



22nd Annual Induction Ceremony & Brunch

**Saturday
January 20, 2018 • 10AM
Ballroom • Student Union**

VSYOU



Today's Program

Welcome Herb Reinhard

Invocation Matt Malone

Brunch

Opening Remarks Dr. Richard Carvajal

Presentation of the 2018 Class Herb Reinhard

Formal Induction Dr. Richard Carvajal

Inductees' Remarks 2018 Class

Closing Remarks Herb Reinhard

Hall of Fame Selection Committee

Whit Chappell, John Hansen, Jennifer Grubbs,
Tom Odom, Matt Malone, Herb Reinhard,
Steve Roberts, Tommy Thomas, Bobby Tucker



The 2018 Hall of Fame Class

2012 National Championship Softball Team — Under the leadership of Coach Thomas Macera, this group lost the first game of the Division II National Tournament before reeling off five consecutive wins to come out of the bottom of the bracket and claim VSU Softball's first ever National Title! The dominance of this squad was unprecedented; as the team seemed to win every time they took the field. The group lost just five times in 63 games, resulting in an eye-popping 58 total wins.

Ivey Hubbard — Ivey joined the Blazers in 1979 to begin a four year career for the Blazers, during which he averaged an impressive 16.5 points per game. Throughout his career, Ivey became a consistent force for the red and black and constructed an incredible offensive run led to 1,783 career points, which placed him fourth all-time on Valdosta State's all-time scoring list.

Sonja Harper — Sonja's career began in 1995, and during her 4-year career, she quickly established herself as one of the top infielders in both the Gulf South Conference and the country. Sonja constructed a .325 career batting average, with 50 doubles and nine career homers, and in 1999, she became the first Lady Blazer to ever earn All-American honors.

Christian Hansen — Prior to his senior season as the ITA National Player of the Year in 2012, Christian put together a 17-3 doubles record and a 9-2 singles record to help lead the Blazers to a 17-1 season in 2011. As a result, Christian's 2011 team not only won the Gulf South Conference Championship and the South Regional Championship, but the team won the Division II National Championship, marking the second in Blazer tennis history. Christian not only played a critical role in the 2011 national championship season, but also teamed up with Luis Loeffler during the fall of his senior season to win the ITA National Doubles Championship.

Andreas Boberg — Andreas started his career at VSU in the mid-90's and during his three years with the program, he led the team with averages of 75.9 or better in each of his three seasons. His efforts in 1998 earned the junior All-American recognition, and he followed it up in 1999 with his second straight All-American honor to cap off his senior year.

Dennis Fike — With a career that began in 1962, Dennis helped lay the framework for the success that Blazer Athletics has enjoyed throughout the last several decades. He was a member of the Blazer basketball program, but made a name for himself on the baseball field. The efforts of the versatile athlete on the diamond captured the attention of voters throughout the collegiate baseball contingent, and Dennis became the first position player to ever receive All-Gulf South Conference honors at Valdosta State.

Ken Ferrell — Ken has been a part of Blazer Nation for 50 years. He supported the team during his time as an employee at Valdosta State, but that was only the beginning. To this day, Ken has provided immeasurable contributions not only to the Blazer Athletics program, but also to the community. His unwavering support of the Blazers is unmatched, and countless student-athletes have benefitted from his support and generosity.

Ramon Allen — Ramon began his career in 1988 and hit the ground running, so to speak. As a running back for the Blazers in the late eighties and early nineties, Ramon kicked off his four years with a GSC Freshman of the Year honor and his collective body of work led to 3,071 rushing yards. The astonishing yardage total in his career marks the fourth-most ever tallied during the career of a Valdosta State running back.



This Weekend's Athletic Schedule

Your ticket for today's brunch ceremony will admit you to all athletic events this weekend.

VSU Alumni Softball Game Today, 2:00PM

Women's Basketball vs. West Georgia Sunday, 2:00PM

Men's Basketball vs. West Georgia Sunday, 4:00PM

*Many thanks to the VSU Alumni Association for sponsoring
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