

CRUSADER WALL OF RECOGNITION

2019 INDUCTEE

LOREN HIBBS

WHS CLASS OF 1979



LOREN STEVEN HIBBS GRADUATED FROM WHS IN 1979. HE WAS AN OUTSTANDING STUDENT AND ATHLETE PARTICIPATING IN FOOTBALL, BASKETBALL, CROSS COUNTRY AND TRACK AND FIELD EARNING MULTIPLE ALL-LEAGUE HONORS.

AT THE TIME LOREN WAS ATTENDING WELLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL, THERE WAS NOT A SCHOOL BASEBALL PROGRAM SO HE PARTICIPATED DURING THE SUMMERS IN BABE RUTH BASEBALL, AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL AND SEMI-PRO BASEBALL WITH THE WELLINGTON DUKES.

AFTER GRADUATION, LOREN ATTENDED THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS AND WAS ON THE JAYHAWK BASEBALL TEAM FOR A YEAR AND A HALF BEFORE TRANSFERRING TO WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY WHERE LOREN PLAYED BASEBALL FROM 1982 - 1984. DURING LOREN'S PLAYING CAREER THE SHOCKERS WON TWO REGULAR SEASON MISSOURI CONFERENCE TITLES AND ONE MVC TOURNAMENT TITLE. AND, IN 1982 LOREN AND THE SHOCKERS FINISHED AS THE NATIONAL RUNNER-UP IN THE COLLEGE WORLD SERIES. AS A PLAYER LOREN WAS A THREE-TIME ALL MVC AND ALL-DISTRICT SELECTION AS AN OUTFIELDER AND WAS A MEMBER OF THE 1982 COLLEGE WORLD SERIES ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM. LOREN STILL HOLDS THE NCAA RECORD FOR MOST RUNS SCORED IN A SEASON AT 125. HE WAS A THREE-TIME PROFESSIONAL DRAFT PICK AND HAD A BRIEF STINT WITH THE SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS FARM SYSTEM.

LOREN BEGAN HIS COACHING CAREER AS AN ASSISTANT AT HIS ALMA MATER, WSU, FROM 1985 TO 1992 AND WAS A MEMBER OF THE COACHING STAFF WHEN THE SHOCKERS WON THE COLLEGE WORLD SERIES NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP IN 1989.

IN 1992, LOREN WAS HIRED AS THE HEAD BASEBALL COACH AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHARLOTTE, A POSITION HE STILL HOLDS TODAY. AS OF THE END OF THE 2018 SEASON LOREN HAS COMPILED AN OVERALL RECORD OF 798-651-4 AND A 360-319 CONFERENCE RECORD INCLUDING SEVEN REGULAR SEASON CONFERENCE TITLES, FOUR CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT TITLES AND FIVE NCAA TOURNAMENT APPEARANCES.

IN 2018, LOREN WAS INDUCTED INTO THE KANSAS BASEBALL HALL OF FAME.

LOREN HAS THREE CHILDREN, TYSON, ERIN, AND LANIE AND HE IS MARRIED TO THE FORMER LISA HELMS.

WELLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

HOME OF THE CRUSADERS