



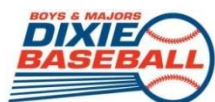
## DBB, Inc. Hall of Fame

The Board of Directors voted in September 2011 to create a “Hall of Fame” to honor those that have served the Dixie Boys Baseball organization in an exemplary manner. It was determined from the inception that recognition would be broad-based. To accomplish the various task of developing the Hall of Fame “A Hall of Fame Committee” was created. The committee decided beginning in 2013 in order to be eligible for consideration (an individual, sponsor, league, community, umpire, etc.) a requirement of a nomination form be submitted on their behalf. Nomination forms would be available from the website at [www.dbbusa.org](http://www.dbbusa.org) or from any Board Member. All submitted nominations would be evaluated based on criteria established by the Hall of Fame Committee.

All Hall of Fame nominations should be submitted to the Commissioner/CEO by May 1 each year. The Board of Directors of Dixie Boys Baseball will make the final determination.

In 2011 the Board approved an individual deserving of immediate recognition as a “Hall of Fame Member”. As such, the Class of 2011 included only one member, W.E. “Bubba” Brasher. Mr. Brasher, Founder of Dixie Boys Baseball was recognized at a special ceremony held on November 10, 2011 in Alexandria, Louisiana. Dixie Boys Baseball was incorporated in 1957 by members of the Alexandria Youth Baseball program. It was the desire of Mr. Brasher and twenty-one others to create a baseball program for youth age 13 and above.

The Class of 2012 was named by the Hall of Fame Committee in concurrence with the Board of Directors of Dixie Boys Baseball. This class was comprised of those that have achieved the status of “Life Members” with the Dixie Boys Baseball Organization. Fourteen individuals were included as 2012 Hall of Fame inductees. The inclusion of each member to the Hall of Fame was based on their many outstanding contributions and dedicated volunteer service to the organization. During the 2013 baseball season appropriate recognition was made for all of the individual class members as named. In the matter of those individuals that are deceased it was the desire of the Hall of Fame Committee to have a special remembrance ceremony with their family. The following were officially named as 2012 inductees:



### Class of 2012

Jimmy Brown	Martin, Georgia	Former Commissioner Dixie Boys/Majors Baseball	(deceased)
Talmadge Bowen	Thorsby, Alabama	Former State Director Alabama Dixie Boys Baseball	(deceased)
Warren Rayburn	Laurel, Mississippi	Former National Umpire-in-Chief	(deceased)
Jerry Melton	West Monroe, Louisiana	Former President Dixie Boys Baseball	(deceased)
Ted Jones	North Charleston, SC	Former President Dixie Boys Baseball	
Andy Dooley	Thaxton, Virginia	Former Vice President Dixie Boys Baseball	
Charles Melton	Mt. Pleasant, Texas	Deputy Commissioner Dixie Majors Baseball	(deceased)

James McKay	West Monroe, Louisiana	Former State Director Louisiana Dixie Majors Baseball	(deceased)
Mason "Gene" Ford	West Monroe, Louisiana	Former National Board Member Georgia Dixie Baseball	(deceased)
Algie Green	Lumberton, Mississippi	Former President Dixie Boys Baseball	(deceased)
Keith Brewer	Ball, Louisiana	Former Dixie Boys Baseball Secretary-Treasurer	(deceased)
Bill Wooten	Laurel, Mississippi	Former Mississippi Dixie Majors National Board Member	(deceased)
Bill Moore	Guntersville, Alabama	Former Alabama Dixie Majors National Board Member	(deceased)
Bernie Varnadore	North Charleston, SC	Former National Scholarship Chairman- SC Board	(deceased)

★ J. Sandy Jones, Commissioner/CEO commented, "Dixie Boys Baseball is blessed to have outstanding volunteer leadership found in the local leagues, state organizations and with the Executive Board. Many of the real unsung heroes of this program never receive the recognition that they truly deserve. With a history dating back to 1957, we have certainly had many outstanding contributions on behalf of the program. We rightfully honored Mr. Bubba Brasher as the sole member of the Class of 2011. It is also very evident that many others shared his vision and all were inspired by a common goal of service to youth through Dixie Boys Baseball, Inc."



