

# THE UConn Club



**CRYSTAL AWARD PRESENTATION**

**TUESDAY APRIL 22, 2025  
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“**A** member of the Division of Athletics staff since 1964, Andy Baylock is involved with a number of activities, including the cultivation of relationships with Husky football alumni (players, coaches and support staff) and other various members of the football community. Baylock serves as

the team’s liaison both to professional scouts and the Connecticut high school coaches, while also assisting the team’s departing seniors with career networking, representing UConn at various speaking engagements, and involving current student-athletes with community service projects. Baylock retired as UConn’s head baseball

coach in May 2003 after a 24-year run in which he posted a 556-492-8 record, guiding the Huskies to BIG EAST Championships in 1990 and 1994, along with a trio of NCAA tournament berths. Including his tenure as an assistant baseball coach, Baylock compiled an 822-614-11 record over 39 years and, at the time of his retirement, he had personally coached 1,447 of the 2,327 games (62.2 percent) in UConn’s baseball history.

His association with UConn began in 1963 as the freshman baseball coach, a part-time position, and Baylock joined the Husky staff on a full-time basis a year later as an assistant football and baseball coach – positions which he held for 15 seasons. Baylock was a part of Husky football teams that won or shared four Yankee Conference titles. He also had a long tenure as UConn’s freshman football coach. Baylock was an assistant baseball coach from 1964-79, helping UConn to the College World Series in 1965, 1972 and 1979, before assuming the head coaching reigns in 1980.

Over the years, Baylock has been honored by several organizations, including his January 1996 induction into the American Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame, one of the eight Hall of Fames in

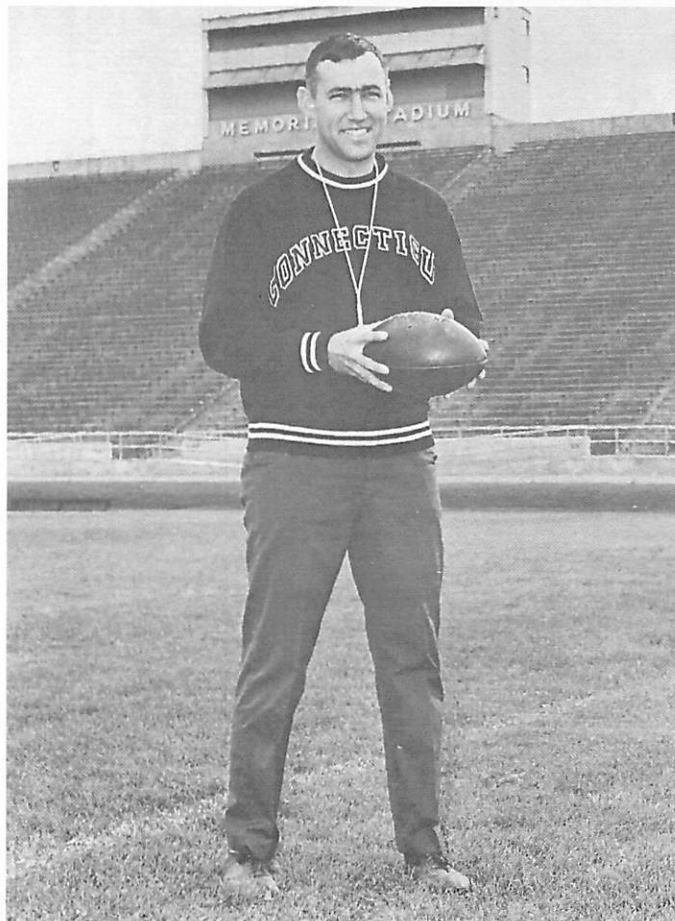
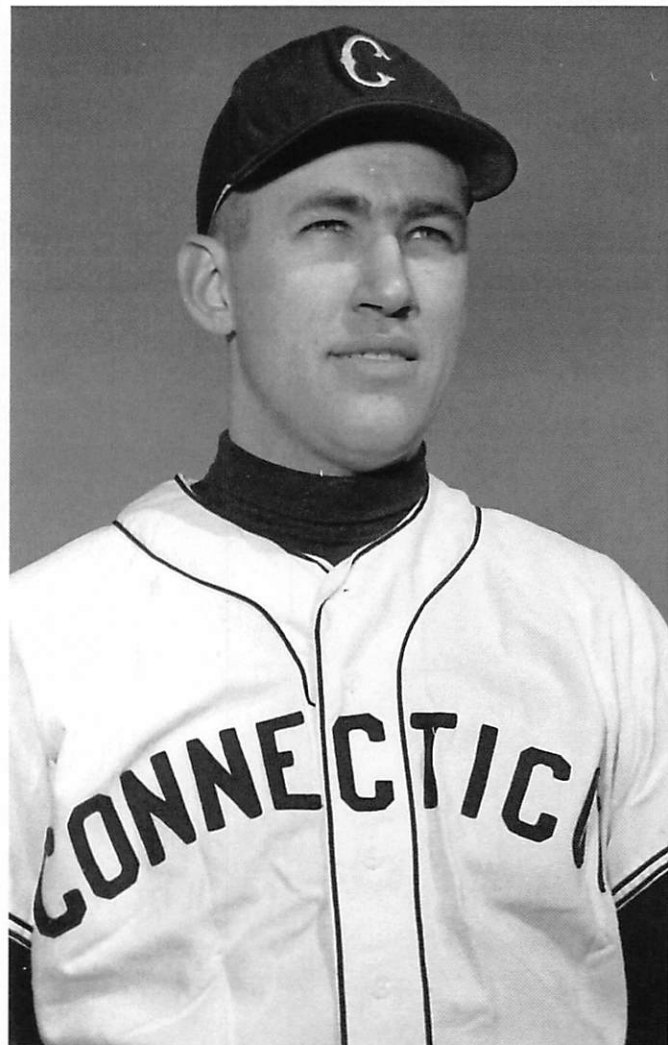
which he has been enshrined. Baylock has been selected as the 2011 recipient of the ABCA/Wilson Lefty Gomez Award, the highest honor given out by the organization and will receive that award at the group's annual convention. Baylock has been active on the international baseball scene as a distinguished pitching clinician, including serving as pitching coach for the 1985 and 1989 U.S. Senior National Teams. A veteran summertime coach in the prestigious Cape Cod Baseball League, Baylock has also sat on the faculty of the department of kinesiology at UConn.

