

ARLINGTON SPORTS HALL OF FAME

2010 INDUCTEE – DARRELL W. SNYDER



Darrell Snyder exemplifies the attributes of the student-athletes we have honored here tonight. He attended Weirton High School in West Virginia where he was named All-State in both football and baseball in his senior year. He also was president of the senior class. Darrell received a football scholarship to attend Shepherd College, now Shepherd University, in Shepherdstown, West Virginia. In his freshman year, Darrell played on the only unbeaten football team in the history of the college as the Rams went 10-0. As a senior, in 1958, he was named Shepherd College's Athlete of the Year.

Darrell came to Northern Virginia in the early 1960's and served as the athletic director at Flint Hill School from 1965 to 1974, where he also was the varsity football, basketball, and baseball coach. In 1974, Darrell moved to Bishop O'Connell High School where he started out as the head football coach of the varsity football team and compiled a 55-33 record before stepping down in 1981. Darrell returned as head football coach from 1994 to 2002, and finished his football coaching career with an overall record, including Flint Hill, of 180-116-2.

In 1980, Darrell was named athletic director at O'Connell, a position he still holds. He also took over as coach of the golf team and, through this year, the golf team has a 30-year record of 290-146. His teams won two Washington Catholic Athletic Conference championships, in 1992 and 2000, and six Virginia Independent Schools state championships, in 1983, 1985, 1992, 1993, 1994 and 2000, and he was recognized as VIS Coach of the Year each of those years.

In football, Darrell was named WCAC Coach of the Year in 1994 and 2000, and was named VIS Coach of the Year in 1976, 1979, 1981 and 1994. Darrell was named WCAC Athletic Director of the Year for 1995-96. The Better Sports Club of Arlington named him Sportsman of the Year in 1992 and Arlington Coach of the Year in 1995.