

Alabama Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame



BILL SPARKS **Class of 2001**

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

Bill Sparks coached baseball at Ensley and Phillips high schools in Birmingham, compiling a 327-120 overall record. His baseball teams won the county and city championship six times. He coached in the East-West High School All-Star Game five years. He spent 21 years at Midfield High School where his football teams posted a 136-73-2 record with six playoff appearances. He also served as athletic director and assistant principal during this time where he helped implement the nation's first mandatory drug testing program for all athletes in the school. He served two terms as Alabama High School Athletic Association (AHSAA) Central Board President before retiring as Superintendent of the Shelby County School System. Coach Sparks made countless contributions to public education in his 39 years as a teacher, coach and administrator. He was inducted into the AHSAA Hall of Fame in 2000.

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