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**F**irst let me say I am super excited and humbled to have this opportunity to serve our GREAT organization and work with and for each member of the MAC. We as coaches have the BEST job with a huge responsibility to build relationships and show our students that someone cares about them as an individual first. I say thank you to all of you for the commitment you make to your student athletes daily. Your encouragement, support, and guidance are preparing the next generation to be great young men and women.

Finally, I hope you all have a great school year, and, if I can do anything at all to serve you, let me know.

Coach Randy West  
2018-2019 MAC President



## Gift of success lies in taking the time to show you care

**A**s a coach, it is easy to become immersed in the "wins and losses" in our sports. Most of the time, our student-athletes can appreciate and agree with our attempts to achieve as much success as possible, but the underlying efforts to succeed on the scoreboard is the larger task of bringing the gift of success to our athlete in the game of life. All of our athletes need to know that you care about them as a person, regardless of their athletic talent and position on the team.

Please take time to show you care, whether it be in the form of a positive comment, a "how are you doing today", or a congratulations on making the honor roll. You all have your own personal ways of showing that you care, so please take a little time each day to do this. Your athletes will benefit from this, and may actually thank you some day.

The MAC wishes all of our coaches the very best for this school year.

Johnny Mims  
MAC Executive Director

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### Class 1A/2A

DISTRICT	COACH	SCHOOL	TERM
1	<b>Larry Gann</b>	Vardaman	2019
2	Chris Basil	East Union	2020
3	Quintarus McCray	Riverside	2019
4	James Courtney	Nanah Waiya	2020
5	<b>Brad Breland</b>	Union	2019
6	Sam Williams	Pelahatchie	2020
7	Chris McCallum	Salem	2019
8	Anthony Dillon	North Forrest	2020

### Class 3A/4A

DISTRICT	COACH	SCHOOL	TERM
1	<b>Shane Sanderson</b>	New Albany	2020
2	Richard Russo	Independence	2019
3	Clinton Gatewood	Greenwood	2020
4	Ben Ashley	Choctaw County	2019
5	Justin Chaney	Newton County	2020
6	Burrell Leach	McLaurin	2019
7	Rickey O'Quinn	Franklin County	2020
8	<b>Tony Woody</b>	Jefferson Davis County	2019

### Class 5A/6A

DISTRICT	COACH	SCHOOL	TERM
1	Ryan Summers	Saltillo	2020
2	<b>William Bentley</b>	DeSoto Central	2019
3	Bernard Berryill	Cleveland Central	2019
4	Chris Jones	Starkville	2020
5	<b>Danielle Haney</b>	Wayne County	2020
6	Roderick Davidson	Ridgeland	2019
7	Tommy Clopton	Brookhaven	2019
8	Jamie McMahon	Gulfport	2020

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Honorary, Herman Sanders,  
Honorary, Gina Skelton, Wayne County



# *Congratulations to MAC's*

## 2018 HIGH SCHOOL COACHES OF THE YEAR!



CALDWELL

### ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

### BRYAN CALDWELL | Gulfport High School

Coach Bryan Caldwell of Gulfport High School has been named the MAC Athletic Director the Year for 2018. Bryan hails from Gulfport, lettered in basketball at Gulfport High, and received his three college degrees from Southern Miss. Coach Caldwell has been in the coaching and education professions for 33 years. He started his head coaching career at Harrison Central in 1990 and led the Red Rebel basketball team to a record of 61-44 plus division titles and playoff appearances. Coach Caldwell's 1993 squad finished 30-9 and was the Class 5A State runner-up. He returned in 1993 to his alma mater and paced the Gulfport Admirals to a record of 245-85 with 5 division crowns and 2 state playoff appearances. His 2002 Gulfport team claimed the Class 5A state championship with a mark of 37-1 and finishing as the no. 1 ranked team in the state. He stepped away from coaching in 2003 with a 19-year coaching record of 306-129. Bryan has served as athletic director at Gulfport since 2013 and has overseen a large high school program that services thousands of students and student-athletes. Coach Caldwell has received numerous awards during his career including coach of the year honors by the Sun-Herald, the Jackson Clarion Ledger, and the MAC. Bryan was inducted into the Gulfport Sports Hall of Fame in 2018.



REED

### BASEBALL

### JUSTIN REED | Tupelo High School

For leading the Tupelo Golden Wave baseball team to the 2017 Class 6A State Baseball championship, the MAC has selected Coach Justin Reed as the MAC High School Baseball Coach of the Year. Justin is a native of Winston County and was a two-sport letterman at Louisville High. He achieved his higher education degrees at East Central Community College, where he was captain of the baseball team, and Mississippi State. He started his 14-year coaching career at Nanih Waiya in 2004 and spent 6 years at Louisville High as an assistant and head baseball coach. From 2013 to 2015, he coached at South Panola High in Batesville and arrived at Tupelo in 2016. As of the spring of 2018, Coach Reed's teams had compiled a record of 195 wins and 138 losses. Justin's 2018 Golden Wave finished with a record of 22-7 and advanced to the second round of the Class 6A playoffs. This year's MAC coach of the year honor is Coach Reed's first MAC award.



ADAIR

### BASKETBALL – GIRLS

### TRENT ADAIR | Ingomar High School

Coach Trent Adair of Ingomar has been chosen as the MAC High School Girls Basketball Coach of the Year. Born in Memphis, Trent is a graduate of Ingomar High and played hoops for a state runner-up team and state championship squad in 1998 and 1999. His 13-year coaching career began in 2005 at Ripley High where he coached boys' and girls' basketball and fast pitch softball. In 2011, he took over as head basketball coach at his alma mater at Ingomar. Since his arrival, he has built up a strong basketball program that has won three consecutive Class 2A girls state championships in 2016, 2017, and 2018. Coach Adair was named girls basketball coach of the year in 2016 by the Jackson Clarion Ledger and the Northeast MS Daily Journal. He received the same honor from the Northeast MS Daily Journal in 2018. In his short coaching career, his teams have already claimed 230 wins and only 78 losses for a sparkling 75% winning mark. This year's MAC accolade is Coach Adair's first MAC award.



