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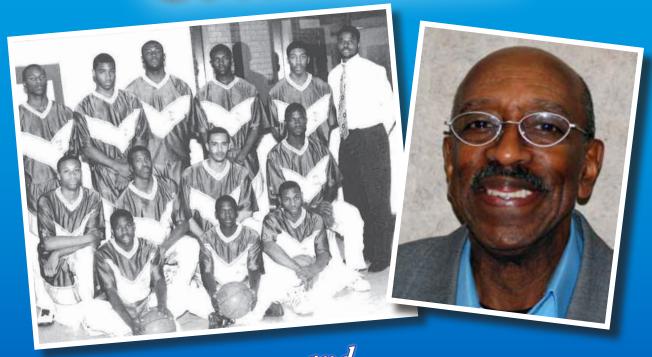


**Urban Youth Inc. Mission Statement**: To provide recreational and educational activities for our youth, to help build their self-esteem and provide a safe haven to help them develop their basketball skills in a structured environment, and then to provide positive activities for our youth to keep them off the streets.

MARK P. SILLS, PRESIDENT

### 1996 Howard High School Basketball Championship Team

# 20th Anniversary Belebration



Honoring Track Coach Bob King, Winner of Eight Delaware State H.S. Championships

Howard High School
401 E. 12th Street • Wilmington, DE
Friday, February 12, 2016
5:00 p.m.



Dennis P. Williams, Mayor City of Wilmington

## HOWARD HIGH SCHOOL CEREMONIAL PROGRAM

(During Game Intermission)



#### Greetings and Remarks

Master of Ceremonies Dr. Stanley Spoor Howard High School Principal

#### **Opening Remarks**

Mr. Anthony Anderson Howard High Track and Field Coach

Mr. Paul Brown Howard High Basketball Head Coach (1996 Championship Team)

**Banner Presentation Ceremony** 

**Dr. Stanley Spoor** 

**Introduction of Honorees** 

**Dr. Stanley Spoor** 

Basketball Team Award Presentations

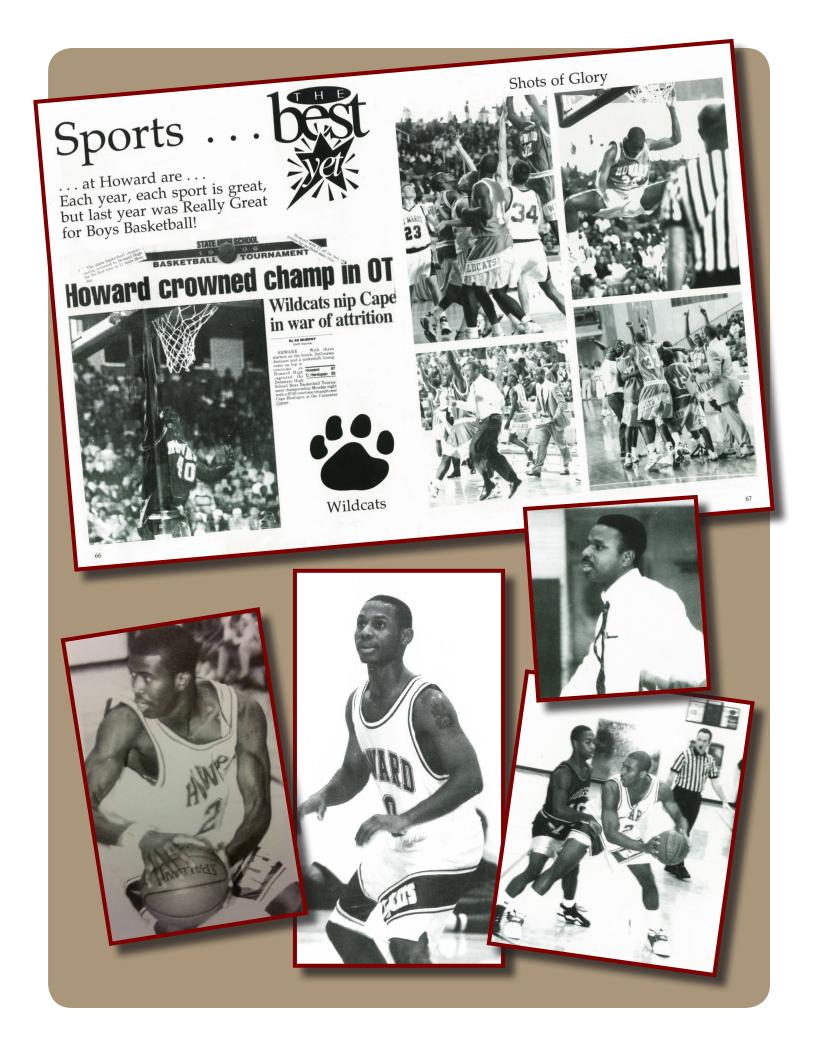
Dr. Stanley Spoor and Rashid Mustafa, Parks Superintendent

Howard High Honoree Coach Bob King

Speaker Mark White and Howard High Track and Field Team Members

Closing Remarks

**Dr. Stanley Spoor** 



Decoursey Jamison

Howard High School Basketball 1994 - 1996

Decoursey was born in Wilmington, Delaware and attended Wilmington public schools. His parents are Richard Roy and Thelma Jamison, and has one sister, Destiny. Decoursey played basketball at Howard High from 1994-1996, and graduated in 1996.

