

# 2023 INDUCTEE

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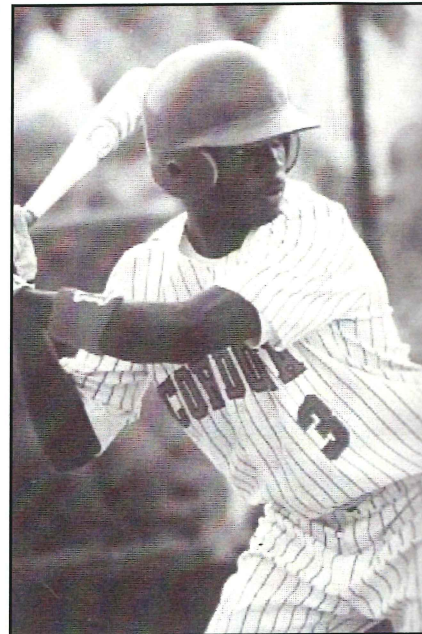
## VONNY (SKIP) ARMISTAD, JR.

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**V**ONNY ARMISTAD, JR., KNOWN TO MOST AS "SKIP" WAS BORN TO VONNY AND BERTHA ARMISTAD. AS A CHILD, SKIP

excelled in little league baseball and toybowl football. He was a member of the Walker County All-Star Baseball Team who went on to become Alabama State Champs and win the 1993 Jr. Dizzy Dean World Series. Skip is a 1996 graduate of Cordova High School, where he was a three-sport athlete. He lettered in football, basketball, and baseball for two years.

As a junior, Skip was selected All-County in baseball. Also during his junior year, he was named First Team defensive back for the Birmingham News, as well as First Team All-State defensive back. As a senior, Skip was named All-County First Team and All-State First Team center fielder in baseball. In football, he was honored by being selected as All-State First Team and First Team defensive back by the Birmingham News.



During the years at Cordova High, Skip played football under coach Brian Manor for two years; their record was 23-4. He was the quarterback for the Blue Devils and they won the 1995 3A Alabama State Championship. During his senior year, Skip played baseball for Coach Randy Smith. He hit .497 with 7 stolen bases that year.

One of Skip's biggest highlights and surprises to himself was the fact that baseball became his favorite sport. While playing in a Christmas basketball tournament at Oakman High School, he was offered a baseball scholarship to Wallace State in Hanceville, when the Wallace coach came to watch him play basketball. Skip accepted that offer and went to Wallace to play for Coach Randy Putman. He received the honor of All-South East Region Team as a freshman and batted .415 with 46 stolen bases. He also made a trip to the NJCAA College World Series. As a sophomore, he batted .395 and had 49 stolen bases. He was at Wallace State in 1996-1998.

After taking a year off from school, Skip received a football scholarship to the University of West Alabama, where he played quarterback, kick-off and punt returner. He played for one year and received the All-Gulf South conference and All-American and still holds the record for longest punt return of 90 yards in the history of the school.

Skip currently works and is in his second year at Central States in Jasper, Alabama. He previously worked at HTNA in Jasper for ten years and spent eleven years in Alaplex, LLC, in Birmingham. Skip has served as a supervisor for a total of 22 years.

Skip has been married to Latoya Armistad for 18 years. They have three children: Adrianna Webster (24), Jacoby Webster (21) and Jalen Armistad (18). They have one grandchild, Kingston Chapman, (1).