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WARRIORS

vs. GREAT LAKES CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

February 18, 2017



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GARTH A. PLEASANT



Athletic Director Emeritus and former Head Basketball Coach Garth Pleasant has been an active member of the Rochester College faculty since 1971. Born and raised in Flint, Mich., Coach Pleasant attended Ainsworth High School and was a two-sport athlete in baseball and basketball.

Coach Pleasant started his college years at Rochester College in 1967 where he starred on the men's basketball team. After he transferred to Lipscomb University and graduated with a degree in health physical education and recreation, Coach Pleasant started teaching at Rochester College. He also took on several other

roles at the college including dean of students, coordinator of housing, and athletic director all while earning his master's degree from Wayne State University.

In 1972, Coach Pleasant became the head basketball coach at Rochester College. In his 38 years of coaching, Coach Pleasant won 720 games, four national championships, and was inducted into the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan Hall of Fame. He was also named the Basketball Coaches Association Coach of the Year in 1989. Pleasant's other honors include NSCAA Coach of the Year in 1989 and 1994, and USCAA Coach of the Year in 2004.

Aside from coaching, Coach Pleasant was the minister at Lake Orion Church for 30 years and speaks publicly to a wide variety of groups. In his spare time he enjoys spending time with his wife Pat and his six grandchildren. Coach Pleasant is the father of RC head basketball coach Klint Pleasant, Rochester High School Head basketball coach Johnny Pleasant as well as the proud father of daughter Kim Speck.

A large, stylized white cursive signature of Garth A. Pleasant.

KEY PLAYERS

BILL FOX

Auto dealer Bill Fox decided long ago to share his success with others, especially the community he has called home for almost 50 years.

Bill Fox kick-started fundraising for the Garth Pleasant Arena with a challenge gift of \$1 million. This significant gift is a remarkable indication of a long-term friendship between two men.

Fox and Pleasant share a desire to influence their community in positive ways, especially to build good character and life-transforming faith in young people. "Some of the boys Garth has taken have been rough around the edges and he helped them become really good people and good men," Fox said. "I totally admire that. I graduated from a high school whose motto was 'builders of boys and makers of men,' and I always think of Garth when I think of that motto because he has done that throughout his career."



MARK & MELISSA IDE

Mark Ide, a 1971 graduate, credits his experience at Michigan Christian College with giving him a solid foundation on which to build his life—both professionally and personally. His company, Ide Management Group, owns and manages skilled nursing and assisted living facilities throughout the United States.

Along with his wife Missy, Ide donated \$1 million toward the college's new arena, the largest alumni gift in the college's history.

Ide said, "The college aided me in my business success, and I am happy I am in a position to help the school improve." Looking back at his time at the college, Ide points out the relationships he built with teachers, such as Sue Reich, Don Shull, Larry Journey and Bill Shinsky, who all became not just teachers but friends as well. He feels these relationships and the educational foundation gave him a "solid academic base and helped him gain confidence."



GERALD & LUCILLE ISOM

Gerald and Lucille Isom have given sacrificially to Christian education for many years. Their service has spanned an array of roles for many different organizations; friend, board member, advisory committee member and donor. Most notably for Rochester College, the Isoms generously donated more than \$1 million dollars in 2005 to help launch the original campaign for the arena.

Isom has a long career in corporate America. He began his career with Fireman's Fund. During his 27 years with the company, he held a variety of positions. Starting as an underwriter trainee, he moved through a broad range of assignments, including vice president-excess and special risk; senior vice president-specialty lines and international. He then served as president and chief executive of Transamerica Insurance from January 1985. He also served as group vice president of Transamerica Corp. from 1991 to 1993. He began serving as president of Cigna in 1993.

In 2001, Rochester College honored Isom with an honorary Doctor of Laws degree. The main drive of campus is named after the sacrificial couple for their work and dedication to Christian education.



