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Welcome



It is a pleasure for me to welcome you to the induction of the 2023 Class of the Biloxi Sports Hall of Fame.

I want to thank each of you for being part of this renowned event and honoring these outstanding athletes.

We have another phenomenal group of individuals who each have excelled in the athletic realm and contributed to the betterment of athletics in the City of Biloxi.

The prestige, honor, and fame these athletes brought to themselves and fellowmen will now live on as symbols of achievements and foster an appreciation for the role sports play in contributing to the quality of life in Biloxi.

All the best,

Andrew "FoFo" Gilich
Mayor of Biloxi

EMCEE Cecilia Dobbs Walton, Public Affairs Manager
Presentation of Colors Biloxi Police/Fire Honor Guard
National Anthem Vondell Miller
Pledge of Allegiance John Miller, Police Chief, and Brentlee, Baylor, and Blakelyn Warkentien
Invocation/Benediction Jason Earl Davis, Pastor, Amazing Grace Ministries
Welcome Cheryl Bell, Parks & Recreation Director
Dinner
Remarks Mayor Andrew "FoFo" Gilich
Presentations Mayor Andrew "FoFo" Gilich & Cheryl Bell
Inductees Remarks Limited to (3 minutes) each

Dinner provided by the City of Biloxi Parks & Recreation Department.

Special thanks to the Biloxi Police/Fire Honor Guard:

Biloxi Fire Department – FFIII Jacob Fairley, Captain Kenny Matlock, and Captain Robert Hornsby

Biloxi Police Department – Jeff Radix, Susan Syverson, and Roderick Harris

Special thanks to Biloxi Bacon Brigade for their cooking skills.

Special thanks to Biloxi High Athletes.

• **2022 Biloxi Sports Hall of Fame Inductees** •

Kevin Brosh
Charles W. Burdine Jr.

Kevin Burdine
Linda Barnes Carney

George Croncich
Gerald Jacobs

Michael Kovacevich
Bobby Migues

• **2021 Biloxi Sports Hall of Fame Inductees** •

Lloyd Burbrige
Gerald Wallace Chatham
A.J. Giardina

Anna Marie Gines
Bobbie Booth Lonberger

George “Bubba” Misko
Deborah Mitchell

Thomas Stanley Jr.
Brenda Booth Tillman

• **2020 Biloxi Sports Hall of Fame Inductees** •

Elton J. Bienvenue Sr.
Vincent “Pete” Bosarge
Kevin Durdine
James Perry Carson

Glenn Corso
Kenneth Lee Fairley
Kevin Felsher
Harry Kostmayer Sr.

Doran Major
Jerald Nunley
David “DayDay” Shelby
Clinton Tapper

Frank Sabbatini
Joe Sabbatini
Loyce Searight

• **2019 Biloxi Sports Hall of Fame Inductees** •

George Creel
Anthony Hill
Alan Marsland
Chris McGee

D’Jon “Bobo” McNair
Byron Meaut
Charles “Charlie” Nobles
Alex “Lou” Pitalo

Roger Smith
David Ward Sr.
Paul Webster
John Williams

Seber Windham

• **2018 Biloxi Sports Hall of Fame Inductees** •

Mark Barhanovich
Art Bressler

Marvin “Bubba” Dickey
Eric Fortenberry

Glen Lamas

Johnny “Red” Wetzel

• **2017 Biloxi Sports Hall of Fame Inductees** •

Billy Ray Allen
Gene Allen
John Allen
Dough Anglado
Tommy Bond

James Daggett
Keith Demourelle
Ricky Derouen
Rodney Derouen
John Michael Hankins

Robert Hill
Herb Glavan
Larry Kostmayer
Carroll “Butch” Raley
John Tapper

Clinton Tapper
Frank Sabbatini
Joe Sabbatini
Loyce Searight

• **2016 Biloxi Sports Hall of Fame Inductees** •

Ronald Bond
Walter Blessey
Ronnie Farris
Barbara Ferrill
Richard Frentz

Gene Ganucheau
Frank Gill, Jr.
Mark Graham
Wayne Kopszywa
Randolf “Kitty Kat” Peyton

