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SMU Hall of Fame Class announced for 2015 Ball, Berube, Forester, Hyndman, Ralston, Santrock To Be Honored

SMU and SMU Athletics, in conjunction with the SMU Lettermen's Association, have announced the newest class of the SMU Athletics Hall of Fame. The 2015 inductees – Jerry Ball, Ryan Berube, Schellas Hyndman, Dennis Ralston, Jennifer Santrock, and the late Bill Forester – will be recognized at the annual Hall of Fame banquet and induction ceremony on Friday, May 1, at the Hilton Anatole.



Jerry Ball was a defensive lineman at SMU from 1983-86, earning All-Southwest Conference honors three years in a row from 1984-86. Ball, who was a Playboy All-American in 1986, ranks fourth all-time at SMU in sacks. Ball led the Mustangs in tackles in 1984 and guided SMU to a SWC

Co-Championship, as well as a 27-20 win over Notre Dame in the 1984 Aloha Bowl. Ball played 13 seasons in the NFL and was a four-time Pro Bowl selection. Ball helped lead two teams to NFC Championship games, first with the Detroit Lions in 1991 and later with the Minnesota Vikings in 1998. He was elected to the Texas High School Football Hall of Fame in 2015.



Ryan Berube ranks as one of the most successful and accomplished swimmers ever to compete for SMU. Berube swam at SMU from 1993-96, earning All-America honors each season. The six-time SWC champion was named NCAA

Swimmer of the Year in 1996 after winning the 200-yard IM, 100-yard backstroke and 200-yard backstroke events at the NCAA Championships. Berube also won a gold medal as a member of the U.S. relay team in the 4x200 freestyle at the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta. Berube holds SMU records in the 200 IM, 100 backstroke and 200 backstroke.

Schellas Hyndman helped guide the SMU men's soccer program to new heights as its head coach from 1984-2008. The Mustangs won nine regular season conference titles and six conference tournament championships during his tenure, and advanced to the College Cup twice, in 2000 and 2005. Hyndman coached 20 Mustangs to All-America honors, including 10 first-team



selections. Hyndman himself received eight league coach of the year awards and five regional coach of the year awards. Overall, Hyndman compiled a 368-96-40 record at SMU before being hired as the head coach of FC Dallas in 2008.

Dennis Ralston was head coach of the SMU men's tennis team from 1981-89 and then again from 1991-93, leading the Mustangs to five conference championships and 209 wins. Ralston, who was named NCAA Coach of the Year in 1983, led SMU to six straight top-six national finishes, ending the 1983 season ranked No. 2 in the country, the highest-ever finish by a Mustang tennis team. The two-time SWC Coach of the Year also coached some of the best players in program history, including 1987 National Player of the Year Richey Reneberg.



Jennifer Santrock was a standout on the SMU women's tennis team from 1986-89, and was named SWC Tennis Female Athlete of the Decade for the 1980s by the Southwest Conference. The four-time All-American advanced to the 1989 NCAA singles championship final and was named Volvo/ITCA National Senior

Player of the Year. Santrock also advanced to the NCAA singles semifinals as a sophomore in 1987. Santrock went 21-1 in 1989, winning an SMU-record 95.5 percent of her matches. As a professional, Santrock reached the second round in four Grand Slam events.

Bill Forester was a key player on SMU's football team from 1950-52, earning All-SWC honors as a defensive tackle in 1951 and as a linebacker in 1952.

Forester also excelled on offense, spending the entire 1950 season exclusively at fullback. The Green Bay Packers drafted Forester in the third round of the 1953 NFL Draft and he went on to spend 11 seasons there, tallying 21 interceptions and earning four Pro Bowl selections as a linebacker.



Forester, who also played middle guard and defensive tackle for Green Bay, was inducted to the Packers Hall of Fame in 1974, and was later inducted into the Woodrow Wilson High School (Dallas, Texas) Hall of Fame in 1999.

For information on purchasing tickets to the SMU Hall of Fame Banquet, please call 214-768-4314, email Jeff Lockhart at lockhart@smu.edu or visit www.smu.edu/halloffame.

