

## SCAAA HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

### Donna Bisom



Donna Bisom graduated in 1969 from Moorhead State University with a BS in Health and Physical Education. In 1969 Donna received her first position teaching Health and Physical Education at Sumter High School. In 1970 Donna became the head coach for the Girls Varsity Tennis. Coach Bisom coached tennis for 23 years. In 1976 Donna was hired as the head coach for the Girls Varsity Basketball team and coached basketball for 13 years. Donna's basketball teams never had a season under the 500 record. Her basketball teams won 9 region championships. In her coaching career in basketball, Donna's record is 254-84.

In 1983 the Girls Basketball team won their first Girl's State Basketball Championship. In 1984 the Girls' basketball team finished runner up in the State Championship Game. In 1983 Donna was head coach for South team in North/South All Star Basketball game. In 1984 Donna was named South Carolina Coach of the year for the Girls Basketball.

Donna's achievements did not go unnoticed, as she was inducted into the Sumter High School Athletic Hall of Fame in 2006 and in 2007 and was inducted into the Sumter County Sports Hall of Fame. With the many achievements that Donna has completed she was the region Athletic Director of the Year 4 times,

Besides being a teacher, coach and Athletic Director, Donna was a mother who raised two daughters, Melanie Gentele and Stefanie Joye.

## Stephon Boyd



Steve Boyd graduated from York High School in 1973. Steve lettered four years with the football team and was team captain. He was invited to play in the Shrine Bowl in 1972.

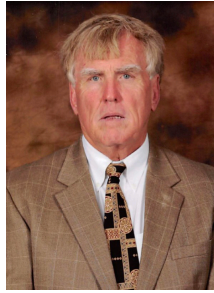
He attended both Newberry College and Winthrop University. In 1977 he earned a Bachelor of Science in Health and Physical Education. Newberry College offered him a baseball scholarship. After graduation, Steve was hired to teach and coach at Chester Junior High School. One year later Steve moved to Chester High School where he taught Science and Physical education and took over as the head baseball and wrestling coach. He was an assistant football coach. In 1981 Steve went to Laurens High School to teach drivers education. By 1984 and for the next couple years Steve worked as the Offensive Coordinator before becoming the defensive coordinator. Continuing his education, he completed his master's degree in Secondary Administration and Supervision from Clemson University. In 1986 Steve became the Athletic Director at Indian Land High School and served as the head football and baseball coach. In 1989 Steve went to Fort Mill High School to become the Athletic Director and head football coach. In 1996 Steve's Alma Mater, York High hired him as Athletic Director and head football coach. There he started the York School District One Athletic Hall of Fame. While at York he orchestrated grants to fix facilities. In 2007 he used a grant from the NFL for \$250,000.00 for their new stadium and field. In 2009, 2011, and 2014 Steve received the NFL equipment grant for \$1000.00. In 2016, Coach Boyd's efforts secured a \$50,000.00 grant for York Middle School.

Steve was head football coach for 20 years and served 31 years as an Athletic Director. Other career highlights are: 1987 Lancaster County Coach of the Year; numerous Region Championships and Region Runner ups; named Region Coach of the year three times; recognized in the local media as coach of the year 5 times; inducted into the York County Sports Hall of Fame; assistant coach for both the North/South All Star Football Game and the Shrine Bowl Football Game. Steve was active in the South Carolina Coach's Association and served as its President in 2004. Steve served 19 years on the Coach's Board of Directors and was a member for 42 years. Coach Boyd was the SCACA representative on the South Carolina Executive Board for 4 years. Steve is the recipient of the Charles Stuart Athletic Administrator's Award of Excellence, the South Carolina High School League Meritorious Service Award, the South Carolina Athletic Administrator's Athletic Director of the year for Class AAAA, and the South Carolina Administrator's Region Athletic Director of the Year Award.

Over the course of his tenure as AD Steve's booster clubs have raised over \$500,000.00 to support York athletics. He established a booster's recognition ceremony. He created awards such as the YCHS Cougar Award, The Cougar Community Service Award and the YCHS Athletic Booster Club Service Award which they present every spring at the Athletic Awards Ceremony. Steve retired in 2017.

Steve is married to Helen and they have 2 children, Mary Beth and Wesley. They have 5 grandchildren, Boyd, Cole Harper, Walker Boyd, Rachael Harper and Adley Boyd. Steve and Helen attend Shady Grove United Methodist Church and Trinity United Methodist Church. Steve is President of the Men's Club and a member of the Pastor Parish Committee, member of the Administrators Board, Sunday school teacher and Trustee Committee member. Steve has coached the Trinity Girls Basketball team. He served on the Board of the Boys and Girls Club of America. He served on the York County Hall of Fame Selection Committee. He is an active member of the Relay for Life Team. Coach Boyd served as President of the Optimist Club. He continues to serve children in his community.

