

Alabama Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame



JERRY WRIGHT Class of 2011

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

Jerry Wright was born in Mobile, Alabama December 22nd, 1952. He is the son of the late Roscoe Wright and Myra Badillo. He graduated from Vigor High School in 1971 and attended Faulkner State Junior College receiving his associate degree in PE and Health in 1973. While attending Faulkner, he was also a member of the Sun Chiefs Baseball team. He continued his education and graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa where he earned a Bachelor Degree in business. In 1979, he finished his degree in Health, PE and Recreation at the University of South Alabama. In 2009, Jerry completed his Masters degree in Leadership at the University of West Alabama.

Jerry has been teaching and coaching young men and women for 30 years. Twenty-two of those years have been at Baldwin County High School. Prior coaching and teaching positions were at McGill-Toolen, Robertsdale, and Evangel School.

Beginning at BCHS in 1989, Jerry coached the baseball team through the 2007 season. During his tenure as Head Baseball coach, he won seven area championships and finished as runner-up four times. He led his teams to playoff berths eleven times, reaching the state semi-finals in 1996 and quarterfinals in 2005. While Head Baseball coach at McGill, he won four area championships, and made four state playoff appearances.

Jerry received numerous awards as a baseball coach. He was selected as the Head Coach of the East/West All-Star Game ten times and was selected as Head coach of the North/South All-Star game in 2003. He was selected as Area 1 Coach of the Year 3 times, Area 3 Coach of the Year five times, Baldwin County Coach of the Year six times and in 2005 Region 2 Coach of the Year. During his tenure as a Baseball Coach, he compiled a record of 491-290 won/loss; of that 383-245 was as coach of the Baldwin County Tigers. Jerry compiled numerous milestones while coaching at Baldwin County High School. On March 28, 1993, Jerry registered 100 wins at Baldwin County High School against Fairhope High School, the 200th victory came at the expense of Daphne High School on April 8th 1998, and Jerry's 300th win at Baldwin County came against Robertsdale High School on April 2nd, 2003. Jerry's 400th career win came against Vigor High School on April 9, 2003. Jerry finished his career with 491 wins with a victory over Murphy High School on April 21, 2007 in the first round of the playoffs. Jerry step down as head Coach at Baldwin County High School in July 2007 to pursue his Masters Degree in Leadership. Jerry's teams average over 20 wins in his 23 years as a Head Coach.

Local Sports Writers made quotes when Jerry step down from his head Coaching Position; the late Steve Dukes, Baldwin County Press Register said, "Coach Wright became know as the Coach who got the most out of his teams when they were often over matched talent wise." Robert Ladnier, Mobile Press Register said, "Coach Wright's teams were always prepared, played with a winning attitude while showing class as a team." Dan Rutledge, of the Baldwin Times said, "Wright did it right as head of Baldwin County program. Coach Wright's Baldwin County Teams has been one of the most consistent in Lower Alabama. His teams were consistence in the playoff picture and his teams average over 20 wins per year for 18 years. That is what you call a successful program."

Jerry has also been the Varsity Offensive line coach for 25 years and was the Freshman Head Coach for 6 years, earning Freshman Coach of the Year honors 3 times. He also received the AHSAA Award for 25 years of Coaching Service. He was inducted into Baldwin County High School Hall of Fame in 2009.

Jerry is married; he and his wife Kathy have three children, Jenifer White, husband Chris, Chasity Byrd, Clifton Byrd, wife Erica and two grandchildren, Swayze and Swayden. Jerry and his family are members of First Baptist Church in Bay Minette.

Inducted January 21, 2011