

# Alabama Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame



## GARY RUNDLES Class of 2024

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

Gary Rundles was born and raised in Chattanooga, TN and attended Carson-Newman College where he played baseball for legendary coach Bobby Wilson. Rundles' first baseball head coaching job was in his hometown, at Chattanooga Central High School, where he directed the program over eight years to a 171-72 record and the 1985 state championship. Rundles would return to Jefferson City to pursue a master's in Special Education at the University of Tennessee and during that time, he was a graduate assistant for two years at Carson Newman. Rundles was elevated to the head coaching position and remained there for 13 years before taking over at the University of West Alabama where he coached for 23 years, retiring at the end of the 2023 season.

Rundles retired with a record of 1,058-754 in 36 seasons, 678-477 at UWA. At CNU, he posted a 380-277 record in his 13 years at the helm. Rundles is one of just eight collegiate coaches in Alabama to win 1,000 games. His teams won two Gulf South Conference titles at UWA and made six NCAA Regional appearances. Rundles coached seven players who were selected in the Major League Baseball Draft, 88 All-GSC selections, and 12 All-American choices.

Rundles is a member of the Tennessee Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame, the Chattanooga Central (Tenn.) High School Hall of Fame, the Greater Chattanooga Area Sports Hall of Fame, the Carson-Newman University Hall of Fame, and The University of West Alabama Athletic Hall of Fame. He was a two-time GSC coach of the year and the GSC coach of the decade (2000-09). Rundles finished his UWA career as the fifth all-time winningest coach in Gulf South Conference history with 675 victories.

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