

Phillip “Phil” C. Savage, Jr. Class of 1983

Phil Savage probably has the greatest name recognition of any Murphy graduate in recent history, both locally and nationally.

Phil was very active during his years at Murphy. He belonged to the Key Club and the Ushers Club (vice-president), and was involved in Panther Spirit Night and the MOHIAN. He played both baseball and football, playing the quarterback position his junior and senior years. He was recognized with a United States Baseball Award his senior year and upon graduating, attended The University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee, on scholarship. He continued to play baseball and football there. He graduated with a degree in English and chose to continue his education at the University of Alabama, where he earned a Masters Degree in physical education.

While at Alabama, Phil joined football coach Bill Curry’s staff in 1987 as a graduate assistant. He moved up to coach the tight end position for 2 years and then moved to work under offensive coordinator Homer Smith. Phil moved into the professional arena in 1996 working for the Cleveland Browns’ Bill Belichick and his defensive coordinator, Nick Saban. He continued to work in professional football as scout, personnel director, scouting director, senior vice-president and general manager, director of player personnel, and player personal consultant until 2008. In 2009, he joined the Crimson Tide Sports Network as color commentator for Alabama football radio coverage, working with announcer Eli Gold, a position he still holds. He also works as sports commentator on WNSP, the local sports radio station, and on ESPN and Sirius XM satellite radio.

His local claim to fame is his appointment as executive director for the Reese’s [Senior Bowl](#) in May 2012. The Senior Bowl is an event that garners much national attention and is very important to Mobile’s tourism economy.

Despite all these “hats,” he still has time to work with his brother to organize local football camps for kids and to be involved in the local L’Arche chapter.

Phil has been inducted into the Mobile Sports Hall of Fame (2010), Sewanee’s Sports Hall of Fame (2016), and now we are proud to include him in the MAA Hall of Fame.