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<b>AOA</b> Robert Black - D Buddy Coleman - D Norris Fox Jerry Hall - D Wilbur Wood	<b>AOA</b> Lennis Coleman Leroy Dangeau Gene Davis Rex Lovell - D Wendell Nutt Jim Mack Sawyer - D	<b>AOA</b> Bill Alverson George Cagle - D Jimmy Coats Ulysses S. Grant Doyle Jackson Kenny Saylor	<b>AHSAAA</b> Ronnie Higgins Don Hubbard - D Helen Parker Richard Payton- D	<b>2013</b> <b>AHSCA</b> Gus Malzahn Glenda Patterson Ron Rippey Gene Simmons Charlie Sorrels - D Herbert Williams	<b>2017</b> <b>AOA</b> Billy Joe Hulse Jamie Jones Mark Martin Joe Mundy - D Victor Roy, Sr Blake Trantham	<b>AHSAAA</b> Dr. Rodney Echols Annette Scogin Janet Wood  D - Deceased
<b>1996</b> <b>AHSCA</b> Sonny Gordon - D Gayle Kaundart - D Wilson Matthews - D Helen Parker John Widner - D	<b>2001</b> <b>AHSCA</b> Jim Abraham - D David Fricks C. B. "Cotton" Havener - D Clyde Horton Lowell Manning - D Joe Fred Young	<b>2006</b> <b>AHSCA</b> Ronnie Clark Max Graham - D Barbara Gilliam-Harris Eddie Jackson- D Bill Terwilliger Asive Thomas - D	<b>2010</b> <b>AHSCA</b> George Burke - D Joe Graham Melba Hall C. D. Taylor Bobby Tiner Johnny Watson Lou Wood	<b>AOA</b> Bill Breazeale Clint Cornett Duane Cousins - D August Hensiek Gordon Hornaday Ellis Register	<b>AHSAAA</b> Jim Albright - D David Alpe Jerry Cecil	<b>Meritorious Award</b> <b>1996</b> Lamar Cole  <b>1998</b> Matt Moore  1999 Wadie Moore
<b>1997</b> <b>AHSCA</b> J. W. Austin - D Oliver Elders C.W. Keopple - D Houston Nutt, Sr. - D Bill Stancil - D	<b>AOA</b> Pete Camfield - D Lindsey Henry - D Maurice Jones - D Charlie Keller Bill Raymick Sam Sloan - D	<b>AOA</b> Harold Bartlett - D Thomas Downs Mike New Gary Slaughter Perry Webb	<b>AOA</b> Larry DeWitt Bob Hickingbotham Roger Maness Bob Mason Billy Ply - D Jack Yancey	<b>AHSAAA</b> Richard Benson Joe Fakouri Tony Smith Carl Williams	<b>AHSCA</b> Larry Bray Buddy Bell Buzz Bolding Dick Hays - D	
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<b>AOA</b> J. W. Fullerton - D Jim Hannah - D Bob Harrell Bobby Hill - D Bill McClendon - D	<b>2003</b> <b>AHSCA</b> Orville Ashley Willie Click - D Sam Goodwin Thednal Hill - D Raymond Peters -D John Wyatt - D	<b>AHSAAA</b> Dick Hendrickson Bill Mayo Ray Peters - D Bill Stancil - D	<b>AOA</b> Harold Bartlett - D Thomas Downs Mike New Gary Slaughter Perry Webb	<b>AHSAAA</b> Bob Bowden - D Jim Cox Gary Goss H.B. Stewart - D	<b>AHSAAA</b> Doug Killgore Derrill Smith Kathy Tadlock - D	
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<b>1999</b> <b>AHSCA</b> Herschel Bryant - D Andrew Butler - D Joe Hart Bill Keedy - D Charles Ripley- D H.B. Stewart - D	<b>2004</b> <b>AHSCA</b> Bob Denniston - D Clyde Hart Bobby Richardson Lendel Thomas - D Roy "Doc" Walker - D Carroll Wilson	<b>AOA</b> Richard Adams Jimmy Cain Jeff Caudle Jim Jordan Lisa Pitts Herman Scott	<b>AOA</b> Harold Bartlett - D Thomas Downs Mike New Gary Slaughter Perry Webb	<b>AHSAAA</b> Bob Bowden - D Jim Cox Gary Goss H.B. Stewart - D	<b>2015</b> <b>AHSCA</b> Lanny Dauksch Willie Parker Jim Pennington Tommy Reed Linda Thomas Dave Williams- D	
<b>AOA</b> Gene Dunn - D Sonny Holmes Wayne Johnson - D Frank Jones Alex Leftwich Glen Siler	<b>AOA</b> Gary Benson Eddie Bryan - D Walter Coleman Jesse Gatewood Jim Hill Jack Pinckney - D	<b>2008</b> <b>AHSCA</b> Billy Bock - D Byron Bryant Don Campbell Fred Grim - D Bobby Hannon - D Mary Frances Kretschmar Frank Vines	<b>AOA</b> Harold Bartlett - D Thomas Downs Mike New Gary Slaughter Perry Webb	<b>AOA</b> Richard Benson Joe Fakouri Tony Smith Carl Williams	<b>2015</b> <b>AHSCA</b> Lanny Dauksch Willie Parker Jim Pennington Tommy Reed Linda Thomas Dave Williams- D	
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**Hall of Fame Spotlight March**

Welcome ..... Normal Gilchrest  
Master of Ceremonies ..... Steve Roberts  
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Dinner: (Special video presentation during meal)

**Special Awards Ceremony**

Jerry Hall Award (AOA) ..... Redell Thompson  
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Bill Mayo Award (AHSAAA) ..... Bill Mayo  
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A.C. Freyburger  
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# Arkansas Officials Association 2021 Hall of Fame Inductee

## Bill Carver



Bill Carver first received the itch to officiate high schools games as a youth when his whistle served as the director of the Saturday morning youth basketball games for 4th, 5th and 6th grade students in his hometown in 1979.

That burning desire to be in that position continued to grow, and within a year, Carver was in line to register with the Arkansas Officials Association. He sharpened his knowledge of the sport by attending local meetings, and the annual summer officiating camps.

He received a bonus along the way with veterans Billy Ply and Jack Yancey, and others from the area, offering valuable tips about the game and preparing him for a post-season assignment outside of his area.

A sign that he was headed in the right direction was when he was teamed with Don Brodell and Matt Moore (two Hall of Famers) for his first three-person

mechanics game.

“I’ve had some great memories,” Carver said. “I’ve had the pleasure to working an All-Star Game and working the state tournaments in all classifications for both girls and boys.

“My professional career was with the Arkansas State Police. Whenever I transferred to a new duty station, there was always a shortage of officials in the area. There were no problems for me finding work.”

Carver is a Saline County native who spent a major portion of the life in northwest Arkansas. He grew up in Harrison where he attended public schools.

Carver officiated basketball from 1980 through 2002, and then turned his attention to football. His last football game was in 2013, and it was one of the biggest nights of his career. His officiating crew and family arranged for his son to fly from Alaska to officiate his last game of his career. There were no dry eyes in the locker room that night.

Carver served in the United State Navy from 1964 to 1966. He was a gunner’s mate and served aboard the USS Manley, a destroyer vessel.

When he was discharged from the Navy, Carver returned to Harrison. Shortly after, he met his future wife Patricia Williams. They were married in November, 1966, and this upcoming November they will celebrate 55 years together. Bill and Patricia have two children, Mel and his wife Liza of Broken Bow, Oklahoma, who have two children and Cara Turner and her husband Bo of Siloam Springs who have four children.

# Arkansas Officials Association 2021 Hall of Fame Inductee

## Edwin Gene Etheridge



Born in Little Rock Arkansas to Edwin and Deanna Etheridge. He was raised with three sisters Janet, Lynn, and Karen. He were raised in Little Rock in the Oak Forest neighborhood and graduated from Little Rock Central High School in 1981. As a child I grew up playing baseball and basketball and enjoyed going to my grandparent's farm at Wye Mountain, with summer vacations to Lake Ouachita. While at Little Rock Central during my senior year he his wife, Tina. After graduation he start working at the Target Distribution Center in Mammelle Arkansas. While working at Target he married wife of 38 years Tina Linsley. Target offered to pay for College classes, and he took advantage of going to UALR during this time. In 1983 he tested for the Fire Department and was hired March 19,1984 as a firefighter. He worked his way through the ranks to the position of Battalion Chief. He just retired from the Little Rock Fire Department on May 1st, 2021 after 37 years plus of service.

Tina and Gene have raised two girls, Natalie -34 and Holly – 31. Holly was the first child born in the State of Arkansas in 1990. He was raised as a Methodist and his wife converted him to Baptist faith and currently a member of Immanuel Baptist Church in Little Rock. Between my two daughters we have 4 Grandchildren all boys which we enjoy sharing time with.

He currently resides in Alexander Arkansas. Gene and Tina enjoy fishing and traveling around the United States. He is proud to be a Lifetime Member of the Arkansas Activities Association. He started in 1991 officiating basketball and was not particularly good. He worked hard at becoming the best could be with a lot of great influences along the way. He found that basketball helped in preparing him for being a Battalion Chief with the Fire Department. Both careers your making split second decisions. Whether it being a block/charge play to managing a fire ground scene both must be quick with firm decisions. The communication you must have with coaches, players, and your officiating partners transcends to the same with Captains and other Chief Officers in the Fire Service.

He have been truly blessed with having a great family as well as career in the Fire Department, and officiating. The great friendships he has made through the AOA and the Fire Service are life lasting.

# Arkansas Officials Association 2021 Hall of Fame Inductee

## A.C. Freyburger



Similar to his youth days, Alton (A.C.) Freyburger stretched his athletic playing days into his adult life.

And matching his playing days, he became an outstanding official in multiple sports.

Freyburger graduated from Conway St. Joseph's in 1972 where he played basketball, baseball and ran track.

Freyburger attended the University of Central Arkansas and Central Baptist College. He played baseball at Central Baptist.

In 1990 Freyburger graduated from Petit Jean Technical School with an Associate Degree in Marketing and Management.

Freyburger joined the AOA in 1979 and worked in the organization for 34 years.

Freyburger was a basketball official for 22 years. He worked the 1990 State Overall Tournament and the Girls Final in 1990. He worked five state basketball tournaments from 1990 to 2000. He worked the 1995 AHSCA All-Star Basketball Game.

Nationally, Freyburger worked five straight AAU Basketball Championships in Arkansas, Tennessee and North Carolina.

Freyburger had 23 years of experience working high school football. He worked the high school football playoffs for 15 year. He worked six state football semifinal games, and the 2001 Class 6A state championship game. He also worked the 2006 AHSCA All-Star Football Game. He currently works the chain crew for Hendrix College, a job he has done for the past seven years.

Alton and his wife Angie have been married for 16 years. They are active members of Central Baptist Church in Conway. Alton serves as an usher and Angie as a greeter. Alton has two sons, David and Danny Freyburger, one step son, Dustin Gill, and one step daughter, Kaylynn Gill, and two grandchildren, Brogan (10) and Hunter (2).

# Arkansas Officials Association 2021 Hall of Fame Inductee

## Larry Moore



The wheels of statewide stardom may have appeared to be moving at a snail's pace for Larry Moore, but very few in Johnson County ever gave it a second thought. They saw the spotlight when he was growing up in Oark, and that light got brighter when he attended College of the Ozarks.

For the last four decades, the rest of the state has witnessed the claim of Johnson County. Larry Moore vaulted to the top as one of Arkansas's outstanding basketball officials. It did not take long for Moore's talent to spread beyond the high school ranks deep into the collegiate ranks.

In short, that was a life Larry Moore dreamed about when he left Oark High School. He got his bachelor's degree from College of the Ozarks and later his Master's from the University of Central Arkansas (down the road in Faulkner County).

Moore coached basketball for seven years at Oark High School. He later received encouragement from the likes of Danny Ham, Chuck Stillwell, Jim Lewis and Grant Wells to dedicate part of his time to officiating high school sports. He worked in the Johnson County area, but also ventured to other areas such as Newton County where basketball wars were a part of life. His biggest supporter was his daughter, Megan Moore, who made the majority of the trips.

Moore was a high school teacher in the Lamar and Clarksville School Districts. He eventually retired after 36 years of service.

Moore officiated on the high school level for 30 "wonderful" years. During that time he worked 24 state tournaments and 12 state finals. He also had five years working in the Gulf South Conference.

There at least one more bright light for Larry Moore. On Friday, July 9, Moore will be inducted into the AHSCA-AOA-AHSAAA Hall of Fame at the Hot Springs Convention Center, Horner Hall.

"I am very proud and honored for the recognition," Moore said. "I made many memories and met a lot of great people along the way.

"We always use to say, don't ever forget where you started. Basketball is a club and no matter where I am and need help, I can depend on a member of the official's club to help."

# Arkansas Officials Association 2021 Hall of Fame Inductee Ernie Murry



Ernie T. Murry has dedicated 28 years as a referee to high-school and College Basketball. Born and raised in Wabbaseka, AR on April 19, 1968, he knew early on that his love for the game would set the tone for his future endeavors.

Ernie received his education in Wabbaseka, Arkansas and obtained his high school diploma in 1986. He received an Associate's Degree in 1988 from Mississippi County Community College in Blytheville, Arkansas and went on to secure a B.S. Degree in Education from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville in 1992. He continues to use his education and skills to referee state tournaments and state

championship games; as well as local high-school and college basketball games.

Ernie currently resides in Benton, AR and is married to Veronica Murry. He is the father to 6 children and 11 grandchildren. He is very active in his community and is a member of St. Mark Baptist Church in Little Rock, AR.

# Arkansas Officials Association 2021 Hall of Fame Inductee

## Lou Wood



Lou Gehrig Wood graduated from Flippin High School in 1965 having been named All-District in basketball and baseball for three years and played for the legendary John Widner. Lou attended Henderson State University from 1966-69 and was a four year letterman in basketball while playing for another legend, Don Dyer. He was inducted into the AHSCA Hall of Fame in 2010, the Henderson State Reddie Hall of Honor in 2011, and the Flippin Hall of Fame in 2014.

Lou officiated high school and college basketball for 20 years. He also umpired high school, American Legion, and college baseball. Lou began umpiring baseball while attending HSU.

While officiating basketball, Lou refereed in seven Arkansas High School State Tournaments and was selected to call the State Finals on three occasions. He also refereed in one All-Star game. Basketball officials who helped Lou get started were three AOA Hall of Famers- Billy Ply, Jim Magie, and Jack Yancey.

With the name Lou Gehrig, Lou was destined to be involved in umpiring the national pastime. His high school baseball umpiring career spanned 50 years. He was selected to officiate six state tournaments including three state finals as well as an All-Star baseball game.

Lou umpired American Legion for over 15 years including many district and state tournaments. He served as a crew chief for two American Legion state tournaments.

On the college level, Lou officiated in the AIC conference for 11 years and was chosen to umpire the AIC Tournament and/or the NAIA District 17 tournament for all 11 years. He was selected to umpire three NAIA Regional baseball tournaments. Lou also umpired in the Southwest Conference for three years.

Lou is currently serving his fourth term on the AOA Board of Directors representing District 1E. He has also served as Master of Ceremonies for the AHSCA/AOA/AHSAAA Hall of Fame Banquet for several years.

Lou and Janet have been married for 33 years. He would like to recognize that Janet is also in the AHSCA Hall of Fame as well as the AHSAAA Hall of Fame. They have three children: Mandi (Jamie) Booe; Travis (Liz) Wood, and Laci (Derrick) Lyons. Lou enjoys golf and horseback riding, but his pride and joy are his six grandchildren: Carley, Evan, Lane, Luke, Gene, and Golden.

# Arkansas High School Athletic Administrators Association 2021 Hall of Fame Inductee

## David Daniel



David Daniel was born and raised in Walnut Ridge, Arkansas where he graduated in 1972. He then attended Southern Baptist College where he played both basketball and baseball. In 2018 Daniel was honored by Williams Baptist University as a Distinguished Alumnus. He received his BSE Degree from Arkansas State University in 1976 and completed his Masters in 1982.

Daniel began his 43 years of education in 1976 as an assistant coach at Weiner High School under the mentorship of Hall of Fame Inductee, Boyd Shelton. Later Daniel followed Coach Shelton as the head coach at Weiner. Daniel began his Jonesboro coaching career in 1978 coaching football, basketball, and track. He had the privilege of coaching both of his sons in their basketball careers.

Daniel spent two years as an assistant coach at Arkansas State University.

In 2009 Daniel was named Athletic Director of Jonesboro Public Schools replacing the legendary Don Riggs and becoming only the third athletic director in school history.

During Daniel's ten years of leadership the Jonesboro School District saw tremendous improvement in athletic facilities. These improvements included a \$3.0 million renovation to the high school gym, and an upgrade to both baseball and softball facilities. Daniel was instrumental in leading a capital campaign that produced in excess of \$1.2 million from private funds for the football stadium.

During Daniel's leadership Jonesboro also had a tremendous amount of athletic success winning a total of 42 state championships.

As athletic director Daniel became involved in the Athletic Administrator's Association serving as both secretary and president. Daniel received many honors including twice as his classification's Athletic Director of the Year. In 2012 he was named the state's Newcomer of the Year. In 2014 he received the State Award of Merit and in 2019 he was recognized as the Arkansas Athletic Director of the Year.

Currently Daniel is employed by First Community Bank in Jonesboro as Assistant Vice President / Business Development Officer where he is heavily involved in several civic organizations and committees.

He has been married to his wife, Beverly, for 47 years. They have two sons and four grandchildren. Their son Matt (Head Women's Basketball Coach at Arkansas State University) and his wife Jennifer have two daughters — Steele and Brett. Their son Josh (investment banker for Crews and Associates in Little Rock) and his wife Nicole have two children, a daughter — Finley, and a son — Bauer.

Daniel is a member of Central Baptist Church in Jonesboro.

# Arkansas High School Athletic Administrators Association 2021 Hall of Fame Inductee

## Dr. Sid Simpson



Dr. Sidney Simpson was born on May 8, 1927 in Pine Bluff Arkansas and grew up attending and graduating in the Dumas School District in 1945. During his school years, Sid played football and basketball, sat on the Student Council, and was Senior Class President. During World War II, he volunteered to serve his country and was assigned to the U.S. Coast Guard. After the war, Sid attended the University of Central Arkansas (at that time Arkansas State Teachers College) and received his B.S.E., later attending McMurry College (Abilene, TX) and receiving his Master of Education Administration degree, and ultimately attending North Texas State University to receive his Doctorate (E.D.D.) in Education Administration. His professional career began as Head Basketball Coach and Assistant Football Coach at Watson Chapel High School (1948-1955). When offered a significant salary increase to do the same roles, Sid moved his family to Crocket, Texas for a year before accepting a coaching job in Gaston, TX (3 yrs) and then on to Denison, TX (2 yrs). He moved into college coaching at McMurry College and served as Assistant Coach for both the Basketball and Football teams as well as serving as Dean of Men. Sid was named the first Basketball Coach and Athletic Director when Grayson County College opened in Sherman, TX. After completing his Doctorate he

became the first Head Coach, Athletic Director, and Chairman of the Physical Education Department at Western Texas Junior College in Snyder, Texas (1971 – 1977). Sid returned to Arkansas as Commissioner of the Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference. After serving as Commissioner, he took the reins as Athletic Director at University of Central Arkansas (1978 – 1980). His final career move was to serve Pine Bluff, AR as Assistant Superintendent and Athletic Director from 1981 – 1993 before retiring in 1993. His career highlights include:

- Finding great coaches serving in high schools and giving them their first college coaching jobs. Both are now in the Arkansas Hall of Fame. This would be Ron Marvel at UCA and Nolan Richardson at Western Texas College (who was also inducted into the National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame), as well as Billy Bock who was inducted into Arkansas Baseball Hall of Fame.
- Co-Founder and consultant for King Cotton Basketball Tournament that brought our nation's best high school teams to Pine Bluff, AR.
- Assembling coaching staff at Pine Bluff which garnered 39 conference and state championships during Sid's tenure as Athletic Director.
- Being the first coach and athletic director at two new junior colleges. (Grayson County College and Western Texas College. Both programs were very successful.
- Being the first recipient of the Hayes and Kaaren Biggs Humanitarian Award (2013) nominated by Nolan Richardson.

His dedication was also seen in his faith. As a member of the Methodist church, he served on numerous committees and was a soloist in the church choirs. Sid feels he was blessed not only in his professional career, but also in his family life. He married his beloved wife, Hattie (Culpepper) of Pine Bluff, AR, in 1950. Their marriage produced two children – a son, Mike Simpson, an attorney in Austin, TX and a daughter, Margie Bordovsky of Springdale, AR, the Founder and Managing Director of the professional company, NWA Ballet Theatre, and owner of The NWA Conservatory of Classical Ballet. Sid and Hattie began living with Margie and her husband, David, in 2017. In June of 2020, after 69 happy years of marriage, his wife, Hattie, passed away due to complications of Alzheimer's Disease. Sid has four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

# Arkansas High School Coaches Association 2021 Hall of Fame Inductee

## Kathleen Bell



Kathleen Ross Bell was born December 10, 1944 in Arkadelphia, Arkansas to Clinton Carroll Ross and Mamie Irene Smith Ross. She has three siblings: Betty Ann Ross Davis of Willis, Texas, Carroll Thomas Ross of Hot Springs, Arkansas, and Allen Wayne Ross of Friendship, Arkansas.

Kathleen began school in the fall of 1950, riding a bus from the Lakeview Community to Arkadelphia. She attended first grade through high school in the Arkadelphia Public School District, graduating in 1962. Her class was the first to attend L.M. Goza Junior High where she participated in tumbling and trampoline programs.

As a student at Arkadelphia High School, Kathleen was active in the volleyball intramural program and other clubs and activities including French Club, Future Homemakers of America, and pep club. Kathleen was chosen as FHA Girl of the Month, participated in the homecoming parade, and served as Captain of the Arkadelphia High School Pep Squad. She was also awarded honorable mention in the Lenox China Table Setting Contest.

After high school, Kathleen attended Ouachita Baptist College for three semesters. In the fall of 1964, she enrolled in Washburn University in Topeka, Kansas and graduated in 1967 with a Bachelor of Education degree majoring in physical education. At Washburn, Kathleen participated in basketball intramurals, gymnastics, dance, and the swimming program. She taught an exercise class for the faculty and their spouses. Kathleen continued her learning through graduate studies at the following universities: Henderson State University, Southern Arkansas University, University of Central Arkansas, and the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville.

