

Alabama Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame



RICK PATTERSON **Class of 2009**

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

Rick Patterson is entering his 29th year of coaching. He began his coaching career in 1981 as head coach at Jones Valley High School in the Birmingham City School System. After four seasons, in 1985, he moved to Fairfield High School to take over the head coaching duties there. In 1989 he then took over the baseball program at Pelham High School in the Shelby County School System. After two seasons at Pelham, he was hired in 1991 at Hueytown High School as Assistant Baseball Coach under Coach Robby Tibbs. After two years of serving under Coach Tibbs, he took over the head coaching duties in 1993.

One of Hueytown High's winningest coaches, Coach Rick Patterson enters his 17th season directing the Gopher baseball program. In 16 previous seasons at Hueytown, Coach Patterson has compiled a remarkable 423-190 record. In 26 seasons, under Patterson's leadership, his teams have averaged 20 wins a season giving him 538 career wins. He also has captured 11 area championships, 2 region runner-up titles, 2 county championships and 4 county runner-up titles.

He has taken 14 teams to the State Playoffs. His teams have advanced to the 2nd round twice, 3rd round three times and semi-finals twice. His 1997 team was 6A State Runner-Up where they fell to Vestavia in the finals and his 2006 team fell to the eventual state champion in the semi-finals.

During his 28 year career he has coached many outstanding players. Seventy-one players have had the opportunity to play at the collegiate level and four have been drafted and played professionally.

Coach Patterson is married to Debra and they have two children, Kristy and Stacy.

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