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Brother and Sister Basketball Duo Inducted into Joseph C. Wilson Magnet High School Commencement Academy Hall of Fame

Who:

Michael Harris, Class of '85 Michelle Harris, Class of '87

What:

Induction into Joseph C. Wilson Magnet High School Commencement Academy Hall of Fame

When:

Thursday, February 6, 2025, 5:45 p.m. (Ceremony will immediately follow the junior varsity basketball game)

Where:

Joseph C. Wilson Magnet High School Commencement Academy 501 Genesee Street Rochester, NY 14611

Details:

Michelle Harris, who graduated from Wilson Magnet High School in 1987, is among the most decorated basketball players in school history. She set records for career points (1,276), career rebounds (1,155), and most points in a single game (43), all of which still stand today. Her accolades include four All-City Team selections, two All-Greater Rochester Team honors, and being named a Converse All-American in her senior year. After high school, she played Division I basketball at Villanova University and Canisius College. Michelle has dedicated 30 years to serving as a Corrections Officer and Administrator at the Industry Youth Correctional Facility in Rush, NY.

Michael Harris, a 1985 graduate, was a three-sport athlete at Wilson Magnet High School, excelling in basketball, baseball, and football. He led the Wildcats to a Section V Class C Championship in 1985, earning numerous honors, including being named to the All-Greater Rochester Team twice and receiving the *Democrat & Chronicle* Sports Excellence Award. A standout baseball player, he boasted a .700 batting average and an 18-1 pitching record. He later transitioned to golf, earning titles as a seven-time Manhattan Open Amateur Champion and a two-time U.S. Golf Tournament Amateur Champion before competing professionally.

Michelle and Michael Harris will join their brother, Mitchell Harris, in the Wilson Hall of Fame. Mitchell, who led the Wildcats to a Section V State Basketball Championship in 1986, was one of the inaugural inductees into the Hall of Fame.