### Class of 2013

★ Art Albert....Hattiesburg, Mississippi - Art served for many years as a Mississippi National Board member and later as the Assistant State Director for Mississippi Dixie Majors Baseball. His long serving tenure began in 1967 and continued through the 2013 season.

★ Harmon Baldwin....Darlington, South Carolina - Harmon served as South Carolina Dixie Boys State Director. He chaired the rules committee for many years. As Parks and Recreation Director for Darlington, Mr. Baldwin was instrumental in bringing many communities into the organization.

★ Richard Kohn....Columbia, South Carolina – Richard served South Carolina as the Dixie Boys State Director. Richard was later elected as Dixie Boys Deputy Commissioner and ably served for 15 years. Mr. Kohn was most recently honored as a Life Member of Dixie Boys Baseball.

★ Tom Nash....Alexandria, Louisiana – Tom provided dedicated volunteer service to the State of Louisiana. In 1995, Mr. Nash was elected as Secretary/Treasurer of the national organization. He held the position of Chief Financial Officer until his well-deserved retirement in 2011.

★ Dick Primeaux....Pineville, Louisiana - Dick served from 1984 until 2007 as Louisiana Dixie Boys Baseball State Director. Mr. Primeaux was instrumental in the planning of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration held in Alexandria, Louisiana. Dick remains very active in the organization.

★ Nick Senter....Lookout Mountain, Tennessee – Nick served as the first Executive Director of Dixie, Inc. a service organization formed to benefit all of Dixie. In his valuable role, he promoted youth baseball and was responsible for much of the exposure garnered at the national level.

- ★ Jim Thornton....Cumming, Georgia - Jim served in various capacities during his 35 years of involvement. He held the position of Georgia Dixie Boys State Director until his death in 1998. The Dixie Boys World Series Sportsmanship Award is named in his honor.
- ★ Dan Touchet....Pineville, Louisiana - Dan served as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President of the Dixie Boys organization and was the guiding force behind the creation of the Junior Dixie Boys division. Mr. Touchet is currently involved with the planning for a 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary event slated for 2016.
- ★ L. V. Walters....Laurel, Mississippi – L. V. served for many years as a National Board member and later as the State Director for Mississippi Dixie Boys Baseball. His outstanding contributions to the program are numerous. The Dixie Boys field in Laurel, Mississippi is named in his honor.
- ★ Kenny Wilkinson....North Charleston, SC - Kenny served as the Dixie National team manager winning the 2000 Tournament of Stars. His 42 years of involvement includes: coach, league president and avid supporter. North Charleston has won three World Series under his leadership.

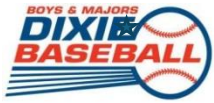


### **Class of 2014**

- ★ Jim Armour....Rock Hill, South Carolina – Jim currently serves as the Deputy Commissioner for the Dixie Boys program. Jim previously held the position of National Board member for the Majors program and later was named the South Carolina Dixie Boys State Director. Armour was responsible for the successful World Series events held in Rock Hill. His tenure began in 1992.
- ★ Jerry Brewer....Decatur, Alabama – Jerry started his affiliation with Dixie as a local league official in Montgomery, AL. Jerry, in 1992 was elected as the Alabama Majors State Director. For a number of years, Jerry was the Deputy Commissioner for the Pre-Majors program. He is now the Chief Financial Officer for the program and has served as the Executive Board Chairman.
- ★ Rick Callahan....Winter Haven, Florida – Rick served Florida as the Dixie Boys State Director until his retirement after the 2014 season. Rick’s involvement with the Dixie Boys Baseball began in the 1980’s. Callahan previously served on the Dixie Boys Rules Committee and as the Florida Scholarship Chairman. He is well respected and fully devoted to the program.
- ★ Cecil Campbell....Bossier City, Louisiana – Cecil coached in the Bossier program, served as a League President, and later became a District Director. Judge Campbell is one of only two people to hold the position of General Counsel for Dixie Boys Baseball. He became the General Counsel in 1995 and has held the title and the responsibility ever since.
- ★ Larry Collins....Hillsville, Virginia - Larry began his service in 1985 as a Virginia National Board member. He was later elected as State Director for Virginia Dixie Majors. The Board of Directors elected Larry as National Umpire-in-Chief. Under his leadership, much progress was made with the national umpire program. In 2012, he was named as the Pre-Majors Deputy Commissioner.
- ★ Tommy Hailey....Covington, Georgia – Hailey’s many achievements include hosting five very successful World Series. Covington/Newton County has hosted more World Series than any other community in Dixie. He has served as Assistant State Director for Georgia Dixie Boys and as the state scholarship chairman. Tommy now serves as Junior Boys Deputy Commissioner.

