



*Valdosta State University  
Athletic Hall of Fame*

*16th Annual Induction Ceremony and Luncheon*

*Saturday, January 21, 2012  
Noon*

*Ballroom  
Student Union*



*Blaney*  
*Bush*  
*8th year*  
*8.9th*  
*House*

# TODAY'S PROGRAM

*Heth*  
*annual*

Welcome ..... Herb Reinhard, Athletic Director

Invocation ..... Trea Brinson, FCA Chaplin

## LUNCH

Opening Remarks ..... Dr. Louis Levy

Presentation of the 15th Class ..... Herb Reinhard

Formal Induction ..... Dr. Louis Levy

Inductees' Remarks ..... 2012 Class

Closing Remarks ..... Herb Reinhard

*HOF in attendance*  
*THOUGHTS*  
*1998 Class*

*GARY COLSON*

HALL OF FAME SELECTION COMMITTEE  
*Emble*  
Whit Chappell, John Hansen, Jennifer Head, Tom Odom, Shawn Reed  
Herb Reinhard, Steve Roberts, Tommy Thomas, Bobby Tucker





## THE 2012 HALL OF FAME CLASS

*Greg - Eligibility*

### **EDDIE FISHER, BASEBALL**

One of the greatest pitchers in Valdosta State baseball history, Eddie was a stand out for the Blazers from 1966 through 1969. His greatest year came in 1969 when he pitched in 14 games and tallied an 11-0 record and had one save. Eddie registered a paltry 1.29 earned run average that season and recorded a no-hitter, just one of four in the history of the Blazer program. He pitched 97.2 innings that season and allowed just 57 hits and a miniscule 14 earned runs while striking out 101 batters. Eddie owned a 1.48 career earned run average, a figure that stands as the Valdosta State record 42 years after his playing days ended, and was twice named an NAIA All-American.

### **OWEN HARRIS, CONTRIBUTOR**

*Nelda*

One of Valdosta State's longest running athletic supporters, Owen Harris has been a big component in Valdosta State Athletics' success. He has provided resources that have allowed VSU to provide the opportunity for hundreds of student-athletes to reach their potential both on and off the court or field and in the classroom.

*TD's, No-hitters, 10-time ALL-AMER*

### **TOMMY JOHNSON, BASEBALL/MEN'S BASKETBALL**

A dual sport star in the 1960's, Tommy excelled in both baseball and basketball during his playing days at Valdosta State. He played both sports all four years with the school and was a two-year starter in basketball while starting all four seasons on the baseball diamond. Tommy was a valuable member of three Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference basketball and two SIAC baseball championship teams during the school's NAIA days and earned All-Conference honors in baseball in 1965 while being named the VSU Most Valuable Player. He batted .400 that season and went on to earn two degrees from Valdosta State while being a charter member of the Omicron Delta Kappa Society, an honorary academic society.

### **EVA PETSCHNIG, WOMEN'S TENNIS**

*HUNNING*

*M married to former VSU  
great Tennis HUNNING*

A three-year member of the Valdosta State women's tennis team, Eva earned All-American honors in each of her three seasons with the Lady Blazers, becoming the first VSU women's tennis player to accomplish that feat. She played No. 1 in both singles and doubles all three seasons with Valdosta State and compiled a career record of 43-17 in doubles and 40-14 at singles. Eva was particularly dominant her senior season in 2005, during which she was 15-2 in both singles and doubles play. She directed the Lady Blazers to postseason play in each of her three seasons, including the school's first appearance in the national semifinals in 2005.

### **ANTONIO SPEED, FOOTBALL**

*Coached  
against us this past spring  
at mall tournament.*

One of the most dominating defensive players in Valdosta State football history, Antonio was twice named the Gulf South Conference's Defensive Player of the Year, one of only four players in the history of the conference to repeat in that honor. He is just one of five Valdosta State players to be named the GSC's top defensive player and also earned All-America honors in 1998 after recording 103 tackles, including 21.0 tackles for loss, on the year. Antonio tallied 24 tackles in nine games as a freshman before registering 83 as a sophomore and 77 as a senior and finished his career with 287 career tackles, the seventh-highest total in school history. He also ranks in the top 10 in VSU history in tackles for loss and sacks.

