

# Parkland starts Sports Hall of Fame

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There's a rich sports heritage at Parkland High School. But up to now, there has never been an avenue for the Mustangs to honor the career achievements of their top athletes, coaches and administrators in a formal setting. That's no longer the case.

Parkland has established a Sports Hall of Fame for the first time in the 50-year history of the school. Induction ceremonies are set for Sept. 1. The first class of honorees will be recognized at Parkland's home football game against Winston-Salem Prep on Sept. 2.

"I don't know why it's taken so long for this to come to pass," said Linwood Jerald, Parkland's athletics director. "The program has gone through some ups and downs

over the past 50 years. But the organizing committee has put in a lot of work since last spring, and we're going to make this happen. These are some exciting times for Parkland athletics."

Nominations are now being accepted for the Hall of Fame. All nominations must be accompanied by hard-copy documentation in order to be considered by members of the Hall of Fame's selection committee.

To start the nomination process, go to the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools web site at <http://wsfcs.k12.nc.us> Click on "Select a School" and look for the "High School" tab, then choose Parkland. Once you're on the school's site, click on the "Athletics" tab and go to "Parkland High School Sports Hall of Fame" in the drop-down menu.

To complete the process, download the nomination

form and follow the instructions as outlined. The deadline for accepting all nominations is April 15.

Send all nomination packets to:  
Linwood Jerald, athletics director  
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1600 Brewer Road  
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For additional information, call the school at 336-771-4700.



## WSSU SPORTS

# Three Rams selected to preseason baseball All-American Team

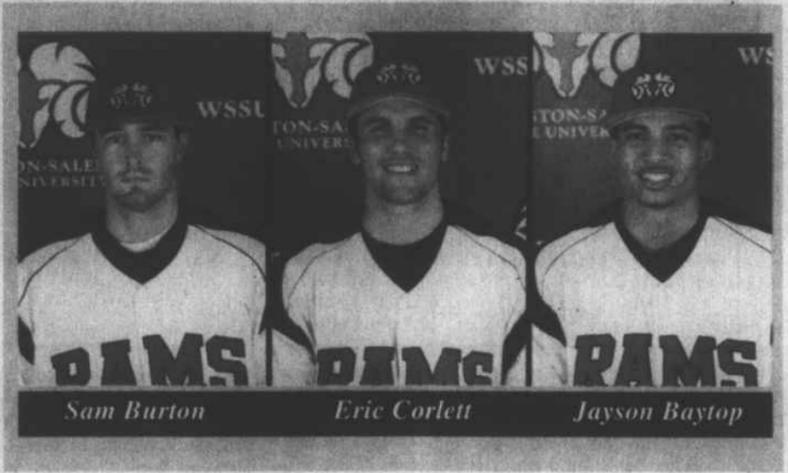
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Black College Nines' has released its preseason HBCU All-American team, and the Winston-Salem State University Rams have three preseason selections.

