

# Alabama Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame



## **BARRY SHOLLENBERGER** **Class of 2021**

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

Pennsylvania native, Dr. Barry Shollenberger, former Head Baseball Coach at The University of Alabama, has enjoyed quite the career in baseball.

Shollenberger enjoyed a professional baseball career in which he was a part of the Boston Red Sox organization for one season and the Cincinnati Reds for four seasons. In 1962, Shollenberger led the Midwest League with a 16-5 record, 2.14 ERA, and 226 strikeouts in 186 innings pitched. He was called up to the Reds 40-man roster that season. A shoulder injury ended his professional career and Shollenberger turned to coaching.

His early career was spent in the high school ranks at Tampa Bay Tech where he was at the helm for eight seasons before jumping to the junior college ranks at Middle Georgia College. Following his one season at Middle Georgia, Shollenberger was named the head baseball coach at Western Kentucky University where he served for three seasons before being named the head coach at Alabama. Coach Shollenberger amassed a 487-333-1 record at Alabama in his 15 seasons at the helm. In 1983, Shollenberger was named National College Baseball Coach of the Year by Baseball America. Shollenberger owns the second longest tenure as head baseball coach at Alabama at 15 years -- tied with fellow ALABCA Hall of Famer, Jim Wells. Coach Shollenberger's 487 wins puts him second on the all-time University of Alabama wins list. Shollenberger's Alabama teams finished over .500 in 13 of his 15 years. In 1983, Alabama had their best finish ever—as College World Series runner-up. That year also saw the Tide win the SEC Championship. At Alabama, Shollenberger coached three first-team All-Americans, including Dave Magadan—the 1983 Golden Spikes winner and Baseball America Player of the Year.

In addition to his career in baseball, Shollenberger has also developed online courses at The University of Alabama and served as UA's Associate Director of Distance Education. He currently serves as an Associate Professor in the Sports Management program at American Public University.

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