On January 25, 1964, Kathleen married George Dean Bell of Gurdon, Arkansas at the Third Street Baptist Church in Arkadelphia, Arkansas. They have two children: Rebecca Lynn Bell Tures of League City, Texas and Clinton Dion Bell of Springdale, Arkansas.

Rebecca married George Henry Tures, and they have three children: Matthew, Benjamin, and Hollyn. Clint married Lora Jane Porter,

and they have two children: Reese and Reagan.

Kathleen began to attend Third Street Baptist Church in Arkadelphia at a young age with her grandmother. While at Third Street, she taught Sunday School and later was Sunday School Secretary. Kathleen's devotion to church has continued throughout her adult life where she has served in the roles of teacher, church librarian, church secretary, and member of a church league softball team. She and George currently worship and serve at Northern Hills Baptist Church in Texarkana, Arkansas.

Kathleen began her teaching career in the Texarkana Arkansas School District in the fall of 1968. She taught three classes at Jefferson Avenue Junior High and two classes at Arkansas High School. In the 1969-70 school year, she began teaching at Arkansas High School full time until 1992 when an opportunity to teach at the 4-A Alternative Academy presented itself. Kathleen remained at the 4A Academy until 2004 when she retired. After one semester of retirement, Kathleen returned to TASD to continue helping students learn and grow until her final retirement in 2011.

During her tenure at Arkansas High School, Kathleen coached three sports: Gymnastics, Junior Varsity and Varsity Volleyball, and Junior Varsity, Varsity, and Competition Cheerleading. She was fortunate to win state championships in each sport: four in gymnastics, one in volleyball, and one in cheerleading. Personal honors Kathleen has received include the TASD Lifetime Razorback Award, Who's Who Among Teachers, and Teacher of the Month. When the renovated Razorback Stadium was dedicated, Kathleen was included in the ribbon cutting ceremony, and she has been named Honorary Captain at a home football game.

As the Physical Education Coordinator for TASD, Kathleen helped organize the TASD Walk for Education, organized activities for Red Ribbon Week, worked Education Fairs, attended the Arkansas State Leadership Academy, and participated in the Ropes Program in Colorado. She also participated in many extra-curricular activities during her years with the district: organizing health fairs and intramural sports, participating in many parades, planting trees in Atlanta, Georgia for a service learning conference project, and performing community service with nursing home residents.

During her spare time, Kathleen has volunteered with many community organizations. She especially loves working with Race for the Cure and walking in the race. She has volunteered at the Four States Fair in the barnyard area and auto museum. As a member of the Ark-La-Tex Genealogical Society, she served as treasurer. Other volunteer activities included working with the Special Olympics and the Texarkana Arkansas Baseball program. Kathleen also volunteered for many activities in the TASD athletic department. Her favorite charities are M.D. Anderson Hospital in Houston and St. Jude's Hospital in Memphis.

Since retirement, Kathleen and George spend time traveling with family and friends, and their travels have been extensive. Her favorite activity is to spend time with her family vacationing, camping, fishing, cruising, and watching grandchildren in soccer games, dancing performances, and performing in the band at football games. They still attend high school and college sports games and professional baseball games when they have a chance. Kathleen is also the family researcher. Genealogy is a hobby that she has been interested in for a long time. She is a proud member of Alpha Delta Kappa, Miller County Retired Teachers, and Arkansas Retired Teachers Association.

During her years at TASD, Kathleen was honored to work with awesome students, athletes, co-workers, and administrators.

"Thank you TASD for everything you did for me while I worked there and the respect that was shown to me. I have been blessed beyond measure with my wonderful family and my coaching career."

"Thank you AAA for the great honor of being inducted into the AAA Coaches Hall of Fame."

# Arkansas High School Coaches Association 2021 Hall of Fame Inductee

## Jerry Bridges



Jerry Bridges, was born in Hot Springs and is a graduate of Lakeside High School where he played basketball for his father, Jack Bridges. He graduated in 1985 from Ouachita Baptist University where he was a 4-year letterman on the Men's Basketball team coached by Bill Vining. Jerry earned his Masters in Administration from the University of Central Arkansas in 1997.

Coaching basketball runs deep in the Bridges' family. Jerry's father, Jack, coached basketball for 40 years as did his older brothers Jamie and Joe with 30 plus years each of coaching High School Boys Basketball. As a family they have coached in 11 state championship basketball games.

Jerry led all 4 schools he coached, in 4 different classifications, to a State Championship title game, winning 3 State Championship titles and 2 State Runner Up titles.

Jerry spent 31 years as a High School Boys Basketball Coach and 3 years as an Athletic Director for a total of 34 years. He began his High School coaching career at Caddo Hills High School where his team went undefeated to win the Class A

State Championship in 1990 and in a Hoosier-like finish narrowly lost to Ken Biley and the Pine Bluff Zebras in the State Overall Championship. He then went on to lead the Morrilton Devil Dogs to a State Championship in 1991 and a State Runner-Up finish in 1992. Bridges spent 8 years at Fort Smith Southside taking the Rebels to a State Championship appearance in 2000, with a State Runner-Up finish. Bridges left the sidelines for a few years to try his hand in Athletic Administration in Mountain Home. After realizing his heart was in coaching he returned to the basketball court at Cabot High School in 2004. After taking over the reins at Cabot, the Panthers landed 11 consecutive state tournament berths and then accomplished what no one thought could be done...beat the Malik Monk led Bentonville Tigers in 2016 for Cabot's first ever State Championship in Boys Basketball history.

Bridges is a two time recipient of the Lowell Manning Award (1990, 2016) and the AHSCA Boys Basketball Coach of the Year (1990, 2016). He earned AR Democrat Coach of the Year in 1990 and the KARV Dream Team Coach of the Year in 1991. Bridges was the Head Coach of the West All Star Team in 1990, Assistant Coach of the West All Star Game in 1991 and Head Coach of the East All Star Team in 2016 and was selected as Head Coach of the USA Basketball Youth Development Festival (South Region) in Colorado Spring, CO in July 2020.

Jerry and his wife, Lori, reside in Cabot and have 4 children: Jack, Jaylin, Jenna along with their bonus son, Jacob Hudson. Jerry and Lori also have 2 granddaughters: Hanlee and Ella.

These days Jerry can be found working at the family owned Arkansas Alligator Farm and Petting Zoo in Hot Springs. He also enjoys spending time hunting, fishing, spending time at Lake Ouachita with his family as well as traveling the state watching high school basketball while supporting his former schools and teams.

# Arkansas High School Coaches Association 2021 Hall of Fame Inductee

## Jim Cox



Jim Cox was born in Visalia, California where he spent his first five years. After several family moves, he moved in with his grandparents in Greenwood during his 8th grade year. Right before another move back to California, his junior high football coach, Coach H.B. Stewart, invited Jim to be a part of the Stewart family. The Stewarts took on a teenaged boy to be their son and Jim gained two more sisters and one brother. One of eight siblings, Jim has been married to his wife, Janet, 42 years, and they have two sons, Jacob and wife Jenny, and Jonathan and wife Kendra. Jim and Janet have been blessed with five grandchildren, Raina (10), Coby (6), Willa (5), Micah (3) and Milo (1).

Cox, a 1973 graduate of Greenwood High School, was active in athletics, student government, and other clubs and organizations. He was an all-state and all-star selection in football and chose to walk on at Ouachita Baptist University coached by Buddy Bob Benson and his outstanding staff. A three-year letterman and two-year starter, Cox earned a scholarship his sophomore year and played defensive line on the 1975 A.I.C. championship team. Making it to the play-offs, the 1975 Tiger football team played Salem University in the N.A.I.A. semi-final national championship game. Cox was named the outstanding defensive player of the game. The 1975 team has been inducted into the O.B.U. Athletics Hall of Fame. Cox was a Winburn Scholarship Award winner his junior year and served as a captain of the 1976 team his senior year. An active member of the Beta Beta Social Club and Blue Key National Honor Society, Cox earned his B.S.E. with majors in mathematics and physical education.

After graduating from Ouachita in 1977, Cox enrolled at Henderson State University and was a graduate assistant for Billy Bock and the H.S.U. baseball team. The 1978 team finished runner-up in the N.A.I.A regional tournament to John Brown University. After graduating with a M.S.E. in Guidance and Counseling, Cox returned to Greenwood to join the football coaching staffs of H.B. Stewart, Jr. and Charles (Jeep) Sadler. He served on Jerry Joe Harrison's football staff at Conway High School, where his defensive philosophy took shape under coordinator Bobby Hill. He

was also an assistant basketball coach for Joe Graham and assisted head track coach, Johnny Tyler, along with Mike Strain, and was part of the 1981 state championship track team. Cox was the head football coach at Huntsville and Hot Springs Lakeside before being selected to be the head football coach/athletic director at Fordyce.

Fordyce was, and continues to be, an outstanding supporter for their schools, churches, and citizens of the community. When it comes to backing the Redbugs, the people of Fordyce are "All In." They rally around their teams and encourage the players on and off the field. According to information in the Dallas County Museum, in 1904, Fordyce organized the state's first high school football team. The county has more inductees in the Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame than any other county in Arkansas. Fordyce has a rich tradition of championship football programs, starting with the 1930 state championship during Coach Paul "Bear" Bryant's playing days at Fordyce. The Redbug community is as unique as the mascot. Cox was blessed to be a part of the Fordyce community for ten years.

The student-athletes were willing to put forth the effort to establish a program which would compete for a district title year-in and year-out, and the goal was to annually compete for a state championship as well. The members of the 1990 and 1991 state championship and AP Top 10 teams were in grades 5 - 8 during Coach Cox's first year in Fordyce. They were an outstanding group of athletes who played selflessly and truly cared for one another. The 1990 and 1991 staffs included Steve Baxley, Stan Jones, John Traband, Tim Rodgers, Tommy Harper and volunteers Fred Gill and Larry Smurl. These men were dedicated to the program and worked well together. They were a special group of people for a special time in the history of Redbug Football. Another group of outstanding men on the football staff during Cox's time in Fordyce included Clay Totty, Jonathan Marshall, Brian Bearden, Billy Williams, and Barry Lunney, Sr. Each year, some of the senior football players would help Coach Cox and Coach Jones with seventh-grade football. They also had a part in building the program for success.

Because of the efforts and performances of the Fordyce administration, staff, and players, Coach Cox was inducted into the AHSAAA Hall of Fame in 2010 and the Dallas County Sports Hall of Fame in 2016. He assisted Johnny Toombs in the 1991 All-Star Football Game and was selected as head coach the following year. He was named the 1991 AHSCA Football Coach of the Year, 1990 Arkansas Gazette Football Coach of the Year, 1991 Arkansas Democrat/Gazette Football Coach of the Year and the 1991 & 1992 Pine Bluff Commercial Football Coach of the Year. Cox was 7AA Football Coach of the Year four times. As an athletic director, he was the AHSAAA Athletic Director of the Year for the 1991-92 school year, 1992 NCSSAD Southern Regional Athletic Director of the Year, and 1995 recipient of the AHSAAA State Award of Merit.

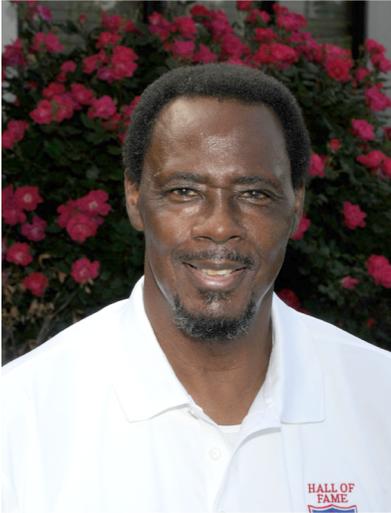
During Cox's tenure from 1986 - 1996, the Redbugs won four football conference championships with two runner-up finishes, made the playoffs five out of the last six years with two state championships and an additional semi-finalist team. The 1989 conference runner-up team went 8 and 2 and did not go to the playoffs. The Redbugs were also the 1991 conference champs in track. The Annual Redbug Elementary Football Camp was started during this time. Cox served as Vice Pres. and President of the AHSAAA and became one of the first few certified athletic administrators (CAA) in the state. He was part of the Coalition of Americans to Protect Sports Leadership Program and served on the National Federation Interscholastic Coaches Education Program (NFICEP) Council. Cox served as a senior counselor for the American Legion Boys' State.

After ten years in Fordyce, Cox and his family made a decision to move back home to Greenwood in order to be close to family. Cox worked in the Greenwood and Fort Smith districts as a teacher/coach and administrator before joining the University of Arkansas - Fort Smith staff as the Dean of Students. Cox earned his doctorate in Educational Leadership from the University of Arkansas - Fayetteville and was selected as the Outstanding Doctoral Student in the Educational Administration Program of 2006. Cox joined the Cedarville Public Schools as the Principal of Cedarville Middle School in 2012 and retired in 2016.

Cox is an active member of the First Baptist Church in Greenwood and currently sings with the Praise Team and choir. He also serves as a deacon and part-time Sunday school teacher.

# Arkansas High School Coaches Association 2021 Hall of Fame Inductee

## Billy Murray



Billy Joe Murray, known simply as Coach, was born in Morrilton, Arkansas. He is the sixth child out of ten children born to the late Roxie Murray. He graduated from Morrilton High School and attended Arkansas Tech University where he earned a BSE in Health and PE. He is the father of four children: Tracy, Billie Shree, Davonte, BJ and the grandfather of seven grandchildren. Billy is a member of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church located in Sunset, Arkansas. He currently resides in Earle, Arkansas.

### **Coaching Career:**

Morrilton Junior High School: Assistant Junior High Basketball Coach and 7th grade Football Coach

Plummerville Middle School: Head Basketball Coach of the Middle School

Alzheimer High School: Athletic Director, Head Coach of Junior Boys, Senior Girls, and Senior Boys.

Earle High School: Head Junior High Basketball Coach, Assistant Coach for the

Senior High boys under Otis Barker.

Crawfordsville High School: Head Coach for Junior Boys, Senior Girls, and Senior Boys.

Earle High School: Head Coach of Senior Girls (3 years), Senior Boys (11 years)

### **Accomplishments:**

Junior High State Champion (1969)

Arkansas State Basketball Championship (1973) Morrilton High School

All NAIA, All AIC (1973, 1974, 1975) Arkansas Tech

All Star Basketball Player (1973)

Set the Freshman Scoring record (608 pts) Arkansas Tech

Scored over 2,000 pts at Arkansas Tech

Named to the Bud Campbell All Star Classic

Arkansas State Basketball Championship (1995) Crawfordsville High School

Arkansas State Basketball Championships (2008, 2010, 2012, 2016, 2017, 2018) Earle High School

Billy Murray was selected to the All Star Coaching Staff (first, second, and third assistant) and as Head Coach.

Billy Murray has been inducted into the Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame.

Billy Murray is currently retired, but his plans are to become a basketball consultant for High School Basketball Coaches.

# Arkansas High School Coaches Association 2021 Hall of Fame Inductee

## Joe Nooner



Throughout the course of history many coaches have vaulted to a position near the top as to proclaim royalty in the sport of high school track and field.

It's almost an impossible task to list, but true historians would list Joe Nooner as No. 1, No. 2 or No. 3. It all depends on the era for the sports but, Nooner's credentials will stand toe-to-toe with all of the past legends.

Joe Nooner was not only an outstanding high school coach, but a person who prepared his student athletes for the days away from the track.

That desire to excel started during his youth days, when he ranked in the top 10 for the shot at Conway High School, or when he set a state collegiate record in the event while at Hendrix College in 1969.

Nooner coached on year at Luxora, 1969-70, then spent 35 years at West Memphis High School as its head track coach.

Nooner's winning ticket to the Hall of Hall.

- \*Coached six Boys State Championship teams, 1973, 1974, 1983, 1984, 1994 and (1995 (indoor)).
- \*Boys won 15 of 16 Conference Championships from 1980-1995.
- \*Coached State Champion/Meet of Champions winner in shot, discus, high jump, long jump, pole vault, 100m, 100high hurdles, 110 high hurdles, 200m, 300 tlow hurdles, 300 intermediate hurdles, 400m, 800m, 1600m, 3200m, 4x100, 4x400, 4x800, pentathlon, heptathlon, decathlon.
- \*Coached Overall Record Holders.

On his service side, Nooner,

- \*Host and meet director for the FCA Relays for 29 years.
- \*Track Athletic Congress Level Two Certified Instructor.
- \*Two-term past president of the Arkansas Track Coaches Association.
- \*Served two terms on the AAA Track and Field Advisory Committee.
- \*Head javelin judge for 1989 World Fire and Police Games
- \*Served as Meet Referee and Head Field Events Referee for multiple state meets.
- \*Multi-event Referee at the 2013 Sun Belt Indoor Championships.
- \*Served as defensive coordinator at West Memphis from 1976-1997.

# Arkansas High School Coaches Association 2021 Hall of Fame Inductee

## Ellis 'Scooter' Register



Scooter was born in Memphis, Tennessee on March 3, 1951 as the eldest son to Hilton E. Register and Wanda Marie Register. Scooter grew up in Clarendon, Arkansas and graduated from Clarendon High School in 1969. He was a three-year football letterman and played his entire career for legendary coach, Rush F. "Buddy" Harding. Continuing his education, he attended Henderson State University, where he earned both his Bachelor of Science Degree and Master of Science Degree.

In 1974, Register began his long coaching career in the Little Rock School District as assistant football and head track coach for Forest Heights Junior High School. In the fall of 1976, he was named head football coach at Booker Junior High School. Following one year in that capacity, Register moved to Hall High School as an assistant football coach on the staff of C.W. Keopple, a member of both the Arkansas High School Coaches Hall of Fame and Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame. While at Hall, Register was the running backs coach and head B team coach and also served as an assistant track coach and taught biology. Five years later, he became the head football coach at Henderson Junior High School where he compiled a three-year record of 23-1-1. While at Henderson, his 1982 and 1984 teams went undefeated, with both earning the title of Little Rock City Champions. Scooter returned to Hall High School in 1985 to serve as offensive coordinator for the football team and head track coach.

In 1990, Scooter accepted the position of head football coach at Little Rock McClellan High School. McClellan had not reached the playoffs in 19 seasons, but under Scooter's leadership, the Lions reached the playoffs in his first season at the helm. In 1992, McClellan won the AAAA Central Conference Championship, and Scooter was named the KARK-TV Friday Night Flights Coach of the Year, Little Rock Metro Coach of the Year, and AAAA Central Conference Coach of the Year as well as selected to serve as a coach for the AHSCA All-Star game. In 1994, the McClellan Lions went undefeated during the regular season for the first time in school history, won the AAAA South Conference Championship, and finished as the AAAA State Runner-Up with a 13-1 overall record. Following that season, Register

was named the AAAA South Conference Coach of the year and the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette's Coach of the Year.

The following season in 1995, Register became the head football at El Dorado High School. As with McClellan, Register took over a program that had been struggling, with El Dorado claiming only three wins in the previous two seasons combined. El Dorado experienced a quick turnaround, as Register's 1996 team reached the AAAA state semifinals with a 10-3 record. This brought a record of sustained success during Scooter's time in El Dorado. During his eight season-tenure, the Wildcats went to the playoffs 7 times, with one runner-up finish and twice reaching the semifinals. Overall, the Wildcats claimed 66 wins, two conference championships, and three conference runner-up finishes during Scooter's eight seasons. Also while at El Dorado, Scooter was twice named AAAA South Conference Coach of the Year.

In 2003, Register became the head football coach at Little Rock Catholic High School where his 2004 team advanced to the AAAAA playoffs, which marked the first playoff appearance for the Rockets since 1995. Scooter's 2005 team won the AAAAA Central Conference Championship and reached the semifinals of the state playoffs, winning 11 consecutive games during their conference and playoff run. Following the 2005 season, Register was named the AAAAA Central Conference Coach of the Year and received the Sporty Carpenter Award as the 2005 Coach of the Year, presented by Henderson State University. While at Catholic, his teams advanced to the playoffs in 2007, 2008, and 2009. Following the 2008 season and a quarterfinal appearance, Scooter was named as one of the head coaches for the AHSCA 2009 High School All-Star game.

On December 22, 2009, Register was named the 18th head football coach at Little Rock Central High School. He inherited a program that had lost 22 consecutive games but promised that the team would win a game during the 2010 season. He kept his promise with an overtime victory against Russellville High School. The Tigers won their first conference game in two seasons by defeating Register's former team, Little Rock Catholic at War Memorial Stadium. In 2013, the Tigers won their first playoff game in eight years by defeating Fayetteville on the road. This marked the Little Rock School District's first road win in the playoffs over a team from the Western Conference since Register's McClellan team defeated Fort Smith Southside in 1994.

After Scooter graduated from college, a generous supporter offered to pay for Scooter to attend law school. Scooter respectfully declined, as he wanted to have a career impacting young people's lives through coaching. Scooter's football legacy can be measured in many ways. First, few can match Scooter's sheer longevity. Scooter served as a football coach in Arkansas for 43 years and as head coach for four schools all in Arkansas's highest classification, though McClellan and El Dorado would later move down a classification after his time at the school ended. Further, as a head football coach for 28 years, Scooter amassed approximately 174 wins, which has to be among the highest totals in Arkansas history. Second, Scooter took over four football programs that had been struggling mightily before his tenure, and each of them experienced quick turnarounds, with some schools reaching heights never before reached. Third, Scooter mentored numerous coaches on his staff, 9 of whom went on to become head high school coaches in Arkansas, including Jeff Williams who won a state championship at Fort Smith Southside. Most important, Scooter impacted the lives of countless young people. He cannot go anywhere in Arkansas without seeing a former player or student, and they are always excited to see him and thank him for his impact on their life.

In addition to coaching, Register had a successful 35-year career as a basketball official. He worked 14 years on the collegiate level beginning in the AIC and working in the Gulf South Conference. During his AIC tenure he worked several playoff games and was selected to work the NAIA National Tournament in Kansas City, Missouri and Tulsa, Oklahoma. From 1979 to 1987 Register worked at least one regional or state tournament. He worked the 1986 AHSCA All-Star game and the 1987 Overall State Championship. In 2013, Register was inducted in the Arkansas Officials Hall of Fame.

