

Seneca High School Athletics Hall of Fame

Induction Class of 2015

Cats



Tim

Blassingame

Athlete

1982-1986

Tim lettered in basketball all four years. He scored 986 points during his high school career and was named All-Area, All-State, Player of the Year, and Player of the Week multiple times. He averaged over 20 points per game during his junior and senior year at Seneca High School. Following his successful basketball career at Seneca High School, he was awarded a full scholarship to play basketball at Radford University. Following college, he has worked as the Operations Manager at the U.S. District Court Clerk's Office. He was also the president of the New River Valley Progressive Men's Club from 2003 to 2013.

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Austin Ernst Athlete

2006-2010

Austin played golf for six years. In 2007 she was the South Carolina 3A State Champion. In 2011, playing for LSU, she was an NCAA National Champion, and earned NGCA First-Team All-American honors. During her sophomore year, she was a Second Team All-American selection by Golfweek. Other awards include two-time NCAA All American and two-time NCAA Academic All American. Austin was a semifinalist at the 2011 U.S. Women's Amateur and was a member of the 2012 U.S. Curtis Cup Team. She qualified for the LPGA Tour on her first attempt, finishing 14th at the 2012 LPGA Final Qualifying Tournament to earn full status for the 2013 season. She is currently an LPGA touring member. In 2013, she had two top 10 finishes, including a career-best tie for sixth at the Manulife Financial LPGA Classic. She also carded a career-low 62 in the third round of the 2013 Safeway Classic Presented by Coca-Cola. In 2014, she became a Rolex First-Time Winner at the Portland Classic presented by Cambia Health Solutions after defeating I.K. Kim on the first sudden death playoff hole. For the past two years, Austin has hosted the Safe Harbor Benefit Golf Tournament at Cross Creek Plantation in Seneca, SC. The tournament, attended by LPGA Professionals, benefits the new Safe Harbor House in Seneca. Each year the tournament has raised close to \$50,000 for the house.

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Tommy Shaver

Athlete, Coach,

Administrator

1957-1961; 1972-1980;

1992-2006

Coach Shaver earned eight varsity letters while participating in Football, Basketball and Baseball. He was captain of the 1961 basketball and baseball teams and a member of the 1960 undefeated football team. He was vice-president of his Junior and Senior Class, held the lead role in the Senior Class Play, and received several honors in athletic and school leadership. He attended Clemson University from 1961 to 1963 and played baseball for the Tigers setting a freshman team record for stolen bases (24 steals in 24 attempts) during the 1961-62 season. He earned a varsity letter in 1962-63 posting a .292 batting average. From 1967 -1971 he served in the US Air Force and graduated from Officer Training School in 1967. In 1972 he became Head Boys Basketball Coach and Assistant Football Coach at Seneca High School. In 1974 the Bobcat basketball team advanced to the Final Four in the State before losing to the eventual State Champion, Mayo High School of Darlington. He started one of the first basketball camps for youth, ages 6 – 17 in the state. In 1980, he accepted a position as Head Men's Basketball Coach at Central Wesleyan College (now Southern Wesleyan University). Three years later he guided the warriors to 22-9 season and runner-up spot in the tough NAIA District Six. In 1983 he was honored by being named Coach of the Year in District Six, the first Warrior Coach to receive the award. In 1992, he returned to Seneca High School and served as Assistant Principal until his retirement in 2006.

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Karen Trammell

(Edwards)

Coach

1991-2001

Coach Trammell coached softball, JV girls basketball, and girl's golf at SHS. She was the Head Softball Coach 1991 through the 2001 season posting a 221-64 overall record. She won state championships in 1999 and 2001 and was Upper State Champions 1999, 2000, and 2001. Her team was Region 1-AAA champions in 1995, 1997, 1999, 2000, and 2001. She received the High School Sports Report State Coach of the Year in 2001 and the SC Athletic Coaches Association State Coach of the Year in 1999. She was named Region 1-AAA Coach of the Year in 1993, 1995, 1997, 1999, 2000, and 2001. She was the North/South All Star Coach in 1995, and 2000. She coached 36 all region players, 7 region players of the year, 13 North/South All Stars, 14 All State players, 4 All Americans, 2 State Players of the Year, and 2 Gatorade State Players of the Year. The 1999 and 2001 teams were ranked in the top 20 of the final USA Today softball rankings with the 1999 team ranked as high as 2nd in the nation. The 2000 team was ranked in the top 20 for most of the year. She coached JV girls' basketball from 1991 to 1999 and her career record was 115-31. She started the girl's golf program at SHS and coached for three seasons. In 2002 she became a guidance counselor as is currently the Director of Guidance.