In the spring of 2008, he received awards for his outstanding contribution from both the Connecticut High School Coaches Association and the National Football Foundation's Southeastern Connecticut Chapter.

Baylock also served as the head football coach at East Catholic High School in Manchester from 1962-64 when he became a full-time member of the UConn staff. He played three seasons of professional football, last with the Springfield (Mass.) entry in the Atlantic Coast Professional Football League.

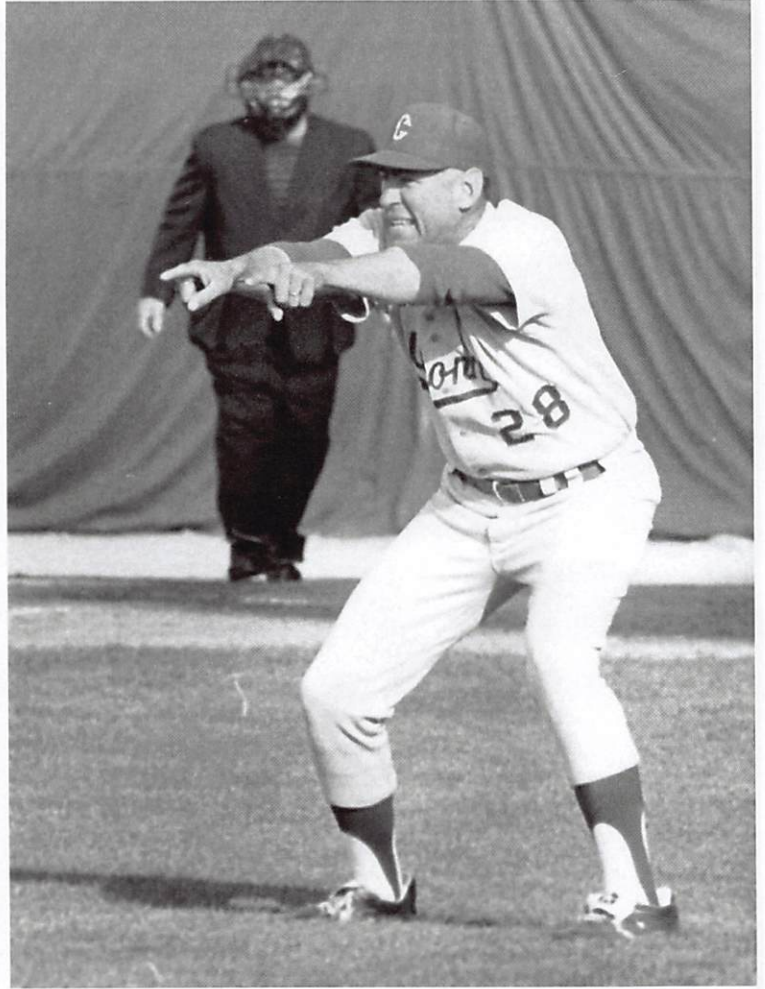
A native of New Britain, Conn. where he played on New Britain High School's 1955 state championship team, Baylock is a 1960 graduate of Central Connecticut where he was a four-year letterwinner in both football and baseball and captained both teams. There he received the Gladstone Award, CCSU's highest award presented to a scholar-athlete. Baylock earned a master's degree from the University of Michigan in 1962 where he served as a graduate assistant baseball coach.

Baylock and his late wife, Barbara, are the parents of three children, Jennifer, Jeffrey and Andrea, all of whom attended UConn. Baylock also has six grandchildren."





UCFB Coaching Staff that beat Yale in 1965 (Andy Baylock: 2nd from right side)



# **PAST RECIPIENTS OF THE CRYSTAL AWARD**

**Geno Auriemma  
Dr. Philip E. Austin  
Jim Calhoun  
David R. Gavitt  
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## **The Crystal Award**

The Crystal Award is bestowed on rare occasions to an individual who has made extraordinary contributions to the University of Connecticut and its athletic programs. While the awardee's support of the athletic programs is an important criteria, his/her contributions to the University as a whole is the distinguishing characteristics from the other UConn Club awards.



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