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Armstrong State University Final Athletic Hall of Fame Class Announced

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SAVANNAH, Ga. - Armstrong State University has announced its final Hall of Fame class in institutional history. The Armstrong State Athletic Hall of Fame committee considered nearly a hundred nominations from the beginning of the Pirate athletic program to the very last season of competition in 2016-17 and has selected 40 inductees and five service citation award winners to represent the final class to be inducted into the Hall of Fame.

The final Armstrong State University Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony will take place on Thursday, December 7th at 6:30 p.m. in the Armstrong Center. There will be a social with the inductees beginning at 6:00 p.m. Tickets will be available to the general public for $40 each and can be purchased by contacting Becky Smith at becky.smith@armstrong.edu.

The new class is listed below, broken up into categories and listed in chronological order from earliest to latest, with Service Citation award winners appearing at the top of the list.

With the final class included, the Armstrong State University Athletic Hall of Fame will feature 122 inductees, including 21 service citation award recipients. The inaugural class was inducted in 1995, and a class was inducted each year through 2004, and from 2011 through the two induction classes in 2017.
FINAL ARMSTRONG STATE ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CLASS

SERVICE CITATION

Dr. Linda Bleicken & Carl Bleicken

Dr. Bleicken served as the University President at Armstrong State from 2009-17 and, along with her husband Carl, tremendously supported Pirate athletics during her tenure at the institution. Both were champions of the Pirates off campus and on and could always be found at home events and even away events as two of the biggest Armstrong State athletic fans.

Chad Jackson

Served as the Director of Sports Communications for Armstrong State University from 1999-2017. Developed and maintained the Armstrong State Athletics webpage, handled all media requests for the Pirates’ 12 intercollegiate sports, initiated live streaming of all home events and was instrumental in serving as the athletic department’s liaison to the Hall of Fame committee.

Will Lynch

Served as the Faculty Athletic Representative for Armstrong State athletics for 17 years. Teaches chemistry and has served as the department head of the Chemistry and Physics department. Has taught at Armstrong State since 1993. Represented Armstrong State on Peach Belt Conference and NCAA committees.

Lynn Roberts

Former Armstrong State student-athlete, women’s tennis head coach and Senior Woman Administrator. Helped Armstrong State athletics create its Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and served as its advisor for many years. Supported Pirate athletics throughout her 35+ years at the school as a student-athlete, coach and physical education professor.

ADMINISTRATION

Lisa Sweany, Athletic Director (2011-17)
Under Armour AD of the Year 2016-17. Armstrong State won four straight PBC Commissioner's Cups from 2012-15 and two PBC Presidential Academic Awards (2012-14) under her watch. Five NCAA national championships, 46 NCAA Championships appearances as well as several facility improvements. Helped establish the BJ Ford Scholarship Fund and enhanced department staffing with the addition of several full-time assistant coaching positions.

**HEAD COACHES (CHRONOLOGICAL)**

**Griff Mills, Men's Basketball (1990-2001)**

Winningest head coach in Armstrong State history (161-119 in 10 years). PBC Coach of the Year and Atlanta Tipoff Club “Whack Hyder” DII Coach of the Year honoree in 1994-95 & 2000-01. Led ASU to NCAA Championships appearances twice and PBC Tournament Championship game appearances four times.


**Alan Segal, Volleyball (1999-2007)**

Directed Armstrong State volleyball to a 233-104 overall record in nine seasons (.691 winning percentage), earning six straight NCAA Championships bids from 2000-05. His teams captured the Peach Belt Conference tournament championship in 2002 and regular season titles in 2005 and 2006. The Pirates earned their first AVCA National Ranking and NCAA Championships appearances during his tenure and he was a three-time PBC Coach of the Year honoree (1999, 2000, 2005).

**Simon Earnshaw, Men’s & Women’s Tennis (2000-14)**

Career 411-35 women’s tennis head coaching mark (.922). Career 336-83 men’s tennis head coaching mark (.802). Directed the women’s tennis program to six NCAA DII National Championships and men’s tennis to three titles. Four-time ITA National Coach of the Year. 19-time Peach Belt Conference Coach of the Year. His teams reached 13 NCAA DII finals, 18 national semifinals, 23 NCAA quarterfinals and produced 92 women’s and 47 men's ITA All-American honors, 30 ITA Scholar-Athletes and 15 ITA All-Academic Teams.

