



## ***DUANE LANHAM***

Duane Lanham has been involved in softball in the NW Ohio area for over 20 years. Before joining the Owens Community College Softball program Duane enjoyed more than 19 years of coaching experience at various levels. Since 1997, he had served as the varsity girls softball coach for Sylvania Southview High School. He also has held positions as Sylvania Girl's Fast Pitch Summer Traveling Team coach, Sylvania Southview High School assistant varsity girls softball coach and as a Hawkins Elementary Girl's Softball coach.

During Lanham's tenure at Sylvania Southview, he captured two Northern Lakes League titles. His teams twice advanced to the Division I regional finals. His accomplishments include receiving two Northern Lakes League Coach of the Year awards and the 2002 "Maumee Mirror" Softball Coach of the Year honor. In 2000 and 2002, Lanham was named the Northwest District Division I High School Coach of the Year.

Duane also is an active member in his community, serving as president of the Sylvania Fast Pitch Softball Association and membership with the Down and Dirty Fast Pitch Softball Association. In addition, he has served as a softball and baseball umpire at various levels, including the NCAA, and is a clinician for the National Youth Sports Coaches Association.

While at Owens, Duane finished their 2005 season with a 5<sup>th</sup> place finish in the NJCAA Division II National Women's Fast Pitch Tournament, a 1<sup>st</sup> place finish in the Regional Tournament and finished in 1<sup>st</sup> place with an undefeated season in the Ohio Community College Athletic Conference (OCCAC). The Owens Express also qualified for the NJCAA Regional Tournament 2004-2006, 2008 and 2009 seasons. They were Regional Champs in 2005 and Regional Runner-Up in 2009. The Express were the OCCAC Champions in 2005, 2006, 2008 and 2009.

We're honored that an individual as talented and well respected as Duane will be joining the Northwest Ohio Softball Hall of Fame.