

HALL OF FAME

Class of 2008

Gene Barrett: Dr. Gene Barrett earned his A.A. Degree in 1969 from Southwest Mississippi Junior College and his Medical Degree from University of Mississippi School of Medicine in 1974. His professional training began with an internship in general surgery at the University of Mississippi Medical Center from July 1974 to June 1975. He also completed a one year Residency in Orthopaedic Surgery at UMC from July 1975 to June 1976. From August 1976 until December 1979, Dr. Barrett was an Orthopaedic Resident with the Greenville Hospital System, in Greenville, South Carolina. In 1980, he completed a three month fellowship with A-O International in Switzerland, and from May 1980 until June 1981, Dr. Barrett completed a Sports Medicine Fellowship with Hughston Orthopaedic Clinic. From 1981 until 1984, Dr. Barrett was a partner with Orthopaedic Specialists. He is currently a partner with the Mississippi Sports Medicine and Orthopaedic Center, a position he has held since 1984. His academic appointments include being a Clinic Instructor with the University of Mississippi Medical Center and is currently a teaching instructor with the Mississippi Sports Medicine Fellowship program. He has received many awards and honors during his illustrious career, such as Millsaps Distinguished Athletic Supporter Award and induction into the Southwest Community College Sports Hall of Fame. He has served the community in various aspects from an advisory roll with the Mississippi High School Activities Association (MHSAA); to a sponsor of Triennial Physicals for Mississippi Public and Private Schools and State Colleges and Universities; Director of Mississippi Sports Medicine Foundation; and as an Orthopaedic consultant to many schools and colleges throughout Mississippi. He is an annual contributor to the MHSAA, the Leukima Society, the Arthritis Foundation, and Millsaps College. Dr. Barrett is highly recognized in the field of Sports Medicine, is well published and an acclaimed presenter. He is a member of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS); American Academy of Surgeons Society for Sports Medicine (AOSSM); American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM); American Medical Association (AMA); and an advisory member of the National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA).

Michael "Mike" Wilkinson: Mike earned his B.A. in 1978 from Tulane University and his M.S. in 1981 from Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas. Mike began his career in 1979 as head athletic trainer for Orangefield Independent School District in Orange, Texas; a position he held until 1986. From February 1986 until July 1988, he served as a clinic athletic trainer for Rehabilitation Services in Lake Charles, Louisiana. The following year, her served as Research Director with The Knee and Sports Medicine Center in Lake Charles, under Dr. David Drez, M.D. In August 1989 Mike embarked on his position as Director of Athletic Training Outreach Services with Mississippi Sports Medicine and Orthopaedic Center in Jackson, Mississippi. Mike has received many honors and awards over his outstanding career, including the 2006 National Federation of High School (NFHS) *National Distinguished Contributor Award*, he was also selected by

the United State Olympic Committee (USOC) as an athletic training for the U.S. team in the 2000 Olympic Games, Sydney, Australia. He currently serves as District 9 Chair on the NATA Research and Education Foundation Board of Directors; Chair of the Mississippi High School Activities Association (MHSAA) Sports Medicine Advisory Committee; and serves as a Certified Drug Control Officer with the United States Anti-Doping Agency. Over the years, Mike has presented various topics for the Mississippi Private School Association of Coaches Annual Meeting. He has authored a chapter in an Orthopaedic text titled "Clinical Exam of the Knee", and also an article in the Journal of Athletic Training. Mike is a member of the National Athletic Trainers' Association, and is licensed by the State of Mississippi Department of Health and the Texas Department of Health. Mike is a 2008 NATA Athletic Trainer Service Award honoree.

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James Manning: Dr. Manning earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1951 from the University of Mississippi and his medical degree from Tulane School of Medicine in 1959. From 1951-1953 Dr. Manning served in the United States Air Force as a First Lieutenant. In 1965 he received his medical licensure. Dr. Manning was Chief of Staff for Baptist Hospital in Jackson from 1966-1970. He was on the founding Board of Directors for River Oaks Hospital and Jackson Prep High School, both located in Flowood, Mississippi. Dr. Manning was also instrumental in the founding of Mississippi Sports Medicine and Orthopedic Center. He served as an orthopedic consultant for Jackson State University for thirty years and as the team physician for Jackson Prep High School from 1970-1981. In 1969 he was the President of Hinds County Chapter of the Ole Miss Alumni Association; President of River Hills Tennis Club in 1972; and Chairman of Deacons at First Presbyterian Church in 1978 in Jackson, Mississippi. He is a member of the American Board of Orthopedic Surgeons. In 1995 he was honored and inducted into the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame for his contribution to Amateur Football. In 1998 Dr. Manning was honored by the Mississippi Association of Coaches for thirty years of service to coaches and athletes.

