

# Seneca High School Athletics Hall of Fame

## Induction Class of 2021

Cats



# Velvet Dotson

## Athlete

1997-2001

Velvet Dotson lettered in varsity basketball and softball from 1998-2001. In that time, her team won two upper state championships in softball, and she led the softball team to a region championship and state championship in 2001. On the basketball court, she was named all-region in 1999, 2000 and 2001, Region player of the year in 2000, and all-state in 2000, and 2001. She was named Ms. Basketball for the State of South Carolina in 2000, and player in the Coaches Classic All-Star game in 2001. In her time at Seneca High, she scored 1,550 points and her team compiled a record of 94 wins and 15 losses, winning 1 state championship, 2 upper state championships, and 1 state runner up. In her junior year, she scored 645 points for an average of 23.04 points per game. Velvet signed to play basketball at Francis Marion before joining the US Army. Sargent First Class Dotson joined the military in 2007. She currently serves as the Equal Opportunity Advisor on all Equal Opportunity matters pertaining to the 2500 soldiers and family members of the 555th Engineer Brigade. She also received the Meritorious Service Medal and the Order of the Honorable Saint Martin Award. Sargent First Class Dotson was the United States Army Criminal Investigation Division Command Support Solider of the Year. Her dynamic leadership style, high standards and tireless work ethic has proven her invaluable during deployments in support of Operation Iraqui Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

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# Jack Ferguson

## Athlete

1995-1999

Jack Ferguson was a 6 year starter and 5 time MVP for the Bobcat Golf team, making the all-region team all four years of high school and winning the Region Individual Title in his sophomore, junior and senior seasons. Jack was named All State as a junior and as a senior, and finished 11th, 3rd and 2nd in the state tournament. As a senior, Jack set a record, shooting 10 under par in the state qualifying tournament. Jack had 4 top 10 finishes in American Junior Golf tournaments, and played for the South Carolina team against Canada in challenge matches. He qualified as the #1 US Junior in 1999, and shot a 63 in the Ashworth Bluegrass as a sophomore, tying the American Junior record. Jack received a scholarship to continue his Golf career at Clemson University, and was named to the Letterman's Club in 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005. He was named to the Atlantic Coast Conference Honor Roll in 2001, and the Tiger Honor Roll in Fall of 2000, Spring of 2001, and Spring of 2002. He received the Frank Howard Award in 2003. He was named to the Clemson University Athletic Hall of Fame as a member of the 2003 National Championship team. In 2001, Jack won the Country Club of Birmingham National Invitational, in 2003, he was an all ACC selection, 2nd team All America, and made the putt to win the National Title, in 2004 he was an All ACC selection, 2nd team All American, and US Amateur qualifier, and in 2005, he was an All ACC selection, First Team All District, and Ranked 15th in the Men's Amateur Rankings.

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# Dewitt Martin

## Contributor

1986-present

Working in the city and having two sons heavily involved in the recreation program, Dewitt Martin found great interest in working with and coaching in the recreation program. Dewitt was heavily involved in the design and construction of the Shaver Complex. Along with working with the recreation program, Dewitt soon began helping out with the high school football program. His first volunteer work was on the chain crew on Friday nights beginning in 1986. In 1988 Dewitt moved to the press box where he ran the scoreboard and clock for Varsity and Junior Varsity Games alongside Hall of Famer Dean Davis. Mr. Martin said that “Anytime Coach Bass would need something fixed he would usually call me first. We would always work on the lights or scoreboard or anything else that would need repair.” Dewitt helped design the drainage system at the former home of the Bobcats, Gignilliat Field, as well as the practice fields. Dewitt enjoyed being around the program especially while his two sons Bradley and Jeff were playing and coaching in the 1990s. He was a member, along with his wife Glenda, of the Bobcat Booster Club. Dewitt has been there for all of the home varsity games as well as the junior varsity and middle school games. His favorite memory in the last 30 plus years was in 1996 when Seneca made it to the state finals against Fairfield-Central. Even though the outcome was a loss he enjoyed the memories he had that season which was the senior season of his younger son Jeff. If he has one bit of advice for all it is to always work hard. Dewitt dropped out of high school to join the navy but worked hard to complete his GED and then take several courses in engineering from Tri-County Technical College. He worked his way up in the City of Seneca’s Utility Department to the Assistant Director of Utilities for the City of Seneca.