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Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant...

First, I would like to say that I consider it both an honor and a privilege to now be in a position to help lead this great association. Having served for many years as a board and executive committee member, I am so humbled to now be able to serve as your president. In order to lead, you must be willing to serve. This is so important in all of our professional careers as coaches as we work diligently everyday to shape and mold our student-athletes. Being a part of something bigger than myself has always been meaningful to me. This Mississippi Association of Coaches provides that great opportunity. Each of us has a tremendous calling that has been placed upon us as coaches. It is an extremely tough job, but the task brings so many rewards. As a good friend of mine recently said, "Everybody knows how many games they won last year, but how many souls did you win?"

This is going to be a great year for each of you! If there is anything I can do to help, please do not hesitate to ask. I look forward to serving you as we continue to make this the greatest coaches association in the country!

Coach Randal Montgomery
2019-2020 MAC President



"Coach" –
I can't think of a better title to be called.

In our world today, I believe we take on more responsibility as we may be the parental figure in many of our student athlete's lives, as single parent situations have become the norm. Even though challenges are many, each season brings new hope, new leaders and lots of memories. Don't be afraid to show your student athletes that you care; that may be the only place they get it.

Best wishes and good luck to all of you in your upcoming seasons. Your Board of Directors continue to make our association one of the most respected in the country. Please know that we are always available if you need anything.

Johnny Mims
MAC Executive Director

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DISTRICT	COACH	SCHOOL	TERM
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2	Chris Basil	East Union	2020
3	Derrick Hooker	South Delta	2021
4	James Courtney	Nanih Waiya	2020
5	Brad Breland	Union	2021
6	Sam Williams	Pelahatchie	2020
7	Andy Smithie	Salem	2021
8	Anthony Dillon	North Forrest	2020

Class 3A/4A

DISTRICT	COACH	SCHOOL	TERM
1	Shane Sanderson	New Albany	2020
2	Richard Russo	Independence	2021
3	Clinton Gatewood	Greenwood	2020
4	Joey Tompkins	Winona	2021
5	Justin Chaney	Newton County	2020
6	Anthony Carlyle	Yazoo City	2021
7	Rickey O'Quinn	Franklin County	2020
8	Tony Woody	Jefferson Davis County	2021

Class 5A/6A

DISTRICT	COACH	SCHOOL	TERM
1	Ryan Summers	Saltillo	2020
2	William Bentley	Horn Lake	2021
3	Bernard Berryhill	Cleveland Central	2021
4	Chris Jones	Starkville	2020
5	Sherri Cooley	Laurel	2020
6	Roderick Davidson	Ridgeland	2021
7	Alphaka Moore	Natchez	2021
8	Jamie McMahon	Gulfport	2020

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Honorary, Gina Skelton, Wayne County



Congratulations to MAC's 2019 HIGH SCHOOL COACHES OF THE YEAR!



ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

ANTHONY JENKINS | DESOTO COUNTY

Longtime coach and athletic administrator Anthony Jenkins has been chosen as the 2019 MAC Athletic Director the Year. Born in Memphis and a former letterman in football and track at Hernando High, Coach Jenkins played two seasons at Mississippi State before entering the coaching ranks. He was head football coach at Hernando for 24 years from 1990 to 2013 before taking over as athletic director for all DeSoto County schools in 2014. Anthony is responsible for 8 junior high schools and 8 high schools with an athletic budget of \$2.7 million dollars. In the school year of 2018-19, his DeSoto school athletics programs claimed 10 state championships at 6 different high schools. The state championships included football, baseball, boys' soccer, girls' and boys' basketball, girls track & field, band, cheer, and dance. In addition to his first MAC honor this year, Coach Jenkins was a finalist for the NHSACA Athletic Director of the Year in 2018 as presented at the South Dakota Coaches Convention. Anthony has been involved in unprecedented growth in DeSoto County including large classification high schools such as Hernando, Center Hill, Horn Lake, Lewisburg, and Olive Branch.



BASEBALL

JOE HARTFIELD | HATTIESBURG HIGH SCHOOL

For leading the Hattiesburg Tigers baseball team to the 2019 Class 6A State Baseball championship, the MAC has named Coach Joe Hartfield the MAC High School Baseball Coach of the Year. Coach Hartfield hails from Fort Hood, Texas, and was an All-Area, All-Division baseball player at North Forrest High. After receiving college degrees from Southern Miss and William Carey, Joe started his 22-year coaching career in 1997 at Richton. After coaching at Lumberton and George County, Coach Hartfield arrived at Hattiesburg High in 2006 and has built a baseball powerhouse for the last 13 years. His diamond squads have made 15 playoff appearances since 1999 and have claimed 10 division crowns, 5 South State titles, and the 2018 Class 6A state championship. Overall, his teams had won 402 games with only 273 losses in 675 games coached. While this is Joe's first ever MAC award, he has been named coach of the year 15 times by the Hattiesburg American, Pine Belt Sports, Sports 601, and the division. He is a two-time All-Star baseball coaching having guided teams in 2003 and 2019. Coach Hartfield has guided the sporting careers of 5 players drafted by Major League Baseball.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

KENYON ROSS | LOUISVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

The 2019 MAC High School Girls Basketball Coach of the Year is Kenyon Ross of Louisville High. Coach Ross was born in Greenwood and was a basketball and baseball star at Jacob McClain High in Lexington. Kenyon was an All-American, All-SWAC, All-SWAC tournament basketball player at Mississippi Valley State who was the MVSU Athlete of the Year in 1997. Coach Ross joined the coaching profession in 2000 and has been leading boys' and girls' basketball teams for 18 years at Williams-Sullivan in Durant, McAdams High, Durant, Jacob McClain in Lexington, and Louisville High. In 2019, Kenyon led the Louisville Lady Cats to the Class 4A State Championship. The title gave Coach Ross his third state title having previously led the Durant boys to the 2011 crown and the 2009 McAdams girls to a gold ball trophy. In his coaching tenure, his boys' teams have a record of 312-212 while his girl's hoops squads have a sparkling record of 148 wins and only 88 losses. This year's honor is Kenyon's first MAC Coach of the Year Award.



