

## SCAAA HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES



**Mike Barnes, CAA**

Mike began his teaching career at Easley Junior High in 1977 and his coaching career at Easley High as head track coach in 1978. From those beginnings, he spent 32 years at the two schools. In 1995 he was named Interim Athletic Director of Easley High School and was Athletic Director from 1996-2009

While running an outstanding athletic program at Easley, Mike has been very active at both the state and national levels. He is a long time member of the South Carolina Athletic Administrators Association and its Executive Board. He was SCAAA President in 2005-2006. Nationally, Mike has been a member of the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association and attended many conferences.



**Phillip Clark**

Phil Clark served at Greer High School for 27 years as Athletic Director, Assistant Principal, and Head Coach in Football, Basketball and Baseball. During his career, the teams at Greer won numerous region championships and 4 state championships. Facilities at Greer were greatly improved and expanded under Coach Clark.

Phil had many outstanding achievements as a coach and was inducted into the Wofford College and SC Athletic Coaches Association Halls of Fame. He was the founder of the Greer Touchdown Club and the force behind it. The list of awards and honors he received locally, state-wide and nationally are impressive and numerous. Twenty-six of his players have gone on to be coaches and a number of them are Athletic Directors.



**Mandy Lance**

Mandy Lance, through her position with Student Resources Insurance, was a major sponsor for the SC Athletic Administrators Association and the Spring Conference for a number of years. The financial support she offered funded conference gifts and events and helped the SCAAA provide additional programs to benefit our athletic directors. Her knowledge, experience and true concern for the well-being of student-athletes and high school athletics made her an invaluable friend.

In South Carolina, Mandy worked with many school districts to give them high quality Student Accident Insurance at very affordable prices.



### **Ronnie Matthews**

In 1968 Ronnie Matthews began his coaching career at Stall High School and in 1972 was promoted to the positions of Athletic Director and Head Football Coach. After a successful career at Stall, Ronnie served as Assistant Director of the South Carolina High School League from 1984-1998. Ronnie was the Executive Director of the SC High School League from 1998 – 2005. As Executive Director, Ronnie provided support and encouragement to SCAAA, which had been formed in 1991. His confidence in the importance of the SCAAA helped it grow into a vital and respected organization in the state. During his tenure, the Spring Conference for Athletics has grown to include representatives from almost every member school of the SC High School League.



**Debbie Smith, CAA**

Debbie Smith is one of the very few women athletic directors to hold that position at two high schools. She is the only one to be a District Athletic Director. She was AD at both Hillcrest-Dalzell and Crestwood High Schools and finished her career as District AD for Sumter County School District Two. Debbie began her coaching career at Mayewood High School in Sumter County before going to Hillcrest-Dalzell as AD. From 1996-2004 she was AD at Crestwood High, then from 2004-2011 served as District AD. From 1985-1991 she also was a member of the SC Army National Guard.

Debbie was President of the SC Athletic Administrators Association in 2001-2002. She was also the State Administrator of the NIAAA Certified Athletic Administrator Exam for many years. She was named SCAAA Athletic Director of the Year in 2005, 2007 and 2010 and in 2004 and 2010 by the SC Athletic Coaches Association.