**Michael Butler, Men’s & Women’s Golf (2000-17)**

Head coach for the reinstated men’s golf program at Armstrong State for 17 years and the women’s golf program - started in 2005 - for 12 years. Led the men’s golf team to 13 consecutive NCAA regional appearances from 2002-14. Finished as the national runner-up in 2005, the highest national finish for an Armstrong State sport other than tennis. Women advanced to the NCAA regionals four of the last five years and sent individual qualifiers to the NCAA Championships in 2012 & 2013. Two-time GCAA Region Coach of the Year and three-time PBC Coach of the Year (2 men, 1 women).

**Eric Faulconer, Women’s Soccer (2005-16)**

Started the Armstrong State women's soccer program from scratch and directed the Pirates to a 172-54-23 record in 12 seasons. His teams made nine NCAA Championships appearances in those 12 seasons. Advanced to the NCAA DII Final Four in 2011. Team achieved a No. 1 national ranking in 2011. Won three PBC Regular season & Tournament titles and two NCAA Southeast Region titles. Three-time PBC Coach of the Year and five-time NSCAA Region Coach of the Year.

**Will Condon, Volleyball (2008-16)**

All-time winningest VB coach in Armstrong State history. Career 252-61 record (.805 winning %). Led Armstrong State to four PBC regular season titles and four PBC tournament titles. Two-time PBC Coach of the Year honoree. Directed ASU to the 2008 NCAA Southeast Region title and an Elite Eight appearance, the first Elite Eight appearance for a Peach Belt
STUDENT-ATHLETES (CHRONOLOGICAL)

Paul Haarhuis, Men’s Tennis (1985-86)
Two-time All-Big South Conference honoree. 1986 Big South Conference Player of the Year. BSC All-Decade Team (80s) honoree. Six-time Grand Slam men’s doubles champion and former No. 1-ranked doubles player in the World.

Remko Jansen, Men’s Tennis (1985-87)
Three-time All-Big South Conference honoree. 1987 Big South Conference Player of the Year. BSC All-Decade Team (80s) honoree.

Eric Chavez, Baseball (1991-92)
Two-time first-team All-American third baseman. Region Player of the Year as a senior in 1992. Hit .387 with 21 HR, 82 RBI, 18 2B and 19 SB as a senior. Member of the Pirates’ 1992 PBC Regular Season Champion squad. 1992 PBC Player of the Year. 5th all-time in home runs at Armstrong State and 3rd in slugging percentage.

Roman Miestowski, Baseball (1991-92)
1992 ABCA first-team All-American first baseman. Hit .445 with 20 doubles, 11 home runs, 57 RBI and 32 stolen bases as a senior. Hit .345 with 27 stolen bases as a junior. His .445 batting average is the second-highest in a single season in Armstrong State history and his career .397 batting average is tops among Pirate players. Ranks 8th in career stolen bases (59), 4th in career OBP (.489) and 10th in career slugging (.577).

Tony Kunka, Baseball (1993-94)
1994 third-team All-American DH. 1994 South Atlantic Region Player of the Year. 1994 South Atlantic Region MVP. Hit .355 w/18 2B, 12 HR, 52 RBI as a junior in 1993, also went 2-1 with two saves and a 2.18 ERA on the mound. As a senior, hit .344 with 14 2B, 15 HR, 86 RBI while also going 6-3 with four saves and a 3.12 ERA on the mound. 1994 All-PBC honoree. His 86 RBI in 1994 are the second-most in a single season in ASU history.

David Harriman, Baseball (2001-02)
2002 First-team All-American catcher. 2002 Third-Team CoSIDA Academic All-American. Set a then-NCAA DII record with a 41-game hitting streak as a senior, hitting .412 with 14 home runs. Two-time All-PBC honoree. Career .382 batting average ranks 7th all-time at Armstrong State and .617 slugging percentage ranks seventh all-time.

Rindy Vidovich, Volleyball (2004-08)
2008 PBC Player of the Year. Two-time All-PBC honoree. Two-time PBC All-Tournament MVP. Ranks 8th all-time in kills (1,024) and 7th in blocks (288). Hit .283 with 3.33 kills/game, 2.30 digs/game and 0.91 blocks per game as a senior.

Paul Bishop, Men’s Tennis (2006-09)

Rafael Array, Men’s Tennis (2008-11)
Three-time ITA All-American doubles honoree. 2010 ITA All-American singles. 2010 ITA and “Super Bowl” doubles champion (with Mikk Irdoja). 2010 PBC Tournament Singles MVP. Four-time All-PBC doubles honoree and two-time All-PBC singles honoree. All-time leader at Armstrong State in singles wins (133) and overall wins (263). Second in doubles wins (130). Clinched the 2009 NCAA DII National Championship with a 6-4, 5-7, 6-3 win over Roman Werschel of Barry in volleyball program.
a five-hour 5-4 victory.