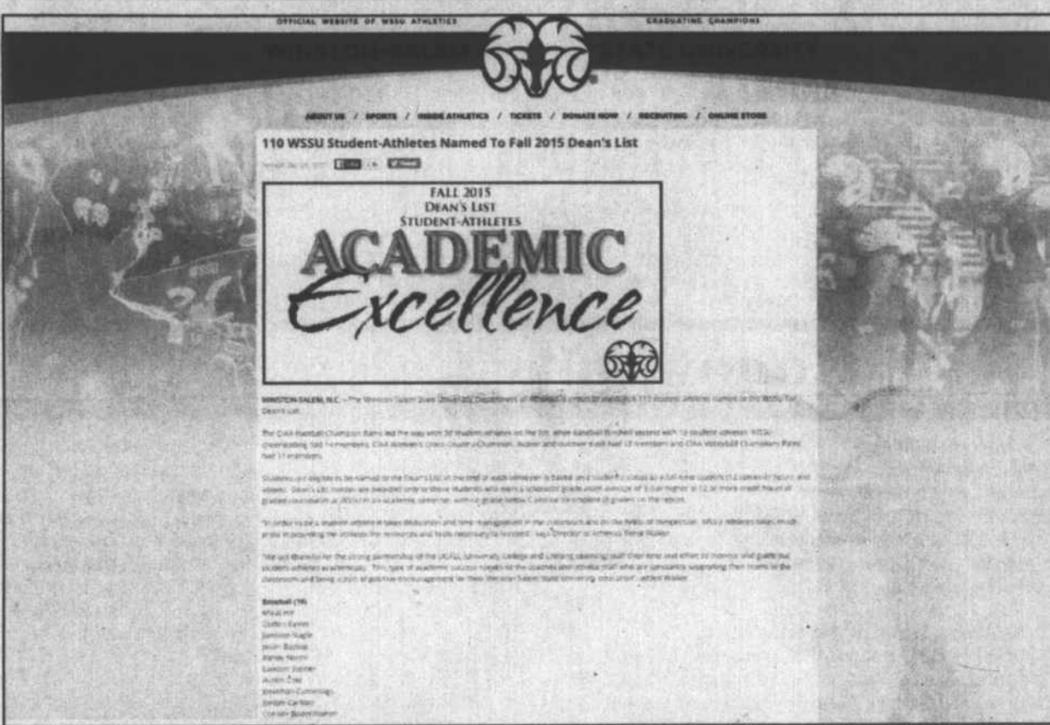
WSSU starting pitcher Sam Burton, and relief pitcher Eric Corlett were selected to the first team, while outfielder Jayson Baytop was selected to the second team 2016 Preseason All-American list.

Sam Burton went 6-1 in 2015, with a 2.37 ERA in 76.0 innings pitched. He allowed just 45 hits and 20 earned runs, while leading the team in strikeouts with 71.

Eric Corlett went 6-2 last season out of the bullpen in 23 appearances with an ERA



of 5.81. He pitched 48.0 innings, striking out 50 batters.  
Jason Baytop, a St. Augustine's transfer, finished second in the CIAA in batting last season, hitting .421, with 67 hits, 13 doubles, five triple and four home runs. He was also second in the CIAA in stolen bases with 21.



# 110 WSSU athletes make Dean's List

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The Winston-Salem State University Department of Athletics is proud to announce 110 student-athletes named to the WSSU Fall Dean's List.

The CIAA Football Champion Rams led the way with 30 student-athletes on the list, while baseball finished second with 18 student-athletes. WSSU cheerleading had 14 members, CIAA Women's Cross-Country Champion, indoor and outdoor track had 13 members and CIAA Volleyball Champions Rams had 11 members.

Students are eligible to be named to the Dean's List at the end of each semester based on a student's status as a full-time student (12 semester hours and above). Dean's List honors are awarded only to those students who earn a scholastic grade point average of 3.0 or higher in 12 or more credit hours of graded coursework at WSSU in an

academic semester, with no grade below C and no incomplete (I) grades on the report.

"In order to be a student-athlete, it takes dedication and time management in the classroom and on the fields of competition. WSSU Athletics takes much pride in providing the athletes the resources and tools necessary to succeed," says Director of Athletics Tonia Walker.

"We are thankful for the strong partnership of the UCALL (University College and Lifelong Learning) staff and their time and effort to monitor and guide our student-athletes academically. This type of academic success speaks to the coaches and athletic staff who are constantly supporting their teams in the classroom and being a part of positive encouragement for their Winston-Salem State University education," added Walker.

See the list at [http://www.wssurams.com/general/Deans\\_List\\_2015](http://www.wssurams.com/general/Deans_List_2015).

# Rams Fall at Chowan, 84-67

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Winston-Salem State freshman William Crandell finished with a career high 18 points, but it wasn't enough as the Rams would fall 84-67 to the Chowan Hawks on Saturday, Jan. 9, at the Helms Center on the Chowan University campus.

With the loss, Winston-Salem state falls to 6-8 overall and 0-3 in the CIAA, while Chowan improves to 11-3 overall, and 4-0 in the CIAA.

The Chowan Hawks started on fire and quickly ran out to a 10-point lead at 14-4. A Demone Harrison 3-pointer cut into the Hawks lead, but Chohan kept their foot on the gas and would head into the locker room at the half with a commanding 41-26 lead at the break.

The second half would prove to be much of the same, as the Rams struggled to consistently put anything together offensively, and Chowan would push their lead up to as many as 23 points at 62-39 with 9:30 minutes left to play.

