

The **Guilford County Sports Hall of Fame** is proud to announce the 2009 Class of Inductees. The class will be inducted at the Guilford County Sports Hall of Fame Banquet on Monday, September 21, 2009 at the Greensboro Coliseum. For ticket information, contact the Greensboro Sports Commission at 336-378-4499 or go online at [www.greensborosports.org](http://www.greensborosports.org).

### **The 2009 Class Includes:**

**Nelson Bobb**, a native of Gahanna, OH, first arrived at UNCG in July of 1983, taking over a program that fielded eight teams on the NCAA Division III level. Prior to his arrival, the department had been guided by a men's and women's coordinator of athletics. The University authorized the shift to Division I in February 1987 and he guided the program through the unprecedented change in competitive status in only five years, transitioning from Division III into a brief Division II stint, to its current Division I status.

UNCG is one of only a dozen institutions to ever compete in all three divisions. However, no other institution has made the complete shift of all teams from Division III to Division I in that short of a time frame. Bobb has also guided the athletics program in its transition from a new Division I member into the Big South Conference, to its current affiliation as a member of the historic Southern Conference. In the midst of the Spartans making it to the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament in just their fifth year of Division I competition and winning the Big South's Commissioner's Cup in consecutive years (1994-95 and 1995-96), the Southern Conference announced on December 18, 1995 that it was offering membership to three institutions – one of those being UNCG.

During his tenure, Bobb has watched over the construction or renovation of all of the Spartans' athletic venues. He began that process by serving on the committee that built Fleming Gymnasium and the HHP Building in 1989. He then moved onto the transformation of Campus Field in 1991 into what is today UNCG Soccer Stadium – one of the premier venues in all of college soccer. In 1999, he oversaw the construction of the UNCG Baseball Stadium and the renovation and lighting of the UNCG Tennis Courts. Most recently, he added to the list the transformation of UNCG's softball facility to become a top-of-the-line stadium venue, and the reconfiguration of seating in Fleming Gym, which added chairback seating on both sides and additional stands under one of the baskets.

Under Bobb's guidance, Spartan student-athletes consistently graduated at a rate equal to or higher than the general student population at UNCG. Each of the last three academic years, more than 40 percent of UNCG's student-athletes earned a 3.0 GPA or better.

On the field of competition, Bobb was at the head of the program for four of the school's five men's soccer national titles at the Division III level, a men's soccer national runner-up finish in Division II and a third-place finish for women's basketball at Division III in 1988. All told during Bobb's 26 years, women's basketball appeared in the NCAA Tournament seven times, men's basketball twice, men's soccer 16 times – including trips to the round of 16 four of the last five years, women's soccer eight times, volleyball

three times, baseball twice and softball once. During his tenure, UNCG teams won 37 conference tournament titles, 28 as an NCAA Division I member. They also won 67 conference regular season titles, 41 of those since moving to NCAA Division I.

Bobb was inducted into UNCG's Athletics Hall of Fame in February 2008. He was also named the Division I Southeast Region Athletic Director of the Year at the NACDA Convention last summer.

Bobb was at the helm as well when UNCG Soccer Stadium was transformed into a venue for more than 10,000 fans and played host to the NCAA Women's Soccer Championship in 1997 and 1998. In both years, the site broke the record for championship game attendance with 9,460 in attendance the first year and 10,583 the following year – a number which still stands as the second-largest crowd to see a title game.

A 1970 graduate of Kent State (OH) with a bachelor's degree in education, Bobb also holds a master's degree in secondary education from Kent. As an undergraduate, he was a three-year letterwinner on the football team as an offensive guard and earned All-Academic recognition from the Mid-American Conference as a junior. He was an all-conference choice his senior year.

**Richard "Dick" Broadus Culler** (January 15, 1915 - June 16, 1964) born in High Point, North Carolina, was a shortstop for the Philadelphia Athletics (1936), Chicago White Sox (1943), Boston Braves (1944-47), Chicago Cubs (1948) and New York Giants (1949).

Culler attended High Point College where he was a three sport letterwinner playing baseball, basketball, and soccer. On the soccer field, Culler served as the coach and a player for three of his four years. He was captain of the basketball team and his #9 jersey was the first ever retired at the school. This honor would not be repeated for 28 years. As a baseball player, he was the first freshman to be named to the all-conference roster. At graduation, Culler was named the most outstanding athlete in High Point University's history.

