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## **2016 ONTARIO LACROSSE HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES ANNOUNCED**

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(St. Catharines, Ontario) - The Ontario Lacrosse Hall of Fame announces the newest members to the Hall of Fame.

The 2016 Inductees for the OLHOF are: Cam Bomberry- Player (Ohsweken); Mena Briscoe - Builder (Brampton/Orangeville); Lawrie Hallman - Builder (Kitchener-Waterloo); Ken Richardson - Veteran (Brampton); Troyhann Santos - Player (Whitby),

**Cameron (Cam) Bomberry** - of Ohsweken is elected in the **Player Category**.

Cam grew up playing his favourite sport in the Six Nations Minor Lacrosse Association where he travelled across Ontario and British Columbia to compete for Six Nations and compete in Provincial Minor Championships. In 1987 Cam began his Junior A career with the St. Catharines Athletics for three years before returning home to his hometown of Six Nations Arrows, leading them to an Ontario Championship in 1991, and subsequently the Eastern Canadian Championship and the National Championship in 1992. Cam was the Captain of the first native based franchise which won a Minto cup. Cam won the Jim McConaghy Memorial Trophy as the MVP, and to this day he considers it a great honour to have been part of this special team.

In 1988 Cam was one of Team Canada`s most important player when he competed in the first U19 World Field Lacrosse Championships in Adelaide, Australia when they won a Silver Medal. Cam played field lacrosse for Nazareth College from 1992 to 1994 and was a member of the NCAA National Championship team in Division 3. He was a three time All American midfielder, earning two third-team awards and one second-team award.

In 1990 the Iroquois Nationals were accepted into the Federation of International Lacrosse, and Cam was a four time member of the Iroquois National team.

Cam was a member of the Six Nations Chiefs Major Series Lacrosse team starting in 1993. He was member of the Mann Cup Championship Chiefs team in 1994 and 1996. He ended his OLA summer league playing career with the Mohawk Stars in 2008 of the Senior B Series. He also played in the National Lacrosse League for eight seasons with the Rochester Knighthawks, the Buffalo Bandits, and the New Jersey Storm. Cam was an integral piece of the 1997 World Champions Rochester Knighthawks.

Cam is known as a player of tremendous talent, skill and work ethic and a natural leader both on and off the floor. His lacrosse IQ is second to none on teams full of incredible players. He always led by example with grit and determination. While Cam was very soft spoken in the locker-room, when he did speak everyone listened. Cam always had the respect of his peers, his teammates and his opposition.

What is most impressive about Cam, is that while he played and won at the highest levels of the game, he always found the time to give back to teach and guide the next generation of lacrosse players in the true spirit of the game. Cam continues to grow the game by providing clinics, lectures and opportunities across North America. Cam was also a key component of the Iroquois Nationals Lacrosse program which won Bronze at the FIL World Championships in 2014.

**Filomena (Mena) Briscoe** - of Brampton/Orangeville is elected in the **Builder Category**.

Mena's love of lacrosse began as a student at Alderwood Collegiate in the enthusiastic lacrosse community of Mimico. Once her boys were able to participate in lacrosse she volunteered as team manager for the Brampton Excelsior Lacrosse Club. Mena's two sons and spouse played for, and coached in Brampton

In the late eighties Mena and her family moved to the small town of Orangeville. She became a volunteer with the Orangeville Northmen Minor Lacrosse Association, and served the Northmen organization until 2008. Mena held many positions within the minor executive, the Junior A and Junior B organizations. Registration numbers hovered at 96 when she first became involved in the executive.

Over the next 20 years or so, Mena along with dedicated like-minded volunteers, helped to build the Minor Northmen to be a premier lacrosse center using a customized developmental and operational approach. Minor/major, try-out policies, risk management, coaching selection, and team selection were some of the initiatives Mena pioneered. She was key in the move to Zone 10 which provided the Northmen "A" level competition, and became the platform for many successful seasons. She also championed the Northmen Women's field game. Orangeville was the first girls' field program to provide multiple entry competitive age groups, a great feat for a small town,

Mena was tenacious in bringing all the parties together to revive the Junior B program in Orangeville, after an eleven year hiatus, in order to accommodate the growing number of minor graduating lacrosse players. She started the Under 16 Fall Field program as a pilot with the OLA, to fill a development void in the field program. The program continues to flourish.

In 2010 she returned to help the Brampton Excelsiors Women's Field program, and is passionate when it comes to providing on-going opportunities for girls and women in the game of lacrosse.

She was an inaugural Inductee into the Orangeville Sports Hall of Fame in 2005, an OWFL Coach of the Year Recipient, she was also a recipient of the Bennett Family Coaching award, and both the Jr A and Jr. B Builder of Lacrosse Award with the Northmen.

Mena won the Ontario Minor Field Laurie Montgomery Award and was the Brampton Excelsior recipient of the Bruce Wanless Ambassador Award. Mena was honoured with both the OLA Merv Mackenzie Award and the OLA President's Award. In 2008 Rotary International presented Mena with the Paul Harris Fellow Award. A \$1000 fellowship award was presented to a worthy cause for youth on her behalf.