Scooter has been married to his wife, Sandra, for 42 years. They have two daughters, Randi (Brian) Smith, and Toni (Clarke) Tucker. He is "Pooh" to three wonderful grandchildren, Ellis Tucker, Mari Francis Tucker, and Hilton Russell Smith. Register is a member of The Cathedral of St. Andrews Catholic Church in Little Rock. He is an avid duck hunter and loves spending time on Lake Hamilton with family.

# Arkansas High School Coaches Association 2021 Hall of Fame Inductee

## Boyd Shelton



Boyd Shelton currently lives in Jonesboro, Arkansas, with his Susan. They have been married since 1998, when their families merged to include five children. Sadly, they lost their oldest son Mark to cancer in January 2013. One of the greatest joys of his life has been to see his kids grow to love and respect each other, just as he love each one of them. He has nine grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and a large extended family that he loves. He attends Cornerstone United Methodist Church in Jonesboro and his faith is the foundation of him and wife life together. He is a graduate of Southern Baptist Junior College in Walnut Ridge, Arkansas, and Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri. He was a two-year letterman in basketball at both schools. His teaching and coaching career spans forty years, twenty-nine of which were spent in Arkansas and eleven in the Missouri Bootheel. His wife Susan is a graduate of Arkansas State University in Jonesboro, Arkansas, and had a successful career working for the Department of the Treasury. They both been enjoying retirement for the last fifteen years.

*Jerry Hall Award*  
*2021*  
*Redell Thompson*



Redell Thompson is a native of Holly Grove, Arkansas. Upon completing his high school studies, he attended the University of Arkansas and currently resides in Northwest Arkansas.

Thompson has been a member of the Arkansas Officials Association since 1982. He had worked numerous football playoff assignments, four state championship games and an all-star game. In basketball he has worked numerous regional and state tournament, two state championship games and an all-star game. He became a charter member of the Northwest Arkansas Basketball Officials Association in 1988. He is the current assigner for football and the past assigner for basketball in Northwest Arkansas. He was one of the first African American officials in Northwest Arkansas. Most notably he is a 2016 Arkansas Officials Association Hall of Fame Inductee.

Thompson is the patriarch of the family consisting of a wife Laverne of 39 years and 5 sons: Courtney, Andrae, Joshua, Mario and Micheal, 6 grandson and 6 granddaughters.

Outside of officiating Redell has worked for Wal-Mart for 29 years and is currently serving as a Systems Engineer. He is a member of Saint James Missionary Baptist Church, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity inc. and Prince Hall Mason.

*Joe Reese Award*  
*2021*  
*David Carpenter*

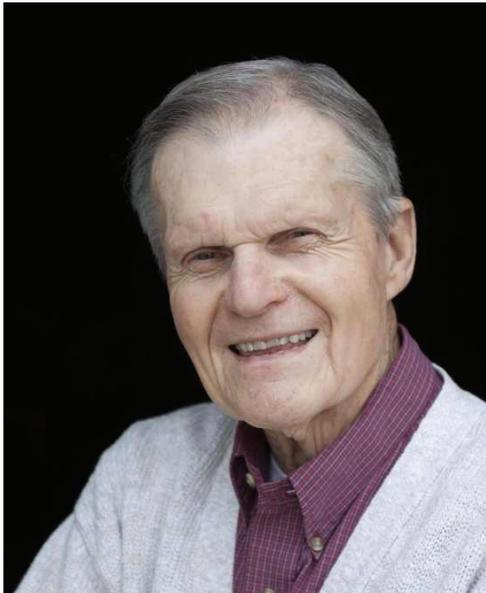


Carpenter began his football coaching career at Corning High School in 1986, then went to Clarendon to coach. After that, he was at Junction City coaching from 1990-1993, and then again from 1996-2016. Carpenter took over basketball coaching duties in 2009, winning two State and Regional Championships. He also coached the Dragons to winning 16 weightlifting state championships, as well as 2 Track & Field State Championships, and 4 time Runners-Up for Track and Field.

With many football wins, Carpenter won 6 State Championships, 1 State Runner-Up, with 19 consecutive trips to the State Playoffs. During this time, he had many trips to the State Finals, as well as many Conference Titles. Carpenter also completed his football coaching career as the 10th winningest coach in Arkansas High School football history with 242 victories.

Carpenter is a 6 time Coach of the Year Award Winner. In addition to his Induction into the Dragon Wall of Honor on September 1, 2017, the Dragon football stadium was named David Carpenter Stadium by official proclamation of the Junction City School Board.

*Bill Mayo Award*  
*2021*  
*Bill Mayo*



Bill Mayo retired in 1996 after an outstanding 25-year career as athletic director at Blytheville (Arkansas) High School. Overall, Mayo was an athletic director for 30 years and a football and track coach for 14 years.

In 1957, as an ROTC participant, Mayo was ordered to active duty and served in the United States Army for two years. Before his service began, Mayo was assistant football coach at Osceola (Arkansas) High School, and then coached football and basketball when he relocated to Fort Lewis, Washington.

After the completion of his military obligation, Mayo joined the staff at his alma mater, Blytheville (Arkansas) High School, in 1959 as football line coach and assistant track coach. In 1961, Mayo became the youngest head coach in the Memphis (Tennessee) City School System, serving as athletic director, head football coach and track for the newly instituted Trezevant High School. By 1964, Mayo had established a successful athletic program at Trezevant, consisting of football, basketball, track, baseball, tennis, golf and swimming.

From Trezevant, Mayo moved to Amarillo, Texas, to become the first assistant to the head football coach at Caprock High School, and a year later, he became football line coach and assistant track coach at Southwestern (Tennessee) College. In one year's time, Mayo became head track coach, along with his other duties. After four years at Southwestern, Mayo took the positions of head football coach and chair of the physical education department at Emory & Henry (Virginia) College.

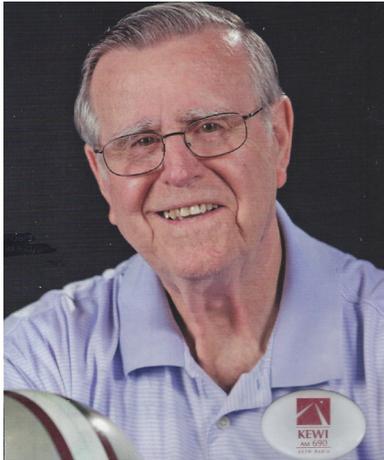
By 1971, Mayo was back in Blytheville, to begin his 25-year term as athletic director for the Blytheville School District. Mayo then became activities director for the school district and was bestowed an additional duty of drug prevention coordinator for the school district.

Mayo gained statewide and national prominence in his latter role for crafting the drug-abuse program for the Blytheville schools known as "TARGET Blytheville." The program, which was modeled after the national TARGET program established by the NFHS, was aimed at educating teachers, parents and students about drug abuse and is still in place today.

During his tenure in Blytheville, Mayo became the first president of the Arkansas High School Athletic Administrators Association (AHSAAA) in 1977. He also was responsible for starting the NIAAA Leadership Training Program in Arkansas. At the national level, Mayo has served the NIAAA since its inception in 1977. He served a term on the NIAAA Board of Directors and was president in 1988. Mayo was a member of the NIAAA Ways and Means Committee for eight years and chair of the NIAAA Hall of Fame Committee from 2005 to 2010.

Among his numerous accolades, Mayo was the recipient of the AHSAAA Athletic Director of the Year in 1982, the NIAAA State Award of Merit in 1988, the NIAAA Distinguished Service Award in 1990 and the NFHS Citation in 1986. Mayo was inducted into the NFHS National High School Hall of Fame in 1998, AHSAAA Hall of Fame in 2007, and the NIAAA hall of fame 2012.

*Wadie Moore Media Award*  
*2021*  
*Jim Landers*



Landers graduated from Benton High School in 1953, where he started his career broadcasting Benton Panther Sports when KBBA first went on the air.

Landers started and coached the first American Legion Baseball team in the Benton area. He became employed as Sports Director at KTHV-TV SPORTS in the 60's, later KARK-TV Sports before becoming the voice of Arkansas State Indian football on their network sports and employing with KAIT-TV while residing in Jonesboro. In the 1970's he became involved in the restaurant business which catered sports banquets in the Benton area.

He organized the Y-Mac baseball program giving Benton youth an opportunity to participate in baseball competitions across the state in the 80's. Landers later purchased KBBA radio station after it went dark in the 90's and transitioned into KEWI an A-M operation where he broadcast Benton sports for 18 years and covered events in Benton and Saline County such as Old Fashioned Day, Saline County Fair, Benton Football and election returns and many others before selling the station in 2011.

He is currently retired from broadcasting but continues at the age of 86 with Saline County sports and news on facebook which has gathered over 1500 subscribers on his website.

# HALL of FAME INDUCTEES

1995

AHSCA

**Otis Barker:** Barker coached for 28 years in the Earle School District. He produced a record of 677-160. He won 15 district titles and three state titles in 1974, 1980 and 1985. Barker was the state's first African-American head AHSCA All-Star coach, leading his 1974 East squad to a 64-61 win over the West.

**Clair Bates:** Bates' first coaching job was at Alma in 1937. During a five-year span he led Alma to three district titles in basketball and three state tournaments. Bates coached at Van Buren from 1942-1966. He led the school to seven state titles. His teams won 11 district basketball titles and 11 district football titles. His girls basketball teams once produced an 86-game win streak and a 60-game win streak. Bates was inducted into the 1987 Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame.

**J.M. "Johnnie" Burnett:** Burnett was the first Executive Director of the Arkansas Activities Association serving from 1946-1974. He was an all-around athlete at Jonesboro High School from 1914-1917. He attended Arkansas State University and Southwestern of Memphis. Burnett was inducted into the Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame in 1977, the ASU Hall of Honor in 1985 and was the recipient of the Curt King Award in 1981.

**Alene Crabtree:** Crabtree of Alma coached women's athletics in the state for 44 years. She had an overall record of 668-291 and guided her teams to 18 county tournament titles, 22 district tournament titles and her teams reached the state tournament 24 times. She led Alma to state basketball titles in 1976 and 1979. She was the head coach for the North squad in the first girls All-Star game in 1971.

**Curtis King:** King was the Augusta High School coach for 30 years and one of the leaders in forming the AHSCA All-Star Games. He coached the Augusta football team to a 203-83 record from 1944-1973. In 1980 the AHSCA established the Curt King Award. King was inducted into the Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame in 1980.

**Earl Quigley:** Quigley coached at Little Rock High (Central) from 1914-1946. In 22 years his football teams compiled a record of 149-56-11 and seven state titles. His track teams won 97 consecutive meets and 18 state titles from 1926-1946. He also coached baseball and basketball and had an overall record of 760-190-11 and 40 state titles. Quigley was inducted into the Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame in 1961 and into the National Federation Hall of Fame in 1997.

AOA

**Robert "Polly" Black:** Black played on four state high school basketball championship teams at Jonesboro. While in private business in the late 1940's he officiated high school basketball and football games. He later joined the AOA and was a referee for 39 years. He officiated over 20 years in the state high school basketball tournaments, and also worked All-Star football and basketball games.

**Buddy Coleman:** Coleman worked his way up from the high school ranks to become one of the top football officials in the nation. He was a Southwest Conference football official for 26 years working over 250 games. He retired in 1989 after officiating in two Cotton Bowls, two Orange Bowl games, five Sugar Bowl games, three Fiesta Bowl game and the Mirage Bowl. He was inducted into the Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame in 1994.

**Norris Fox:** Fox officiated his first basketball game in 1949. Fox worked 33 years on the high school level. He served as referee-in-chief for 15 consecutive state basketball tournaments and served in the same capacity for the Overall Championships for seven years. He was referee of the 1964 All-Star basketball game. Fox also served as rule interpreter for the AAA and AOA from 1972-1991 and is a past president of the AOA.

**Jerry Hall:** Hall served as Associate Executive Director of the AAA until June 30, 1995, ending 25 years of full-time service. He handled rules interpretation for the sport of football, basketball, baseball, track, cross country and decathlon and pentathlon. He also coordinated the AHSCA and the AOA. He officiated football and basketball for over 30 years, including 20-plus years working the Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference, 10 years in the Missouri Valley Football Association and one year in the Southwest Conference. He was inducted into the state Track and Field Hall of Fame in 1999.

**Wilbur Wood:** Wood started his career in 1946. He worked both football and basketball and umpired American Legion baseball for 31 years. He worked all state classifications in both football and basketball. He worked the state football playoffs every year from the beginning of the playoffs before moving out of state. Wood worked 25 state high school basketball tournaments and the 1962 All-State basketball game.

1996

AHSCA

**C. R. "Sonny" Gordon:** Gordon coached at Sloan-Hendrix and Walnut Ridge before returning to his hometown of Holly Grove in 1940. During his 40-year coaching career at Holly Grove Gordon won several district titles in both football and basketball. His 1976 boys basketball team won the Class AA state title. Over a two-year stretch in the early 1960's Holly Grove won 21 straight football games. Gordon is a past president of the AHSCA and in 1980 became the first recipient of the Curt King Award. He was inducted into the Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame in 1984.

**Gayle Kaundart:** Kaundart coached at Green Forest, Conway and Fort Smith Northside where he compiled a high school record of 535-179, which included an undefeated Overall Championship at Northside in 1974. He won six state titles and was state runner-up once. His record at Northside was 362-126. He coached at Westark Community College for 13 years and produced a record of 379-87 and a National Junior College Championship. He was the Lowell Manning Award winner in 1973-74 and the Curt King Award winner in 1991. He was inducted into the Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame in 1984 and the University of the Ozarks Sports Hall of Fame in 1990.

**Wilson Matthews:** Matthews coached at Little Rock Central where his teams won 10 state titles in 11 years and posted a record of 111-15-3 losing only three games to in-state teams. He led Central to undefeated seasons in 1956 and 1957 and left the school with a 33-game win streak. His '57 team was ranked No. 1 in the nation. Matthews joined the University of Arkansas coaching staff in 1958. He was inducted into the Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame in 1971 and into the Razorback Hall of Honor in 1989.

**Helen Parker:** Parker was a teacher/coach in the Ashdown School District for 35 years and had 46 years of coaching experience. Her Ashdown teams won twenty district and four state basketball titles in 1957, 1968, 1969 and 1970. Parker's volleyball teams won two district titles and one state title in 1978. Parker was a charter member of the Girls Athletic Committee and coached the South All-Stars in 1972 and 1981. She received the Distinguished Service Award from the National Federation of High School Coaches Association in 1982 and was presented the Curt King Award in 1983.

**John Widner:** Widner coached at Omaha, Alpena, Green Forest, Flippin, Leachville, Morrilton and Arkansas Tech University. He had a high school coaching record of 831-197. His high school teams won 17 consecutive titles, one state title (Morrilton) and were state runner-up four times. He was president of the AHSCA in 1973 and coached in the state's All-Star games in 1957, 1967, 1968, 1975 and 1980.

AOA

**Archie Cothren:** Cothren served as president of the AOA in 1978-80 and was on the AOA Executive Committee from 1976-80. He was district president seven times. He retired from officiating after the 1994 football season with 57 years of service. He was on the crew of the second All-Star football game in 1957. He received the AOA Distinguished Service Award in 1985, the Arkansas High School Athletic Administrators State Award of Merit in 1993 and the National Federation of Interscholastic Officials Association Distinguished Service Award in 1994.

**Prior Evans:** Evans officiated in more than 3,500 games in 34 years. He was the state's representative to the National Rules Committee and was president of the AOA from 1954-57. He worked one year as a Southwest Conference basketball official. He worked 17 state high school basketball tournaments and four straight NAIA tournaments.

**Richard Ford:** Ford was a member of the AOA from 1956 through 1988. He served on the AOA Executive Committee and as district president. Ford officiated 24 state basketball tournaments, several Overall Championships, 18 consecutive Northeast Arkansas Tournaments, 12 S.M.S. Basketball Tournaments, and several state football playoff games. He officiated an All-Star football game and boys and girls All-Star basketball games.

**Clint Fuller:** Fuller officiated his first game in 1945. He worked on the junior high, senior high level and also the Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference, Southland Conference and Southwest Conference. Fuller served as football rules interpreter for over 25 years and ranked as #1 in the Southwest Conference.

**Cliff Shaw:** Shaw started his career in the 1930's working both football and basketball. He also had 35 years of college officiating experience, mostly in the Southwest Conference, Big Eight and Big Ten. He was the commissioner of the AIC for 12 years. Shaw served four years on the National Federation Football Rules Committee and two years of the National Standards Basketball Commission. He served two years as president of the AOA and two years as president of the SWC Football Officials Association. He was inducted into the Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame in 1981.

1997

AHSCA

**Houston Nutt:** Nutt grew up in Fordyce where he was an outstanding quarterback and a high scoring guard. He was a high school All-American and later decided to attend Kentucky and play for Adolph Rupp. He later played at UALR and at Oklahoma A&M under Hank Iba. Nutt became coach at the Arkansas School for the Deaf in 1956 where he served as coach, athletic director and dean of students for 31 years. He won over 500 games and countless district titles and invitational tournaments. In 1966 he was awarded the Meritorious Service Award by the Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame. He was inducted into the Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame in 2001.

**Bill Stancil:** Stancil was a Parkin native who attended Arkansas Tech University and the University of Arkansas. He started his coaching career as an assistant football coach at Blytheville in 1950. Stancil served as head football coach and athletic director at Fort Smith Northside from 1957-1969, compiling an overall record of 111-27-4. He had three undefeated seasons, winning state titles in 1966, 1967 and 1968. He was the Coach of the Year in 1968 and 1969. He later served 10 years in the House of Representatives.

**Oliver Elders:** Elders coached basketball in the state for 36 years, 35 of which was in the Little Rock School District at Horace Mann and Hall High. He compiled an overall record of 656-305, winning four state championships and two Overall Championships. He also won eight conference titles and was selected Coach of the Decade by the Arkansas Sports Writers for the 1980's. Elders retired in 1993, and at the time was the winningest active coach in the state. He was inducted into the National Federation Hall of Fame in 1999.

**C W. Keopple:** Keopple coached at Hall High from the school's beginning in 1957 until 1985. He became head coach in 1964. He compiled an overall record of 167-56-3 and won seven state football titles, while finishing second six times. Keopple received the AHSCA Distinguished Service Award in 1989. He was inducted into the Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame in 2000.

**J W "Chick" Austin:** Austin, a Bauxite native, produced an overall football record of 164-110-14, which included

a mark of 126-67-11 while serving as the Hot Springs Lakeside head coach. He had 38 years of coaching experience, which included stops at Hendrix College, West Memphis, Magnolia and Searcy. While at Lakeside his teams won nine conference titles. He was the recipient of the Curt King Award in 1982.

#### AOA

**Jim Hannah:** Hannah served on the AOA Executive Committee representing District 3. He was president of the AOA in 1988-89. He was selected to officiate in the NEA Tournament for 20 consecutive years. In 1970 Hannah was selected to work the All-Star basketball game. In 1981 he was selected to work the All-Star football game. Hannah officiated basketball for 26 years before retiring from that sport in 1988 and worked football for 25 years.

**Bill McClendon:** McClendon started his officiating career during what he calls the "Dark Ages of Officiating" when there was just one official in basketball and the jump center was used after every field goal. He refereed his first basketball district tournament at the age of 20. He later went on to work over 13 state tournaments. McClendon officiated at both the high school and college levels in basketball and football. He worked in the Southwest Conference for 22 years. McClendon was president of the AOA from 1962-65.

**Bobby Hill:** Hill of Batesville registered with the AOA in 1956 and worked basketball and baseball at the high school and college levels. He was an active official for 35 years. During that period Hill worked both the girls and boys All-Star games and several tournaments. Hill served as president of the AOA for two terms and was awarded the organization's Distinguished Service Award. He served on the AOA committee for 20 years representing District 2.

**Bob Harrell:** Harrell of Wynne started his officiating career in the mid 1950's. He worked the 1963 football All-Star game and the 1976 girls basketball All-Star game. He served as president of the AOA in 1982-83 and received the organization's Distinguished Service Award.

**J. W. Fullerton:** Fullerton is a native of Valley Springs. He had 42 years of experience in officiating high school football, basketball and track. He officiated at numerous high school basketball tournaments as well as working the high school All-Star football and basketball games. Fullerton served 36 years as an AIC basketball, football and track official. He also worked the Southland Conference and officiated the Region 7 NCAA basketball playoffs for two years. He also served as president of the AOA District 5.

#### 1998

##### AHSCA

**James "Jimmy" Devazier:** Devazier of Forrest City was an All-State selection in football and a three-year letterman in basketball at Forrest City High School. He attended Arkansas State Teachers College and was an All-AIC performer in 1950. He started his coaching career in 1951 at Forrest City. His senior high teams compiled a 77-36-7 record, which included undefeated teams in 1957 and 1959.

**Mike Malham, Sr.:** Malham is a native of Brinkley where he played both football and basketball. He is a graduate of Arkansas State Teachers College where he lettered three years in football. He started his coaching career at Clinton High School in 1949. He coached at Little Rock Catholic from 1951-1968, at Little Rock McClellan from 1968-1971 and at Arkansas State University from 1971-1989. He had 22 years of high school coaching experience and had over 200 wins in both football and basketball.

**Sharon Morgan:** Morgan, a Star City native, attended the University of Arkansas-Monticello. She coached in Arkansas for 19 years and was an assistant at the University of Texas for four years. From 1975-1991 Morgan was the girls basketball coach at White Hall where she posted a record of 252-136, captured seven conference championships, six conference tournament titles and advanced to the state tournament 11 times.

**Paul Noesser:** Noesser of Blevins attended Southern Arkansas University. He coached high school basketball at Wickes (1962-1966), Blevins (1966-1982) and Prescott (1982-1994). During his career, Noesser won over 1,250 basketball games, which included 750 varsity wins. He was named the Girls Basketball Coach of the Year in Arkansas in 1978, 1986 and 1994. He was the Outstanding Coach of Girls Athletics in 1978.

**Jimmy "Red" Parker:** Parker of Fordyce attended Rison High School and Arkansas A&M. He started his coaching career in 1953 at Fordyce. In 1958 he was the recipient of the first Lowell Manning Award as the Outstanding Coach in Arkansas. He compiled a 75-15-4 record at Fordyce. Parker also coach at A&M, The Citadel, Clemson, Southern Arkansas, Delta State University, Ole Miss, Rison High School, Ouachita Baptist University and Bearden High School. He was inducted into the Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame in 1988.

