

2009 Coaches Hall of Fame Banquet

Hilton Hotel, Jackson, MS
Friday, June 26, 2009

The 2009 inductees into the Coaches Hall of Fame have been announced by the Mississippi Association of Coaches. The inductees are:

Joe Gant: A graduate of Vaiden High School and Mississippi State University who began his coaching career in Picayune. He served as athletic director, football coach and track coach at Weir High School from 1976–2000, leading the Weir Lions to a record of 231–54 and five football state championships, as well as state titles in track and field.

Zane Hale: Started his career in 1962 coaching girls and boys basketball and baseball at Hurricane High School where he guided the girls hoops team to three Class B state championships. In his 30 years of coaching at Hurricane and North Pontotoc, he led his girls teams to a record of 664–331, his boys team to a mark of 170–150 and his baseball squads to a record of 374–171.

Anna Jackson: Nationally recognized championship coach who has led the Murrah Lady Mustangs basketball program to

a record nine Class 5A state titles and a record of 690–165. A native of Kosciusko, Coach Jackson earned degrees at Jackson State University and has received numerous Coach of the Year honors during her 29 year career.

Ross Langston: Famed athletic trainer for Gulfport High School who has served the Admirals athletic programs for over 31 years. The *Ross Langston Sports Medicine Scholarship* was established in 1988 by the Gulfport community to provide scholarships for Hancock, Harrison, & Jackson County students entering the field of sports medicine.

Bobby Lee: Championship basketball and track coach at New Hebron and Lawrence County who guided Lawrence County to three Class 4A state championships. Throughout his 34-year coaching career, he received Coach of the Year honors 26 times, and was named Star Teacher on five occasions.

Induction ceremonies will be held at the *Coaches Hall of Fame and Awards Banquet, sponsored by BankPlus*, scheduled for Friday, June 26, 2009, at the Hilton Hotel, Jackson, MS. 🌟