Richard “Rick” Pitalo
John Pugh
Forrest Rodolfich
Freddie Steinwinder III
Andrew Wright

Freddie Wright
George Wright

• 2015 Biloxi Sports Hall of Fame Inductees •

Greg Breal	Alyssa Donovan Farrell	Samuel T. Nichols Jr.	Daryl Posey
Dale Chatham	Mike Felsher	Randall Patterson	Jeana Erickson Stanley
Bob Collins	Pam Ferrill	Jeff Pickich	Anthony Vereen
Gary Dronet	Rosell Horne	Bobby Pisarich	

• 2014 Biloxi Sports Hall of Fame Inductees •

Joseph M. "Joe" Allen	Rusty "Biloxi Bomber" Derouen	Anthony "Bo" Lamey	René Joseph Trochesset Sr.
Frank "Yankie" Barhanovich	Richard Johnston	Gregory J. "Greg" Nordstrom	Andy Welter
Mike Craft	Brian J. Kozlowski	Charles Michael "Mike" Patrick	
Troy Craft	Jackie Laird	Gerald Joseph Richards	

• 2013 Biloxi Sports Hall of Fame Inductees •

Doug Barber	Peter Roy "Lee" Elder	Dr. Dennis Malpass	Henry "Spud" Wieniewitz
Howard "Dickey" Battle	Kenneth Lyons Sr.	Richard "Wimpy" Winther	

• 2012 Biloxi Sports Hall of Fame Inductees •

Joseph "Joe" Balius	Randy Jenkins	Lloyd Seymour Jr.	Sal "Penue" Taranto
Michael "Mickey" Bradley	Frederick C. "Cliff" Kirkland, Jr.	Mark M. Seymour Sr.	Doug Thompson
Harold Breal	Ralph F. Lechner	James Smith Jr.	Elbert T. Trone
Steve Broussard	Barry Lyons	T.J. Smith	James H. "Jimmy" Wallis Jr.
Floyd Franks	Rodney Mattina Jr.	Bernard "Cuz" St. Amant	Michael "Mike" Wallis Sr.
James Franklin Gill	Melvin Moncrief	Bruce & Annette Strong	Shirley F. Windham
Marion Lorenzo Henley	Michael J. "Mike" Sekul	Anthony Christopher "Chris" Taranto	William E. Windham

• 1989 Biloxi Sports Hall of Fame Inductees •

Vincent "Cotton" Bosarge, SHA	Walter F. Fountain, BHS	Audrey (Holliman) Owen, BHS	James Stevens, BHS
Tommy Esposito, Sr., SHA	Mona (Hudson) Hunt, BHS	Don Sr. Snyder, OSHS	

• 1988 Biloxi Sports Hall of Fame Inductees •

Leonard C. Fairley	James McElroy	Hugh H. Saxon	Audrey Strocchi
Estelle Compton McElroy	Shannon P. Pickich	James Levine R. Skinner	

• 1986 Biloxi Sports Hall of Fame Inductees •

Douglas G. Mitchell	Arthur, Jr. Rosonet
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• 1985 Biloxi Sports Hall of Fame Inductees •

Lionel Antoine, NHS 1968
John Atkinson, BHS 1930
Frank “Buddy” Bass, BHS 1928
Raymond Bass, BHS 1939
Marcel “Mickey” Bellande, BHS 1928
T.C. Benny, BHS 1939
Andy Bernich, BHS 1924
Anthony Bertucci
Albert Bessey, BHS
Norman Broussard, BHS 1950
Lloyd Caillavet, BHS 1931
Art Cantrell, BHS 1968
Fred Carron, BHS 1931
John Collins, BHS 1923
Chester Comeaux, BHS 1947
Jerry Covich, III ND 1966
Shannon Covich, BHS 1944
Clem Dellenger, ND 1960
Joe Demoran, SH 1931
Lewis Demoruelle, BHS
Delmas “BaBa Jess” Diaz
Noel Dunn, BHS 1938
Norman Duplain, BHS 1949
Cosman Eisendrath
Glenn Ellis, BHS 1969
Arnold Entrekin, BHS 1940
Harold Erickson, BHS 1958
Larry Evans, BHS 1972
J.B. Fallo, BHS 1940

