



*Valdosta State University  
Athletic Hall of Fame*

*15th Annual Induction Ceremony and Luncheon*

*Saturday, February 19, 2011  
Noon*

*Ballroom  
Student Union*

HALL OF FAMERS IN ATTENDANCE

15th

TREA / KAYLA  
SHAWN / BELLY  
PATRICK / MAUREN  
HERB / LINDA



### TODAY'S PROGRAM

Welcome .....	Herb Reinhard, Athletic Director
Invocation .....	Trea Brinson, FCA Chaplin
<b>LUNCH</b>	
Opening Remarks .....	Dr. Patrick Schloss
Presentation of the 15th Class .....	Herb Reinhard
Formal Induction .....	Dr. Patrick Schloss
Inductees' Remarks .....	2011 Class
Closing Remarks .....	Herb Reinhard

WHIT

Thank you

### WEEKEND ATHLETIC SCHEDULE

Men's Tennis vs. Lynn .....	Today, 2:00 p.m.
Women's Tennis vs. Lynn .....	Today, 2:00 p.m.
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 basketball game.

INDUCTEES STAY FOR PHOTOGRAPHS

#### HALL OF FAME SELECTION COMMITTEE

Whit Chappell, John Hansen, Jennifer Head, Shawn Reed, Tom Odom,  
Herb Reinhard, Steve Roberts, Tommy Thomas, Bobby Tucker

## THE 2011 HALL OF FAME CLASS

VIDEO

Visited ~~you~~  
Jug game

### **JASON BULGER, BASEBALL**

A multi-talented baseball player who starred at Valdosta State from 1998 through 2001, Jason batted .344 during his career while also winning nine games, against just three losses with seven saves in 40 career appearances on the mound. He registered 220 hits while scoring 142 runs and driving in 136. He counted 44 doubles, six triples and 22 home runs among his hits and owned a .535 career slugging percentage and a .413 on-base percentage during his four years. As a pitcher, he threw 69.1 innings and allowed just 19 earned runs, an earned run average of 2.47 over the course of his career. He struck out 86 batters and was selected in the first round of the 2001 Major League Baseball draft by the Arizona Diamondbacks, one of only four players in the history of the Gulf South Conference to be selected in the first round of the draft.

*represented by parents RALPH and PAT*

*Spring training -*

### **RED CROSS, BOOSTER**

One of the original Valdosta State fans, Red began attending and cheering for the Valdosta State basketball team during the 1955-56 season, just the second year that the school sponsored an intercollegiate team. His love for the VSC hoops squad was turned into a job during the mid-1960's as he became the public address announcer for home basketball games, a position he held for more than a decade. Now in his 80's, our second inductee still attends every home basketball game today and his bellowing voice can be heard supporting the VSU basketball squads.

*and evaluating the officials.*

### **JILL FERRELL, WOMEN'S TENNIS**

One of the first great Valdosta State tennis players, Jill starred for the Blazers from 1984 through 1987. She made an immediate impact on the VSU team as she played No. 1 in both doubles and singles all four years with the Blazers. She was named the Gulf South Conference Senior Player of the Year in 1987, a year in which she became the first VSU women's player to win the conference championship at the No. 1 singles position. She finished her final season with a 12-4 singles record and a 7-6 mark in doubles after leading the squad to a second-place showing at the GSC Tournament as a junior in 1986.

### **AARON JENKINS, FOOTBALL**

A four-year letterwinner who starred on the football field from 2000 through 2003, Aaron is Valdosta State's all-time leading rusher with 3,859 yards. He earned All-America honors and was named the Gulf South Conference's Offensive Player of the Year in 2002 when he rushed for 1,304 yards and 11 touchdowns while also catching 32 passes for 355 yards and three more scores. Aaron also earned All-GSC honors in 2001 and was named the Gulf South Conference's Running Back of the Decade for the years 2000 through 2009 after leading the conference in rushing yardage for that ten-year period. His name can be found throughout the VSU record book as he is ranked in the top 10 in school history in 21 different single game, single season and career records. He is one of only four Valdosta State players to ever earn GSC Offensive Player of the Year honors.

*Visited with AARON'S Mom last night at reception Wellie  
(class continued on back page) AARON'S Mom  
you know it was a BLAZER FB Saturday when — got  
to the stadium - a wonderful lobby*

## THE 2011 HALL OF FAME CLASS

### **JEROME REGISTER, BASEBALL**

An early star on the baseball diamond for Valdosta State, Jerome starred in 1973 and 1974 and batted .326 during his career with VSU. He was second on the Valdosta State team with a .305 batting average his initial season, a year in which he scored 28 runs while driving in 34. Jerome counted five doubles, three triples and a home run among his hits that first year and also stole 10 bases. In his final season, he batted .347, again second-best on the team, and scored 32 runs while driving in 29. Jerome counted eight doubles, three triples and a home run among his 52 hits that year and again stole 10 bases. On his career, Jerome scored 60 runs and drove in 63 while helping VSU to a third-place showing in the 1973 NAIA World Series, as well as, a fifth-place finish in the 1974 NCAA Division II World Series.

### **EDUARDO RINCON, MEN'S TENNIS**

A two-time All-American for Valdosta State, Eduardo dominated on the tennis court in 2004 and 2005 while leading VSU to the Gulf South Conference championship his first year. He was named to the All-Gulf South Conference team during both of his seasons with the Blazers while tallying 20 wins against just nine losses in doubles action and 15 victories against six losses in singles play while playing No. 1 during the 2004 season. He went 14-3 in singles and 18-1 in doubles as a senior for a career record of 29 wins against nine losses in singles and 39 victories versus 10 losses in doubles play.

*Eduardo is currently on the tennis coaching staff at ARKANSAS. Eduardo has his racket and we may need him later today in our match with #5 LYNN*

### **THE 2004 FOOTBALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM**

The 2004 Valdosta State football team capped off the Blazers' rise to glory as the squad won the school's first NCAA Division II Football National Championship. After dropping its first game of the year, the team rebounded to win 14 straight games, finishing the season with a 36-31 victory over Pittsburg State in the national championship game. A school record six All-America honorees played for the squad while 11 players off the team earned All-Gulf South Conference honors. The team went a perfect 9-0 in Gulf South Conference play and won VSU's fifth GSC football title. The national championship trophy was Valdosta State's second overall title, and the first since the baseball team won the 1979 championship.

*Video before Chris  
HAVE STAND*

*We are pleased to have VSU Hall of Famer and former Head Coach Chris Hatch with us today to accept the HoF plaque on behalf of the 2004 team.*

# 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 Spoldren 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

Debbie Wisenbaker

MARY FRANCIS Hightower

Shawn Reed

GA's

Brian Roberts & John Wright - Student Life

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