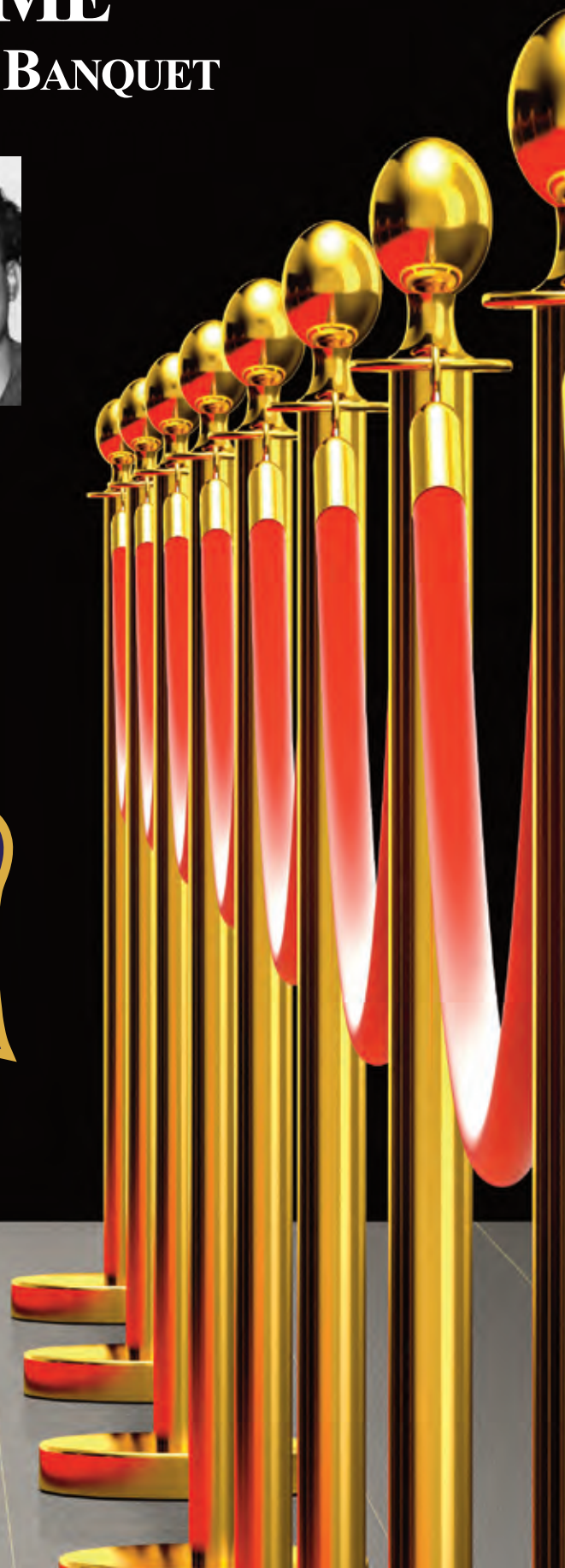


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Welcome – *Bill Hamilton, President*

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“WALK OF LEGENDS”

SPECIAL MUSIC

Arranged & Presented by Dick Goodwin

NATIONAL ANTHEM – *Dr. Johnnie Felder*

INVOCATION – *Bobby Richardson*

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CLOSING REMARKS – *Randy Warrick*



South Carolina Athletic Hall of Fame

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Dear Members, Honorees, and Friends,

On behalf of the Officers and Board of Directors of the South Carolina Athletic Hall of Fame, it is my distinct honor as President to welcome each of you to our 63rd induction ceremony.

For the second consecutive year, we will enshrine 10 individuals, including two posthumously, who have made significant contributions to the great athletic legacy in South Carolina. In addition to honoring our inductees, we will recognize several others who have played significant roles in sports in the state with special awards.

We are happy that you have joined us for this special occasion and thank you for your past support of this event. We salute each of you, especially the families of our honorees, as you share this evening with our organization, whose fundamental purpose is to honor those, who by outstanding achievement or service, have made lasting contributions to the cause of sports in Palmetto State, the nation and the entire world.

We offer special thanks to our sponsors for your financial resources and other support, which enable the SC Athletic Hall of Fame to conduct this signature, and enjoyable, event year after year. It would be impossible to accomplish our goals without your support.

And we welcome back, with enthusiasm, those Hall of Fame Legends, who in other years were enshrined. Thank you for your continued support of our organization and for lifting us up in all your continued endeavors.

It has been my great honor to have served this year as President of the South Carolina Athletic Hall of Fame, a tenure of service that has been easy and enjoyable because of the hard work and contributions of the entire Board, our officers and two special persons – Executive Director Andy Solomon and Administrator Gloria Friedgen, whose abilities and terrific vision have been very instrumental in raising our image higher.

We hope that you will enjoy tonight's event and thank you once more for your attendance.

Sincerely,

William "Bill" Hamilton
President



MEMBERS

A

John Abraham (2019)—University of South Carolina football, NFL player; Lamar, SC
Tom Addison* (2004)—University of South Carolina football, NFL player
Rusty Adkins (1995)—Clemson University baseball, Fort Mill, SC
Gene Alexander* (1975)—Wofford College and Erskine College basketball coach
Ray Allen (2018)—University of Connecticut basketball, NBA; Olympian; Dalzell, SC
Terry Allen (2015)—Clemson University football, NFL All-Pro
Lyles Alley* (1968)—Furman University athlete, coach, and AD; Spartanburg, SC
Mike Ayers (2022)—Wofford College football coach

B

Pinky Babb* (1973)—Furman University athlete and Greenwood High coach; Princeton, SC
Howard Bagwell* (1966)—Furman University baseball, Charleston Southern University track coach and AD; Anderson, SC
Edwin Bailey (2014)—S.C. State University and NFL player
Art Baker* (1995)—Furman University, The Citadel and East Carolina University head football coach, University of South Carolina administrator; Sumter, SC
Buddy Baker* (1988)—NASCAR, Daytona 500 Champion; Member of NASCAR, International Motorsports and National Motorsports Press Association Halls of Fame; Florence, SC
Buck Baker* (2003)—NASCAR Hall of Fame, Southern 500 Champion; Richburg, SC
Ralph Baker* (1961)—Newberry College football, basketball and baseball; Prosperity, SC
Oree Banks (2024)—S.C. State football coach
Gary Barnes* (2005)—Clemson University football, NFL player
Thomas “Black Cat” Barton* (1987)—Clemson University football; Lancaster, SC
Weems O. Baskin* (1973)—Auburn University athlete, University of South Carolina track and field coach
Earl Bass* (2000)—University of South Carolina baseball; MLB player; Cayce, SC
Marvin Bass* (1992)—College of William & Mary football, University of South Carolina head football coach, NFL coach
Mark Berson (2023)—University of South Carolina, The Citadel soccer coach
Grant Bennett* (1980)—Golf professional and instructor
Kris Benson (2017)—Clemson University baseball; MLB player
Joe Blalock* (1969)—Clemson University football; Charleston, SC
Felix “Doc” Blanchard* (1961)—West Point (Army) football; Heisman Trophy winner; Bishopville, SC
P. J. Boatwright* (1976)—Wofford College golf; Executive Director of USGA; Spartanburg, SC
Charles F. Bolden* (1982)—Johnson C. Smith University athlete; coach and AD at C.A. Johnson High and Keenan High; Columbia, SC
Bob Bolin* (2008)—MLB player; Hickory Grove, SC
Kip Bouknight (2015)—University of South Carolina baseball player; West Columbia, SC
Peter Boulware (2020)—Florida State football, NFL player; Columbia, SC
Jeff Bostic (1999)—Clemson University football, NFL player
Joe Bostic (2010)—Clemson University football; NFL player
Bob Bradley* (2001)—Clemson University sports information director
Charlie Bradshaw* (1980)—Wofford College football

Harold Brasington* (2002)—NASCAR, co-founder of Darlington International Raceway
Tom Brewer, Jr.* (1985)—Cheraw High athlete; MLB player; Cheraw, SC
Lou Brissie* (1974)—Presbyterian College athlete, MLB player; Anderson, SC
Robert Brooks (2023)—University of South Carolina football, NFL; popularized the Green Bay Packers’ “Lambeau Leap”; Greenwood, SC
Charlie Brown (2004)—S.C. State University football; NFL player; Johns Island, SC
Troy Brown (2016)—Marshall University football, NFL player, three-time Super Bowl champion; Barnwell, SC
Bobby Bryant (1982)—University of South Carolina football and baseball, NFL player
Jeff Bryant (2004)—Clemson University football, NFL player
Greg Buckner (2016)—Clemson University basketball, NBA player
Don Buddin* (1996)—MLB player; Olanta, SC
Jerry Butler (1997)—Clemson University football; NFL player; Ware Shoals, SC

