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Longhorn Legacy Hall of Fame Announces 2021 Honorees

(CEDAR HILL, TEXAS) The Cedar Hill ISD Athletic Department announced its Longhorn Legacy Hall of Fame Class of 2021.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic, the inductees for 2020, 2021 and 2022 are expected to have a single induction ceremony next year.

The five inductees are football players Marvin Giddings (Class of 1996) and Anthony Blue (Class of 2007), girls basketball player Rola Ogunoye (Class of 2001), boys basketball player Jason Horton (Class of 2004) and track & field athlete Tyron Stewart (Class of 2007).

The team inductee is the 2007 Cedar Hill Boys Track & Field Team that finished second at the UIL Class 5A Meet (then the largest classification in UIL Class 5A).

Giddings lettered in football, basketball, track and baseball. As a senior, he completed 90 of 178 passes for 1,651 yards and 20 touchdowns. He was named the District 10-4A Offensive Player of the Year and the Most Valuable Player on the All-Best Southwest Football Team. He played football at Southwest Texas State (now known as Texas State).

"It's humbling to be recognized by your alma mater for the accomplishments that you achieved while there," said Giddings, who teaches and coaches on the other side of Joe Pool Lake at Mansfield Summit High School in Arlington.

Blue, a defensive back, was a member of the undefeated 2006 State Championship Football Team. He was second team all-state and first team all district. Blue made 60 tackles and intercepted two passes as a senior.

He competed in the 200 meter and 4x400 meter relay at the 2007 Class 5A State Track Meet in Austin.

"Going to Cedar Hill was one of the best times in my life," Blue said. "Playing sports there was the foundation for everything I did after that."

Blue went on to play football at Nebraska where he earned First Team Freshman All-Big 12 Honors. He tore his ACL in Lincoln, but then-head coach Bo Pelini honored his scholarship. Blue now lives in New York City where he's a musical artist and record label owner.

Ogunoye was a four-year starter who averaged 18.3 points and 9.2 rebounds as a senior, making 52 percent of her shots from the field. As a freshman, she was part of a team that reached the Regional Final. She was voted Team MVP as a senior and a two-time first team all-district selection.

"It is such an honor," said Ogunoye, who works as an engineer in Houston. "I really appreciated my time at Cedar Hill High School."

Ogunoye, who also competed in track, played basketball at the University of Texas-Arlington where she helped the team reach the NCAA Tournament as a senior.

Horton was one of the top high school basketball players in the Dallas area in 2004. He led the Longhorns to a 35-2 record and a state championship game appearance.

Horton was a Parade Third Team All-American, averaging 19.7 points and 5.8 assists. He earned All State and All Region honors during his final two years in high school and earned a



basketball scholarship to the University of Missouri. He played professionally in Latin America and in the NBA G League for Albuquerque and Rio Grande Valley.

"It's an honor to be recognized for my contributions to the program," said Horton, who lives in Cedar Hill and works in insurance and real estate development. "It feels good to be appreciated and to have people remember you."

Stewart won the Class 5A Triple Jump with a 50-9 ½ effort and was fourth in the Long Jump (23-7). He was named the Dallas Morning News Athlete of the Year for Track & Field in 2007 and earned All-America honors from the Track & Field News.

Stewart competed at Texas A&M where he was part of three national championship teams, and he's now an assistant track coach at Northwestern State in Louisiana.

"It's definitely an honor to be included with that caliber of athletes," Stewart said. "Our class put Cedar Hill Athletics on the map. It was great to be part of a class that was amazing."

The 2007 State Runner Up Track & Field Team included Blue, Stewart, future NFL player Josh Thomas, Brittain Kent, Dominique Johnson, Tyler Washington, Douglas Washington, Romie Blaylock and Tobi Adeboyejo. The head coach was Sandra Mitchell and the assistant coaches were Kevin Benjamin, Tony Taylor and Aaron Woods.

"I'm super happy for the guys," Mitchell said. "I'm just as proud of them today as I was in 2007. It's a great honor, and they're very deserving. We had a talented group."

Mitchell, who coached at Cedar Hill from 1997 to 2011, now lives in Arizona and works in the insurance industry.