During his eight seasons in the professional leagues, he played in 472 games and totaled 1,527 at bats, 195 runs, 372 hits, 39 doubles, 6 triples, 2 home runs, 99 RBI, 19 stolen bases, 166 walks with a .244 batting average, a .320 on-base percentage and a .281 slugging percentage.

Following retirement from baseball, Culler devoted most of his time to officiating high school, ACC, and Southern Conference basketball games. He opened a sporting goods business in High Point and saw a demand for baseball player's autographs. Culler developed a technique to transfer Major League player's autographs to baseballs and started the Autographed Ball Company which sold balls at concession stands in ball parks across the country. The company still exists today at Autoball.

Dick married his High School sweetheart Evelyn and they raised three children: Dick, Jr., Nancy, and Larry. Dick Culler passed away on June 16, 1964 at the age of 49.

**Johnny Evans** (born February 18, 1956 in High Point, North Carolina) is a former professional American and Canadian football punter and quarterback and current radio sportscaster for the North Carolina State Wolfpack football team. He is also the Eastern NC Director for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Evans played high school football at High Point Andrews High School and was selected for the 1973 Shrine Bowl. Evans played under Coach Lou Holtz at NC State from 1974–1977, where he was a quarterback and punter. Evans still ranks as NC State's top punter both season and career statistics. He was the Peach Bowl Outstanding Player in 1977 and was named the Fellowship of Christian Athlete's College Athlete of the Year in 1978. The Cleveland Browns picked Evans in the Second Round of the 1978 draft and he played three seasons as the Brown's quarterback and punter. Evans went on to play three more years in the Canadian Football League.

Evans and his wife Beth have four children, quadruplets; Daniel, Andrew, Katherine, and Quinn. Both Daniel and Andrew are members of the NC State football team.

**William "Bill" Hayes**, an alumnus of North Carolina Central University, played four seasons at the football center position, earning three All-America citations before graduating in 1965 with a degree in Physical Education. In 1976, Hayes became the head football coach at Winston-Salem State University. During his 12 seasons at WSSU, the Rams captured three CIAA Championships (1977, 1978 and 1987), including back-to-back undefeated regular season marks in 1977 and 1978. He posted an overall record of 89-40-2. In 1988, Hayes was hired at North Carolina A & T State University, where he guided the Aggies to three MEAC titles, two NCAA Division I-AA playoff appearances and an overall record of 106-64-0 in 15 seasons. During his 27 year career as a collegiate head coach, Hayes accumulated a 195-104-2 overall record; establishing himself as the winningest coach at both Winston-Salem State and North Carolina A & T. Hayes has more career victories (195) than any other college football head coach in the state of North Carolina. Hayes is currently the Athletic Director at Florida A&M University.

**William Douglas "Doug" Henderson, Sr.** coached Western Guilford to the 1977 NC 3-A State Football Championship with a 26-20 win over South Caldwell. Coach Henderson was the Head Football Coach and Athletic Director from 1972 to 1989 at Western Guilford and also served as the Head Track Coach. In 1977, Henderson was named Head Coach of the North-South All-Star Game and the Kellogg Coach of the Year. He won 6 conference titles at Western Guilford and was also the Triad 3-A Coach of the Year in 1977. In 1978, Coach Henderson received the prestigious honor of being named the North Carolina Head Coach of the Shrine Bowl and coached the East-West All-Star Game in 1980.

The Ellerbe native and UNC graduate amassed over 216 football wins against 101 losses and 5 ties in his career which took him on stops to Shallotte High, Elizabethtown High,

and East Bladen High School before he arrived at Western Guilford. Henderson was a founder of the NC Football Coaches Association in 1988 and served as President of the NC Coaches Association in 1986 and Executive Secretary from 1988-2003. Doug Henderson and his wife Doris currently reside in Greensboro.

**Haywood Franklin Jeffires** (born December 12, 1964 in Greensboro, North Carolina) is a former NFL football player who was selected by the Houston Oilers in the 1st round (20th overall) of the 1987 NFL Draft out of North Carolina State University. A 6'2", 198 lb. wide receiver, Jeffires played in 10 NFL seasons from 1987-1996. A 3-time Pro Bowl selection from 1991-1993, Jeffires led the AFC in receptions in 1991 with 100.