MOORE

### BASKETBALL – BOYS

### DERRICK MOORE | Coahoma County High School

Coach Derrick Moore has been named the MAC Boys Basketball Coach of the Year for guiding the Coahoma County Red Panthers to their second consecutive Class 2A State Championship. A native of Mound Bayou, Derrick is a graduate of Coahoma County High, Coahoma Community College, and Delta State. He has been in the coaching profession since 2004 at his alma mater. From 2004 to 2015, Coach Moore led the junior high team to a record of 103-12 and played in the junior high Delta Valley championship game 6 out of 11 years claiming 4 titles. He has coached the girls' basketball team since 2007 to a record of 241-69 with 4 district titles, 1 North half crown, and 6 playoff appearances. Derrick has led the boys and girls track and field squads and cross country teams since 2015 and led the girls to consecutive titles in the 400 meters championships in 2017 and 2018. Coach Moore has been in charge of the Red Panthers boys' basketball team since 2015 and has led them to a record of 77-19 with 2 district crowns and back-to-back state championships in 2017 and 2018. Derrick has been named coach of the year 13 times by the Delta Valley Conference and 5 times by the Clarksdale Press Register.

## BOWLING – GIRLS

Coach Charlie Melton of Clinton High was been selected as the MAC High School Girls Bowling Coach of the Year for 2018. A native of Dallas, Texas, Coach Melton graduated from David Carter High in Dallas and attended Alcorn and Mississippi State. He has been in the coaching profession for 13 years, having started with the Clinton Arrows in 2005. In 2018, Charlie paced the Clinton bowlers to the boys and girls state championships. Since 2007, he has guided the Arrows to 3 girls' titles and 1 boy's championship. Coach Melton's bowlers have compiled a record of 127 wins and only 11 losses in his 13-year career. His boys' squads have lost only one match in the last six years.



MELTON

## BOWLING – BOYS

For the second year in a row, and the third time overall, Coach Joey Blount of Neshoba Central has been named the MAC Bowling Coach of the Year, this time for his boys squad. Coach Blount hails from Neshoba County and is a graduate of Neshoba Central High and Mississippi State. Joey launched his 16-year coaching career in 1989 at Hamilton where he started as an assistant coach. He worked as an assistant at Morton High from 1993 to 1996 and at Newton County High from 1996 to 1999. He has served as head coach at Neshoba Central since 2012 and has created a championship boys and girls bowling program for the Rockets. Coach Blount's 2018 boys' bowling squad won the region and then captured the Class II bowling state championship. His Rockets boy bowlers were also state runner-ups in 2014 and 2017. This year's award is Coach Blount's third MAC honor as he was also named girls bowling coach of the year in 2015 and 2017. Along with the MAC accolades, Joey was also named the Clarion Ledger bowling coach of the year in 2015, 2017, and 2018.



BLOUNT

## CROSS COUNTRY – GIRLS

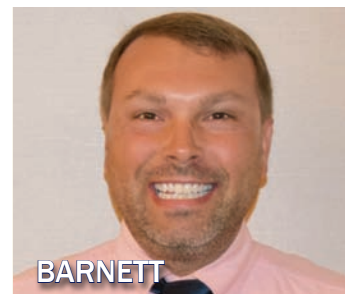
Veteran championship coach Gwynn Grant has been named the MAC High School Girls Cross Country Coach of the Year. Born in Keams Canyon, Arizona, Coach Grant is a graduate of Navajo Academy in Farmington, New Mexico, where she was an All-State basketball player who led her team to a state title. She was an All-Big West Conference hoops star for UNLV where she was recently inducted into the school's Athletic Hall of Fame. Her 21-year coaching career started at Central Florida where she served as an assistant coach. She then coached basketball and volleyball at Ganado High in Ganado, Arizona, and Hopi High at Polacca, Arizona. She arrived at Choctaw Central in 2014 and worked as an assistant for one year and head coach for girls cross country for the last 3 years. Coach Grant's 2017 Lady Warriors cross country team claimed the 2017 state championship, their 3rd title in the last 4 seasons. This year's MAC accolade is Coach Grant's first MAC Coach of the Year Award.



GRANT

## CROSS COUNTRY – BOYS

The MAC high school boys cross country coach of the year is Coach Chris Barnett of Pearl. A native of Jackson and a graduate of Pearl High and Mississippi College, Chris has been in the coaching profession since 2009. Coach Barnett is the assistant track coach for the Pearl girls track squad and is the head coach of the boys track and cross country teams. His Pirate cross country boys team won the 2017 state championship and his boys track squad followed up with the 2018 state crown in track and field. Chris has been a part of 7 state championships at Pearl with 2 girls track titles, 1 girls cross country crown, 2 boys cross country championships, and 2 boys track titles all in a span since 2013. Coach Barnett has been recognized previously as cross country coach of the year by the Jackson Clarion Ledger in 2015, 2016, and 2017. The Jackson Clarion Ledger named him track & field coach of the year in 2016 and 2018. He received an MAC Distinguished Coaching Award for track & field in 2013 and was named cross country coach of the year by the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association in 2015.



BARNETT

## FOOTBALL

Coach John Perry is the MAC High School Football Coach of the Year for leading his Pearl Pirates to the 2017 Class 6A state championship. John was born in Corinth and graduated from Pearl High, Hinds Community College, Harding University, and Mississippi College. Coach Perry's 24-year coaching career began at Pearl where he was assistant football coach from 1994 to 1999 and at Wayne County from 2000 to 2001. He spent 2 seasons at Northeast Community College as an assistant from 2001 to 2002 before being named head coach at Kosciusko in 2003. He returned to his alma mater as head coach in 2008 and had led the Pirates to 6 region crowns, 3 North State runner-up finishes, 1 state runner-up, 1 South state title, and the 2017 Class 6A State championship. John's football teams have won 133 games with only 59 losses. This is Coach Perry's third MAC Coach of the Year Award as he was named the MAC powerlifting coach of the year in 2001 at Wayne County and in 2006 at Pearl. In addition to this year's MAC football award, Coach Perry was named the BankPlus Coach of the Year, the Class 6A Coach of the Year for the second straight year, and he is a 7-time region coach of the year.



PERRY

## GOLF – GIRLS

The MAC Girls Golf Coach of the Year is Coach Brandon Rea of Nettleton High. Coach Rea was born in Tupelo and graduated from Nettleton High and Mississippi State. He has spent his entire 14-year coaching career at Nettleton where he has coached football, bowling, and golf. He has served as head coach for bowling and golf since 2007. His Lady Tiger linksters claimed their third consecutive division title in 2018 and won back-to-back state titles in 2016 and 2017. Coach Rea's Nettleton girls' golf squads have won 23 matches with only 1 loss in the last 3 years. He has coached 4 girls at Nettleton to individual state championships. In addition to the golf titles, Brandon led the Nettleton bowlers to the 2007 state championship. This year's honor is Coach Rea's first MAC Coach of the Year award.