★ Ronnie Jackson....Avon Park, Florida – Ronnie began with Dixie as the Florida Majors State Director. In 1997, he was elected Majors Deputy Commissioner and has held the position ever since. Due to his leadership skills, he was selected as Chairman of the Board and is serving his second term. He received recognition as a member of Florida High School Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame.

★ Sam Kitchens....Troy, Alabama – Sam coached *Dixie Boys Baseball* in his home community of Troy, Alabama for thirty-nine years. Included in these significant years was participation in four World Series events along with two World Series Championships. Most important is the number of young people that he touched through his dedicated service.



## **Class of 2015**

★ Rodney Fillingim....Mooringsport, Louisiana – Rodney was posthumously named as a member of the Hall of Fame. He was an early supporter of the Louisiana program as well as the eventual national umpire program. Prior to serving as the State UIC, Rodney called many district, state, and World Series games. The Louisiana Junior Boys Sportsmanship award is named in his honor.

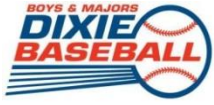
★ Eugene Haley....Lake Independence, Louisiana – Eugene spent 47 years as a District Director in Louisiana. This accomplishment will never be matched. His sole interest was having a positive impact at the local league level. Louisiana Dixie Boys Baseball granted him Life Member status for the state program. Mr. Haley always managed his district with a keen sense of fairness to all!

★ Jerry Juneau....Bossier City, Louisiana – Jerry served the State of Louisiana in various capacities on the district, state, and national level. He was instrumental in Dixie Boys Baseball visiting Bossier for tournament play. Jerry deserves a great deal of credit for the formation of the Junior Boys tournament program. He remains involved as an appointed assistant state director.

★ Jason Parker....DeQuincy, Louisiana – Jason serves as Louisiana Dixie Majors State Director. He has held the position for the last ten years and previously served as assistant state director. The State of Louisiana Majors program continues to experience growth under his leadership. His influence and commitment allows young people to excel both on and off the baseball field.

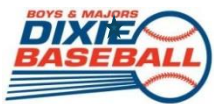
★ Jack Stokes....Ozark, Alabama – Jack has accomplished a remarkable feat by being involved in youth baseball for over 50 years. He held the position of Alabama Dixie Majors District Director for eighteen years. Over the years, Jack has administered the local baseball program in Ozark as well as coached teams. He is a fixture at Eagle Stadium, home to many Dixie Majors World Series.

★ Jean Thornton....Cumming, Georgia – Jean becomes the first female inducted into the Hall of Fame. Another first is that Jean and her late husband, Jim are now both members of the Hall. Jean faithfully served for many years as the Georgia Dixie Boys State Secretary-Treasurer. She has a real passion for Dixie Boys Baseball as evidenced by the Thornton family involvement.



