Alabama Baseball Coaches Association
Hall of Fame

BARRY DEAN
Class of 2023

"In Recognition of a Lifetime of Outstanding Achievement in the game of Baseball. The State of Alabama will forever be in your debt."

AlaBCA President / Executive Director 2000-Present

Currently the President / Executive Director of the Alabama Baseball Coaches Association, (AlaBCA) since 2000; Responsible for the attainment of 501 (c) (3) non-profit status; Has increased annual Coaches' Convention attendance from 150 to 450; Founded high school underclassmen regional workouts in 2000, held until 2020, creating opportunities for unsigned seniors to be seen and offered scholarships; Founded the June All-Star event in 2000 where over 2,500 underclassmen high school baseball players have received exposure to college coaches and MLB scouts; The annual unsigned high school senior showcase has allowed hundreds of players to work out in front of community college coaches for free; Since 2006, 80 high school seniors have been awarded a total of $130,000 in AlaBCA scholarships; Has helped secure over $500,000 in appropriations since 2015 from the Alabama Education Trust Fund, while securing $100,000 from State Senators and Representatives Community Service Grant Money; Started the First Pitch Dinner and Silent Auction in 2012 raising $200,000 to donate to the 20 Miracle Leagues of Alabama; Hosted Alabama Community College Fall Classic from 2005-2017, where all the community colleges in Alabama played a week-long tournament with 4-year courses and MLB scouts in attendance; Began the Alabama Community College Sophomore Showcase, held from 2008-2021, allowing community college sophomores to showcase their skills in front of four-year colleges and MLB scouts; Began fall fundraiser for high schools in 2005, since then 650 high school baseball teams have made a total of $1.5 million; In 2019 established Batey Baseball, where baseball equipment, as well as personal goods, can be donated to the sugar cane worker families in the Dominican Republic, as well as where Dean will take coaches and their players there for missionary baseball work and faith evangelization; Dean has been the a featured speaker at the ABCA National Convention (2007, 2013, 2021); speaker at the National High School Baseball Coaches Association Convention (2010) and the Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association Convention (2022); Alabama Baseball Coaches Association's Distinguished Service Award Recipient (2010); Alabama Community College Conference (ACCC) Hall of Fame Inductee (2018); Walked-on at Chattahoochee Valley Community College (CVCC) in the fall of 1983, earning a scholarship in January 1984; Voted team captain by his teammates in his third year at CVCC, while the Pirates won the 1986 ACCC State Championship; Awarded all-state tournament designated hitter in 1986; Earned a scholarship to AUM in 1987; Coached a total of 17 years: two on the high school level, nine on the community college level, and six on the four-year college level; Began his coaching career at Troy University in 1990 as a graduate assistant; Managed the Hornell Dodgers of the NCAA-Sanctioned Upstate New York Collegiate Summer league (1994 - 1995); Dean traveled to England, Germany, Brazil and Nicaragua as an Envoy Coach with Major League Baseball International (MLBI) (1998 - 1999); Traveled to the Dominican Republic on several occasions to conduct baseball clinics; Last coaching stint was at Lawson State Community College (2006 - 2009), where he was the Head Baseball Coach and Health and Physical Education instructor; Served as an umpire on the high school, community college, and four-year collegiate level for several years until 2004; Attended the Harry Wendelstedt Professional Umpire School in January of 2000.

Inducted December 9, 2022