

## 2025 Hall of Fame Inductees :



A true native son of St. Petersburg, **Elbert Crumb** was born and raised in the heart of this vibrant Florida city. His formative years were spent at Gibbs Senior High School, where his athletic prowess shone brightly. Excelling in basketball, football, and track, Elbert was a key player on two State Championship basketball teams. His remarkable skills earned him distinctions as All-City, All-County, All-State, and an honorable mention All-American.

Following high school, Elbert continued his athletic journey at Texas Southern University, where he played collegiate football. After completing his studies, he returned to Pinellas County, dedicating himself to a career in education. As a member of the original staff at Osceola High School, he made a lasting impact by establishing the boys' basketball program, where he served as head coach for an impressive 25 years.

In retirement, Elbert cherishes spending time with his family, which includes two beloved grandchildren. He also devotes time to his lifelong passion for fishing, finding joy and tranquility in the waters of Florida's beautiful landscapes. His life's journey is a testament to dedication, community service, and the enduring bonds of family and tradition.



**Oscar Davenport**, a distinguished multi-sport athlete from St. Petersburg, Florida, is celebrated for his exceptional skill, leadership, and versatility. At Osceola High School, Davenport excelled as a quarterback while also making significant achievements in basketball and track and field. His leadership on the court led his team to victory in the Suncoast AAU Boys Basketball Tournament, where he earned MVP honors in the 17-and-under AAU State Tournament in Cocoa Beach. As a track and field competitor, he broke his high school's record in the triple jump, showcasing his remarkable athletic range. His accomplishments earned him recognition as Athlete of the Year for Pinellas and Hillsborough counties in both 1993 and 1994, cementing his status as one of the region's premier athletes.

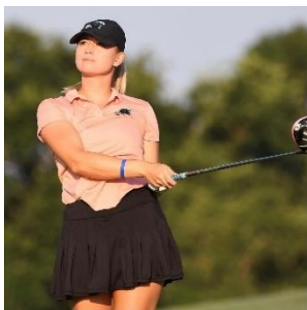
Davenport's prowess in football secured him a scholarship to the University of North Carolina, where he played quarterback for the Tar Heels from 1995 to 1998. Renowned for his precision, poise, and consistency, Davenport set a UNC record with a 59.9% career completion rate and achieved 154 consecutive pass attempts without an interception. Over his collegiate career, he amassed 3,090 passing yards, 18 touchdowns, and only eight interceptions. A standout moment came in the 1997 Gator Bowl, where Davenport earned MVP honors by leading the Tar Heels to a 20-13 victory over West Virginia, helping UNC secure a Top 10 national ranking.

Following his college career, Davenport played professionally for the Carolina Rhinos in the Arena Football League, continuing to demonstrate his athletic prowess and passion for the sport.

Beyond his playing career, Davenport transitioned into coaching, where he has made a lasting impact mentoring young athletes. Currently serving as the Offensive Coordinator at Lassiter Middle School in Marietta, Georgia, he has guided the team to multiple championships and elevated their competitive standing over the last three years. During the off-season, Davenport coaches in the 7-on-7 passing league, helping middle school, high school, and preparatory students refine their skills, build confidence, and unlock their potential. His commitment to mentorship and development has earned him the respect of his peers and the admiration of his players.

In addition to his contributions to sports, Davenport has worked full-time as an electrician for Fulton County for over a decade, showcasing his dedication and work ethic.

A devoted family man, Davenport is the proud father of two adult daughters and the grandfather of two grandsons, who bring him immense joy and pride. His enduring legacy as an athlete, coach, and mentor continues to inspire success both on and off the field.



**Haydyn Gibson**, a Clearwater, Florida native, discovered her passion for golf in first grade. She honed her skills at Osceola Fundamental High School, where she was a standout member of the women's golf team. In 2014, Haydyn achieved a remarkable milestone by winning the high school state championship—a victory she dedicated to her late friend and classmate, Devin Chester, who had tragically passed away just a week earlier.

After high school, Haydyn joined the women's golf team at Tulane University, where she competed at the collegiate level. She graduated in 2020 with a degree in Sociology, balancing her academic and athletic commitments while actively engaging with the Tulane and New Orleans communities through various committees and organizations.

Haydyn's leadership and dedication led her to a prestigious NCAA Division II Governance internship in Indianapolis in June 2020. Since then, she has advanced her career within the NCAA, contributing to Division II Governance, supporting NCAA President Charlie Baker in Executive Affairs, and most recently, joining the Division I Governance team.

Golf remains a central part of Haydyn's life, both professionally and personally. She recently got engaged to her fiancé, Ian, on their home golf course—a testament to her enduring love for the sport. Now residing in Indianapolis, the "Sports Capital of the World," Haydyn enjoys spending her free time on the golf course or exploring local coffee shops.