## Class of 2016

- ★ Charles Alexander.... Florence, Alabama – Charles spent fifty years as a supporter of youth baseball. He started his career in 1966 as a coach and within two years became one of the founding members of the Underwood, Alabama franchise. He served Dixie Majors Baseball in many ways. For his untiring efforts, Alabama Majors Baseball co-named their two state sportsmanship awards in his honor. His outstanding character has provided a shining example for all.
- ★ Donnie Davis.... Dillwyn, Virginia – Donnie made many lasting contributions to Dixie Baseball. He coached teams for numerous years and has held the positions of District Director for Virginia Majors Baseball and Dixie Majors State Director. For thirteen years (1993-2005), he served the organization as a National Board Member. His strong commitment allowed young people to excel both on and off the baseball field. He was a real inspiration to all that served with him.
- ★ George F. Harris.... LaGrange, Georgia – George was posthumously named to the Hall of Fame. For twenty-one years, he served as a National Board Member and the Assistant State Director for the Georgia Dixie Boys organization. The program flourished during his tenure. With a parks and recreation professional career spanning 50 years, he developed relationships. He dedicated his life to ensuring that youth had opportunities to participate in recreational activities.
- ★ Billy Herrin.... Guntersville, Alabama – Billy has been actively involved with youth baseball for forty-seven years. He has ably served on the state and national level with Dixie Boys Baseball. His long-term commitment started as a coach for 16 years. In 1974, he became a member of the Guntersville Parks and Recreation Board of Directors and in 1980 was named the Board Chairman. He has served the City of Guntersville and Dixie Boys Baseball in an excellent manner.
- ★ Steve Sherrill.... Dothan, Alabama – Steve has provided many years of dedicated service to Dixie Boys Baseball at the local, state and national level. Alabama Dixie Boys District Six is noted for having the largest district in the history of the organization. In 2009, he landed the job as the Ozark Leisure Services Director. With his strong leadership skills, the rebirth of historic Eagle Stadium occurred. His passion for baseball has resulted in the hosting of countless major events.



## Class of 2017

- ★ Ronnie Adams.... Madison Heights, Virginia – Ronnie volunteered and has assisted with the Madison Heights Youth Baseball Association for many years. The local association has earned the respect of all due to outstanding leadership. He was instrumental in the efforts that led to the local youth association hosting the 2001 and 2007 Dixie Youth World Series. Dixie Boys and Majors Baseball also greatly benefited from his involvement at the district, state and national level.
- ★ Melvin Allen.... Ponchatoula, Louisiana – Melvin Allen provided dedicated service at the local, district, state and national level. Dr. Allen, at the time of his 2016 retirement, was the Assistant State Director for Louisiana Dixie Boys Baseball. He had previously served with distinction as the Louisiana Dixie Boys State Director. He had a keen interest in the scholarship program and is a former National Scholarship Chairman. His efforts benefited participants on and off the ballfield.

★ Malcolm Bartlett.... Pineville, Louisiana – Mr. Bartlett is recognized as a pioneer of the Dixie Boys Baseball program. His service started in 1963 and lasted until his untimely death in 1978 at the age of 55. Mr. Bartlett, the former director of the Pineville Recreation Department provided valuable service as Louisiana State Director and later as the Secretary-Treasurer of Dixie Boys Baseball. The 1979 Dixie Boys World Series held in Alexandria LA was dedicated to Mr. Bartlett.

★ Gayle Crowell.... Winter Haven, Florida – Gayle served as Florida Dixie Majors State Director for ten years. She was very active in leadership roles with the local youth baseball programs and has devoted countless years in support of youth baseball. In 2014, Gayle retired as state director; however, she continues to lend support with the program as a World Series broadcast sponsor. Her enthusiasm and personal commitment has greatly impacted Dixie Boys/Majors Baseball.

★ Dave Davidson.... Sulphur Springs, Texas – “Dixie Dave” rightfully earned his title with a true passion and lasting support for the Dixie Boys/Majors organization. With a career spanning over twenty-five years, he held major roles in very successful Texas Dixie Boys and Majors programs. Dave’s involvement included outstanding service as a local league youth coach, league president, district director, assistant state director, state director and national board member.



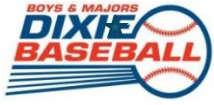
### **Class of 2018**

★ Jimmy Blaine.... Kosciusko, Mississippi – Jimmy Blaine served as the Mississippi Dixie Majors State Director from 2008 until his late 2017 retirement. Prior to this role, he served as a District Director, local league official and as a baseball coach within the Dixie organization. He also supported the annual Dixie Future Stars Wood Bat Tournament through securing teams from Mississippi to participate in the event. He approached each role with a very positive attitude.

★ Ken Nelson.... Forest, Virginia – Ken has provided dedicated service as the Virginia Dixie Boys State Director for over 23 years. Prior to this role, he served as an umpire, district director and a local league official. The national organization has greatly benefited from his involvement as a long-standing member of both the national scholarship committee and official rules committee. As the current state director, Ken remains actively involved with all aspects of the Dixie program.