#### AOA

**Denzol Bailey:** Bailey of Pine Bluff officiated football for 37 years and basketball for 32 years. He was active in athletics, coaching football and basketball for 40 years at the Pine Bluff Boys Club for boys in the fifth and sixth grades.

**Bob Banks:** Banks was a Carthage native who attended Henderson State University. After college he coached at Horatio and Bauxite. His football and basketball officiating career started in 1951. He also worked junior high games, the AIC and Southland Conference games. He later assigned officials for the Arkansas Big 6 and critiqued officials for the Southwest Conference.

**Smitty Bonds of Morganton** began his officiating career in 1967 and retired in 1991. He worked the state high school basketball tournaments for 16 years. Bonds worked four AHSCA All-Star games. He also worked 16 years in the Arkansas Junior College Conference, 14 years in the AIC and worked 12 NAIA District playoff tournaments.

**Ernie Deaton:** Deaton began his basketball officiating career in 1963. Seven years later he worked his first football game. Deaton also officiated in the Arkansas Junior College circuit, the Oklahoma Junior College circuit, the Oklahoma Intercollegiate Conference and the Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference. He retired after

27 years of service.

**Bill Valentine:** Valentine of Little Rock was a professional baseball umpire for 18 years. He began his career in 1951. Valentine umpired in the American League for six years and worked the 1965 All-Star game in Minneapolis. He also refereed basketball for 33 years, working in the Southwest Conference, Missouri Valley Conference, Gulf Coast Conference, Gulf South Conference, the AIC and for many high school teams. He is now the General Manager and Executive Vice President of the Arkansas Travelers Baseball Club.

#### 1999

##### AHSCA

**Herschel Bryant:** Bryant coached with the Black Rock Public School System for 34 years. He retired from the Black Rock School System in 1994. Bryant served as president of the Arkansas High School Coaches Association during the 1981-1982 school year. In 1996 the AHSCA awarded Bryant with the Curt King Award, which is presented to an individual whose qualities of service and dedication are basic to a successful coaching career.

**Andrew Butler:** Butler started his coaching career in 1961 at Cotton Plant. From 1964-1970 he was an instructor-coach at Pine Bluff Southeast Junior High and Senior High. His 1966 track team won the state track championship. Butler joined the Pine Bluff High School coaching staff in 1970 and he became the head track coach in 1973. Under Butler's guidance Pine Bluff won ten state track and field championships. The AHSCA honored Butler as the Outstanding Track Coach of the Year in 1981-1982 and 1982-1983. Butler was inducted into the Arkansas Track and Field Hall of Fame in June of 1999.

**Joe Hart:** Hart served as an assistant coach for two years at DeWitt, Hope and Beebe. In 1969 he became the head football coach, track coach, baseball coach and Athletic Director at McCrory. He resigned from his coaching positions following the 1991 season, but remained at the school as Athletic Director. His coaching record at McCrory was 172 wins, 67 losses and 3 ties. He won seven consecutive conference championships. He was a member of the Arkansas High School Coaches Association's Executive Committee and served as president of the organization from 1976-1977. In 1974 Hart was head football coach of the East All-Star football squad. In 1997 Hart won the Curt King Award.

**Halton Baxter (H.B.) Stewart:** Stewart became the Greenwood Junior High football coach in 1966. In fifteen seasons he posted a record of 120-23, posting one undefeated season in 1969. He took over the Greenwood girls senior high basketball program in 1974 and produced an overall record of 129-79. In 1980 Stewart took over as head senior high boys basketball coach, a position he held for 10 years. He was 144-69, winning four conference championships. In 1999 he was selected Athletic Director of the Year.

**Charles Ripley:** Ripley started his coaching career in 1967 as the freshman basketball coach at Little Rock Catholic. He coached on the junior high level in the Little Rock School District from 1968 until 1973. In 1974 he became the head boys basketball coach at Little Rock Parkview where he served in that role for 21 years. Ripley's team won five state championships (1978, 1988, 1992, 1993 and 1995), ten conference championships and two Overall Championships (1988 and 1992).

**Bill Keedy:** Keedy made a rare ten appearances in All-Star competition. He coached at Paragould and Sylvan Hills before returning home to coach Newport in 1977 where he enjoyed a twenty-year career. He compiled a career record of 199-55-4, while going 175-48-3 at Newport. He produced 17 conference championships and reached the state football playoffs 19 times. His Greyhound teams won the state championship in 1981 and 1991 and were state runner-ups in 1988 and 1989. Keedy received the Lowell Manning Award as the AHSCA outstanding Coach of the Year for 1995-1996.

#### AOA

**Ernest Eugene Dunn, Sr.:** Dunn of Texarkana served as a mentor for many officials in his area and was a charter member of the Texarkana Chapter of Football Officials Association and the Arkansas Officials Association. Dunn joined the Texarkana Chapter in 1952. For decades he worked football games in both Arkansas and Texas and was very knowledgeable of the rules. In 1954 Dunn became a member of the Southwest Football Officials Association.

**Wayne Johnson:** Johnson was a native of Springdale who started his officiating career in 1960 and spent 28 years working high school games. He worked in the Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference from 1968 through 1988 and in the Southwest Conference from 1978 through 1988. He also coached Babe Ruth and American Legion baseball teams from 1977 to 1982. His Babe Ruth All-Stars won the state championship twice and was third once. His American Legion teams captured the state championship in 1981 and placed third in 1982.

**Frank Jones:** Jones, who is a native of Conway, officiated football for 55 years. He was the football line coach at Fort Smith Senior High from 1940-41 and coached basketball at Westark Community College from 1941-42 and 1946-47. In 1947 he became head coach and athletic director at Fort Smith. In 1957 he was instrumental in organizing the Western Arkansas Officials Association. From 1963-69 Jones represented District 4 on the Arkansas Officials Association Executive Committee. In 1969 he was selected president of the AOA Executive Committee.

**Alex Leftwich:** Leftwich is a Pine Bluff native whose officiating career started in the military. From 1945 on he worked both football and basketball games and in the early 1950s moved to Forrest City. Leftwich was on the ground floor when the AOA was organized and he served on the AOA Board for several years. He also worked in the Southwest Conference, the Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference and the Southland Conference.

**Sonny Holmes:** Holmes was an all-sport standout at Forrest City High School. He was a two-time All-American quarterback football selection and played in three All-American high school games during his senior year. He lettered and was an All-State performer in football, basketball, track and baseball. He began his officiating career in the late 1960s working both football and basketball. He worked in the Southland Conference, Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference, Southwest Conference, Southeastern Conference, Metro Conference, Big

East Conference and the Western Athletic Conference.

**Glen Siler:** Siler joined the Arkansas Activities Association staff as an Assistant Executive Director in February 1996. He's a veteran administrator, coach and official. He was the rules interpreter for football, basketball, baseball and the Arkansas Officials Association liaison. He officiated football, basketball and baseball for 32 years. He had 17 years of experience as a coach and 22 as a high school principal and athletic director. He was president of the AOA in 1995-96 and served on the AOA Executive Committee from 1991-1996.

2000

AHSCA

**Theodore Blake:** Blake is a native of Stephens and a 1956 graduate of UA-Pine Bluff. He started his coaching career in 1957. He won three state junior high titles and one senior high title at Stamps Ellis. In 1968-1969 Blake was named Area 13 Outstanding Basketball Coach of the Year and was a member of the All-Star Coaching Staff. He joined the Lewisville High School coaching staff in 1971 and served as coach of the senior and junior boys team and as athletic director. He served as President of the AHSCA during 1983-84. He was awarded the Curt King Award in 1995.

**Gary Bond:** Bond, who lives in Rogers, received his degree from the University of the Ozarks where he was a four-year letterman in football. He began his coaching career in Rogers in 1959. He was named Conference Coach of the Year seven times and was named Arkansas' Outstanding Football Coach in 1978. He was an Arkansas High School All-Star coach four times and was named the West head football coach in 1979.

**Lamar Dingler:** Dingler is an Ashley County native. He was head football coach and athletic director at Lakeside High School in Lake Village from 1945 through 1970. He compiled an overall record of 180-68-5. He captured three state championships in 1945, 1948 and 1949. His teams won 10 district championships, and one state track and field championship. Dingler was one of the founding fathers of the AHSCA and High School All-Star Games. He was elected the first president of the AHSCA and was selected as the first head coach of the East Football All-Stars in 1956.

**Sammy Gill:** Gill was born in England, and graduated from Dumas High School in 1954. His coaching career started in 1961 at Dermott High School. His Dermott teams compiled an overall football record of 17-3. He was the District Coach of the Year in 1963 and selected to the AHSCA All-Star staff. He also coached at Paragould before going to McGehee in 1967. Gill's overall senior high record was 132-67-1, while his junior high record was 19-5. His basketball record was 77-30.

**Guy Kochel:** Kochel, a native of Burmackl made his mark on the track and field circuit around Southeast Arkansas. He began his coaching career as head track coach at Stuttgart High School in 1963. He produced three district championships in three years before taking over the track duties at Pine Bluff High School. His 1971 Pine Bluff squad won the state title and Kochel was named the Arkansas Track Coach of the Year. He coached at Arkansas State from 1972-1989. He was inducted into the Arkansas Track and Field Hall of Fame in 1995.

**Ted Waller:** Waller is an Emerson native, who received his bachelor's degree from Southern Arkansas. He was a senior boys basketball coach for 24 years at Village, Emerson and Magnolia. His teams averaged 20 wins per year and won approximately 74 percent of games played. He coached teams that won 10 district titles, three state championships (Village 1974, Magnolia 1980 and 1985). His team won one Overall State Championship (Magnolia 1985). He won the Lowell Manning Award as the overall Outstanding Coach of the Year in 1985.

AOA

**Lennis Coleman:** Coleman is a Jefferson City, Tennessee native, who was considered one of the top basketball officials in the state during the 1970s and until his retirement from UA-Pine Bluff. During his career he was a sports official in four states — Alabama, Tennessee, Missouri and Arkansas from 1946-1990.

**Leroy Dangeau:** Dangeau, a Forrest City native who now resides in Wynne dedicated nearly four decades to the AOA. He was an AIC football official for 23 years. He was a member of the AOA for 36 years. He served as the District 6 representative on the AOA Executive Committee, and a past district president. He had the rare opportunity to officiate the football finals in every classification.

**Gene Davis:** Davis of De Queen is a native of Mena. He officiated high school football for 37 years, on the college level for 11 years, semi-pro for two years and basketball for three years. In 1976 he officiated the All-Star football game. Davis was very active for an AOA member, which includes serving as district president several times.

**Rex Lovell:** Lovell was born in Choctaw and finished high school at Clinton. He earned a Bachelor's degree from the University of Central Arkansas. He joined the staff at UCA where he became a member of the Arkansas Officials Association working both high school football and basketball. His officiating included both division championship and Overall championship basketball games.

**Wendell Nutt:** Nutt is a native and lifelong resident of Mineral Springs. He is a graduate of Henderson State University. He officiated his first basketball game in 1948 and until his retirement thirty-three years later he officiated both high school and college basketball and football games. He worked in the Southland Conference and the Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference. He also officiated in both the high school All-Star basketball and football games and served on the AOA Executive Committee.

**Jim Mack Sawyer:** The late Jim Mack Sawyer, is a Hamburg native, who continued his education and athletic careers at the University of Arkansas and Henderson State University. He officiated junior and high school football for 33 years. He was an All-Star football official in 1980. Sawyer was inducted into the NAIA Hall of Fame in 1982, the Reddie Hall of Honor in 1997, the Ashley County Hall of Fame in 1989 and the Arkansas Track and Field Hall of Fame in 1998.

2001

AHSCA

**Jim Abraham:** Abraham is an Arkadelphia native. He was a high school All-America Football selection and an All-State collegiate selection out of Ouachita Baptist University. He coached at Dermott and Lonoke until the mid 1930s. He later became the Lonoke superintendent. He was active in organizing what is now the Arkansas Activities Association. He was inducted into the Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame in 1979.

**David Fricks:** Fricks grew up in Saratoga and received his BSE degree from Henderson State University. He coached at Bodcaw, Glen Rose, Gillham, Saratoga and Delight. He led the 1994 Delight boys team to the Class B state championship. His coaching career spanned 30 years and his team won close to 70 percent of their games. In 1979 and 1994 he was a member of the All-Star coaching staff.

**C.B. "Cotton" Havener:** Havener was born at Cabin Creek and received his degree from the College of the Ozarks. He spent 37 years in the coaching profession, coaching at Ratcliff, Scranton and Mulberry. His teams had a compiled record of 2036-907. He was selected to coach in two All-Star games.

**Clyde Horton:** Horton is a native of Montgomery, Alabama, and a graduate of Little Rock Central. He was a standout football and track performer at Arkansas Tech University. His Central track teams won nine state track and field titles and 15 state cross country titles. He was also inducted into the Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame in 2000 and the Arkansas Track and Field Hall of Fame in 1997.

**Lowell Manning:** Manning was a Hardy native who was an All-State performer in football and basketball. He attended Arkansas College. He later coached at Camden, Pine Bluff and Jonesboro. The AHSCA named its Outstanding Coach of the Year award the Lowell Manning Award in 1959. He was inducted into the Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame in 1990.

**Joe Fred Young:** Young is a Conway native who received two degrees from the University of Central Arkansas. He coached at Conway, Little Rock Central, the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville and Fort Smith Northside. He led Northside to the Class AAAAA state football title in 1987. His Northside teams finished as state runner-up seven times. He is the winningest coach in Northside history.

AOA

**Pete Camfield:** Camfield, who was born in Neosho, Mo., was a member of the AOA for 40 years. He was a former American Legion baseball coach and a former State American Legion Baseball Commissioner.

**Lindsey Henry:** Henry, a Little Rock native, was a standout football player at Horace Mann and UA-Pine Bluff. He was a member of the AOA for more than 25 years. He worked numerous state playoff games and basketball tournaments. He also officiated in the Southwest Conference and the Southland Conference. He was a teacher-coach at Wilson and Hot Springs High Schools.

**Maurice Jones:** Jones was born in Pine Bluff and attending Merrill High School and the UA-Pine Bluff. At UAPB he lettered in three sports for four years. During his officiating career he called games in the Southwestern Athletic Conference, Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference and on the high school level.

**Charlie Keller:** Keller is a Jonesboro native, who was a standout performer at Jonesboro High School and at Kentucky under Adolph Rupp. He played professional baseball for St. Louis from 1952-58. He worked numerous state high school championships in football and basketball. He also worked an All-Star football and basketball game. He also served on the AOA Executive Committee.

**Bill Raymick:** Raymick is a Rison native, who started his officiating career in 1949 while attending UA-Monticello. He officiated high school football and basketball for 40 years. He officiated the 1964 All-Star basketball game and the 1967 All-Star football game. He also worked in the AIC officiating basketball for 26 years and football for 23 years.

**Sam Sloan:** Sloan was born in Rudy, and graduated from Van Buren High School and the University of Central Arkansas. He was a coach-teacher at DeWitt and principal and superintendent at Stuttgart. He started officiating in 1947 and continued for over 40 years. He officiated the 1968 All-Star football game and the 1978 All-Star basketball game. He also devoted 40 years to the American Legion Boys State Program.

2002

AHSCA

**Edward Akin:** Akin was born in Greenville, Miss and graduated from Monticello High School. He received his Bachelor's degree from Arkansas-Monticello and his Master's degree from Alabama. He coached at Humnoke, Wilmar and Parkdale. During his career Akin won 87.5 percent of his games, 937 wins and 135 losses. His Parkdale girls won three state championships and had two runner-up state finishes.

**Harold Ray Jeffery:** Jeffery graduated from Calico Rock and received his degree from Arkansas Tech. Jeffery coached at Calico Rock from 1954 until he retired from coaching in 1987. His girls basketball teams won state titles in 1974, 1975 and 1976. They were the Overall Champions in 1976. His overall record at Calico Rock was 1,655 wins and 655 losses.

**George Jones:** Jones graduated from Pottsville High School and received degrees from Arkansas Tech and the University of Arkansas. He coached track, basketball and football at Atkins from 1945 to 1965. During that time Atkins won 19 district titles and six state titles. He also served as an official in state track meets for 40 years. In 1996 Jones was inducted into the Arkansas Track and Field Hall of Fame.

**Bill Reed:** Reed is a Lonoke native who attended Texarkana Junior College and the University of Central Arkansas. He received his Master's degree from the University of Mississippi. Reed started his coaching career in 1959, which included stops at Marked Tree, Wilson, Jonesboro, Jacksonville and Texarkana. He won three state football titles at Jacksonville and compiled an overall record of 203-114-7.

**Joe Reese:** Reese played football and basketball at Little Rock Central. He attended LSU and graduated from Arkansas Tech University. He was drafted by the Green Bay Packers in 1958 and signed a free agent contract in 1959. He coached at Russellville and Hot Springs. At Hot Springs his track teams won three conference titles and one state title, while his football teams won four conference titles. In 1989 he was the national president of the National Federation of Interscholastic Coaches.

**James Smith:** Smith is a native of Fordyce and graduated from Wallace High School. He received a Bachelor's degree from Arkansas-Pine Bluff. Smith started his coaching career at Marvell Tate in 1957 and coached there for 39 years. His teams won 30 championships, including the 1981 Class AA state title.

#### AOA

**Addington "A.C." Baker:** Baker is a Fordyce native and a graduate of Wallace High School. He earned three letters in football at Arkansas-Pine Bluff. He coached at Rosenwald High School in Osceola and at Brinkley. He officiated high school games for 35 years. The AOA honored Baker with its Distinguished Service Award.

**Littleton A Fowler:** Fowler is a graduate of Texarkana Texas High, Oklahoma State and the University of Houston College of Optometry. He played basketball and baseball in high school and received a baseball scholarship to Oklahoma State. He joined the AOA in 1972 and remained active until 1997. He participated in the football playoffs every year he was eligible, and worked the state finals along with the AHSCA All-Star game.

**John Hosinski:** Hosinski was a South Bend, Indiana native who lived the majority of his life in Jonesboro. He received his Bachelor's degree from Notre Dame in 1955 and a Master's degree from Illinois. He worked in the Physical Education Department at Arkansas State. He started his Arkansas officiating career in 1965. He ended his career in the mid '90s, and served as a football evaluator for the AAA.

**Jim Lewis:** Lewis began officiating basketball while attending College of the Ozarks. He had a 30-year career, working numerous high school state championships, 10 King Cotton Holiday Classic Tournaments and the AHSCA All-Star Game in 1984. He worked 21 years in the Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference, working the NAIA District 17 Tournament 12 years, 1983-1994, and worked the NAIA National Championship game in 1990 in Kansas City.

**Thomas "Dutch" Moore:** Moore was born in Hamburg and graduated from Overton High School in Texas where he lettered in football, basketball and tennis. He later graduated from the University of Central Arkansas where he lettered in football, basketball and baseball. Moore began his officiating career in 1953. In the early 1960's, Moore worked the AHSCA All-Star game. He also served on the Executive Committee of the AOA.

**Louis Schaufele:** Schaufele is a Little Rock native whose sports career started with the American Legion Doughboys baseball team. He graduated from Little Rock Central and the University of Arkansas. He started his officiating career in 1956. After working his way up the ranks, Schaufele got his first game in the Southwest Conference in the early 1960s.

#### 2003

##### AHSCA

**Orville Ashley:** Ashley worked in the Prattsville School District for 32 years and served as its basketball coach for 24 years. His teams never suffered a losing season. He produced a record of 691-161. He won 35 invitational tournaments and four district tournaments. He was named the Outstanding Coach of the Year four times.

**Willie Click:** Click started his basketball-coaching career in Missouri in 1955, but returned to the state in 1957 to coach at Fourche Valley. He also coached at Dover, Delight and Nashville. He produced an overall record of 929-355. His boys teams went 542-250, while the girls went 387-105. His 1964 Delight team captured the state title with a 42-0 record.

**Sam Goodwin:** Goodwin started his coaching career at Little Rock Forest Heights Jr. High. He later became an assistant at Little Rock Hall. In 1970 Goodwin became the head coach at Little Rock Parkview where his record for nine years was 73-21-4 as the school won or shared five state championships while competing in the state's largest schoolboy classification.. He also coached on the collegiate level at Southern Arkansas, Arkansas and Northwestern State University.

**Thednal Hill:** Hill is the winningest girls' basketball coach in the state's history. His overall record of 1,023 victories and 162 losses was ranked third nationally at the time of his induction. He also produced three state championship teams. He coached at Moro, Viola (two state titles) and Highland (one state title).

**Raymond Peters:** Peters, a Morrilton native, played football at Arkansas Tech University and the University of Arkansas. He was a two-year letterman at Arkansas in 1947 and 1948. He was an assistant coach at North Little Rock and Little Rock Central prior to becoming the first head football coach at Little Rock Hall in 1957. He posted an overall record of 57-16-3. He also served as the Little Rock Athletic Director from 1964 through 1986.

**John Wyatt:** Wyatt started his coaching career at Hackett and returned to his hometown of County Line in 1965 for an 18-year coaching career. He coached County Line to the 1971 state boys championship with a 37-5 record. He produced 1,136 wins during his coaching career and suffered less than 350 losses. His teams won 16 district championships and he was named the Outstanding Coach of the Year seven times.

#### AOA

**Gary Benson:** Benson was an active NBA official at the time of his induction. He was the first Arkansas native to be employed as a NBA official, joining the league in 1988. He officiated basketball in the state for 28 years and has 26 years of experience officiating football. He worked on the collegiate level in football for nine years and had seven years of basketball experience.

**Eddie Bryan:** Bryan was a registered official with the AOA for over 30 years working baseball, football and basketball. He called more than one state tournament and All-Star games for all classifications. He umpired all

levels of baseball, which included the NAIA. He umpired 12 Southwest Regional Tournaments, and 16 straight World Series for Babe Ruth.

**Walter Coleman:** Coleman was an active NFL referee at the time of his induction. He officiated high school athletics for 14 years. He also worked in the Southland Athletic Conference and the Southwest Conference. He joined the NFL in 1989 and has worked numerous post-season games. His father W.C. "Buddy" Coleman was a member of the first AOA Hall of Fame Class in 1995.

**Jesse Gatewood:** Gatewood started his basketball officiating career at local Boys Clubs. He worked with the AOA for 27 years and was appointed as an at-large member of the AOA Executive Committee in 2003-2004. He officiated in the Arkansas Junior College Conference for 20 years, the AIC for 13 years, the SWAC for 17 years and the Gulf South Conference for three years. He also had 20 years of AAU experience.

