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51st ANNUAL MAC COACHES HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CEREMONIES

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(CLINTON, MS) The 51st Annual Mississippi Association of Coaches Hall of Fame Induction & Awards Banquet sponsored by BankPlus will be held on Friday, June 21, 2024, at 6:00 PM at the Sheraton Flowood Refuge Hotel & Conference Center off Airport Road in Flowood, MS. Upon the induction of the Class of 2024, the MAC Hall of Fame membership will increase to 270 total (255 lifetime and 15 honorary members). The MAC Coaches Hall of Fame was created in 1973. Tickets for the event are now on sale through GoFan or by contacting the MAC offices at 601-924-3020.

The MAC Hall of Fame Class of 2024 includes:

LEE BERRYHILL, 30-year veteran championship baseball and softball coach at Wheeler, Eupora, East Webster, and Starkville Academy; began coaching career in 1994; coached his softball and baseball teams to 15 district crowns, 9 North or South half titles, two state runner-up finishes, and 7 state championships; inducted into the Northeast Mississippi Coaches Association for Better Baseball Hall of Fame in 2016.

MIKE CHAMBLESS, championship coach in basketball, softball, track and cross-country at Clinton, Carthage, Richland, and Pelahatchie; started coaching career in 1984; led his softball, basketball, track, and cross-country teams to 17 division titles, 3 division runner-up finishes, 1 South

State title, 1 state runner-up finish, and one softball state championship in 1999; four-time All-Star softball coach; served as MAC President in 2013.

GENE DELCOMYN, longtime MAC supporter who has made immense contributions to the coaching profession in Mississippi; recently retired as Senior Executive Vice President of BankPlus for the past 25 years; Past President of the Jackson Touchdown Club who served as Game Chairman of the 1987 Bernard Blackwall All-Star Football Classic; vast community service includes contributions and time to the Mississippi Baseball Congress and the Mississippi Golf Association; established a scholar - athlete program with WAPT TV for high school athletes.

MICHAEL FIELDS, SR., 36-year coaching veteran who led successful track & field programs at Utica, Raymond, Hinds AHS, and St. Aloysius; began coaching career in 1988; coached football, powerlifting, cross-country, and track & field teams; has the distinction of winning state championships at 4 different schools; his track teams have claimed 25 district titles, 17 region crowns, 22 South State titles, 8 state runner-up finishes, 1 indoor state track title, and 12 state championships; three-time MAC Track Coach of the Year; coached in the 2006 Bernard Blackwell All-Star Football Classic.

HAROLD LIGGANS, led championship basketball and track programs for 35 years at Liddell High, Addison Junior High, and Port Gibson; started his 35-year coaching career in 1968; led Port Gibson girls' basketball team to 3 district titles, 2 South State crowns, and two state championships in 1991 and 1992; coached in 502 basketball games with 341 wins and only 161 losses; MAC Girls Basketball Coach of the Year in 1991; coached in the 1992 Mississippi High School All-Star basketball game and the 1998 Mississippi/Alabama All-Star basketball classic.

JERRY LONG, 43-year MAC member who is an outstanding championship baseball and softball coach at Iuka, Tishomingo County, and Cherokee; began his 43-year coaching career in 1981; has had only one losing season in 30 years on the baseball diamond; his baseball and softball teams have averaged 35 wins, 52 games played, and an average of 16 losses per season; combined, his baseball and softball teams have played 2,085 games with 1,415 wins, 663 losses, and 7 ties with 43 playoff appearances; named coach of the year an incredible 29 times—13 for baseball, 12 for slow pitch softball, and 4 for fast pitch softball; has had 49 former players or assistant coaches who are now head coaches; 60 of his players have received college scholarships; inducted into three athletic halls of fame: Crossroads Diamond Club in 2003, Northeast Mississippi Coaches Association for Better Baseball in 2013, and the Northeast Mississippi Community College Athletics Hall of Fame in 2014.

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