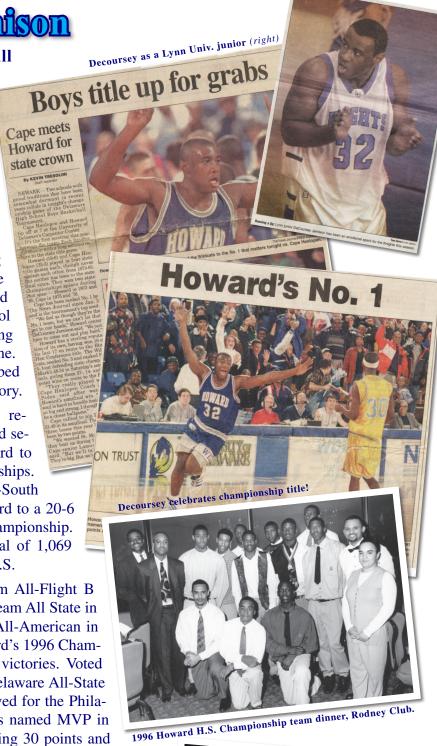
Decoursey led Howard in scoring and rebounding from 1994 -1996 as the starting center. Decoursey led Howard High to the Delaware State High School Championship in 1996, while defeating Cape Henelopen H.S. 67-63 in overtime. Decoursey scored 31 points and grabbed 23 rebounds in that championship victory.

He averaged 22 points and 11 rebounds per game during his junior and senior years at Howard, and led Howard to both Flight A and Flight B Championships.

Decoursey was chosen to the North-South All-Star Game in 1996. He led Howard to a 20-6 record in 1996 on the way to their Championship. Decoursey finished with a career total of 1,069 points and 546 rebounds at Howard H.S.

Decoursey was selected first team All-Flight B Conference in 1995 and 1996; First Team All State in 1996; and chosen as a High School All-American in 1995 and 1996. Decoursey led Howard's 1996 Championship Team to 17 out of 18 straight victories. Voted honorable mention selection to the Delaware All-State team as a sophomore. Decoursey played for the Philadelphia Freedom travel team and was named MVP in the 1995 Las Vegas Invitational, scoring 30 points and defeating a team led by Kobe Bryant.

Decoursey received an athletic scholarship to Lynn University in Boca Rotan, Florida and was a starting forward on the basketball team. Decoursey graduated from Lynn University in 2000 as a double major in human services and psychology. Decoursey now resides in Florida and is a trade helper in the stockbroker business. Decoursey is also a drug and alcohol therapist. He has one daughter who currently resides in Wilmington.





Decoursey with 1996 Championship trophy.

#### **SPECIAL THANKS TO:**

City of Wilmington

Mayor Dennis P. Williams

The Monday Club

James M. Lane, Parks Director

Shawn Allen, Deputy Director

Rashid Mustafa, Parks Superintendant

Shawn Baker, Parks Program Coordinator

Dr. Stanley Spoor, Howard HS

Tena Gladney, Howard HS

Curtis Clack, Howard HS

Rahsaan Matthews, Howard HS

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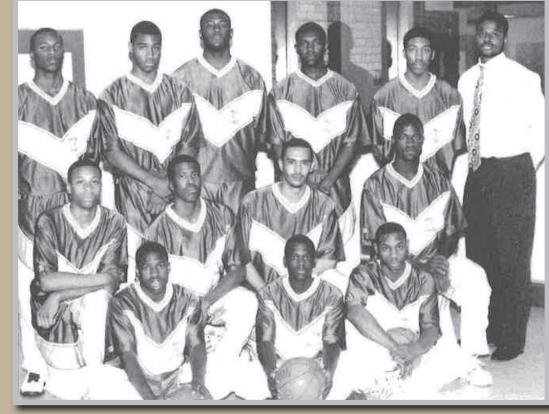
Sandra Wright

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Hall of Fame

Marlon S. McNeill, Sr., photographer

#### 1996 Howard High School Championship Basketball Team



(Left to Right) Front Row - Demetrious White, Robert Young, Nate Allen.

Middle Row - Eric Stewart, Steven Henderson, Jorge Rivera, Julius Inge, Coach Paul Brown.

Back Row - Vandrick Hamlin, Clarence Williams, Decoursey Jamison, Terron Mason, James Smith.

Not pictured (player Richard Hamlin), Assistant Coach Mark Sills, Assistant Coach Darrin Kellam, Manager Takia Lum.

#### **HOWARD HIGH 1996 TEAM INFORMATION**

#### **HOWARD HIGH 1996 TEAM MEMBERS:**

Head Coach Paul Brown, Coach Darrin Kellam, Coach Mark Sills, Takia Lum {Manager}, Valerie Brown {Statistician}

Players: Jorge Rivera, Richard Hamlin, Robert Young, Clarence Williams, Demetrius White, Julius Inge, Steve Henderson, James Smith, Vandrick Hamlin, Terron Mason, Decoursey Jamison, Nate Allen

Season record of 20 - 6
First Team in Delaware High School Basketball History
to Win a State HS Championship Game in OVERTIME

1996 Flight B Conference Champions and 1996 Blue Hen Conference Champions Won 17 Consecutive Games in 1996



PAUL BROWN

Head Coach, Howard H.S. Basketball

12 years

Led Howard H.S. to 1996 Delaware State Championship

Led Howard H.S. to three Final Four appearances ('96, 97, '01)

Won several Flight B and Blue Hen Conference Championships

Head Coach, Charter School of Wilmington and

Delcastle High School

Played basketball at Brandywine H.S. 1979-1981: Starting Guard

Played for Legendary Coach Lee Sibley

Played basketball at Sanford School: 1982, Starting Guard

Played for Legendary Hall of Fame Coach Gilbert Jackson

Selected Second Team ALL State: 1982

Selected First team All Independent Conference: 1982

Selected to the Blue and Gold All Star Game: 1982

Played College Basketball at Utica University: 1982 - 1986

Holds the school record for 10th most steals in a single season; holds the school record for 4th most games played in a career; Played for Legendary Hall of Fame Coach Larry Costello.