REA



GREENHAW

**GOLF – BOYS**

For pacing the Booneville Blue Devils golf team to their fourth consecutive Class 3A state championship, Coach Bart Greenhaw is the 2018 MAC Boys Golf Coach of the Year. Born in Tupelo, Bart is a graduate of Booneville High and Ole Miss and has been coaching for 17 years. He coached at Wheeler and New Site before arriving at his alma mater at Booneville. He coached girls' basketball at New Site where his teams had a 62-34 record and at Booneville, where his Lady Blue Devils have compiled a record of 221-156. Coach Greenhaw's boys golf teams have earned a 74 match wins and only 39 losses. His 2018 linksters won the Class 3A state boys golf title, their fourth state title in a row dating back to 2015.

**BART GREENHAW** | Booneville High School

LADNER

**POWERLIFTING – GIRLS**

Coach Josh Ladner has been selected as the MAC Girls Powerlifting Coach of the Year. Coach Ladner hails from Biloxi and graduated from D'Iberville High, Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, William Carey, and Southern Miss. He started coaching powerlifting in 2008 at D'Iberville High and has served 10 years as head coach for the boys and only 2 years as head coach for the girl lifters. Josh's 2018 Warrior girl's powerlifting squad won the district title, the south state crown, and the Class 6A state championship. His boys' teams have claimed 8 district titles and the 2015 Class 6A state crown. This year's honor is Coach Ladner's second MAC Coach of the Year Award as he was named boys powerlifting coach of the year in 2015. In addition to MAC awards, Josh was named powerlifting coach of the year by the Jackson Clarion Ledger in 2015 and 2018.

**JOSH LADNER** | D'Iberville High School

LINDSEY

**POWERLIFTING – BOYS**

After pacing the North Pontotoc Viking powerlifters to the 2018 Class 3A state championship, Coach Matt Lindsey has been named the MAC High School Boys Powerlifting Coach of the Year. Matt was born in Tupelo and graduated from Shannon High where he was a member of the school's 1996 football state championship team. He achieved his college degrees at Northeast Community College and North Alabama. He started his 15-year coaching career at Shannon as an assistant football coach in 2003. He arrived at North Pontotoc in 2007 where he works as an assistant football coach and head powerlifting coach for the past 4 years. In 2017, Coach Lindsey led the Vikings lifters to the division and North half championship. His squad in 2018 again won their second straight division and North half crowns and capped off the season with the school's first ever Class 3A powerlifting state championship. This is Matt's first ever MAC Coach of the Year Award.

**MATT LINDSEY** | North Pontotoc High School

HOOD

**SOCCER – GIRLS**

Youthful Coach Bill Hood has been named as the MAC Girls Soccer Coach of the Year for leading the Florence Eagles to the 2018 Class 4A State Championship. Coach Hood was born in Greenville and was a star athlete at Washington School where he led his teams to 2 state soccer championships. He played at Mississippi College and Spring Hill in Mobile, Alabama. He has played and coached 10 years for two soccer clubs, the Chicago Fire and Brandon Futbol Club. Bill started his 5-year coaching career at Madison-Ridgeland Academy where he guided boys and girls soccer from 2008 to 2010. He arrived at Florence High in 2015 and helped lead the boys' team to the 2017 Class 4A state title as an assistant coach. He paced the Florence Lady Eagles to the 2018 Class 4A state title. Overall, his Florence soccer teams have won 54 games, losing only 17, with 2 ties. This is Coach Hood's first MAC Coach of the Year honor and he was also named 2018 girls soccer coach of the year by the Jackson Clarion Ledger and 2018 small school girls' coach of the year by the United Soccer Coaches.

**BILL HOOD** | Florence High School

REEDER

**SOCCER – BOYS**

The MAC Boys Soccer Coach of the Year is Coach Matthew Reeder of Saltillo. Coach Reeder hails from New Albany and graduated from New Albany High and Blue Mountain College. He has spent his entire 6-year coaching career at Saltillo where he has been an assistant or head coach for the Tigers boys and girls soccer squads. Matthew's 2018 Saltillo boys' soccer team captured the 2018 Class 5A state championship. Overall, his Tigers soccer teams have claimed 116 wins, 51 losses, and 4 ties. Along with his first MAC accolades, Coach Reeder was also named 2018 coach of the year by the Jackson Clarion Ledger, the Northeast Mississippi Daily Journal, and as large schools coach of the year by the United Soccer Coaches.

**MATTHEW REEDER** | Saltillo High School

LEGGETT

**SOFTBALL – FAST PITCH**

Coach Scott Leggett has been selected as the MAC Fast Pitch Softball Coach of the Year for his efforts in leading the Bogue Chitto Bobcats to the 2017 Class 1A state championship. Born in McComb, Scott graduated from Bogue Chitto High, Copiah-Lincoln Community College, Southern Miss, and William Carey. A 19-year coaching veteran, Coach Leggett has coached at Brookhaven Academy, Enterprise-Lincoln, and Bogue Chitto. He has been the head coach for fast and slow pitch softball at Bogue Chitto for 14 years since 2004. Since his arrival, he has guided the Lady Bobcats to 4 Class 1A state fast pitch championships in 2010, 2011, 2014, and 2017. Overall, his fast pitch teams have racked up 275 wins and only 123 losses. His slow pitch teams have claimed 2 Class 1A state crowns in 2007 and 2010. Coach Leggett's fast and slow pitch teams have also finished as state runner-up on 5 other occasions. Scott has coached in the 2007 and 2015 MAC All-Star Slow Pitch games. He has been named All-Area Coach of the Year by the Brookhaven Daily Leader on numerous occasions and he was also named 2016-2017 MHSAA Softball Coach of the Year.

**SCOTT LEGGETT** | Bogue Chitto High School

## SOFTBALL – SLOW PITCH

Championship coach Trae Embry of Neshoba Central is receiving his fourth MAC Coach of the Year Award for leading the Rockets to their amazing sixth consecutive slow pitch state title and a number 1 USA Today national ranking. Coach Embry hails from Eupora and is a graduate of Eupora High and Mississippi State. He has 20 years in coaching, having started as an assistant coach at Deer Creek School in Arcola and Hatley. He was a head coach at Eupora from 2000 to 2012 before arriving at Neshoba Central. Since taking over the Rockets softball program, he has guided the Lady Rockets to 6 consecutive slow pitch state championships from 2012 to 2017. His slow pitch teams have won 382 games losing only 92 contests while his fast pitch squads have 392 wins and only 69 losses. Overall, Coach Embry's softball teams have claimed 774 wins and only 161 losses. Trae was named MAC Coach of the Year in 2006, 2013, 2015, and 2017. He was NFHS coach of the year in 2006 and 2013 and the Jackson Clarion Ledger Coach of the Year in 2018. He is a three-time Mississippi Prep Coach of the Year having been chosen in 2015, 2017, and 2018. He was fast pitch national coach of the year in 2018 as selected by the NFCA and USA Today.