**Joe Sleppy** graduated from Osceola High School in 2014, where he immersed himself in a variety of activities, including baseball, lacrosse, track, AP classes, and honor societies. He was a captain of the swim team, an editor of the 2014 yearbook, and even attempted to build a perpetual energy machine in Ms. Ferguson's classroom during lunch breaks using paint sticks, magnets, and electromotive force from Home Depot materials. (No, it didn't work, but it was worth the try.)

Among his high school achievements, Joe considers founding his first business, SleppSolutions, to be his most defining experience. After winning the Pinellas County Next Generation Entrepreneurs competition, he launched the company, which developed hands-free fitness equipment for amputees and partnered with MacDill Air Force Base to support wounded veterans. Joe went on to study electrical engineering at the University of Central Florida (UCF). During his undergraduate years, he engaged in cutting-edge research on solar cell technologies and supercapacitors. In 2016, he cofounded Capacitech Energy to license and commercialize technologies developed in the lab where he was working. Joe earned his electrical engineering degree from UCF while co-authoring multiple research papers, including one published in the prestigious Nature Communications journal. Over the years, he raised \$2.5 million in funding for Capacitech through investments and federal grants from the National Science Foundation. His entrepreneurial spirit earned him several accolades, including a one-on-one meeting with Bill Gates as a representative of UCF, the "Young Entrepreneurship Award" presented by former Governor Rick Scott, a spot on the Orlando Business Journal's Fire Awards, and recognition in UCF's 30 Under 30. Under his leadership, Capacitech was named one of the Top 30 energy storage startups in the world.

Today, Joe serves as the CEO of Capacitech Energy, addressing power quality challenges in the grid and renewable energy systems. He married his incredible wife, Hannah, in 2022, and credits her as a source of immeasurable love and gratitude. Beyond his professional achievements, Joe is dedicated to community service, supporting recovering addicts through ministry, and inspiring students by participating in programs and classes at UCF and local public schools.



**Jen Kistemaker Spinger** grew up as the youngest of four siblings, constantly inspired by their drive and encouraged to embrace new challenges. At Osceola, she explored her love of sports, excelling in volleyball, soccer, swimming, and track and field. Balancing athletics with academics, Jen participated in the Early College Program, graduating summa cum laude with an associate degree.

Despite setbacks like a torn ACL, Jen's determination led her to triumph in pole vaulting, where she claimed a state championship and secured a spot on the University of Florida's Track and Field team. During her time at UF, she achieved a personal best pole vault of 13'1". However, she eventually decided to retire her spikes to focus on a career in nursing.

While pursuing her nursing degree at UF, Jen married her best friend and stayed active in intramural sports, winning several championships. After graduation, she embarked on a dynamic career in healthcare, working in the NICU and pediatric operating room.

Jen and her husband also channeled their creativity into starting a camper van conversion business, blending their passion for adventure and craftsmanship. Their journey has taken them from Florida to Colorado, North Carolina, and Alaska, where they've embraced the great outdoors.

Now, as parents to two beautiful daughters, Jen and her husband are introducing their little ones to a world of adventure, sharing their love for mountain biking, rock climbing, and skiing. Jen's story is one of resilience, curiosity, and a lifelong passion for both caring for others and exploring the world.



**John Stewart**, a proud second-generation Floridian, graduated from Seminole High School in 1973 before earning a B.A. in Secondary English Education from the University of Florida in 1976. He began his teaching career at Seminole High, where he taught for four years before becoming a founding faculty member of Osceola High School. Over the next 33 years, John dedicated his career to inspiring students through courses in honors English, creative writing, general humanities, and AP Art History.

As a passionate educator, John also served as the advisor for *The Oracle* literary magazine, mentoring talented student writers and publishers who achieved local, regional, and statewide recognition for their work.

In 1978, John married Sheila Watts, a 1972 graduate of Seminole High. Sheila, a gifted middle school teacher turned archaeologist, inspired John's lifelong love of exploration. Together, they have participated in archaeological volunteer projects in Israel, Ireland, and the United States.

John credits his high school humanities teacher, Carol Dunn, for sparking his love of the arts during a field trip to the John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art in Sarasota. This transformative experience shaped his teaching philosophy, and he often organized similar trips for his own students. His humanities and art history classes explored cultural treasures such as the Ringling Museum, the Museum of Fine Arts, Art Basel Miami Beach, historic sites, and the Salvador Dalí Museum.

John and Sheila also partnered to create unique educational opportunities, pairing his high school art history students with her middle school gifted students as docents at the Dalí Museum. Today, John continues to share his passion for art and education as a volunteer docent at the St. Petersburg Museum of Fine Arts, the Dalí Museum, and most recently, fulfilling a lifelong dream, the Ringling Museum. Additionally, he co-teaches teen classes and summer art camps at the Dalí.

