



## DR. THOMAS WARNER 2015 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

“Coach” Tommy Warner has been a resident of St. Bernard Parish for the past 55 years. He has worn many Hats such as a four sport athlete, educator, administrator, businessman, state representative, family man, chancellor and a mentor for the likes of Bobby April and Don Landry. Although, when he is addressed as “Coach,” his eyes widen and gleam as his chest expands. There has never been such an unparalleled Inductee in the 21 year history of the St. Bernard Sports Hall of Fame.

### EDUCATION:

- » Incarnate Word Elementary 1949
- » Redemptorist High School 1949-53
- » Tulane University BA Degree 1953-57
- » Tulane University MEd Degree 1965
- » University of New Orleans EDD Degree 1975

### REDEMPTORIST HIGH SCHOOL:

#### 1951 Football

- » Ran for TD on first career carry.

#### 1951-52 Football, Basketball, Baseball

- » 3 Sport Letterman
- » Received Most Improved Player Award

#### 1952 Football

- » All Prep running back.
- » Led Prep league in scoring.
- » Team MVP.
- » Team Co-Captain.
- » Played in 8th Annual All-Star Classic.

#### 1952-53 Basketball

- » All Prep (2nd Team).
- » Team Co-Captain.
- » Team MVP.

#### 1953 Track

- » Leading Point Getter in Boys Track & Field Day at City Park:
  - Won 100 yd Dash
  - Won 440 yd. Relay

#### 1953 Baseball

- » All Prep Outfielder (2nd Team).
- » Batted .324.
- » Team Co-Captain.
- » Team MVP.
- » Leading hitter (.440) in All-American League.
- » Selected for All-American League All Stars to compete in Johnstown, PA.

#### Senior Year

- » Captain of Football, Basketball and Baseball Team.
- » MVP in 3 sports - only second player to receive this Award besides Mike Trapana.

### TULANE SPORTS BIO: CHRIS DUNAWAY (*Assistant Athletic Director for Athletic Communications*)

Football (1953-57) Scholarship and played Baseball (1954-56). Earned a total of seven letters for the Green Wave on the Gridiron and baseball diamond. Hampered by injuries throughout his career, Warner was a two-way standout in football (4 year letterman) as well as a punt and kick off returner. He also was the holder for the placekicker. Finished his 4 year career with a 4.31 yds. per carry average. Has the distinction of posting 2 of the longest returns in school history. On October 29, 1955 vs. the unbeaten 8th ranked Auburn Tigers, Warner intercepted a pass and returned it 87 yds. for a TD to clinch a 27-13 win. He added to the record book in 1957, when he returned a punt 89 yds. against Virginia Tech. The punt return is still the second longest in school history, while the

interception return ranks No. 8. In his collegiate debut vs. The Citadel on September 19, 1953, he galloped 58 yds. for a TD on his first career carry. Warner was nominated for the Southeastern Player of the Week in the 1954 Wave upset of Georgia 14-0. In game 2 of the 1957 season, he had a 48 yd. jaunt against the Texas coached Daryl Royal team before a season ending injury.

Warner also played the outfield for 3 seasons for the Tulane baseball team earning 3 letters. In 1955, he hit a ninth inning home run to give the Wave a 9-6 win over Mississippi State, its first win of the season. Warner also hit a homer in the ninth to tie the LSU Tigers, allowing the Wave to win it in the 10th. He was the 2nd leading hitter on the squad with a .296 average in 1956 and led the team in runs scored.

### POST TULANE SPORTS:

#### Received applications for professional football from:

- » Los Angeles Rams, Green Bay Packers, Chicago Cardinals, Cleveland Browns and Pittsburg Steelers.

#### 1951- Final 5 for outstanding Athlete of Amateur Sports for the Greater New Orleans area.

### COACHING:

#### 1958-1961 Holy Cross

- » Assistant Football
- » Head Track

#### 1961-67 Chalmette High

- » Assistant Football to Bobby Nuss
- » Head Baseball

### PROFESSIONAL:

#### 1967-70 Assistant Principal at Chalmette High

#### 1970 Director of Curriculum- St. Bernard Parish School System

#### 1975 Earned Doctorate of Education and became Assistant Superintendent of St. Bernard Parish School System

#### 1975-81 Visiting Professor at several institutions

#### 1981 Associate Dean of Instruction- Delgado Community College

Ran several small businesses

#### 1988 Elected State Representative District 104 for 13 years

Director of Administrative Services at Nunez Community College

#### 2000 Appointed Chancellor of Nunez Community College

#### 2005 Immediately got Nunez's educational programs up and rolling, Post-Katrina

#### 2006 Received the "2006 President's Leadership Award"

#### 2007 Received the "2007 Citizen of the Year" Award

#### 2016 New Construction continues at Nunez Community College