C

Joe Cabri (2015)—Lander University tennis coach, 10-time national coach of the year
Cot Campbell* (2007)—Thoroughbred horse racing; Dogwood Stables; Aiken, SC
F. Marion Campbell* (1984)—University of Georgia football; NFL player and head coach; Chester, SC
“Big” John Cannady* (1991)—University of Indiana football; NFL player; Charleston, SC
Jim Carlen* (2006)—University of South Carolina, West Virginia University and Texas Tech University head football coach
J. C. Caroline* (1976)—University of Illinois football; NFL player; Columbia, SC
Harry Carson (1989)—S.C. State University football; NFL player, Pro Football Hall of Fame, Florence, SC
Jack Chandler* (1985)—Clemson University track and basketball; Greenville, SC
Barney Chavous (1992)—SC State University football; NFL player and coach; Aiken, SC
Dwight Clark* (1986)—Clemson University football, NFL player
Earl Clary* (1968)—University of South Carolina football; Gaffney, SC
Ty Cline (2009)—Clemson University baseball; MLB player; Hampton, SC
Dexter Coakley (2019)—Appalachian State University football, NFL; Mt. Pleasant, SC
Ben Coates (2015)—Livingstone College football, NFL All-Pro, Super Bowl champion; Greenwood, SC
James Hartley Coleman* (1989)—Furman University football; Florence High coach; Florence, SC
Ronnie Collins* (1999)—University of South Carolina basketball; Winnsboro, SC
Bob Colvin* (1977)—Co-founder of Darlington International Raceway; NASCAR president; Darlington, SC
Fred Cone* (1973)—Clemson University football, NFL player
Tyrone Corbin (2005)—DePaul University basketball; NBA player; Columbia, SC
Jane Covington (1973)—Golf amateur champion; Orangeburg, SC
Larry Craig* (1975)—University of South Carolina football and track, NFL player
Bobby Cremins (1988)—University of South Carolina basketball; head coach at Appalachian State University, Georgia Tech and College of Charleston
Carolyn Cudone* (1975)—Golf, USGA Senior Champion, SC Golf Hall of Fame
Bennie Cunningham* (1993)—Clemson University football; NFL player; Seneca, SC
Bill Currier (2010)—University of South Carolina football, NFL player

D

Beth Daniel (1978)—Furman University golf; LPGA player and LPGA Hall of Fame; Charleston, SC
Sam Daniel* (1973)—University of South Carolina tennis; Clinton, SC
Woody Dantzler (2023)—Clemson University football; Orangeburg, SC
Jim David* (1994)—Colorado A&M football and baseball, NFL player and coach; North Charleston, SC
Dale Davis (2012)—Clemson University basketball, NBA player
Jeff Davis (2001)—Clemson University football, NFL player
Sam Davis (1991)—Allen University football, NFL player
Stephen Davis (2012)—Auburn University football; NFL player; Spartanburg, SC
Brian Dawkins (2014)—Clemson University football; NFL player
Oliver Dawson* (1974)—S.C. State University head football, tennis, track and golf coach
Fisher DeBerry (2002)—Wofford College athlete; U.S. Air Force Academy head football coach; Cheraw, SC
Sam Deluca* (2002)—University of South Carolina football, NFL player
King Dixon* (1977)—University of South Carolina football; Laurens, SC
Larry Doby* (1973)—MLB player, National Baseball Hall of Fame; Camden, SC
Jack Douglas (2007)—The Citadel football; North Charleston, SC
Dan Driessen (2020)—MLB player; Hilton Head, SC
Tony Dunkin (2017)—Coastal Carolina University basketball; Columbia, SC
Mike Dunleavy (2008)—University of South Carolina basketball, NBA player and coach

E

Brad Edwards (2011)—University of South Carolina football, NFL player
Dawn Ellerbe (2023)—University of South Carolina track & field, Olympian
Todd Ellis (2020)—University of South Carolina football
Alex English (1993)—University of South Carolina basketball; NBA player; Columbia, SC
Rex Enright* (1960)—Notre Dame football and basketball; NFL player, University of South Carolina head football coach and AD, University of Georgia and University of South Carolina head basketball coach

F

Allison Feaster (2024)—Harvard University basketball, WNBA, NBA Executive; Chester, SC
Claude Finney* (1961)—Wofford College baseball and football
Darrell Floyd* (1975)—Furman University basketball
Mac Folger* (1993)—Clemson University football and track
Danny Ford (1982)—Clemson University and University of Arkansas head football coach; coach of Clemson's 1981 national championship team
Frank Ford* (1995)—Golf, amateur champion; Charleston, SC
Sheila Foster (2001)—University of South Carolina basketball; Boiling Springs, SC
Jim Fox (2005)—University of South Carolina basketball, NBA player
Art Fowler* (1996)—MLB player and pitching coach; Converse, SC
Joe Frazier* (1974)—Olympic boxer; World Heavyweight Champion; Beaufort, SC
Zam Fredrick, Sr. (2014)—University of South Carolina basketball; St. Matthews, SC
Steve Fuller (1991)—Clemson University football; NFL player; Spartanburg, SC
Bob Fulton* (1990)—University of South Carolina "Voice of the Gamecocks"
Dom Fusci* (1991)—University of South Carolina football, NFL player

G

Bobby Gage* (1978)—Clemson University football; NFL player; Anderson, SC
Chick Galloway* (1976)—Presbyterian College baseball; MLB player; Manning, SC
Billy Gambrell (1995)—University of South Carolina football and track
Chris Gardocki (2019)—Clemson University football; NFL player
Dreher Gaskin* (2004)—Clemson University football; Orangeburg, SC
Cally Gault* (1988)—Presbyterian College athlete; PC head football coach and AD; Bamberg, SC

Althea Gibson* (1983)—Florida A&M; Athlete of the Century; tennis and golf professional; ATA, Wimbledon and US Open tennis champion; Silver, SC
Bobby Giles* (2009)—University of South Carolina football and basketball, Olympia High football, basketball and baseball coach
John Gilliam (1992)—S.C. State University football, NFL player; Greenwood, SC
Roosevelt "Sandy" Gilliam, Jr.* (1989)—Allen University football, head football coach and AD at Maryland State University; Lancaster, SC
Lucas Glover (2024)—Clemson University golf; PGA Tour; Greenville, SC
Randy Glover (1982)—Golf; Cheraw, SC
George Glymph* (1999)—Eau Claire High basketball coach; NBA coach; Columbia, SC
Lucille Godbold* (1961)—Winthrop University and Columbia College; track and field Olympian; Estill, SC
Andre' Goodman (2017)—University of South Carolina football, NFL player; Greenville, SC
Samuel "Here" Goodwin* (2018)—S.C. State football player & coach; Columbia, SC
Nield Gordon* (1978)—Furman University basketball player, Newberry College head coach; Winthrop University AD and head basketball coach
Buddy Gore (2000)—Clemson University football; Conway, SC
Horace Grant (2010)—Clemson University basketball, NBA player
Jeff Grantz (1988)—University of South Carolina football and baseball
Harold Green (2006)—University of South Carolina football, NFL player; Ladson, SC
Gary Gregor (2007)—University of South Carolina basketball, NBA player
Art Gregory* (1983)—Duke University football; Aiken, SC
Tatum Gressette* (1979)—Furman University and University of South Carolina football; The Citadel head football coach and AD; St. Matthews, SC
W.M. "Bill" Gressette* (1990)—Furman University football; St. Matthews, SC
Max Grubbs* (1981)—Anderson University tennis, basketball, baseball and track head coach; Belton, SC

H

Jay Haas (2005)—Wake Forest University golf; PGA Champion; Greer, SC
Paul Hahn* (1976)—International trick-shot golf artist; Charleston, SC
Joe Hamilton (2023)—Georgia Tech football, runner-up for Heisman Trophy; Alvin, SC
Skip Harlicka (2009)—University of South Carolina basketball, NBA player
Dickie Harris (2001)—University of South Carolina football, NFL player
Alex Hawkins* (1979)—University of South Carolina football, NFL player
John W. Heisman* (1978)—Clemson University football coach, football innovator
Herman Helms* (2009)—Sports Editor of The State, SCAHOF co-founder
Kathryn Hemphill* (1974)—SCGA golf champion; Columbia, SC
Monique Hennagan (2014)—Two-time Olympic gold medalist in track; Columbia, SC
Sammie Henson (2018)—Clemson University wrestler; Olympian
Janie Haynie Hentz (1987)—Converse College tennis player; Belton, SC
Roberto Hernandez (2019)—USC-Aiken baseball, MLB pitcher
Kirby Higbe* (1984)—MLB player; Columbia, SC
Max Hirsch* (1997)—Racehorse trainer based in Columbia, SC; National Thoroughbred Racing Hall of Fame
Kathy Hite (1991)—Golf; LPGA player; Florence, SC
Finis Home* (2011)—Lander University basketball coach and AD
David Horton (2013)—Bamberg-Ehrhardt High baseball coach, National High School Baseball Coach of the Year; Bamberg, SC
Frank Howard* (1961)—Clemson University football coach and AD
Fred Hoover* (2022)—Clemson University trainer and "Father of Sports Medicine in South Carolina"
LaMarr Hoyt* (2006)—MLB player, American League Cy Young and MVP Award recipient; Columbia, SC

Bill Hudson* (1979)—Clemson University football, NFL player; North Charleston, SC
 Bob Hudson (1985)—Clemson University football and track, NFL player; North Charleston, SC
 Jim Hunter* (2012)—NASCAR executive, University of South Carolina football and baseball; Charleston, SC

I
 I.M. Ibrahim* (2007)—Clemson University men's soccer coach
 B.C. Inabinet* (1986)—Clemson University football; NFL player; Columbia, SC

J
 Ernie Jackson (2008)—Duke University football. NFL player; Columbia, SC
 "Shoeless" Joe Jackson* (1969)—MLB outfielder; Greenville, SC
 Willie Jeffries (1996)—S.C. State University AD and head football coach; Wichita State University and Howard University head football coach, College Football Hall of Fame; Union, SC
 Larkin Jennings, Jr.* (1981)—The Citadel football; Bishopville, SC
 Stanford Jennings (2006)—Furman University football; NFL player; Summerville, SC
 Travis Jervey (2013)—The Citadel football, NFL Pro Bowl; Isle of Palms, SC
 Anthony Johnson (2024)—College of Charleston basketball, NBA; North Charleston, SC
 Bobby Johnson (2017)—Clemson University football, head football coach at Furman University and Vanderbilt University; Columbia, SC
 Walter Johnson* (1960)—Presbyterian College football coach and AD
 W. W. "Hootie" Johnson* (2012)—University of South Carolina football, Chairman of Augusta National Golf Course
 Bob Jones* (1976)—Clemson University football and basketball head coach; Starr, SC
 David "Deacon" Jones* (1980)—S.C. State University football, NFL player, Pro Football Hall of Fame
 Evelyn "Eckie" Jordan* (2012)—AAU Basketball Hall of Fame, softball and tennis player; Pelzer, SC
 Homer Jordan (2013)—Clemson University football, national football champion quarterback
 Kevin Joyce (1997)—University of South Carolina basketball, Olympic medalist, NBA player