**Jim Hill:** Hill began umpiring baseball when he was 20 years old. He also officiated basketball and football. He began working with Little League, Babe Ruth, American Legion and in 1963 he became a member of the AOA. He umpired all levels of high school and NAIA. He worked 23 state high school baseball tournaments. Hill also served on the National Board of Directors for Babe Ruth, Inc.

**Jack Pinckney:** Pinckney officiated football for 47 years. He worked on the junior high, high school and AIC levels. He served as a referee for 30 years and worked three high school All-Star games. He officiated basketball for 45 years and worked three All-Star games, including the first girls' All-Star game.

#### 2004

##### AHSCA

**Robert Denniston:** Denniston coached at Hartman, Prairie Grove, Mulberry, Harrison, Morrilton and Mountainburg during his 36-year career. He coached junior and senior high boys and girls basketball as well as junior and senior high football. His 1960 Mulberry team won the state basketball championship and he coached in the AHSCA All-Star games in 1960 and 1966.

**Clyde Hart:** Hart coached at Little Rock Central where his teams won five state cross country titles, five state track and field championships and 58 of 60 track meets. Hart started his collegiate coaching career at Baylor in 1963 where his teams finished in the top four in the NCAA Championships seven times. He also produced two SWC Championships. He also coached four Olympians to five Gold Medals and one Bronze Medal.

**Bobby Richardson:** Richardson started and ended his coaching career at Crossett. His teams won 18 state track and field championships and four cross country state titles. He was voted the Track Coach of the Year in Arkansas 12 times and received the Lowell Manning Award twice as the state's Outstanding Coach of the Year.

**Lendel Thomas:** Thomas coached at Elkins, Huntsville, Harrison and Mountain Home. His Mountain Home basketball teams won three conference titles. His Harrison teams were the state runner-ups in 1999, 2000 and 2001. Thomas played in the 1966 All-Star game (football) and he was selected to serve as a coach in five additional games, including one stint as a football coach.

**Roy "Doc" Walker:** Walker coached in the Texarkana area for 35 years. He spent 14 years at Booker T. Washington and 21 years at Texarkana High School. His Texarkana track teams won state titles in 1978, 1979 and 1980. His 1981 team finished as the state runner-up.

**Carroll Wilson:** Wilson coached boys and girls basketball at Gillham for one year before starting a successful football-coaching career at Augusta. He compiled an overall football record of 153-46-7, which included a 113-39-3 mark on the senior high level. His team won senior high state football titles in 1982, 1983 and 1992.

#### AOA

**James Armstrong:** Armstrong was a basketball official for over 30 years. He worked games for junior high school, high school, college and eventually NCAA Division I. He officiated the Pac 10, Big 10, Big 8, SWC, WAC, Big Sky, Sunbelt and Southland Conferences.

**Dr. Wilbert Gaines:** Dr. Gaines was a member of the AOA for 30 years. He worked numerous regular season basketball tournaments in Northeast Arkansas and was used in post-season play with district, regional, state and the Overall Tournament. He also has some experience working football as an umpire and back judge.

**Wally Gattis:** Gattis registered as an official with the AOA in 1965. Over the next 25 years he officiated football and basketball. He officiated the state finals in Class AAAAA, Class AAAA and Class AA in football. He officiated the AHSCA All-Star football game in 1986 and 1991. He officiated basketball for 18 years. Gattis served as AOA president in 1989-1990.

**Austin Hanner:** Hanner's officiating career began in 1942 and continued until 2002, allowing him to officiate in seven decades. He worked six Arkansas state finals in football and one AHSCA All-Star football game. After retiring from officiating, Hanner became coordinator of the AAA's high school football observers.

**Vance Judd:** Judd, prior to his induction, had served on the Executive Committee of the AOA for 15 years. He was president of the AOA twice (1993 and 1999) and was named the Outstanding Official of the Year in 1998 by the National Football Foundation. Judd officiated football for 32 years in Arkansas and Texas. He worked in football playoff games for 10 consecutive years and worked the 1990 AHSCA All-Star Football game.

**Pat Todd:** Todd worked junior and senior high football and basketball games for 20 years. He advanced to district and state tournament assignments and worked the 1965 AHSCA All-Star basketball game. He also worked American Legion baseball for 20 years.

#### 2005

##### AHSCA

**David Alpe:** Alpe worked in the education field for more than four decades at Little Rock Catholic, Helena and Malvern. He was named the outstanding coach in his conference 10 times. He was the head coach of the East All-Star football team in 1990 and was named Athletic Director of the Year in 1987 and 1993. He was named the Outstanding Football Coach of the Year in 1994 and was the Lowell Manning Award winner in 1994. Alpe led Malvern to the 1993 Class AAAA state championship. He produced an overall record of 239-142-5.

**James Banks:** Banks began his teaching and coaching career in the Marianna School District in 1959-60. He was the head basketball coach in the Lee County School District for 42 years. Banks won over 1,000 games during his career. He led Marianna Lee to its first state basketball championship in 1983. His 1988 team reached the semifinal round of the state and his 1994 team reached the championship round.

**Doyle Davis:** Davis served as an assistant football coach at Morrilton from 1965-1969. He was the Morrilton head coach from 1970-1973. He was athletic director and head football coach at Fayetteville from 1974-1976. He returned to Morrilton to serve as athletic director and head football coach from 1977-1980. He won state football championships at Morrilton in 1971 and 1973. He also led the school to eight conference championships and a state runner-up position.

**Don Nixon:** Nixon's coaching career covered a span of 27 years, mostly in the Pulaski County area. On the junior high level he coached boys and girls basketball and girls softball. From 1968-1972 he was the head basketball coach at Little Rock Central. Nixon led Central to state titles in 1970 and 1972 and the state's first Overall Championship in 1972. His 1971 team finished as state runner-up. Nixon won championships on three levels (junior high, high school and college) and won 38 championships. He was the Lowell Manning Award winner in 1972.

**Charles Whitworth:** Whitworth coached football at Monticello (four years) and Sheridan (14 years). He won a conference championship at Monticello and eight titles at Sheridan. His Sheridan teams combined for a 114-25-2 record. He was selected as an assistant coach in the 1962 AHSCA All-Star football game and as head coach in the 1969 game. In 2001 he was presented with the Curt King Award by the AHSCA.

**Jarrell Williams:** Williams coaching career started in 1964 at Muskogee, Okla., where he worked for three years. He later became athletic director and head football coach at Springdale, a position he held for 36 years. His teams won 16 conference championships, four state championships and three state runner-up trophies. His football titles came in 1968, 1969, 1982 and 1989. He produced an overall record of 261-132-5. He was named the Outstanding Conference Coach of the Year 14 times and the Outstanding Football Coach of the Year in 1968. He was an AHSCA All-Star coach three times.

#### AOA

**Bill Alverson:** For 38 years Alverson worked in education as a teacher, dean and principal. During those years he officiated football, basketball and baseball. He officiated the AHSCA All-Star basketball game in 1965 and the 1973 All-Star Football game. He also devoted his time to teaching sports officiating, working with the Boys Clubs in his area. In 2003 Alverson was inducted into the University of the Ozarks Sports Hall of Fame.

**George Cagle:** Cagle started his officiating career by calling fifth and sixth grade teams in Leachville in the early 1960s. He later advanced in the profession and made post-season appearances at regional and state tournament play. He served on a Leachville School Board (now Buffalo Island Central) for 20 years. He later served on the Arkansas Activities Association's Executive Committee for four years.

**Jimmy Coats:** Coats joined the Arkansas Activities Association in 1984 and served as its Executive Director from 1996 until June 30, 2006. He officiated high school football from 1986 until 1995. From 1996 to 2006 he served as the executive secretary of the Arkansas Officials Association. In 2004 Coats was named to the Henderson State University Education Department Wall of Honor.

**Ulysses S. Grant:** Grant coached on the high school level at Crossett and Pine Bluff before joining the staff at the University of Arkansas-Pine Bluff in 1962. He built one of the most successful track programs in the state. He served as director on the local high school football official's clinic from 1985-91 and from 1993-96. He also worked as an umpire-in-chief and clinician for the Arkansas Softball Association. He also worked an AHSCA All-Star football and basketball game.

**Doyle Jackson:** Jackson's officiating career began in 1965 and he worked 40 years with the AOA. He also worked 15 years for the old Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference. He officiated football for eight years in the AIC, 11 years in the old Southwest Conference, two years in the National Football League and nine years with the Southeastern Conference. He worked six collegiate bowl games and numerous state high school playoff games.

**Kenny Saylor:** Saylor was a member of the AOA for 33 years. During his career he worked 23 high school state tournaments, three Overall State Championships and two AHSCA All-Star games. His experience includes 24 years working junior colleges, 16 post-season junior college tournaments and two junior college regional tournaments. He worked in the AIC for 22 years and had 13 post-season assignments.

#### 2006

##### AHSCA

**Ronnie Clark:** Clark is a Berryville native who coached football at Beebe, Clinton and Berryville. He coached at Berryville for 26 years where his teams won 211 games. He was named the Conference Coach of the Year eight times and selected to the AHSCA All-Star football coaching staff twice. He also served as president of the AHSCA Executive Committee.

**Max Graham:** Graham, of Carlisle, coached football at Forrest City, Gillett, Stuttgart, Benton and Bald Knob. Graham led his teams to five conference championships and two state titles, 1970 at Stuttgart and 1977 at Benton. He was the head football coach at the AHSCA All-Star games in 1972 (East) and 1978 (West).

**Barbara Gilliam-Harris:** Gilliam-Harris is an England native, but moved to Portland at the age of two. She

started her coaching career at Portland (17 years) and then moved to Drew Central (19 years). She produced an overall record of 817 wins and 305 losses, which ranks second best all-time in girl's basketball. She captured one state basketball title (1987) and one state tennis title (2000).

**Eddie Jackson:** Jackson, a Camden native, coached at Prescott from 1969 through 1997, at Hampton from 1997-1999, at Texas High from 1999-2000, at Liberty Eylau, Texas and Hooks, Texas. He produced an overall football record of 180-98-7. He led Prescott to four state football titles and nine conference titles. He also led Prescott to three state track and field championships. He served twice as an AHSCA All-Star coach in 1976 and 1996.

**Bill Terwilliger:** Terwilliger was raised in Fort Smith, and started his coaching career at Earle in 1962. He later coached at Lonoke for three years and at West Memphis from 1970-1984. He won over 400 high school basketball games during his career. Terwilliger's West Memphis teams won four conference titles, two Class AAAA state titles and two Overall Championships. The 1980 and 1981 teams were undefeated and set a record for consecutive wins at 60 straight.

**Asive Thomas:** Thomas, a Sherrill native, was involved with coaching for 37 years. He coached at Tucker Rosenwald, Wabbaseka J. S. Walker, Wabbaseka High School and Altheimer. He won five state boys basketball championships, eight regional titles, 14 district titles and 13 conference titles. His Wabbaseka teams won 93 consecutive conference games and produced a string of 132 consecutive wins at home.

#### AOA

**Harold "Le Le" Bartlett:** Bartlett is a Russellville native and worked in the Russellville Public School system for 28 years. He was a member of the AOA for 44 years. He also served as a referee in the Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference for 35 years, and worked a national NAIA playoff game in 1983 and the national championship game in 1986. He worked the AHSCA All-Star football game in 1965 and the Class AAAA state football title game in 1985.

**Thomas "Sonny" Downs:** Downs officiated the finals and state tournaments in three sports — football, basketball and baseball. His career spanned 31 years and amassed some 800 games. He worked 31 playoff games and two state final games. He officiated over 3,000 basketball games over 32 years and over 800 baseball games during a 25-year period.

**Mike New:** New, a Conway native, worked in the Conway School District until 1979 and then joined the Fayetteville School District. He joined the AOA in 1979. He also worked football games in the AIC from 1982-1986. From 1987-1991 he worked in the Southland and Midwestern Independent Conferences. When he was inducted into the hall, he was working in the Southeastern Conference.

**Gary Slaughter:** Slaughter is a Hughes Springs, Texas native, who became a member of the AOA in 1975. He worked four high school championship games and two AHSCA All-Star games. Slaughter also worked in the Southland Conference, the AIC, Southwest Conference and the Big 12 Conference. Slaughter became a National Football League official in 1996 and was still on the job at the time of his induction.

**Perry Webb:** Webb is a Walnut Ridge native who was the chief executive officer of the Springdale Chamber upon his induction. He was an official on the high school level for 25 years and officiated more than 2,000 basketball games and over 400 football games. He worked nine state high school basketball tournaments, including working the finals seven times. He also worked more than 250 NCAA Division I basketball games. In 2000 he was recognized by the National High School Federation as the Outstanding Basketball Official for Arkansas.

#### 2007

##### AHSCA

**Raymond Burnett:** Burnett coach at Atkins, Little Rock High (Central) and North Little Rock. He also coached on the collegiate level at Arkansas Tech. The former Atkins standout lettered for four years in high school in football and basketball. He was also an All-AIC selected in football at Arkansas Tech and Arkansas State Teachers College (UCA). He was inducted into the Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame in 1974.

**Sam Cook:** Cook, a Carthage native, coached at Murfreesboro, DeWitt, North Little Rock and Rison. During a 35-year career he compiled a record of 250-83-22, which included 151 wins at DeWitt. He was one of the pioneering fathers of the AHSCA and coached in three All-Star games. In 1966 he was presented the Lowell Manning Award as Coach of the Year, and he was inducted into the Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame in 1989.

**Ron Harris:** Harris, a Little Rock native, was a successful girls basketball coach, and during his 25-year career his teams also excelled in football, baseball, track, tennis and golf. He won over 50 championships in his career, including a Girls Overall Basketball Championship at Waldo in 1979. He won two Class A state titles at Waldo (1979 and 1981). His basketball coaching record was 505-167 and he had a lifetime record of 772-259.

**Joe Kretschmar:** Kretschmar was born in Jefferson City, Mo., and played basketball at the University of Arkansas. Kretschmar began his Arkansas coaching career in 1962 with the Fayetteville School District. He was the Fayetteville High School head basketball coach for 26 years (and later athletic director) and produced an overall record of 535-230. His team won 10 conference championships and he was named the Arkansas Basketball Coach of the Year in 1987.

**Frank McClellan:** McClellan, Sallis, Miss. native, became a nationally known figure for his football coaching success at Barton High School. He's the winningest coach in Arkansas history (355). At one point his teams won 63 consecutive games (state record), 111 consecutive regular-season wins (state record), 74 consecutive conference wins and 64 state playoff wins. His overall record was 355-62-3. He led Barton to eight state football titles. McClellan has been inducted into the Delta State Alumni Coaches Hall of Fame, the Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame, the National Federation of State High School Association Hall of Fame and the AHSCA Hall of Fame.

**Carl Sorrels:** Sorrels was born in Vian, Okla., but attended Atkins where he became a successful high school

athlete and coach. He coached for 25 years and produced 144 wins. He coached in two AHSCA All-Star games and was the head coach for the West squad in 1961. He also served as president of the AHSCA in 1964-65.

#### AOA

Don Brodell: Brodell, who joined the AAA staff as an Associate Director in 2000, joined the AOA in 1978 and worked his first state high school basketball tournament in 1986. He worked seven state basketball finals, one state football championship, one AHSCA All-Star basketball game and one Overall Basketball Championship. He also worked football and basketball in the Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference, Gulf South Conference, Lone Star Conference and the Southwestern Athletic Conference.

Max Goins: Goins, is a native of Miami, Okla., began his officiating career during his senior year of college. He worked mostly football in the Marianna area. In 1986 Goins was the referee for the AHSCA All-Star football game. He also worked in the Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference and the NAIA national playoffs.

Charlie Keck: Keck, a Little Rock native, began his career at Little Rock's Lamar Porter Field umpiring Pony League and American Legion baseball in 1955. As an AOA member, Keck worked high school baseball, basketball and football. He umpired and officiated sports from Little League and the college level for 40 years.

Matt Moore: Moore, a Little Rock native, was a member of the Southeastern Conference football staff as a side judge at the time of his induction. He worked numerous high school basketball and football games around the state, including three state basketball tournaments and the 1991 Class AAAAA state football championship. Moore's father, the late Thomas "Dutch" Moore, was inducted into the AOA Hall of Fame in 2002.

Jerry Wood: Wood, a Palestine native, was a member of the AOA for 25 years. He served on the Executive Committee for seven years, which included one year as president. He worked 14 high school state basketball tournaments and numerous regional and district tournaments. He also worked six state football playoffs. Wood's father, Wilbur Wood, was inducted into the AOA Hall of Fame in 1995.

#### AHSAAA

Richard "Dick" Hendrickson: Hendrickson started his AD career in the North Little Rock School District in 1969. He became the first president of the AHSAAA in 1979 and held the position until 1981. He was twice named AD of the Year in 1976-77 and 1985-86.

Bill Mayo: Mayo had over 40 years of coaching and administrative experience to his credit. He served as the AD at Blytheville for 25 years. Mayo was inducted into the National High School Sports Hall of Fame in 1988 and the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association Hall of Fame in 2012.

Raymond Peters: Peters served as the AD for the Little Rock Public Schools from 1964 to 1986. He was named the Outstanding AD of the Year in the state in 1974 and 1985. He was inducted into the Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame in 1996, the Arkansas Tech Hall of Fame in 1997 and the AHSCA Hall of Fame in 2003.

Bill Stancil: Stancil became the head football coach and AD at Fort Smith Northside in 1957. He vacated the football position in 1970 and remained as AD until his death in 1991. In 1997 he was inducted into the AHSCA Hall of Fame and in 1998 into the Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame.

#### 2008

##### AHSCA

Billy Bock: Bock coached in Arkansas for 44 years, spanning six decades, from the 1950s through 2003. He was a head coach for seven years in football, nine years in basketball, two years in golf, three years in tennis, six years in boxing and 35 years in baseball. He coached high school baseball at Fort Smith St. Anne's, Sylvan Hills, Texarkana and Pine Bluff. He won six state championships, had five state runner-ups and won 23 district titles. He compiled an overall baseball record of 641-121. Collegiate baseball named Bock Coach of the Decade in the 1980s and Coach of the Century.

Bryon Bryant: Bryant coached basketball and track at Genoa Central, but he was mostly known for his track success. His teams won 22 district track titles, six state runner-up positions and one state track and field championship. He was voted the outstanding track coach in the conference 13 times.

Don Campbell: Campbell coached on the senior high year for 31 years, with stops at Corning, Sheridan and Wynne. During his 16 years at Wynne his teams won eight conference titles and state championships in 2001 and 2004. He has an overall record of 257-98-6

Fred Grim: Grim, who also served as an assistant director in the AAA office, spent his entire basketball coaching career at Green Forest. He was at Green Forest from 1961-1967 and from 1970-1988. He produced an overall record of 512-231. His 1967 team won the Class A state championship. He also won 14 conference championships.

Bobby Hannon: Hannon, who had success coaching football, basketball and track, coached at DeValls Bluff, LR West Side Jr. High, Little Rock Central and Hot Springs. He coached at Hot Springs from 1970 through 1979 and his '70 squad won the state championship with a 10-0-1 record. His team finished second in the state in 1971, and tied Jonesboro for the 1972 state title.

Mary Frances Kretschmar: Kretschmar coached girls' basketball at Lincoln and Fayetteville. While at Fayetteville she was the Coach of the Year in 1994. She won conference titles in 1984, 1992 and 1993. She won back-to-back state championships in 1993 and 1994. Her teams averaged 20 wins per season.

Frank Vines: Vines became the head coach at Alma in 1976 and retired from that position after the 2006-2007 school year. In 31 years at Alma he produced an overall record of 270-98-4, which ranks second on the state's all-time list for most coaching wins. His Alma teams won state football titles in 1980, 1997 and 1998. His teams reached the title game eight times. He also won 17 conference titles.

#### AOA

Richard Adams: Adams started his officiating career calling football and basketball games while living in Michigan. He came to Arkansas in 1967 and continued his career in the Fort Smith area. He was instrumental in the development of many young officials in the sports of football and basketball.

Jim Cain: Cain was a basketball official for 29 years and worked six state tournament during his career. Cain worked the 1984 AHSCA All-Star basketball game. He also worked in the Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference.

Jeff Caudle: Caudle joined the AOA in 1974 and in 2008 had completed 34 years as an official. He was a member of the AOA for 25 years and served on its Executive Committee for 12 years. In football he worked three state championship games. In basketball he worked numerous post-season tournaments, including the state championship games. In 2008 he was working in eight Division 1 women's conferences.

Jim Jordan: Jordan officiated for 39 years in basketball and football and was a referee for 25 years in football. He worked several high school finals in both football and basketball and has the honor of playing, coaching and officiating in an AHSCA All-Star football game.

Lisa Pitts: Pitts joined the AOA in 1982. In 1988 she worked her first senior high boys' basketball game. In 1993 she worked the Class AAA state tournament and championship game. She also worked the 1995 AHSCA All-Star game. When Pitts was inducted in 2008, she was active, officiating college women's basketball.

Herman Scott: Scott started his basketball officiating career in 1948. He officiated basketball and football on the high school level, and added baseball on the collegiate level. He was a high school official for 39 years and worked on the college level for 22 years.

#### AHSAAA

Wallace Chandler: Chandler served the West Memphis School District as AD for 19 years. During that time he implemented the girl's program in basketball and volleyball and added boy's baseball. He also helped implement the AHSAAA.

Bill Reed: Reed had equal success as a football coach at Jacksonville and Texarkana. He was a charter member of the NIAAA and was selected AD of the Year in 1988. He also served the AHSAAA in every office from program chairman to the presidency.

Joe Reese: From 1970 to 1990 Reese was either the football coach, athletic director or the Dean of Students at Hot Springs. He was president of the AHSCA and served on the NFHS Board. He was the AD of the Year in 1990 and received the National Federation Citation Award in 1993. He was inducted into the AHSCA Hall of Fame and was awarded the Curt King Award in 1992

Johnny Toombs: Toombs became the head football coach and athletic director at Texarkana in 1989. His 10-year stay at Texarkana and his 81 football victories sets a record for all coaches at the school. He was selected as the AD of the Year and placed in the Gurdon High School Hall of Fame.

#### 2009

##### AHSCA

Jim Bowlin: Bowlin's coaching career spanned 37 years with stops at Highland, Greene County Tech, Marmaduke and Buffalo Island Central. He compiled over 800 wins and had better than a 70 percent winning percentage.

