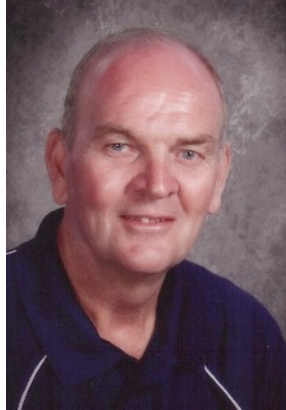


BCA Hall Of Fame



David McDonald



Wheeler High School, Marietta, GA

David McDonald became the Head Baseball Coach at Wheeler High School in Marietta, GA in 1979 and continues in that role today. His teams have appeared in six Georgia State Playoff appearances, which include seven Regional Championships. His over-all record at Wheeler HS, as of the 2008 season, is 480 wins and 286 losses. In addition to his coaching at Wheeler, McDonald has been involved with USA Baseball serving as the Trials Coach from 1997-1999 and was the 2000 Coach of the Gold Medal Team that traveled to Taiwan.

Dave's service to baseball is extensive as he has been the President of the Georgia Dugout Club, been the Georgia Clinic Director, and speaker at the Atlanta Braves Fan Fest. Dave is a Charter Member of the National High School Baseball Coaches Association, BCA, and was the District 3 Chair on the BCA Executive Board from 1992-1997. McDonald was President of BCA in 2000 and has been a vital member of the All-American, Field of the Year, Coach of the Year, and National Ranking Committees.

The American Baseball Coaches Association, ABCA, named McDonald the 2004 National Coach of the Year, and he presently is the District 3 Representative to ABCA in addition to being on the Lefty Gomez Committee.

Dave has received many honors being selected as the Cobb County Coach of the Year three times, the Cobb County Teacher of the Year, the Pop Adair Service Award from the Georgia Dugout Club, being a Metro Atlanta Dugout Club All-Star Coach three times, Georgia Dugout Club Coach of the Year twice, and the AAU Junior Olympics Coach in 1990. Dave was inducted into the Georgia Dugout Club Hall of Fame in 2002 the same year that the Wheeler Baseball Field was renamed "David McDonald Field". McDonald takes a strong interest in not only his players but also those on opposing teams and will do anything to help these players advance to college or the professional ranks.

In March 1995, President Bill Clinton presented the Bronze Star with "V" (Valor) and Purple Heart at an award ceremony in Marietta, GA.