K
 Whitie Kendall* (1986)—Parker High basketball, baseball and football head coach; Greenville, SC
 Barbara Kennedy-Dixon* (1998)—Clemson University basketball
 Jimmy Key (2006)—Clemson University baseball, MLB player
 Terry Kinard (2002)—Clemson University football; NFL player; Sumter, SC
 Betsy King (1992)—Furman University golf, LPGA player, LPGA Hall of Fame
 Bob King* (1973)—Furman University football player and head football coach
 Harvey Kirkland* (1993)—Newberry College athlete and head football coach; Summerville High football head coach; Batesburg, SC
 Levon Kirkland (2008)—Clemson University football; NFL player; Lamar, SC
 Bobby Knowles* (1985)—Amateur golf champion; Aiken, SC
 Tina Krebs (2003)—Clemson University track and field, NCAA titlist
 John Kresse (2001)—College of Charleston head basketball coach and AD, NAIA 1983 national basketball champions

L
 Happ Lathrop (2014)—Executive Director of SC Golf Association
 Ivory Latta (2024)—University of North Carolina basketball, WNBA; McConnells, SC
 Marcus Lattimore (2024)—University of South Carolina football, NFL; Duncan, SC

Billy Laval* (1961)—Furman University football, basketball and baseball head coach, coached at the University of South Carolina, Newberry College and Emory & Henry College; Columbia, SC
 Jack Leggett (2024)—Clemson University baseball coach
 Catherine Lempesis (2007)—Long distance runner and coach; Columbia, SC
 Jack Lewis (1987)—Wake Forest University golf; PGA player; Florence, SC
 Kevin Long* (2003)—University of South Carolina football; NFL and USFL player; Clinton, SC
 Ed Lynch (2020)—University of South Carolina baseball, MLB player and executive

M
 Paul Maguire (1986)—The Citadel football, NFL player and broadcaster
 Randy Mahaffey (2003)—Clemson University basketball, ABA player
 Elizabeth "Lib" Mahon* (2005)—All-American Girls Professional Baseball League player; Greenville, SC
 Casey Manning (2018)—University of South Carolina basketball; Dillon, SC
 Marty Marion* (1969)—MLB player; National League MVP; Richburg, SC
 James "Pepper" Martin* (1981)—Furman University baseball; Fair Forest, SC
 Jerry Martin (2007)—Furman University and Spartanburg Methodist College baseball and basketball, MLB player; Columbia, SC
 Randy Martz (2014)—University of South Carolina baseball, MLB player
 Bill Mathis (1977)—Clemson University football, NFL player
 Joseph Mathis* (2011)—Head football coach Sterling High in Greenville, SC
 Clyde Mayes (2013)—Furman University basketball, NBA player; Greenville, SC
 Katrina McClain (2006)—University of Georgia basketball, National Player of the Year, Gold medal Olympian, Women's Basketball Hall of Fame; Charleston, SC
 Bob McCullough (2017)—Benedict College basketball
 Xavier McDaniel (2003)—Wichita State University basketball, NBA player; Columbia, SC
 Banks McFadden* (1960)—Two-sport all-American at Clemson University, NFL player, coached at Clemson; Great Falls, SC
 Chester McGlockton* (2011)—Clemson University football, NFL player
 Frank McGuire* (1973)—University of South Carolina, St. John's University and University of North Carolina head basketball coach; Philadelphia NBA head coach
 BJ McKie (2016)—University of South Carolina basketball; Columbia, SC
 John McKissick* (1982)—Summerville High head football coach; National High School Sports Hall of Fame; Greenwood, SC
 Dutch McLean* (1962)—Newberry College football player and head coach
 Bill McLellan* (2013)—Clemson University AD
 A.P. "Dizzy" McLeod* (1968)—Furman University athlete, Furman head basketball and football coach
 Lonnie McMillan* (1974)—Presbyterian College athlete, PC head football coach
 Bob McNair* (2010)—University of South Carolina alumnus, NFL's Houston Texans owner, thoroughbred racehorse owner
 Drew Meyer (2018)—University of South Carolina baseball, MLB player; Charleston, SC
 Lyvonnia "Stump" Mitchell (1999)—The Citadel football, NFL player and coach
 Shane Monahan (2019)—Clemson University baseball
 Bud Moore* (1998)—NASCAR owner-manager, racing champion, NASCAR Hall of Fame; Spartanburg, SC
 Gene Moore* (2011)—Clemson University football and baseball; MLB player; Lake City, SC
 James "Slick" Moore* (1987)—Greenville High athlete and later head coach in basketball, golf and football
 Pearl Moore (2000)—Francis Marion University basketball; WBA player; Florence, SC
 James Moorer* (1975)—Sims High head coach; Union, SC
 Cliff Morgan* (1990)—Newberry College athlete, head coach at Summerville, Marion and Orangeburg highs

Stanley Morgan (1994)—University of Tennessee football, NFL player; Easley, SC
Allen Morris* (2004)—Presbyterian College tennis and AD, University of North Carolina tennis coach

Joe Morrison* (1989)—NFL player, University of South Carolina, University of New Mexico and UT-Chattanooga head football coach

Jim Moss (2002)—University of South Carolina football, NFL player; Beaufort, SC

Van Lingle Mungo* (1974)—MLB player; Pageland, SC

Bruce Murray (2015)—Clemson University soccer, US National Soccer Hall of Fame member

William C. “Red” Myers* (1992)—Erskine College athlete, head basketball coach and AD, multi-sport head coach at Dreher High; NAIA President; St. George, SC

N

Larry Nance (2001)—Clemson University basketball, NBA player; Anderson, SC

James E. “Big Daddy” Neal* (1990)—Wofford College basketball; NBA player; Silverstreet, SC

Jess Neely* (1981)—Vanderbilt University athlete, Clemson University and Rice University head football coach

Bobo Newsom* (1969)—MLB player; Hartsville, SC

Rock Norman* (1968)—Coached several sports at Furman University, University of South Carolina, The Citadel and Clemson University

O

Billy O'Dell* (1976)—Clemson University baseball; MLB player; Whitmire, SC

Jemaine O'Neal (2023)—Eau Claire High basketball, youngest person to play in an NBA game and six-time All-Star; Columbia, SC

Frederick W. “Gunner” Ohlandt* (1990)—The Citadel boxing, Southern Conference heavyweight titlist; Charleston, SC

Harry Olszewski* (1990)—Clemson University football

Jimmy Orr* (1978)—University of Georgia football; NFL player; Seneca, SC

Everett “Cotton” Owens* (2009)—NASCAR Grand National champion, NASCAR Hall of Fame, International Motorsports Hall of Fame; Union, SC

Tom Owens (1991)—University of South Carolina basketball, ABA and NBA player

P

Martha Parker-Hester (2016)—University of South Carolina basketball; Columbia, SC
William Partlow (2024)—Booker T. Washington High basketball coach, mentor & influencer; Columbia, SC

David Pearson* (1973)—NASCAR champion, NASCAR Hall of Fame; Spartanburg, SC

Larry Penley (2023)—Clemson University golf coach, national championship and national coach of the year

Dottie Pepper (2008)—Furman University golf all-American, LPGA champion

Gaylord Perry* (2020)—Limestone University baseball coach, MLB Hall of Famer

Michael Dean Perry (2005)—Clemson University football; NFL player; Aiken, SC

William “Refrigerator” Perry (2005)—Clemson University football; NFL player; Aiken, SC

Dode Phillips* (1960)—Erskine College football and baseball; Chester, SC

Jim Phillips* (2013)—Clemson University “Voice of the Tigers”

Henry Picard* (1977)—PGA Tour winner and champion; Masters champion; Charleston, SC

Ed Pitts* (2011)—University of South Carolina football and Gamecock Club Director; Clinton, SC

Mooney Player (1998)—Football head coach at Saluda and Lower Richland High

Robert Porcher (2009)—S.C. State University football; NFL player; Pro Bowl player; Wando, SC

Chal Port* (1994)—The Citadel baseball head coach, national coach of the year

Allen Powers* (2000)—University of South Carolina golf; Orangeburg, SC

Tom Price* (2008)—University of South Carolina sports information director; Wadmalaw Island, SC

Dewey Proctor* (1984)—Furman University football and baseball; NFL player; Lake View, SC

R

June Raines (2012)—University of South Carolina head baseball coach

Betsy Rawls* (1962)—LPGA founder and tournament winner; Women's National Open champion; Spartanburg, SC

Clifford Ray (2024)—University of Oklahoma basketball, NBA player and coach; Union, SC

Grady Ray* (1999)—Newberry College football and baseball, college football referee; Camden, SC

Dan Reeves* (1976)—University of South Carolina football, NFL player and coach

H. B. “Bee” Rhame* (1979)—University of South Carolina athlete; Columbia High head coach; Holly Hill, SC

James “Lee” Rhame* (1980)—Furman University football; Florence High head coach; Holly Hill, SC

Flint Rhem* (2016)—Clemson University baseball, MLB player

Sylvia Rhyne-Hatchell (2009)—Women's head basketball coach at Francis Marion University and University of North Carolina, NAIA & NCAA national champions

Jim Rice (1990)—MLB All-Star; American League MVP, National Baseball Hall of Fame; Anderson, SC

Sidney Rice (2022)—University of South Carolina football, NFL player; Gaffney, SC

