

Varsity Football Halftime Recognition

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In commemoration of Frederica Academy's 40th Anniversary, the school established a Sports Hall of Fame to honor individuals and teams that have made distinguished and lasting achievements and contributions to Frederica Academy and its athletic program.

Since 2010, 27 student-athletes, 2 coaches, and 14 teams have been inducted into the FA Sports Hall of Fame. This year's class includes two state championship teams, four distinguished alumni, and one legendary FA alum and coach.

It is my honor to introduce the Frederica Academy Sports Hall of Fame Class of 2021.

Claire Angelich

Claire is currently travelling to Saint Simons in order to attend tomorrow night's induction ceremony. She is represented by her parents, Cindy and Paul Angelich, this evening. Claire, a member of the class of 2013, graduated from Frederica Academy as a three-sport star. As a varsity student-athlete, she competed on the volleyball, basketball, and soccer teams. Although accomplished in all three sports, Claire excelled at volleyball. Over her three seasons on the varsity team, Claire was twice named to *The Brunswick News* All-Area Team, the All-Region Team, and the All-State Team. In 2012, she was also named to the GISA All-Star Team as she led the Volleyball Knights to their first GISA State Volleyball Championship. After graduating from Frederica, Claire played volleyball at Lynn University in Boca Raton, Florida. Once her college career was over, Claire joined the UCAM Voley Murcia team, a semi-professional volleyball team in Murcia, Spain. Please congratulate Claire Angelich.

Sam Heery

Sam is on the way to Saint Simons and will be joining us for the induction ceremony tomorrow evening. Sam graduated from Frederica Academy as an elite student-athlete in five varsity sports. In addition to being a member of the tennis and track teams, he earned All-Region and All-State honors in soccer while also contributing to two Region Championships and one State Championship in Cross Country. While Sam enjoyed competing in all five sports, his passion was basketball. His on-court successes resulted in him being named *The Brunswick News* Coastal Georgia All-Area Basketball Player of the Year and a member of the GISA All-Star Team. His All-Region and All-State accolades in 2011 and 2012 largely helped fuel Frederica Academy to back-to-back State Basketball Championships, the 2011 title being the first one in the school's history. Sam was a true scholar-athlete. He was a 2012 recipient of the GISA Morris C. Johnson Academic-Athlete Award and was the Salutatorian for the FA Class of 2012. After graduation, Sam went on to play four years on Emory University's basketball team, where he is currently in Medical School. Please congratulate Sam Heery.

Dru Love

A member of the class of 2012, Dru left an indelible mark on the Frederica golf program. Joining the varsity golf team as an eighth grader, Dru was a member of five GISA State Championship teams and was four times named to the All-Region Team while also being named to the All-State Team three times. He still holds the honor of having the second lowest scoring average in Frederica history, led the team in two of the top three low team rounds in history, and was the top scorer on two of the top five best-ever FA teams. In his senior year, Dru also helped lead the varsity basketball team to a State Championship. Following Frederica, Dru went on to play golf for the University of Alabama, where he was on two NCAA National Championship teams and won the 2015 Puerto Rico Classic. His other amateur accomplishments include winning the 2015 Georgia State Amateur and twice winning the Golden Isles Invitational. After leaving Tuscaloosa, Dru became a professional golfer. In 2018, he won the CoBank Colorado

Open and has twice won the PNC Father-Son Challenge with his father, Davis Love III. Please congratulate Dru Love.

Mary Ellen Shuman

Mary Ellen Shuman graduated from Frederica Academy in 2013 as one of the most decorated golfers in school history. She was on the varsity golf team for five years and celebrated a State Championship each of those years, and she holds the unprecedented distinction of being the Low Medalist at the state tournament all four years of high school, which qualified her for All-State honors each of those years. Mary Ellen owns four of the top twenty-five low rounds in FA history while also holding the 5th lowest single-season scoring average and 7th lowest career scoring average at FA. In addition to leading the golf team, Mary Ellen was a member of the varsity basketball team for five years, being named to the All-Region Team her junior year and team captain her junior and senior years. Mary Ellen played golf at the University of Georgia and was a four-year letter winner, competing in 26 career events. She was named to the SEC Academic Honor Roll all four years and was also the winner of the Women's Golf Scholar Athlete Award, which is given to the UGA team member with the highest GPA. In 2017, Mary Ellen went on to finish tied for fifth at the Georgia Women's Top 60 Classic and competed at the USGA Women's Four Ball, where she finished in second place. Mary Ellen is a graduate of UGA's Law School and is currently serving as a Law Clerk at the United States District Court for the Southern District of Georgia in Augusta before she starts practicing law with King & Spalding in Atlanta next year. Please congratulate Mary Ellen Shuman.

Tom Willis

Coach Willis graduated from Frederica in 1986 and returned to teach in 1993 after graduating from Georgia Tech and then earning his master's degree at Georgia Southern. As a member of the varsity golf team, he competed on the 1984 State Championship Team, the school's first squad to win a state title. However, Coach Willis has truly left his mark on FA athletics as a coach. He was awarded the Brent Cribb Distinguished Award – essentially the GISA Sport Hall of Fame – in 2019 as a recognition of his coaching accomplishments. As the leader of the Knights varsity golf team, Coach Willis has been a part of all 15 State Golf Championship teams, either as a player or as the coach. Between 2008 and 2019, his teams won 12 consecutive State Championships. Coach Willis has also helped secure 16 Region Championships and has coached 18 Division I golfers and is a four-time SECIS All-Star Golf Team Coach. Please congratulate Tom Willis.

2012 Varsity Volleyball Team

Frederica Academy won its first State Volleyball Championship in 2012 with a team of talented players who were led by a dedicated and dynamic coach. The 2012 State Championship Team is represented tonight by: Kathleen Brooks

2012 Varsity Football Team

Frederica Academy started its football program in 2011. It was not eligible for post-season play until the following year, and during the first year of eligibility, it won the school's first State Football Championship. **Clint Morgan** worked with **Trey Brunson**, **Ellen Fleming**, and other school officials to make FA football a reality, and we are grateful that Coach Morgan, as the school's first Football Head Coach, is here tonight to celebrate the school's first GISA Football State Championship. Coach Morgan is joined tonight by **Coach Travis Absher** and the following players on the 2012 State Championship Team: Cameron Atwood and Eli Yarborough

Our 2021 Sports Hall of Fame honorees will officially be inducted into the Frederica Academy Sports Hall of Fame at a ceremony on Saturday evening, which will be an opportunity to celebrate with their families and coaches.

Please offer one more round of applause for this year's inductees!