**Lawrence (Lawrie) Hallman** - of Kitchener-Waterloo is elected in the **Builder Category**.

Lawrie's involvement with Kitchener-Waterloo lacrosse has spanned over 50 Years. First, as a player through the minor and Junior ranks, and then transitioning to coaching, managing and executive ranks where he still serves as the Junior A "Braves" Team President.

Lawrie began his coaching career with the Kitchener Minor Lacrosse program when his son Corey started playing. He was an Assistant Coach with the Junior "B" Braves program in 1984 and took over the reins as Head Coach in 1986. The Junior B Braves gained entry into the 1987 Founders' Cup by hosting and went on to knock-off the Mississauga Tomahawks, a team that included John Tavares. In 1988 they won their second Founder' Cup title in as many years. 1989 and 1990 saw his team compile a regular season record of 39 and 1, only to lose both years to the eventual Founders' Cup champions, the Orangeville Northmen.

Lawrie was a driving force behind the Braves move to the Junior A ranks in 1991. He is a tireless worker behind the scenes for both the Minor and Junior program in Kitchener-Waterloo. In 2006 he established the Braves Alumni Association, which is involved in many fundraising activities for both the Minor and Junior organizations. Lawrie was named to the Braves Hall of Fame as a player in 1991 and as a builder in 1999.

He has been recognized for his dedication to the sport of lacrosse at both the local level, which honoured him as a Life Member of the Kitchener-Waterloo Minor Lacrosse Association, and at the Provincial level where he received special recognition from the Ontario Lacrosse Association for his efforts in organizing the 2003 Minto Cup held in Kitchener-Waterloo. His passion for Braves lacrosse comes naturally from his father Howard, who also is a Life Member and a former team President.

**Ken Richardson** – of Brampton, is elected in the **Veterans Category**.

Ken started playing minor lacrosse in Brampton at the age of 11, and aside from playing in Montreal and Kitchener for two years, he has been a Brampton Excelsior. He clocked 215 games at the Senior “A” level and places seventh in the most games played by a Brampton Excelsior.

Ken is known as an individual dedicated to the game of lacrosse. After many years of playing, he served in many executive roles, including President of the Brampton Minor Lacrosse Association. He also served as a Rep Coach in the minor system for many years. One of his most cherished activities was participating with his Brampton Team in the British Columbia Pee wee Tournament.

Ken’s major strengths include loyalty to an organization, and team dedication. He was a member of the Brampton Excelsiors Minto Cup team in the late 1950’s and an Ontario Senior “A” Champion.

Ken played with or against such greats such as Bruce Wanless, Gaylord Powless, Wayne Thompson, John Davis, Bobby Allen and Bob Hanna.

**Troyhann Santos** – of Whitby is elected in the **Player Category**.

Troyhann has dedicated over 35 years to the game of lacrosse. Since 1982 as a twelve year old female playing with the boys in box lacrosse, to her retirement after her fourth World Cup representing Canada in the Women’s Field World Championships, Troyhann has competed at the highest level of competition.

Her career started as a young girl in the Whitby Minor Lacrosse Association, and Troy continued to play with, and compete against, boys over the next eight years. In 1984 Troyhann earned a position with the Team Ontario Girls’ Field Lacrosse team and went on to play on ten provincial teams, winning 3 gold, 5 silvers and 2 bronze medals at National Championships.

Troyhann’s development as a box lacrosse player in the Whitby Minor Lacrosse system helped her field game, and her field game did not go unnoticed, especially by the coaches at James Madison University, Virginia, where Troyhann was awarded a scholarship. Troyhann was the second Canadian woman in history to be awarded an American University scholarship. While at JMU Troyhann was named Team Co-Captain in her Senior year (1993) and was named to the All-South Team II in 1992, and the All-South 1 Team in 1993.



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In 1993 Troyhann was named a member of Team Canada for the Women's Field World Cup, but was unable to attend the tournament because of her commitment to James Madison University. Over the next twelve years, she competed in three World Cups, twice as the Canadian Team Captain.

Representing Canada at the Commonwealth Games in Victoria, B.C. in 1994, Troyhann was named the team Captain and was the team leading scorer. In 2001 Troyhann was named a Co-Captain of Team Canada and was the 7<sup>th</sup> leading scorer at that World Cup. In Baltimore, Maryland in 2005 Troyhann was once again named the Co-Captain of Team Canada. Having played in the Commonwealth Games this brings the total to four teams where Troyhann has represented Canada on the world stage.

Upon her retirement as a player she began her next career as a coach and mentor in both box lacrosse and men's and women's field lacrosse. Her experience coaching at the National level began in 2004 as an assistant coach with Pee wee Team Ontario. With the introduction of girls' box lacrosse at the National level in 2009, Troyhann lent her expertise to Team Ontario as its head coach and since then has led them to four gold and two silver medals in the bantam girls, midget girls, and junior women's box divisions.

Playing in three World Championships and ten National Championships, together with coaching in nine National Championships is unparalleled in the lacrosse community. Troyhann has been a pioneer and role model to all those who have followed her.

**The Ontario Lacrosse Hall of Fame is located at Museum Lock 3, Welland Canal Centre, Welland Canal Parkway, St. Catharines L2R 7C2**

**The 2016 Induction Dinner will be held on Saturday November 5, 2016 at 6:30pm at the Marriott-on-the-Falls, located at 6755 Fallsview Blvd. Niagara Falls, Ontario L2G 3W7.**

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