BOYS BASKETBALL

GREG CARTER | STARKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

Veteran championship coach Greg Carter has been named the MAC Boys Basketball Coach of the Year for leading the Starkville Yellowjackets to the 2019 Class 6A State Championship. Born in McComb, Greg was an All-State basketball player at Forest High who was an All-SEC Honorable Mention All-America player at Mississippi State. Coach Carter has been coaching for 25 years starting at Mississippi State and Brandon High before arriving back at Starkville in 2002. In his 17 years with the Yellowjackets, he had led his teams to state championships in 2010, 2015, and 2019. Overall, Coach Carter's hoops squads have won 436 games with only 108 losses for a remarkable winning percentage of 80%. In addition to his first MAC Coach of the Year Award, Greg was named the NFHS Coach of the Year in 2010.



GIRLS BOWLING

JOEY BLOUNT | NESHOPA CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

For the third consecutive year, and the fourth time overall, Coach Joey Blount of Neshoba Central has been named the MAC Bowling Coach of the Year, this time for the Rockets girls bowlers. Coach Blount is a native of Neshoba County and is a graduate of Neshoba Central High and Mississippi State. Joey started his 17-year coaching career in 1989 at Hamilton where he began 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 built a championship powerhouse boys and girls bowling program. In 2019, Coach Blount's Rockets girls' team claimed their third consecutive state title, their fourth in the last 5 years. His Rockets boy bowlers won the 2018 state crown and were also state runner-ups in 2014 and 2017. His 2014 Lady Rockets also earned a state runner-up finish. Along with his fourth MAC Coach of the Year Award for bowling (2015, 2017, 2018, and 2019), Coach Blount was selected as the Clarion Ledger bowling coach of the year in 2015, 2017, 2018, and 2019. Joey's bowlers have racked up 116 wins and only 11 match losses for a 91% winning mark during his career.



BOYS BOWLING

MICHAEL LEE | KOSSUTH HIGH SCHOOL



Youthful coach Michael Lee of Kossuth High has been named the MAC High School Boys Bowling Coach of the Year for 2019. Coach Lee was born in Tupelo and played football at Alcorn Central High in Corinth. He is a graduate of Northeast Mississippi Community College and Shoals Community College in Florence, Alabama. He began his 3-year career in 2017 at Kossuth coaching the Aggie boys and girls bowlers. In 2019, his Aggies boys and girls teams claimed Class 1 State championships, their second state titles for both squads in the last 2 years. Overall, his bowling teams at Kossuth have compiled a record of 132 wins and only 11 losses. This year's honor is Michael's second MAC coach of the year award having won the boys bowling coach of the year accolade in 2017 when both of his squads captured state crowns. In addition to his bowling coaching chores, Coach Lee has guided travel baseball teams for 12 years with 2011 Mississippi and Tennessee Dixie Youth state championships.

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

TIMOTHY McDANIEL | ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL



For leading the St. Patrick Catholic Fighting Irish girls cross country team to the 2018 state championship, Coach Timothy McDaniel has been selected as the Girls Cross Country Coach of the Year by the MAC. Born in Seattle, Washington, Coach McDaniel was a football and track standout at Mountlake Terrace, Washington, High. He ran track at Spokane Falls Junior College and received college degrees at Embry-Riddle University in Daytona Beach, Florida, and William Carey. A 20-year coaching veteran, Timothy started his career at Mercy Cross in Biloxi in 1999 before arriving at St. Patrick in 2007. He has guided the Fighting Irish girls cross country squad to 8 state championships including the recent 2018 Class 2A crown. Overall, at Mercy Cross and St. Patrick, Coach McDaniel has been a part of 15 cross country or track state championships. His boys and girls cross country and track teams have also racked up 5 state runner-up finishes. This year's honor is Timothy's second MAC Coach of the Year honor having been named the 2007 Boys Cross Country Coach of the Year. He was also the NFHS girls cross country coach of the year for Mississippi in 2008 and the USTFCCA Mississippi girls cross country coach of the year for 2018-19.

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

JACKIE HILL | KOSSUTH HIGH SCHOOL



The 2019 MAC high school boys cross country coach of the year is Coach Jackie Hill of Kossuth High. Born in Oxford and a graduate of Ripley High, Blue Mountain, and Ole Miss, Coach Hill has been in the profession for 3 years since 2016. In Coach Hill's short career as cross country and track coach for the Aggies, Kossuth has claimed 2 state runner-up finishes and 2 Class 3A State Championships. Jackie guided the Kossuth cross country team to the 2018 Class 3A championship a year after the squad finished second. In addition to the boys title, Jackie led the Kossuth girls to the 2018 Class 3A state championship, again, after a runner-up finish in 2017. This year's award is Coach Hill's first MAC Coach of the Year accolade.