Bobby Richardson (1968)—MLB player; World Series MVP and All-Star; University of South Carolina, Coastal Carolina University and Liberty University head baseball coach; Sumter, SC

Jerry Richardson (1975)—Wofford football, NFL player and Carolina Panthers owner

John Roche (1983)—University of South Carolina basketball, NBA player

George Rogers (1981)—University of South Carolina football, Heisman Trophy Winner, NFL Player, College Football Hall of Fame

J. Herbert Rollins* (1983)—Presbyterian College athlete, high school coach; Lake City, SC

Wayne “Tree” Rollins (2002)—Clemson University basketball, NBA player

Al Rosen* (1978)—MLB player and executive; Spartanburg, SC

Brian Ruff (2006)—The Citadel football, Southern Conference and South Carolina Player of the Year

Max Runager* (2007)—University of South Carolina football; NFL player, Super Bowl champion; Orangeburg, SC

S

Miriam Samuels-Walker (2019)—Claflin University basketball player

Rick Sanford (1998)—University of South Carolina football, NFL player; Rock Hill, SC

Buddy Sasser (2016)—Coastal Carolina University AD; Wofford College coach and AD; Big South Conference Commissioner; Conway, SC

Jimmy Satterfield* (2015)—Furman University head football coach of 1988 NCAA I-AA national champion; Eau Claire, Imo, and Lexington High head football coach; Lancaster, SC

Paul Scarpa (2010)—Florida State University athlete, Furman University men's tennis coach and tennis innovator; Charleston, SC

D. M. B. June Scott* (1986)—Furman University football and baseball; Lake View, SC

Marion DuPont Scott* (2003)—Grand Lady of Steeple Chasing; Founder of the Colonial Cup

Willie Scott* (2004)—University of South Carolina football; NFL player; Newberry, SC

Lillian Paille Seabrook* (1979)—State's foremost tennis player from 1924-69; Charleston, SC

Billy Seigler (1984)—Newberry College athlete, Hartsville High head football coach

Frank Selvy* (1960)—Furman University basketball, NBA player; Furman head coach

Robert “Bob” Sharpe* (1985)—Clemson University football; Abbeville, SC

Sterling Sharpe (2001)—University of South Carolina football, NFL All-Pro

Courtney Shealy-Hart (2010)—University of Georgia swimming; NCAA titlist and Swimmer of the Year; Olympic Gold Medalist; Irmo, SC

Art Shell (1989)—Maryland-Eastern Shore University football; NFL player and head coach; NFL Hall of Fame; North Charleston, SC

Donnie Shell (1986)—S.C. State University football; NFL player; Super Bowl champion, College Football Hall of Fame; Whitmire, SC

Dick Sheridan* (2004)—Furman University and N.C. State University head football coach; Orangeburg-Wilkinson and Airport High head coach; College Football Hall of Fame; North Augusta, SC

Rhoten Shetley* (1981)—Furman University football, NFL player; Union, SC

Carl Short (2014)—Newberry basketball

Walt Simon* (1997)—Benedict College basketball, ABA player

Willie Simon* (2017)—South Carolina State University women's basketball coach; West Columbia, SC

Johnny Simpson (1983)—Harness racing; Chester, SC

Hank Small* (2013)—University of South Carolina baseball, MLB player

John Small* (1988)—The Citadel football, NFL player

Charles "Chino" Smith (2023)—Negro Leagues; Antioch, SC

Sidney Smith* (1962)—University of South Carolina football and baseball; MLB player; The Citadel football head coach

Stan Smith (2010)—Professional tennis player, US Open and Wimbledon champion, Grand Slam winner, Davis Cup team member

Freddie Solomon* (1993)—Tampa University football, NFL player; Sumter, SC

Louis Sossamon* (1974)—University of South Carolina football; NFL player; Gaffney, SC

J. J. "Speedy" Speer* (1974)—Furman University football

Bill Spiers (2007)—Clemson University baseball and football; MLB player; Cameron, SC

CJ Spiller (2020)—Clemson football, NFL player

Duce Staley (2012)—University of South Carolina football, NFL player

Jim Stuckey (1995)—Clemson University football, NFL player; Cayce, SC

Tommy Suggs (1983)—University of South Carolina football; Lamar, SC

John J. "Cy" Szakacs (1996)—University of South Carolina baseball and basketball, high school basketball head coach, national coach of the year

T

Ray Tanner (2013)—University of South Carolina baseball coach and AD, led Gamecocks to three College World Series and two national championships

Jim Tatum* (1975)—Head football coach at University of Maryland, University of North Carolina and Oklahoma State University; McColl, SC

Tyler Thigpen (2024)—Coastal Carolina University; NFL player; Winnsboro, SC

Gorman Thomas (2004)—MLB player, American League home run champion; James Island, SC

Billy Thompson (2002)—Maryland State University football, NFL player, College Football Hall of Fame; Greenville, SC

Jack Thompson (2009)—University of South Carolina basketball, NBA player

Viola Thompson-Griffin (1997)—Baseball; All-American Girl; Baseball League; Greenville, SC

Les Timms* (2015)—Furman University, sports editor for *The Spartanburg Herald-Journal*, co-founder of South Carolina Athletic Hall of Fame; Columbia, SC

Pete Tinsley* (1982)—University of Georgia football, NFL player; Spartanburg, SC

J. C. "Jakie" Todd* (1962)—Erskine College athlete and later football, basketball and baseball head coach

Wayne Tolleson (2010)—Western Carolina University baseball and football, MLB player; Spartanburg, SC

Annie Tribble* (1994)—Clemson University and Anderson University head women's basketball coach

Arnold Tucker (2011)—U.S. Military Academy (Army) football; Calhoun Falls, SC

Perry Tuttle (2003)—Clemson University football, NFL player

V

Willie Varner* (1985)—Woodruff High football head coach, National High School Coaches Hall of Fame

Fritz Von Kolnitz* (1961)—University of South Carolina football and baseball, MLB player; Charleston, SC

W

Steve Wadiak* (1960)—University of South Carolina football

Dr. Leroy Walker* (1977)—Three-sport all-American athlete at Benedict College, Member of International Olympic Organizing Committee for Track and Field

Grady Wallace* (1976)—University of South Carolina basketball

Donnie Walsh (2006)—University of South Carolina assistant basketball coach, NBA executive

Kenny Washington (2018)—UCLA basketball; Beaufort, SC

Bob Waters* (1987)—Presbyterian College and Western Carolina University head football coach, NFL player, NAIA Coach of the Year

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Taft Watson* (1994)—Terrell's Bay High basketball coach, most wins in SC history, captured both boys and girls state championships on the same day

George Webster* (1979)—Michigan State University football; NFL player; Anderson, SC

Johnny Weeks* (1961)—The Citadel football, basketball and baseball

Joel Wells (1974)—Clemson University football; NFL player; Columbia, SC

Art Whisnant* (2016)—University of South Carolina basketball

Ernie White* (1978)—MLB player; Pacolet, SC

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Richard Wieters (2016)—The Citadel baseball, Southern Conference and South Carolina player of the year; Charleston, SC

J. R. Wilburn (2003)—University of South Carolina football and track, NFL player

Bill Wilhelm* (2012)—Clemson University baseball head coach, National College Baseball Hall of Fame

Judy Wilkins Rose (2022)—Winthrop University basketball, University of North Carolina at Charlotte AD; Blacksburg, SC

Shannon Wilkerson* (1977)—State champion girls basketball head coach at Marion High

Carl Williams* (2008)—State champion basketball head coach at Booker T. Washington, A.C. Flora and Lower Richland highs; Columbia, SC

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Mookie Wilson (1995)—University of South Carolina and Spartanburg Methodist College baseball; MLB player and coach; Bamberg, SC

Nancy Wilson (2019)—College of Charleston and University of South Carolina basketball coach; Lake City, SC

Brian Winters (1986)—University of South Carolina basketball, NBA player and head coach

Donnell Woolford (2017)—Clemson University football, NFL player

Earl Wooten* (1962)—NBA player; Southern Textile Basketball League player; Pelzer, SC

Sam Wyche* (1994)—Furman University football, NFL player and head coach, NFL coach of the year, broadcaster

Y

Cale Yarborough* (1978)—NASCAR champion, Hall of Fame, International Motorsports Hall of Fame, Motor Sports Hall of Fame; Timmonsville, SC

Jim Youngblood (1984)—Tennessee Tech University football, NFL player; Jonesville, SC

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Fred Zeigler (1984)—University of South Carolina football; Reevesville, SC