President's Corner

Another year is flying by, with spring back in the air here in Dallas after an exciting fall and winter sports season. We celebrated the return of our men's basketball team to the NCAA Tournament, following their first conference tournament victory since 1988 and their first regular-season title since 1993. Our men's and women's swimming and diving teams, perennially setting the standard for excellence in collegiate swimming, did it again this year with outstanding performances at their conference tournaments as well as NAAs. And as strong golf and tennis teams head into the heavy part of their seasons, we look forward to more championships returning to the Hilltop in the not-too-distant future!

There is a buzz in the air on campus, created by new football Head Coach Chad Morris and his energetic staff, as they usher in a new era of SMU Football. Coach Morris believes strongly in the importance of preserving SMU's legacy of success, and in its promise for the future. I'd like to personally invite you to join us on April 18th for our spring social event, where Coach Morris will be present to meet our letterwinners. He is passionate about bringing positive change to all our varsity sports—not just football—and I encourage you to come out, meet him, and hear how you can be a part of shaping SMU's future. In honor of our first spring game in many years, SMU Athletics will also be welcoming former football players back to Ford Stadium before the game, so be sure to join us for that moment of recognition. You can e-mail lettermen@smu.edu for more information.



SMU Basketball Season highlighted by College Gameday visit, conference championship, NCAA Appearance

The SMU Men's Basketball team completed another

impressive season this year, highlighted by the Mustangs' clinching of their first conference championship since 1993 and their first conference tournament championship since 1988. Their tournament victory, combined with a 27-6 record in the regular season earned the team their first invitation to the NCAA Tournament since 1993. In addition, a new single game attendance record was set when the Mustangs defeated defending national champions Connecticut on February 14th in front of a national television audience and the College Gameday crew. A new season attendance record was also set for Moody Coliseum in 2014-15.

Junior point guard Nic Moore was named Honorable Mention All-American, American Athletic Conference Player of the Year and was a unanimous First Team All-Conference Selection. Senior Yanick Moreira earned Second Team All-Conference honors in addition to being named the AAC's Most Improved Player, and Junior Markus Kennedy was named the conference's Sixth Man of the Year, as well as earning Most Outstanding Player



accolades for the American tournament and Second Team All-Conference honors.

The Mustangs graduate five seniors this spring, including Cannen Cunningham, Ryan Manuel, Jean-Michel Mudiay,

We'll also be honoring SMU's athletic legacy at this year's Hall of Fame Banquet. Jerry Ball, Ryan Berube, Schellas Hyndman, Dennis Ralston, Jennifer Santrock, and the late Bill Forester represent the best that SMU has ever produced. We are proud to honor them this year. We will also honor former football Coach Hayden Fry with the inaugural Legends Award, given to an individual who has made extraordinary contributions to the legacy and success of SMU Athletics. On the fiftieth anniversary of Coach Fry's recruitment of Jerry LeVias, the first African-American scholarship athlete to play in the Southwest Conference, it seems fitting that we celebrate his accomplishments, his courage, and his legacy. We hope you will join us for this grand event. Tickets and tables may be purchased at smu.edu/halloffame.

Finally, the time has come once again to renew your Lettermen's membership. Activating your membership each year provides you access to great benefits, and keeps you connected to your SMU teammates. We have some exciting new benefits for active members to be announced very soon, so be sure to send in your dues payment this year! The Lettermen's office can take your payment by phone or mail (see page 3 for details).

Come by this season for a tennis match at the new SMU tennis complex, a football practice at Ford, or a rowing regatta on White Rock Lake.

We welcome you to the Hilltop whenever you're in the area!

Mitchell Glick

Yanick Moreira, and Jonathan Tolbert. They were honored during their last home game on March 8th.

The Mustangs will look to defend their conference title in 2015-16 and

avenge their early departure from the NCAA Tournament next year, after their run was cut short by a one-point loss to 11-seed UCLA during the second round in Louisville, KY.

Season ticket renewals will be sent out in May to current season ticket holders. Those interested in new season tickets for 2015-16 should e-mail moodyseating@smu.edu with their request to be placed on the waiting list.

Thank you to our Mustang fans for your enthusiasm and support this season, and to our players and coaches for your commitment and effort!
Pony Up!



Photos courtesy SMU Sports Information office

IN MEMORIAM



PERCY PENN, Forward

Burt Berry (1923-2015) - Burt, class of 1953, received degrees in accounting and law from SMU. A lifelong lover of baseball, he played for the Mustangs during his college days, and briefly played semi-professionally before a lengthy and successful law career.

