

# Valdosta State University Athletic Hall of Fame

11th Annual Induction Ceremony and Luncheon

Saturday, February 3, 2007 Noon

> Magnolia Room University Center



# **TODAY'S PROGRAM**

Welc <mark>om</mark> e	Herb Reinhard, Athletic Director
Invocation	Khaleh Thomas

### LUNCH

President's Remarks	Dr. Ronald M . Zaccari
Presentation of the 11th Class	Herb Reinhard
Formal Induction	Dr. Ronald M. Zaccari
Inductees' Remarks	
Closing Remarks	Herb Reinhard

#### HALL OF FAME SELECTION COMMITTEE

Herb Reinhard, Mark Powell, Whit Chappell, Jennifer Head, Bill England, John Hansen, Tommy Thomas, Steve Roberts, Shawn Reed

## THE 2007 HALL OF FAME CLASS

#### SAL AMADEO, BASEBALL

Sal Amadeo was a three-year letterwinner for Valdosta State and a member of the Blazers' 1979 National Championship squad. He earned All-America honors as a junior in 1978 and as a senior in 1979. Amadeo batted .320 during his career and scored a school-record 183 runs. He also owns the school record for stolen bases with 91 and tallied 107 career runs batted in. Amadeo hit 25 home runs during his career while also collecting 28 doubles and four triples. He batted .329 and stole a then school-record 35 bases as a junior in 1978. He scored 63 runs and drove in 40 during his junior season. Amadeo followed by batting .311 and stealing 45 bases while scoring 59 times and driving in 35 runs as a senior.

#### DUSTY BONNER, FOOTBALL

A two-year letterwinner for Valdosta State, Dusty Bonner established himself as one of the greatest Blazer gridironers of all time as he twice won the Harlon Hill Trophy as Division II's top football player. Bonner completed 649-of-913 passing attempts and threw for 8,163 yards during his two-year career. Bonner tossed 107 touchdowns, against just 22 interceptions while leading Valdosta State to playoff appearances during the 2000 and 2001 seasons. Bonner holds the VSU school record for passing yards in a game, touchdowns thrown for in a game, total offense in a game, touchdowns responsible for in a game, yards per game in a season, total offense in a season and touchdowns responsible for in a season. He is third overall in career passing yards and second in both career touchdowns and total offense.

#### STEVE ROBERTS, SPORTS INFORMATION DIRECTOR

Steve Roberts spent much of his adult life promoting Valdosta State and the Blazer Athletic Department as he served 25 years as the school's Sports Information Director. Roberts promoted three Harlon Hill Trophy winners, tied for most in the honor's 21-year history, and worked with the 1979 Baseball, 2004 Football and 2006 Men's Tennis National Championship squads. He served on the CoSIDA Board of Directors and worked all 274 VSU football games from 1982 to 2005.

#### NICO SABLOWSKI, MEN'S TENNIS

Nico Sablowski was a four-year letterwinner for Valdosta State, having played from 1998 through 2001. He was a three-time All-America honoree, winning the award in 1999, 2000 and 2001. Sablowski also earned All-Gulf South Conference honors all four years as he compiled a 37-29 individuals record and a 55-26 doubles mark. He played as VSU's No. 1 or No. 2 player all four years of his career.

#### TRACY SPROLDEN KIMETHU, WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Tracy Sprolden was a four-year letterwinner, having starred at Valdosta State from 1998 through 2001. She scored 1,901 career points, an average of 17.8 per game over her 107 game career. Sprolden owns the school record for best rebounding average in a single season at 14.7 per game in 1999-2000, in blocked shots in a season, with 112 in 1999-2000, and blocked shots per game in a single season, at 4.3 in 1999-2000. All three of those numbers led the nation during her sophomore season. Sprolden also owns the school record for most career blocked shots and best rebound average while holding single game records for most rebounds and most blocked shots. Sprolden was named All-America as a freshman, sophomore and senior and was named the Gulf South Conference's Player-of-the-Year as a senior in 2001.

#### WEEKEND ATHLETIC SCHEDULE

D L II L Today	3:00 pm
Baseball vs. Lynn	
Softball vs. St. Leo	
Women's Basketball vs. Alabama-Huntsville	
Men's Basketball vs. Alabama-Huntsville	8:00 pm
Softball vs. St. Leo	1:00 pm
Softball vs. Florida Southern	

Hall of Fame inductees will be recognized at halftime of the men's basketball game.

# ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

#### 1997 Class

Eric Anderson Sam Bowen Eddie Brown Chan Dixon Joe Germano Billy Grant Susan Taylor Jessie Tuggle Men's Tennis Baseball Men's Basketball Women's Tennis Cross Country Coach, Administrator Women's Basketball Football

#### 1998 Class

Gary Colson	Coach
Gene Felts	Baseball
Bobby Ritch	Men's Basketball
Shannon Williams	Women's Basketball

#### 1999 Class

Candace Fincher	Women's Basketball
Jackie Harris	Basketball
Louise Howell	American Ball
Mike Perry	Men's Basketball, Baseball
Nancy Irby	Women's Tennis
Cecil Whitehead	Baseball

#### 2000 Class

Antonio Edwards	Football
Willie Oxford	Men's Basketball
Kelly Scott	Baseball
Lyndal Worth	Coach

#### 2001 Class

Briny Baird JoJo Blaha Carol Chason Chris Hatcher Golf Baseball Women's Basketball Football

#### 2002 Class

Mike Jones Ray McCully Keith Moore Janice Washington

Baseball Men's Basketball Football Women's Basketball

#### 2003 Class

Jeff Agerter Sue Ann Christie Wome Masa Oreskovic Wo Libby Parks

Baseball Women's Basketball Women's Tennis Softball

#### 2004 Class

Lance FunderburkFootballDaryl GreenanMen's TennisBridgett MooreBasketballBryan ShoverBaseball

#### 2005 Class

Tim DomineyBasketballSachin KirtaneMen's TennisDavid YarmitzkyGolf1979 National Championship Baseball Team

#### 2006 Class

Klaus Acker	Men's Tennis
Kevin Durkin	Golf
Tommy Thomas	Coach
Dawn Wynn	Women's Basketball