



GEORGIA SPORTS HALL OF FAME ANNOUNCES INCOMING CLASS OF 2026

Georgia Sports Hall of Fame Chair Earl Wright is pleased to announce the following individuals have been selected for induction into the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame. The 70th Annual Induction Ceremony will be held the weekend of February 20th and 21st, 2026 in Macon, Georgia. Activities will begin Friday, February 20th with the Malcolm Burgess GSHF Golf Classic. Friday evening, the annual Jacket Ceremony will be held at the Hall. On Saturday at midday, the annual FanFest Autograph session will once again be held at the Hall. FanFest is open to the public and free of charge. Saturday evening, we close out the weekend with the 70th Annual Induction Ceremony held at historic Macon City Auditorium. Please meet the Class of 2026:

Dr. Leah Brown- A native Arizonan, Der. Brown graduated UGA a 14-time All-American for the GymDogs; winning NCAA titles in vault (1996) and floor exercise (1997). The first gymnast in NCAA history to score a perfect 10 in her first collegiate meet, Dr. Brown was also the first to score a perfect 10 in a single event all three days of NCAA championship competition. A two-time Academic All-SEC before joining the Navy and attending medical school, Dr. Brown served two tours in Iraq and Afghanistan and was awarded the Bronze Star for her humanitarian efforts. She was inducted into the UGA Circle of Honor in 2016 and received the UGA Arch Award in 2022.

Morgan Burnett- A standout athlete at North Clayton High School, Morgan was named Class AAAA first-team All-State his senior year at safety. Morgan chose Georgia Tech to play collegiately and became one of their most decorated defensive backs. He was named first-team All-American, a second-team All-American, and a two-time second-team All-ACC in his three seasons with Tech. Second all-time in Tech history with 14 career interceptions, Morgan helped the Yellow Jackets to back-to-back ACC Coastal Division championships. He spent 10 seasons in the NFL, the majority with Green Bay, where he won Super Bowl XLV. Morgan remains active in his community through the Burnett Family Foundation.

Alvin Copeland Fort Valley State University graduate Alvin Copeland is one of Bibb County's most decorated coaches. He won 881 girls basketball games while coaching at Northeast High, including five State Championships. Leading six girls' teams and two boys to State Championships in track and field and two State titles for boys. An often-recognized Coach of the Year, Alvin was named GADA Athletic Director of the Year for his region and State Athletic Director of the Year in 2007. He was inducted into the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Hall of Fame in 1997, the Macon Sports Hall of Fame in 2004, and the Georgia Athletic Coaches Association in 2012.

Ray Cutright- Renowned PGA Master Professional Ray Cutright is arguably one of the most influential figures in golf. Ray has held prominent positions, including Head Golf Professional at St. Simons Island Golf Club, Director of Golf at Sea Island Golf Club, and Director of Golf at Idle Hour Club in Macon. Ray's accolades include being named National PGA Golf Professional of the Year (2014), induction into the Georgia Golf Hall of Fame (2015) and the PGA National Hall of Fame (2015). He also earned multiple Georgia PGA Professional of the Year and Teacher of the Year honors. Ray is a dedicated mentor and has helped develop numerous PGA professionals and PGA Tour players.

Danny Hall- Georgia Tech's most successful baseball coach, Danny Hall began his career at his alma mater Miami (Ohio) University and became the head coach of the Yellow Jackets in 1994. In 32 seasons, Danny coached Tech to seven ACC regular-season championships, five ACC Tournament titles, 24 NCAA Tournament berths and three College World Series appearances. He is a two-time MAC Coach of the Year and a five-time ACC Coach of the Year. At the end of the 2025 season, Danny retired from coaching and concluded his career with a 1,452-793-1 record. He ranks ninth in NCAA history for career wins and is the winningest coach in Georgia Tech baseball history. Danny was inducted to the ABCA Hall of Fame in 2023.

Bunny Fuller Harris – Bunny Harris was instrumental in a basketball dynasty for the Lady Vikings of Taylor County High School, scoring over 2,200 points, and averaging 22 points per game, while holding a personal winning streak of 100 straight games, including four championships. She played collegiately at Middle Georgia College where she led her team to a junior college state championship before transferring to UGA, becoming a two-year letter winner, and the leading scorer in the Lady Bulldogs' first-ever winning season, while averaging 18.9 points a game. Bunny has also written a book titled "There Was Once a Team", about the Lady Vikings and the state record 132 straight wins."

John Kasay – Playing football at Clarke Central High, John was an all-state selection with 37 career field goals, including a 54-yarder. Playing collegiately at the University of Georgia, he closed his college career fifth on their career kick scoring list with 217 points and a second-team All-SEC selection in 1990. John was drafted in by the Seattle Seahawks, and led them in scoring for four seasons before signing with the Carolina Panthers in 1995, earning a 1996 Pro Bowl selection and NFL All-Pro honors, and helping the Panthers to an NFC Championship in 2003. He retired in 2011 with 461 field goals made, a 81.9 field goal percentage, and 1,970 total points.

Chaunté Lowe- One of America's most skillful high jumpers, Chaunte attended Georgia Tech, where she won three NCAA titles, earned 13 All-ACC honors, and collected six All-American accolades, becoming the school's first female trackand field athlete to qualify for the Olympics. Competing in the 2004, 2008, 2012, and 2016 Olympics, Chaunté established herself as one of the most dominant U.S. high jumpers of her era. She is the current American record holder in indoor and outdoor high jump and was inducted into the Georgia Tech Athletic Hall of Fame in 2015. In 2019, Chaunté was diagnosed with breast cancer, but continued training while undergoing treatment. As a survivor, she has become an advocate for breast cancer awareness.

Patsy Neal- One of the most accomplished women's basketball players of her era, Patsy averaged 40.7 points per game as a senior at Elberton High, with six 50-point games and a career-high 60. A three-time AAU All-American, she won gold with the U.S. team at the 1959 Pan American games and captained the U.S. team at the 1964 World Championship in Lima, Peru. At Wayland Baptist College, Patsy won the National Free-Throw Championship with 48-50, two AAU national titles, and served as the school's first female student body president. She founded one of the first girls' basketball camps and has authored eight books. Patsy was inducted into the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame in 2003.

Tim Willis – The first blind athlete to compete in NCAA Division I cross country, Tim attended Georgia Southern (1990–1994), where he excelled in track and field. In three World Championships, Tim won gold in the 10,000m in 1994 and set two world records. At the 1996 Atlanta Paralympics, he earned silver in the 10,000m and bronze in the 1,500m, 5,000m, and 1,600m relay, followed by a bronze in the 10,000m at the 2000 Sydney Paralympics. Tim set 12 national records and served as a trailblazer for blind athletes. A graduate of Mercer Law School Tim advocates for disability rights, and worked in leadership roles with the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee, helping athletes nationwide.