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# NFF ANNOUNCES 2010 FOOTBALL BOWL SUBDIVISION COLLEGE FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME CLASS

12 PLAYERS AND TWO COACHES TO ENTER COLLEGE FOOTBALL'S ULTIMATE SHRINE

*NEW YORK, May 27, 2010* – From the national ballot of 77 candidates and a pool of hundreds of eligible nominees, **Archie Manning**, chairman of The National Football Foundation & College Hall of Fame, announced the 2010 College Football Hall of Fame Football Bowl Subdivision Class, which includes the names of 12 First Team All-America players and two legendary coaches.

#### 2010 COLLEGE FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME CLASS

#### **PLAYERS**

- **DENNIS BYRD** DT, North Carolina State (1964-67)
- **RONNIE CAVENESS** C, Arkansas (1962-64)
- **RAY CHILDRESS** DL, Texas A&M (1981-84)
- **RANDY CROSS** OG, UCLA (1973-75)
- SAM CUNNINGHAM RB, Southern California (1970-72)
- MARK HERRMANN QB, Purdue (1977-80)
- **CLARKSTON HINES** WR, Duke (1986-89)
- **DESMOND HOWARD** WR, Michigan (1989-91)
- **CHET MOELLER** DB, Navy (1973-75)
- **JERRY STOVALL** HB, LSU (1960-62)
- PAT TILLMAN\* LB, Arizona State (1994-97)
- ALFRED WILLIAMS LB, Colorado (1987-90)

#### COACHES

- **BARRY ALVAREZ** 118-73-4 (.615) Wisconsin (1990-2005)
- **GENE STALLINGS\*\*** 89-70-1 (.559) Texas A&M (1965-71), Alabama (1990-96)

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"We are incredibly proud to honor this year's class of Hall of Famers for their leadership, athleticism and success on the college gridiron," said Manning, a 1989 College Football Hall of Famer from Ole Miss. "They are all well-deserving of this recognition, and we look forward to celebrating with them and their families in

<sup>\*</sup> Deceased

<sup>\*\*</sup> Selection from the FBS Veterans Committee

New York. The NFF Honors Court and its chairman Gene Corrigan did an excellent job in selecting this outstanding group."

The 2010 College Football Hall of Fame Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) Class will be inducted at the NFF Annual Awards Dinner on December 7, 2010, at the Waldorf=Astoria in New York City. They will be officially enshrined in 2011.

# 2010 COLLEGE FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME FOOTBALL BOWL SUBDIVISION CLASS NOTES

#### **PLAYERS:**

- Four unanimous First Team All-Americans (Herrmann, Moeller, Stovall, Williams)
- ➤ Three consensus First Team All-Americans (Byrd, Hines, Howard)
- ➤ Three members of National Championship teams (Caveness, Cunningham, Williams)
- ➤ One Heisman Trophy winner (Howard)
- ➤ One Maxwell Award winner (Howard)
- ➤ One Walter Camp Player of the Year (Howard)
- ➤ One Butkus Award winner (Williams)
- Six Conference Players of the Year (Herrmann, Hines, Howard, Stovall, Tillman, Williams)
- ➤ Nine members of conference championship teams (Byrd, Caveness, Cross, Cunningham, Hines, Howard, Stovall, Tillman, Williams)
- > Seven offensive players (Caveness, Cross, Cunningham, Herrmann, Hines, Howard, Stovall)
- Five defensive players (Byrd, Childress, Moeller, Tillman, Williams)
- > Six first-round NFL draft picks (Byrd, Childress, Cunningham, Howard, Stovall, Williams)
- Four decades represented: 1960s (3) Byrd, Caveness, Stovall; 1970s (4) Cross, Cunningham, Herrmann, Moeller; 1980s (3) Childress, Hines, Williams; 1990s (2) Howard, Tillman