Jeffires participated in basketball, football, and track at Page High School. In his senior year, the Pirate football team was 12-2 and lost in the State Finals to Jacksonville 15-6. During that season, Jeffires caught 27 passes for 500 yards. Jeffires and the Page Pirates won the 4-A State Basketball Championship in 1983 defeating Goldsboro 73-55 in the Greensboro Coliseum where he was named MVP of the Western Regional and State Championship Games.

As of 2008 Jeffires is coaching the Bay Area Gamblers, a semi-pro football team in Pearland, Texas.

**Sammy Johnson-** played high school football at High Point Central High School where he was a quarterback, defensive back, kicker, and punter which made him famous for "never leaving the field except for halftime." He was an All Conference Quarterback for the Conference Championship team and was named All-State and All- Southern. He received the honor of being named the starting quarterback and captain of the East-West All Star game and was a starter of the Shrine Bowl.

Johnson was recruited by most colleges in the region and chose the University of North Carolina where he played from 1970-1973 under Coach Bill Dooley. Recruited as a quarterback, Johnson spent his early career as a linebacker but moved to running back as a junior. The Tar Heels were the ACC Champions in 1972 when they finished 11-1 and won the Sun Bowl. Johnson was selected All-ACC, permanent team captain and Most Valuable Player in 1973 and was a 1,000 yard rusher.

Johnson was drafted by the San Francisco 49ers in the 1974 draft as a running back and spent 6 seasons in the NFL. Johnson ran for a 9-yard touchdown on his first NFL carry and scored a touchdown in both NFC Divisional and NFC Championship games. Johnson returned kickoffs, played on special teams and served as a third down specialist. Johnson played for the Minnesota Vikings where he played in Superbowl XI vs. Oakland and signed with Green Bay in 1978.

Johnson retired from the NFL in 1980 and opened Sportscenter Athletic Club in Concord in 1982 which has grown and he now operated multiple Sportscenters. The largest Sportscenter in North Carolina is located in High Point and was built in 2000. Johnson and his wife reside in High Point and have 3 children and 4 grandchildren.

**Allen Morris** was a top tennis player and coach. Morris was ranked 16th in U.S. in 1956 and advanced to quarterfinals at Wimbledon. Morris was an alternate on three U.S. Davis Cup teams. Morris became a top local and age-group player in Greensboro and won seven N.C. Open singles titles. Morris captured 1977 and 1978 U.S. Senior Clay Court Championships in both singles and doubles. Morris was named the Men's tennis coach at UNC in 1980 and his teams won 1990 and 1992 ACC titles. He was the Athletic Director at his Alma Mater Presbyterian College from 1994 to 2000. Morris is a member of the North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame, the North Carolina Tennis Hall of Fame, and the South Atlantic Conference Hall of Fame.

**Siri Lynn Mullinix** led Ragsdale High School to the 1994 State Championship where she was the MVP. Siri's achievements on the soccer field began at an early age where she played for the 78' Greensboro Twisters of the Greensboro Youth Soccer Association who won the North Carolina State Cup in 1990, 1991, 1992, and 1995. In 1992 and 1995, the Twisters finished third in the US Youth Soccer Southern Regionals and in 1995 Mullinix was received the FIFA Fair Play Sportsmanship Award and the Most Outstanding Goalkeeper Award.

Skipping her senior year in high school, Mullinix went to the University of North Carolina to play soccer where she was a three year starter playing in 90 career games as a Tar Heel, starting all 26 games as a senior. Mullinix was a member of 3 ACC Championship and 2 NCAA Championship teams at North Carolina. In 1997, Mullinix was named the Defensive MVP of NCAA Championship game in Greensboro where she earned a 120 minute shut out of the Notre Dame Irish to win the title.

Mullinix was a member of the U.S. National Team where she went on to earn a silver medal in the 2000 Olympics in Sydney, Australia. As the starting keeper for the U.S. team in 2000, she appeared in 29 matches, with a record 28 starts. She also set a record with 15 shutouts during the calendar year, recording an 18-5-5 mark with a 0.60 goals against average. She was named the best goalkeeper at the 2000 CONCACAF Women's Gold Cup.

Mullinix spent three seasons with the Washington Freedom in the WUSA. The squad made back-to-back Founders Cup game appearances in 2002 and 2003, winning the 2003 championship. In 2003, Mullinix earned a place on the WUSA All-Star team. In May of 2009, Mullinix joined Mia Hamm as the first ever Inductees to the Washington Freedom Hall of Fame.

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