

L-R Announces HOF Class

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Lenoir-Rhyne will add four members to its Sports Hall Of Fame as Aubrey Cochran, Michelle (Baity) Bryant, Maya Grady and Mark LaMoreaux make up the Class of 2013. The Hall Of Fame induction ceremony will be part of Lenoir-Rhyne's Homecoming Weekend and will take place in the P.E. Monroe Auditorium on L-R's campus at 11:00 a.m., on Saturday, October 5, 2013.

The four will also be honored at halftime of Lenoir-Rhyne's Football Game with Brevard, which begins at 2:00 p.m., at Moretz Stadium.

Aubrey Cochran (Lenoir-Rhyne, 1967) lettered four years on the L-R Men's Basketball Team (1964-67) and finished his career with 1,151 points, which now ranks 31st on the Bears' all-time scoring list. As a senior in 1966-67, Cochran earned all-conference, all-district and all-league tournament honors in leading the Bears to a 20-8 mark overall. Cochran was also a two-year captain for the Bears (1966-67) and helped L-R compile a 67-43 mark during his career. Cochran, who coached two seasons at South Point (formerly Belmont) High School (Belmont, N.C.) in 1967-68 & 1968-69, worked for IBM and Lexmark International in sales and marketing for over 30 years before retiring. Cochran was also chosen to carry the Olympic Torch in Atlanta during the 1996 Olympic Games and was a two-time IBM and Lexmark National Sales Representative Of The Year (1995 & 2005). Cochran and his wife, Jeanne, who are retired and living in Beaufort, S.C., have one daughter (Michelle) and two grandchildren (Caroline & Jack).

Michelle (Baity) Bryant (Lenoir-Rhyne, 2002) played four seasons of volleyball (1998-01) and is considered one of the greatest players in school history. Bryant is the school's only four-time First-Team All-South Atlantic Conference honoree and continues to hold numerous school records including career marks in kills (2,238), kills per set (4.89), attempts (4,602) and hitting percentage (.366). Bryant was also the 1998 SAC Freshman Of The Year and led the league in kills for three seasons and hitting percentage for two years. In addition, Bryant was an Assistant Coach for the Bears for four years (2002-05) and helped lead the squad to its first-ever league championship and NCAA Division II playoff berth in 2004. In the classroom, Bryant was an Academic All-District honoree and received her MBA from Lenoir-Rhyne in 2005. Bryant is currently a Regional Medicare & Therapy Consultant for Principle LTC, Inc. Bryant is the only player in program history to have her jersey retired. Bryant and her husband, Adam, have two children: Tyler & Karleigh.

Maya Grady (Lenoir-Rhyne, 2003) played four years for the Lenoir-Rhyne Women's Basketball Team (2000-03) and was one of the main players which helped turn the program around. Grady was a three-time All-South Atlantic Conference honoree (2001-03) and was named the 2002-03 SAC Co-Player Of The Year and the 1999-00 SAC Freshman Of The Year. As a senior in 2002-03, Grady guided the Bears to their first-ever conference tournament championship and subsequent berth in the NCAA Division II Playoffs. Grady was named the Food Lion SAC Tournament MVP in 2003 as well and ranks first in assists (640), second in steals (352) and ninth in points scored (1,284) on Lenoir-Rhyne's all-time lists. Grady also led

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the conference in assists for three seasons and assist-to-turnover ratio twice and holds the school record for assists in a game with 16 versus Newberry on January 15, 2003. Grady is a first-degree Black Belt in Taekwondo who holds several South Carolina State Championships in Forms and Sparring. Grady played semi-professional basketball for the South Carolina All-Stars in 2008 and 2009 and is currently a Category Analyst for the Delhaize Team at Pepsico in Charlotte, N.C.

Mark LaMoreaux (Lenoir-Rhyne, 1968) (posthumous) was a four-year letterwinner for the L-R Men's Basketball Team from 1965 to 1968. LaMoreaux is only one of four players in school history to average a double-double (15.6 points and 11.2 rebounds) for his collegiate career. LaMoreaux ranks sixth all-time in points scored (1,647), second in rebounds (1,179) and third in rebounding average on Lenoir-Rhyne's all-time lists. LaMoreaux was a captain and earned all-conference honors as a senior in 1967-68 before being drafted by the New Orleans Buccaneers of the ABA. LaMoreaux coached high school men's basketball for several years after graduation from Lenoir-Rhyne before becoming Head Men's Basketball Coach and Athletic Director at Walsh University (Ohio), where he held the position for four years (1975-79). LaMoreaux spent 15 years as Assistant Vice President for the Akron Brass Company (1979-94) in Wooster, Ohio, before retiring. LaMoreaux is survived by his wife, Barbara, and four children: Amy, Marcus, Andrew and Bethany.