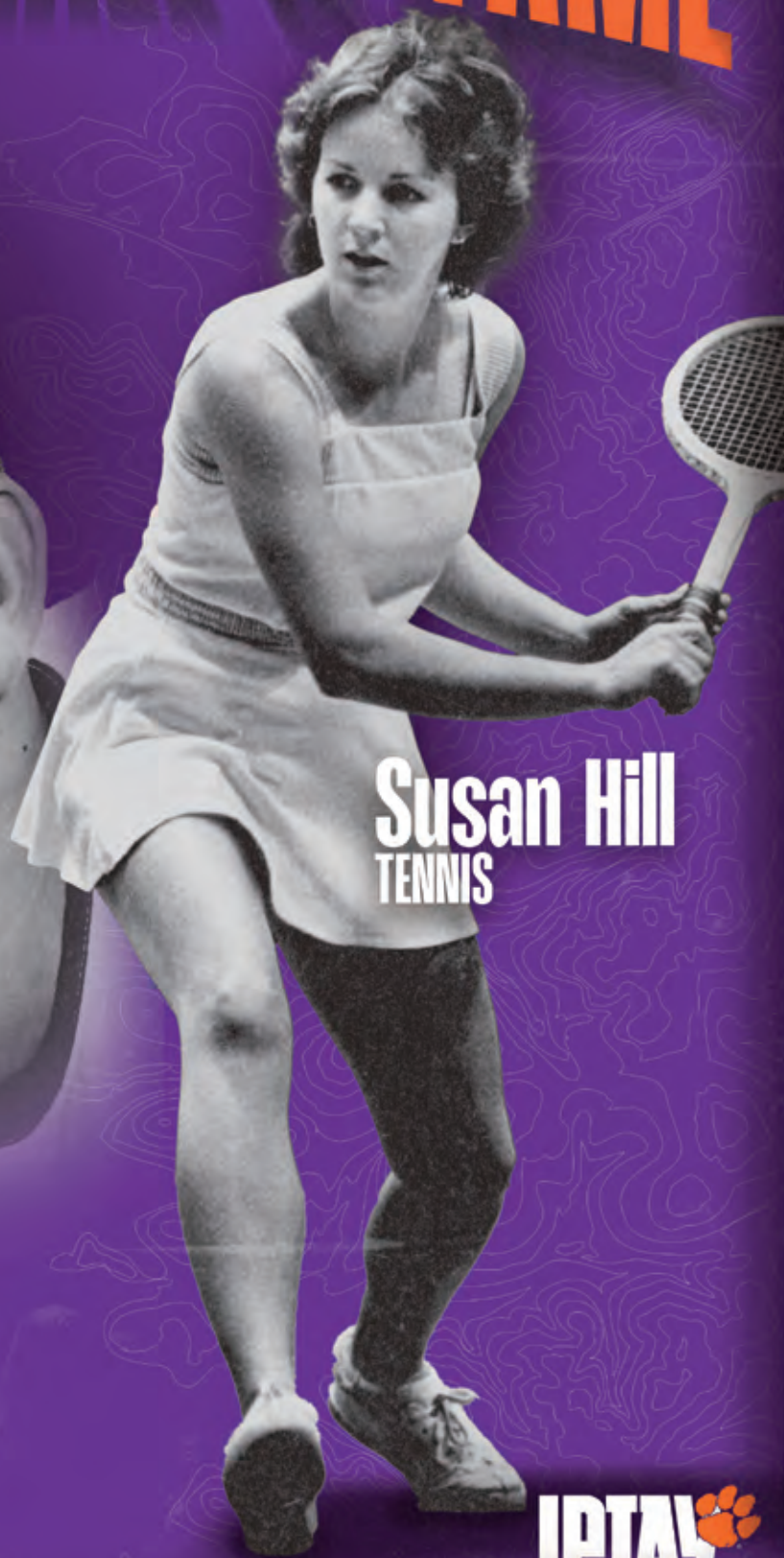
Stanley Zuk* (1978)—All-American at Columbia University, NFL player; high school football head coach at Epworth Orphanage in Columbia, SC

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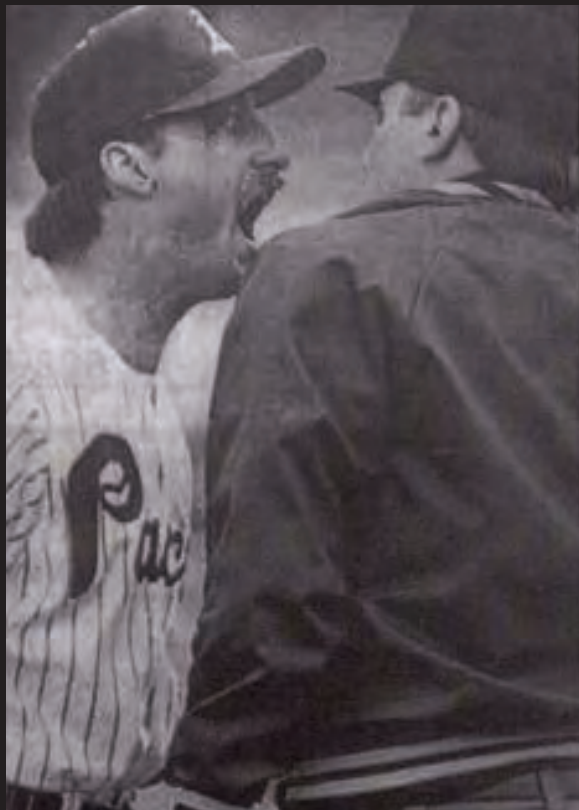
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Erskine College celebrates **Coach Ralph Lundy** and the late **Don Whitehead '67** for their induction into the **South Carolina Athletic Hall of Fame**.

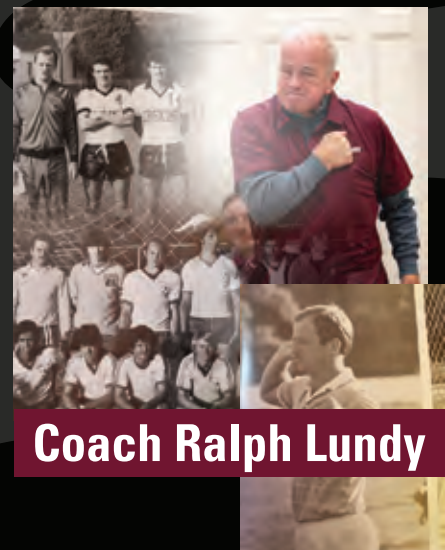
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2025 *Class of Inductees*





Nelson Brownlee

Nelson Brownlee enjoyed an unparalleled career as a high school and college coach that spanned 42 years. An Orangeburg native and S.C. State graduate, Brownlee began his coaching career in 1958 at Mt. Vernon (Ga.) High and later coached 14 years at Wilkinson High in Orangeburg and two years at Orangeburg-Wilkinson following the merger.

Brownlee gained national notoriety as the women's basketball coach at Claflin University for 27 years (1974-01). He won more than 600 games and remains one of the winningest coaches in NAIA history. He led Claflin to 12 NAIA national tournaments including a pair of second-place finishes. In addition, his Claflin squads captured seven NAIA District 6 championships, 17 EIAC (Eastern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference) titles and six SEAC (Southeastern Athletic Conference) championships.

Brownlee earned a number of Coach of the Year accolades and was twice named the Converse NAIA National Coach of the Year. He guided several All-Americans, including two-time NAIA National Player of the Year honoree, Miriam Walker-Samuels, a 2019 SCAHOF inductee. Brownlee, who passed away in 2011, was inducted into the Claflin Athletic Hall of Fame posthumously in 2011.





Clint Dempsey

Clint Dempsey ranks among the most recognizable Furman athletes worldwide and one of the most impactful players in American soccer. Dempsey guided the U.S. National Team to three consecutive FIFA World Cups (2006, '10 and '14) while becoming the first American to score in three World Cups. After a three-year career at Furman ('01-'03), he earned '02 United Soccer Coaches All-America honors and was twice named all-region.

The eighth-overall selection of the New England Revolution in the '04 MLS Draft, he claimed Rookie of the Year honors and three consecutive All-Star citations before moving to the English Premier League's Fulham FC. In six years, Dempsey was the most prolific American scorer in Europa League history and Fulham's top scorer in the Premier League. Following a stint at Tottenham, the midfielder guided the Seattle Sounders to the Supporter's Shield in '14 and MLS Cup in '16.

A '22 National Soccer Hall of Fame inductee, Dempsey was a three-time U.S. Soccer Athlete of the Year ('07, '11, '12) and three-time Honda U.S. Player of the Year ('06, '11, '12). His 57 goals with the U.S. National Team tie him as its all-time leading scorer. At Furman, he was a three-time All-Southern Conference choice as the Paladins won two regular-season titles. In '02, the Paladins reached the Sweet Sixteen and a No. 8 ranking. He was inducted in Furman's Athletic Hall of Fame and the Southern Conference Hall of Fame.





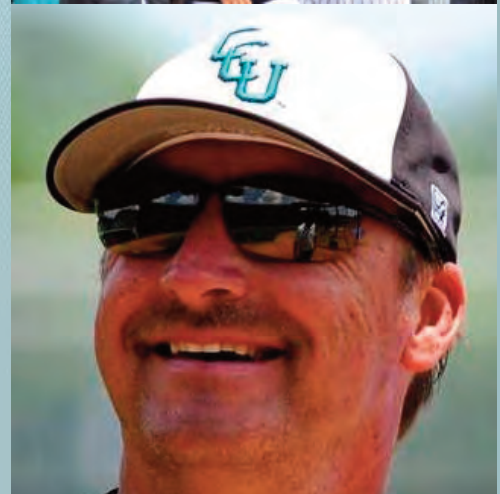
Gary Gilmore

A former Coastal Carolina center fielder, Gary Gilmore began his head coaching career at USC-Aiken (1990-95) where his teams went 253-102-2 and appeared in the NCAA D-II College World Series in '93. He was voted the American Baseball Coaches Association's D-II Coach of the Year in '93.

Named head coach at his alma mater in '96, Gilmore completed his stellar career with a 1,118-597-3 record over 29 seasons. He led the 2016 Chanticleers to the College World Series title in Omaha and 19 NCAA Regional appearances. He was inducted in the American Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame in '22 and the USC-Aiken Hall of Fame in '14.

Gilmore collected his 1,000th career victory in a 4-3 win over Presbyterian on April 17, 2014, and two years later led Coastal Carolina to the national championship with a 4-3 victory over Arizona on June 30, 2016. It was Coastal's first trip to the College World Series.

Gilmore, who was a 10-time conference coach of the year (eight with the Big South and two with the Sun Belt), retired after the '24 season and finished with a career record of 1,371-699-5 over 35 seasons.





