

Alabama Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame



ADAM THOMAS Class of 2019

*“In Recognition of a Lifetime of Outstanding Achievement in the game of Baseball.
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Adam Thomas began his head baseball coaching career at Chattahoochee Valley Community College (CVCC) at the age of 23 in 2000. He assumed the reigns of the program after helping his former head coach, Legendary ALABCA Hall of Fame Coach B.R. Johnson, as his assistant for one year in 1999. Although Thomas was young, he learned on the job in quick fashion. He had a nineteen year head coaching run at CVCC where he amassed an impressive record of 728-358 (67%), while capturing four Region 22 (State of Alabama Community College) Championships (2014, 2015, 2016, 2018). Two of these championships led to a 3rd place finish in the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Baseball World Series in Grand Junction, CO. during a total of four appearances.

The success of his players moving on to further their careers at the four-year collegiate level and/or professional baseball level is as impressive, if not more, than his teams' success. Over 200 of his former Pirate players signed scholarships at four-year colleges, while 26 were either drafted in the MLB draft or signed as free agents. Two of his former players, Chuck James and Ben Taylor, made it to the Major Leagues as pitchers. Thomas coached and help develop sixteen NJCAA All-Americans, while having twelve Alabama Community College Conference (ACCC) Players and/or Pitchers of the Year under his tutelage. Over 120 of his players were named to either All-Region, All-Division, ACCC and/or NJCAA All-Tournament Teams or Region 22 or the NJCAA Gold Glove Team.

His players excelled in the classroom as well. Eight times his team earned NJCAA Academic Team of the Year, while thirty-seven players were named NJCAA Academic All-Americans.

Thomas has served as Athletic Director of CVCC since 2004, a position he currently holds. He was inducted into the CVCC Hall of Fame in 2012. He's a two-time Alabama Community College System Chancellors Award Winner in the Administrator's category.

After graduating from Smiths Station High School in 1993, he walked on to CVCC in the fall of 1993. Thomas earned a scholarship his second semester there, while red shirting. He was the starting catcher the following two years. He earned a baseball scholarship to Montevallo, where he graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelors of Science Degree in Kinesiology in 1998. While playing for ALABCA Hall of Fame Coach Bob Riesener at Montevallo, Thomas earned the prestigious Mike Morgan Hustle Award during his senior season. He earned his Masters Degree in Administration from Troy University in 2004 with Cum Laude honors as well.

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