



**Buchanan Community Schools
Hall of Fame
2019**

Contributions to Buchanan Community Schools
Leon Bagwell



Coach Bagwell worked as a volunteer in the Buchanan community and for Buchanan Community Schools in multiple capacities. He was a mentor to many young men and women during his tenure at Buchanan, and his influence spanned generations. Coach Bagwell began with the softball program in 1989 as Varsity Assistant Coach. He was a great motivator, as his amazing work ethic inspired athletes to improve. He volunteered with the program for 25 years, until his sudden death. He worked countless hours with outfielders and was a great hitting instructor.

During his coaching career, the Bucks won 10 District Titles, 4 Regional Titles, and made 2 semifinal appearances. Buchanan Varsity Softball has a tremendous program and has earned the respect of many other schools and programs largely due to the extreme professionalism and character Coach Bagwell brought to the field. He rarely missed a practice, game, or workout. He never wavered from the hard-working, stern, yet encouraging persona.

Coach Bagwell became very ill at the end of the 2014 softball season, but fought through the pain and came to every softball obligation. He was present at the softball banquet just days before he died because he believed in the importance of the program and was dedicated in every way. Coach Bagwell's influence will always be appreciated.