*3rd straight HOF Luncheon - Master*  
**(2012 class continued on back)**

*3-wed old 500A*



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**CHRISTOPH SCHNEIDER, MEN'S TENNIS**

A three-time All-American with the Blazers, Christoph was a four-year member of the Valdosta State men's tennis squad. He compiled a career-record of 65 wins and 16 losses in singles play while going 65 and 30 in doubles during his career. Christoph played No. 1 in both singles and doubles as a senior during the 2006 season, during which he led the Blazers to the school's first national championship, and competed at No. 2 in both doubles and singles in his freshman, sophomore and junior seasons.

**THE 2006 MEN'S TENNIS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM**

*NIKKO OVERKEMING*

After a near miss two seasons before, the 2006 men's tennis team capped off the Blazers rise to national prominence as the squad won its first national championship. The squad rolled through the early part of its schedule, winning its first 20 matches of the season en route to a 26-1 record on the year. The team capped off the season with a dominating 5-2 victory over Lynn in the national championship match, giving Valdosta State its third overall national title.

*NY trip*

*Yankees vs Red Sox*

WEEKEND ATHLETIC SCHEDULE

Women's Basketball vs. West Georgia..... Today, 6:00 p.m.

Men's Basketball vs. West Georgia..... Today, 8:00 p.m.

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

*Tickets good for tonight's games*

Recognize WHIT

*Chartwells & EVENT SERVICES*

*Bethanie Bass Brogden*

*Athletic Staff - Best staff in country*

*BILL MURTZ*

*HOF Committee*

*Mary Francis Hightower*

*Debbie Wrauback*

*Shaw Reed*

*Res All of Athletic Staff*

*2pm Tour of campus leaving from admission office - 30 minutes by van*

# ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME MEMBERS

## 1997 Class

Eric Anderson Men's Tennis  
 Sam Bowen Baseball  
 Eddie Brown Men's Basketball  
 Chan Dixon Women's Tennis  
 Joe Germano Cross Country  
 ✓ Billy Grant Coach, Administrator  
 Susan Taylor Women's Basketball  
 Jessie Tuggle 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 Odom 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 Golf  
 JoJo Blaha Baseball  
 Carol Chason Women's Basketball  
 Chris Hatcher Football

## 2002 Class

Mike Jones Baseball  
 ✓ Ray McCully Men's Basketball  
 Keith Moore Football  
 Janice Washington Women's Basketball

## 2003 Class

Jeff Agerter Baseball  
 Sue Ann Christie Women's Basketball  
 Masa Oreskovic Women's Tennis  
 Libby Parks Softball

## 2004 Class

Lance Funderburk Football  
 Daryl Greenan Men's Tennis  
 Bridgett Moore Basketball  
 ✓ Bryan Shover Baseball

## 2005 Class

Tim Dominey Basketball  
 Sachin Kirtane Men's Tennis  
 David Yarmitzky Golf  
 1979 National Championship Baseball Team

## 2006 Class

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

## 2007 Class

Sal Almadeo Baseball  
 Dusty Bonner Football  
 Steve Roberts Sports Information  
 Nico Sablowski Men's Tennis  
 Tracy Sprolden Kimethu Women's Basketball

## 2008 Class

Dr. Kurt Jacobson Team Physician  
 C.J. Lofton Football  
 Kathy Kennedy Matthews Women's Basketball  
 Reggie Mosley Football  
 Aparna Sreenivasan Women's Tennis

## 2009 Class

✓ Tommy Clark Supporter  
 ✓ James Dominey Men's Basketball  
 Cathy McCurdy Guzay Women's Basketball  
 ✓ John Hansen Tennis  
 Dallis Smith Football

## 2010 Class

Nicky Balanis Golf  
 Randy Fisher Football  
 Bobby McDonald Baseball  
 ✓ Lamar Pearson Contributor  
 Kim Southall Softball  
 ✓ Michael Terry Men's Basketball

## 2011 Class

Jason Bulger Baseball  
 ✓ Red Cross Contributor  
 Jill Ferrell Women's Tennis  
 Aaron Jenkins Football  
 ✓ Jerome Register Baseball  
 Eduardo Rincon Tennis  
 2004 National Championship Football Team

*Susan Grant Southam windows of Susan Jackson*