

CLEMSON RING OF HONOR MEMBERS

The Ring of Honor is the highest honor a Clemson student-athlete can receive. A recipient must first be a member of the Clemson Hall of Fame, earn at least an undergraduate degree and make a significant contribution to the heritage of Tiger athletics. Honorees will have their jersey retired.

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1981 FOOTBALL TEAM

The 1981 football team was inducted into the Clemson Ring of Honor during the fall of 2006 in conjunction with the team's 25-year anniversary celebration of winning the national title. Every player, coach, manager and administrator associated with that team is considered in the Ring of Honor within the team concept. The Tigers had a perfect 12-0 record that season, as they defeated Nebraska by a score of 22-15 in the 1982 Orange Bowl to claim the National Championship. For more information on Clemson's 1981 squad, see page 8.

1984 MEN'S SOCCER TEAM

The 1984 men's soccer team won the NCAA championship in grand style, as it became the first team in NCAA soccer history to defeat the No. 1, No. 2, No. 3 and No. 4-seeded teams in the tournament on the way to the title. Clemson defeated two-time defending champion Indiana 2-1 in the national championship match in the Kingdome in Seattle, Wash. John Lee scored the winning goal for Dr. I.M. Ibrahim's team with 1:42 left. The team was inducted into the Clemson Ring of Honor in 2009.

1987 MEN'S SOCCER TEAM

The 1987 men's soccer team won the NCAA championship with a victory over San Diego State at Riggs Field, the only national championship claimed on the Clemson campus. The Tigers were led by Hermann Trophy winner Bruce Murray. The victory over the Aztecs culminated a magic run for the Tigers, who were seeded No. 23 in the 24-team tournament. A crowd of 8,332 fans celebrated the victory at the home of Clemson soccer, the largest home crowd in Tiger history.

2003 MEN'S GOLF TEAM

The 2003 men's golf team won the NCAA championship in dominating fashion. Larry Penley's Tigers won the ACC Championship, the East Regional championship and the national championship, the first program in NCAA golf history to win all three in the same year. Clemson won the championship by two shots on Oklahoma State's home course.

RUSTY ADKINS

Rusty Adkins was the first baseball player named to the Clemson Ring of Honor in 1997. He was the first three-time All-American in Tiger baseball history (1965,66,67). A three-time First-Team All-ACC player, he hit .444 in 1965, an average that remained a Tiger record for 37 years. Adkins had a 41-game hitting streak that remains in the top 10 in NCAA history. He was named to the ACC's 50-Year Anniversary team in 2002.

BOB BRADLEY

Bob Bradley was the first administrator named to the Ring of Honor in 2005. He served Clemson for 45 years in the sports information office as director and emeritus director. He received the Arch Ward Award as the College Sports Information Directors of America Man-of-the-Year in 1976. He was inducted into the organization's hall of fame in 1975, the Clemson Athletic Hall of Fame in 1985, the Gator Bowl Hall of Fame in 2000 and the state of South Carolina Hall of Fame in 2001. The press box at Memorial Stadium was named in his honor during the 1988 season as well.



STEVE FULLER WAS A CHARTER MEMBER OF THE RING OF HONOR IN 1994.

JERRY BUTLER

Jerry Butler joined teammate Steve Fuller in the Clemson Ring of Honor in 1999. The two-time All-ACC player was a first-team All-American in 1978 when he and Fuller led Clemson to a No. 6 national ranking and an 11-1 record. He had at least one reception in 36 consecutive games. In 1979, Butler was the No. 5 overall draft pick of the NFL by the Buffalo Bills, where he played at a Pro Bowl level for seven seasons.

JONATHAN BYRD

Jonathan Byrd was an All-American on the course and in the classroom for the Tiger golf team between 1996-00. He became the first four-time, First-Team All-ACC golfer in Clemson history. He was also an honorable mention All-American in 1998, a first-team selection in 1999 and a third-team pick in 2000. Byrd was also a two-time Academic All-American (1999,00) and is one of only two student-athletes in Clemson history to twice be named an Academic All-American and an on-the-field-of-competition All-American in school history.

FRED CONE

Fred Cone, who was inducted into the Ring of Honor in 1997, was the first player in Clemson history to rush for 2,000 yards in a career. Cone played for the Tigers from 1948-50. He is eighth on the Clemson career list for rushing touchdowns (30). Cone was a starter on two undefeated Clemson teams (1948,50), one of only two players in school history to accomplish that feat.

DALE DAVIS

Dale Davis was the first men's basketball player inducted into the Ring of Honor in 1999. He was a three-time All-ACC pick from 1987-91 and a first-team pick in 1990 in leading Clemson to its first ACC regular-season championship. He is still among the ACC's top 10 in career field-goal percentage. The first-round draft pick of the Indiana Pacers played 16 seasons in the NBA. He totaled 8,706 points and 8,605 rebounds in 1,094 games in his career.

JEFF DAVIS

Jeff Davis, captain of the 1981 national title team, joined the Ring of Honor in 1995. He was a first-team All-American in 1981 when he led the team in tackles (175). Davis was also named ACC MVP and defensive MVP of the Orange Bowl win over Nebraska, the game that clinched the national championship for the Tigers. He was also inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in December 2007.

