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### **HERMAN SANDERS INDUCTED INTO THE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC COACHES ASSOCIATION HALL OF FAME**

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#### **PRESS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**(CLINTON, MS) The Mississippi Association of Coaches announced today that MAC Hall of Fame Coach Herman Sanders was inducted into the National High School Athletic Coaches Association Hall of Fame on June 25, 2024, in Bismarck, North Dakota. Coach Sanders was nominated for this national honor by the MAC. The selection is based on longevity, service to high school athletics, honors, and other specific state criteria. The National High School Athletic Coaches Association is the oldest coaches association in the nation formed by coaches for coaches and has honored coaches from across the nation with selection into the NHSACA National Hall of Fame since 1996.**

**The NHSACA induction marks the fourth athletic hall of fame membership for Coach Sanders. Coach Herman Sanders, who hails from Shaw, is a hall of fame coach in basketball and track at Wingfield, Grenada, and Leflore County High. A multi-sport athlete, Herman was an All American All SWAC track star at Mississippi Valley State University where he helped lead the school to consecutive NAIA national track and field championships in 1980 and 1981. He began his 36-year coaching career at Leflore county High where he led the track team to a district title and North State championship, and a State Runner-up. At Grenada High from 1985 to 1993, he served as head boys track coach and an**

assistant for girls track, football, baseball, and boys' basketball and paced the Grenada Chargers track team to 4 district titles, 15 Conference Championships for boys and girls, and a 1986 North State championship. Coach Sanders arrived at Wingfield High in Jackson in 1993 and turned the Falcons into a basketball and track powerhouse. Under his leadership, Wingfield's boys basketball teams captured 370 wins and his boys' track team claimed district titles, a South State runner-up finish, and a state runner-up. During his career, Coach Sanders led his boys basketball teams to a combined total of 7 district titles, 1 South State crowns, 1 South State runner-up finishes, and 2 City Championships. His boys' track squads seized a combined total of 8 district crowns, 4 North State titles, 2 South State runner-up finishes, and a state runner-up. Herman's girls track teams have won 6 district titles, 4 North State crowns, and 3 State Championships. Coach Sanders has won numerous coach of the year honors during his career and served as an assistant coach and head coach in the Mississippi/Alabama All Star Basketball Classic in 2011 and 2012. He coached the South in the 2007 Mississippi High School All-Star basketball game. A longtime MAC member, Herman has served the organization in many capacities including a term as Vice President in 2007 and President in 2008. Off the court and the track, his community involvement has been extensive and he has given back to his profession by speaking at clinics across the South. At one point in time, 11 of his former athletes were enrolled in college because of athletic scholarships awarded to them under his leadership. Coach Sanders was inducted into the MVSU Athletic Hall of Fame in 1998, the SWAC Athletic Hall of Fame in 2012, and the MAC Hall of Fame in 2016 and was also selected as the recipient of the NHSACA's Distinguished Service Award in 2022.

Coach Sanders joins a distinctive list of decorated MAC Coaches who have been inducted into the NHSACA National Hall of Fame including Bubba Davis

**(2014), Roy Garcia (2017), Ben Jones (2017), Bernard Blackwell (2018), Lindy Callahan (2018), Gerald Austin (2019), Doug Fowler (2019), Jack Bailey (2021), Oliver William Johnson (2021), Joe Gant (2022), Jerry Gressett (2022), Jack French (2023), Tony Stanford (2023), and Mike Gavin (2024).**

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