

Alabama Baseball Coaches Association Distinguished Service Award



DR. JAMES ANDREWS **2006 Recipient**

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

Doctor James R. Andrews is one of the founding members of Andrews Sports Medicine and Orthopedic Center in Birmingham, Alabama as well as a co-founder of the American Sports Medicine Institute (ASMI)-- a non-profit institute dedicated to injury prevention, education, and research in orthopedic and sports medicine. Doctor Andrews continues to serve as Chairman of the Board and Medical Director of ASMI. Additionally, Doctor Andrews is a founding partner and Medical Director of the Andrews Institute in Gulf Breeze, Florida and serves as President and Chairman of the Board of the Andrews Research and Education Foundation. He has mentored more than 314 orthopedic/sports medicine fellows and more than 84 primary care sports medicine fellows.

Doctor Andrews is known and recognized for his skills as an orthopedic surgeon as well as his scientific and clinic research contributions in knee, shoulder, and elbow injury prevention and treatment.

Doctor Andrews graduated from Louisiana State University (LSU) in 1963, where he was Southeastern Conference indoor and outdoor pole vault champion. He completed LSU School of Medicine in 1967 and his orthopedic residency at Tulane Medical School in 1972. Dr. Andrews held surgical fellowships in sports medicine at the University of Virginia School of Medicine in 1972 and at the University of Lyon in Lyon, France in 1972.

Andrews is the former President of the American Orthopedic Society for Sports Medicine and also served on that board as its Treasurer and its Secretary. He has served on the Board of Directors of the Arthroscopy Association of North America as well as the International Knee Society.

Doctor Andrews has served as Medical Director and Orthopedic Surgeon for Auburn University Intercollegiate Athletics and Senior Orthopedic Consultant at the University of Alabama. Doctor Andrews serves on the Medical and Safety Advisory Committee of USA Baseball and on the board of Little League Baseball.

In the professional sports arena, Doctor Andrews is a senior consultant for the Washington Redskins, Orthopedic Medical Director for the Tampa Bay Rays, and Medical Director of the Ladies Professional Golf Association.

Dr. Andrews is also a member of several Hall of Fame honors including: Alabama Sports Hall of Fame, LSU Alumni Hall of Distinction, State of Louisiana Hall of Fame, the University of Georgia Hall of Fame, University of West Alabama Hall of Fame, and the Alabama Business Hall of Fame.

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