## **COACHES:**

- ➤ One National Championship (Stallings)
- ➤ Five Conference Championships (Alvarez 3, Stallings 2)
- ➤ 18 Bowl berths (Alvarez 11, Stallings 7)
- ➤ 25 First Team All-Americans coached (Alvarez 12, Stallings 13)
- ➤ Three NFF National Scholar-Athletes Coached (Alvarez 2, Stallings 1)

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- 1. First and foremost, a player must have received First Team All-America recognition by a selector organization that is recognized by the NCAA and utilized to comprise their consensus All-America teams.
- 2. A player becomes eligible for consideration by the Foundation's Honors Courts ten years after his final year of intercollegiate football played.
- 3. While each nominee's football achievements in college are of prime consideration, his post football record as a citizen is also weighed. He must have proven himself worthy as a citizen, carrying the ideals of football forward into his relations with his community and fellow man. Consideration may also be given for academic honors and whether or not the candidate earned a college degree.
- 4. Players must have played their last year of intercollegiate football within the last 50 years\*. For example, to be eligible for the 2010 ballot, the player must have played his last year in 1960 or thereafter. In addition, players who are playing professionally and coaches who are coaching on the professional level are not eligible until after they retire.
- 5. A coach becomes eligible three years after retirement or immediately following retirement provided he is at least 70 years of age. Active coaches become eligible at 75 years of age. He must have been a head coach for a minimum of 10 years and coached at least 100 games with a .600 winning percentage\*.
- \* Players that do not comply with the 50-year rule and coaches that have not won 60% of their games may still be eligible for consideration by the Football Bowl Subdivision (formerly Division I-A) and Divisional Honors Review Committees, which examine unique cases.

# **COLLEGE FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME**

## **Did You Know?**

- Excluding the 2010 FBS class, only **870 players** and **188 coaches** have been inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame from the more than 4.72 million who have played the game over the past 141 years.
- Founded in 1947, The National Football Foundation & College Hall of Fame inducted its first class of inductees in 1951. The first class included 32 players and 19 coaches, including Illinois' Red Grange, Notre Dame's Knute Rockne, Amos Alonzo Stagg and Carlisle's Jim Thorpe.
- 280 schools are represented with at least one College Football Hall of Famer.
- In South Bend, Ind., the current building was built in 1995 as a \$17 million state-of-the-art interactive facility for fans of all ages. It attracts over 60,000 people each year to more than 200 events. The NFF Board announced in September 2009 it has accepted a \$50 million plan to relocate the College Football Hall of Fame to the Centennial Olympic Park area in Atlanta, Ga.
- Induction for this class of Hall of Famers will take place December 7, 2010 in New York City.

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The first player in Atlantic Coast Conference history to be named a three-time All-ACC selection, North Carolina State's Dennis Byrd becomes the fourth Wolfpack player inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame.

Twice named a First Team All-American, Byrd was the first NC State player ever to garner consensus All-American honors. As a member of the Wolfpack's famed "White Shoes" defense, he led NC State to a share of the 1965 ACC title en route to earning the school's first-ever post-season appearance, defeating Georgia in the 1967 Liberty Bowl.

Drafted as the sixth overall pick in the 1968 NFL Draft, Byrd played only two seasons with the Boston Patriots due to a nagging knee injury sustained in the latter part of his senior season at NC State. He then embarked on a 30-year teaching and coaching career at the high school level and retired in 2001.

Byrd was named an ACC Football Legend and inducted into the NC State Sports Hall of Fame in 2007. He is also the only defensive player to have his jersey retired at his alma mater. Dennis and his wife Kimberly have four children, and they reside in Elizabeth City, N.C.

# **RONNIE CAVENESS**

University of Arkansas Center, 1962-64

One of the last Arkansas players to start on both sides of the ball, Ronnie Caveness dominated the opposition to lead the Razorbacks to the 1964 National Championship.

Named a First Team All-Southwest Conference selection at both center and linebacker during his senior campaign, Caveness helped Arkansas to the 1964 conference championship on a team that was coached Hall of Famer Frank Broyles and included modern day football luminaries Jerry Jones and Jimmy Johnson. Caveness holds the Razorbacks record for most tackles made in consecutive seasons (309). Forty-five years later, he also still holds the top two spots on the school's rankings for most tackles in a game (29 and 25, respectively). The team captain was Arkansas' leading tackler in 21-straight games.