U.S. Fayard, BHS 1920
Thomas Ferrill, Sr., BHS 1949
Irene Flavian, BHS 1937
T.L. Gaddy
Curtis Galle, BHS 1931
Wilfred Gollotte, BHS 1938
Charles Hegwood, ND 1934
Butch Halveston, BHS 1931
Charles Sr. “Dixie” Hollis, BHS 1946
Dr. D.L. Hollis
William C. Hollis, BHS 1952
A.J. Holloway, BHS 1958
Lewis Hood, Jr. BHS 1930
James E. Howarth, Jr., BHS 1965
Bill Huls, BHS 1939
Bartlo Hunt, BHS 1934
C.D. Jenkins, BHS 1939
Chester Juanico, BHS 1931
Elwood “Kayo” Kelly, BHS 1932
Edward Khayat, BHS 1928
Edward Yetta Lawrence, ND 1950
Arnaud Lopez, BHS 1930
James Lopez, BHS 1931
Julius Lopez, BHS 1926
Kenneth Lyons, Jr. ND 1970
Ed McCreedy, BHS 1956
Howard McDonnell, Sr. BHS 1930
Elbert Manuel, BHS 1934
A.J. Mattina, BHS 1934

Earl Mattina, BHS 1928
Joe Mattina, BHS 1939
Rodney Mattina, Sr. ND 1960
Dr. D.L. Michel, BHS 1930
Norman Moran, BHS 1923
Giles Peresich, SH 1935
Gordon Peresich, ND 1947
Ronald Peresich, BHS 1961
Sonny Pisarich, ND 1966
Thelma Plummer, BHS 1930
Nathaniel Puryear, BHS 1971
Jonathon Ramsey, BHS 1939
A.I. Rexinger
Clell Rosetti, ND 1966
Tony Rosetti, BHS 1932
Tony Rosetti, Jr., ND 1964
Raymond Ryan, OS 1935
Elliott St. Amant
Hyman Schneider, BHS 1931
George Sekul, ND 1955
Jackie Sherrill, BHS 1962
Fred Steinwinder, BHS
Joe Thornton, BHS 1951
James Wallace, BHS 1937
Katherine Wambsgans, BHS 1928
Fred Weems, ND 1956
Percy Wetzel, Jr., SH 1925
Joe Wheeler, BHS 1929
Joyce Wiltz, BHS 1941

• Biloxi Sports Hall of Fame Inductees •

Class of 2023



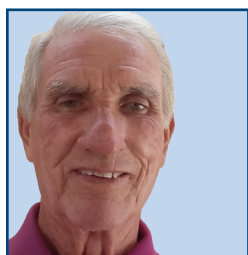
Melvin Brown

Football and track player for Biloxi High and the University of Mississippi. In high school, Melvin Brown was an outstanding running back who was one of the first to rush for 1,000 yards in a season. He was the Most Valuable Player at the 1978 Shrimp Bowl. In track, Brown played in the Big 8 Championships, District 8 Championships, and Biloxi Relay Championships. He received a scholarship to Ole Miss where he was a football letterman playing as a running back and a cornerback. In 1983, Brown was drafted in the 10th round by the Minnesota Vikings.



Stanley Dellenger Jr.

Football, basketball, and track player at Notre Dame High School and the University of Southern Mississippi, and football and track coach at Central Catholic High School, Pope John Paul II and Holy Cross in Louisiana and Mercy Cross High School, St. Stanislaus College, and St. Patrick Catholic High School in Mississippi. Stanley Dellenger Jr. was a four-year letterman in football, basketball, and track and signed a football scholarship to USM. During his coaching career, Dellenger's players won 40 gold medals and 68 All-State selections in track and football; the 2009 St. Stanislaus football team was named state champions; and while coaching at St. Patrick, the boys track team won the State Track Championships, and was named runner up in State Track Championships, and the girls track team won three State Track Championships.