FOOTBALL

BRAD EMBRY | WATER VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

In leading the Water Valley Blue Devils to the 2018 Class 3A State Championship, Coach Brad Embry was named the MAC High School Football Coach of the Year. Brad hails from Bruce where he graduated from Bruce High and played football at Delta State. Coach Embry has been a coach for 21 years starting as an assistant at Madison Central in 1998. After working from 2002 to 2007 as an assistant at Tupelo High, Brad was named head football coach at Water Valley in 2008. He was a member of the Madison Central staff in 1999 that won the Class 5A state championship. Coach Embry paced Water Valley to the 2018 Class 3A State Championship, the school's first state football title since 1990. Overall, Brad's gridiron squads have won 93 games with only 49 losses. This is Coach Embry's first MAC Coach of the Year Award.



GIRLS GOLF

GREGG PERRY | GERMANTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

Longtime veteran championship coach Gregg Perry of Germantown High has been chosen as the MAC Girls Golf Coach of the Year. Gregg is from Jackson and a graduate of Madison-Ridgeland High, East Central Community College, and Belhaven University. The former baseball player and golfer started his 23-year coaching career in 1996 at Madison Central High. He worked at Winona and back at Madison Central before arriving at Germantown in 2012. Coach Perry's Lady Maverick linksters claimed their third straight division title in 2019. Gregg is no stranger to championships as he led Madison Central to 2 state titles in baseball along with 5 North State crowns and 7 district titles. He led his girl's golf teams at Germantown to 3 district titles, a state runner-up finish, and the 2015 Class II State championship. His Germantown boy's golf teams earned 5 district crowns and 3 state championships. Coach Perry has been decorated with numerous coaching awards including the 2015 MAC Boys Golf Coach of the Year. The former All-Star baseball coach has received a Metro Coach of the Year award on two occasions along with two NFHS Coach Honors in 2015 and 2016, and two Clarion Ledger golf coach of the year acknowledgements. Gregg's Germantown golfers have compiled 3 state championships.



BOYS GOLF

STEVE HERRING | OXFORD HIGH SCHOOL

The 2019 MAC Boys Golf Coach of the Year is Steve Herring of Oxford High. Born in Marks and a graduate of J. B. Conant High in Hoffman Estates, Illinois, Coach Herring received his college degree from Ole Miss. The 35-year veteran coach has spent the last 15 years at Oxford High in charge of the golf program. His Charger golfers won their second consecutive state championship in 2018 for a total of 4 state crowns in boys' golf for the school. Steve's Oxford boys' golf squad has claimed 8 straight district titles from 2011 to 2018. This year's MAC award is Coach Herring's second honor as he was named the 2014 Boys Golf Coach of the Year.





GIRLS POWERLIFTING

JOSH LADNER | D'IBERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

For the second consecutive year and third time overall, 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 3 years as head coach for the girl lifters. For the second year in a row, Josh's 2019 Warrior girl's powerlifting squad captured the district title, the south state crown, and the Class III state championship. This is Coach Ladner's third MAC Coach of the Year Award as he was also named boys powerlifting coach of the year in 2015. Along with the MAC awards, Josh was named powerlifting coach of the year by the Jackson Clarion Ledger in 2015 and 2018.



BOYS POWERLIFTING

LOGAN FALLO | GULFPORT HIGH SCHOOL

For leading the Gulfport Admirals powerlifters to their fourth straight state championship, Coach Logan Fallo has been named the MAC Boys Powerlifting Coach of the Year. Born in Biloxi, Logan graduated from D'Iberville High and Southern Miss. He has only been in the coaching profession for 4 years having started at Gulfport High in 2015. Coach Fallo has guided the Gulfport Admirals Boys Powerlifters to 4 consecutive state titles in 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019. In addition to this year's first MAC coach of the year award, Logan was named the powerlifting coach of the year by the Clarion Ledger 3 times in 2016, 2017, and 2018.



GIRLS SOCCER

ALEX GEORGE | WEST LAUDERDALE HIGH SCHOOL

The MAC Girls Soccer Coach of the Year is Coach Alex George of West Lauderdale for his efforts in leading the West Lauderdale Knights to the 2019 Class 4A State Championship. Alex is a native of Philadelphia who graduated from Kemper Academy, Mississippi State, and West Alabama. Coach George is a 26-year coaching veteran who started his career at West Lauderdale, moved to Meridian Community College, and returned to West Lauderdale in 2010. He has paced the Lady Knights to 3 Class 4A State Championships in 2016, 2017, and 2019—3 state crowns in 4 seasons. In addition, he led the boys' team to a Class 123A state championship in 2000. Alex is a two-time district coach of the year, a Premier Preps coach of the year, a NFHS state coach of the year, a NSCAA coach of the year, and the 2009 MACJC Community College soccer coach of the year. This year's award is Coach George's first ever MAC honor.

BOYS SOCCER

HENRIK MADSEN | GULFPORT HIGH SCHOOL

Coach Henrik Madsen has been selected as the MAC Boys Soccer Coach of the Year for guiding the Gulfport Admirals to their second straight state championship. The Denmark native is a graduate of Skarbok, Denmark, High and William Carey. A veteran coach, his career spans 29 years with recent stints at Dominican High in Louisiana and his current position at Gulfport High which started in 2009. Henrik has coached 4 state championship teams with one title at Dominican High and 3 titles at Gulfport in 2010, 2018, and 2019. Along with this year's first ever MAC award, Coach Madsen was previously named coach of the year for Louisiana and Mississippi by the USSF.



