

Alabama Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame



BILL MURRELL **Class of 2015**

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

Bill Murrell was born in Montgomery, AL, in 1947. The son of a preacher, he lived in four different states and attended five different school systems. He graduated in 1965 from Ben Davis High School in Indianapolis, Indiana. He received an AA degree from Florida College, a BSED in secondary math from Athens College, and an MA in school counseling from the University of North Alabama. He is in his 45th year at Athens Bible School, where he has been the head baseball coach for 41 years.

His varsity teams have compiled a 764-386 record. His 2008 team won the Class A State Championship, and his teams have finished runners-up six times. They were also semi-finalists three times and quarter-finalists five times. His teams have won 26 area championships and were area runners-up seven times. They have made 29 appearances in the state playoffs. Five times they have won the Limestone County Championship, and five times they have finished runner-up.

The Alabama Sportswriters Association has named him Coach Of The Year three times, and the Decatur Daily has selected him as their three-county area 1A-3A Coach of the Year eleven times. He was also named Limestone County's Coach of the Year five times and the Valley Athletic Conference Coach of the Year three times. Coach Murrell's crowning achievement was in 2011, when he was inducted into the Alabama High School Athletic Association's Hall of Fame.

He has served as the school counselor for 35 years and as Athletic Director for the past 40 years, during which the school has won 11 State Championships and 20 State Runner-ups overall. He has also coached cross country for 39 years, winning four State Championships and placing State Runner-up seven times.

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