

2008 Duncanville ISD Athletics Hall of Honor

Jan Briggs

Coach Jan Briggs coached volleyball in Duncanville from 1975 until her retirement in 1998, and had many successful seasons including a 1995 State Championship. Coach Briggs was named the Texas Girls Coaches Association Coach of the Year in 1996, an award that highlighted a forty-year career coaching volleyball. During her coaching career, she was named District Coach of the Year multiple times and the Kellogg's Coach of the Year in 1977 and 1978, and coached the National AAU Junior Olympic Volleyball Team in 1976. In addition to the 1995 state championship, Coach Briggs won a state championship in 1968 at Midland Lee High School and was a state runner-up once at Lee and twice at Richardson Berkner High School.

Jan's accomplishments on the court put her in the upper echelon of volleyball coaches in the state of Texas, but her enduring legacy is in her players who continued on to careers as teachers and coaches. Many of Jan's former players continue to coach today and instill the life lessons that she taught to hundreds of young women.

Anita Campbell

A class act behind the scenes of Duncanville ISD Athletics for over twenty years, Anita Campbell served with three athletic directors and witnessed some of the greatest moments and athletes in Duncanville Athletics history. As the administrative assistant to the Athletic Director, Anita maintained and helped to grow all business operations during one of the most successful time periods of any school district athletic department in the nation. Many of Anita's ideas and business practices are still in place today in the athletic office. Anita retired from Duncanville ISD in 2001.

Rose Farmer

Coach Rose Farmer is most remembered for serving as the Pantherettes coach for nine years, but also coached volleyball, tennis, and track at Duncanville HS. Coach Farmer has been called a great coach and an even greater individual. She is credited with laying the foundation for girls' athletics in Duncanville that would pave the way for many successful championship seasons.

Sara Hackerott

A ten-year coach in Duncanville ISD, Sara Hackerott served as head coach of the Pantherettes for five years and accumulated an astounding 173 win and 11 loss record. During Coach Hackerott's five-year run, the Pantherettes won the State Championship in 1997 with a 40-0 record, were State Runners-Up in 1995 with a 38-1 record, were Regional Semi-Finalists in 1994 and 1998, and Regional Quarterfinalists in 1996. Her 1997 Pantherette team also finished #2 in USA Today's National Ranking. Coach Hackerott's teams won district all five years she was head coach. Furthermore, the former assistant to Sandra Meadows won the SWA UU Sandra Meadows Tournament all five years as head coach. Nike named Sara as their High School All-American Coach in 1997.

Todd Ritchie

A 1990 graduate of Duncanville High School, Todd hit the game-winning home run to win the 1990 State 5A Baseball Championship. After graduation, Todd was selected in the first round of the Major League Baseball draft by the Minnesota Twins. Todd played eight years in the major leagues with the Twins, Pittsburgh Pirates, Chicago White Sox, Milwaukee Brewers, and Tampa Bay Devil Rays. Todd's high school accomplishments include being named All-State and an All-American in 1990, and still holds many DHS baseball records.

Pem Smith

The ultimate booster of Duncanville ISD Athletics, Pem Smith was a fixture at virtually every Duncanville HS sporting event. Pem donated countless hours and money to support Duncanville ISD Athletics. He was instrumental in upgrading athletic facilities and programs and is credited with donating the outfield fence at Panther Baseball Field. Mr. Smith was honored at the 1998 State Championship Football Banquet as "Duncanville Athletics' Best Supporter."

