

Bucky Hatchett Day

William 'Bucky' Hatchett, Verona High School Class of 1946 will be honored on Saturday, September 26th in a ceremony naming the H. B. Whitehorne field 'The William Bucky Hatchett Field.'

Bucky's accomplishments and contributions during his careers in high school, college and beyond are many. As a member of the basketball teams of both Verona High School and Rutgers University, he scored 1000 points. He received an astounding 22 high school and college varsity letters and later taught and coached at Verona High School. He was the first African-American Senior Class President at Rutgers, served our country in Korea as a 1st Lieutenant in the U. S. Army and worked for many service organizations including the Verona Recreation Department, Lions Club and Red Cross. In addition, he held the office of Commissioner for the State of New Jersey Public Broadcasting Authority and the State Advisory Council of Economics in Career Education. The Newark Star Ledger ranked Bucky 19th among the 50 greatest New Jersey high school athletes of the 20th Century.

The ceremony will begin at 10:30 am at the H. B. Whitehorne track and the community is invited to attend. In case of rain, the ceremony will take place in the H.B.Whitehorne auditorium beginning at the same time.