Drafted by the Kansas City Chiefs in 1965, Caveness spent one year with the franchise before spending the remainder of his five-year professional career with the Oilers and Patriots. Following his playing days, he became a sales manager and also served as president of the Little Rock Razorback Club.

Caveness has been named to the Arkansas All-Century Team, the Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame and the Cotton Bowl Classic All-Decade Team for the 1960s. He and his wife Teresa have two children and reside in Little Rock, Ark.

**RAY CHILDRESS** 

Texas A&M University

## Defensive Lineman, 1981-84

With the most tackles (360) of any lineman in the storied history of Texas A&M football, Ray Childress joins former Texas A&M coach Gene Stallings as a member of the 2010 College Football Hall of Fame Class.

By career's end, Childress was second all-time in career sacks (25) at A&M as well as second in season sacks with 15 in 1983. The 1984 team captain is credited by his former coach Jackie Sherrill for changing the teams' attitude and culture during his senior campaign. A two-time All-SWC selection, Childress was twice named the AP Player of the Week and helped the Aggies beat Oklahoma in the 1981 Independence Bowl as a true freshman.

Chosen as the No. 3 overall pick in the 1985 NFL Draft, Childress played 11 years with the Houston Oilers and finished his final professional year with the Dallas Cowboys. He was named All-Pro six times and made five Pro Bowl appearances. He helped Houston to seven playoff appearances during his time with the franchise.

A 2008 inductee into the State of Texas Sports Hall of Fame, Childress is the former Chairman & CEO of the Ray Childress Auto Group. He also founded the Childress Foundation in the 1990s to help at-risk youth. He and his wife Kara reside in the Houston area.

## RANDY CROSS

University of California-Los Angeles Offensive Guard, 1973-75

A staple on UCLA's offensive line during his time in Los Angeles, Randy Cross led the Bruins past top-ranked Ohio State in the 1976 Rose Bowl.

A starter in 28-of-34 career games, including his final 23 games after moving from center to an offensive lineman, Cross was named a First Team All-American in 1975. He was named a First Team All-Pac-8 selection during his senior year en route to helping the Bruins to a share of the 1975 conference title. He also won UCLA's George W. Dickerson Award as the team's most outstanding lineman in 1974-75.

Selected by the San Francisco 49ers in the 1976 draft, Cross played 13 years and won three Super Bowls with the franchise. Missing only eight games in his professional career, he was named to three All-Pro teams and was voted the San Francisco 49ers' Man of the Year (1985) for his work in the community.

Cross currently serves as an analyst on the CBS College Sports Network. He also founded the Randy Cross Invitational, a golf tournament that has raised more than \$5 million for the Ronald McDonald House at Stanford's Children's Hospital. He and his wife Patrice have three children, Kelly, Crystal and Brendan, who is a freshman on the Wake Forest football team. He resides in Alpharetta, Ga.

# SAM CUNNINGHAM

## University of Southern California Running Back, 1970-72

Credited with inspiring College Football Hall of Fame coach Paul "Bear" Bryant to integrate southern football, Sam "Bam" Cunningham earned the nickname for his bruising goal line dives throughout his career with the Trojans.

Playing for College Football Hall of Fame coach John McKay, Cunningham rushed for 135 yards and two touchdowns on 12 carries against Alabama as a rookie in his first game. His performance that day in 1970 against the Crimson Tide provided a catalyst for the integration of southern college football. A member of the Trojans' 1972 national championship team, Cunningham scored four touchdowns in the 1973 Rose Bowl and was named the player of the game. Cunningham was a team captain in 1972 and was named the USC Back of the Year. A 1972 First Team All-American, Cunningham played in the 1973 Hula Bowl, College All-Star Game and Coaches All-America Game.

