

Alabama Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame



STU FULLER Class of 2021

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Stu Fuller, a Starkville, MS native arrived in Andalusia, AL in the fall of 1983 to attend school and play baseball at Lurleen B. Wallace Community College. Under Coach Mark Hogan, Fuller led the team in wins as a freshman and finished as the career wins leader. After graduating with an Associates of Arts degree, Stu signed to play baseball for the University of South Alabama for Coach Steve Kittrell.

During his stint at South Alabama he helped lead the Jaguars to the South Regional Championship game and was a member of the All-South Region team in 1987. Fuller joined the coaching staff at USA as a graduate assistant in 1988 and his primary responsibility was to help Coach Ronnie Powell with the pitching staff. After the 1988 season, Fuller moved into the high school ranks. At the age of 23, he became the youngest 6A head coach in the state of Alabama and has enjoyed a head coaching career that has spanned the last 32 years and still continues.

At the beginning of the 1988-1989 school year Coach Fuller became the head coach at Baldwin County High School in Bay Minette, AL. During his one year as a Tiger, his team won more games than in the three previous years combined and he led the Tigers to their first baseball playoff appearance in the school's history. The winning season generated a lot of excitement and revitalized the program and the baseball community. Next, Fuller became the head coach at Faith Academy in Mobile, AL and would hold this position from 1990-1999. He compiled a record of 234-87 including seven area championships. His teams appeared in five AISA state championships and won the 1998 state title. Two other Faith teams appeared in the Final Four with Fuller earning the Montgomery Advertiser Coach of the Year in 1997. As a Ram, Fuller's teams made nine post-season runs.

In 1999, Coach Fuller accepted the head coaching position at Fairhope High School in Fairhope, AL and has spent the last twenty-one years as the Pirate's head coach while compiling a record of 525-270. During this time, the Pirates have earned sixteen playoff appearances and thirteen area championships. In 2003, 2006, 2009 and 2013 the Pirates ended their season in the quarter finals. In 2010 and 2015, Fuller's teams made appearances in the state semifinals and in 2012, Fuller and the Pirates made a trip to the state finals. Fuller holds the most wins as a head coach in Baldwin County's history with 542 wins between his time in Bay Minette and Fairhope.

In his 32 years of coaching, his career record stands at 776-372. Over 70 of his players have played beyond high school with several playing professional baseball. His teams are known for community involvement and volunteer work ranging from time spent with special needs children, collection of food and Christmas gifts for local families, visits to pediatric hospitals, environmental improvement opportunities, mentoring local youth players, served on several boards, promoted collection of blood donations and established the annual Heart Health game.

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