

# HALL TALK

THE GEORGIA SPORTS HALL OF FAME NEWSLETTER



## WELCOME

Welcome to the second issue of the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame newsletter, 'Hall Talk'. We'll be keeping you up to date on Hall of Famer news, new museum exhibits, upcoming events, and incoming inductees. Have some Georgia sports or Hall of Famer news you'd like to share? Email it to [lisah@gshf.org](mailto:lisah@gshf.org). Thanks for joining us!

## Free First Fridays at the GSHF

Thanks to our generous sponsor, The Beverly Knight Olson Children's Hospital at Navicent Health, every first Friday of the Month your admission is FREE here at the Hall of Fame museum! Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. We look forward to seeing you!

## Current Operating Hours

Due to Covid-19, we are still operating at a reduced schedule, Thur – Sat, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. However, should your group or family wish to visit outside of those hours, we're happy to oblige. Give us a call at 478.752.1585 with your special request and we will do our very best to accommodate!

## NEGRO LEAGUE BASEBALL EXHIBIT

2020 marked the centennial anniversary of baseball's Negro League. Fittingly, on December 16th, Major League Baseball announced their long-awaited acknowledgement of the league, meaning the stats accumulated during the Negro League's history will now be included in the game's official statistics.

The Georgia Sports Hall of Fame is proud to announce that our newest exhibit will be dedicated to showcasing the great players and history of the Negro League, with a strong focus on players and teams from Georgia. We will be highlighting notable names like Jackie Robinson, Hank Aaron, and Josh Gibson, but are also excited to include other greats like Cannonball Redd, Quincy Troupe, and Dobie Moore. The exhibit will be located in the Rotunda on the first floor of the museum as a focal point for all visitors. In addition to player/team memorabilia and historical information about the league, we will have video and audio highlights.

The Negro League Baseball Centennial Exhibit will be on display throughout Black History Month and into early Spring.

# WE THANK YOU, EMILY PARKER MYERS



After providing more than a decade of leadership, Emily Parker Myers officially announced she would be resigning from the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame Authority at the Nov. 4, 2020, meeting. Longtime Authority member Loran Smith was elected chair. Ms. Myers concluded her tenure as co-chair with the announcement of a major grant to GSHF that retires the mortgage on the facility and provides significant renovations.

Ms. Myers was first appointed to the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame Authority by Gov. Sonny Perdue on Aug. 4, 2010. She subsequently was elected chair by the board members and has remained the chair or co-chair for the past nine years. When the State of Georgia eliminated funding for GSHF in late 2010, she successfully rallied the support of the Macon community to keep the museum open. It has been through her diligent efforts that the museum continues to be vibrant today, serving thousands of visitors and hosting hundreds of events annually.

Chief Executive Officer of Myers McRae Executive Search and Consulting since 2008, Ms. Myers previously served nearly three decades as a senior officer of Mercer University. Throughout her distinguished career, she has been involved extensively in community service that promotes economic growth and advances a high quality of life in Middle Georgia.

Ms. Myers has explained the importance of GSHF both to Macon and Georgia. "Sports bring communities together. The individuals who excel in sports represent the very best in perseverance, discipline, goal setting, and teamwork. The Georgia Sports Hall of Fame enable us to share their unique stories, recognize their hard-won efforts, celebrate their victories, and inspire visitors to reach for and achieve their own goals."

The members of the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame Authority express enduring appreciation for Ms. Myers' leadership and dedication to the museum. To honor her legacy, the Authority has established the Emily Parker

Myers Leadership Award, which will recognize an individual who has voluntarily stepped forward to provide leadership and guidance to their community in an athletic environment. The honoree of the first Emily Parker Myers Leadership Award will be announced at the 65th annual Georgia Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony scheduled for May 22, 2021.

## HALL OF FAME BIRTHDAYS JANUARY AND FEBRUARY

### January

Alfred Jenkins  
Jimmy Robinson  
Nancy Lopez  
Dominique Wilkins  
Jeff Treadway  
Tracy Ham  
Willie Anderson  
Garrison Hearst  
Buddy Fowlkes  
Reg Murphy

### February

Bill Chappell  
Hank Aaron  
Bill Fulcher  
Tommy Aaron  
Roger Kaiser  
Fran Tarkenton  
T McFerrin  
Jeff Van Note  
Lucius Sanford  
Cindy Brogdon  
Guy McIntyre  
Steve Lundquist  
Antonio McKay  
Mark Price  
Heather Stepp  
McCormick  
Homer Rice  
Jack Bauerle

## In Memoriam

Please take a moment to honor the Hall of Famers who have passed away recently:

Jimmy Orr (Class of 1978) - 10/27/20  
Jacob E. "Jake" Scott (Class of 1986) - 11/19/20  
Glenn Wilkes (Class of 2016) - 11/28/20  
Howard "Doc" Ayers (Class of 1990) - 12/19/20  
Phil Niekro (Class of 1985) - 12/26/20

Our sincerest condolences to family, friends, and loved ones.

## Class of 2021 Inductee Spotlight

We recently announced our incoming Class of 2021 and what a Class it is! Tony Barnhart, Tom Glavine, Joseph Hamilton, Janet Harris, Brian Jordan, Ray Lamb, Maya Moore, and Matt Stinchcomb will be joining us next year! Each Newsletter between now and May 2021 will introduce two of the incoming Class of 2021 inductees. This month we are proud to tell you a little about Tony Barnhart and Brian Jordan.

**Tony Barnhart** – Known as “Mr. College Football”, Tony Barnhart is a Greensboro native and one of the most knowledgeable sports personalities working today. Tony spent 25 years as the national college football reporter for the Atlanta-Journal Constitution and worked with CBS Sports before joining the SEC Network during its launch. He contributes on radio to 680 The Fan in Atlanta, has written multiple books on college football, and was named Georgia Sportswriter of the Year in 1999. Tony has been honored with the Bert McGrane Award from the College Football Writers Association and named a Grady Fellow by the Henry Grady School of Journalism at UGA.

**Brian Jordan** - A player of dual talent, Brian Jordan played professionally for both the NFL and the MLB. He made his debut in professional football for the Atlanta Falcons in 1989, and had five interceptions and four sacks before deciding to play baseball exclusively, signing with the St. Louis Cardinals. Brian had two stints with the Atlanta Braves during his baseball career and was named an All-Star in 1999. He recorded a .282 career batting average with 184 home runs, 821 RBI, and a .988 fielding percentage playing all three outfield positions and first base. He currently serves as broadcaster on Braves Live for Fox Sports winning a Sports Emmy and is active in the Atlanta community with his Brian Jordan Foundation.

## Rent the Hall

Remember us when you're looking for the perfect event space for your next birthday party, holiday gathering, office party, corporate event, or lecture! With two spacious party/meeting rooms, a private theater that seats 215, an interactive play area, a fully outfitted catering kitchen, and more than 40,000 square feet, we are the ideal spot for your upcoming SOCIALLY DISTANCED get-together. Call us at 478-752.1585 for details.



## Hall of Famer News

On the 100th anniversary of Stan Musial's birth the highest award for sportsmanship named in his honor was presented to one of the most important and respected sports figures of all-time, GSHF Class of 1975 Inductee, Mr. Henry "Hank" Aaron. The Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes an iconic sports figure who exemplifies sportsmanship and the qualities for which Musial was known. It is bestowed annually at the Musial Awards, a national event that celebrates the year's greatest moments of sportsmanship and those in sports who embody class and character. Congratulations, Hank!



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