## Alabama Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame



## LEE GANN Class of 2024

"In Recognition of a Lifetime of Outstanding Achievement in the game of Baseball.

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Lee Gann is a graduate of Homewood High School in Birmingham where he lettered in football, basketball, and baseball. Following high school, Gann attended Samford University on a baseball scholarship where he was named to the All-Academic Trans-America Athletic Conference Team and the Converse-American Baseball Coaches Association All-South Region Team. Gann was also voted Most Valuable Player and Team Captain his junior and senior years. Gann graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in Physical Education. After college, Gann signed two professional baseball contracts and played in the Seattle Mariners organization and Spartanburg (SC) Alleycats organization of the Atlantic Coast Independent League.

Gann's coaching career began as an assistant baseball coach at Samford University in 1993 before moving to the high school ranks at Hoover High School in 1994, where he was an assistant coach in varsity football, varsity basketball, and served as the head junior varsity baseball coach.

Gann was manager/head coach of the St. Joseph (MO) Saints Baseball Club of the M.I.N.K. (Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas) Collegiate League from 1996-1998 where his teams were National Baseball Congress Central USA Regional Champions. His 1997 and 1998 teams were M.I.N.K. League Champions. Gann's overall record was 142-37 with all three teams earning berths to the National Baseball Congress World Series in Wichita, Kansas.

Gann spent three years as head baseball coach at Bob Jones High School earning a 75-40 record. In 2001, the Patriots finished as the 6A runner- up. Gann was named The Huntsville Times Coach of the Year and also coached the North team in the AHSAA All-Star game.

Gann was hired at Mountain Brook in 2002 where his Spartans have won numerous area championships and advanced to the AHSAA State Playoffs multiple times. Gann has been named Over the Mountain Coach of the Year and The Birmingham News South Coach of the Year several times throughout his career. In January of 2021, he was named by the Alabama Baseball Coaches Association as the 7A Coach of the Year and earned the association's highest honor—the Sammy Dunn Memorial Award. Gann's teams at both Bob Jones and Mountain Brook have won over 500 games and he has seen more than 70 players continue to play baseball at the collegiate or professional level.

From 2004 to 2014, Gann was Board Chairman, Awards Director and Banquet Coordinator of the Alabama Baseball Coaches Association. In 2015, Gann was the AlabCA Distinguished Service Award Recipient and currently serves as the Birmingham Director of the Southeast Collegiate League.

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