EMBRY

## SWIMMING

The MAC High School Swimming Coach of the Year is Coach Brian Ware of Madison Central High. Born in Arlington, Texas, and a graduate of Clinton High and Kentucky where he was an All-SEC swimmer, Coach Ware began his 20-year coaching career in 1998 at Clinton where he served as head swimming coach until he moved to Madison Central High in 2007. Since his arrival at Madison Central, he has guided the Lady Jaguar swimmers to 4 consecutive Class 2 state championships in 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2018. This year's honor from the MAC is Brian's second MAC award as he was named Coach of the Year in 2013. He was selected as girls' swimming coach of the year by the NFHS in 2015.



WARE

## TENNIS

Championship coach Freddie Wegner has been chosen by the MAC as the High School Tennis Coach of the Year. A native of Chicago, Coach Wegner graduated from Stone High and William Carey. He started his 22-year coaching career in 1996 at Pass Christian Middle School where he worked as a football assistant coach. He arrived at his alma mater in 1998 where he has been head tennis coach for 20 years. Overall, he has guided his Tomcat netters to 317 wins and only 71 losses. His 2018 Stone netters claimed their 8th Class 5A South state title in a row. Freddie was an All-Star tennis coach in 2002 and is a decorated teacher of the year with honors from the Sun Herald, the Mississippi Economic Council, Teen Ink, and certification from the National Board in 2004.



WEGNER

## TRACK – GIRLS

The MAC has named Coach JJ Downs of Center Hill as the 2018 High School Girls Track Coach of the Year. A native of Rankin County, Coach Downs was a multi-sport letterman at Benton Academy and earned his degrees at Mississippi State where he lettered in track from 1997 to 1999. He started his 15-year coaching stint at Jacksonville State, Beville State Community College, and Troy as an assistant track coach. He was named head track coach at Center Hill in 2008. Since 2011, J. J.'s Mustang boys and girls track programs have won 15 district titles, 4 region crowns, 1 North state title, and a Class 5A state track championship. In 2018, Coach Downs led the Lady Mustangs to their 8th consecutive district title, their second straight region crown, the North State title, and the Class 5A state championship. This is the first MAC Coach of the Year Award for Coach Downs.



DOWNS

## TRACK – BOYS

Veteran championship Coach Charles Green of Hattiesburg has been named the MAC Boys Track Coach of the Year. Coach Green hails from Natchez and graduated from Natchez High, William Carey, and Southern Miss, where he was a member of two Metro Conference track championship teams in 1992 and 1993. Charles has spent his entire 15-year coaching career as head coach for boys and girls track and field at Hattiesburg High. He has led his Tiger track athletes to 7 division titles, 7 region crowns, and 2 South State Championships. Coach Green's 2018 boys track squad won the division, region, and South State titles before winning the Class 6A State championship.



GREEN

## VOLLEYBALL

Receiving her first ever MAC Volleyball Coach of the Year Award is Haley Chatham of Vancleave. Haley is from Pascagoula and graduated from Vancleave and Southern Miss. She began her 6-year coaching career in 2012 at St. Martin High where she served as an assistant coach for volleyball and girls soccer. Coach Chatham arrived at Vancleave in 2014 and has promptly developed the Lady Bulldogs into a strong volleyball program. Her 2018 Vancleave volleyball team won the district title and the Class II State Championship. Overall, Coach Chatham's volleyball teams have won 86 matches with only 38 losses and have claimed 3 straight district championships, one Final Four appearance, and this year's state title. Haley was selected as an All-Star coach for the 2018 MAC Volleyball match and was also named the volleyball coach of the year by the Sun Herald.



CHATHAM

# *Congratulations to MAC's*

## **2018 COMMUNITY COLLEGE COACHES OF THE YEAR!**



### **BASKETBALL – MEN'S**

**JASON FLANIGAN** | Holmes Community College  
**BUBBA SKELTON** | Northwest Community College

The MAC has named Coach Jason Flanigan of Holmes Community College and Coach Bubba Skelton of Northwest Community College as Community College Men's Basketball Co-Coaches of the Year for 2018.

Coach Jason Flanigan is a native of Little Rock, Arkansas, and lettered in basketball at Ole Miss. He just completed his 12th year at Holmes Community College and his 9th season as head men's basketball coach. He previously led the Bulldogs to their first ever NJCAA tournament appearance in 2015 when his team advanced to the Elite Eight. Coach Flanigan's 2017-18 squad compiled a record of 24-5 including an appearance in the MACJC State Tournament Semi-finals. His team would advance to claim the Region 23 championship and an appearance in the NJCAA National Tournament in Hutchinson, Kansas.

Jason is a two-time recipient of the MACJC Coach of the Year and this is the second time Coach Flanigan has been named MAC Men's Basketball Community College Coach of the Year.

Coach Bubba Skelton is a native of Leland and a four-year letterman at Mississippi College. He started his 20-year JUCO coaching career at Southwest Community College, Lamar University, and Jones Junior College before arriving at Northwest Community College. Coach Skelton is the winningest coach in Northwest men's basketball history and has compiled an overall coaching record of 394-169. His Rangers teams have claimed 295 wins and 106 losses. In 2017-18, Coach Skelton's team finished with a record of 22-4, a North division title, and an appearance in the MACJC and Region 23 tournament. The Rangers completed the season as the number 12 community college team in the nation as listed by the NJCAA rankings. A five-time MACJC and Region 23 Coach of the Year, Bubba was named the 2018 MACJC Coach of the Year. He also serves as the athletic director for the Rangers.



### **BASKETBALL – WOMEN'S**

**JAMILAH ANDREWS** | Holmes Community College  
**MISSY BILDERBACK** | Jones Junior College

The MAC has named Coach Missy Bilderback of Jones Junior College and Coach Jamilah Andrews of Holmes Community College as the Community College Women's Basketball Co-Coaches of the Year for 2018.

Coach Jamilah Andrews hails from Starkville and lettered in women's basketball at Alabama and LSU where she gained experience with teams that played in the NCAA tournament including Sweet Sixteen and Elite Eight appearances. She earned degrees at Alabama and West Alabama while playing professionally in Europe. She just completed her sixth season as head coach at Holmes Community College which was her 10th season overall at the school. She guided her Bulldogs to a record of 18-9 with appearances in the MACJC tournament semi-finals and the Region 23 tournament semi-finals. This year's award is Coach Andrews' first ever MAC Coach of the Year honor.