## Jimmy Wallace



Jimmy Wallace graduated from Rock Hill High School in 1968. After high school Jimmy attended Appalachian State University and received his Bachelor of Science in Health and Physical Education. Jimmy also received a master's degree in Administration.

Jimmy started his teaching career at York Junior High in 1972. After one year teaching, he was hired at York High School. In 1975 Coach Wallace went to Rock Hill HS. In 1981 Coach Wallace was hired to coach football and teach at Lewisville HS. Coach Wallace made it to the playoffs 5 times and won the single A State Championship in 1986. Coach Wallace was picked Coach of the year in Class A and also by TCTC. He was Region II Coach of the year in 1986.

In 1987 Coach Wallace was hired to be the head football coach and Athletic Director at Northwestern HS in Rock Hill. While at Northwestern, Coach Wallace won the AAAA State Championship 3 times, 1989, 1993 and 2011. Jimmy's team went to the State Championships a total of 9 times. Coach Wallace's teams have won 11 region championships in his career. Coach Wallace's teams also made it to 14 upper state championships in his career.

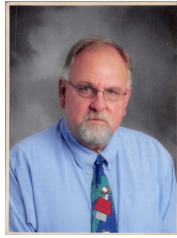
In 28 years of coaching, Jimmy Wallace's teams won 286 games and lost 83. He was chosen Coach of the Year by numerous newspapers such as The Herald, The Charlotte Observer, the High School Sports Report, and The Associate Press, also was picked Coach of the Year by the AAAA Conference.

Coach Wallace has spoken at many football clinics and at many colleges such as Lenore Rhyne College, University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, Catawba College, The Citadel and Clemson University. He has served on many committees such as the Sports Specialization Committee, Hank Williams Youth Crusade, FCA football camps and has served on the Board of Directors for SC Football Coaches Association. Coach Wallace also served on the Big South Tournament Committee and served on the SC Youth Football Advisory. Jimmy was also on the Kidney Foundation and the Chairman of the Dalton Foundation for Autistic Children.

Coach Wallace has been put in many Hall of Fames throughout the state such as the York County Sports Hall of Fame, The Northwestern Sports Hall of Fame, Lewisville High School Athletic Hall of Fame, and the South Carolina Coaches Hall of Fame.

As an Athletic Director Jimmy had an outstanding career as he was pivotal in all the schools as he led by example. Jimmy was well respected by his staff and students and was always teaching the students of his schools to be good people. Jimmy has received many honors as he was picked the SCAAA as Athletic Director of the Year in 2005. Jimmy served on the SCHSL Executive Board and served on the Advisory Committee. Jimmy served President of the AAAA Conference. He is recognized in SC and beyond as a good coach and worked hard for every one of his athletes and his schools. Spending 39 years in education and in coaching, Jimmy has exemplified his dedication to the students of SC, their schools and their sports.

## **Donnie Woolsey**



Donnie graduated from Swansea High school in 1972. Donnie attended Newberry College and received a teaching degree in Physical Education. In 1988 Donnie received a master's degree from South Carolina State University in Secondary Counseling.

He received his first teaching position as a science teacher at Swansea High School and coached track and was a football assistant. For the next 40 years Donnie taught and coached and was an Athletic administrator at 7 different high schools.

In 1984 Donnie was hired as a science teacher, Head Football coach and Athletic Director. The next 21 years Donnie was a head football coach and Athletic Director at 5 high schools. During this time Donnie won 132 games. He was Region Football Coach of the year 5 different years. He was picked as the Times and Democrat Football Coach of the year in 1984.

In 1995 Donnie was honored as an assistant coach for the North/South All Star game and in 1997 he was picked as an assistant coach of the South Carolina Shrine Bowl team. Donnie was also picked Region Golf Coach in 1980, 1981, and 1982.

Numerous times Donnie was picked Coach of the Year while coaching at Strom Thurmond winning the Pinky Babb Football Coach of the year in 1997, The State Newspaper Coach of the Year in 1997, and The Pickens Sentinel Coach of the Year in 2004 while coaching at Easley.

While teaching and coaching during his career, Donnie was a firm believer in supporting the Coaches Association and the Athletic Administrators Association becoming members of both associations. Donnie became a Certified Athletic Administrator getting his CAA Certification. Donnie was recognized in 2002 as the SCAAA 2A Classification Athletic Director of The Year. Donnie has served on the Board of both the South Carolina Athletic Administrators Association and the South Carolina Coaches Association. Donnie was president of the SCAAA in 2001-2003 and president of the SCACA in 1998-1999. In 2000 Donnie was elected to the South Carolina High School Executive Board and served for four years.

Donnie is married to Karen for the last 44 years. They have two children and 4 grandchildren. They are members of Beulah United Methodist Church since 1995 and both Donnie and Karen serve in various committees. Donnie is currently serving on the church council and serves as a lay Leader. Donnie favorite pastime is fishing and also enjoys working in the yard and likes to go camping.

Coach Donnie Woolsey was a man who lived by his beliefs which always centered on serving, coaching believed in serving others.