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New members inducted to Hurricane Hall of Fame

The Hurricane Hall of Fame inducted three new members at their annual luncheon Oct. 11. They included:

Mary Lado, softball
Lado ('01) earned All Region, All American, Academic All American and NAIA Scholar Athlete honors in 1999. She was an Academic All Conference Team member in 1999 and 2000. Lado holds the record for home runs in a season as well with eight. In 1999 and 2000 her team won the GAC Conference Championship and they participated in the NAIA National Tournament in 1999.

Adrian Mack, basketball
Mack ('98) earned a laundry list of accolades in his career, particularly his last year. In 1996-97, he was National Player of the Year, Conference Player of the Year, first team All Conference and All American. In that year, Mack acquired the most field goals and points scored in one season in school history with 267 and 713, respectively. In 1995-96, he acquired a school record for steals with 141. Mack is GSW’s second all-time leading scorer.

Kizzy Trawick Walker, basketball
Walker ('02) earned 1997 GACC All Freshman team honors; All Conference in 1998, 1999 and 2000; she was the 1999 GSW Coaches Award winner; she made NAIA first team All American and NAIA player of the week honors in 2000; and she was the Atlanta Tip-Off Small College Player of the Year in 2000. Recognized as one of the 10 outstanding GSW seniors in 2000, Trawick played in 117 games scoring 1771 points, 1032 rebounds, 254 steals and accumulated an 67 percent free throw percentage.

Denham family forms GSW athletic scholarship

The Georgia Southwestern Foundation is pleased to announce the formation of the Mike and Carol Denham Family Scholarship. This scholarship, when fully endowed, will provide a scholarship in support of athletics at GSW. The Denham family has played a large role in support of athletics and other endeavors at GSW for many years. Mike has been a member of the Board of Trustees at Georgia Southwestern for 10 years and both he and Carol are active members of the community. This latest gift simply affirms the Denham family’s commitment to Georgia Southwestern State University. Shown accepting the check from Mike and Carol Denham is GSW Foundation Executive Director, Boyce “Stick” Miller (right).

McKenney Wins Coker Invite Individual Title

Senior Adam McKenney shot a second round 3-under-par 69 Sept. 23 at the Orlando County National Golf Center to win individual medalist honors at the Coker College Invitational. McKenney finished the 36-hole tournament with an 8-under 136, two strokes ahead of Judson Eustaquio from Florida Southern.

The Georgia Southwestern golf team shot a 9-over-par 297 in the second round to finish plus-9 for the tournament (585), seventh place overall. Third-ranked Florida Southern won the 12-team field with an 8-under 568. Peach Belt Conference members Lander (569) and No. 24 Armstrong Atlantic (586) finished second and eighth, respectively.

Individually for GSW, Michael Harris (72-74=146) finished tied for 16th place among the 60 golfers. Jordan Britt (75-74=149) tied for 38th; Chris Hall (74-80=154) finished 56th; and Tyler Williams (78-82=160) finished 59th.
Barksdale steps down as GSW AD, Kaylor appointed successor

“Coach” has stepped down after 29 years in collegiate athletics.

Randolph Barksdale resigned Nov. 16 as Georgia Southwestern State University’s athletic director. Associate Athletic Director Jaclyn Kaylor stepped in as GSW’s new AD.

“Jaclyn has done an outstanding job as associate athletic director,” Blanchard said. “She has played an instrumental part in our transition to NCAA Division II and has proven her leadership capabilities. We are confident that she will succeed in moving the athletic program to the next level.”

“It has been a joy to lead the athletic department’s shift from NAIA to NCAA Division II status and to watch the University grow with a new record enrollment,” said Barksdale. “As associate AD, Jaclyn has been a leader in the move to Division II, and she will do a great job taking Georgia Southwestern forward as a competitive school in the Peach Belt Conference.”

While Barksdale is retiring from athletics, he will remain a fixture on campus serving as the Special Assistant to the President. In this role, he will continue nurturing the University’s recent expanded presence on state two-year college campuses.

“I am pleased that Coach Barksdale has agreed to stay on and cultivate Georgia Southwestern’s recruiting efforts on two-year college campuses,” added Blanchard. “He was a dynamic leader as a coach and athletic director, and he will excel in this task.”

Barksdale has served as the Hurricanes’ AD since August 2001. During that time, the ‘Canes have won two conference championships, made 13 appearances in regional tournaments, been the home of 19 All-Americans and eight Academic All-Americans. As a collegiate basketball coach, Barksdale recorded 537 wins in 27 seasons, 374 of those came as coach of the Hurricanes (1979-1987; 1996-2006).

When Barksdale took the reigns of the University’s athletic department, there were seven sports in play. Following the transition from NAIA to NCAA Division II, the ‘Canes have 10 sports: men’s and women’s basketball, baseball, women’s cross-country, men’s golf, men’s and women’s soccer, women’s softball and men’s and women’s tennis.

Kaylor steps in as the first female athletic director at Georgia Southwestern, in the Peach Belt Conference and one of only 55 in NCAA Division II athletics.

“I am excited to say the least -- and pleased with the confidence supporting this appointment,” said Kaylor. “I am grateful to Dr. Blanchard for entrusting this responsibility to me, but my sincerest thanks go to Randolph Barksdale for standing behind me, teaching me, pushing me to be better, and believing that I am ready to step forward. I can certainly never take his place, but I hope I will be able to earn from others the amount of respect I have for him as a leader.”