Coach Missy Bilderback of Jones Junior College is receiving her second consecutive MAC Community College Women's Coach of the Year Award. The former point guard for Pearl River Community College and Best Female Athlete for PRCC from 1996 to 1998 is a graduate of Southern Miss and started her coaching career in 2001. Before arriving at Jones Junior College in 2015, Missy guided the girls' basketball program at Presbyterian Christian School in Hattiesburg for 16 seasons. Coach Bilderback led PCS to a record of 482-117, 6 MAIS state championships, and 2 MAIS Overall State crowns in 2008 and 2014. Her team was runner-up in the overall state tournament in 2013 and 2015 and had a streak of 14 consecutive seasons with 20 or more wins. Missy coached in four MAIS All-Star games in 2001, 2003, 2006, and 2015, and she is a five-time Hattiesburg American Coach of the Year in 2002, 2005, 2007, 2013, and 2014.

In 2017-18, her Lady Bobcats had another stellar record-breaking season with a 26-4 record, their second consecutive MACJC State Championship, their second straight Region 23 crown, and their second consecutive appearance in the NJCAA National Tournament in Trinity Valley, Texas. In just three short seasons, Missy's teams at Jones Junior College have racked up an incredible 75 wins with only 13 losses.



## BASEBALL

**MICHAEL AVALON** | Pearl River Community College

The MAC has named Coach Michael Avalon as the Community College Baseball Coach of the Year for his efforts in leading his Wildcats baseball team in his first season at the school to a record of 38-11, the MACJC State Championship, and an appearance in the Region 23 tournament. Coach Avalon is a Jackson native who graduated from Forest Hill High, Holmes Community College, Lincoln Memorial, and West Alabama. Michael started his 11-year coaching career as an assistant at East Central Community College where his teams won the 2007 MACJC state title and had three appearances in the Region 23 tournament. Before he arrived at Pearl River, he served as head coach at Mississippi Delta Community College where his teams finished first or second in the MACJC during his 5 seasons in Moorhead. In his six years as a head coach, his diamond squads have earned a record of 153 wins and 122 losses. This year's accolade is Coach Avalon's first ever MAC Coach of the Year award. Michael is a member of the Holmes Community College Athletic Hall of Fame having been inducted in 2015.



## FOOTBALL

**STEVE BUCKLEY** | Jones Junior College  
**BENJY PARKER** | Northwest Community College

The MAC, for the ninth straight year, has chosen Co-Coaches of the Year for community college football. Coach Steve Buckley of Jones Junior College and Coach Benji Parker of Northwest Community College are the MAC Community College football co-coaches of the year for the 2017 season.

Coach Steve Buckley hails from Natchez and has been an assistant coach at Petal, Southern Miss, and LSU. He has been a successful head coach at George County, Petal, and Olive Branch during his coaching career. A 33-year coaching veteran, he was named head football coach of JJC in 2015 and just completed his second season after leading the Bobcats to a mark of 6-2 in 2016. Steve's 2017 Bobcats had a record of 8-2 and made an appearance in the MACJC playoffs.

Sharing the honors with Coach Buckley for MAC Community College Coach of the Year is Coach Benji Parker of Northwest Community College. The Bruce native and Itawamba Community College and Ole Miss graduate is a gridiron coach with deep championship experience at Troy, Northeast Community College, Butler Community College, Louisiana-Monroe, and Jones Junior College. He completed his 12th season and his second year at Northwest by leading the Rangers to a record of 8-3, a North Division title, and an appearance in the MACJC state title game which was a wild affair and a 67-66 double overtime loss on a two-point conversion to eventual national JUCO champion East Mississippi. Coach Parker then led his team to an appearance in the Graphic Edge Bowl against Iowa Western in Cedar Falls, Iowa. Coach Parker's teams finished the season as the number 7 team in America in the NJCAA final rankings. In his 20 seasons overall as a collegiate coach, Benji has been a part of three NJCAA national championships with three different programs at Jones Junior College, Butler, Kansas, and Northwest. He has now coached in 13 bowl games. In addition to this year's first MAC Coach of the Year honor, Coach Parker was also named the MACJC North Division Coach of the Year.



## GOLF

**CHRIS CLARK** | East Central Community College  
**RONNIE KEY** | Meridian Community College

Chris Clark of East Central Community College and Coach Ronnie Key of Meridian Community College have been named the MAC Community College Co-Coaches of the Year for the sport of golf. Chris hails from Decatur and is a graduate of Decatur High, East Central, and Southern Miss. The former golf and baseball athlete arrived at East Central in 2002 where he serves as Workforce Development Coordinator and the Warrior golf coach. In his eighth season as head coach, Chris paced the Warrior linksters to a fourth-place finish in the MACJC State tournament, a third-place finish in the NJCAA District D tournament, and a berth in NJCAA Division 2 National Championships at Foley, Alabama. Coach Clark's Warriors golfers finished in 12th place in the NJCAA, the school's first ever appearance in the national championships.

Coach Ronnie Key of Meridian Community College is receiving his second consecutive MAC Community College Golf Coach of the Year Award. A native of Corinth and a graduate of Northeast Mississippi Community College, Coach Key was an All-State football and baseball player. He previously worked as head baseball coach at Northeast from 1984 to 1991. He was on the Lamar staff for 20 years and coached baseball there for 14 years before turning his coaching skills to golf. He has led Lamar to 5 consecutive state championships. Ronnie paced his Meridian Community College Eagle golfers to their second straight MACJC state championship, the District D title, and a berth in the NJCAA National Championship tournament played in Foley, Alabama. His linksters finished 2nd in the nation and were national tournament runner-ups, the highest finish and best season in school history. Along with their MAC coach of the year honors, Coach Clark and Coach Key were also MACJC co-coaches of the year.



## SOCCER - MEN'S

**DREW GALLANT** | Pearl River Community College

Youthful Coach Drew Gallant of Pearl River Community College has been selected as the MAC Community College Men's Soccer Coach of the Year. Coach Gallant hails from Hattiesburg and graduated from Forrest County AHS where he was a multi-sport athlete in football, soccer, golf, tennis, and track. He played soccer at Spring Hill College in Mobile before moving on to play at Pearl River and William Carey. Drew entered the coaching ranks while attending Carey as he was an assistant men's soccer coach at Jones Junior College from 2006 to 2008. He took over as head soccer coach in 2008 at his alma mater at Forrest County AHS. In 2011, he was head soccer coach at Southwest Community College, a position he held for five seasons until arriving at Pearl River in 2016. In his second season at PRCC in 2017, he guided the Wildcat soccer team to a record of 10-7-1, the school's 6th MACJC state crown, the Region 23 title in an upset overtime shootout over Gulf Coast, and an appearance in the semi-finals in the NJCAA south region tournament in Tyler, Texas.





