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MAC ANNOUNCES MAC COACHES HALL OF FAME

CLASS OF 2026 INDUCTEES

TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE FOR BANQUET

**PRESS RELEASE
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(CLINTON, MS) The Mississippi Association of Coaches announced today the new class of inductees for 2026 for the MAC Coaches Hall of Fame. Upon the induction of the Class of 2026, the MAC Hall of Fame membership will increase to 281 total (266 lifetime and 15 honorary members). The MAC Coaches Hall of Fame was created in 1973. The new class will be inducted at the 53rd Annual MAC Coaches Hall of Fame Induction ceremonies on Friday, June 19, 2026, at 6:00 PM at the Sheraton Refuge Hotel & Conference Center off Airport Road in Flowood, MS. Tickets for the event are now on sale and are available online at mscoaches.com through GoFan or by contacting the MAC offices at 601-924-3020.

The MAC Hall of Fame Class of 2026 includes:

JUSTIN CHANEY, championship softball coach at Newton County who has led his teams to 10 slow pitch state titles and 7 fast pitch state championships; has over 900 wins in fast and slow pitch softball; achieved his 500th fast pitch win on April 12, 2025; received numerous coach of the year awards, served as MAC President.

JUD GARTMAN, championship football coach at Clarkdale, Enterprise Clarke, and West Lauderdale who has guided gridiron teams for over three decades; coached Enterprise Clarke to two state championships.

LESLIE POOL, championship football coach at Olive Branch who guided his teams to a record of 181-69 in 23 years of coaching.

ANDY RICHEY, championship coach in the sports of football and softball who led teams at Thrasher and Wheeler; received the prestigious Roy Garcia Outstanding Coach Award in 2023; served as MAC President.

LARRY WATKINS, longtime championship baseball coach at Petal who led his teams to 6 state championships for over three decades.