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HAYES: Sets new world and personal best time in winning 400 meters at USA Track and Field Championships.

LONDON BOUND

HBCU TRACKSTER WINS USA 400; NEW HOOPS COACHES AT GRAMBLING AND TALLADEGA

Hayes punches ticket to London



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RISING TO THE TOP: Former Livingstone quarter-miler Quanera Hayes shows her form competing here in the 400 meters at the Hurricane Invitational in April. She ran a world best 50.04 at that meet. After dealing with injuries she is now healthy and fit and won the event in a world and personal best time of 49.72 seconds at the USA Track and Field Championships in Sacramento, California to earn her spot on Team USA for the World Championships on Aug. 4 in London.

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Many people think the toughest place to finish in the Olympic Trials is fourth, which means you just miss a spot on the three-person team that goes to the Games.

But coming in last can be equally devastating. That is where **Quanera Hayes** was a year ago, crossing the finish line in the 400 meters in last place at the 2016 U.S. Olympic Trials and having to watch as her rivals celebrated qualifying for the Rio Games.

Today, though, Hayes is the envy of every quarter-miler in the nation. Not only did the 25-year-old **Livingstone** product win the 400 at the 2017 U.S.A. Track and Field Outdoor Championship last Saturday in Sacramento, Calif., she posted the fastest time in the event in the world so far this season and her personal best, at 49.72 seconds. The 25-year-old's winning time beat Olympic champion Shaunae Miller-Uibo's season best of 49.77 set in the Shanghai Diamond League meeting in May. It also puts her in prime contention for a medal at the upcoming world championships, which begin Aug. 4 in London.

Hayes was the U.S. leader in the event in 2017 and owned the race from start to finish. The win earned her first USATF Outdoor title, adding to her indoor hardware from last year.

Hayes joins N.C. A&T product **Chris Belcher** as HBCU representatives on Team USA for the IAAF World Championships. Belcher finished third in the men's 100 meters dash final last Friday to earn a spot on the team.

"It's really a blessing, I'm thankful for everyone in my corner," Hayes told Excelle Sports.

"My main thing is to stay healthy. I can't hold back now that I made the team—it's my chance to give my best. I was just able to stay strong and keep my form and not break down. I really just wanted to run my race and not think about placing. It's just a blessing to be here."

As overwhelmed as Hayes is about making the world outdoor team, she is no stranger to world championships: At the 2016 world indoor championships in Portland, Ore., she picked up a bronze medal in the 400 and a gold in the 4x400-meter relay. But that early-season success last year didn't translate to an Olympic team months later when the Trials were held in June.

This year, though, Hayes says things are different.

"I've been hurt for the past six years, and this is my first year being completely healthy," Hayes said. "I knew if I could stay healthy, I would be the U.S. champion, so it's all up from here. Earlier in the season, I had to back off of training because I was starting to feel little aches, so we paid more close attention to my body."

Hayes is one of very few national track champions who didn't come from a Division I background. Instead, she clawed her way up the pro ranks from her days as Division II national champion at Livingstone, a 1,200-student Historically Black College in Salisbury, North Carolina. Now Hayes, who is originally from South Carolina, is running past all of the sprinters who were highly recruited to Division I schools in the SEC and Pac-12.

UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

JACKSON TO LEAD GRAMBLING HOOPS:

GRAMBLING, La. – **Grambling State University**



Jackson

Director of Athletics **Paul Bryant** has officially announced the hiring of **Donte' Jackson** as the next GSU head men's basketball coach.

Jackson officially signed his contract in front of a small crowd of media members, athletics staff and his family in the office of GSU President **Rick**

Gallot.

"We're excited today to sign this contract," Gallot said. "The future of Grambling and Grambling basketball is bright. And of course, whenever **Willis Reed** says that you have a great coach, then you have to be a great coach."

"I'm elated," said Jackson when he addressed the crowd. "This is an opportunity I've always dreamed of... and I will give my all. I want to thank [President Gallot] for the opportunity to lead the program and for you entrusting the program into my hands. And I want to thank [Mr. Bryant] for just giving me the opportunity to be a part of the Grambling family."

Prior to GSU, Jackson spent three seasons as the head men's basketball coach at **Stillman College** in Tuscaloosa, Alabama compiling a 66-21 overall record and winning the 2016 **Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SIAC)** Tournament.

At the end of the 2015-16 season, he was named the SIAC Coach of the Year. He also served as interim director of athletics, in addition to maintaining his role as head men's basketball coach.