Straton Karatassos: Straton Karatassos earned his Bachelor of Science degree in 1973 from Georgia Southern University. He began his career at Mississippi State University as a Graduate Assistant and earned his Master's of Education degree in 1974. He served as the Assistant Athletic Trainer from that year until 1980, and then was given the title of Head Athletic Trainer and Assistant Athletic Director in 1980 until 1993. He currently serves Mississippi State University as the Associate Athletic Director. Over the years, Straton has contributed to the Baseball/Softball playbook; participated in various clinical and Cramer workshops; and has presented at the district and state level symposiums. Straton and others have worked diligently to get the Athletic Trainer Licensure in Mississippi. He is a member of the National Athletic Trainer's Association and Mississippi Athletic Trainer's Association. From 1983-1990 he served on the Columbus Air Force Base Community Council, and currently serves on the Starkville Convention and Visitors' Bureau.

Joel “Hap” Hudson: Joel “Hap” Hudson earned his bachelor of Science degree and Master’s of Education degree from Mississippi College in 1959 and 1964. He began his illustrious career in 1960 at Moss Point High School as a teacher and assistant Football coach. Over the years he has taught and coached various sports at high schools in Clinton, Durant and Pearl, Mississippi. He returned to his Alma Mater in 1970 as an Assistant Professor/Coach/Head Athletic Trainer. He held these positions until his retirement in 2004. He is an Assistant Professor Emeritus and currently serves as an adjunct professor in the department of Kinesiology at Mississippi College. Hap has received many honors and awards over his outstanding career. These include: Distinguished Service Award, Mississippi College Hall of Fame in 1995 and a 2000 inductee into the Mississippi College Sports Hall of Fame. He was also named distinguished alumnus in the Department of Kinesiology. He is currently a member of the American Football Coaches Association, National Athletic Trainers’ Association, and Mississippi Athletic Trainers’ Association.

Class of 2005

Andy Bryan: Andy Bryan was a native of Macon, MS. He earned his B.S. and Master’s of Education degree in 1974, 1975 from Delta State University. While at Delta State he served as a student-athletic trainer, a graduate assistant, and in 1977 was hired as the head athletic trainer and equipment supervisor. His roles and responsibilities included being the supervisor of all athletic fields, Chadwick-Dickson Intercollegiate athletic facility, and Walter Sellers Coliseum. Mr. Bryan was also the athletic equipment purchasing agent, Lady Statesmen softball coach, concession supervisor, and the travel secretary for the football and men’s/women’s basketball teams. Mr. Bryan also served on the NCAA regional/quarterfinal games committee. He worked as an athletic trainer in George Allen’s Washington Redskins tryout camp and the Hanes Underalls All-American game. He accompanied the women’s basketball team to the NCAA II national basketball tournament in 1989, as well as the baseball team to the NCAA regional tournament in 1988. Mr. Bryan left Delta State in 1989, to go to work for Doctor’s Hospital Sports Medicine, and later began working for Mississippi Sports Medicine and Orthopaedic Center in November of 1990. He retired in 2002. He is survived by his wife Connie Bryan.

Willie Barnes: Willie “Doc” Barnes, a native of Columbia, MS earned his B.S. degree from Jackson State University in 1970. After graduation, he worked at Lane Tech High School in Chicago, IL for one year. Barnes returned to Jackson State University in 1971 to take the Head Athletic Trainer position. While working, he completed his Master’s degree in Guidance and Counseling in 1973, and he completed a second Master’s degree in Physical Education in 1977 from Jackson State University. Mr. Barnes is a Red Cross instructor, has served as the Head Athletic Trainer for the Freedom Bowl Classic, and has worked three years with the Seattle Seahawks camp and exhibition season. Mr. Barnes is a member of the National Athletic Trainers’ Association, Southeastern Athletic Trainers’

Association, and the Mississippi Athletic Trainers' Association. Mr. Barnes retired in 2001 after 30 years of service as the Head Athletic Trainer at Jackson State University. He currently works part-time as an adjunct instructor at Jackson State in the Health and Physical Education Department. He also works as an athletic trainer for Mississippi Sports Medicine and Orthopaedic Center. Mr. Barnes is married to the former Beleven Bell and they have two children, Crystal and Willie III, and four grandchildren.

Class of 2004

Leroy Mullins: Clement L. (Leroy) Mullins, Jr. is a Natchez, Mississippi native. Leroy is a 1965 graduate of Eastern Kentucky University. Leroy's athletic training career began at Southwest Mississippi Junior College before transferring to Eastern Kentucky. After graduation home EKV, Leroy attended Mississippi State University. As a graduate assistant, Mullins earned his Masters' degree in Guidance and Administration and was then hired as an assistant athletic trainer for two years before being promoted to head athletic trainer for the Bulldogs. Leroy has also served as head athletic trainer for The University of Tennessee. On February 1; 1975, Leroy Mullins was hired by The University of Mississippi as an athletic trainer. Mullins is currently in his 29th year of association with Ole Miss. He has held a variety of positions including head athletic trainer, Director of Insurance and Wellness, and his present position, the Director of Sports Medicine. Mullins is also involved in teaching through the University and University Medical Center. In 1993, Mullins was inducted into Eastern Kentucky's Hall of Distinguished' Alumni. In 1994, the National Athletic Trainer's Association presented him with the inaugural Tim Kerrin Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer Award. The Southeast Athletic Trainers' Association honored Leroy with the Award of Merit in March 2001. Mullins also received the Contribution to Amateur Football Award from the Ole Miss Chapter of the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame in 2001. The Mississippi Athletic Trainers' Association is 'proud to recognize and reward the contributions of Clement L. Mullins, Jr. with membership into the MATA Hall of Fame.

