

Alabama Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame



GERRY LEDBETTER **Class of 2016**

*“In Recognition of a Lifetime of Outstanding Achievement in the game of Baseball.
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Coach Gerry Ledbetter graduated from Boaz High School in 1965. He is a 1969 graduate of Jacksonville State University with a bachelor’s degree in Secondary Education.

During his high school career, Gerry played football, baseball, and basketball for the Pirates. He signed a baseball scholarship to Jacksonville State University. At JSU, Gerry was one of two Gamecock players to be named to the NAIA Little All-American Team. As a center-fielder, the Gamecocks advanced to the Alabama Collegiate Conference Tournament three times. All three years, Gerry was named to the All-Alabama Collegiate Conference Team. In his Little All-American year, he excelled on defense in centerfield and batted .406 for the season. He hit .320 or better each of the four years he played at JSU, a record.

Upon graduation, Gerry taught and coached at Sardis High School. He coached football, baseball, basketball, and track for two years before moving to Cleburne County High School for one year, where he coached football, basketball, and baseball. Desiring to move back closer to his roots, he took a teaching/coaching job at Douglas High School in 1972 and coached there until 1992. His DHS Varsity Boys Basketball team won the Area Tournament four years and finished in the finals three additional years. He also coached football and initiated a new varsity baseball program while at DHS.

In 1992, Gerry became head baseball coach at Snead State. During his tenure at Snead, he has had 11 players sign professional contracts and over 175 players sign four-year scholarships.

He has been involved in sports camps and numerous community service activities as the leader of the Parsons. He was inducted into the Marshall County Sports Hall of Fame in 2010 and is a 2016 inductee to the Alabama Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame. He is highly respected in the community and at the College. He is a man of great character that serves as an excellent role model to everyone he is around. He’s had an impact on thousands of young men.

He is married to his wife, Carolyn. They have two sons, Stephen and Luke. They have one grandson, Dalton. Gerry attends First Baptist Church in Boaz.

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