Prior to Stillman, Jackson led the men's basketball program at **Central State University (CSU)** in Wilberforce, Ohio, for four seasons. He took over the program in 2010 after serving as an assistant coach at CSU for seven seasons.

NEW TALLADEGA HOOPS COACH:

Talladega, AL- **Frederick Summers** has been named



Summers

the new men's basketball coach at **Talladega College.**

Summers comes to TC after leading **Concordia College** in Selma to the USCAA national men's basketball championship this past season.

"I am honored and pleased to be named the next head men's basketball coach at Talladega College," Summers said in a press release. "I am excited about the challenge that Dr. Hawkins has for the basketball program, and under his leadership, the decision to become a Tornado was not only an easy choice but the right choice and fit for me and my family. We will work extremely hard to continue the tradition of excellence on and off the court in everything we do."

Summers replaces **Matt Cross**, who was hired as the women's basketball at Louisiana State Shreveport. Cross is the all-time winningest coach in TC history.

BCSP Notes

Harry (Trae) Stinson named new Lincoln (Pa.) Athletics Director

Lincoln University, Pa. – **Lincoln University** has hired **Harry O.**



Stinson

Stinson III as the institution's athletics director. The announcement was made by Interim President **Richard Green.**

President Green emphasized the thorough recruitment and selection process, pointing out that, "Harry Stinson was chosen from an applicant pool of nearly 100 highly qualified applicants."

"He brings extensive administrative and academic experience to the position. We are looking forward to major growth and development to the Lincoln University program for student athletes," Green said.

Stinson replaces **Anthony Plá** who has served as the interim director of athletics since September 2016. Plá will remain on staff as the assistant AD for facilities and head baseball coach.

Stinson comes to Lincoln with more than 12 years of experience as a professional administrator in collegiate athletics with expertise in university relations, strategic planning, external relations, development, compliance, event management, and business operations. At the collegiate level, he has served as head coach of the **Kentucky State University** golf team and interim coach of KSU Baseball.

"I am humbled and honored to be appointed athletics director and to join the Lincoln University family," Stinson said. "I am excited to become a part of this community, engaging alumni and strengthening the Lincoln Lion brand."

Stinson has served as associate director of athletics at **Central State University** in Wilberforce, Ohio, since October 2015, where he was responsible for the development and management of the athletic department's \$1.9 million operating budget and \$650,000 in scholarship budget. In this role, Harry also oversaw compliance, handled supervision for nine of CSU's 10 sports, managed game day operations, and ran the day to day operations of the athletic department.

Prior to Central State, Stinson served as the interim athletic director at Kentucky State University. In addition to his responsibilities as interim athletic director, Stinson also handled external operations and compliance for the athletic department as well as head men's golf coach. He also served as the sport administrator for all 13 sports and oversaw athletic training and sports information during his tenure at KSU.

Prior to his arrival at KSU in December 2009, Stinson served as the director of championships, communications and marketing at the **Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference** for nearly five years. He also served as Interim Commissioner during 2008-09. Stinson began his athletic career as a coach at Dr. Phillips High School in Orlando, Florida, coaching track and field, basketball and football. He also worked in Basketball Operations at the Amateur Athletic Union, as a League Administrator at the World Boxing League, and as director of Operations at the Georgia World Games Sports Commission.

Four from HBCUs slated for Small College Basketball HOF induction

Three players and one coach from HBCUs have been announced selected for induction into the class of 2017 for the Small College Basketball Hall of Fame.

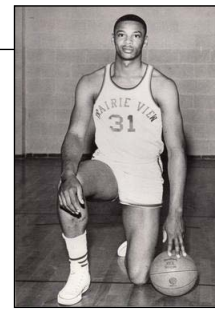
Prairie View and NBA center **Zelmo Beaty**, **Southern** and NBA forward **Bob Love**, **Kentucky State** and later center **Elmore Smith** and former **Virginia Union** Head Coach **Dave Robbins** head a group of 12 new inductees.

This year's ceremony will take place on Thursday, November 2, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the Doubletree by Hilton in Evansville, Indiana.

This is the second year of induction. The 2016 Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony was held at the Ford Center in Evansville, Indiana. The event began with the induction of 15 inaugural Hall of Famers including seven from HBCUs – **Dick Barnett** (player, **Tennessee State**), **Clarence Gaines** (coach, **Winston-Salem State** head coach), **Travis Grant** (player, **Kentucky State**), **Bob Hopkins** (player, **Grambling**), **John McLendon** (coach, **Tennessee State**, **Kentucky State**, **North Carolina Central**), **Earl Monroe** (player, **Winston-Salem State**), **Willis Reed** (player, **Grambling**).