Que Brittain (1947-2015) - Que was a three year football letterwinner at SMU who played offensive guard from 1965-1967. He went on to a successful career as a Texas high school football coach, compiling at 122-79-4 record during his tenure as head coach at Flower Mound, Marcus, and McKinney.

Percy Penn (1927-2014) - Penn lettered in basketball and baseball while attending SMU on an athletic scholarship. He graduated with the class of 1950 and served for 35 years as a DISD administrator. Percy also had a long tenure as a league official with the Lone Star, Missouri Valley, and Southwest Conferences.

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SMU Women's Swimming and Diving Claims School's First American Athletic Conference Title



past 19 seasons, and the first in The American in two seasons of competition.

Head Coach [Steve Collins](#) was also honored as the women's AAC Coach of the Year, after last earning the honor in 2012.

SMU had an impressive showing at the event, starting off with a win in the 200 medley relay and a silver medal in the 800 yard freestyle relay on the first night of competition. Senior Isabella Arcila set a new meet record in the 50-yard freestyle, and posted a new school record



The SMU women's swimming and diving team posted three wins on the final night of the American Athletic Conference Championship in Greensboro, NC, en route to a first-place finish at the event. It is the 16th championship for the program in the conference's two

in the leadoff leg of the 200 freestyle relay en route to another Mustang victory. On the third night of competition, the Mustangs won five events and set two meet records (Tara-Lynn Nicholas in the 100-yard breaststroke and Arcila in the 100-yard backstroke).

The Mustangs earned 24 All-Conference honors, including all five relay events. Swimmers earning All-Conference nods include Isabella Arcila, Ursa Bezan, Erica Donadon, Marne Erasmus, Nathalie Lindborg, Alexandra Manasso, Kirsty McLauchlan, Tara-Lynn Nicholas, Rachel Nicol, Adrienn Santa, Tiffany Sudarma, Anna Volchkov, and diver Madeline Wainman.

Five swimmers qualified for competition at the NCAA Championships back in Greensboro on March 19-21. Diver Wainman also qualified for the Zone D Diving Championship in Iowa. Isabella Arcila, Rachel Nicol, Marne Erasmus, and Tara-Lynn Nicholas all earned individual All-America accolades at the event, and the 400-yd medley relay team of Arcila, Nicholas, Erasmus, and Nathalie Lindborg earned a nod for their 13-place finish on night one of the meet.

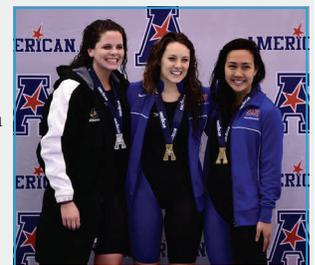


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Keep up to date with Mustang swimming & diving throughout the year! Be sure to like the Mustangs on Facebook ([SMUSwimDiveW](#)) and follow them on Twitter ([@SMUSwimmingW](#)) for updates on international competition this summer!

Congratulations, Mustangs!

Cross Country:

Agnes Sjöström—USTFCCCA Academic All-American
Team—USTFCCCA All-Academic Team (3.44 GPA)

Men's Basketball:

Nic Moore—AP All-America Honorable Mention; NABC All-District 25 1st Team Selection; AAC Player of the Year; 1st Team All-AAC; Lute Olsen Award Midseason Watch List; AAC Player of the Week (1/26); AAC weekly honor roll selection (1/5, 1/12, 2/9)
Yanick Moreira—NABC All-District 25 2nd Team Selection; 2nd Team All-AAC; AAC Most Improved Player of the Year
Markus Kennedy—NABC All-District 25 2nd Team Selection; Conference Tournament Most Outstanding Player; 2nd Team All-AAC; AAC Sixth Man of the Year; AAC Player of the Week (2/2); AAC weekly honor roll selection (1/19)
Team—American Athletic Conference Championship; American Athletic Conference Tournament Championship

Men's Golf:

Bryson Dechambeau—2015 Ben Hogan Award Watch List

Men's Swimming & Diving:

David Bunn—AAC tournament bronze medalist (platform); All-Conference selection
Devin Burnett—Honorable Mention All-America; Qualifier for NCAA Championship in 1M, 3M, and Platform Diving; AAC Most Outstanding Diver; All-Conference selection; AAC Tournament gold medalist (1M, 3M, platform); AAC Diver of the Week (1/6, 1/20)
Zigo Cerkovnik—All-Conference selection; AAC Tournament gold (400-yd medley relay, 400-yd free relay), silver medalist (200-yd breast)
Matthew Colket—All-Conference selection
Hayden Hodges—AAC Tournament silver medalist (platform)
Tyler Rauth—AAC Tournament gold (400-yd medley relay, 400-yd free relay, 200-yd fly), silver medalist (100-yd fly)
Eastman Holloway—All-Conference selection
Bartosz Krzyzaniak—All-Conference selection
Christian Scherubl—Named as an alternate for 200-yd free, NCAA Championship; AAC Most Outstanding Swimmer; All-Conference selection; AAC Tournament gold medalist (400-yd medley relay, 400-yd free relay, 100-yd free, 200-yd free, 500-yd free); AAC Swimmer of the Week (1/6, 1/20)
Sam Straughan—All-Conference selection; AAC Tournament gold medalist (400-yd medley relay, 400-yd free relay, 100-yd backstroke, 200-yd backstroke)
Tucker Wells—All-Conference Selection
Coach Jim Stillson—AAC Diving Coach of the Year
Team—CSCAA Scholar All-America Team

Men's Tennis:

Markus Kerner—AAC Player of the Week (3/10)

Rowing:

Savannah Moody—Invited to US National Team ID Camp (2/10)
Varsity 8+ crew—AAC Boat of the Week (April 7)

Track & Field:

Holly Archer—AAC Tournament silver (distance medley relay), bronze (mile)
Rayann Chin—AAC Tournament gold (weight throw), bronze medalist (shot put)
Shahira Ehiemua—AAC Tournament silver medalist (distance medley relay)
Tochi Nlemchi—AAC Tournament silver medalist (shot put)
Stephanie Kalu—AAC Track Athlete of the Week (1/27); AAC Tournament silver medalist (60M)
Isabella Marten—AAC Field Performer of the Week (Mar. 31); AAC Tournament bronze medalist (triple jump)
Agnes Sjoström—AAC Tournament silver medalist (distance medley relay)
Karoline Skatteboe—AAC Tournament silver medalist (distance medley relay)

Volleyball:

Avery Acker—Invited to USA Volleyball Women's National Team Open Tryouts (Feb)
Janelle Giordano—Invited to USA Volleyball Women's National Team Open

Tryouts (Feb)

Katie Hegarty—Invited to USA Volleyball Women's National Team Open Tryouts (Feb)

Morgan Heise—Invited to USA Volleyball Women's National Team Open Tryouts (Feb)

Women's Basketball:

Alicia Froling—AAC All-Freshman Team; AAC Weekly Honor Roll (2/2)

Women's Golf:

Jenny Haglund—AAC Golfer of the Week (Mar. 19)

Women's Swimming & Diving:

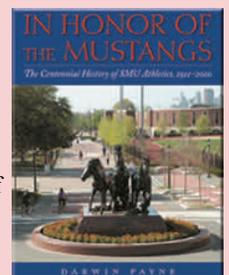
Isabella Arcila—All-American (100-yd freestyle; 400-yd medley relay); Qualifier, NCAA Championship; All-Conference selection; AAC Tournament gold medalist (200-yd backstroke, 400-yd freestyle relay; 50-yd free; 200-yd freestyle relay, 200-yd medley relay); AAC Swimmer of the Week (2/3)
Ursa Bezan—All-Conference selection; AAC Tournament silver medalist (800-yd freestyle relay)
Erica Donadon—All-Conference selection
Marne Erasmus—All-American (100-yd fly; 400-yd medley relay); Qualifier, NCAA Championship; All-Conference selection; AAC tournament gold medalist (400-yd freestyle relay, 200-yd freestyle relay, 200-yd medley relay)
Alexandra Manasso—All-Conference selection; AAC Tournament silver medalist (800-yd freestyle relay)
Kristy McLaughlan—All-Conference selection; AAC Tournament silver (200-yd IM, 800-yd freestyle relay), bronze medalist (200-yd breast)
Tara-Lynn Nicholas—All-American (100-yd breast; 400-yd medley relay); Qualifier, NCAA Championship; All-Conference selection; AAC Tournament gold (100-yd breast; 400-yd freestyle relay, 200-yd freestyle relay, 200-yd medley relay), silver medalist (200-yd breast)
Rachel Nicol—All-American (100-yd breast); Qualifier, NCAA Championship; All-Conference selection; AAC Tournament gold medalist (200-yd breast, 200-yd IM)
Nathalie Lindborg—All-American (400-yd medley relay); Qualifier, NCAA Championship; All-Conference selection; AAC Tournament gold (400-yd free-style relay, 200-yd freestyle relay, 200-yd medley relay), silver medalist (100-yd free; 50-yd free); AAC Diver of the Week (1/13)
Adrienn Santa—All-Conference selection; AAC Tournament silver medalist (800-yd freestyle relay)
Tiffany Sudarma—All-Conference selection
Madeline Wainman—Qualifier, NCAA Zone D Diving Championship; All-Conference selection; AAC Tournament silver medalist (platform dive); AAC Swimmer of the Week (1/13)
Anna Volchkov—All-Conference selection; AAC Tournament silver medalist (200-yd backstroke)
Coach Steve Collins—AAC Coach of the Year
Team—American Athletic Conference Championship; CSCAA Scholar All-America Team