Drafted 11<sup>th</sup> overall in the 1973 NFL Draft by the New England, he played nine seasons for the Patriots. He was named to the AFC Pro Bowl team in 1978.

Following his football career, Cunningham has been active in raising money for cancer and currently works as a landscape contractor in Englewood, Calif. He is the older brother of fellow College Football Hall of Fame nominee Randall Cunningham (UNLV).

# **MARK HERRMANN**

Purdue University Ouarterback, 1977-80

A unanimous All-American in 1980, Mark Herrmann graduated from Purdue as the most prolific passer in NCAA history, holding nine NCAA passing records including passing yards (9,188) and completions (707).

A four-year starter under center, Herrmann became the first quarterback in NCAA history to throw for 8,000 yards in a career and would finish as the first quarterback to throw for 9,000 yards. The offensive MVP of both the Peach and Bluebonnet Bowls, the quarterback threw for a then-Bluebonnet Bowl record 303 yards. A First Team All-Big Ten selection in 1980, Herrmann led the Boilermakers to a Liberty Bowl victory his senior year after finishing fourth in Heisman Trophy voting the same year. He finished his career at Purdue with 71 touchdown passes and still holds the school record for single-season completion percentage (.658).

Selected in the fourth round of the 1981 NFL Draft by the Denver Broncos, Herrmann played for six teams during an 11-year NFL career before retiring from the Indianapolis Colts in 1992.

Following his NFL career, Herrmann served as the associate director of Education Programs for the NCAA. He has been involved in his community as well, spending time on both the Lawrence Township Foundation Board and the National Institute for Fitness and Sport Youth Fitness Board. He and his wife Susie have three children, and they reside in Indianapolis, Ind.

# **CLARKSTON HINES**

## Duke University Wide Receiver, 1986-89

The only player in ACC History to lead the league in receiving yards three consecutive seasons, Clarkston Hines holds the ACC record for career touchdown receptions (38).

A two-time First Team All-American, Hines was named ACC Athlete of the Year in 1989. He currently holds ten different receiving records at Duke including career receiving yards (3,318) and consecutive 100-yard receiving games (7). In 1989, he was named ACC Player of the Year en route to leading the Blue Devils to the ACC Championship. He was a three-time First Team All-ACC member and led the ACC in scoring in 1989 (104). Hines' holds the ACC single-season touchdown reception record (17) and 100-yard receiving games (17). Hines graduated as Duke's all time leader in points scored (234). He also received the Duke University Distinguished Service Award in 1989.

Selected in the ninth round by the Buffalo Bills in the 1989 draft, Hines played one season in the NFL.

A member of the Duke Sports Hall of Fame, Hines was named to the ACC 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary team. He is currently the Vice President of DaVita Inc., a large healthcare company. He and his wife Kathy reside in Statesville, N.C., with their four children.

# **DESMOND HOWARD**

University of Michigan Wide Receiver, 1989-91

The 1991 Heisman Trophy winner, Michigan's Desmond Howard became the first receiver in history to lead the Big Ten in scoring while helping the Wolverines to three conference titles and two Rose Bowls during his time in Ann Arbor.

During his prolific senior season, Howard was named a consensus All-American, the Maxwell Award winner and Walter Camp Player of the Year. He finished his career with 134 receptions for 2,146 yards and 32 touchdowns and holds the Michigan record for most touchdowns (23) and points (138) scored in a single-season. A three year letterman, Howard was twice named an All-Big Ten First Team pick and still holds the Big Ten Conference single-season receiving touchdown record with 19.

Drafted fourth overall in the 1992 NFL Draft by the Washington Redskins, Howard spent 11 seasons in the professional ranks. The Super Bowl XXXI Most Valuable Player, Howard led the Green Bay Packers over the New England Patriots after setting Super Bowl records for punt return yards (90) and total returns yards (244) in a game. He also set the Super Bowl record for longest kick return (99).

Currently a broadcaster on ESPN's *College GameDay*, Howard volunteers for a variety of charities that serve the needs of children. Howard and his wife Rebkah reside in Miami, Fla., with their three children.