Lionel Fayard

Baseball and football player at Central Junior High, Biloxi High School, and University of Southern Mississippi. Lionel Fayard was a three-year starter and played both tight end and defensive back. He received a scholarship to USM. There, Fayard was a three-year starter from 1968 to 1970. Fayard is a member of the USM Hall of Fame.



Lawrence Love

Football and track player at Biloxi High School and Southern Illinois University. Lawrence Love ran track in high school where he achieved a number of school and state records. In 1972 and 1973, Love attained the school and state records in the 120 high hurdles and the 180 low hurdles. Love went on to play football at Southern Illinois University where he received a NCAA scholarship and took 7th in the nation kickoff return.



Tommy Lyons

Baseball player with Notre Dame High School, Cleveland Indians, New Orleans All-American Team, and the University of Mississippi from 1969 to 1977. In 1972, while at Notre Dame, Tommy Lyons' ERA was .52 with a batting average of .583. He was awarded the most valuable trophy for the New Orleans All-American Team. That same year, Lyons was drafted by the Cleveland Indians in the 18th round of MLB Amateur Draft. Lyons was a fast right-handed pitcher, named Catalyst Player of the Month, and received a baseball grant-in-aid scholarship with the University of Mississippi.



Al Pickich

Football player at Biloxi High and Mississippi College and coach at D'Iberville High, Mississippi College, and Biloxi High. Al Pickich was a three-year letterman in football at Biloxi High where he played offensive and defensive lines. Named All-Big Eight and played in the Mississippi High School All-Star Game. Played All-Big Eight and Mississippi High School All-Star Game. Al Pickich received the 1978 Pat Patterson Award and a full football scholarship to Mississippi College where he played offensive line for four years. During his time at MC, Pickich and his team made the semi-finals for Division 2 National Championships in 1979 and he played All Gulf South Conference Division 2 in 1981 and 1982. Pickich was awarded the Mississippi State Player of the Week in 1982. Pickich coached football at Mississippi College, D'Iberville and Biloxi High Schools, and swimming and golf at Biloxi High. Under Coach Pickich, weight lifting and CrossFit training was added to the swim program and teams won State Championships in 2001, 2002, 2003, and 2004. Under Coach Pickich, girls golf teams won championships in 2016 and runner-up in 2011, 2012, and 2013.



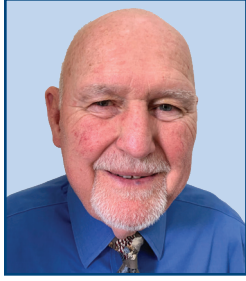
Harold Sablich Jr.

Baseball and football player for Notre Dame High School. Harold Sablich played baseball, growing up, hitting home runs on the diamond at Savarro Park. In the eighth grade, Sablich pitched for varsity (12 grade) and hit several home runs over the railroad tracks at Lee Street baseball field. Sablich played football while in high school. From the late 1950s to 1966, Sablich's name appeared in the newspaper nearly 300 times for his outstanding feats in sports.



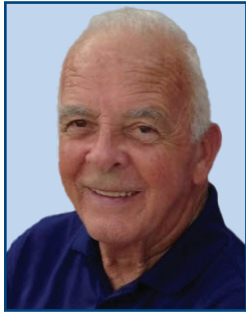
Johnny "Ray" Smith

Football and track and field player at M.F. Nichols and Biloxi High Schools. While at M. F. Nichols, Johnny "Ray" Smith was named All-American player and Most Valuable Player in football, and in track and field, Smith received the honor of MVP. While at Biloxi High, Smith played track and field and was named MVP and received the Booster Club Award and first place in the 440-yard relay at the Pas Point Jaycee Invitational. He also broke the record for the 220-yard dash, 440, and 880 relay. Smith received a partial scholarship to MVSU.



George L. Sumrall Jr.

Football and baseball player for Biloxi High School and the University of Southern Mississippi. George Sumrall excelled in baseball as a little league All-Star player and pitcher in 1957. Sumrall's passion for sports led him to play at Biloxi High School from 1959-1962 where he was a four-sport letterman. Sumrall played as a football halfback in the 1961 Shrimp Bowl, All-Star football team, and pitcher on the Biloxi High School baseball team. Sumrall won a football scholarship in 1962 to play at the USM. In 1965-1966, he was a starter and a letterman. He also played baseball at USM from 1965 to 1967 where Sumrall lead the team in battering average and home runs.