★ Rocky Thomas.... Moncks Corner, South Carolina – Rocky was posthumously named to the Hall of Fame. He was elected as the South Carolina Dixie Majors State Director in 1985 and served in this important role until 2005. The State of South Carolina Majors program during his tenure included a record number of leagues and teams. He was very loyal and supportive of Dixie Baseball. Rocky had a great interest in the successful Dixie National teams that represented the program.

J. Sandy Jones, Commissioner/CEO stated, “We are delighted to name our Hall of Fame: Class of 2018. The three members of this class have all made significant contributions. Each inductee provided their time and talents allowing young people to have the opportunity to play baseball. It is a privilege for Dixie Boys Baseball, Inc. to be able to recognize and honor the 2018 class.”



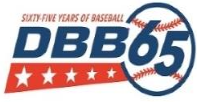
## Class of 2019

- ★ Ed Barfield.... North Charleston, South Carolina – Ed has ably administered the City of North Charleston Parks and Recreation program as its director. He has supported Dixie Boys Baseball, Inc. serving as tournament director for five World Series events. The North Charleston Dixie program has enjoyed great success both on and off the field due in large part to the efforts of Barfield.
- ★ Dan Capps.... Abbeville, Alabama – Dan has spent over 50 years in support of youth sports. He has held the role of coach, teacher, and umpire and is greatly admired for his work with all. His commitment to the Dixie Boys umpire program has greatly benefited the Dixie organization and its umpires. Dan is best described as passionate, honest, dedicated and supportive.
- ★ Andy Compton.... Chipley, Florida – Andy is the current baseball coach for Chipley High School. He served as the Dixie National team coach winning the 2008 USA Baseball Tournament of Stars. Coach Compton led two Pre Majors World Series events as the tournament host chair. He has enjoyed a successful career spanning over 30 years; starting as a player in the Dixie program.
- ★ Ronnie Gandy .... Fort Lawn, South Carolina – Ronnie’s involvement in youth baseball spans over forty years in Lancaster, SC. He has held various roles in the Dixie National organization with the latest assignment as the Junior Dixie Boys Deputy Commissioner. Due to his leadership, he has kept South Carolina at the forefront of the Dixie organization.
- ★ Sandy Jones .... Dothan, Alabama – Sandy has served as National Commissioner for the Dixie Boys Baseball organization since 1995. For twenty-six years, he held the position of Parks and Recreation Director for the City of Eufaula; hosting five Dixie World Series events. The Alabama Baseball Coaches Association honored Jones with their 2019 Distinguished Service Award.
- ★ Fred Weatherman .... Independence, Virginia – Fred’s involvement as a Dixie Boys/Majors Director includes thirty-two years. He helped administer the Grayson County, VA local program and has served for many years with the county recreation board. Fred remains active in the Virginia state program and has assisted with many local, district, regional and state tournaments.
- ★ Ronnie Jackson, Board Chairman stated, “It is an honor to announce our Class of 2019. The six members of the Class of 2019 – Hall of Fame have all made outstanding personal contributions. It is a real privilege to recognize and thank each member of the 2019 class. These people have given their time and leadership skills to provide youth with the chance to play baseball. We appreciate and congratulate each Hall of Fame member.”



## Class of 2020

Due to COVID, no Hall of Fame Class was named for 2020 season.



## Class of 2021

- ★ Larry Lankford.... Henderson, Texas – Larry has served as the Texas State Umpire in Chief since 2000. He has umpired a World Series and also assigned the umpires as the coordinator for two World Series events. His tenure as UIC is the longest among all State UIC. Larry served on the Henderson Youth Baseball Board for our 30 years and is a strong advocate for the program.
- ★ Dave McQueen.... Bossier City, Louisiana – Dave and Dianne McQueen starting by volunteering as the “Voice and Lights” of World Series events. The McQueen’s participated in nine World Series events. In appreciation for all Dixie Baseball has meant to them, they started the “Dave and Dianne McQueen Scholarship Fund.” Dave is a professional baseball scout that inspires youth and their parents.
- ★ Johnny Presley.... Covington, Georgia – Johnny, during his thirty-year tenure with the Newton County Recreation Commission fully supported the program within his community. His lasting commitment extended to the five World Series events successfully held in Covington. He has created an outstanding legacy and countless young people have benefited from his leadership.
- ★ Laurie Parker.... DeQuincy, Louisiana – Laurie became actively involved in her hometown with the successful creation and administration of a local league. Later she became the Louisiana Majors State Secretary. Her presence at many World Series was of great value as it included press-box duties as the official scorer. Her involvement has greatly benefited the organization.
- ★ Morris Welch .... Laurel, Mississippi – Morris has provided many years of outstanding leadership for the program in Laurel–Jones, County, Mississippi. Morris is a charter member of the Mississippi Dixie Majors organization. He was the driving force behind the numerous World Series events hosted in Laurel. His enthusiasm and program support has aided the local and state programs.



