



24th Annual Induction Ceremony & Brunch

**Saturday
January 25, 2020 • 10AM
Ballroom • Student Union**



Today's Program

WelcomeMr. Herb Reinhard

Invocation Mr. Matt Malone

Brunch

Opening Remarks Dr. Richard Carvajal

Inductees' Remarks 2020 Class

Formal InductionMr. Herb Reinhard

Closing RemarksMr. Herb Reinhard

Hall of Fame Selection Committee

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

- * *Matt Malone*
- * *Sage Archer and Event Services*
- * *Program good for admission*
- * *Pictures afterwards*

The 2020 Hall of Fame Class

Mark Catano — A football player in 1982 and 1983. One of the original Blazers that helped lay the framework for the incredible success that Valdosta State football has enjoyed in recent years, this powerhouse played for the very first VSU football team back in the early 80's and was named VSU's first ever football All-American.

Dominique Rothlaender — A women's tennis player from 2007 through 2009. During her three years at Valdosta State, Rothlaender was twice named an All-American. She represented the Blazers as a number one competitor in both singles and doubles play, and her accomplishments earned her First Team All-Gulf South Conference honors in each of her three years as a Blazer.

York Kurinsky — A football player in 1992 and 1993. This gridiron standout made a name for himself as one of the top offensive lineman in both the Gulf South Conference and the nation. Not only did he earn All-American honors for his efforts, but he was also named to the Gulf South Conference Team of the Quarter Century from 1971 through 1995.

Jordanne Helton Cary — A women's cross country runner from 2008 through 2011. In 2008, this cross country runner joined Coach Todd Smoot's team and wasted no time establishing herself as one of the top runners in the history of the program. She ranks as the third fastest woman in VSU history in both the 5K and the 6K, and her efforts secured a host of awards in her career, including multiple All-GSC honors, All-Region, and a Division II All-Academic award.

Morgan Johnson Faulk — A softball player from 2010 through 2013. This Blazer softball favorite represents one of the most decorated student-athletes in Valdosta State Athletics history. During her career, she helped lead the VSU softball program to four consecutive Gulf South Conference titles and a national championship in 2012. Awards throughout her career include multiple All-American honors and two consecutive Gulf South Conference Commissioner's Trophy awards.

Larry Dean — A football player from 2007 through 2010. A defensive juggernaut as a member of the Black Swarm in the first decade of the 2000's, Dean led the Blazers in tackles for three years and ranks second all-time in VSU history in the same category. His performance throughout his career was so influential that he was named both an All-American and National Defensive Player of the Year before entering a long professional career in the NFL and CFL. Dean is still active in the CFL, and he currently plays for the Edmonton Eskimos.

Jean Snyder — A supporter of Blazer Athletics for as long as we can possibly remember. Few and far between can boosters be found that have supported Blazer Athletics for as long and as consistently as Jean. Her contributions go well beyond monetary donations, a statement verified by countless hours spent sewing uniforms, transporting players to games, or just simply cheering from the stands.

Coach Charles Cooper — A coach from 1982 through 1994. As the Head Coach for the Lady Blazer Basketball program at Valdosta State for over a decade, Coach Cooper compiled a successful career that resulted in a .753 career winning percentage. His best season at Valdosta State was his 1983-84, when he led the Lady Blazers to a 30-3 record on the year, a Gulf South Conference Championship, and the program's only appearance in the NCAA Division II Final Four.

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 Basket/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 Women's Basketball
Bryan Shover Baseball

2005 Class

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



2013 Class

Annika Biro Women's Tennis
Jon Good Golf
Andre Hampton Football
Jerry & 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

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

2016 Class

Coretta Bloom Women's Basketball
Brandon Decker Baseball
Kristina Ely Softball
Bob Hagan Contributor
Leos Jelinek Men's Tennis
Hal Mumme Football
Dominique Ross Football
2007 National Championship Football Team

2017 Class

Marty McGhin Contributor
Philip Pakebusch Men's Tennis
Daniel Dueren Men's Tennis
Alyssa Shirey Softball
Pam Hand Smith Women's Basketball
Frank Gonzalez Baseball
Ron Fortner Men's Basket/Baseball

2018 Class

Ken Ferrell Contributor
2012 Softball National Championship Team
Andreas Boberg Golf
Christian Hansen Men's Tennis
Sonya Harper Softball
Ramon Allen Football
Dennis Fike Men's Basket/Baseball
Ivey Hubbard Men's Basketball



2019 Class

Anna Einarsdottir Volleyball

Pam Johnson Women's Basketball

Leon Jones Men's Basketball

Marti Littlefield Softball

Dick Rockey Contributor

Torrey Howard Football

Konstantin Kutschenko Men's Tennis

2012 National Championship Football Team

2020 Class

Mark Catano Football

Dominique Rothlaender Women's Tennis

York Kurinsky Football

Jordanne Helton Cary Women's Cross Country

Morgan Johnson Faulk Softball

Larry Dean Football

Jean Snyder Contributor

Charles Cooper Women's Basketball



This Weekend's Athletic Schedule

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

Women's Basketball vs. Auburn Montgomery Warhawks Saturday, 2:00PM

Men's Basketball vs. Auburn Montgomery Warhawks Saturday, 4:00PM



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