

Banks, Clemons headline 2013 Hall of Fame class

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Former Iowa football players Brad Banks and Craig Clemons are among the group of 2013 inductees into the Iowa Athletics Hall of Fame, the UI announced Wednesday afternoon in a release. Joining them in this year's class were Sam Bailie (gymnastics), Jennifer Brower-McNutt (cross country/track and field), Franthea Price (women's basketball) and former women's golf coach Diane Thomason.

Banks played two seasons at Iowa (2001-02) after transferring from Hinds Community College in Mississippi. He played sparingly as a back-up quarterback in 2001 before having one of the most decorated seasons of any Hawkeye signal-caller ever in 2002. Banks led an Iowa squad that finished 11-2 overall and 8-0 in Big Ten play, winning a share of the Big Ten title with Ohio State. Completing 26 touchdown passes to just five interceptions, Banks went on to win the 2002 Davey O'Brien Award and was the runner-up for that season's Heisman Trophy to then-USC quarterback Carson Palmer.

Clemons (1969-71) played all three seasons he was eligible at safety for Iowa and was a first-team all-American during his senior season in 1971. During his Hawkeye career, Clemons recorded 261 career tackles and led Iowa in interceptions during both his junior and senior campaigns. The Chicago Bears selected Clemons with the 12th overall pick in the 1972 NFL Draft and he went on to play six seasons in the NFL, all of which came with the Bears.

This year's Hall of Fame class will be enshrined on Aug. 30, the night before Iowa's 2013 season opener against Northern

Illinois.