

BCA Hall Of Fame



Bobby Howard



Central High School Phenix City, AL

Bobby Howard graduated from Jordan High School. He received his formal education at Columbus State University, Troy State and Georgia Southwestern College in Americus, Georgia.

Bobby Howard started in head coaching career in 1984 at Columbus High School in Columbus, Georgia and continued in that role for 31 years. In 2016, he took on the position of head coach at Central High School in Phenix City, Alabama where he is today.

Coach Howard has amassed over 900 victories at these two schools including 12 State Championships; he has coached many outstanding players including Frank Thomas. Thomas, in his hall of fame speech at Cooperstown, lauded his coach, saying “you made me grow up in a hurry and your no-nonsense approach to the game was needed at an early age. You set my foundation for life. Love you and thank you.”

Coach Howard was the Georgia high school coach of the year in 1986 and 1995 as well as being the GACA AAA coach of the year nine times; he was the Georgia Dugout Coach of the year three times and the USA Baseball Coach of the Year in 2004. Howard coached the AFLAC East Squad All American Team and received the ESPN High School Coach of the Year award in 2012. He has served the National High School Baseball Coaches Association for five years as a member of the Southeast All Region/All American Committee. In addition, Howard gave one of the clinic sessions in 2011 titled “Off the wall Coaching Points”.

He was inducted into Columbus State University Hall of Fame in 1998, the Georgia Dugout Club Sports Hall of Fame in 2004 and the Chattahoochee Valley Hall of Fame in 2005.

He is married to the former Vicki Lynn Welsh. He has two daughters, Mandy and Lindsey Rae, and one son, Will.