## Class of 2022

- ★ Jimmy Penton.... Columbia, Mississippi – (Deceased) Jimmy started his career as a coach in the DBB Boys and Majors program. He always had a strong desire to serve and was elected as the Mississippi Assistant State Director. He later became the Mississippi Boys State Director until his passing in 2018. He was loved and respected by all of the leagues as he constantly traveled throughout the state.
- ★ Tim Sims.... Brooksville, Florida – Tim has devoted thirty-five plus years in commitment to youth baseball. He is the Head Baseball Coach at Brooksville High School and coaches a summer Majors team. He played in the Boys and Majors program and won a World Series as a player in 1983, followed by a 2000 World Series championship as a coach. He is thought to be the only one to accomplish this feat.
- ★ Jimmy Smith.... Cumming, Georgia – Jimmy’s dedicated service dates back to 1985. In 1989, Smith was elected as the Georgia State UIC. In 1995, Jimmy became Assistant State Director. Working with

Life Member, Jim Thornton, the program grew to over 300 teams in Georgia. In 2014, Smith was named as State Director. Jimmy and his wife Martha, have attended a World Series each year since 1990.

★ Ricky Vaughn.... Covington, Georgia – Ricky was an integral part of the five World Series hosted by the Newton County Recreation Commission. He coached three of Newton County World Series teams. Ricky retired from the Newton County Recreation Department in 2014. He has remained active as a volunteer coach and the 2022 season was the fifty-third year of coaching a youth sports team.



### **Class of 2023**

★ Luther Baker.... Covington, Georgia - Luther spearheaded an effort to convert the Newton County, Georgia program to Dixie Boys Baseball. Along the way, he umpired, coached, and provided the leadership necessary to operate a successful local youth baseball program. Multiple World Series events were held in Newton County with the experience creating fond memories for the participants and many spectators.

★ Rick Berry.... Winnsboro, Louisiana – Rick has provided outstanding service for youth baseball with a career that spans over thirty years. His work as a high school baseball coach is coupled with serving as a league official, regional director, and as Assistant State Director for Louisiana 15U, Pre Majors and Majors Baseball. The Louisiana Majors program is recognized as a most successful state program.

★ Larry Cardaronella... Independence, Louisiana - Larry has hosted sub districts, districts, and numerous state tournaments. To add to his forty years of dedicated service, he and the outstanding citizens of the Town of Independence, Louisiana are three-time hosts of DBB World Series events. Everyone that has visited the area knows of the enthusiasm Larry has for hosting youth baseball events.

★ Billy Ray Dorris.... Greenbrier, Tennessee – Billy Ray served from (2005-2017) as the Tennessee Boys State Director. Prior to becoming the Tennessee state director, he coached a team in the Pre Majors World Series. The 1<sup>st</sup> annual Dixie Future Stars event was held in Montgomery, Alabama and he was named as an umpire. At the state level, he was known for having efficient and productive tournaments.

★ Michael Streams.... DeQuincy, Louisiana – Mike currently serves the organization as the Pre Majors Deputy Commissioner. He ascended into this role after holding many positions with the Louisiana Majors program. He is the only known person to date that has experienced the program as a player, coach and an Executive Board member. Mike also coached in the first four events of our Dixie Future Stars.

J. Sandy Jones, Commissioner/CEO stated, “It is an honor to formally announce our Class of 2023. The five members of the Class of 2023 – Hall of Fame have all made significant contributions to our DBB organization. These very deserving individuals have given their time and talents to provide young people with the opportunity to play baseball. We appreciate and congratulate each Hall of Fame member.”