NUNNALLY

## SOCCER – WOMEN'S

**LEVI NUNNALLY** | Northwest Community College

The MAC 2018 Community College Women's Soccer Coach of the Year is Coach Levi Nunnally of Northwest Community College. Coach Nunnally, a Southaven native who was a soccer all-star at Itawamba CC and Tennessee Wesleyan, started his coaching career in 2007 with the McMinn United Futbol Club. He spent 4 seasons at Young Harris College in Georgia before being named only the second head women's soccer coach in Northwest school history in 2013. Levi took over a program that had not had a winning season in 7 years and he immediately led the Rangers to a playoff appearance in his first year. Now entering his sixth year at Northwest, Coach Nunnally paced his 2017 squad to an 11-6 overall record and a berth in the MACJC semi-finals. The results showed a nine-win improvement over 2016 and ten of his team's 11 wins were by shutout. Along with the MAC award, Coach Nunnally was also named the MACJC Soccer Coach of the Year.



KIRK

## SOFTBALL

**ANDY KIRK** | Itawamba Community College

Ingomar native Coach Andy Kirk of Itawamba Community College has been chosen by the MAC as the Community College Softball Coach of the Year. A graduate of Union University and Delta State, Coach Kirk has 21 years of combined coaching experience in high school and collegiate athletics. He has coached at New Albany and helped launch the West Union High fast pitch softball program in 2002 leading up to a Class 1A state title in 2009. He has also coached at Delta State and Ball State before arriving at Itawamba CC in 2012. As mentor of the Indians softball program, he has guided his teams to seven 30-plus win seasons and a perennial top 20 NJCAA squad. Overall, Andy is 398-177 overall in his softball coaching career and is a two-time MACJC coach of the year. In 2018, Coach Kirk's Indians ended the season with a 41-10 mark, an appearance in the MACJC state title game, and an appearance in the Region 23 tournament. His squad set program records for wins with 41, highest NJCAA ranking with a 3rd place, and the program's first 20-game winner in the circle by Bailie Springfield. Coach Kirk's teams at Itawamba have claimed five North division titles, one state championship in 2015, and 7 consecutive appearances in the MACJC state and Region 23 tournaments.



BUFFINGTON

## TENNIS – WOMEN'S

**BROOKS BUFFINGTON** | Jones Junior College

Coach Brooks Buffington of Jones Junior College has been named as the MAC Community College Women's Tennis Coach of the Year for 2018. A native of Collins, Coach Buffington played tennis at Jones Junior College from 2002 to 2004 and at Mississippi College from 2004 to 2006. He has played on the USTA League Circuit since 2007 and was the 2013 USTA 4.5 Adult League National Champion. Brooks has been a USPTA Elite Professional and USTA official since 2007. Before entering the coaching ranks, he was head tennis pro at Castlewoods Country Club and the Reservoir YMCA. He served as head tennis coach at Hartfield Academy from 2013 to 2016 and the Northwest Rankin para professional from 2011 to 2016. He arrived at Jones Junior College in 2016 and promptly led the men's and women's programs to the MACJC Region 23 and NJCAA national tournament in 2017. His 2018 Bobcats women's tennis team racked up a 15-3 record in the regular season and won the MACJC/Region 23 tournament. The Bobcats advanced to the NJCAA National Tournament in Waco, Texas, and finished 15th nationally. In addition to his first ever MAC honors, Coach Buffington was also named the MACJC Region 23 Coach of the Year.



Smith, Minshew, Phelan & Parker

## ALL-STAR VOLLEYBALL – 2018

The North swept the South 25-21, 25-11, and 25-19 to increase their series lead to 8-6 at the Maurice Hall Activities Center Hangar Dome on the campus of Millsaps College. In the first set, the teams were even for most of the early rally points. Tied at 14-14, the North put together a scoring streak with 10 of the next 17 points to take a 25-21 win. In the second set, the North team exploded from the start with a 4-0 lead that expanded to a 12-6 margin. The North then captured points in 13 of the next 16 serves for the 25-11 set and match win. The third set was highly competitive with the South gaining an early advantage. With the score tied at 17-17, however, the North tallied on the next 6 serves to help complete the sweep at 25-19.

The South's Most Outstanding Player was Callie Minshew of Brandon who was a force on the serve and at the net. The North's Most Outstanding Player was Madison Central's Hallie Phelan whose play at the net and the back line led to many of the North's rally points. The South's Madison Smith of Germantown and the North's Logan Parker of Clinton received the fourth annual Burchyett-Meyers Game Balls for players selected by their teammates for exhibiting the best attitude, work ethic, and team spirit.

## CHEER&DANCE State Champs

### CHEER:

- Small Varsity** - Sara Freeman, West Lauderdale
- Medium Varsity** - Ashley Bordine, Oak Grove
- Large Varsity** - Heather Chapman, Ocean Springs
- Small Varsity Non-Tumble 1A-2A** - Kelly Simpson, Enterprise (Clarke)
- Small Varsity Non-Tumble 3A-6A** - Tammie Pirie, Northeast Lauderdale
- Large Varsity Non-Tumble** - Melissa Carney, Southeast Lauderdale
- Small Varsity Co-ed** - Jennifer O'Neal, Brandon
- Large Varsity Co-ed** - Hartley Frederic, Harrison Central

### DANCE:

- Large Varsity Pom** - Hannah Mills, Center Hill
- Small Varsity Jazz** - Amber Rivera, St. Martin
- Small Varsity Pom 1A-4A** - Morgan Smith, Poplarville
- Small Varsity Pom 5A-6A** - Mellisa Moore & Tammy Downs, DeSoto Central
- Large Varsity Jazz** - Casey Morrison, Oak Grove
- Small Varsity Kick** - Angie Farve, Bay
- Large Varsity Hip Hop** - Hannah Mills, Center Hill
- Small Varsity Hip Hop** - Melissa Moore & Tammy Downs, DeSoto Central
- Large Varsity Kick** - Casey Morrison, Oak Grove

# Two Legendary Coaches Inducted into Hall of Fame



The Mississippi Association of Coaches is proud to announce the inductees into the National High School Athletic Coaches Association Hall of Fame on June 26, 2018 in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.



## BERNARD BLACKWELL

The late Bernard "Blackie" Blackwell was a legendary figure in Mississippi coaching history who helped create the Mississippi Association of Coaches. The annual Mississippi high school all-star football game known as the Bernard Blackwell All-Star Football Classic, was named in his honor in 1994.

