



*Valdosta State University
Athletic Hall of Fame*

19th Annual Induction Ceremony and Luncheon

*Saturday, January 24, 2015
Noon*

*Ballroom
Student Union*

TODAY'S PROGRAM

WelcomeHerb Reinhard

Invocation Marty McGhin

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Opening Remarks John Crawford

Presentation of the 18th ClassHerb Reinhard

Formal Induction John Crawford

Inductees' Remarks.....2015 Class

Closing Remarks.....Herb Reinhard

HALL OF FAME SELECTION COMMITTEE

Whit Chappell, John Hansen, Jennifer Grubbs, Tom Odom, Shawn Reed

Herb Reinhard, Steve Roberts, Tommy Thomas, Bobby Tucker



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

Masa Oreskovic
Libby Parks

Women's Tennis
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	

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

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

2006 Class

2000 Class

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

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

2007 Class

2001 Class

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

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

2008 Class

2002 Class

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

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

2009 Class

2003 Class

Jeff Agerter	Baseball
Sue Ann Christie	Women's Basketball

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME MEMBERS

2010 Class

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

2015 Class

Joerg Ekkenga	Men's Tennis
Marlon Jones	Men's Basketball
Tom Odom	Contributor
Carley Peterson Kuhns	Women's Basketball
Bryan Phillips	Men's Basketball
Dr. F.D. Toth	Contributor
Brent Witcher	Golf

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	

2012 Class

Eddie Fisher	Baseball
Owen Harris	Contributor
Tommy Johnson	Baseball/Men's Basketball
Eva Petschnig	Women's Tennis
Christoph Schneider	Men's Tennis
Antonio Speed	Football
2006 National Championship Men's Tennis Team	

2013 Class

Annika Biro	Women's Tennis
Jon Good	Golf
Andre Hampton	Football
Jerry and Kay Jennett	Contributors
Jim Madaleno	Athletic Training
Robert Morgan	Baseball
Don Reason	Men's Basketball

2014 Class

Alex Acosta	Softball
Kenny Alston	Men's Basketball
Wayne Fugett	Baseball
Shirley McCully	Contributor
Jay Penny	Men's Tennis
Sherard Reynolds	Football
Bobby Tucker	Administrator
Tevis Upton	Golf
Deidre Williams	Women's Basketball

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JOERG EKKENGA, MEN'S TENNIS

Ekkenga enjoyed a stellar career for the men's tennis team as he earned All-America honors all three years in which he played for the Blazers, 2007, 2008 and 2009. He directed Valdosta State to Gulf South Conference championships and NCAA Tournament appearances in all three of his seasons, including a spot in the NCAA Championship match his freshman year of 2007. On his career, Ekkenga posted a career singles mark of 35 wins and 11 losses while posting 45 wins against just 18 losses in doubles.

MARLON JONES, MEN'S BASKETBALL

A star on the men's basketball team from 1982 through 1987, Jones played in 111 career games. He scored 1,971 career points, the second-most in school history, and averaged 17.8 points a game during his career. Jones made 839 of his 1,747 career field goal attempts to shoot 48.0 percent for his career and tallied 424 rebounds, 212 assists and 176 steals on his career.

TOM ODOM, CONTRIBUTOR

A graduate of Valdosta State in 1974, Odom has been a Valdosta State booster and fan for nearly four decades. His generosity has helped a number of Valdosta State teams and athletes achieve their dreams over the last 40 years while he has cheered on Blazers from all sports. Additionally, Odom has worked on the Valdosta State radio crew for football for the past 17 years and has worked 204 career games.

CARLEY PETERSON KUHNS, WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

A member of the women's basketball team from 2004 through 2008, Peterson earned honorable mention All-America honors in the 2007-08 season. She was named first team All-Gulf South Conference in 2007 and 2008 and played in all possible 122 games during her career and made 120 starts. Peterson scored 1,133 career points, the 16th-most in school history, and averaged 9.3 points per game on her career. She also tallied 436 rebounds, 247 assists, 35 blocked shots and 245 steals on her career and owns the Valdosta State career record for three-pointers made with 262, which is the fifth-most in GSC history. Peterson also set a single season school record when she made 91 three pointers in 2006-07, the seventh-most in Gulf South Conference history, and attempted a school record 233 in 2007-08.

BRYAN PHILLIPS, MEN'S BASKETBALL

A member of the men's basketball team from 1966 through 1968, Phillips grabbed 407 rebounds during the 1966-67 season, which still is a single season school record. He averaged 14.1 points as a junior in 1966-67 and 14.5 points as a senior in 1967-68. Phillips was a Co-Captain of the 1967-68 team and earned All-America honors that season and was named All-Conference and All-District in both 1967 and 1968. He also received honorable mention All-America in 1967 while playing for teams that went 50-17 during his two season.

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DR. F.D. TOTH, CONTRIBUTOR

Dr. Toth served Valdosta State for 26 years, 17 of them as dean of the College of Education. During his years as dean, Toth was instrumental in the development of the VSU athletic program and played a key role in the start of the football program in 1982. His leadership was pivotal in VSU's move from the NAIA ranks to the NCAA and membership in the Gulf South Conference.

BRENT WITCHER, GOLF

A golfer that played at Valdosta State for two years, Witcher earned All-American honors in both 2008 and 2009. He was named the Jack Nicklaus Award winner as the nation's top Division II golfer in 2009, becoming the only Blazer golfer to ever earn the honor. Witcher played in 22 career tournaments and was VSU's top finisher in 17 of those events. He was the individual medalist as the overall winner in five tournaments while finishing in the top five 12 times and in the top 10 on 17 occasions. His score counted in 61 of 63 career rounds while he averaged 71.3 strokes per round on his career, during which he recorded 44 rounds of par or better.

THIS WEEKEND'S ATHLETIC SCHEDULE

Women's Basketball vs. North Alabama Today, 6:00 p.m.

Men's Basketball vs. North Alabama Today, 8:00 p.m.

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

***Your ticket for today's luncheon ceremony will admit you
to both basketball games this evening.***