on behalf of the JAA and Handley athletics, the JAA awards the H. Russell Potts, Jr. Scholar-Athlete Award to the senior student-athlete who has achieved the highest grade point average.

### Thurman H. Potts Award- JAA Award for Community Service



The Thurman Potts Award for Community Service is given in honor of Thurman Potts. Thurman was a three-sport letterman at John Handley High School. Upon graduation, Thurman Potts joined the United States Army and served his country during World War II. During his service, Potts sacrificed his life, saving the lives of fellow service members who were in perilous danger. In his honor, The Judges Athletic Association honors a Handley Athlete who demonstrated personal sacrifice in the service of the school or community.

## JAA AWARDS FOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS

### Ancil Gray Award- for Outstanding Contribution to Handley Athletics

Ancil Gray was a woodworking teacher at Handley from the 1940s through the 1960s. He loved athletics and had been a state-champion high school miler in his home state of West Virginia. He coached the golf team at Handley and served as a starter for track meets. Moreover, he used his mechanical abilities and craftsmanship to assist the athletic department in many ways. He maintained athletic equipment and constructed one of Handley’s first set of hurdles. He was always willing to lend his time and talents in a volunteer capacity to help improve the conditions of the Handley student-athletes. For this reason, each year, the JAA honors a community member for their outstanding contribution to the Handley athletic program by awarding the Ancil Gray Award.

### Eddie Manuel Award- for Distinguished Service to the JAA

As a Handley student in the late 1940s, Eddie Manuel earned his JH letter as Coach Hunter Maddox’s football team manager. As a Handley alumnus in 1957, Eddie Manuel was one of the founders of the Judges Athletic Association. He is still remembered as “Mr. JAA,” Eddie’s dream was to create an organization of supporters that could provide the students of Handley with opportunities to excel on the playing field and with scholarship funds to pursue higher education after their Handley years. Eddie Manuel’s impact on Handley and its student-athletes for over fifty years has been immeasurable. Each year, the JAA recognizes the outstanding contributions of a member of the community to the JAA by awarding them the Eddie Manuel Distinguished Service Award.



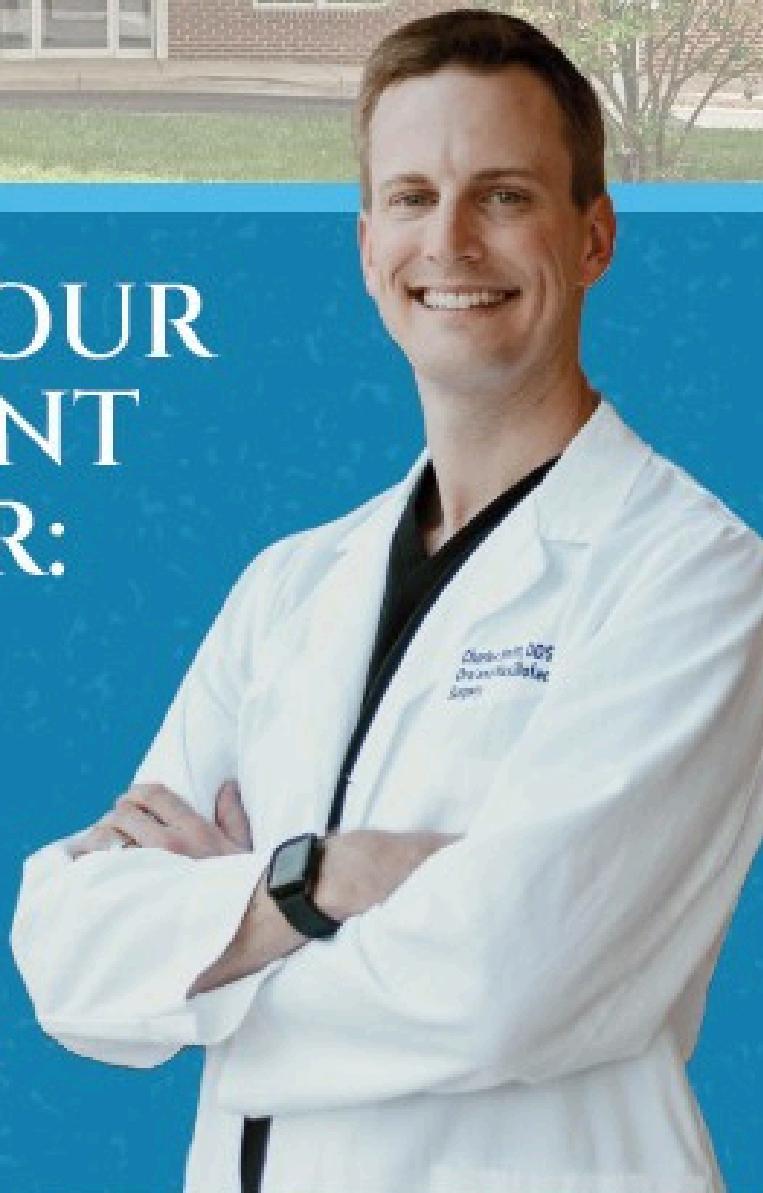
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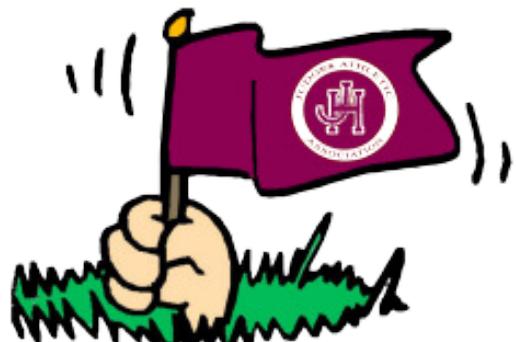