A native of Saucier, Coach Blackwell was a three-sport letterman in football, basketball, and track at Ole Miss from 1944 to 1947. He was a Times Picayune All-American football player for the Rebels and a member of the school's famed 1947 SEC championship team. After earning his college degree, he entered the coaching ranks in 1948 by becoming the youngest head football coach in the nation at age 21 at Northwest Junior College in Senatobia.

Coach Blackwell served as head football coach at West Tallahatchie High from 1950 to 1956, at Greenville High from 1956 to 1958, and at Pascagoula High in 1959. In 1960, he arrived at Mississippi College in Clinton where he would remain in coaching until 1972 when he was named Assistant to the President of Mississippi College. In 1976, he was selected as the National Director of the Mississippi College Alumni Affairs where he served until his retirement in 1993.

Coach Blackwell's crowning achievement was the formation of the Mississippi Association of Coaches in 1954. As MAC Executive Director from 1962 to 1991, he helped shape the association into one of the most innovative and progressive coaching organizations in the nation. During his tenure, membership in the MAC increased from 300 in 1963 to more than 2,000 in a short time span. He also served as a charter member, chairman, and member of the Board of Directors from 1980 to 1986 of the National High School Athletic Coaches Association, the oldest national coaches association in the nation.

Among his many achievements with the MAC, he helped create the MAC Coaches Hall of Fame in 1973. His efforts also led to the beginning of the annual Mississippi/Alabama All-Star Football Classic in 1988, the Mississippi/Alabama All-Star Basketball Games in 1991, and the annual State Games in Meridian. He served as the Mississippi chairman to form the MS/AL All-Star football game and he negotiated the contract for the MS/AL basketball games to be played on an alternating home basis. Coach Blackwell and the MAC also helped promote the "no pass—no play" rule now in place for Mississippi high schools. His leadership led to the creation of MAC all-star games in the sports of football, basketball, softball, and soccer games.

Coach Blackwell has been inducted into four athletic halls of fame including: the MAC Coaches Hall of Fame in 1980, the Mississippi College Athletic Hall of Fame in 1991, and posthumously into the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame in 2001 and the National High School Athletic Coaches Association in 2018.

In addition to his athletic Hall of Fame memberships, Coach Blackwell was also awarded the National High School Athletic Coaches Association Dwight Keith Award in 1987 and was bestowed with the prestigious Mississippi College Order of the Golden Arrow in 1991.



## LINDY CALLAHAN

Lindy Callahan is considered to be the "Godfather of Mississippi High School Athletics." Born in Vicksburg and raised in Meridian, Lindy was a multi-sport letterman in football, track, and boxing at Meridian High from 1945 to 1948. An All-Big Eight football star, Coach Callahan lettered three years in football and two years in baseball at Ole Miss where he received his college degree. From 1951 to 1953,

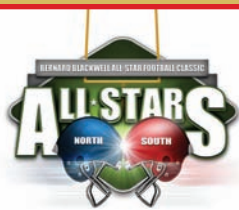
he played minor league baseball in the Cotton States League and the Alabama/Florida League before entering the coaching profession. Lindy began his long association with Gulfport High in 1953 as he worked as head baseball coach and assistant football and basketball coach until 1955. From 1955 to 1965, he served the Commodores as athletic director, head football coach, and head baseball coach. He continued his duties as athletic director of the Gulfport School System from 1966 until his retirement in 1992.

Coach Callahan led his powerhouse Gulfport football squads to three state championships in 1963, 1964, and 1965. Under his guidance, the then-named Commodores gridiron team won 42 consecutive Big Eight Conference games and played in the Big Eight Championship games in 1964 and 1965. For his efforts, Lindy was named Big Eight Coach of the Year in 1964. He also guided the baseball team to the South Mississippi title in 1962. In addition, Coach Callahan coached in the Bernard Blackwell Mississippi High School All-Star Football game in 1957 and 1961.

Lindy is known as one of the most innovative and skilled athletic administrators in the history of Mississippi prep sports. Besides serving as President of the Mississippi Association of Coaches, the Mississippi Athletic Directors Association, and the Mississippi High School Activities Association, he originated the famed Gulf Coast Coaching Clinic in 1964 and was responsible for helping create the Mississippi/Alabama All-Star Football game in 1992. Lindy received the Distinguished American Award in 1979 by the National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame. He also received the National Interscholastic Athletic Administration Association Distinguished Service Award in 1984 and was selected as the National Athletic Director of the Year by the National High School Athletic Director Federation in 1986. He was honored with the National Federation of High Schools Citation Award in 1986.

Coach Callahan has been honored with induction in seven athletic halls of fame. Lindy was inducted into the Mississippi Association of Coaches Hall of Fame in 1977, the National Federation of High Schools Hall of Fame in 1995, the National Council of Secondary School Athletic Directors Presidential Hall of Fame in 1996, the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame in 2004, the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association Hall of Fame as a charter member in 2009, the Ole Miss Athletic Hall of Fame in 2009, and the National High School Athletic Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2018.

In recognition of his outstanding service to high school student-athletes and the lives he has influenced throughout his years as coach and administrator at Gulfport, the Mississippi High School Activities Association in 1995 founded the Lindy Callahan Scholar-Athlete program to present college scholarships to deserving high school athletes from across the state. In 1992, Gulfport High School recognized Lindy's accomplishments by naming the weight room at Gulfport High and the football field at Joseph Milner Stadium in his honor.



**2018**  
**BERNARD BLACKWELL**  
**CLASSIC ALL-STAR FOOTBALL**  
**GAME**  
*December 8, 2018*

The 70th Annual Bernard Blackwell Classic All-Star Football Game will be played on Saturday, December 8, at Gulfport High School's Milner Stadium. A special thanks to Gulfport School District Superintendent Glen East, Athletic Director Bryan Caldwell and all of their staff for supporting the MAC.

**NORTH COACHING STAFF**

**Head Coach:** Chris Jones, Starkville

**Assistant Coaches:**

- Chris Cutliffe, Oxford
- Carl Diffie, North Panola
- Ty Hardin, Houston
- Clinton Hoots, Itawamba AHS
- Ricky Smither, Cleveland Central
- Kevie Thompson, Starkville

**Scout Coach:** Judd Boswell, Clinton

**SOUTH COACHING STAFF**

**Head Coach:** Tyler Peterson, Brandon

**Assistant Coaches:**

- Jay Beech, Poplarville
- John Brown, Stringer
- Drew Causey, Oak Grove
- Ty Weems, Morton
- Jonathan Worrell, Forrest
- Greg Robinson, Brandon

**Scout Coach:** Sam Williams, Pelahatchie



**2018**  
**MISSISSIPPI/ALABAMA**  
**ALL-STAR FOOTBALL CLASSIC**  
*Montgomery, AL*  
*December 17, 2018*

The 32nd Mississippi/Alabama All-Star Football Classic, featuring the "best of the best" of high school senior talent from both states, will be played at Cramton Bowl in Montgomery, AL.