**Eudaldo Bonet, Men’s Tennis (2009-12)**


**Morgan Mitchell, Women’s Soccer (2009-12)**

2012 PBC Player of the Year. Four-time first-team All-PBC honoree. 2012 NSCAA First-Team All-American. Three-time NSCAA All-Region honoree. 2012 NSCAA Scholar All-American. 2009 & 2012 D2CCA/CoSIDA All-American. Ranks second all-time in Pirate history in goals scored (47), points (114) and is tied for first in matches played (90). Also competed on the Armstrong State women’s basketball team from 2010-14.

**Brittany Wolf, Volleyball (2009-12)**

2011 Third-Team AVCA All-American. 2012 HM AVCA All-American. 2011 PBC Player of the Year. Two-time All-PBC honoree. Three-time PBC All-Tournament Team honoree. 2012 PBC Tournament MVP. Third all-time in hitting percentage (.342) and fourth in blocks (412). Only one of two players in Armstrong State history to hit better than .400 in a season (.406, 2011).

**Courtney Cawley, Women’s Soccer (2010-12)**

Holding midfielder and team captain during Armstrong State’s most successful years. Two-time All-PBC honoree. 2012 PBC Tournament MVP. “Courtney was a warrior, plain and simple. She was the engine and heartbeat of our team. Her play didn’t always show up in the box score and she didn’t get some of the accolades of her teammates, but in my opinion she was the more important piece of the puzzle,” says head coach Eric Faulconer. The Pirates went 51-9-7 in her three seasons.

**April Jowers, Softball (2010-12)**


**Nadima Skeff, Women’s Soccer (2010-12)**

2012 NSCAA & D2CCA/CoSIDA All-American. Two-time NSCAA All-Region. 2011 PBC Tournament Most Valuable Player. NCAA DII Final Four All-Tournament Team 2011. Two-time All-PBC honoree. Scored 24 goals in three seasons. “Nadima could change a game with a moment of brilliance. that is a trait that special players have and she was a special player. Her technical skills, passion and creativity were her strongest attributes,” says head coach Eric Faulconer.

**Shelby Duff (Snooks), Softball (2010-13)**

2012 & 2013 NFCA Second-Team All-American outfielder. 2012 & 2013 CoSIDA Academic All-American Second Team honoree. Four-time All-Peach Belt Conference honoree. 2013 NCAA Championships All-Tournament Team honoree. Four-time NFCA All-Region honoree. Three-time PBC All-Academic Team honoree. All-time leader in at-bats (670) and doubles (55) at Armstrong State. Other Top 10 career ranks: 2nd hits (247), 3rd runs (152), 4th batting average (.369), 6th stolen bases (36), 4th total bases (386), 8th RBIs (130), 9th home runs (26), 10th slugging percentage (.576).

**Jessica Santaniello, Volleyball (2010-13)**
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All-time kills leader at Armstrong State (1,524). 2013 Third-Team AVCA All-American. 2012 HM AVCA All-American. Second all-time in digs (1,666). All-time leader in sets played (538). 2013 PBC Player of the Year. Four-time All-Peach Belt Conference honoree. Three-time AVCA All-Southeast Region honoree.

**Jenna Birch (Wylie), Women’s Golf (2011-14)**


**Aleksandra Filipovski, Women’s Tennis (2011-14)**


**Barbora Krtickova, Women’s Tennis (2011-14)**


**Kristen Sammarco, Women’s Golf (2011-14)**

2012-13 WGCA HM All-American. 2012 Peach Belt Conference Tournament individual champion, where her first-round 65 still is the record for lowest round among a Peach Belt Conference women’s golfer in any competition. Individual qualifier to the NCAA National Championships in 2013, where she finished tied for ninth in the 72-player field. Three-time All-PBC honoree. Two-time All-PBC Tournament honoree. Won two collegiate tournaments in her career. 77.85 career stroke average in 66 rounds of competition.

**Georgi Rumenov, Men’s Tennis (2012-13)**


**Ethan Bader, Baseball (2012-14)**

All-time wins leader at Armstrong State with a career 31-6 record. Struck out 293 batters, also a career record at ASU. 2014 Third-Team All-American. Two-time ABCA All-Region honoree. Three-time NCBWA All-Region honoree. Three-time All-PBC honoree. 2014 PBC Pitcher of the Year. Six-time PBC Pitcher of the Week honoree.

