



CARL JUNE

Falcon Foundation's Scholar Athlete

"All-American"

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Carl June is the epitome of a scholar athlete. While loving all sports, Carl was a JV basketball player and a two year letterman in football. You had to be a tough competitor to play for legendary coach Joe Berkich. June broke his leg his senior year in football and while his athletic career was over, his dedication to mankind was not. And like his Hall of Fame teammates and classmates White and Whipple, June was nominated with an appointment to Annapolis and the U.S. Naval Academy. That made three College Park senior scholar athletes selected for such a prestigious honor.

Raised in a family of engineers, June thought that too would be his calling but the Viet Nam War and draft lottery would change all that. Carl would graduate second in his class in 1975 at the USNA and soon had orders to Baylor College of Medicine and studies in malaria at the World Health Organization in Geneva. Soon followed by orders to Seattle and the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in the field of bone marrow transplantation to develop a "salvage therapy" for nuclear exposures (Chernobyl and more recently Fukushima) where he completed his training in medical oncology.

His last tour with the Navy occurred in 1986 as Medical Research Officer to the Tissue Bank in Bethesda. There he was promoted to the rank of Captain in 1993 and served with distinction until his retirement.

Carl June's entire life after College Park has been an "All-American" effort to combat malaria, arthritis, leukemia and HIV.

With his team of researchers at the University of Pennsylvania's Perelman School of Medicine, and led by Dr. June, they have developed a way to modify the human body's immune system, using a deactivated HIV virus, to recognize and KILL leukemia cells. The results are so promising that the drug company Novartis has entered into a commercial partnership with the school, and the Food and Drug Administration has granted "breakthrough" status to the treatment to speed their review.

Dr. June was recognized for his important contributions to cancer immunology by The American Association for Cancer Research and the Cancer Research Institute and was presented with The Lloyd J. Old Award in Cancer Research at the AACR Annual Meeting this past April.

Dr. Carl June, welcome to College Park's Hall of Fame Class of 2015... you are truly an ALL-AMERICAN.