# CHET MOELLER

## United States Naval Academy Defensive Back, 1973-75

The 1975 East Coast Athletic Conference (ECAC) Player of the Year, Chet Moeller revolutionized the position of safety en route to becoming one of the most decorated football players in Navy history.

A two-time ECAC All-Conference selection, Moeller was only the sixth Midshipmen to be selected as a unanimous All-American. He served as co-captain and registered 275 tackles during his career at Navy. Named an AP Player of the Week, he received the Ernie Davis Award at the Coaches All-America Game. He was given the Navy Academy Athletic Association Sword and named a Battalion Commander. Moeller was a second team NCAA Academic All-American and was a finalist for the NCAA Today's Top Five. While at the Naval Academy, he earned Navy Academy Merit List and Superintendent's List honors.

Following his career at Navy, Moeller served as an officer in the United States Marine Corp. He has served as a board member for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, a deacon in his church and is currently serving as a church elder. He was selected to the Navy-Marine Corps Memorial All-Stadium Secondary Team and is a charter member of the Fairmont Hall of Fame.

Moeller now works as a computer consultant. He and his wife Jenny reside in Montgomery, Ala., with their two children.

# **JERRY STOVALL**

LSU Halfback, 1960-62

A unanimous All-America selection in 1962, Jerry Stovall was a literal "Mr. Everything" for LSU, playing halfback, defensive back, kick returner while and also handling punting duties during his three years in Baton Rouge.

A two-time All-SEC First Team selection, Stovall was named the conference's Most Valuable Player in 1962 en route to finishing as the Heisman Trophy runner-up behind Oregon State's Terry Baker. A member of the 1961 SEC Championship team, he finished at LSU with 1,071 yards and 13 touchdowns on the ground, adding 462 yards and one touchdown receiving. He also held the LSU record holder for highest punting average (42.1) in a season, amassing 165 attempts for 6,477 yards by career's end. Stovall gained nearly 700 return yards on special teams and recorded seven interceptions as a defensive standout.

Selected in the first round of the 1963 NFL Draft by the St. Louis Cardinals, Stovall played nine years in the NFL and was twice named to the All-Pro team. He was also selected to three Pro Bowls. Stovall later entered coaching and returned to LSU as head coach from 1980-83. In 1982, he was named the Walter Camp Football Foundation Coach of the Year after leading the Tigers to an 8-3-1 record and an Orange Bowl appearance.

Stovall currently serves as the President & CEO of the Baton Rouge Area Sports Foundation and has served on the board of directors for the Louisiana Senior Games. He and his wife Judy have two children, and they reside in Baton Rouge, La.

# **PAT TILLMAN\***

Arizona State University

## Linebacker, 1994-97

The first-ever Arizona State player to be named Pac-10 Defensive Player of the Year, Pat Tillman is the sixth Sun Devil to be named to the College Football Hall of Fame.

A two-time First Team Academic All-Pac10 selection, Tillman led the Sun Devils to the 1996 Pac-10 title and a berth in the Rose Bowl. Named team MVP in 1997, Tillman finished his ASU career with 230 career tackles. He was named Sun Bowl MVP in his senior season and has since been inducted into the Sun Bowl Hall of Fame. Tillman was also named the 1997 Sporting News/Honda Scholar Athlete of the Year.

Drafted by the Arizona Cardinals in the 1998 NFL Draft, Tillman spent three seasons in the NFL before enlisting in the U.S. Army. Tillman, a U.S. Army Ranger, served tours in Iraqi Freedom (2003) and Operation Enduring Freedom (2004) before he was tragically killed. Following his death, he was awarded a Purple Heart by the U.S. Army and a Silver Star by the U.S. Military. Tillman was posthumously honored with the NFF's Distinguished American Award in 2006.

The Pat Tillman Foundation was established in his name to promote scholarship, the sprit of community service and supporting veterans, active service members and their dependents. Its signature event, Pat's Run, attracts over 20,000 participants each year. He is survived by his wife Marie.