DANNY FORD

Danny Ford coached Clemson to the 1981 national title at the age of 33, still the youngest coach to win one. Ford won five ACC titles and six bowl games in his 11 years as the head coach of the Tigers. He had a 26-10-1 record against coaches in the College Football Hall of Fame, including wins over Joe Paterno, Barry Switzer, Woody Hayes, Vince Dooley, Steve Spurrier and Tom Osborne. He finished his Clemson career with a record of 96-29-4 and his 76.0 winning percentage is still among the best in ACC history. Ford was inducted into the Clemson Ring of Honor at the season-opening Georgia game of 2013 and was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in December 2017.

STEVE FULLER

Steve Fuller was a charter member of the Ring of Honor in 1994. He is one of three football players in Clemson history to be chosen an All-American on the field and in the classroom in the same year. Fuller was a two-time, first-team Academic All-American and a third-team All-American in 1978. He is still the only Tiger to be named ACC Player-of-the-Year twice and was an NCAA Top Five Award winner in 1979, the only Tiger athlete to win the award.

MICHAEL GREEN

Michael Green was a three-time NCAA champion sprinter during his Clemson career. He won the 55m indoors in 1992 and 1993, and the 100m outdoors in 1993. The eight-time All-American and nine-time ACC champion was the ACC Indoor MVP in 1993 as a senior.

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and was a two-time Olympian for his native country of Jamaica. He won the Frank Howard Award for bringing honor to Clemson in 1992 and was the IPTAY Athlete-of-the-Year in 1993. He graduated from Clemson in 1995.

SUSAN HILL

Susan Hill is the only four-time ACC MVP in a women's sport in Clemson history and one of just two in all sports. She is still the only four-time ACC MVP in women's tennis history and is one of two players to win the No. 1 singles league title four years in a row. She was the first women's athlete to be inducted into the Clemson Hall of Fame. She was a three-time first-team All-American and had a 126-20 career record. That 86.3 winning percentage is still the best in Clemson history.

FRANK HOWARD

Frank Howard was a charter member of the Ring of Honor in 1994. As head coach from 1940-69, he led Clemson to eight league championships, six bowl games and six top-25 seasons. Howard, who totaled 165 victories, was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 1989 and is still the fifth-winningest coach in ACC history.

KEVIN JOHNSON

Kevin Johnson was Clemson's first three-time All-America golfer. He was a third-team selection as a sophomore, a first-team pick as a junior and a second-team choice as a senior. His 27 career top-10 finishes still are among the most in Clemson history 30 years after he played his last round for the Tigers. The 1988 ACC champion won the 1987 U.S. Public Links championship and was the runner-up the following year. He played for the U.S. Walker Cup team in 1989 and graduated from Clemson in December of that year. Clemson finished third in the nation as a senior.

BARBARA KENNEDY

Barbara Kennedy became the first female athlete inducted into the Clemson Ring of Honor in 1999. She holds the school's along with the ACC's career marks for points (3,113) and rebounds (1,252). Kennedy was a two-time All-America selection (1981,82) and three-time, First-Team All-ACC player (1980,81,82). Kennedy remains the only two-time All-American and three-time First-Team All-ACC selection in Clemson women's history as well.

TERRY KINARD

Terry Kinard, who played for the Tigers from 1979-82, was inducted into the Ring of Honor in 2001, the same year he was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame. The safety from Sumter, S.C. was named national defensive player-of-the-year by CBS Sports during his senior season in 1982. Kinard was named to the All-Decade of the 1980's College Football team by USA Today and to the All-Century team by Sports Illustrated in 2000.

TINA KREBS

Tina Krebs was the first track athlete named to the Ring of Honor in 2003. A cross country, distance and middle distance runner from 1982-86, her versatility helped shape Clemson women's track & field. She was an eight-time All-American in cross country, indoor track and outdoor track and was a three-time NCAA champion, still the only athlete in any sport in Clemson history to win three national titles.

BANKS McFADDEN

Banks McFadden was one of three charter members of the Clemson Ring of Honor in 1994. He was named the nation's most versatile athlete in 1939 when he was an All-American in football and basketball in the same calendar year, the only Tiger to accomplish that feat. He led the Tigers to their first bowl bid, a 6-3 victory over

Boston College in the 1940 Cotton Bowl, and to the Southern Conference basketball title. He was the No. 4 overall pick of the 1940 NFL draft, tied for the highest in school history.

TREE ROLLINS

Tree Rollins was the star center of the Clemson basketball team between 1973-77. He was an All-American during his senior season in 1977, just the second basketball All-American in school history. The native of Cordele, Ga. averaged a double-double over his career and was a first-round draft pick of the Atlanta Hawks in 1977. His #30 jersey was retired prior to his final home game in 1977, the first Clemson athlete in any sport to have a jersey retired. Rollins finished his degree requirements in May 2016 through the Tiger Trust Program and was inducted into the Clemson Ring of Honor in 2017.

CHARLES WARREN

Charles Warren won the 1997 NCAA championship, the first in Clemson golf history. He defeated Brad Elder (Texas) in a one-hole playoff. The next year, he earned the Dave Williams Award as the top senior. The three-time All-American led Clemson to a No. 3 national finish in 1997 and No. 2 in 1998. He retired from the PGA Tour in 2013.

BILL WILHELM

Bill Wilhelm coached Clemson for 36 years (1958-93) and had a 1161-536-10 (.683) career record. He was the fifth-winningest coach in college baseball history when he retired. He still holds the ACC record for regular-season ACC championships (19), including 10 in a row from 1973-82. Each of his last seven teams was chosen for the NCAA Tournament, and five of them ranked in the final top 15, including his 1991 team that totaled an ACC-record 60 wins. He averaged 50 wins per season during his last seven years as well.



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