Sam Coleman: Coleman had success in football, basketball and track at Camden. His football teams produced an overall record of 201-150-10 (two state titles). His basketball record was 251-175 and he captured four state track and field titles.

Joe Dillard: Dillard coached for 23 years. His overall basketball record was 462 wins and 200 losses, which included 14 district titles. He coached for 19 years at Yellville and four years at Greenbrier.

Ira Green: Green won two state Overall Basketball championships in Tennessee and one Overall championship in Arkansas at Dumas in 1978. He also led Southern Arkansas Tech to a state junior college championship in the 1980s.

Allen Holland: Holland was the Farmington head football coach for 23 years and produced an overall record of 186-70-2. He led Farmington to back-to-back state championships in 1972 and 1973.

Scottie Nolan: Nolan coached for 30 years with stops at Ola, Quitman, Mount Vernon-Enola and Gentry. He compiled an overall record of 826 wins and 249 losses. His record in girls' basketball was 528-158.

Janet Wood: Wood compiled an overall record of 516 wins and 112 losses, winning 82 percent of her games. She guided Mountain Home teams to eight final fours, five state runner-ups and the 1986 state championship. She also coached volleyball, track and field, softball and golf.

#### AOA

Thomas Bridges: Bridges was a member of the AOA for 28 years, officiating football for 11 years and basketball for 28 years. He worked 18 state basketball tournaments and 22 district and regional tournaments. He also worked both the boys and girls AHSCA All-Star game.

Jay Fox: Fox has been a member of the AOA since 1977. He officiated basketball for 30 years and football for 20 years. He was selected to referee 10 state high school basketball tournaments, including four championship games and one Overall Championship. He was selected to officiate numerous football playoff games, including one state title game.

**Mike Fox:** Fox refereed high school basketball for 23 years — Kansas 4 years, Missouri 6 years and Arkansas 19 years. In Arkansas he worked 19 post-season tournaments, including 10 state tournaments and the AHSCA All-Star game.

**Gary Jayroe:** Jayroe was a member of the AOA for at least 25 years. He had 25 state playoff assignments and worked three state championship football games — 1995, 1997, 1999. He was the referee in the 1998 AHSCA All-Star football game. In 2001 he won the National Federation Distinguished Service Award.

**Wayne Long:** Long is a lifetime member of the AOA and was an active official for 39 years. During his tenure he officiated two AHSCA All-Star games, one in basketball and one in football as well as several state tournaments in each sport.

**Bob Renner:** Renner worked his first state basketball tournament in 1958, and officiated for 35 years in basketball and 30 years in football. He also worked the AHSCA 1958 All-Star basketball game and the AHSCA 1965 All-Star football game.

#### AHSAAA

**Ronnie Higgins:** Higgins was athletic director at Helena-West Helena and at the Pulaski County Special School District. He was also director of Student Services and Health and Physical Education for the PCSSD. In 1997 he was named Athletic Director of the Year.

**Don Hubbard:** After a successful football coaching career at Magnolia, Hubbard was promoted to athletic director in 1970 and served the district in that capacity for 30 years. He was honored by the city of Magnolia when September 21, 2007, was proclaimed Don Hubbard Day.

**Helen Parker:** Parker was an outstanding girl's basketball coach at Ashdown and one of the pioneers of the Girl's All-Star basketball game. She was the outstanding Coach of the Year in volleyball and basketball. She was inducted into the AHSCA Hall of Fame in 1996 and the Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame in 2001.

**Richard Payton:** Payton served as the Lake Hamilton AD for 22 years. He served the AHSAAA as secretary, vice-president and president from 1986 to 1993. He was selected the Arkansas Athletic Director of the Year in 2003-04.

#### 2010

##### AHSCA

**George Burke:** Burke's coaching career started at Rison. He also coached at Norphlet, Camden and Stuttgart. He won three state football championships (one at Norphlet and two at Stuttgart). He also won 262 football games, which ranks fourth all-time in state's history.

**Joe Graham:** Graham coached his entire career for the Conway School District. He compiled an overall record of 489-273. His 1976 Wampus Cats team won Class AAA state tournament and the Overall Championship and finished the year with a 36-0 record. His teams made 19 state tournament appearances and he won nine conference championships.

**Melba Hall:** Hall began her coaching career at Chidester. She later coached at Prescott and Hope. During her 27 years at Hope, Hall coached basketball, track and tennis. She won numerous conference basketball titles, and her teams made regular appearances in the state tournaments. She also coached the Hope tennis team to the 1992 state title.

**C. D. Taylor:** Taylor coached basketball at Swifton, Cotter, Conway Junior High, Conway, Arkansas State University, Harrison and Jacksonville. He retired in 1990 with an overall record of 579-271, nine conference championships, nine state appearances, 16 invitational championships and three state titles.

**Bobby Tiner:** Tiner, who was inducted into the Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame in 2001, coached football, baseball, basketball, track and tennis at Pulaski Oak Grove. His Hornets won the Class AA state title in 1979 and he finished with an overall record of 131-108-3 and a conference mark of 73-73.

**Johnny Watson:** Watson's football coaching career had stops at Paragould, Fordyce, Jacksonville and Little Rock Christian. He coached for 35 years and won 236 games, had 21 state playoff appearances, two state championships, one state runner-up and eight conference titles. He was named Coach of the Year five times.

**Lou Wood:** Wood started his coaching career at Helena. He later coached at Morrilton, Valley Springs, North Arkansas Community College, Jasper and Flippin. His basketball teams won 18 conference titles. His baseball teams won six conference titles. He led the Flippin girls to Class A state basketball championships in 1983-84 and 1985-85.

#### AOA

**Larry DeWitt:** DeWitt started his officiating career in 1974 in Fort Smith. He officiated in all classifications of high school basketball for 33 years and worked football games for six years. He moved to the Hot Springs area in 2000 and began officiating in Central Arkansas. He retired from officiating in 2006.

**Bob Hickingbotham:** Hickingbotham served as a coach for 14 years and as an official for 38 years. He worked three football state finals and 13 district and state basketball tournaments. He also worked both the AHSCA All-Star Games for boys and girls and the 2000 AHSCA All-Star football game.

**Roger Maness:** Maness began his officiating career in 1967. In 1972 he began officiating football. His career spanned 35 years in basketball and 29 years in football. He officiated over 1,700 regular season and tournament games in basketball and over 400 in football.

**Bob Mason:** Mason joined the AOA in 1976. He officiated basketball until called to serve during Operation

Desert Storm in 1980. His football officiating began in 1982 and continued until his on the field retirement in 2006. During his career, Bob officiated over 650 football games including 35 playoff and seven state championship games.

**Bill Ply:** Ply started his officiating career in 1971. He was licensed in basketball, baseball and softball. During his 35-year career, Ply worked 21 state baseball tournaments, two Overall State Basketball Tournaments, and two AHSCA All-Star Games. He also worked four state softball championships and one state baseball championship.

**Jack Yancey:** Yancey started his AOA basketball officiating career in 1971, after years of officiating American legion baseball. During his 30 years as a member of the AOA, Yancey worked numerous regional tournaments, state tournaments and final rounds. He also worked numerous invitational tournaments.

#### AHSAAA

**Bob Bowden:** After a successful basketball coaching career at North Little Rock, Bowden became the district's AD in 1976. He was on the AAA Executive Committee for 9 years and was named the AD of the Year in 1980. He retired in 1990 after 34 years of service. He later became the mayor of Mayflower.

**Jim Cox:** Cox coached at Greenwood, Conway, Huntsville and Hot Springs Lakeside before becoming the head football coach at athletic director at Fordyce in 1986. During his 10-year stay at Fordyce Cox served on the AHSAA executive board as vice-president and president. He was named the AD of the Year and the NCCSSAD Southern Regional AD of the Year in 1991-92.

**Gary Goss:** Goss became the athletic director at North Little Rock in 1989. He was a member of the AHSAAA for 14 years. He was honored with the NIAAA Distinguished Service Award in 1993 and was named the AD of the Year in 2003.

**H.B. Stewart:** In 1985 Stewart was named the athletic director for Greenwood Public Schools, a position he held for 14 years. In 1999 he was named the AD of the Year and was inducted into the AHSCA Hall of Fame. In 2008 he was inducted into the Greenwood High School Hall of Honor. Greenwood's basketball arena is named "H.B. Stewart Bulldog Arena".

#### 2011

##### AHSCA

**Betty Burge:** Burge coached for 35 years, which included basketball, track, softball, volleyball, tennis and even football during stops at Harrison, Hermitage, Strong and Marked Tree. She was on the basketball All-Star coaching staff four times, where she served as the head coach in 1997. She was named the Girls Athletics Coach of the Year in 1998.

**Marion Glover:** Glover coached football at Dermott, Watson Chapel, Clinton, Pine Bluff, Subiaco Academy and Woodlawn. He led Pine Bluff to five state championships and produced undefeated teams in 1993 and 1995. His teams won 15 conference championships. His overall record is 222-126-4. He was Coach of the Year and the Lowell Manning Award winner in 1995.

**Joe Mallett:** Mallett has spent more than three decades at Conway St. Joseph. He guided his 1986 basketball team to a state championship and his teams were state runner-ups in 1988 and 1989. He won 13 conference titles and 11 district titles. His overall record was 668-256 in senior boys and 340-113 in junior boys. His girls' golf teams won state titles in 2000 and 2002.

**John Parrish:** Parrish coached basketball at Pleasant View and Ozark for a total of 37 years. He collected 689 senior high wins. His teams won nine district titles and five regional titles. He served on the AHSCA All-Star coaching staff five times.

**Lonnie Sutton:** Sutton coached football at Strong, Barton, Mountain Pine, Hazen and Watson Chapel. His senior high record was 139-83. His junior high teams posted a record of 58-12-3. He won three conference titles and one state title (1979 at Mountain Pine). He was Coach of the Year in 1979, 1981 and 1995.

**Jon Watson:** Watson coached football at Paragould, Trumann, Gillett, Hampton and Bauxite. He coached for 35 years and had 29 years of head coaching experience. He spent 20 years at Bauxite and produced a record of 177-43. His overall record is 245-79-1. Watson also had 23 years of officiating experience.

**Bill Welch:** Welch coached girls' basketball at Shawnee, Keiser and Rivercrest. His teams won four state championships (1963, 1974, 1978, 1980) and one Overall Championship (1974). They also won 11 conference titles and 11 invitational titles. He produced an overall record of 537-155 and was named the Outstanding Girls Coach of the Year in 1974.

#### AOA

**A.J. Bandy:** Bandy, of Leachville, started calling games in 1970. He worked his first district basketball tournament in Leachville. He worked numerous regional tournaments and one AHSCA All-Star game. He also worked 15 district tournaments.

**Bobby Bonds:** Bonds, of Fayetteville, began his high school officiating career in Northwest Arkansas, but officiated in Central Arkansas for 25 years. During his 44 year career, Bonds officiated 10 high school tournaments and numerous collegiate post-season tournaments.

**Donald Curran:** Curran, of Springdale, began his officiating career in 1972 and continued for 33 years. He is past president of the Northwest Arkansas Officials Association. He had the opportunity to work several state tournaments, state finals and the AHSCA All-Star games.

**James Morgan:** Morgan, of White Hall, had more than three decades of football, basketball and baseball

officiating experience. During that time he refereed numerous state football playoffs and championship games and state basketball tournaments. He also had the opportunity to work in the AHSCA All-Star football game.

**James Wagoner:** Wagoner, of Fort Smith, was involved in officiating for over four decades. He was a football official for 39 years and worked in over 100 playoff games. In basketball he officiated at all levels and worked more than 40 district and state tournaments.

**Billy Ed White:** White, of Sherwood, began his football coaching career in 1967. He served as an official for 40 years. White averaged about 40 games a year, which included working junior high, junior varsity and senior high varsity games. He also worked in several post-season playoffs and the 1983 AHSCA All-Star football game.

#### AHSAAA

**Raymond Burnett:** In 1956 Burnett became the Dean of Boys and athletic director at North Little Rock High School. He served on the Athletic Administration Executive Committee from 1965-1971. He was named the Administrator of the Year in 1977 by the Arkansas High School Principals Association.

**Paul Humphrey:** In 1974 Humphreys became head football coach and athletic director at Cabot. He went to Hot Springs Lakeside as football coach/athletic director in 1979. The AD position was new for the district, and Humphreys worked closely with the administration to set up guidelines for the athletic department.

**Earl Quigley:** Quigley was an outstanding coach in football, basketball and baseball. He became the Little Rock AD in 1936 and retired in 1955. In 1961 he was inducted into the Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame. He was a charter member of the AHSCA Hall of Fame in 1995 and was inducted into the National High School Hall of Fame in 1997.

#### 2012

##### AHSCA

**Vernie Harris:** Harris coached basketball at Springdale, Farmington and Flippin. He led the Flippin Lady Bobcats to the 1988 state championship. He produced an overall record of 873-307 and a conference record of 305-86.

**Don Hubbard:** Hubbard was known for coaching football and track at Bearden and Magnolia. His teams won three state football titles at Magnolia in 1968, 1972 and 1974. He served as the Magnolia athletic director from 1970 to 2000.

**Barry Pruitt:** Pruitt coached basketball at Paragould, Bald Knob and Jonesboro. During his 40-year career he won 743 games. He coached at Jonesboro for 28 years, winning 521 games and two state championships in 1994 and 2007.

**Don Riggs:** Riggs spent more than 40 years at Jonesboro, serving as head football from 1965 until 1987. His teams won two state championships and finished as the state runner-up three times. He also coached at Mountain Home.

**Don Watson:** Watson coached boys and girls basketball at Melbourne until his retirement in 1980. The highlight of his career came in 1973 when he led the girls to the Class B State Championship and the Overall Championship.

**Don Webb:** Webb coached baseball at Mountain Home for 16 years, winning over 24 games per season. He won seven conference championships and produced two state runner-up teams.

**James Wright:** Wright coached for nearly three decades with stops at Gurdon, Prescott, Rison, Gould, Lake Village, Mountain Home, Fouke and Hughes. Wright produced state runner-up teams at Gould and Lake Village, but his finest hours were at Rison where he won a state football title in 1970 and compiled an overall record of 28-5-1.

#### AOA

**Tommy Fulmer:** Fulmer passed away at the age of 51, but did outstanding work as a basketball and football official. He was a member of the AOA, NFHS Officials Association, National Association of Sports Officials and the Gulf South Conference.

**Rick Lowe:** Lowe started his AOA career in 1977 officiating football, basketball, baseball and softball. He worked the 1990 AHSCA All-Star football game and state championship games in 1991, 1994 and 1997.

**Tom Machen:** Machen started his AOA career in 1978. He worked several regional and state tournaments, including the Class AAAAA State at Bud Walton Arena, two state finals and three AAU Nationals.

**Travis Odom:** Odom's officiating career began in 1958. He spent 40 years officiating football, 30 plus years working basketball and 27 years as a baseball umpire. He also worked the 1984 AHSCA All-Star football game.

**Arthur Sanders:** Sanders blended a career that included officiating and coaching while he worked in the Marianna School District. He was known as a dependable and efficient official for over 35 years.

**DeWayne Sutton:** Sutton was an active member of the AOA for 37 years where he officiated numerous football and basketball games including state playoff and state championship games. He also spent 10 years working at the collegiate level.

#### AHSAAA

No selections

#### 2013

##### AHSCA

**Gus Malzahn:** Malzahn, a Fort Smith native who spent collegiate time at Arkansas and Henderson State, coached on the high school level at Hughes (28-17), Shiloh Christian (63-8 and two state championships) and at Springdale (42-11 and one state championship). On the collegiate level he coached at Arkansas, Tulsa, Auburn and Arkansas State. His 2013 Auburn team played for the national championship.

**Glenda Patterson:** Patterson had a 40-year coaching career with 37 coming at Jonesboro Westside. At Westside her volleyball teams won six state championships and finished as state runner-up 15 times. She had an overall record in volleyball of 783-205, making her the winningest coach in state volleyball history.

**Ron Rippy:** Rippy coached girls' basketball at Greenbrier, Clarksville and Ozark. He won three girls' state basketball titles at Ozark producing seasonal record of 27-10 in 1998, 35-2 in 2000 and 32-3 in 2001.

**Gene Simmons:** Simmons coached boys and girls track at five schools during his 33-year career. His teams won a total of 34 district titles. He produced one state boys track title, and another finished as state runner-up.

**Charlie Sorrels:** Sorrels joined his Hall of Fame father Carl into the AHSCA Hall. He had a 35-year coaching career. His teams at Atkins won 176 games, 8 conference titles and 19 trips to the state playoffs. During one stretch of his career is posted a 30-6 record.

**Herbert Williams:** Williams had a 39-year coaching career in basketball, football and track at Brinkley. He was best known for producing talent on the basketball court. His teams won five district championships, one regional championship and finished as the state runner-up once. During his career he was named the Outstanding Coach of the Year in basketball six times.

#### AOA

**Bill Breazeale:** Breazeale joined the AOA in the late 1960s and he worked football and basketball games for 25 years. He had post-season experience in football and basketball, and in 1975 he worked the AHSCA All-Star football game. He also worked Arkansas football scrimmage and Red and White games for nearly 23 years.

**Clint Cornett:** Cornett officiated football from 1967 to 2007, working football for 40 years and basketball for 17 years. During that time he worked two state title games and one All-Star game.

**Duane Cousins:** Cousins started his football officiating career in 1965 and in 1967 he joined the AOA. He officiated in-state football for 42 years, working numerous state playoff games, state finals and the AHSCA All-Star football game. He officiated more than 850 games during his career.

**August Hensiek:** Hensiek began his football officiating career in 1970. He retired after the 2008 season, having completed 39 years. He served two terms as representative for District 6. In 1995 he was selected to officiate the AHSCA All-Star football game.

**Gordon Hornaday:** Hornaday joined the AOA in 1967 and officiated basketball for 40 years. He worked six state finals. He also officiated two AHSCA All-Star basketball games. He officiated football for 35 years, and worked a state final game in 1995 and 2005.

**Ellis "Scooter" Register:** Register worked as an official for 35 years. He also worked 14 years on the collegiate level. From 1979 until 1987 Register worked at least one regional high school game. He worked the 1986 AHSCA All-Star game and the 1987 Overall State Championships.

#### AHSAAA

**Atwood "Buddy" Bell:** Bell was the Jonesboro AD for 12 years. He was instrumental in the construction of a new field house with dressing rooms, equipment rooms and coaches' offices. Bell retired as AD in 1987 after 35 years in the Jonesboro Public School District.

**Conley "Buzz" Bolding:** Bolding went to Conway in 1984 as head football coach/AD. During his stay at Conway, Bolding started programs for softball, baseball, boys' and girls' soccer, wrestling and bowling. He was named the Athletic Director of the Year in 1996-97 and 2009-10. He received the AHSAAA's Distinguished Merit Award in 1998.

**Richard "Dick" Hays:** Hays became the athletic director/head football coach at Ashdown in 1954 and remained in that position until his retirement in 1980. During his time at Ashdown, the school won a boys state track title, a volleyball state title, four girls' state basketball championships, and numerous state runner-up positions. He had an overall record in football of 165-102-8.

#### 2014

##### AHSCA

**Al Bolen:** Bolen was the baseball coach at Junction City for 19 years. He led his Dragons to four state championships. He won 17 district titles, 385 games and was named the Coach of the Year by the AHSCA five times.

**Don Carnahan:** Carnahan's track programs won 11 state championships and finished as state runner-up 12 times. He served on the AAA's Track and Field advisory committee for 30 years and served as the director of the Heptathlon/Decathlon for more than three decades.

**Morgan Gilbert:** Gilbert, who coached at Tuckerman, is the only coach in the United States to win more than 1,000 games in basketball and baseball. His basketball record was 1,077-593 and his baseball record was 1,036-396. He was also inducted into the National Federation of State High School Association's Hall of Fame.

**Lee Hardman:** Hardman produced an overall football record at Dollarway of 116-20-1. He won nine conference championships, four state championships and finished as state runner-up twice. He was named the AHSCA Coach of the Year eight times.

Leon Johnson: Johnson guided the Bradley girls' basketball teams to four state championships, and one state runner-up position. He lost his first home game at Bradley, but never lost another in 13 years. His junior girls went undefeated for five years and his senior girls compiled a 78-game win streak.

Darrell Jones: Jones spent 30 years coaching in Arkansas, but was best remembered for the successful boys' and girls' basketball programs at Deer.

#### AOA

Richard Benson: Benson's career started in 1981. He worked high school and collegiate basketball throughout the state. He has done radio broadcast work for the Forrest City football team for more than two decades.

Joe Fakouri: Fakouri was a high school official for 34 years, working numerous regional and state tournament, plus an Overall Championship and one AHSCA All-Star game. He has more than a decade's experience working as a conference assignor.

Tony Smith: Smith officiating career spanned 35 years. He officiated both basketball and baseball. He worked two AHSCA All-Star game, one final game in the Overall Championships and 17 state and regional basketball tournaments. He also worked nine state baseball tournaments.

Carl Williams: Williams' high school career started in 1966 and continued through 2011. He worked one AHSCA All-Star game, and several regional and state tournament games. He also served as a crew chief for post-season tournaments and has been on the AOA Executive Committee for more than 14 years.

#### AHSAAA

Dick Johnson: Johnson spent 29 years in education and 19 of those years were with the Fayetteville School District as head football coach, athletic director and assistant superintendent. He was a member of the AHSAAA's Executive Committee. His commitment led to numerous state events being hosted in the Fayetteville area such as the AHSCA All-Star games and the Weekend of Champions (baseball, softball and soccer finals).

Fred Lilly: Lilly spent 35 years as a teacher, coach and administrator in the Camden Fairview School District. He became the district's athletic director in 2000. He is a former member of the Executive Committee and past president. He received the National Citation from the NFHS in 2013.

Johnny White: White served as coach, athletic director and the director of transportation for the Cabot School District from 1976 until his retirement. He was AD of the Year in 2002-2003 and 20010-2011. He won the organization's state Distinguished Service Award in 2003 and 2008.

#### 2015

#### AHSCA

Lanny Dauksch: Dauksch was defensive coordinator and offensive line coach at Barton as the school rose to national fame with a record 63-game win streak. He coached at McGehee for six years and at West Memphis for 13 years. His record as a head coach is 181-54-3 with 15 conference titles. He coached in eight AHSCA All-Star Games.

