

Seneca High School Athletics Hall of Fame

Induction Class of 2012

Cats



Willie Mayes

Aikens

Athlete

1969-1973

Willie Mayes Aikens is a 1973 graduate of Seneca High School. In his time as a Bobcat, he lettered in football, basketball and baseball. After graduating from Seneca High, he attended SC State and played baseball there. He was drafted as the #2 overall pick in the January of 1975 amateur draft by the California Angels, and moved on the play for the Kansas City Royals. He his 2 homeruns in Game 1 (on his 26th birthday) and Game 4 of the 1980 World Series. He hit .400 in that series, but the Royals were defeated by the Philadelphia Phillies in 6 games. He hit a home run in is final major league at bat on April 27, 1985. He wrote a biography on his life entitled "Safe at Home".

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David "Dedo" Crawford

Coach

1977-2003

Coach David "Dedo" Crawford coached at Seneca High for almost 30 years, coaching football and baseball. In one year as the head JV coach, the JV Bobcats went 9-1 with 9 shut outs. He moved on to be an assistant football coach for 22 years, 19 of them as the assistant head coach. In that time the Bobcats were 229-83 with 103 shut outs, and played for 5 Upper State Championships and played for the State Championship in 1996. In 1998 he was promoted to be the head football coach, and served in that role for 5 years with a 26-24 record, making the playoffs every year of his tenure. He coached 87 players who signed college scholarships, 11 Shrine Bowl All-Stars, 16 North-South All-Stars, 1 player who played in the NFL and 1 who played in the USFL and won a world championship. He served as the head JV baseball coach (50-19), assistant varsity coach (82-28 with 4 conference championships and 1 upper state championship), and head baseball coach (113-57). As the head baseball coach, he won the 1987 AAA State Championship. He was selected as the 1988 North South All-Star head coach, and was named Region 1-AAA Coach of the Year twice. He had 5 players drafted by major league baseball, and 8 players signed to play in college.

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Johelen Owens (Dawkins)

Athlete

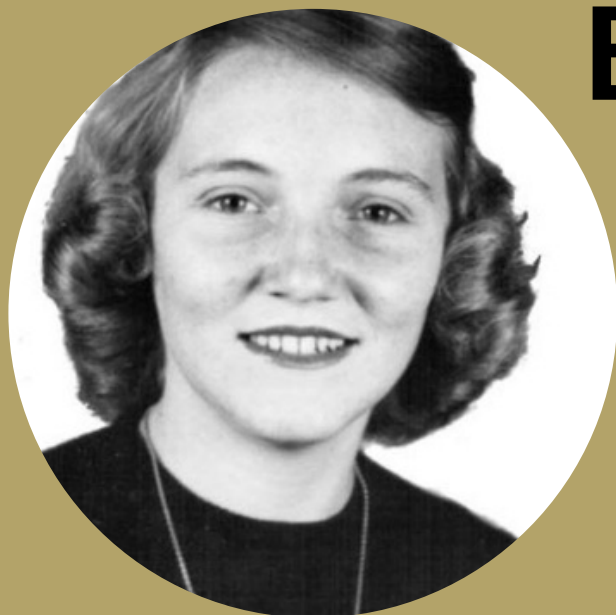
1949-1953

Johelen Owens (Dawkins) is a 1953 graduate of Seneca High School. In her time as a Ladycat, she lettered in basketball in 1952 and 1953. She was a member of the 1952-53 Class A State Championship team. In the state championship game, she played on the defensive end of the court and was credited with 25 rebounds and 12 blocked shots. She was the co-captain of the state championship team her senior year. She was the feature editor of the High Notes Staff, and was a member of the Junior Homemakers Association and the Block S Club in her junior and senior years.

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Beverly Dooley

(Addis)

Athlete

1950-1954

Beverly Dooley (Addis) is a 1954 graduate of Seneca High School. In her time as a Ladycat, Beverly lettered 3 times in basketball from the 10th to the 12th grades. She was the co-captain of the 1953-54 team, and was the MVP of Class A District 1 in 1953-54. She was on the Class A State Championship team in 1952-53, scoring 25 points in the final game. She made the tying basket with less than a minute to play in regulation, and made the go ahead free throw to put the "Bobettes" ahead to win the state championship. She was a cheerleader for the Bobcats in 1953-54, and was a 3 year member of the Block S Club, serving as secretary her senior year. After graduation, she went on to play in the Textile League, and in 1959 won the Southern Textile Tournament in Greenville.