Jim Gillespie: A Jackson, Mississippi native, James B. (Jim) Gallaspy Jr., began his athletic training career as a student aide at Peoples Junior High and Provine High School. In 1966, Jim enrolled at The University of Southern Mississippi and worked as a student under the direction of NATA and MAT A Hall of Fame member Larry "Doc" Harrington. After graduation from USM, Jim was hired as a teacher/athletic trainer at McArthur High School in Hollywood, Florida. In 1973 Jim attended Indiana State University to his pursue post graduate degree. Fortunately for Mississippi, Jim returned to Hattiesburg and his beloved University of Southern Mississippi in 1974. Jim has greatly contributed to the education of hundreds of Certified Athletic Trainers across the country. Jim has served the president of the MATA and Southeast Athletic Trainers' Association (SEATA), as well as on the NATA Board of Directors (1994-1997). In 1992 Jim was rewarded for his outstanding educational efforts by the NATA and received the Sayers "Bud" Miller Distinguished Athletic Trainer Educator Award. The NATA has also awarded Gallaspy

with the 1994 Distinguished Athletic Trainer Award. The University of Southern Mississippi has honored Jim Gallaspy with membership into the USM Alumni Hall of Fame and in March 2000, Jim received the All American Football Foundation Outstanding Athletic Trainer Award. In June 2000, the National Athletic Trainers' Association distinguished Jim Gallaspy with its highest honor, membership into the Hall of Fame. The Mississippi Athletic Trainers' Association is honored to present James B. Gallaspy Jr. with its highest honor, membership into the MATA Hall of Fame.

Class of 2003

W.J. “Dutch” Luchsinger: Dutch was a native of Milwaukee, WI, and was a 1930 graduate from Tulane. Prior to graduating from Tulane, he studied at State Teachers College in Milwaukee. While at Tulane he was a three sport standout in football, baseball, and track. After departing Tulane, Luchsinger, better known as “Dutch”, served as Athletic Director at Fortier High School in New Orleans from 1930 until 1941. From 1941 to 1943 he served as Physical Training Director at Keesler Field. Beginning in 1949 Dutch began his role as Mississippi State’s Head Athletic Trainer until his retirement in 1965. During his tenure in Starkville, he became the first elected Director of District 9 in 1950 in addition to serving as the President for the SEC athletic trainers. Dutch was inducted into the NATA Hall of Fame in 1967.

Earnest L. “Doc” Harrington: Doc Harrington was born in Hattiesburg, MS in 1931. After spending one year as an undergraduate at Tulane he returned to his hometown and the University of Southern Mississippi. He began his tenure as the Head Athletic Trainer at Southern Miss in 1958 through his retirement in 1987. During his tenure in Hattiesburg he also served as the school’s tennis coach and equipment manager. In addition to holding a doctorate in education, Doc was a licensed Physical Therapist and a Colonel in the US Army Reserves. Doc also served for a number of years beginning in 1960 as the Head Athletic Trainer for the Senior Bowl. He is a member of the National Football Foundation Sports Hall of Fame, the USM Hall of Fame, and a 1987 inductee into the NATA Hall of Fame.

Wesley “Doc” Knight: Doc Knight served the University of Mississippi for almost 28 years before his retirement in 1975. A 1935 graduate of Springfield College with a BS degree in Health and Physical Education, Knight went on to study at the Eastern School of Physiotherapy and at Bellvue Hospital, both of which are in New York City. After completing his higher education, Doc Knight served as a “trainer”, physical education instructor and an assistant track coach at several institutions before beginning his almost three decade long career at ‘Ole Miss. While at ‘Ole Miss Doc Knight was not only the athletic trainer, but a very successful track coach as well. Knight produced several unbeaten teams and his squads produced several school records. Furthermore, Knight served as the President of the SEC Athletic Trainers Association, member of the Board of Directors for District 9. His greatest accolade came in 1969 when he was inducted into the NATA Hall of Fame, the same association in which he was a charter member. After his retirement he was given the honor of “Trainer” Emeritus at ‘Ole Miss.

William Warner, MD: Dr. William C. Warner has been associated with Mississippi State University for decades. A graduate of MSU, Dr. Warner received the 1975 MSU Alumni Distinguished Service Award for his outstanding service and dedication to Mississippi State. Dr. Warner was again honored by his alma matter by being named the 1977 MSU National Alumnus of the Year. Years of service and promotion of athletic training has led Dr. Warner to being named an honorary member of the National Athletic Trainers' Association.