Tommy Williams

Baseball, basketball, and football player and coach. Tommy Williams played high school baseball, basketball, and football at Newton High School in Newton, Mississippi. He was a four-year letterman in baseball where he played in the 1953 State Championships. Williams was also a three-year letterman in basketball and a three-year letterman in football where he received the All-Choctaw Honor in 1954-1955. Williams played baseball at East Central Junior High in Decatur, Miss., and at the University of Southern Mississippi as well as semi-pro throughout Mississippi and Alabama. Williams coached sports in 7th, 8th, and 9th grades at Central High, Michele Middle School, Fernwood, and Mercy Cross schools in Biloxi as well as Pee-Wee football, baseball, and basketball.



Nomination Form

Purpose:

To identify and honor individuals who have significantly contributed to the betterment of athletics in the City of Biloxi, either through exemplary performance as a player, coach, or in any supporting role of superior accomplishment.

Criteria: The following shall be considered:

1. The nominee must be retired at least three years if an athlete/competitor, or have completed at least 15 years of service as a coach or supporter of Biloxi athletics.
2. The nominee must have demonstrated good citizenship both in school and after leaving school.
3. The nominee must have contributed to the betterment of athletics in the City of Biloxi as a player, coach or any supporting role of superior accomplishment.

Procedures:

Nominees are accepted annually and reviewed by a volunteer selection committee which, by consensus of opinion, will objectively choose those to be inducted each year. Selection will be based on, but not limited to statistical performance, individual achievement, leadership, citizenship and community service. The number of inductees each year is solely the discretion of the selection committee.

Nominations made without using the proper form or lack of supporting documentation may not be considered. Nominations must include a head shot sufficient for publication. Those received without using the proper form or lack of supporting documentation may not be considered.

Deadline: Friday, June 7, 2024

I. Nominee:

Nominee's Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Work

Home

Cell

II. Educational Background:

School	Years Attended	Year Graduated

Continued on other side.

III. Athletic Achievements:

Please list all pertinent athletic achievements by the nominee.

Year	Sport	School	Honors, Achievements, Awards

IV. Community Service:

V. Accreditations:

Please list factual participant information to include interviews, scrapbooks, news reports and newspaper articles. Please attach photocopies.

VI. Other Notes:

VII. Nominator

Nominator's Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

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Home

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Submit form and supporting documentation by fax (228-388-2489), email (sports@biloxi.ms.us) or by mail (Attn: Cheryl Bell, City of Biloxi, Biloxi Sports Hall of Fame, P.O. Box 775, Biloxi, MS 39533).

For more information, call the Parks and Recreation office at 228-388-7170.

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Biloxi Sports Hall of Fame

Mission Statement

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Eligibility

Any native-born Biloxian, or current or past resident of at least 10 years, whose accomplishments in the world of sports are singularly extraordinary either on the high school level, collegiate level, amateur level, or professional level, or any combination thereof, or someone whose lifetime contributions to Biloxi sports is clearly superior and worthy of citywide acclaim.

To be considered for inclusion in the Biloxi Sports Hall of Fame, the individual must be nominated according to established guidelines. The individual must have distinguished himself/herself through superior performance that clearly and overwhelmingly exceeds above-average achievement in any given sport, or in support of Biloxi sports. Qualifications could include, but are not limited to: numerous MVP designations; state, regional, national or international recognition; record-setting performances in a variety of sports; induction into other Sports Halls of Fame on the high school, college, professional or amateur levels; or whose lifetime contributions as an athlete or coach, or in support of local athletics, is of the highest caliber community service. The number of inductees each year is solely the discretion of the selection committee.

It is the burden of the nominating person(s) to provide substantiation or proof of accomplishments, from newspaper articles, television features, or plaques/awards to the testimony of peers or competitors. The validity of such proof is to be determined solely by the members of the Voting Committee, at its discretion.

**2024 Nominations
due by June 7, 2024.**





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