FAST PITCH SOFTBALL

PHYLLIS HICKS | DESOTO CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

The MAC Fast Pitch Softball Coach of the Year is Coach Phyllis Hicks of DeSoto Central High. Phyllis was born in Memphis and a member of two state champion softball teams at Southaven High. Coach Hicks was a 4-year letter winner in softball at Ole Miss who was SEC Student Athlete of the Year in 2003. She has spent her entire 16-year coaching career at DeSoto Central where she has built a powerhouse softball program. Coach Hicks guided her Jaguars to their second consecutive Class 6A fast pitch softball state championship in 2019. Under her coaching touch, DeSoto Central has claimed 11 division crowns, North runner-up finishes, 4 North state honors, and 2 state championships. Her softball squads have rolled up 428 wins and only 336 losses during her tenure. The two-time Star and Nationally Board Certified math teacher was the NFHS National, Sectional, and Mississippi Coach of the Year in 2018. This year's MAC achievement is Coach Hicks' first MAC Coach of the Year Award.



SLOW PITCH SOFTBALL

ADAM PATTERSON | SOUTH PONTOTOC HIGH SCHOOL

The MAC Slow Pitch Softball Coach of the Year is Coach Adam Patterson of South Pontotoc High. Adam hails from Pontotoc and played basketball and baseball at Pontotoc City High. He continued his athletic career in basketball at Itawamba Community College from 1999 to 2001. Adam started his 15-year coaching stint in 2004 at West Union where he coached baseball and cross country. He has spent the last 13 years as softball coach for the South Pontotoc Cougars slow and fast pitch squads. Since his arrival, Coach Patterson's slow pitch Lady Cougars have won 7 division titles, 2 North half crowns, and the 2018 state championship. In addition, Adam's fast pitch teams have won 3 division titles. After coming close for nearly a decade, Coach Patterson's 2018 Lady Cougars broke through with another division title, a North half crown, and the state championship. Overall, Adam's slow pitch teams have amassed 238 wins with only 146 losses while his fast pitch squads have a record of 208 wins and 118 losses. Coach Patterson has 470 softball wins with only 296 losses. This year's MAC Award is Adam's first ever MAC coach of the year honor.



SWIMMING

LAURI COLLINS | ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL



Coach Lauri Collins of St. Joseph Catholic is receiving her second MAC Coach of the Year Award by being named the MAC 2019 Swimming Coach of the Year. Coach Collins is from Vicksburg where she graduated from St. Aloysius High and received college degrees from Millsaps and Vanderbilt. Her 18-year coaching career started at Jackson Academy and she has spent the last 12 years at St. Joseph in Madison. Under her guidance, the Bruins swimming teams have claimed 5 state championships including the 2018 boys' crown. Lauri is a two-time winner of the Conoco Phillips Outstanding Service Award in 1995 and 2011. She is no stranger to coach of the year awards as she was honored by the MAC as swimming coach of the year in 2014, the NFHSC 2014 Coach of the year and the Mississippi Prep Coach of the Year in 2013 and 2018. Coach Collins was the coach of the Jackson Swim Association City Champions for 22 years. Lauri has taught private swimming lessons in Mississippi for an amazing 45 years.

TENNIS

DEBBIE SWINDOLL | LAFAYETTE HIGH SCHOOL



The MAC High School Tennis Coach of the Year is Debbie Swindoll of Lafayette High. Born in Winona, Debbie is a graduate of Winona High and Mississippi State. A former Prep All-American and four-time high school singles champion, Coach Swindoll played number 1 or number 2 singles her entire career at Mississippi State. Debbie was the 1981 Mississippi Player of the Year who was named to the All-State college tennis squad and set records for all-time single season victories. She began her 9-year coaching career at Lafayette High in 2011 and has led the Commodore tennis team to 4 district and region titles, 1 North half crown, and the 2018 Class 5A State Championship. Her tennis squads have won 136 matches with only 41 losses during her career. Along with her first MAC coach of the year accolades, Coach Swindoll has been named coach of the year previously by the NFHS and the Mississippi Tennis Association. She was the Mississippi Tennis Professional of the Year in 2002 and 2003 by the USPTA and received similar award by the Mississippi Tennis Association in 1996 and 2018. Coach Swindoll was inducted into the Mississippi State Athletic Hall of Fame in 2007 as the first female tennis player inductee. She was also inducted into the Tennis Foundation of Mississippi Hall of Fame in 2007. Debbie also previously received the Gerri Rothwell Award from the Southern Tennis Association.

GIRLS TRACK

GREG WARNICK | TUPELO CHRISTIAN PREPARATORY SCHOOL



Receiving his second MAC Coach of the Year Award is Coach Greg Warnick of Tupelo Christian Preparatory School who is being honored as the MAC Girls Track Coach of the Year for 2019. Coach Warnick hails from Ft. Worth, Texas, and graduated from Crowley High and Baylor. He has been coaching track and cross country for 6 years at Tupelo Christian Preparatory School where he has led the Eagles to an amazing 10 state championships. In 2019, his Eagles girls track team won the state championship, their third title in 4 years. In addition to the girls' team, Greg's Eagles boys' team won their second straight boys track state championship in 2019. His girls cross country teams claimed state gold in 2016 and 2018 while his boys cross country squads captured state titles in 2016, 2017, and 2018. Coach Warnick was previously named MAC girls cross country coach of the year in 2017 and he has been UTFCCA Mississippi girls track and cross country coach of the year in 2016 and 2018. He was a national finalist for boys cross country coach of the year in 2019 by the NHSACA.