Susan Hill Whitson

Susan Hill Whitson is the only four-time Atlantic Coast Conference MVP in Clemson's women's sport in history and one of just two in school history. Hill, who participated in the women's pro tennis tour from 1977-81, remains the only four-time ACC MVP in women's tennis history. She is one of just two players to win No. 1 singles league title four consecutive years and was named to ACC's 50-year Anniversary team in '02.

She was named one of Clemson's top 20 student-athletes of the 20th Century by The State and was the first female athlete to be inducted into the Clemson Hall of Fame ('86). Inducted into the state of Tennessee Tennis Hall of Fame in '09, she was a three-time All-American ('78, '79 and '81) and was the '80 ACC Tournament MVP. The ACC's top doubles champion with her sister Carolyn in '79, she was Clemson's team MVP four straight years.

Hill posted a four-year singles record of 126-20 (.863 winning percentage), still the best in Clemson history. She also won 82 percent of her sets (261-57), also the best winning percentage for sets in Clemson history. Dropping just one match against an ACC opponent in her career, Hill recorded a 33-5 record as a freshman, 23-3 as a sophomore, 40-3 as a junior and 30-9 as a senior.





Shannon Johnson

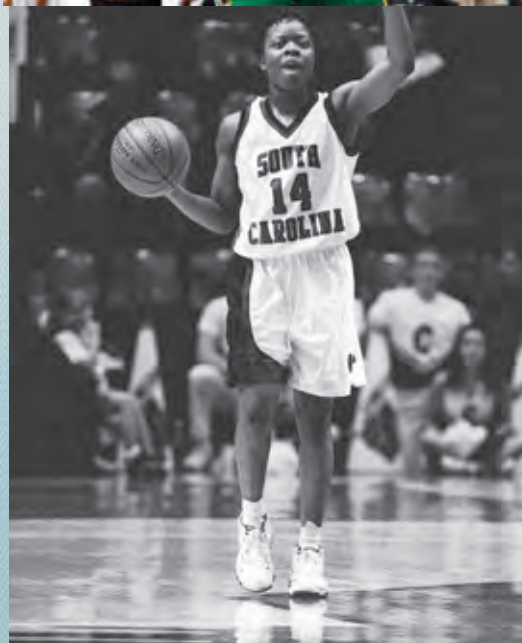
Guard Shannon Johnson concluded her stellar career at the University of South Carolina by finishing second on the school's all-time scoring list with 2,230 points. She remains the lone Gamecock to average 20-plus points per game over three consecutive seasons, including a school-record 24.7 scoring average in 1995-96.

The Hartsville native earned All-America honors as a senior, was a three-time first-team all-Southeastern Conference member ('94-'96) and a finalist for the prestigious Wade and Naismith awards. She helped the '04 USA Olympic team to a gold medal in Athens, Greece.

Johnson scored 30-plus points in 17 career games and 20-plus points in 57 outings. She holds several school records, including nine 3-pointers made in a game against Arizona State in 1995.

Johnson was a five-time WNBA All-Star ('99, '00, '02-'04) playing for the Orlando Miracle ('99-'02), Connecticut Sun ('03), San Antonio Stars ('04-'06), Detroit Shock ('07), Houston Comets ('08) and Seattle Storm ('09). She was also a three-time All-WNBA Second Team pick who played in 21 playoff games.

Johnson, who served as head basketball coach at Coker College from '15-'20, was coached at South Carolina by '19 SCAHOF inductee Nancy Wilson.





Ralph Lundy

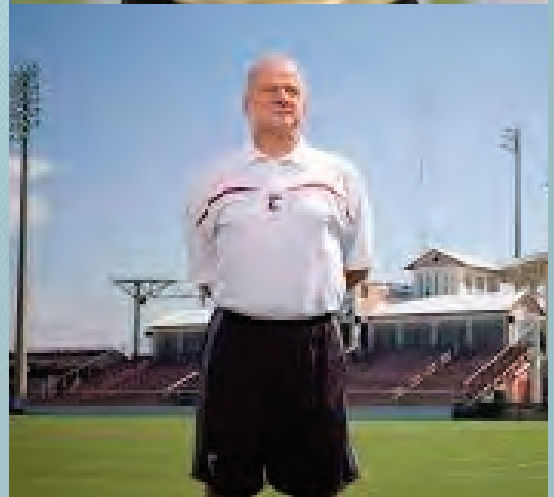
College of Charleston and Erskine College soccer coach Ralph Lundy retired in 2019 after 44 seasons and ranks in the top-25 in all-time wins amongst Division I coaches after posting a mark of 453-350-66, including a 323-279-53 record at CofC ('87-'19).

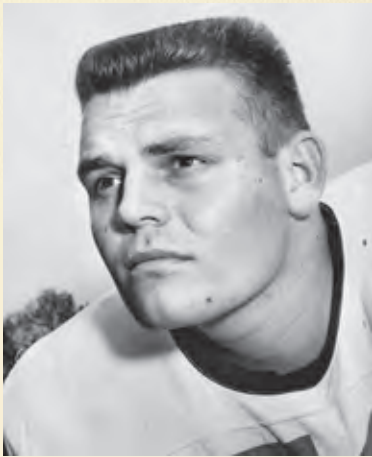
Beginning his coaching career at Erskine in '76, he compiled a 131-71-13 with 10 (of 11) winning seasons, and led the Flying Fleet to seven District 6 titles and three NAIA National Tournaments which led to his induction in the Erskine Athletics Hall of Fame.

His Cougar teams enjoyed 19 winning seasons, five conference championships and five appearances in NCAA Tournaments including an Elite Eight arrival in '94. He is a member of the CofC Athletic Hall of Fame.

Lundy was a three-sport athlete at Western Carolina University, where he competed in soccer, wrestling and baseball. After a stint with the U.S. Marine Corps, he returned to WCU as an assistant. Prior to attending WCU, he spent two seasons at Brevard College, playing baseball and soccer. In '06, he was enshrined in the Brevard and Western Carolina halls of fame.

He has worked as state director for the S.C. Youth Soccer Association, served as director of the Mt. Pleasant Youth Soccer Club and was co-director of the McDonald's All-American High School boys and girls soccer games played in Charleston.





Harold Olson

Clemson was beginning to establish dominance in the newly-formed Atlantic Coast Conference in the 1950s, and one of the keys to that success in their consecutive championship runs was offensive tackle Harold Olson. A three-time letterman and two-year starter between 1957-'59 and playing for legendary coach and '61 SCAHOF inductee Frank Howard, Olson helped lead the '58 and '59 Tigers to back-to-back ACC championships. A '59 first-team All-ACC selection, Olson earned Associated Press honorable mention All-America honors in '59 and was named to the Clemson Centennial Team for one-platoon players in '96.

Inducted into the Clemson Athletic Hall of Fame in '10, the first-round draft pick of the AFL's Buffalo Bills was the 13th overall pick in the '60 NFL draft by the Chicago Cardinals, which was the 10th-highest draft selection in Clemson history (then only 12 teams; officially a second-round pick). He remains the highest drafted offensive lineman in Palmetto State history.

Playing for the Buffalo Bills ('60-'62) and the Denver Broncos ('63-'64), Olson made the AFL Pro Bowl team in '61, was named first-team All-Pro in '62 and played 70 games during his pro career. Clemson had the 15th-highest winning percentage in college football during the '50s, and the '59 team recorded a still-school and ACC-record four consecutive shutouts in victories over N.C. State, South Carolina, Rice and Duke.



Landon Powell



University of South Carolina catcher Landon Powell (2001-'04) earned All-America honors in '04 and was twice voted to the All-Southeastern Conference team. As a Gamecock, the switch-hitter slammed 44 home runs, 61 doubles and drove in 193 runs while collecting 265 hits and 176 runs. Defensively, he held the school single-game, season and career record for putouts. He logged a record 65 assists in '04 and marked 190 for his career.

In '02, Powell hit .292 with 12 homers and helped the Gamecocks to a second-place finish at the College World Series and followed that by hitting .339 in '03 and posting a .330 average. In '10, Powell was named to the CWS Legends Team. He was selected 24th overall in the first round of the '04 MLB Draft by the Oakland Athletics where he played from '09-'11. A career highlight came when Powell caught Dallas Braden's perfect game – the Major's 19th perfecto – on Mother's Day 2010 in Oakland against Tampa Bay.

Currently the head coach at North Greenville University where his team captured the '22 NCAA D-II national championship, Powell entered the '25 campaign with a 389-130-1 record over 10 seasons at NGU. He's also led teams to six NCAA postseason appearances, five Conference Carolinas tournament titles and four league regular-season championships.





Richard Seymour

With a remarkable career as a defensive lineman that spans two decades, Richard Seymour of Lower Richland High carved an extraordinary legacy in the football world. As a three-time Super Bowl champion with the New England Patriots, he not only showcased his athletic prowess but also his dedication to excellence on the field. His accolades include multi first-team All-Pro honors and seven Pro Bowl selections (2002-‘06, ’10-‘11), solidifying his position as one of the elite players of his era. A 10-time team captain over his 12-year career, his coach, Bill Belichick, called him a “generational talent.”

Seymour was honored as a member of the NFL 2000s All-Decade Team, All-Rookie Team (‘01), and the Patriots’ All-2000s Team. His play has earned him spots on the Patriots 50th Anniversary Team and the All-Dynasty Team, culminating in his well-deserved induction into the Patriots Hall of Fame.

A standout during his years at the University of Georgia, Seymour was named first-team All-America in ‘00 and earned first-team All-SEC honors in both ‘99 and ‘00, laying the groundwork for his illustrious NFL career which was highlighted with his enshrinement in the Pro Football Hall of Fame in ’22.

He has since transitioned into the business world as the CEO of 93 Ventures and a minority owner of the Las Vegas Raiders.