Chowan maintained a lead of 17 or more points for the remainder of the contest before securing the 84-67 victory.

The Rams were led in scoring by William Crandell, who finished with a career high 18 points, to go with his seven rebounds and assists, while Carlos Rankins added 12 points, two rebounds, two steals and an assist. Jerome Simmons added eight points, two rebounds, one assist and one steal, and Terrell Leach and Rayvon Harris each chipped in seven points. Harris also pulled down four rebounds.

Chowan was led by Kortez Smith who pumped in a game high 26 points, followed by Andrew Lopez, who added 25 points. Joe Goodwin and Carlos Arroyo each chipped in nine points, with Goodwin pulling down seven rebounds and Lopez grabbing five boards. Josh Mellette added seven rebounds.

Winston-Salem State will wrap up this three game road trip on Monday night when the Rams travel to Elizabeth City State. Tipoff is scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

The Rams defeated Elizabeth City State 73-68 in overtime on November 21 in a non-conference tilt played at the CE Gaines Center on the WSSU campus.

# Thabiti Davis chosen for NCAA and NFL Coaches Academy

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Winston-Salem State University wide receivers coach Thabiti Davis has been selected to participate in the 2016 NCAA and NFL Coach Academy, Feb. 19-21 in Tampa, Fla.

Davis finished his first season as wide receiver coach for WSSU with the Rams claiming the 2015 CIAA Football Championship.

Davis is definitely no stranger to the city of Winston-Salem, as he had a successful career at Wake Forest University (1994-96). During his career, Davis was a standout Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) receiver under the guidance of head coach Jim

Caldwell. In 1996 he ranked third in the conference in receiving with 60 receptions and was named to the All-ACC team by the Football News for his efforts.

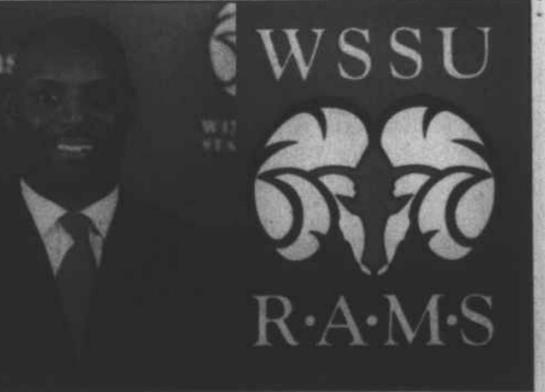
Following his stellar collegiate career, Davis enjoyed a strong professional career that included stints with the New York Giants (2000-01), Barcelona (1999) and Berlin (2000) of NFL Europe, and spent five seasons as a wide receiver/linebacker in the Arena Football League. Upon realizing that he could not play forever, Davis started Transition Player Development (TPD) in 2005. TPD is a company that strives to deliver a continuum of consistent serv-

ices designed to enhance a productive relationship between physical conditioning and athletic development. Davis created an avenue for educating and training athletes to be well rounded in physical conditioning and sport specific athletic preparation. This endeavor paved the way for his transition to the other side of the whistle.

The NCAA and NFL Coaches Academy provides current, full-time intercollegiate football coaches at NCAA member institutions, some of whom are former NFL athletes, to expand their knowledge and insight into the world of intercollegiate football coaching.

During the three-day academy, the NCAA lead-

ership development staff and the National Football League Player Engagement are able to educate and train selected participants in a variety of areas that encourage effective coaching and improve student-athlete well being at both the intercollegiate and professional levels. Topical education and conversation during the academy may include: effective communication with campus and community constituents; the importance of building culture focused on the overall success of the student-athletes both on and off the field; budget man-



Davis

agement of a football program; coaching strategies and philosophies.

As a participant at this academy, Davis will gain knowledge from a variety of workshops and interactive-discussion sessions, as well as networking with individuals that include the other participants, NCAA and NFL staff and other key resources in the industry. Keynote speakers have included Arizona State

head coach Todd Graham Baylor University head coach Art Briles, legendary NFL coaches Dan Reeves and Dennis Green, NFL Hall of Famer Mike Singletary, and Tyrone Willingham, former head coach at Notre Dame Stanford and the University of Washington.

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