WARRIOR SENIORS



JALEN LARRY

6' 8" • 230

Senior Center • Flint, MI

Kalamazoo Valley Community College

15



CAMERON ADAMS

6' 3" • 210

Senior Guard • Southfield, MI

Clintondale High School

24



ANGLED GRIFFIS

6' 5" • 200

Senior Guard • Kalamazoo, MI

Ferris State University

32



BRENDEN ADAMS

6' 3" • 210

Senior Guard • Southfield, MI

Clintondale High School

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VIKTORAS MEREVICIUS

6' 8" • 240

Senior Center • Vilkauskis, Lithuania

McLennan Community College (TX)

42



PARIS PEREIRA

5' 10" • 160

Senior Point Guard • Rochester Hills, MI

Rochester High School

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VARSITY ROSTER

2	Kash Blackwell* 6'5"	Junior 215	Forward Cleveland, OH	Cuyahoga C.C.
4	Ronald Norfleet* 6'5"	Junior 180	Forward Detroit, MI	Univ. of Central Oklahoma
5	Justin Nafso 5-10	Sophomore 175	Guard Walled Lake, MI	Walled Lake Central H.S.
10	Anton Lucaj* 6'3"	Freshman 195	Guard Walled Lake, MI	Central H.S.
11	Brad Sorenson* 6-1	Freshman 180	Guard Romeo, MI	Romeo H.S.
12	Cannon Campbell* 6'1"	Freshman 175	Guard Clarksville, TN	Rossvie H.S.
20	Dimitri Pappas 5'9"	Junior 175	Guard Athens, Greece	4th General H.S.
21	Peter Agba 6'5"	Freshman 210	Forward Owerri, Nigeria	University of Akron
22	Cap Wilson 6'6"	Freshman 180	Guard Davison, MI	Goodrich H.S.
23	Andrew Kline* 6'5"	Freshman 185	Guard Clarkston, MI	Lady of the Lakes H.S.
34	Armand Cartwright 6'1"	Freshman 170	Guard Bloomfield, MI	Bloomfield H.S.
44	Moses Toriola 6'10"	Sophomore 230	Center Lagos, Nigeria	Norfolk State University

*Redshirt

Head Coach: Klint Pleasant

Assistant Coaches: Tom Webb, Scott Samuels, Evan Green

Special Assistant Coach: George Beaudoin

Student Assistant Coach: Jerone De Baat



UPCOMING EVENTS

Partnership Dinner – April 22, 2017 – Gather with 700 supporters of the college for a night of fellowship and encouragement featuring **Col. Oliver North**. For more information and tickets go to www.rc.edu/north.

President's Circle of Honor – October 14, 2017– This luncheon honors our wonderful friends who help financially in one or more of the following giving societies:

- Heritage Society – donors who have remembered Rochester College in their estate plan or through a “planned gift” agreement
- Endowed Scholarship Society – donors who have created endowments for the purpose of assisting with student scholarships
- President's Circle – donors who support the college at a minimum of \$1,000 annually

Theatre productions – visit www.rc.edu/theatre to reserve tickets

- Urinetown The Musical – March 30-April 9, 2017
- Medea-April 20-23, 2017

Music concerts – visit www.rc.edu/music for a full list of performances

- Music Department Showcase featuring the A Cappella Chorus, Autumn, and Alumni Chorus – February 28, 2017
- Autumn Reunion Concert – March 25, 2017



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*Positive Approach, Fundamental & Motivational Basketball Camp
for boys and girls ages 6–16.*

2017 marks the 37th year for Lake Norcentra Basketball Camp!

During the past 37 years literally thousands of local young kids have taken part in Lake Norcentra Basketball Camp. Coach Garth Pleasant's camp is known for more than teaching basketball fundamentals. Coach Pleasant's emphasis on attitude, respect and giving your best effort not only on the court but in the classroom and at home have benefited many young people and parents.

WEEK 1 · JUNE 19-23

WEEK 2 · JUNE 26-30

WEEK 3 · JULY 10-14

WEEK 4 · JULY 17-21

WEEK 5 · JULY 24-28

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