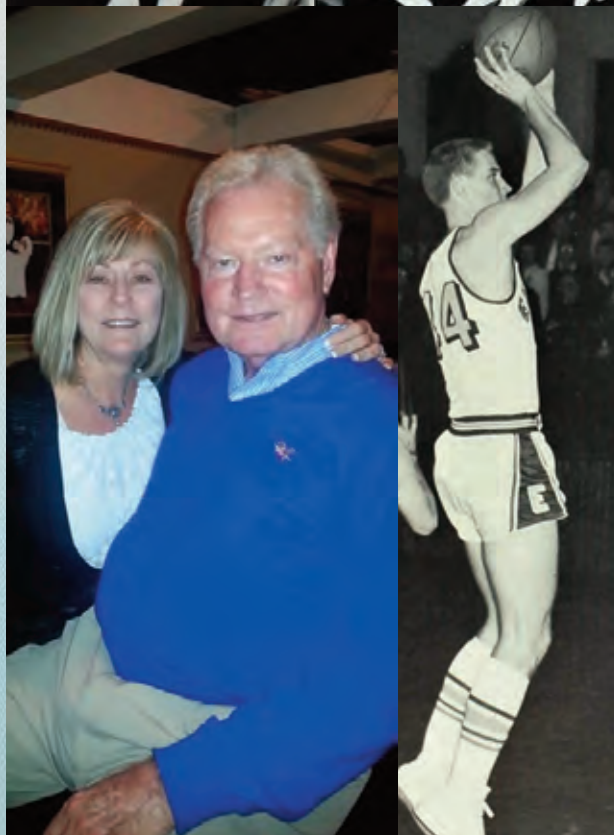
Don Whitehead

Having enjoyed a stellar high school career at Columbia's Brookland-Cayce High, Don Whitehead was four-year letter winner at Erskine College (1963-67) earning All-NAIA District 6 honors after his junior and senior seasons. He tallied 1,359 points during his 87-game Flying Fleet career and was inducted into the Erskine Hall of Fame in 1986.

Whitehead averaged 19.3 points per game as a junior while shooting 50.3 percent from the field, 83.1 percent from the foul line and also pulled down a career-best 9.7 rebounds per game. He averaged 22.3 points per game as a senior knocking down 48.7 percent of his field goals and 88.1 percent of his free throws. He was coached by W.C. "Red" Myers, a '92 SCAHOF inductee.

During the '65 season Whitehead scored 36 of Erskine's 57 points in a 59-57 overtime loss at the University of South Carolina. Following the contest, USC coach Frank McGuire, a 1973 SCAHOF inductee, said someone should draft him.

The Chicago Bulls listened and Whitehead was drafted by the Bulls in '67 and later traded to the Houston Rockets. He also played professionally for three teams (Asbury Park, Trenton and Springfield) in the Eastern Basketball League from '67-'69. He passed away on March 4, 2025.



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Kerry Tharp, Darlington

Kerry Tharp enjoyed a 45-year career working in the sports industry, primarily in South Carolina. Prior to serving nearly 20 years at USC as Associate Athletics Director/Media Relations (1985-05), he previously had communications roles at Tennessee and Oklahoma. Tharp also spent nearly 20 years working in NASCAR, including eight years as president of Darlington Raceway and was at the helm in '20 when the track became the nation's first venue to host a major sporting event following the COVID-19 shutdown and was instrumental in the return of a second NASCAR race weekend to Darlington. Tharp retired from the racetrack in December '23 and was presented the Order of the Palmetto by Governor Henry McMaster. He stayed retired for six weeks and is now co-general manager for marketing at Darlington Country Club.





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Pete Iacobelli, Columbia

Born and reared on Staten Island, NY, and a graduate of St. John's University, Pete Iacobelli joined the Associated Press in 1985, starting on the agate desk before working as a writer and editor. He transferred to South Carolina in 1993 and covered a multitude of Palmetto State sports year-round for 32 years. He has been part of press boxes and media rooms for Clemson and South Carolina among many other universities in the state along with NASCAR at Darlington, the PGA Tour on Hilton Head, Kiawah Island and Myrtle Beach and the WTA event at Hilton Head and Daniel Island. He is widely respected and sincerely liked by coaches, administrators and the entire state media corps for his skills and professionalism.

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Jim Hudson, Columbia

Jim Hudson has been serving the Midland's automotive needs for more than 40 years with a strong commitment to the community. A major philanthropist in the region, Hudson and the Jim Hudson Automotive Group have made a significant difference – directly or indirectly – to countless local organizations and events that range from the Harvest Hope Food Bank to Oliver Gospel Mission, the American Heart Association, The S.C. Troopers Association, among many others. In recognition for all his charitable work, Hudson was presented with the Order of the Palmetto by former Governor Nikki Haley, the state's highest honor, for his extraordinary work and dedication to the citizens of South Carolina.



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As Nelson C. Brownlee, Sr. is honored with induction into the South Carolina Athletic Hall of Fame, we pause to celebrate not only his remarkable achievements, but also the deep and abiding friendship he shared with Charles Edward Thomas.

Their bond was unshakable rooted in laughter, loyalty, and love. Though both men are no longer with us, their spirits remain ever present, side by side, just as they were in life.

Charles always spoke with such pride about Nelson. I know that if he were here today, he would be standing tall beside his dear friend, celebrating this well-deserved honor with joy in his heart.

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Highlights of Sports in South Carolina

December 14, 1889—The first college football game in the state of South Carolina is played in Spartanburg as Wofford defeats Furman, 5-1.

October 19, 1900—John Heisman coaches his first game at Clemson with a 64-0 win over Davidson. Heisman leads his team to a 6-0 record that concludes with a 35-0 victory over Alabama. Heisman coaches at Clemson for four seasons.

November 12, 1921—Dode Phillips leads Erskine to a 6-2 record. Against rival Newberry and trailing by three points late in the game, Erskine begins a drive on their own 7-yard line. In five minutes, Phillips carries the ball on 22 consecutive plays and scores the winning touchdown. During his career, Phillips plays all 60 minutes of 35 consecutive games.

August 1, 1922—Lucile Godbold graduates from Winthrop, earns a spot on the U.S. Olympic team and sets sail for Paris on this date. She carries the flag for the team and takes first place in the shot put, fourth in the 300m run, third in the javelin and third in the 1,000m run. The USA team finishes second with 31 points and “Miss Ludy” alone records 10 points and brings home six medals.

September 21, 1929—Furman defeats Erskine, 19-6, in the first night football game in South Carolina history at Manly Field in Greenville.

February 14, 1934—The first collegiate soccer match in the state of South Carolina is played in Greenville as Furman defeats Clemson.

1939—Clemson’s Banks McFadden is named All-America in basketball and football, and remains one of the greatest athletes in Tigers history. On January 1, 1940, he leads Clemson to a 6-3 win over Boston College in the Cotton Bowl.

September 21, 1940—Frank Howard starts his career as Clemson’s football coach. In the very first play from scrimmage against Presbyterian, George Floyd runs a reverse from PC’s 18-yard line for a touchdown. Coach Howard turns to a sportswriter on the sideline and says with a grin, “There’s nothing to this head coaching business. I should have gotten in this a long time ago.” Howard would lead the Tigers for the next 30 years.

1944-46—Doc Blanchard leads the U.S. Military Academy to the national championships in football in 1944, 1945 and 1946. The Bishopville native wins the Heisman Trophy, the Maxwell Award and the Sullivan Award in 1945.

September 4, 1950—The first Darlington 500 stock car race is held.

October 19, 1950—USC’s Steve Wadiak rushes for 256 yards in the Clemson game, yet the contest ends in a 14-14 tie.

1952—John McKissick begins his brilliant coaching career at Summerville High. He eventually coaches the Green Wave to 621 wins

and 10 state championships in his 62-year career, and becomes America’s winningest football coach on any level.

February 13, 1954—Furman’s Frank Selvy scores an NCAA record 100 points in a basketball game against Newberry in a contest played at Greenville’s Textile Hall. It is also the first sporting event to be televised live in the state.

August 5, 1955—Bobby Richardson makes his debut as a New York Yankee. During his illustrious career, he accumulates 1,432 hits and brings home five Gold Gloves as a second baseman. He plays on three World Championship teams in 1958, 1961 and 1962 with the Yankees and collects the MVP Award in the 1960 World Series despite New York falling to the Pittsburgh Pirates.

1957—David “Deacon” Jones begins his football career at S.C. State. He eventually plays pro football from 1961-74 and becomes an eight-time Pro Bowl selection. The term “sack” is attributed to Jones, and although they weren’t recorded during some of his career, it is reported he accumulated 173½ over his career, which would rank third on the all-time NFL career list.

December 30, 1960—The Citadel defeats Tennessee Tech, 27-0, in the Tangerine Bowl in Orlando, Fla.

November 4, 1961—The Citadel defeats VMI, 14-8, in Lexington, Va., to finish with a 5-1 league record and record its first Southern Conference football championship.

November 23, 1967—Newberry football coach Harvey Kirkland retires with a .720 winning percentage and a 72-28-10 record.

March 16, 1970—Joe Frazier becomes the first undisputed World Boxing Champion as he defeats Jimmy Ellis at Madison Square Garden in New York.

1973—Wofford captures the NAIA men’s golf national championship.

1974-76—Annie Tribble coaches Anderson’s women’s basketball to three consecutive national championships. During these three seasons, the Trojans amass an amazing 89-14 record.

February 3 & 4, 1978—Furman defeats third-ranked North Carolina 89-83 and N.C. State 68-67 in successive days in the North-South Doubleheader in Charlotte, N.C.

November 18, 1978—After pass interference in the end zone gives The Citadel the ball at the 1-yard line with no time remaining, Furman’s defense stops the Bulldogs’ Stump Mitchell short of the goal line on the game’s final play for a 17-13 win at Greenville’s Sirmine Stadium and first of Furman’s now 15 Southern Conference football championships.