BOYS TRACK

LINDA ALLEN | NORTHSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

In one short season at Northside High in Shelby, Coach Linda Allen has been named the MAC High School Boys Track Coach of the Year. Linda is a native of Clarksdale who graduated from Coahoma AHS where she was best athletic female and was the best sprinter at Mississippi Valley State. She began coaching track and girls' basketball in 1992 with most of her 27-year career spent at John F. Kennedy High in Mound Bayou. Coach Allen took over the Northside Gators track program in 2018 and made an immediate impact. In the school's first season competing in athletics, the boys track squad won the Class 2A State Championship by edging out the defending state champs from Pisgah High. The Gators title marked the fifth state championship Coach Allen's teams have won including girls track & field in 2012 and 2014, boys cross country in 2015, and boys track & field in 2017. Linda previously won the MAC Coach of the Year Award for girls' basketball in 2014 and she has been honored as coach of the year by the NFHS in girls' basketball and cross country and by the North Central Athletic Conference for girls track.



VOLLEYBALL

MIKE MEYERS | OUR LADY ACADEMY

For the fifth time, championship Coach Mike Meyers of Our Lady Academy is being named the MAC Volleyball Coach of the Year. Born in Cincinnati, Ohio, Mike is a graduate of St. Stanislaus College where he was a four-year letterman in football and track, a three-year letterman in basketball and the Mississippi shot put champion. He was a three-year letterman and a member of the Louisiana Tech football national championship team. Coach Meyers started his 28-year coaching career in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, at Broadmoor and Central High schools. He arrived at Our Lady Academy in 2000 and has created a Mississippi volleyball dynasty. Coach Meyers' Crescents in Bay St. Louis have won 19 region titles, 16 South State crowns, and an amazing 13 state championships including 7 in a row from 2012 to 2018. His volleyball teams have won 556 matches with only 139 losses for a sparkling 80% winning mark. Mike is a five-time MAC, a two-time MHSAA, a Sun Herald, and a Clarion Ledger volleyball coach of the year. He was also a finalist for national coach of the year by the NHSACA. Coach Meyers is a driving force in Mississippi high school volleyball who is a co-chairperson for the MAC volleyball committee. He is a four-time MAC Volleyball All-Star coach whose name is part of the game's top sportsmanship award.



ARCHERY

JOHN TIGNER | MANTACHIE HIGH SCHOOL

Making MAC history for 2019 is Coach John Tigner of Mantachie High who is the first ever MAC High School Archery Coach of the Year. John was born in Tupelo and graduated from Mantachie High, Mississippi State, and Arkansas State. Coach Tigner has spent his entire 8-year career at his prep alma mater at Mantachie having arrived in 2011. In 2019, he guided his Mustang archers to a North Half title and the state runner-up, their second consecutive second place finish. Previously, John paced Mantachie to 5 North Half championships and 4 straight state championships from 2014 to 2017. During his career, Coach Tigner's Mustangs have won an amazing 66 matches with only 14 losses for a remarkable 83% winning mark.



Championship 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 25, 2019 in Bismarck, North Dakota.

GERALD AUSTIN championship basketball coach at Biggersville, Holly Bluff, Crystal Springs, Gulfport, Jackson Prep, and Kirk Academy, was recently inducted into the National High School Athletic Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

A native of Jackson, Coach Austin lettered in baseball and basketball at Forest Hill High and was named to the AA All-State hoops team in 1958. He attended Hinds Junior College for one year and transferred to Northwest Nazarene College in Nampa, Idaho. After the end of the first semester, he returned to the Magnolia State at Mississippi College where he earned his college degree in 1963 after playing basketball on every varsity squad in junior and senior college.

Gerald launched his coaching career in 1963 at Biggersville. He would also coach at Holly Bluff, Crystal Springs, Gulfport, Jackson Prep, and Kirk Academy. He spent 15 years in the academy ranks at Jackson Prep and Kirk Academy. While at Kirk Academy in Grenada, he also served as high school principal. He retired in 2008 after working for 45 years in education.

Coach Austin led his basketball teams to numerous district and invitational tournament titles. He was a part of 10 state championship teams—one as a player, 6 as an assistant coach, and 3 as a head coach. He coached in 2 Mississippi High School All-Star games and was named MAC Coach of the Year 3 times.

Off the court, Gerald is active in the Kiwanis Club in Gulfport. In 2017, he became color analyst for Gulfport basketball internet broadcasts.

Gerald was a longtime MAC member and served as MAC President in 1986-87. In addition to his recent NHSACA Hall of Fame induction, Coach Austin was selected to the MAC Coaches Hall of Fame in 2000.



Gerald Austin & wife, Sandra

DOUG FOWLER, the multi-sport championship coach at Philadelphia, Quitman, and Hinds Community College who served as Executive Director of the MAC from 1991 to 2002, was recently inducted into the National High School Athletic Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

Coach Fowler is a native of Paynes and graduated from Grenada High. After serving two years in the U. S. Navy until 1962, Doug played football at Holmes Junior College and Delta State and later achieved an additional degree at Southern Miss. His coaching and athletic administrative service covered 36 years from 1967 to 2002. He began his career as assistant football and basketball coach and head track coach

at Philadelphia High from 1967 to 1969. He guided the track team to a district title in 1968 and was named track coach of the year.

Doug moved to Quitman High working as an assistant football coach and head track coach in 1969. He helped pace the football team to 3 conference runner-up finishes and a conference championship in 1976. Coach Fowler led the basketball team to a 1973 conference crown and the track team to one district title, two conference runner-up finishes, and 8 conference championships from 1970 to 1979. In the 1973 season, he guided the Quitman basketball, football, and track teams to conference crowns. In 1975, after advancing to the positions of athletic director, head football coach, and head track coach, he won conference titles in football and track. He served as President of the Sam Dale Conference in 1976.

