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MIKE GAVIN INDUCTED INTO THE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC COACHES ASSOCIATION HALL OF FAME

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(CLINTON, MS) The Mississippi Association of Coaches announced today that MAC Hall of Fame Coach Mike Gavin was inducted into the National High School Athletic Coaches Association Hall of Fame on June 25, 2024, in Bismarck, North Dakota. Coach Gavin 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 second athletic hall of fame membership for Coach Gavin. A longtime championship football coach and athletic director who guided programs at Harrison Central, St. John, D'Iberville, East Central, and Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, Mike was inducted into the MAC Coaches Hall of Fame in 2021. Mike's 30-year coaching career included coaching football, golf, softball, track, and powerlifting. He served as defensive coordinator for the Mississippi Firedogs indoor football team that won the 2000 IPFL Championship. Coach Gavin was the assistant head coach and defensive coordinator at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College from 1997 to 2003. He led his high school football teams to a record of 114 wins and 92 losses with 5

district titles. He coached in the Bernard Blackwell All-Star Football Classic in 1988 as an assistant and in 1993 as head coach. Coach Gavin also served as assistant and administrative coach in the 1992, 1993, and 1997 Mississippi/Alabama All-Star football games. He worked as athletic director at St. John, D'Iberville, and the Harrison County School District. He expanded athletic programs across the Gulf Coast including the introduction of the sports of archery, soccer, golf, tennis, and volleyball. Mike was the MAC Athletic Director of the Year in 1987 and has received several coach of the year honors including being named the 1982 Mississippi Gulf Coast Football Foundation Coach of the Year. Coach Gavin also served as assistant principal and principal at Stone Middle School from 2003 to 2011.

Coach Gavin 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 Herman Sanders (2024).

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