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1959-60	<b>Bill Baker</b>	1990-91	<b>Nedra Throckmorton</b>
1960-61	<b>Bill Baker</b>	1991-92	<b>Frank Patton</b>
1961-62	<b>Don Smallwood</b>	1992-93	<b>John Prosser</b>
1962-63	<b>Dick Kern</b>	1993-94	<b>Cody Dearing</b>
1963-64	<b>Lee Boppe</b>	1994-95	<b>Lou Papa</b>
1964-65	<b>Jimmy Carroll</b>	1995-96	<b>Dan Ritchie</b>
1965-66	<b>Jerry Headley</b>	1996-97	<b>Mike DeFazio</b>
1966-67	<b>Russ Potts, Jr.</b>	1997-98	<b>Steve Garrett</b>
1967-68	<b>Bill Minor</b>	1998-99	<b>Gary Chrisman</b>
1968-69	<b>Terry Plank</b>	1999-2000	<b>Harry Smith</b>
1969-70	<b>Bill Stine</b>	2000-01	<b>Jeff Hester</b>
1970-71	<b>Bill Shendow</b>	2001-02	<b>Melanie Melester</b>
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1974-75	<b>Dale Barley</b>	2005-06	<b>Kim Ball</b>
1975-76	<b>Henry P. Kern III</b>	2006-07	<b>Scott Arthur</b>
1976-77	<b>Mike Hart</b>	2007-08	<b>Ronnie Putnam, Jr.</b>
1977-78	<b>James C. Gordon, Jr.</b>	2008-09	<b>David Daylor</b>
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1985-86	<b>Buddy Orndorff</b>	2018-20	<b>Jen Watts</b>
1986-87	<b>Pete Whitlock</b>	2020-21	<b>Christie McKee</b>
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*Class of 1956; Hall of Fame 2012*

## **Tom Scully**

*Class of 1963*

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*Gary - Class of 1969; Football & Track  
Martha - Former Teacher & Coach; Tennis, Track  
& Cheerleading*

## **Terry Whittle**

*Class of 1975; Football & Track*

## **The Family of Dan Hoopes**

*Danny - Hall of Fame 2005*

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*Coach; Hall of Fame 2004*

## **Kermit Slonaker**

*Class of 1969; Football & Track*

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*Friend of Handley Athletics*

# JUDGES JURY

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*Class of 1978; Football*

## **Garnett Miller**

*Class of 1965; Hall of Fame 2004*

## **Lincoln, Bretlyn & Thomas Jones**

*Lincoln - Class of 1982, Track; Hall of Fame 2025  
Bretlyn - Class of 2011; Basketball (Mgr) & Soccer  
Thomas - Class of 2021; Golf*

## **Bill and Patsy McMullan**

*Bill - Class of 1959; Football & Basketball  
Patsy - Class of 1962, Booster Club*

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*Class of 1956; Friend of Handley Athletics*

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*Class of 1964; Football & Track;  
Hall of Fame 1995*

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*Class of 1964; Intramural Sports*

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