Coach Fowler arrived at Hinds Community College in 1979 where he was assistant football coach and head track coach. Doug coached the Hinds Eagles track team to four South State titles, two state JUCO championships, and one Region 23 crown from 1980 to 1983. His 1981 track squad appeared in the National JUCO track championships. Doug coached the Mississippi Junior College All-Star football games in 1981 and 1983.

Doug's coaching accomplishments garnered numerous awards through his career. He was MAC Track Coach of the Year 5 times from 1972 to 1975 and in 1979. He was MAC football Coach of the year in 1976 and MAC basketball Coach of the Year in 1983 for an overall total of 7 coach of the year honors.

Off the track and the gridiron, Coach Fowler continued to be a force in the coaching ranks. He served on the State Board for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes from 1987 to 2017 and helped created the State FCA Coaches Council. A longtime MAC member, he served as MAC Executive Director from 1991 to 2002. He served as President of the Mississippi Association of School Administrators in 2002 and as President of the Mississippi School Plant Managers in 1987. He was a longtime member of the National Organization of Coaches Associations Board of Directors. He also served as facilities director at Hinds Community College and Mississippi College.

In addition to the NHSACA Hall of Fame induction, Coach Fowler was inducted in to the MAC Coaches Hall of Fame in 2008 and the Hinds Community College Sports Hall of Fame in 2009.



Doug Fowler & wife, Karen



State Champ winners

Congratulations to the following Coaches for winning 2018-2019 State Championships!

ARCHERY:

- Class I- Brian Quinn, Walnut
- Class II- Chris Holder, Itawamba AHS
- Class III- Jeff Cates, Saltillo

BASEBALL:

- 1A- Jamie Russell, Smithville
- 2A- Josh Miller, Calhoun City
- 3A- Chad Anthony, North Pontotoc
- 4A- Lee Boyd, New Hope
- 5A- Trey Sutton, West Jones
- 6A- Mark Monaghan, DeSoto Central

BASKETBALL- GIRLS:

- 1A- Katie Bates, Pine Grove
- 2A- Perry Fletcher, Newton
- 3A- Angie Malone, Kossuth
- 4A- Kenyon Ross, Louisville
- 5A- Jason Thompson, Olive Branch
- 6A- Lacey Kennedy & Jason Kennedy, Pearl

BASKETBALL- BOYS:

- 1A- Calvin Brown, East Marion
- 2A- Corey Mackey, Bay Springs
- 3A- Christopher Love, Velma Jackson
- 4A- Tony Tadlock, Raymond
- 5A- Newton Mealer, Center Hill
- 6A- Greg Carter, Starkville

BOWLING- BOYS:

- Class I- Michael Lee, Kossuth
- Class II- Kelle Sumrall, Lafayette
- Class III- Richard Wesche, D'Iberville

BOWLING- GIRLS:

- Class I- Michael Lee, Kossuth
- Class II- Joey Blount, Neshoba Central
- Class III- Charlie Melton, Clinton

CROSS COUNTRY - BOYS:

- 1A- Greg Warnick, Tupelo Christian
- 2A- Timothy McDaniel, St. Patrick
- 3A- Jackie Hill, Kossuth
- 4A- Andy McElyea, Corinth
- 5A- Charles Covington, Saltillo
- 6A- Tim Sayers, Ocean Springs

CROSS COUNTRY - GIRLS:

- 1A- Greg Warnick, Tupelo Christian
- 2A- Timothy McDaniel, St. Patrick
- 3A- Jackie Hill, Kossuth
- 4A- Andy McElyea, Corinth
- 5A- Charles Covington, Saltillo
- 6A- George Kersch, Pearl

FAST PITCH SOFTBALL:

- 1A- Josh Hegwood, Vardaman
- 2A- David Frey, Philadelphia
- 3A- Adam Patterson, South Pontotoc
- 4A- Justin Chaney, Newton County
- 5A- Trae Embry, Neshoba Central
- 6A- Phyllis Hicks, DeSoto Central

FOOTBALL:

- 1A- James Courtney, Nanih Waiya
- 2A- Devin Cooper, Scott Central
- 3A- Brad Embry, Water Valley
- 4A- M.C. Miller, Louisville
- 5A- Chris Chambless, West Point
- 6A- Brad Boyette, Horn Lake

GOLF- GIRLS:

- Class I- Mark Wilson, St. Joseph
- Class II- Hunter Wyrick, Vancleave
- 5A- Jakob Easterling, South Jones
- 6A- Matthew Viglianco, Ocean Springs

GOLF- BOYS:

- Class I- Michael Gray, Baldwyn
- 3A- Bart Greenhaw, Booneville
- 4A- Martha Tallent, Corinth
- 5A- Gregg Perry, Germantown
- 6A- Sherry Rials, Tupelo

POWERLIFTING- GIRLS:

- Class I- Scott Duley, East Union
- Class II- Kyle Mickelson, Moss Point
- Class III- Josh Ladner, D'Iberville

POWERLIFTING- BOYS:

- 1A- Lonny Schraeder, Sacred Heart
- 2A- Darryl Jones, Union
- 3A- Casey Meeks III, Velma Jackson
- 4A- Tyrone Varnado, South Pike
- 5A- Charlie Shearer, Germantown
- 6A- Logan Fallo, Gulfport

SLOW PITCH SOFTBALL:

- Class I- Josh Blythe, East Union
- Class II- Adam Patterson, South Pontotoc
- Class III- Trae Embry, Neshoba Central