"It is an absolute thrill to announce the Class of 2017 for the Small College Basketball Hall of Fame," said SCB Founder, John McCarthy. "This class represents the best of the best in the history of small college basketball, and it is with great pleasure that we announce this class."

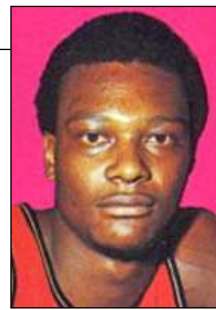
The Small College Basketball Class of 2017 consists of the following



Beaty



Love



Smith

HBCU members:

ZELMO BEATY, PRAIRIE VIEW A&M

Two-time All American (1960, 1962); Won the NAIA National Championship in 1962; MVP of the NAIA National Tournament, 1962; Set the NAIA Tournament record for rebounds in a tournament (96), a record that still stands; Averaged 25 points and 20 rebounds for his four-year career; Named to the NAIA's 50th & 75th Anniversary Teams; National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame (2014); Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame (2016); NAIA Hall of Fame

BOB LOVE, SOUTHERN

Two-time All-American and a three-time All Southwestern Conference selection; Finished his career as Southern's all-time leading scorer and rebounder with 2,458 points (23.1 career average) and 1,166 rebounds (14.9 career average); Averaged 30.6 points (8th in nation) and 18.2 rebounds in 1965; Averaged 26.0 ppg and 18 rpg in 1964; Averaged 22.6 ppg and 12.3 rpg in 1963; He has been inducted into the NAIA, Basketball Coaches, Illinois, Helms and Louisiana Halls of Fame; Selected by the NBA's Cincinnati Royals in the fourth round of the 1965 draft

ELMORE SMITH, KENTUCKY STATE

"The Big E" was a 7-0 center for Kentucky State; In three seasons at Kentucky State, he had 1,813 points and 1,917 rebounds; Member of Kentucky State back-to-back National Championship winning teams (1970 & 1971); Named to the NAIA All-Tournament Team in 1970 & 1971; Holds NAIA and All Division record for rebounds in a single season (799) in 1971; Two-time All American (Second Team in 1970 & First Team in 1971); As a freshman, he averaged 14.7 ppg & 19.8 rpg; as a sophomore, he averaged 21.6 ppg & 22.7 rpg; As a junior, he averaged an astonishing 25.5 ppg, 24.2 rpg & 8.1 blocks per game; Member of the NAIA's 50th & 75th All-Anniversary Teams; In 2008, he was inducted into the Georgia Hall of Fame; He left for the NBA after his junior year in 1971 and played professional basketball until 1979. He went to the Buffalo Braves [now Los Angeles Clippers] as the 3rd pick in the first round of the 1971 NBA Draft.

DAVE ROBBINS, VIRGINIA UNION

2012 College Basketball Hall of Fame Inductee; Compiled a 713-194 record (78.6 winning percentage) in 30 seasons; Won three NCAA Division II National Championships (1980, 1992, 2005); One of three coaches to win three or more NCAA Division II Championships; 2006 NCAA Division II Runner-up; Three NCAA Division II Third Place Finishes: 1991, 1996, 1998; Twenty-four 20-win seasons including four 30-win seasons; 25 NCAA Tournament appearances; 7 Regional Championships; Won 14 CIAA Conference Championships; Honored with Virginia Union Lifetime Coaching Award; First white coach in CIAA History; Inducted into the National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame



Robbins

THE STAT CORNER

WHO ARE THE BEST PERFORMERS IN BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

HBCU NOMINEES FOR NCAA WOMAN OF THE YEAR

Phylecia Armstrong	B-Cookman	Volleyball
Tearra Arrington	Shaw	Cross Country, Outdoor Track & Field
Hannah Billups	Howard	I/O Track & Field
Tiffany Brooks	Shaw	Softball, Volleyball
Christeline Cadeau	Virginia State	CC, I/O Track & Field
Suraya Chase	Chowan	Volleyball
Jeremica Edwards	Savannah State	Basketball
Morgan Hasty	J. C. Smith	Softball, Volleyball
Joy Hickman	Virginia State	Basketball
Amber Hughes	Tennessee State	I/O Track & Field
Domenique Julius-Williams	J. C. Smith	CC, I/O Track & Field
Mackenzie Robinson	N. Carolina A&T	Bowling
Taylor White	Virginia Union	Basketball, Volleyball
Kiana Johnson	Virginia Union	Basketball
Jocelyn Mills	W-Salem State	Volleyball
Laura Uzzell	Jackson State	Bowling