Beyond the classroom, John is politically active, advocating for candidates who prioritize education and student well-being. He also serves as vice president of Celebrate Outreach, a coalition of faith groups dedicated to aiding the homeless. He co-coordinates a weekly Saturday morning breakfast for the unhoused, a program he helps lead alongside one of his former students.

While John fondly remembers the joy of guiding students' growth and discovery, he doesn't miss grading papers into the early hours of the morning. His legacy as an educator and community advocate reflects his unwavering commitment to making a difference in the lives of others.



**Christophe Van de Weghe** was born in 1968 in Brussels, Belgium. In 1981, he moved to Largo, Florida, where he attended Osceola High School. He graduated in 1985 at the age of 17.

Following high school, Christophe pursued his passion for tennis, competing in the Junior World Championships, including prestigious tournaments such as the French Open Junior and Wimbledon Junior. During his junior career, he achieved notable victories against future world number-one players. From 1985 to 1987, Christophe played professionally, reaching a career-high world ranking of 400.

At age 19, a serious back injury required surgery, prompting Christophe to step away from the professional tennis circuit. He then enrolled at Pepperdine University, a Division I school, on a full tennis scholarship. While there, he studied Business Administration with a minor in Art History. However, due to ongoing back issues, Christophe retired from tennis during his third year at the university.

Between 1987 and 1993, Christophe developed an interest in art and gained experience in art trading. In 1993, he joined Larry Gagosian, the world-renowned art dealer, working as a salesperson at Gagosian Gallery in New York. Within three years, Christophe became the gallery's top salesperson. After seven successful years with Gagosian, Christophe opened his own gallery in New York City in 2000. His expertise and vision established him as one of the top five secondary-market art dealers globally.

Today, Christophe continues to operate his gallery in New York City, showcasing exceptional works of art. He actively participates in eight prominent art fairs annually, including events in Paris, Miami Beach, Basel, Geneva, and Maastricht.





**Michelle (Mione) Walker** is an accomplished athlete, scholar, and business leader whose journey is a testament to hard work, passion, and resilience. A graduate of Osceola High School (Class of 2001), Michelle shone both on and off the field. As a three-sport athlete, she excelled in soccer, volleyball, and flag football, leading her teams with unwavering determination and exceptional skill. She captained the soccer team to two state final-four appearances and earned an impressive array of accolades, including:

- Pinellas County Player of the Year (2x)
- All-Suncoast Player of the Year
- St. Petersburg Times Extraordinary Athlete
- ESPN National & Tampa Bay Player of the Year
- PCAC Athletic/Academic Outstanding Athlete
- South Region All-American
- 1st Team All-State
- Pinellas County Female Athlete of the Year

Michelle's achievements etched her name in Osceola High School history. She set records for freshman, junior, senior, and all-time scoring, became one of Pinellas County's all-time top scorers, and had her jersey retired—a rare honor that immortalizes her legacy.

Off the field, Michelle's academic accomplishments were equally remarkable. As her class salutatorian, she balanced her athletic pursuits with scholarly excellence. A member of the National, Spanish, and Math Honor Societies, Michelle also served as the editor of both the school newspaper and yearbook. Recognized for her intellect and leadership, she earned multiple academic scholarships and was named a Verizon Academic All-Star.

Her stellar academic and athletic record earned her a soccer scholarship to Auburn University, where she competed at the Division I level while pursuing a degree in Journalism with a minor in Spanish. Despite injuries that curtailed her soccer career, Michelle's resilience led her to earn a Master's degree in Digital Media Marketing from Florida State University.

In 2006, Michelle relocated to Atlanta to launch a thriving career. Today, she serves as Chief of Staff at Alloy, a marketing agency, where her expertise as a seasoned operations executive has transformed businesses, streamlined global operations, and fostered dynamic teams. Her career is studded with numerous awards, and she remains a passionate advocate for empowering women in the workplace, mentoring future leaders, and creating inclusive spaces for growth.

Michelle's creative pursuits are equally inspiring. In 2020, she founded MeeshWalk Studios, channeling her artistic talents as a painter and sharing her work with the world.

Michelle's personal life is as vibrant as her professional and creative endeavors. She met her husband, Michael, through Atlanta's coed soccer and kickball leagues, and they've been happily married for 13 years. Together, they are raising three extraordinary children—Jackson , Riley , and Zoey —whose boundless energy and athleticism mirror their mother's indomitable spirit.

Whether she's leading a business, inspiring young professionals, or creating art, Michelle continues to make an indelible mark on every field she touches.