SOCCER- BOYS:

- 1A/2A/3A- Joe Falla, Jr., Sacred Heart
- 4A- John Adams, Richland
- 5A- Harl Roehm, Lewisburg
- 6A- Henrik Madsen, Gulfport

SOCCER- GIRLS:

- 1A/2A/3A- Joe Falla, Sr., Sacred Heart
- 4A- Alex George, West Lauderdale
- 5A- Melinda Scruggs, Lafayette
- 6A- Neil Scott, Ocean Springs

SWIMMING- BOYS:

- Class I- Lauri Collins, St. Joseph
- Class II- Lucas Smith, Tupelo

SWIMMING - GIRLS:

- Class I- Thatch Shepherd, St. Andrew's
- Class II- Bridget Carmody, Madison Central

TENNIS:

- 1A/2A- Teddy Viator, Sacred Heart
- 3A- Emillia Viljoen, St. Andrew's
- 4A- Suzy Bowman, New Albany
- 5A- Freddie Wegner, Stone
- 6A- Brad Boteler, Madison Central

TRACK- GIRLS:

- 1A- Greg Warnick, Tupelo Christian
- 2A- Stan Dellenger, St. Patrick
- 3A- Price Chadwick, St. Andrew's
- 4A- Shane Baltz, Senatobia
- 5A- Damon Felder, Long Beach
- 6A- Johnathan Perkins, Clinton

TRACK- BOYS:

- 1A- Greg Warnick, Tupelo Christian
- 2A- Linda Faye Allen, Northside
- 3A- Myreon Sartin, Tylertown
- 4A- Willie Bramlett, Northeast Lauderdale
- 5A- Charles Green, Hattiesburg
- 6A- Chris Barnett, Pearl

VOLLEYBALL:

- Class I- Mike Meyers, Our Lady Academy
- Class II- Haley Chatham, Vancleave
- Class III- Kelsa Walker, Brandon

CHEER:

- Small Varsity- Amy Talley, St. Martin
- Medium Varsity- Marie Harlow, DeSoto Central
- 1A/2A/3A Varsity Game Day- Ashley Haddox, Columbia
- 4A/5A/6A Varsity Game Day- Brandee Wheeler, Tupelo
- 1A/2A/3A Non Tumble Varsity Game Day- Tyler Gray, Eupora
- 4A/5A/6A Non Tumble Varsity Game Day- Mylene Cromwell, Oxford
- 1A/2A/3A Non Tumble Varsity- Kelly Simpson, Enterprise (Clarke)
- 4A/5A/6A Non Tumble Varsity- Beth James, Tishomingo County

DANCE:

- Large Varsity Pom- Kerry Matthews, Center Hill
- Large Varsity Jazz- Casey Morrison, Oak Grove
- Large Varsity Kick- Casey Morrison, Oak Grove
- 2A/3A/4A Varsity Hip Hop- Lexey Robinett, Sumrall
- 5A/6A Varsity Hip Hop- Kerry Matthews, Center Hill
- Small Varsity Jazz- Sadie Penton, Pearl River Central
- Small Varsity Kick- Kelly Tucker, South Jones
- 2A/3A/4A Small Varsity Pom- Summer Garber, Purvis
- 5A/6A Small Varsity Pom- Sadie Penton, Pearl River Central

MAC's 2019-2020 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 by random drawing during the MAC General Business Meeting during the 2019 Coaches Clinic were:



SYDNEY WOODY

Alcorn State University
Daughter of Coach Tony Woody
Jefferson Davis Co. High School

JOHN D. TOPIK

Mississippi University for Women
Daughter of Coach Derek Topik
NW Rankin High School

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



2019 MULTI-SPORTS CLINIC –
Motivational speaker, Ken Smith,
addresses a full room.



NHSACA COTY finalists



The 2019 NHSACA Coach of the Year finalists from Mississippi are pictured here left to right: Greg Warnick, Tupelo Christian, Boys' Cross Country; Todd Beach, Madison Central, Golf; Justin Chaney, Newton County, Softball; Scott Duley, East Union, Powerlifting; Louis Nash, Oxford, Tennis; Tyler Rogers, Nanih Waiya, Baseball; Johnathan Perkins, Clinton, Track & Field; Lucas Smith, Tupelo, Swimming
Not pictured: Charles Covington, Saltillo, Girls' Cross Country

Congratulations to Coach Chaney & Coach Covington for winning the national honor!



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Congrats to Will to Win Scholarship recipient Ty'Keria Vance of Hattiesburg High School. Ty'Keria was presented the award this week & is the daughter of Tony & Vernida Vance. I-r: Sheri Shramek, Darden Price, Ty'Keria, Vernida & Tony Vance.



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Congrats to Will to Win Scholarship recipient Cade Caldwell from George County High School. He was presented the award at the MAC Clinic & is the son of Coach Matt & Melissa Caldwell. I-r: Dexter Young, Matt & Melissa Caldwell, Cade, Gaye Broyles, Rodney Stokes, Mike Wilkinson

WILL TO WIN SCHOLARSHIP recipients Cade Caldwell in photo right, and Ty'Keria Vance in photo below.



2019 Amanda Price Award

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Congratulations to Allison Hardy from Germantown High School, the 2019 Amanda Price Award recipient! Allison is the wife of Coach Brian Hardy & was formally presented the award today at the MAC Business Meeting. Pictured I - r: Ron Price, Allison, Brian Hardy, Sheri Shramek



Congratulations to MAC's 2018-2019 Service Award Recipients



50 Year Service Award
Bubba Davis, Starkville Academy



45 Year Service Award
Steve Harber, Newton County



45 Year Service Award
Bobby Purvis, Alcorn Central

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, 2020, to be recognized at the Hall of Fame Banquet.



