

## Guest Speaker: Ron Slay

Former Professional Basketball Player |  
SEC Legend | Sports Analyst | Motivational  
Speaker

Ron Slay is a dynamic voice in sports and a celebrated former professional basketball player known for his passion, leadership, and high-energy style—on and off the court. A Nashville native, Slay rose to national prominence at Oak Hill Academy, where he helped lead the team to a perfect 31-0 record and a national championship under legendary Coach Steve Smith. He went on to make his mark at the University of Tennessee (1999–2003), earning SEC Player of the Year honors and All-American recognition in his senior season.

After college, Slay carved out a successful 13-year professional career overseas, playing in elite leagues across Europe and Latin America, including stints in Italy, Spain, Israel, Venezuela, and Puerto Rico. Wherever he played, Slay's infectious energy and versatile game made him a fan favorite.

Today, Slay brings that same charisma to the microphone as co-host of **3HL on 104.5 The Zone** and as a college basketball analyst on the **SEC Network** and **ESPN**. With deep insight, humor, and an unmistakable presence, he has become a respected commentator and motivational speaker, inspiring audiences with his story of resilience, perseverance, and passion for the game.

Slay's honors include selection to the University of Tennessee's All-Century Team, being named an SEC Basketball Legend in 2017, and his induction into the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame Class of 2025.

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## Schedule of Event

Knoxville Convention Center  
Thursday, August 21

**Hospitality:** **5 pm**  
(appetizers & cash  
bar available in the  
concourse)

**Reception:** **6 pm**  
(doors open; food  
stations available)

**Induction Ceremony:** **7 pm**

**Guest Speaker:** **Ron Slay**

**Tickets:** \$200 per person  
\$3,000 per table

*(\$140 of each \$200 ticket and \$2,400 of  
each \$3,000 table is tax deductible)*

**Attire:** Cocktail

**To purchase tickets visit [GKSHOF.org](http://GKSHOF.org)**



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