**Head Coach:** Henry Johnson, Clarksdale

**Assistant Coaches:**

- Brad Boyette, Horn Lake
- Lewis Sims, Pascagoula
- Jason Goodwin, Puckett
- Perry Liles, Calhoun City
- Tony Vance, Hattiesburg
- Tyrone Shorter, Noxubee County
- Ryan Earnest, Ridgeland

**Scout Coach:** Brad Breland, Union

**Administrative Coaches:**

Howard McNeill  
 Kenny Robinson (*Mize*)

**Athletic Trainers:**

Richie Woods & Ray Burr  
 (*Mississippi Sports Medicine*)

***Congratulations***  
**to MAC's 2017-2018**  
**Service Award Recipients**

**50 Year Service Award**

Jerry Boatner, West Lauderdale  
 Mack Fanning, Newton County

**40 Year Service Award**

Dennis Grubbs, Shannon

**25 Year Service Award**

Teddy Dyess, Philadelphia

To be recognized for your years of coaching service, please submit a Recognition of Service form which can be found on our website under the "Membership" tab or in your directory. The forms must be completed and received in the MAC office by June 1, 2019, to be recognized at the Hall of Fame Banquet.

*Don't miss next year's*

**Fid Jones Memorial**  
**Golf Tournament**

Special thanks to all of the coaches who supported this year's Golf Tournament. Next year's event will be held on

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**Make plans to attend!**



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**Congratulations**

to the 2018 Amanda Price Award recipient **Amy Esslinger** of Picayune.

Amy is the wife of Walt Esslinger and has been a coach's wife for 29 years! (Pictured left to right: Sheri Shramek, Amy Esslinger, Ron Price) If you would like to nominate your wife for this award, please be sure to submit a letter to [www.mississippicwa.com](http://www.mississippicwa.com) by the deadline date. Nominations for next year's award will begin in Spring 2019.





### MAC's 2018-2019 Winners of the World Class Athletic Surfaces Scholarship

World Class Athletic Surfaces provides two \$500 scholarships to be presented to children of MAC members. The two recipients selected at random during the MAC General Business Meeting during the 2018 Coaches Clinic were:

#### MADLINE TUCKER

Northeast MS Community College  
Daughter of Coach Gregg Tucker  
Baldwyn High School

#### RILEY PAIGE LARA

Northwest MS Community College  
Daughter of Coach David Lara  
Hernando High School

*Thank you, World Class Athletic Surfaces,  
and congratulations to our recipients!*

### COACH DARRELL LOGAN receives the Coach Roy Garcia Outstanding Coach Award

Coach Darrell Logan of Bruce HS was recognized for his years of distinguished service to his students and athletes and was selected to receive the Coach Roy Garcia Outstanding Coach Award. The award was presented at the Coaches Clinic on July 20, 2018 (Hilton Hotel, Jackson, MS).



Left to right: Coach Brad Embry,  
Coach Roy Garcia, Coach Darrell Logan

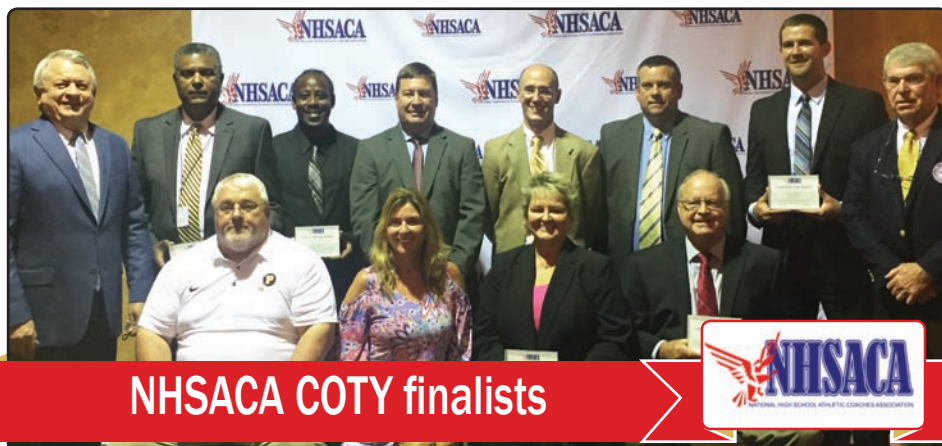


### MAC announces inductees to the 2018 Hall of Fame

The banquet was held at the Hilton Hotel in Jackson, MS on June 22.  
Seated left to right: Randy West, James Crain,  
Nevil Barr. Standing left to right: Archie Carlyle,  
Thomas Billups



Damon West was the motivational speaker at the 2018 Multi-Sports Clinic. Pictured with him is Johnny Mims, MAC Executive Director.



The Mississippi finalists include: Anthony Jenkins, Athletic Director, Desoto County Schools; Larry Watkins, Baseball, Petal High School; Gina Skelton, Girls' Basketball, Wayne County High School; Tim Sayers, Girls' Cross Country, Ocean Springs High School; Ricky Black, Football, Jackson Preparatory School; Michael Gray, Golf, Baldwyn Public Schools; Cecil Hinds, Soccer, Madison Central High School; Trae Embry, Softball, Neshoba Central High School; Marty Warren, Special Sports, Power Lifting, Pontotoc High School; Bridget Carmody, Swimming & Diving, Madison Central High School; Heath Dudley, Girls' Track & Field, Southaven High School; and Mike Meyers, Volleyball, Our Lady Academy.

**Congratulations to Coach Black for winning the national honor!**

### Notes from the MAC:

- ▶ The tentative date set for the 2019 Coaches Clinic is July 16-19.
- ▶ Please refer to your MAC Directory or to the Calendar under the "About Us" tab on our website to view the events & deadlines for the upcoming year. Some All-Star games have been moved to coincide closer to the end of the season.
- ▶ Reminder: All-Star nomination forms will be posted on the website. An e-mail reminder will be sent to head coaches and athletic directors when it is time to nominate.
- ▶ Please review your information in the MAC Directory to verify that we have accurate contact information for you. If we DO NOT, please contact us to make corrections or you will not receive information from our office.
- ▶ Announcements and other important information are now posted on our website, Twitter (@MACoaches) and Facebook page. Please check these regularly. If you have information that you think will be helpful and would like to see on these pages, please feel free to contact us.

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