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Prior to her appointment as athletic director, Kaylor worked her way through the ranks of collegiate athletics at Southwestern. From August 2007 to the present, Kaylor served as the Hurricanes’ associate athletic director overseeing many of the day-to-day operations within the department. For a brief stint, she served as interim sports information director.

Kaylor arrived at GSW in 2004 as the head athletic trainer, a role she carried until summer 2007. In that three year span, Kaylor wore a number of hats serving as assistant athletic director, NCAA compliance coordinator and instructor.

In 2006, Kaylor was voted the Southern States Athletic Conference Athletic Trainer of the year, and she has several professional affiliations within collegiate athletics and the community. She is a member of the National Association of Collegiate Athletic Directors, the National Association of Collegiate Woman Athletics Administrators, the National Athletic Trainers’ Association and the Americus Chapter of Rotary International.

A native of Leesburg and a resident of Americus, Kaylor graduated with honors from Georgia Southern University in 2000 with a Bachelor of Science in kinesiology. She earned a Master of Science in kinesiology and health promotion from the University of Kentucky in 2002. Kaylor is dedicated to advance Georgia Southwestern Athletics as a strong competitor in the Peach Belt.

“When I arrived at GSW as the athletic trainer I honestly never envisioned myself as the athletic director,” Kaylor said. “But, I feel a deep sense of commitment to the student-athletes, coaches and staff who call Georgia Southwestern Athletics home and as the athletic director I hope to make their experience here the best one possible.”

Hurricanes granted full NCAA Division II membership

Georgia Southwestern State University learned in the summer that the Hurricanes intercollegiate athletic program has been granted full active membership in Division II of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA).

“It’s an exciting day for GSW,” Athletic Director Jaclyn Kaylor said. “Completing this project took an institutional effort, from the athletics staff to the president’s office.”

The three-year process started back in 2005 with an exploratory phase. During the first year, members of the department began attending NCAA meetings while searching for a conference to join. It was not the first time the university looked into NCAA membership. In 1996 GSW began the exploratory phase, but never reached the provisional stage.

Over the past two years, GSW has been a provisional member of the NCAA. During which, the ‘Canes athletic department complied with NCAA rules and regulations, as well as upgraded the budgetary and staffing needs to meet the requirements of a full NCAA Division II program.

GSW was slated to complete one more year of the required three-year provisional period, however, upon review of an extensive self-evaluation report, the NCAA waived the final year and today welcomed the ‘Canes as active D2 members.

The Hurricanes were unable to compete in postseason play during the provisional membership period; however, that will change this fall.

“We’re looking forward to moving on to bigger and better things now that we’re officially active members of the NCAA,” Kaylor said. “I’m happy we could get this done for our student-athletes, staff and Hurricane fans.”

In addition to the opportunity to participate in the postseason, GSW will benefit from eligibility for NCAA enhancement grant funding, enrollment in the National Letter of Intent program to protect its recruits and student-athletes may participate in the CHAMPS Life Skills program, which is designed to help students make the transition to college.

As active members, recruiting will become easier for coaches, who for the past two years have had to tell young men and women that if they came to Americus they couldn’t compete for championships.

Division II teams usually feature a number of local or in-state student-athletes. Many Division II student-athletes pay for school through a combination of scholarship money, grants, student loans and employment earnings. Division II athletics programs are financed in the institution’s budget like other academic departments on campus.

With a tighter travel budget, traditional rivalries with regional institutions dominate schedules of many Division II athletics programs.

Division II now has a membership of 283 schools in all 50 states and Puerto Rico.
GSW awarded grant from Sumter EMC Foundation

The Sumter Electric Membership Corporation Foundation, Inc. awarded a grant in the amount of $5,000 to Georgia Southwestern State University. Proceeds from the grant will purchase equipment facilitating a “smart” classroom, including a new computer, projector and electronic annotation tablet in the University’s Psychology and Sociology Building.

The Sumter EMC Foundation was established in 2003 and is funded exclusively by members participating in Sumter EMC’s Operation Round Up®. Every month Sumter EMC ‘rounds up’ the electric bill of participating members to the next whole dollar amount and deposits the difference into an interest-bearing account. The proceeds of the account are administered by the Sumter EMC Foundation’s board of trustees through grants to local schools, civic and charitable organizations. One hundred percent of the money collected is given back to the community through these grants.

King takes office as president of Alumni Association

Cody King (’90) took office as GSW’s newest Alumni Association president July 1 and will lead the Alumni Association Board of Directors through June of 2010. As an alumnus, King has a vested interest in Georgia Southwestern. As the University’s vice president of Business and Finance, he is dedicated to see it serve the needs of student in the future.

Dorminey wins teaching award

Julia J. Dorminey, Ph.D., professor in the School of Education, has won the Excellence in Teaching Award from the class of 2008. The honor was presented at the Spring 2008 commencement exercises.

“To be recognized by students for my teaching is such an honor,” said Dorminey. “I can’t imagine any other award being so meaningful. Because I’m in education, my students are teachers themselves. Being recognized by them is humbling, and it makes me work even more to be a good teacher. I appreciate the Alumni Association for its support.”

The criteria for the teaching award, which includes a $1,000 stipend from the Alumni Association, covers the faculty member’s quality of classroom teaching and performance, dedication to the profession and his or her impact on students through the teaching and learning process.

An associate professor in early childhood education, Dorminey earned her B.S., M.S. and Ed.S. from Valdosta State College and her Ph.D. from Florida State University. She has been on faculty at GSW since 1998.

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