Willie Parker: Parker coached at Wilmot's Slack-LeGrande High School for eight years and compiled a senior boys' record of 141-50. He coached at Dermott from 1975 until 1991 and won 550 senior boys' games and three state basketball championships in 1986, 1989 and 1991 and one Overall Championship in 1986.

Jim Pennington: Pennington was noted for coaching basketball and track at Emerson. His basketball teams won 17 conference and district titles. He won one boys' state championship in 2001 and finished once as state runner-up. His track teams won 10 state titles, finished as state runner-up twice and won 17 district titles.

Tommy Reed: Reed coached basketball, baseball and softball for 34 years. He retired from the Greenbrier School District in 2012.

Linda Thomas: Thomas was a success girls' basketball and track coach for decades at Eudora. She also served as the cheer coach and an assistant football coach. She won numerous Coach of the Year Awards and coached in the girls' AHSCA All-Star Game in 1982.

Dave Williams: Williams was the head football coach at Carlisle and Pocahontas in a career that spanned six decades. He also served both schools as track coach. His Pocahontas teams won nine conference titles and reached the state football playoffs 17 times. He was Coach of the Year nine times and coached in the AHSCA All-Star Games four times.

#### AOA

Danny Black: Black joined the AOA in 1973 and was a licensed official for 36 years. He worked seven state basketball tournaments and the finals in both the boys' and girls' divisions. He also worked one Overall Girls' Championship and two AHSCA All-Star games. He also served as crew chief for regional and state tournaments.

Bob Dunham: Dunham started his officiating career while in college and has been a member of the AOA for more than four decades. He worked both football and basketball. He worked six state championship games in both football and basketball. He is also co-founder of the Arkansas Basketball Referee Camp.

Jack Fulmer: Fulmer's officiating career started in 1963 and he has over 50 years of service. During his career, he worked two AHSCA All-Star games, numerous district, regional and state basketball tournaments. He officiated football from 1971 through 2014. His baseball career also started in 1971 and continued beyond 2015.

James Magie: Magie had 50-plus years of experience as an official, working basketball, baseball, football and

fast pitch softball. He worked numerous district, regional and state tournaments. He also worked one AHSCA All-Star game.

Danny Sheets: Sheets joined the AOA while a senior at Ouachita Baptist. He served as an AOA official for 34 years. He called numerous district, regional and state tournaments, including eight state basketball tournament finals.

Shirl Williams: Williams started his official's career soon after he graduated from high school. At the time of his induction, he was still active and had 58 years of service to the organization.

#### AHSAAA

Ronnie Carter: Carter started a successful coaching career in 1967 (Monticello) and later made in-state stops at Lonoke, Magnolia, Russellville and Hot Springs). In 1998 he became the head football coach and athletic director at Hot Springs and was an active member of AHSAAA. He won the AHSAAA AD of the Year state award in 1995.

Jim Dickerson: Dickerson started teaching and coaching at Elaine in 1972 and spent 32 years in education with additional coaching stops at Little Rock McClellan, Arkansas Tech University, Clarksville and Russellville. He has been a member of the AHSAAA since 1998 and was the AD of the Year in 2006.

Harvey Smith: Smith began his athletic coaching career in Texas. He moved to Mountain View in 1970 and also spent time at Waldron, Fayetteville, Fouke and Hope. During his stay at Hope, Smith served as president of the AHSAAA. He was selected as the AD of the Year in 1988-89. He retired from the school system in 1994.

#### 2016

#### AHSCA

#### Charles Hugh Berry

Berry started his coaching career in 1961 after serving our country in the Air-Force. During his career he coached at Plummerville and Huntsville. Berry coached and served as the athletic director at Huntsville. During his career he was selected as the ASHCA Outstanding Girls Basketball coach.

#### Barry Lunney Sr.

Lunney played football at Fort Smith Northside and later attended Northeastern State University on a football scholarship. In 28 years of coaching Lunney produced an overall record of 248-90-1, which included a 97-25 run with the Bentonville Tigers. His teams made 11 state championships and won 8 state titles.

#### Grafton Moore

Moore received a baseball scholarship to Ole Miss. In 1969 he was a graduate assistant for the baseball team that played in the College World Series in Omaha Nebraska. Moore's overall record as a head coach was 211-91-1. Moore coached in six AHSCA All-Star games.

#### Kenneth Rippy

Rippy graduated from Booneville in 1969 and later attended Ouachita Baptist University. Rippy won 8 conference titles while producing a league record of 107-24. He had an overall record at Booneville of 165-43 and won the 2000 state championship.

#### Dr. Robert H Paynter

Paynter started playing basketball as a sixth grader, and later he attended Madison County High School. As a college player at Saint Mary's (Winona, Minnesota) and at Marquette he lettered and was named to the All-Minnesota and All-American teams. After college he began coaching boys basketball. He had an overall high school coaching record of 795-395.

#### Johnny Toombs

Toombs graduated from Gurdon High School in 1961. He lettered in football, basketball and track. During Toombs career he was a head football coach, athletic director, and assistant football coach. Toombs finished his career at Arkansas High with a record of 81-33-2. His 81 wins is still an Arkansas High record.

#### AOA

#### Ron Bellomy

Bellomy began his officiating career in 1976, and has since worked numerous state basketball championship games. Bellomy now serves on the AOA as a crew evaluator during the regular season, and a crew chief at regional and state tournament games. His success at the high school level allowed him to work in the Southwest Conference, American South, and Ohio Valley conferences from 1988-1992.

#### Donald Duncan

Duncan officiated his first game in 1969 while attending ASU-Beebe. He has been an active member of the AOA for 46 years. Duncan was able to work three AHSCA All-Star games and numerous state final games. Duncan's high school career allowed him to also officiate NAIA, and junior college games.

#### John Kelley

Kelley started his career as an assistant football coach and 1968. Later he coached football in track. In 1970 Kelley accepted the head football and track coaching position at Dunbar Junior High School. In 1978 Kelley was named head football coach at Parkview, where he served for 19 years.

#### Ned Skoog

Skoog graduated from the University of Arkansas in 1971. In 1973 Skoog started his 43 year officiating career. He worked 1,077 games, 83 state playoff games and six state championships. In 2016 he was selected as the National Federation of High School Association's Official of the Year for Arkansas.

#### Leon Sparks

Sparks began his officiating career at the junior high and boys club levels while in high school in 1960. His officiating career spanned 55 years. During this time he worked 885 football games, 2,868 basketball games, 2 state football championship games, 3 state basketball championship games, 2 All-Star basketball games, and 1 All-Star football game.

#### Rendell Thompson

Thompson has been a member of the AOA since 1982. He has worked numerous state playoff assignments, three state championship football games as well as an All-Star game. He has worked numerous basketball regional and state tournaments, two state championship games, and an All-Star game. He also worked two years in the Arkansas Junior College Conference.

#### AHSAAA

##### Bettye Francis

Francis spent seven years teaching at Little Rock's St. Theresa Catholic School and 29 years at Little Rock's Mount St. Mary Academy. Francis was the athletic director at Mount St. Mary for 20 years and instituted the school's junior high program. Francis spent six years at Little Rock Hall and retired in 2015 after teaching 41 years.

#### Levanders Randall

At Cotton Plant he coached track, baseball, basketball and football. During his tenure in the Cotton Plant School system, Randall also served as Dean of Students, Athletic Director and high school principal for one year.

#### Jim Rowland

He became the school's athletic director in 1992 and currently holds the same position. Rowland was president of the Arkansas High School Athletic Administrators Association from 1995-1997. He was the Athletic Director of the Year in 1999 and 2001 and received the AHSAAA's State Award of Merit in 1994 and the Distinguished Service Award in 1998 and 2013.

#### 2019

##### AHSCA

#### Vance Arnold

Vance would get his first job at Central Junior High School in Springdale coaching football and girls' basketball. He moved on to Fayetteville High School after 2 years where he would coach football and track until 1988 when he helped re-start the Fayetteville High School Baseball program. He also helped start the FHS girl's fall fast-pitch softball program and enjoyed coaching it for two seasons. He would go on to coach baseball for the next 28 years at FHS before retiring in 2015. During these 28 years as the head coach, he won 15 conference titles and was named conference coach of the year 12 times. Vance's teams were able to win a remarkable 80% of their conference games. His teams won the last 43 conference games that he coached spanning 4 different seasons. His teams played in 8 state championship games winning six starting in 2003 and also including four in a row from 2006-2009 and the last in 2013. His teams were nationally ranked in 7 different seasons and finished as high as #13 (USA Today) in 2008. Vance would finish his career with 589 victories. The American Baseball Coaches Association named him regional and national coach of the year after the 2013 season. Vance helped start and served as president of the Arkansas High School Baseball Coach Association from 1990-2003. In this role, he helped start and lead the AHSCA all-star games and mentored many coaches. Over 60 of his players would go on to play college baseball with 11 players being drafted and two making it to the Majors.

#### David Carpenter

Carpenter began his football coaching career at Corning High School in 1986, then went to Clarendon to coach. After that, he was at Junction City coaching from 1990-1993, and then again from 1996-2016. Carpenter took over basketball coaching duties in 2009, winning two State and Regional Championships. He also coached the Dragons to winning 16 weightlifting state championships, as well as 2 Track & Field State Championships, and 4 time Runners-Up for Track and Field. With many football wins, Carpenter won 6 State Championships, 1 State Runner-Up, with 19 consecutive trips to the State Playoffs. During this time, he had many trips to the State Finals, as well as many Conference Titles. Carpenter also completed his football coaching career as the 10th winningest coach in Arkansas High School football history with 242 victories.

Carpenter is a 6 time Coach of the Year Award Winner. In addition to his Induction into the Dragon Wall of Honor on September 1, 2017, the Dragon football stadium was named David Carpenter Stadium by official proclamation of the Junction City School Board.

#### Van Holt

Van decided to become a coach as a 9th grader at Merrill Jr.-Sr. High while playing for Coach U.S. (Bubba) Grant. During his Sr. year at AM&N now UAPB when he was doing his student-teaching at Martin High School in Altheimer, Arkansas, Coach Algee Nash gave him an opportunity to coach the Jr. High Boys. This allowed him to form a part of his coaching philosophy dealing with offense and defense strategies.

#### Karl Koonce

Koonce began his coaching career Henderson State University for one year, coaching as a Graduate Assistant for Track. He then coached from 1974-1978 at Dumas High School. From there, Koonce coached 3 years at Southwest Jr. High in Hot Springs Schools. From 1981 to 2018 Koonce has been at Lake Hamilton High School as Head Track Coach and Cross Country Coach, as well as teaching Biology and Human Anatomy and Physiology. This combined to being 45 years of coaching experience for Karl Koonce.

Being honored with several Coach of the Year Awards ranging from 1986 to 2018, Koonce has also coached 19 Cross Country State Championships, 10 Track and Field State Championships, and 38 Cross Country Conference Runners-Up, along with 24 Track and Field Runners-Up teams. This doesn't include the many other titles and

awards that Koonce has won throughout his coaching career as well. Koonce has been an active member of the Arkansas Track Coaches Association, as well as being a charter member of the Arkansas Hall of Fame Board of Directors. He has hosted many meets, and been the meet director for the State meets for many years as well.

#### Ruby Morrow

I was employed by Marvell High School, Marvell, Arkansas from 1969 until retirement in 2008 as a Physical Education and Health Instructor. During this time, I was also the Head Girls Volleyball and Basketball Coach, and Head Track Coach. In addition to coaching, other responsibilities and duties included: Physical Education Department Chairperson, School improvement and data team, planning, organizing, communicating and preparing weekly lesson plans, skills conferencing with students and/or parents to resolve academic problems, and worked with middle and high school staff to develop strategies for teachers to handle discipline problems that ensure quality use of instructional time in the classroom. During my 39 years as High School Coach, I have been nominated District Coach of the year 16 times for three different sports. My teams have been Conference Champions in Volleyball (3 times), Basketball (3 times) and Track (10 times). My Track team was State Runner-up for Class 2AA twice. My team gave me my first and only Track State Championship in 1983. For these past 39 years, I devoted my life to the student athletes and the community of Marvell, Arkansas. It is time myself and Marvell to be recognized for this achievement.

#### Gary Segrest

Gary attended Henderson State University from 1966-1971. While there, he competed in football, swimming, and track, earning 9 varsity letters. The Reddies won the 1969 AIC championship, and he played in the AIC All Star football game that year. In 1970, he was awarded the Outstanding Offensive Player, as well as All Conference in football. In 1971, he graduated from Henderson State University with a BSE in Physical Education.

Segrest's coaching career began in 1971 in Nashville, Arkansas, coaching football, tennis, and track. He remained in Nashville until 1992, becoming athletic director, head football, track, and tennis coach in 1975. During his tenure in Nashville, the Scrappers football teams won multiple conference championships, and advanced to the state playoffs numerous times. The tennis and track teams brought home several conference and state titles as well. Segrest was selected the Outstanding Coach of the Conference four times, Arkansas High School All Star Coach in 1982 and 1984. In 1983, he was the Arkansas Football Coach of the Year, and he received the Lowell Manning Award in 1984.

#### AOA

##### Jan Dannaway

Jan Charles Dannaway was born in Tyrone, Pennsylvania, and his natural athletic talents quickly became obvious. As a standout in both football and baseball, he set the record for the highest draft bid when he entered the Tyrone Little League and was a member of the Blair County All-Star team that won the 1957 Pennsylvania State Championship and were runners up in the VFW National Tournament.

He was offered contracts by the Pittsburgh Pirates, Cleveland Indians, and Philadelphia Phillies out of high school but opted to enroll at Fairmont State College and continue both his education and his collegiate baseball career. After one and a half years at Fairmont, he transferred to the University of Mississippi where he walked onto the baseball team and was awarded a scholarship the following year. When he left Ole Miss, he was a letterman, a member of the M Club, played in the College World Series, and obtained both his bachelor's degree in physical education and recreation and his master's degree in guidance and counseling. He took his education and love of sports to Briarcliff High School in Atlanta. With his high school and collegiate wrestling background, he became the head wrestling coach and helped numerous student athletes secure college scholarships while guiding the team to a state wrestling championship.

After three years at East Mississippi Junior College and a doctorate in student personnel and counselor education with a doctoral minor in physical education from Mississippi State University, he accepted a job at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. In Arkansas he started officiating high school football and went on to refereeing basketball, wrestling, and umpiring softball. The athletes he saw grow and mature during his tenure in stripes read like a who's who in Arkansas high school sports legends including James Rouse, Cedric Cobbs, Hunter Henry, Derek Fisher, Darren McFadden and countless others.

His skill on the field and his reputation for fair play earned the trust of players, coaches, and athletic directors alike and for numerous years he assigned officials for several conferences across multiple sports.

#### Steve Harvey

Steve has participated in the Region III Youth Regional soccer tournament over 16 years. He was a referee and assessor for 10 years and assisted with the Referee Staff at the Southern Youth Regional Tournament for an additional 6 years. Steve was a USSF Emeritus Grade 15 referee as well as a Grade 5 State Assessor. In addition, he was a USSF Assignor and an Instructor. Steve is a former State Youth Referee Administrator, State Director of Assessments and Chairman of the Arkansas State Referee Committee. He was awarded the "Andy Stone Award" as the assessor of the tournament at the 2008 Region III Youth Regional Tournament. He has participated in youth soccer events in over 16 states. He has an "E" coaching license from USSF.

He is the past President of the Arkansas College Officials Association. Steve has officiated in over 300 college soccer matches. He was a Regional Assessor for the National Intercollegiate Soccer Officials Association (NISOA) and also assigned college matches in Arkansas. He has worked several college playoff matches in Arkansas.

Steve was the Rules Interpreter for the Arkansas Activities Association. He served on the NFHS National Soccer Rules Committee from 2013-2016. He has officiated in over 500 high school matches. Since 2000, Steve assigned all playoff and final matches for the state association. He also observes and evaluates matches for the association. Steve has worked the Finals in several of the state's soccer classifications. He worked the inaugural High School All-Star matches in Arkansas. In a strange twist of events, Steve and 2 other Arkansas referees worked the inaugural High School All-Star matches in Alaska.

Steve is the Operations Manager in charge of day to day events for Ozark Consulting and Marketing with offices in Fayetteville and Bentonville Arkansas. He has been with the company since February 2014.

Ozark Consulting is a food broker putting products in Walmart and Sams and managing those products with sales analysis, replenishment, invoicing and purchase orders.

He is married to Judi for over 41 years and currently resides in Cave Springs, Arkansas. They are parents of Ashley, Chad, daughter in law Kara and the real stars of the show, grandchildren Kate (7) and Clay (5).

#### Duane Jackson

Duane Allen Jackson, Ph.D., is currently an Associate Professor of Mathematics, Computer Science, and Statistics at Henderson State University. Jackson has been married for 25 years to his wife, Jacquelyn, and together they have one son, Jordan.

Jackson played basketball under Coach Oliver Elders at Little Rock Hall High from 1975 to 1977, with two years being a State Runner-Up. He achieved many awards as a player such as; All-Conference, All-Metro, and All-State. He continued his playing career at Henderson State University from 1980- 1981, Jackson then went to play for the Semi-Pro basketball team, Carver Hawks. In 2013, Jackson won a Senior Olympics Gold Medal for Men's 50- 55 Basketball, with the University of Missouri

With at least 30 years of officiating experience, Jackson has traveled the state of Arkansas officiating many games and tournaments. Some of his hobbies include many civic and community service duties such as being a volunteer at CARTI, serving on Boards, and other programs. Jackson enjoys Road Cycling as well, and helps with the Recycle Bikes for Kids Pro- gram. He also continues to be involved in the fraternity, Alpha Phi Alpha, as an advisor, as well as many other pro- grams within the University that he continues plays a large role in. Jackson has two publications, both from 1990. He is a member of some professional societies, and has personally established two scholarships that continue to be awarded each year.

#### Mark Johnson

Mark Johnson grew up in Elkins, Arkansas. He attended Elkins High School and lettered in 4 sports. He played quarterback during his senior year and played football with John Bunch Jr. who continues to hold the single game rushing record in Arkansas.

While in high school, Johnson began his love for officiating. He umpired summer league baseball and softball, along with Pee Wee basketball. With several recommendations from community members, Johnson started his career with AOA during the 1979-1980 school year. He is currently finishing his 39th year.

After high school, Johnson began his 40 year working career at Standard Register Company. Following the closure of Standard Register Company in 2016, he changed his career path by obtaining his CDL and driving for Harps Food Stores.

Johnson's accomplishments working for the AOA include numerous district and regional tournaments, 11 state tournaments and 4 Championship games, 1 girls All Star game in 1990. After retiring from basketball in 2007, he served as crew chief in several state tournaments. Johnson was a charter member of the Northwest Arkansas basketball Association.

In 2006, Johnson was recognized by the Arkansas Chapter of the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame as an outstanding official.

Johnson started officiating football in 2000. His accomplishments include numerous playoff games and 4 championship games, 1 All Star Game in 2014. He also has the privilege of working at Razorback practices and currently runs the play clock during home games at Razorback Stadium.

Johnson is currently serving his 18th year as district 1 west AOA committee person. During this time on the committee, he served one term as AOA president.

Johnson and his wife Susan have one daughter Jessica and 3 grandchildren. Mark and Susan enjoy their pastime by touring the USA on their motorcycle, logging over 150,000 miles in their travels which has included visiting all of the County Seats in Arkansas.

#### Curtis L. Tate

Curtis is presently employed by the Arkansas Public Defender Commission as regional conflicts investigator. It was during his employment with the Jonesboro Parks and Recreation Department where his interest in sports officiating began. At the encouragement of close friend, Curtis began officiating children's and adult league basketball for the parks and recreation department before applying for membership to Arkansas Official Association in 1982. As a member of AOA, Curtis has officiated in the sports of basketball, football and softball. He has also had the honor as well as being selected to officiate several playoff games in those respective sports including 3 football championship games and several basketball championship games. Curtis has truly enjoyed his officiating career and look forward to working a few more years hanging up his whistle for good! He would like to stay close to sports world by recruiting and sharing his knowledge with younger officials!

#### Harold Valentine

Harold Valentine was born in Jackson, Mississippi where he attended school from Kindergarten until the tenth grade, then moving to graduate from Harding Academy in Searcy, Arkansas. He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Physical Education in 1961 from Harding College. He then received his Master's in Elementary Administration from Harding College in 1986.

Valentine began his coaching career at Harding Academy of Memphis Tennessee from 1961 to 1963, where he coached basketball, football, track, and baseball. He then coached basketball, football and track in Arkansas at Cotton Plant Public Schools from 1963 to 1965. Valentine become a teacher/coordinator at Searcy High School for General Cooperative Education from 1976 to 2005. Hall of Fame 2009.

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##### Marvin Lindsey

Marvin Lindsey, Jr was born and has lived his entire life in Magnolia. He comes from a coaching family. His father, Marvin Lindsey Sr also coached in Magnolia. His son, Ben Lindsey, carries on the tradition at Paragould High School.

Marvin has worked for the Magnolia School District for 42 years. During this time, he coached football, basketball, track, and golf. For the last 19 years, he has been the Athletic Director for the district.

As athletic director, he was named the 5A Athletic Director of the Year and received the Arkansas Activities Association Citation Award for contributions to high school activity programs. During his tenure as the Athletic Director with Magnolia School District, they have won 15 state titles and 4 state runner-up titles. Marvin is dedicated to making Magnolia the best that it can be. He was instrumental in making campus improvements at the high school by the construction of an indoor practice facility for all sports, a new 24,000 seat basketball arena, a new track surface, renovation of the football stadium (including a new scoreboard), a new softball facility, resurface of the existing tennis courts, a new baseball team room and a new weight room for all sports. Improvements made to other campuses include a new middle school gym, new elementary gym, and renovation of the junior high gym. Marvin also started additional sports programs during his tenure such as boys and girls cross country, boys and girls swimming, and girls golf.

During his coaching career, Marvin was named National High School Coach of the Year by the National Federation Interscholastic Coaches Association in basketball, National Coach of the Year for District 6 (Arkansas, Colorado, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas) in basketball, Arkansas Activities Association Coach of the year in basketball, Arkansas Activities Association Coach of the year in golf, Arkansas Democrat Coach of the Year in basketball, President of the Arkansas Activities High School Coaches Association, recipient of the Curt King Award, Arkansas Activities Association All-Star Coach, and 5-A South Conference Coach of the Year. He coached teams as a head coach and assistant coach that won three state championships, one overall state championship, two state runners-up's, and several conference championships. Marvin was inducted into the Arkansas High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2018.