Women's Tennis

Hristina Dishkova—AAC Player of the Week (3/24)

Dasha Sharapova—AAC Player of the Week (3/17)

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Rick Herrscher inducted into Southwest Conference Hall of Fame

Former SMU Mustang Rick Herrscher was inducted as a member of the 2015 class for the Southwest Conference Hall of Fame on March 30 at the Hilton Hotel in Austin, TX.

Herrscher, who was a guard and forward for SMU, was a member of the 1956 NCAA Final Four team. He was honored as the SWC Player of the Year in 1957-58 after averaging 17.5 points and 7.4 rebounds. The Mustangs won three SWC championships (1955-56, 1956-57, 1957-58) while Herrscher was playing. As a junior and senior, Herrscher was named All-SWC First Team.

The St. Louis native was also the leading hitter and RBI man for the SMU baseball team. After graduation, he played

professional baseball for five seasons, ending his career in the MLB in 1962 with the New York Mets.

Herrscher was inducted into the SMU Athletics Hall of Fame on May 3, 2013.

Herrscher is joined in the class by Bill Montgomery (Arkansas), Cotton Davidson (Baylor), Carol Lewis (Houston), Jose Cruz Jr. (Rice), Eric Metcalf (Texas), Curtis Mills (Texas A&M), Lance Brown (TCU) and Dan Irons (Texas Tech).

The SWC Hall of Fame is sponsored by the Texas Sports Hall of Fame.



Mustang Legacies

Congratulations to these Mustang coaches and alumni who have recently been honored by multiple Halls of Fame across the state of Texas!

Jerry Ball (Football): Texas High School Football Hall of Fame, Class of 2015

Rod Jones (Football): Texas Black Sports Hall of Fame Class of 2015

The Dr. Frank Payne, Sr. (Football) family: Big Country Athletics Hall of Fame Legacy Award Class of 2015

Richard Quick (Coach—Men's Swimming): Texas Sports Hall of Fame Class of 2015 (posthumous)

Mark your Calendar for Upcoming Events this Spring!

April 2015

SMU Founder's Day Weekend—4/17-4/19

Jerry LeVias Classic Golf Tournament—4/17
Stonebriar Country Club (Call 214-768-1319 for sponsorship and registration information)

Lettermen's Spring Social featuring Coach Chad Morris—5/18
Ford Stadium South End Zone, 11:00 am (rsvp to lettermen@smu.edu)

SMU Football Fan Fare and Spring Game—5/18
Ford Stadium (1:00 pm kickoff, free admission; pre-game festivities start at 12:00 pm)
Pre-Game Football Alumni Recognition

Payne Stewart Cup—5/20
(proceeds benefit the Men's Golf Excellence Fund)

May 2015

Hall of Fame Banquet and Awards Ceremony—5/1
Hilton Anatole, Dallas, TX (visit smu.edu/halloffame for tickets)

Red Helmet Reunion for former players & staff of Coach Hayden Fry—5/2
Dallas, TX (call 214-768-4000 for details)

SMU Commencement—5/15-5/16



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