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## ALFRED WILLIAMS

University of Colorado Linebacker, 1987-90

The 1990 Butkus Award winner, Alfred Williams led the Colorado Buffalos to the 1990 National Championship.

A two-time Big Eight Defensive Player of the Year, Williams holds the Colorado record for career sacks (35). A 1990 unanimous First-Team All-American, he was a two-time unanimous All-Big Eight selection. During his time in Boulder, the Buffs won two Big Eight Championships and played in two Orange Bowls. As a junior, Williams was named as an honorable mention Colorado All-Century team member.

As the first round selection of the Cincinnati Bengals in 1990, Williams spent eight seasons in the NFL and was named an All-Pro in 1996. He won two Super Bowls rings with the Denver Broncos. He later co-founded At Light Speed, a communications data center, and is currently a co-host of the Big Al and D-Mac show on 104.3 The Fan in Denver. He has been a board member for the American Red Cross and is a volunteer Pop Warner coach in the Denver area.

Colorado retired Williams' No. 94 jersey in 1992, and he was a member of the 2008 CU Athletic Hall of Fame Class. Williams lives in Centennial, Colo., and has four boys.

BARRY ALVAREZ

University of Wisconsin

#### Head Coach, 118-73-4

The only coach in Big Ten history to win back-to-back Rose Bowls, Barry Alvarez sports the highest all-time bowl winning percentage (.727) for coaches with at least 11 bowl appearances.

The winningest coach in Wisconsin history, Alvarez compiled a 118-73-4 record while at Wisconsin and captured three Big Ten Championships. He joins College Football Hall of Fame coach Woody Hayes as the only two coaches to win three Rose Bowls. He coached 12 First Team All-America players, including three-time First Team selection and 1999 Heisman Trophy winner Ron Dayne, 62 First Team All-Big Ten picks, and two NFF National Scholar-Athletes (Jim Leonhard and Joe Thomas).

In 1993, Alvarez was named Bobby Dodd National Coach of the Year, AFCA National Coach of the Year and College & *Pro Football Newsweekly* National Coach of the Year. The 1999 Victor Award (National Coach of the Year) winner, Alvarez was a finalist for ESPN National College Coach of the Decade.

Named Wisconsin's athletics director in 2004, Alvarez continued to coach for two years before retiring and focusing solely on his administrative position. Alvarez serves on the NCAA Football Issues Committee, the Board of Directors of the MACC Fund and was appointed as one of the chairs of the NCAA's Football Academic Enhancement Group. Alvarez and his wife Cindy have three children.

# **GENE STALLINGS\*\***

Texas A&M University, University of Alabama Head Coach, 89-70-1

Head coach of Alabama's 1992 National Championship Team, the Crimson Tide posted a 28-game winning streak during his tenure in Tuscaloosa.

A member of College Football Hall of Fame coach Bear Bryant's "Junction Boys" as a player at Texas A&M, Stallings returned to his alma mater in 1965 as head coach. In his third season, the Aggies captured the Southwest Conference title and defeated Alabama in the Cotton Bowl. After spending the next 17 seasons as an NFL coach, Stallings took over as head coach of the Alabama Crimson Tide in 1990. Following back-to-back bowl appearances in his first two seasons, Stallings led the Tide to the 1992 National Championship, posting a 13-0 season record. Stallings coached 13 First Team All-Americans during his head coaching career.

Since his retirement from football, Stallings has served on President George W. Bush's Commission on Intellectual Disability and wrote a book about his late son, John Mark, who was born with Downs Syndrome. In 2005, he was appointed to the Texas A&M Board of Regents by Governor Rick Perry.

Stallings has been inducted into the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame, Texas Sports Hall of Fame, Texas A&M Hall of Fame, Gator Bowl Hall of Fame and Cotton Bowl Hall of Fame. He and his wife Ruth Ann reside in Powderly, Texas, and have five children.

#### ABOUT THE NATIONAL FOOTBALL FOUNDATION & COLLEGE HALL OF FAME

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