

Alabama Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame



MIKE JACOBS Class of 2018

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

Mike Jacobs will begin his 29th season at the helm of the University of Mobile baseball program in 2017. Coach Jacobs is 913-593-2 all-time since beginning the UMobile baseball program in 1990. He is currently tenth among active coaches in career wins in the NAIA. In his 28 seasons, he has led the Rams to 40-plus total wins three times, while reaching the 30-win plateau 17 times. He has guided his teams to seven conference championships and a berth in the 2001 NAIA World Series.

The 2001 team won 41 games and featured one NAIA First-Team All-American, one All-American Honorable Mention selection, seven First-Team All-Conference performers, and the Conference Pitcher of the Year. The historic season earned Jacobs the Conference and Regional Coach of the Year honors.

He has won Conference Coach of the Year three times in his career in 1998, 2001, and 2008. He has coached 20 total All-Americans, 88 First-Team All-Conference performers, 10 NAIA Scholar-Athletes, 13 conference Gold Glove winners, and 102 conference All-Academic performers. After his 700th win, the university honored Coach Jacobs by naming the field "Jacobs Field".

Jacobs has seen 35 players go on to sign professional contracts in his 28 seasons. His former players that have played professionally include J.C. Romero, who logged 14 seasons in the MLB and won the 2008 World Series and Joe Espada, the Third Base Coach for the New York Yankees team that advanced to the American League Championship Series and was recently hired to be the Bench Coach for the defending World Series Champion Houston Astros. Jacobs also coached Kyle McPherson, who made his MLB debut with the Pittsburgh Pirates in 2012 and Saul Rivera, who pitched 279.1 innings in five seasons in the majors. Most recently, Lukas Young, a member of the 2016-17 team, was drafted in the 21st round of the major league draft by the Boston Red Sox.

Prior to his time at UMobile, he spent six years, two as an assistant and four as the head coach, at UMS-Wright Preparatory School in Mobile with a 65-34 record. He led them to a second place finish in 1987 and in 1988 a state championship and was inducted into the school's Hall of Fame in 2013. He also coached at Evangel Christian and Central Baptist High Schools.

Before he began his illustrious career as a coach, Jacobs was a four-year letterman at South Alabama under Eddie Stankey from 1973-77. He played in the outfield for the Jaguars and was the team's leading hitter in 1976. In the summer between his junior and senior season, he played collegiate summer league baseball in the Central Illinois League, one of the most prestigious leagues at the time. His success there led to him being the only unanimous selection to the All-Tournament Team.

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