40 Year Service Award
Donny Fuller, Gulfport



35 Year Service Award
Randy West, Brandon



25 Year Service Award
Timothy Blackwell, Wayne County

Not pictured are Larry Gann, Vardaman, 40 Years and Dellie Robinson, Vicksburg, 30 Years.

MAC HONORS INDUCTEES AT 2019 HALL OF FAME BANQUET



The banquet was held at the Hilton Hotel in Jackson, MS on June 21. Standing: Kenny Robinson & M.C. Miller. Seated: Ken Bramlett, Geary Jackson, Junior Graham

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ROY GARCIA AWARD WINNER



Coach Mike Chambless of Pelahatchie 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 21, 2019 (Hilton Hotel, Jackson, MS) Picture L-R: Coach Chambless & Coach Garcia

2019 ALL-STAR VOLLEYBALL

The 2019 All-Star Volleyball Games were played on Wednesday, July 17, 2019 at 6 p.m. For the second consecutive year, the North swept the South 25-18, 25-20, and 25-21 at the Maurice Hall Activities Center Hangar Dome on the campus of Millsaps College. The North sweep was the fourth in the last five years and added to the North's series lead at 9-6. In the first set, the squads were tied at 6-6 before the North scored on 6 of the next 8 rally points. After the South made a run, the North then powered out to a 22-14 lead that eventually led to a 25-18 victory. In the second set, the North was paced by 3 service aces by Lexi Graves of Hernando. Tied at 4-4, the aces led to a North scoring spree as the team took a 13-6 advantage. The South's Sydney Salter of Vancleave helped draw her team close, but the North pulled away with 4 straight points for a 23-14 lead and 25-20 win. The third set was even at 8-8 before the North edged out front by a 17-14 score. The South came back with a surge to draw close at 21-20, but the North claimed 4 of the next 5 rally points to complete the sweep at 25-21. The South's Most Outstanding Player was Sydney Salter of Vancleave whose serves and backline play kept the South in the match in all three sets. The North's Most Outstanding Player was Lake Cormorant's Isabella Beasley who registered several key kills at the net. The fifth annual Burchyett-Meyers Game Balls, as selected by their teammates for exhibiting the best attitude, work ethic, and team spirit, were awarded to the North's Raegan Stafford of DeSoto Central and the South's Kaytie Rutland of Ocean Springs.



Picture L-R: South's Most Outstanding Player, Sydney Salter, Vancleave, and North's Most Outstanding Player, Isabella Beasley, Lake Cormorant.



The 2019 All-Star Slow Pitch Softball Games will be played at Mack Fanning Field (Newton County High School) in Decatur, MS on Saturday, October 26, 2019. Players will report on Game Day. Admission will be \$5; MAC cards will be accepted.



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**MISSISSIPPI/ALABAMA
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**Hattiesburg, MS
December 14, 2019**

The 33rd Mississippi/Alabama All-Star Football Classic, featuring the "best of the best" of high school senior talent from both states, will be played at M.M. Roberts Stadium on the campus of the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg, MS.

Head Coach:

Brad Breland, Union

Assistant Coaches:

- Tyler Peterson, Brandon
- Tim Shramek, Germantown
- Patrick Schoolar, Neshoba Central
- Anthony Dillon, North Forrest
- Chris Cutcliffe, Oxford
- Quenton Euell, Velma Jackson
- Joey Tompkins, Winona

Scout Coach:

Derrick Hooker, South Delta

Administrative Coaches:

Howard McNeill, Kenny Robinson, Todd Mangum, & Hoss Ladner

Athletic Trainers:

Richie Woods & Ray Burr
(Mississippi Sports Medicine)

***Good luck,
Team Mississippi!***



2019

**BERNARD BLACKWELL
CLASSIC ALL-STAR
FOOTBALL GAME**

December 21, 2019

The 71st Annual Bernard Blackwell Classic All-Star Football Game will be played on Saturday, December 21, at Gulfport High School's Milner Stadium. A special thanks to Gulfport School District Superintendent Glen East, Athletic Director Bryan Caldwell, Assistant Athletic Director Donny Fuller and all of their staff for supporting the MAC.

NORTH COACHING STAFF

Head Coach:

Clinton Gatewood, Greenwood

Assistant Coaches:

- Allen Glenn, Amory
- Cary Weaver, Greenwood
- Marcus Rogers, Holmes Co. Central
- Chris Daniels, H.W. Byers
- Sam Williams, Pelahatchie
- Jermaine Dobbs, Yazoo County

Scout Coach:

Sheldon Hodge, Amanda Elzy

SOUTH COACHING STAFF

Head Coach:

Tony Vance, Hattiesburg

Assistant Coaches:

- Donovan Tate, Hattiesburg
- Dante Durr, Mount Olive
- Chad Collums, Raleigh
- Brinson Wall, South Pike
- John Feaster, Stone
- Jeremy Loy, Wesson

Scout Coach:

Toby Collums, Northwest Rankin

Notes from the MAC:

- ▶ The tentative date set for the 2020 Coaches Clinic is July 14-17.
- ▶ 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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80 lb.	58"	35"	46"

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CAPACITY	HEIGHT	WIDTH	DEPTH
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50 lb.	73"	35"	48"
80 lb.	76"	39"	52"
120 lb.	86"	47"	61"

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