##### Tommy Tice

Tommy Tice graduated from Huntsville High School in 1969, earned his BS degree at the University of Arkansas in 1973, and earned his MSE at the University of Arkansas in 1986. He spent 45 years coaching football, basketball, track and baseball in Arkansas. He was selected to the Arkansas High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2018. He spent 29 years at Harrison, Arkansas, as head football coach and athletic director and 5 years in that role at Huntsville, Arkansas.

During his tenure as athletic director, Harrison and Huntsville won numerous state, regional and conference championships in both boys and girls sports. He oversaw the construction of new venues in the sports of Basketball, Baseball, Football, Softball, Soccer, Track and Volleyball. In 2006, he was instrumental in helping raise 7.5 million dollars from the private sector to fund the new stadium complex at Harrison. Tice has been a member of the AHSAAA and NIAAA for over 30 years. During that time, he has authored handbooks for parents, student-athletes and coaches.

Tice was selected as Arkansas' Athletic Director of the Year in 1993, the Southern Regional Athletic Director of the Year in 1993 and in the national competition for Athletic Director of the Year, he was the runner-up in 1993. Tice has served on numerous boards that support athletic endeavors. Those include the Brandon Burlsworth Foundation, the Terry L. Gilliam Foundation and the Brandon Burlsworth National Walk-on Selection Committee. His football teams won 13 conference championships, participated in 19 play-off appearances, advanced to the state semi-finals six times, won the 1999 State Championship and posted 4 undefeated regular seasons — 1981, 1989, 1999 & 2003. His overall record of 288-160-6 ranks third on the all-time win list for football. He coached in 454 games as a head coach — a state record. He was voted Conference Coach of the Year 13 times and received the prestigious Lowell Manning Award as the state's outstanding coach in all athletics twice — 1992 & 1999. In 1999, he was named as the state's outstanding football coach by the NHSCA and the National Football Foundation/ College Hall of Fame. He was selected by his peers 6 times to be the head coach of the AHSCA West All-Star Team — a state record. He is a member of three different halls of fame and has been nominated to the Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame. Tice's coaching tree has many branches. 21 former assistant coaches have gone on to become head football coaches, 7 have become athletic directors and 4 have become superintendent of schools.

##### Johnny Watson

Johnny Watson was born and raised in Camden, Arkansas. He graduated from Camden Fairview High School and attended Southern Arkansas University in Magnolia where he played football. Johnny obtained a Bachelor's degree from SAU & later obtained a Master's degree from the University of Central Arkansas.

Barely out of college, Johnny accepted a position as an assistant high school football coach in Paragould under the leadership of legendary football coach, Bill Keedy. Two years later Johnny moved to Jacksonville as an assistant high school coach working under the expertise of another legendary football coach, Bill Reed. Johnny's first head football coaching position was at Fordyce high school where he was also the school's athletic director. This position was the beginning of 36 years of service as a high school athletic director. While in Fordyce, he worked to renovate the football stadium weight room, training room and dressing rooms.

From Fordyce, Johnny moved back to Jacksonville where he was the head football coach and athletic director for 19 years. During his time at Jacksonville, Johnny started soccer and softball programs. As well as renovating the weight, dressing & conference rooms and the football stadium at Jacksonville high school, Johnny raised money and built one of the first indoors athletic practice facilities in the state of Arkansas. Under his leadership, Jacksonville won multiple conferences, state, and individual state championships.

After retiring from public school, Coach Watson became the head football coach at Little Rock Christian Acad-

emy in 2005. In 2008, he moved to the position of Athletic Director. Among his many accomplishments, Coach Watson was instrumental in raising money to build a new baseball & softball complex. He started a dance team along with bowling, wrestling, and swim- ming programs at the school. The football stadium was renovated to include artificial turf and additional seating on both sides of the stadium. A state of the art indoor athletic practice facility was recently built and opened in August, 2018. Currently, Little Rock Christian Academy is building a new basketball arena which is projected to open December 2019. Since Coach Watson 's arrival at Little Rock Christian, the Warriors have won 70 conference/district championship, 16 state runner-ups, 26 state championships, 58 individual state championships, and 53 state academic championships.

Coach Watson has received many awards for his accomplishments throughout his years of service. Among his awards are the NFHS state award for outstanding service, the AAA activity district 5 citation award, the Curt King award, the National US Army Leadership award, and the Sertoma Mankind award. He has been conference Athletic Director of the Year 4 times, and SA State Athletic Director. Coach Watson has served many years as Conference President and is a Past President of the Arkansas High School Coaches Association. Coach Watson is a member of the Arkansas High School Athletic Administrators Association, the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association and is a member of the 2010 class of the Arkansas High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

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Gerald L. Jones

Jones's officiating career spanned seven decades. From 1957-2017, he officiated basketball, football, and volleyball games at the high school and collegiate level. He had the honor of officiating state championships, all-star games, and playoffs. Most notably, Jones officiated the McCrory vs. Pulaski Oak Grove State Football Championship, the 1978 Boys All-Star Basketball game at the University of Central Arkansas, the 1980 All-Star Football game at War Memorial Stadium, the Girls All-Star Basketball game in 1982 at Barton Coliseum, and the All-Star Football game in 2008 at Reynolds Razorback Stadium. He officiated AIC men's basketball from 1974-1979, AIC women's basketball from 1983-1991, and JUCO men's and women's basketball from 1983-1997. Jones also served on the ACA Executive Committee District 8 from 1979-1983.

Jim McGee

McGee's officiating career started in 1983, and he is currently in his 37th year. On the high school level, McGee has worked seven state championship games. He has also worked on the college level. He officiated in the Gulf South, Lone Star and SWAC conferences for a combined eleven years. He had the opportunity to work a Division 2 playoff game as well as several Classic games while in the SWAC .

Huey Pugh

Huey Pugh knew the game of basketball inside-out, and best served it as an official. He quickly rose through the state's high school ranks in the mid 1990s and became a championship officials for the next 18 years, all the way until 2013.

\*In 1999 Pugh would assume more responsibility by becoming the Little Rock School District's Junior Varsity basketball assignor.

\*In 2001 he would use his voice and became the annual clinic speaker for the Arkansas Officials Association, a position he still holds to this day. And, the work load continued to grow as he became one of the leaders in the organization while still being considered one of Arkansas' top officials.

\*In 2002 Pugh was the Basketball Central Assignor for the state's largest schoolboy classification — Class 5A. That same year he was the recipient of the National Federation of High School Official of the Year for Arkansas.

\*In 2003 he established a workshop for training and recruiting basketball officials where he changed the assigning site to Arbiter.

\*In 2013 he became the basketball rules speaker for the AOA for the annual Arkansas High School Coaches Association Clinic.

\*In 2014 he provided video break down to his high school staff with his subscription to the HUDL. That same year he became a crew chief for the AAA State Basketball Tournament and received the Jerry Hall Award (the highest state award for officials).

\*In 2015 Pugh became the AOA District 5 president.

Grayling Wheeler

Year 1975 began Wheeler's officiating career. He worked with basketball for 44 years, baseball and softball for 10 years, as well as participated in 8 basketball finals and all-star games. Wheeler was also honored to be an official and the assigner for basketball state tournaments for 32 years.

Mike Willyerd

He began basketball officiating career during the 1979-1980 school year. He just completed his 40th year and decided to hang up the whistle. This will be his final year. Some of his accomplishments through the AOA include officiating numerous district and regional tournaments, 14 state tournaments and 3 championship games. He was selected to officiate the boys' All-Star game in 2004. He was blessed to be chosen to officiate the Northeast Arkansas Invitational Tournament on the campus of Arkansas State University in Jonesboro for 25 years from 1987 to 2011. He was honored to be the official in charge for 7 years.

Robert Yelder

He is a lifetime member with more than 30 years of officiating experience. As a member, he served on the High School Federation Rules Committee; and recruited and trained many new officials for membership. Yelder has officiated various types and numerous high school and college level sports tournaments at the local, district, regional, and state.

Although Yelder has officiated in the collegiate level South Western Athletic Conference and Gulf South Conferences, he has maintained a commitment to intermediate level sports by staying involved with high school sports and as well as being a member of and officiating in the American Legion baseball program.

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Dr. Rodney Earl Echols

Rodney returned to his hometown of Forrest City in the spring of 2006. He would serve as athletic administrator for 10 years. Rodney was the first African American to serve as athletic administrator in the Forrest City School District. During his tenure as athletic administrator, he instituted seventh grade football, re-established volleyball, and re-established the athletic sports banquet in 2007. In 2007 and 2008, Rodney restructured the athletic budget and coaching positions to comply with Forrest City School District fiscal distress (state control) designation and reduction of athletic funds to preserve a competitive and functional athletic program. Between 2006 and 2015, the track program, without a track, continued to perform at a high level winning eight conference championships and four state championships. In addition, other team sports won seven conference championships and a state runner-up and state championship in basketball.

Annette Scogin

During her time in Arkansas, Scogin was highly active in the Arkansas High School Athletic Administrators Association (AHSAAA), serving as president, vice president, secretary, Hall of Fame Committee chair, board member and liaison to the Arkansas Activities Association (AAA). She is a past AHSAAA Class 7A Athletic Director of the Year and a 2002 State Award of Merit recipient and the states Distinguished Service Award recipient. She was the first female president of the AHSAAA and the first in the state to become a national board-certified athletic administrator in obtaining the CAA and Certified Master Athletic Administrator (CMAA) certifications. Annette was the first to teach NIAAA leadership training courses and the master of ceremonies of the inaugural AHSAAA Hall of Fame banquet.

Janet Wood

As the Athletic Director, Janet helped launch the swimming, bowling, and wrestling programs at Mountain Home - as soon as they were sanctioned by the Arkansas Activities Association. Providing more opportunities for students was one of her top priorities.

In addition to increasing student-athlete participation, Janet developed a student-athlete/parent handbook, added and updated facilities, built valuable community partnerships, and founded the Mountain Home Athletic Hall of Honor. She was also a founding member of the Bomber Booster Foundation, a 501c3 organization which has raised over \$2 million to improve athletic facilities. (Installed synthetic turf in 2006; converted a bowling alley into an indoor workout facility; assisted with building a new press box - completed in 2016; and began construction of an on-campus baseball/softball complex-completed in 2017). Janet was an active member of the Bomber Booster Club which provided financial and in-kind services for all athletes.

Janet was very active in the AHSAAA, serving on the Executive Committee for several years - and was Secretary before she switched jobs at her school. She also served as Program Chair (securing quality speakers for the state conference); Public Relations committee; helped with 50-50 ticket sales; was a past member of the Athletic Director's Hall of Fame committee; and presented at several conferences. Janet was also selected as the 6A State Athletic Director of the Year for two years.

Conley "Buzz" Bolding

n 1977, Bolding got his first coaching job at Cabot where he remained for three years. He led Cabot to a conference title and two state playoff appearances. He also served as a coach for the 1981 All-Star football game. Following Cabot, Bolding went to Magnolia where he worked as head football coach under Don Hubbard. He led Magnolia to a conference title and two out of three state playoffs.

In 1984 Buzz made his final coaching move as he accepted the Conway duo job as head football coach and athletic director. In 1991 he retired from coaching and became the full-time athletic director and Physical Education Coordinator. He served in that capacity until his retirement in 2010. Bolding returned to UCA and received his Masters degree in Secondary School Leadership in 1993.

While at Conway, Bolding worked to improve athletic facilities and raised money for all sports. Under his leadership, Conway's program was voted three different times as the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette Outstanding Athletic Program. His proudest accomplishment was the building of the multi-purpose arena at Conway High

School. In 2010, upon his retirement, the Conway School Board named it the Buzz Bolding Arena.

Danny Ebbs

Danny Ebbs graduated from Desha Central high school and attended the University of Arkansas at Monticello where he played basketball for the late Shorty Beard. He spent 15 years as a high school coach, 19 years as a high school principal, 8 years as a head basketball coach in colleges, and 7 years as an athletic director for Pulaski County School District. His high school coaching schools were at McRae, Mount Vernon, Stephens, Parkdale, and Blytheville.

Danny is the only basketball coach in Arkansas history to win 7 state titles at 3 different schools. He also is the only coach in history to win three over-all titles at 3 different schools and the only coach to ever win an overall in both boys and girls. His overall championships occurred at Stephens, Parkdale, and Blytheville. He served as the head All Star basketball coach on three different occasions from those three schools. After winning the overall at Parkdale (class B) with all players under 6 feet, he was featured in Sports Illustrated in an article "In your Face Goliath" (April 1979). In 2009 Danny received the American Red Cross Award for performing CPR to a motorcycle accident victim, saving the man's life.

Mike Malham

Malham began his high school coaching career at Jacksonville High School as an assistant coach in 1978. That same year the Red Devils won the State Championship.

In 1981, Malham was named head coach at Cabot High School, a position he still holds today. His 37-year record at Cabot (1981-2018) is 301-139-4 and is the winningest active coach & the 2nd winningest coach in the history of Arkansas high school football.

Malham has led the Panthers to two State Championships, one in 1983 with a record of 13-1, and the 2nd in 2000 with a record 14-0. He also has 3 state runner-up titles (1997, 13-1, 1998, 12-2, and 2013, 12-1) and has led his team to the state semi-finals 11 times. Malham also has won 15 conference championships during his tenure at Cabot.

Malham was named Head All-Star Football Coach in 1994 and 2001. He led his team to set a scoring record of 38 points in the 1994 All Star Game. Malham was named Channel 4's Friday Night Coach of the Year in 1997 and 2000. He was also the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette's Coach of the Year in 2000, as well as Channel 7's 7A Coach of the Year in 2013. Malham was also inducted into the Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame in 2015.

#### Johnny McMurry

In 1986, McMurry became the head football coach at Monticello High School. In 1994, McMurry led the Billies to a perfect season, winning the 8-AAA conference championship and going 14-0, culminating with a 17-14 win over Magnolia at War Memorial Stadium to win the school's first ever football state championship and cap the first ever undefeated season in school history. McMurry led the Billies to three more conference championships at the AAAA level in 2000, 2001, and 2004.

In 2005, McMurry accepted the head football coach position at Watson Chapel High School. He led the Wildcats to the South AAAAA conference championship that season.

In the Spring of 2008, McMurry retired from the head coaching ranks and returned to Monticello High School as Dean of Students and Athletic Director until his 2015 retirement.

Along the way, McMurry was selected as the AHSCA Outstanding High School Football Coach for the 1994-95 season. He was also selected as the head coach of the East All-Star football team in 1995. He also served as an assistant in the 1980, 2001, and 2005 All-Star games.

McMurry was chosen as the conference outstanding coach seven times (1979, 1981, 1994, 2000, 2001, 2004, and 2005). In 1994 and 2005, the Pine Bluff Commercial named McMurry as the Outstanding Football Coach in Southeast Arkansas. In 2004, he was a finalist for the State Farm/Hootens 4A Coach of the Year Award. In 2013, he was awarded an Arkansas Activities Association citation in recognition of outstanding contributions to high school activity programs.

#### Carl Ramsey

Ramsey did his student teaching at Lamar High School in fall of 1979. The following year was named Head Girls Basketball Coach and continued in that position until 2009 (29 years). Ramsey also coached cross country, football, and served as Athletic Director for his last 25 years. During Ramsey's 29 year career, his teams won 2 state champions in 1988 and 1991 and finished runner-up in state both in 1989 and 1990. Ramsey's teams qualified for regional/state playoffs 24 of his 29 years. Ramsey's Jr. and Sr. girls combined for 22 conference titles and 23 District Championships. His Jr. and Sr. teams combined for 1,212 wins and 346 losses for a combined 78% career average. His high school teams averaged 22 wins a season for the 29 years. Ramsey's Jr. High teams had winning streaks of 64 and 49.

Ramsey's senior girls also played in the finals of the Overall Basketball Tournament in 1988. He was named the Head Coach for the West All-Stars in 1990. Ramsey was named "Outstanding Coach" in the conference 10 times in his career (84,88,89,90,97,01,02,03,04,07). Ramsey was also named "Coach of the Year in the River Valley" 7 times by various local media.

Ramsey retired from Lamar High School in 2009 and returned to his alma mater, what is now the University of the Ozarks, to be the Head Women's Basketball Coach for his final 9 seasons before retiring in 2018. Ramsey was named "2011 Outstanding Basketball Coach" in NCAA Div.III, American Southwest Conference in his second season at Ozarks.

#### Gary Don Smith

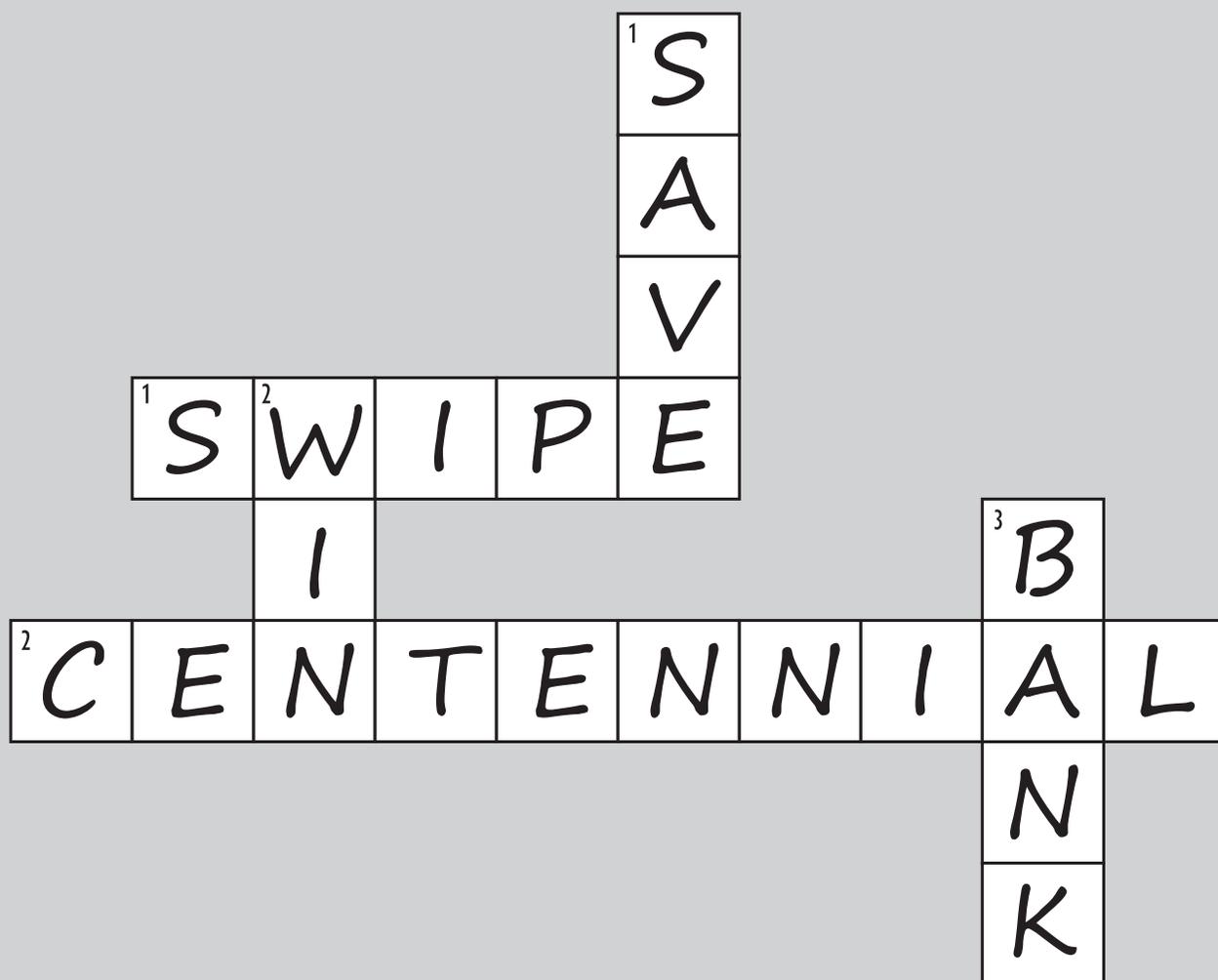
Gary's coaching career includes 42 years over multiple sports. He has over 700 wins in Senior High Basketball and over 400 wins in Junior High Basketball.

Gary started his career at Village High School where he reinstated the girls' basketball programs that had been inactive for two years. In 1980, Gary began coaching at Union High School in El Dorado, Arkansas. During his 25 years at Union, he served as the Athletic Director (19 years), Junior High Girls Basketball Coach (25 years), Senior High Girls Basketball Coach (25 years), Senior High Girls Softball Coach (2 years), Senior High Boys Basketball Coach (1 year), Boys and Girls Golf Coach (9 years), and Senior High Boys Baseball Coach (7 years). After Union High School, he continued his career at Lakeside High School in Hot Springs, Arkansas. He coached Senior High Girls Basketball for 10 years, and Junior High Girls Basketball for 4 years. He coached 14 years for Boys and Girls Golf.

Over 25 years at Union High School, he posted 551 wins in Senior High Girls Basketball and 354 wins in Junior High Girls Basketball. During his career, he has won 28 Junior High basketball championships, and 32 Senior High basketball championships. At one point, he had a 35 win streak in Junior High Girls Basketball. His career includes a 1986 Girls State Basketball Championship and a 2003 Runner-Up Girls State Championship. Other championships include 1 regional championship, 7 district championships, 13 conference championships, 8 county championships, and 3 Dual State championships. At Lakeside, Gary has accumulated a total of 24 conference championships and 13 state championships in Girls and Boys Golf combined.

In basketball, Gary was named Conference Coach of the Year for 9 years and All Star Coach Nominee for 8 years serving as Assistant Girls All Star Coach in 2003. In golf, he was named AAA Coach of the Year for 6 years. He has been nominated 3 years for Southwest Sectional Golf Coach of the Year and received this honor in 2010 and 2015. He was also named Arkansas Prep Golf Coach of the Year in 2010 and Arkansas Democrat Coach of the Year in 2015. He has served on the AAA Girls All Star Committee for 25 years, Union County Coaches Association President for 17 years, and President of Union County Baseball Association for 22 years. He has also served as Chairman of the Girls All Star Committee. He was the recipient of the Curt King Award in 2019.





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