March 10, 1979—Pearl Moore of Francis Marion plays in her last collegiate game and scores 42 points against Chattanooga. The four-time All-American scores 4,061 points in her career.

1980—South Carolina’s football season is headlined by senior running back George Rogers, who leads the nation in rushing with 1,894 yards. For his efforts, the Downtown Athletic Club names Rogers the winner of the 1980 Heisman Trophy. Rogers also earns spots on eight All-America teams, all first-team honors. Behind the Rogers-led rushing attack and Coach Jim Carlen, the Gamecocks

June 2-8, 1981—In only its second year of existence, Winthrop finishes second in the NAIA College Baseball World Series in Lubbock, Texas.

March 13, 1982—USC Spartanburg (now USC Upstate) wins the NAIA Men's Basketball National Championship with a 51-38 win over Biola (Calif.) in Kansas City's Kemper Arena.

January 1, 1982—Clemson defeats Nebraska, 22-15, to win the Orange Bowl and the Division I National Championship. The Tigers complete the season with a perfect 12-0 record.

March 18, 1982—Barbara Kennedy-Dixon leads Clemson to the first-ever NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament. Kennedy-Dixon finishes the night with 43 points, and also scores the game's first points to give her the distinction of scoring the first points in the NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament history.

March 27, 1982—Coached by Sylvia Hatchell, Francis Marion wins the NAIA Division II National Championship with a 92-83 win over rival College of Charleston.

March 19, 1983—Led by Coach John Kresse, the College of Charleston wins the NAIA Men's Basketball National Championship with a 57-53 win over West Virginia Wesleyan in Kansas City.

1983—The College of Charleston wins the NAIA Women's Tennis National Championship.

1983—Furman All-American Brad Faxon is accorded the Fred Haskins Award as the nation's top collegiate golfer.

November 24, 1984—South Carolina, coached by Joe Morrison, leads the Gamecocks to a 22-21 win over Clemson and marks their 10th victory of the season. The 10 victories set a single season record for most wins.

1984—Limestone wins the NAIA Men's Golf National Championship, the first national championship for the Gaffney college.

December 16, 1984 & December 6, 1987—Dr. I.M. Ibrahim leads Clemson to the NCAA National Championship in men's soccer.

1985—Lander's men's tennis team wins their first NAIA National Championship. The Bearcats will capture four NAIA and eight NCAA Division II national crowns under coach Joe Cabri, who retires following the 2004 season.

September 28, 1985—Under coach Dick Sheridan, Furman football defeats N.C. State, 42-20, for its fourth consecutive victory over NCAA I-A opposition.

March 18, 1986—Francis Marion, coached by Sylvia Hatchell, defeats Wayland Baptist, 75-65, to win the NAIA Women's Basketball National Championship.

1987—Led by All-American Dottie Pepper, Furman finishes as NCAA national runner-up by one stroke to San Jose State in Albuquerque, N.M.

December 17, 1988—Under Coach Jimmy Satterfield, Furman defeats Georgia Southern, 17-12, in Pocatello, Idaho, to win the national championship in Division I-AA football. The Paladins finish the year with a 13-2 record.

June 1-9, 1990—The Citadel baseball team, coached by Chal Port, wins the Atlantic Regional at Miami and earns the Bulldogs its first trip

to the College World Series. The Cadets finish the season with a 46-14 record and ranked sixth in the final Collegiate Baseball poll. It marks the first time a military school participates in the World Series.

November 21, 1992—The Citadel defeats Furman, 20-14, in Greenville and claims the school's second Southern Conference football championship. The Bulldogs finish with a 6-1 record in league play and advance to the quarterfinals of the NCAA I-AA playoffs.

2000 & 2002—Limestone wins the NCAA Division II lacrosse national championship. More than a decade later, the Saints will capture two more titles in 2014 & 2015.

December 4, 2000—Furman All-American running back Louis Ivory captures the Walter Payton Award (I-AA Heisman Trophy) at New York's Downtown Athletic Club after rushing for 2,079 yards and 16 touchdowns.

2001—Hall of Famer Willie Jeffries retires after coaching two stints at S.C. State. He guides the Bulldogs for 18 seasons and wins 122 games.

June 1, 2002—USC's women's track & field team wins the NCAA outdoor track & field title in Baton Rouge. It marks the school's first-ever team national championship.

2003—Francis Marion wins the NCAA Division II men's golf national championship.

May 27-30, 2003—Clemson wins the NCAA men's golf national championship in Stillwater, Okla.

2004, 2005 & 2006—USC Aiken wins the NCAA Division II national championship in men's golf.

2009—Newberry finishes second at the NCAA Division II Wrestling Championships.

March 8, 2010—The Wofford men's basketball team defeats Appalachian State and wins the Southern Conference Tournament, marking the first time the Terriers qualify for the NCAA Tournament.

June 20-29, 2010—The Ray Tanner-led South Carolina Gamecocks claim the baseball national championship in Omaha. USC defeats UCLA, 2-1, in 11 innings on June 29 to clinch the title.

March 7, 2011—Wofford defeats College of Charleston, 77-67, in the championship game of the Southern Conference men's basketball tournament. The Terriers play in the NCAA Tournament for the second year in a row.

June 19-28, 2011—South Carolina wins the national championship in baseball in Omaha as the Gamecocks defeat Florida, 5-2 on June 28 to clinch the title.

April 5, 2015—South Carolina advances to the NCAA Women's Final Four in Tampa. The Gamecocks fall to Notre Dame, 66-65, in the semi-finals.

January 11, 2016—Clemson plays for the football national championship in Glendale, Ariz. Though Alabama wins the game, 45-40, the Tigers finish the season with a 14-1 record.

June 30, 2016—Coastal Carolina captures the national championship in baseball in Omaha, defeating Arizona, 4-3.

January 9, 2017—Clemson wins the national football championship in Tampa by defeating Alabama, 35-31. It is the school's second national championship in football.

April 1, 2017—USC's men's basketball team advances to the NCAA Final Four in Phoenix. The Gamecocks fall to Gonzaga, 77-73, in the national semifinals.

April 2, 2017—South Carolina defeats Mississippi State in Dallas, 67-55, as the Gamecocks win the national championship in women's basketball.

2017—Limestone wins the men's lacrosse NCAA Division II national championship, their fifth.

January 7, 2019—Clemson finishes the first 15-0 season in major college football since 1897 with a 44-16 victory against top-ranked Alabama in the CFP National Championship Game at Levi's Stadium in Santa Clara. This is the Tigers' third football national championship.

Dec. 28, 2019—Clemson advances to its fourth national championship football game in five years and defeats Ohio State, 29-23, in the Fiesta Bowl.

March 24, 2021—Lander advances to the NCAA Division II Final Four in women's basketball. The Bearcats fall to Drury, 74-65.

April 2, 2021—The South Carolina women's basketball team advances to the NCAA Final Four in San Antonio but fall to Stanford, 66-65.

December 12, 2021—Clemson men's soccer team wins the national championship with a 2-0 victory over Washington in Cary, NC.

April 3, 2022—The USC women's basketball team wins the national championship with a 64-49 victory over Connecticut in Minneapolis.

May 10-14, 2022—Limestone finishes runner-up and Anderson advances to the semifinals of the NCAA Division II Women's Golf Championships at Gainesville, Ga.

June 10, 2022—North Greenville claims the NCAA Division II baseball national championship with a 5-3 victory over Point Loma in Cary, N.C.

March 10-11, 2023—Competing in just its fourth season as a program, Lander finishes as national finalists at the NCAA Division II Wrestling Championships.

March 16, 2023—Making its first NCAA Tournament appearance in 40 years, Furman defeats No. 4 seed Virginia, 68-67, in first round action in Orlando, Fla., and finishes with a school record 28 wins under head coach Bob Richey.

March 31, 2023—USC's women's basketball team advances to the Final Four in Dallas, Texas, for the fifth time. The Gamecocks lose to Iowa, 77-73, in one of the most-watched games in women's basketball history.

March 31, 2023—Lander wrestling coach R.C. LaHaye receives The Open Mat Division II National Coach of the Year Award. Six Bearcats are named All-Americans after the team went 20-2 overall.

June 4-7, 2023—North Greenville University plays in the NCAA Division II World Series for the second consecutive season.

December 1, 2023—The Clemson women's soccer team advances to the NCAA Final Four for the first time. The Tigers finish the season with an 18-4-4 record and a school-record 13 shutouts.

December 8, 2023—Furman advances to the quarterfinals of the NCAA Division I FCS Playoffs. The Paladins fall to Montana 35-28 in overtime.

December 11, 2023—Behind goals from Louis Brandon Parrish and Ousmane Sylla, Clemson men's soccer team wins its fourth NCAA Championship downing ACC-foe Notre Dame. A month later, she will become the fourth Clemson player to win the MAC Hermann Trophy for the most outstanding player in collegiate soccer.

March 15-16, 2024—Lander finishes second at the NCAA Division II Wrestling Championship in Wichita, Kansas. The Bearcats produced six All-Americans.

March 17, 2024—Presbyterian earns an automatic bid to the NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament as the Blue Hose win the Big South Tournament on March 10. In NCAA Tournament play, PC defeats Sacred Heart in the First Four round on March 20 and loses to South Carolina in the First Round two days later. The 21 victories in 2023-24 is a school record.

April 7, 2024—South Carolina wins its third national championship in eight years in women's basketball with an 87-75 victory over Iowa, finishing the season undefeated with a perfect 38-0 record and becomes the 10th Division I team to go through a season without a defeat.

September 7, 2024—Anderson University defeats St. Andrews University, 51-14, in the first football game in Trojan history under former Furman coach Bobby Lamb.

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