**Shad Tuten, Men’s Golf (2012-14)**

Two-time first-team All-Peach Belt Conference honoree. 2013-14 GCAA First-Team All-American. Won two collegiate tournaments (Kiawah Island Invitational Sept. 2012 & SSU Fall Invitational Nov. 2012) Career 73.25 stroke average in 59 rounds of competition. 11 career Top 10 finishes.

**Alexis Mercer, Softball (2012-15)**

All-time Peach Belt Conference and Armstrong State home run leader with 60. Ranks 10th on NCAA Division II’s all-time home run list. Also career leader at Armstrong State in runs scored (197), RBIs (176), total bases (438) and slugging percentage (.802). 2013 & 2014 PBC Player of the Year. 2014 NFCA First-Team All-American. 2015 NFCA Second-Team All-American shortstop. Tied NCAA DII World Series record with four home runs in 2014. Three-time PBC First-Team All-Conference honoree. Three-time NFCA All-Region honoree.

Clara Perez, Women’s Tennis (2012-15)


Peyton Roth, Softball (2013-16)

2015 NFCA Second-Team All-American second baseman. 2015 & 2016 CoSIDA Academic All-American Third Team honoree. Two-time All-Peach Belt honoree. Two-time D2CCA/CoSIDA All-Region honoree. Three-time PBC All-Academic Team honoree. Third all-time at Armstrong State in hits (236), second in runs scored (168), 2nd in triples (7), 2nd in batting average (.378), third in stolen bases (42), 10th in total bases (281).

Henning Schein, Men’s Cross Country (2014-16)

In his three seasons for the reinstated men’s cross country program, became the most decorated male runner in Armstrong State history. 2016-17 CoSIDA Academic All-American 3rd Team. First individual qualifier for the NCAA Championships in program history, running 5th at the NCAA Regionals in 2016 and 114th at the NCAA Championships. Three-time All-PBC honoree. Three-time NCAA All-Region honoree. 2014 PBC Freshman of the Year. Holds school record times in the 8K and 10K.

Brigitta Barta, Women’s Basketball (2013-17)

Scored 1,315 points in her four seasons with the Pirates, third all-time in Armstrong State women’s basketball history. Would have set the scoring record but suffered a season-ending injury five games into the 2016-17 season. Averaged 15.5 ppg, 6.0 rpg and 1.0 bpg in her career. 2014 PBC Freshman of the Year and DII Bulletin All-Freshman Team. SE Region All-Tournament Team 2014. First-Team All-PBC 2014-15. Ranks in the top 10 in six career categories.

Hannah Reppert, Softball (2013-17)

2016 D2CCA/CoSIDA HM All-American. Four-time All-Peach Belt Conference first baseman. Two-time NFCA All-Region and three-time D2CCA/CoSIDA All-Region honoree. 2014 & 2016 NCAA Championships All-Tournament Team. Seven-time PBC Player of the Week honoree. Second-leading home run hitter in Armstrong State and Peach Belt Conference history with 57. Also ranks second in RBIs (174) and total bases (401), while ranking fourth in career slugging percentage (.647). Holds PBC record and tied for NCAA DII record for most home runs in one game (4 vs. Augusta, 3/30/14).

Jane Trzaska, Softball (2014-17)

2017 Peach Belt Conference Pitcher of the Year. 2017 NFCA Third-Team All-American utility/pitcher. Two-time NFCA All-Southeast Region honoree. 2016 D2CCA/CoSIDA HM All-American. Two-time D2CCA/CoSIDA All-Region honoree. 2016 & 2017 NCAA Championships All-Tournament Team honoree. Two-time All-PBC honoree. Two-time PBC All-Academic Team honoree. 2017 CoSIDA Academic All-District honoree. 4th all-time at Armstrong State in pitching wins (57), 3rd in innings pitched (507.0), fourth in strikeouts (341), 9th in winning percentage (.687). Career .312 average at the plate with 20 doubles, 21 home runs, 115 RBIs.

Lena Lutzeier, Women’s Tennis (2015-17)

Three-time ITA Singles & Doubles All-American. 2016 & 2017 Peach Belt Conference Player of the Year. Three-time All-PBC Singles & Doubles honoree. Nine-time PBC Player of the Week honoree. Two-time PBC Tournament Singles MVP and
three-time PBC Tournament doubles MVP. Part of Armstrong State’s 2015 & 2016 NCAA DII National Championships. Clinched the 2015 title with a 6-3, 6-4 singles win over Barry’s Sonja Larsen. Two-time PBC All-Academic Team honoree. Career 96-6 singles record and 112-10 doubles record in three seasons before consolidation. 208 overall match wins ranks 15th all-time.