## Class of 2024

- ★ Carlese Armstrong....Ponchatoula, Louisiana – Carlese has been involved in the State of Louisiana DBB for 30 plus years. Carlese currently serves as the Louisiana State UIC. During his tenure he has been involved in the DBB Boys and Majors program where he has served locally, at the state level, and has served as the UIC in several World Series. Welcome Carlese to the Class of 2024 Hall of Fame.
- ★ Kendrick Biggs....Marshall, Texas – Kendrick has served as a member of the Board of Directors of Marshall Youth Baseball Association for 25 years and is in his 21<sup>st</sup> year of serving as President. Kendrick has coached every age group and level of play throughout his service. He has coached in his local league, at state tournaments and at least seven World Series teams. Class of 2024 Hall of Fame says “Thank You”.
- ★ Bill Hart....Texarkana, Texas – (Deceased) Bill Hart was known as “The Baseball Man”, where he always made sure “Homerun Balls” were signed and presented to the deserving players. Bill served as the first Texas State Director and represented that office for many years. Through Bill’s hard work and dedication, Texas grew and remains one of the largest programs to date.
- ★ Don Howell....LaGrange, Georgia – Don is known for his work ethic and dedication to the DBB program. Don has spent 30 plus years serving others. In his tenure he has held titles of District Director, State Director in the DBB program and also Assistant Director and Director of his local county recreation department. Welcome Don, to the Class of 2024 Hall of Fame.
- ★ Danny Stone....Oxford, Georgia – Danny has been apart of the DBB program in Georgia for many years. He has been apart of his local DBB league, served as coach, and served on World Series Committees in raising funds to host several World Series events. Danny is a person that helps pave the way for generations to enjoy the great game of baseball. The Class of 2024 Hall of Fame welcomes you!
- ★ Andrea West....Alabama – Andrea has served many years as the DBB National Office Manager. She serves so graciously and is always willing to help in whatever way is needed. Working behind the scenes, Andrea is the backbone of the DBB paper world. Andrea, you are an asset to the DBB program and we welcome you to the Class of 2024 Hall of Fame!



## Class of 2025

- ★ Robert “Bobby” Ledoux....Kenner, Louisiana – Coach Ledoux’s commitment spans over five decades, from a player 1965-1974, Coach for DYB from 1974-1975, 1981-1988, in August 2012 he was instrumental in moving JPRD East into Dixie Boys and Majors Baseball He is JPRD East President (2013-Present). Ledoux has managed six DBB World Series teams, 2017-2019, 2021-2022, and 2024, 5 World Series Champions and 1 Finalist. He serves as the Dixie Boys District Director (2019-Present) and hosted numerous state tournaments. His commitment to the sport and his dedication to the development of young athletes embody the values DBB seeks to honor. Bobby, Thank you! The Class of 2025 Hall of Fame welcomes you!

★ Ronnie Mankins....Cana, Virginia – Ronnie has served in his local league as a coach and umpire for many years. He coached in the 15U World Series in 2018 and 2021. Ronnie served as a District Director in Dixie Youth from 1993-1996 and went on to serve in the State of Virginia as a Dixie Majors District Director from 1997 to Present. 28 years and still serving, Thank you Ronnie. The Class of 2025 Hall of Fame welcomes you!

★ Roger Roop....Dugspur, Virginia – Throughout the History of DBB “Dixie” Baseball, there has been those people who have left their mark, their memory, their place in our History Book. Roger Roop is one of those people. From his dedication to his local league in Carroll County, Virginia, to serving as a Dixie Boys District Director for 39 years (1986- to Present), to attending more than 20 World Series, serving in numerous capacities in local, district, state and national platforms we say- “Thank You” for your Service. The Class of 2025 Hall of Fame welcomes you!

★ Ralph Thiels....Woodworth, Louisiana – Ralph began his “Dixie” career as a coach in 1972. He served as the Secretary/Treasurer of Alexandria Baseball Association from 1976-1999. Ralph accepted the position of Secretary/Treasurer of Louisiana Dixie Boys from 2000 to February 2025. Ralph, Thank you for your 53 years of serving the youth of Dixie Baseball. Welcome to the DBB Class of 2025 Hall of Fame!