



Kentucky High School Athletic Association

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DAWAHARES/KHSAA HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2008 INDUCTEES ANNOUNCED

LEXINGTON - Twelve former high school coaches, athletes, officials administrators and/or contributors make up the 21st class to be inducted into the Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame. The class will first be recognized at the annual Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame golf outing scheduled for Tuesday, June 19, 2007, at the Marriott Griffin Gate Resort in Lexington.

The class of 2008 will be inducted in ceremonies scheduled for Saturday, April 12, 2008 at the Lexington Convention Center. The induction of the 12 will bring the total number of individuals honored to 355.

The 2008 class is as follows:

“Copper” John Campbell – “Copper” played basketball for Hindman where he was a three year starter. In 1939, he helped Hindman to the State Tournament and was selected All-State Tournament for his efforts. Later, he coached the Wayland Wasps for 11 years, winning four district titles, three regional titles, including his 1956 squad that set many State Tournament records.

Joe Carr, Jr. – Carr was an All-American wrestler for Woodford County where he amassed 242 high school career wins. He was a four-time state champion including his eighth grade year in 1993. He received First Team All-America honors in 1997 by *Wrestling Magazine* and was a two-time National High School Finalist. In addition, he qualified for the NCAA Tournament four times while on the mat for West Virginia University and his 101 career wins rank seventh all-time at WVU.

Gloria Compton – Compton started the gymnastics program at Bryan Station High School in Lexington in 1962 and the Track program in 1964 where she coached those teams until 1974. It is in the area of Spirit and Cheerleading that Compton has made her mark. She coached varsity cheer from 1962 until 1990. Under her guidance, the Defenders captured the Sweet 16® Cheer competition championship in 1972 and again in 1974. She was one of the primary leaders in KAPOS (Kentucky Association of Pep Organization Sponsors) and continues to serve the organization to date as a member of the advisory board. In addition, Compton was a co-founder of the Kentucky Girls Sports Association.

Nancy Crutcher Martin – Crutcher Martin was a three sport athlete at Oldham County where she earned five individual state championships and was a member of four team state championships. She captured the Class 3A Cross Country State Championship twice as an individual and was a member of the State Championship team three times. She also captured individual championships in the 1600 Meter and 3200 Meter State Track and Field Meet. Crutcher Martin was a member of the 1986 Girls' Sweet 16® State Championship basketball team and was named “MVP” of the tournament.

Charles “Doodle” Floyd – “Doodle” Floyd was a star and leader in basketball for the legendary Cuba Cubs. He was a member of the 1951 State Runner-up team and the 1952 State Championship team. He led the team in both scoring and rebounding in both trips to the State Tournament and was named to the All-Tournament team both years.

Gene Hilten– Hilten was a great contributor to high school athletics in the sport of golf. He was a golf teacher to those from the Frankfort area and instrumental in many high school players improving their game and going on to receive college golf scholarships. Hilten was a three-time “Teacher of the Year” honoree and was inducted into the Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame in 1992.



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E.G. Plummer – Plummer was a track standout for Danville from 1953-65. He captured seven state championships while setting a state record in the mile run. He went on to run for the University of Kentucky and finished as Southeastern Conference runner-up in the Mile Run in 1958 and was a member of UK's undefeated SEC Championship Cross Country team in 1958. In addition, Plummer captured the SEC Championship in the 880 yard dash while tying the SEC record in the event. Plummer went on to enjoy a successful career as track and field coach for Danville. His teams captured five girls' cross country, two boys' cross country, seven girls' track and three boys' track State Championships. Plummer has also served as a track official for many years.

William Burton Rankin – Rankin was a star runner for Somerset in the sports of track and cross country. He was cross country state runner-up in 1965 and state champion in the two-mile run in 1966 – the first state champion in any sport for the Briarjumpers. He was one of the first three minority athletes to receive an athletic scholarship to the University of Kentucky.

Ervin Stepp – Stepp was an all-star basketball player for Phelps High School. During his prep career, he tallied 3,228 points en route to an incredible career scoring average of over 40 points-per-game. He was named All-State his junior and senior seasons. His career accolades include a senior year scoring average of 53.7 points-per-game highlighted by receiving the honor of Mr. Basketball in 1980.

Grant Talbott – Talbott was girls' basketball coach for Owensboro. Taking the reigns of a second year program in 1975, Talbott built the Lady Devils into a power. Over the course of the next six years his teams captured six district titles, five regional titles and one regional runner-up finish. His coaching mark during that time was an impressive 152-21. Following his coaching career, "GG" continued as an ambassador for the third region by helping those from the area advance to the college level. Talbott also is a former Board of Control member of the KHSAA.

Brad Wilkerson – Wilkerson was a multi-sport standout for the Apollo Eagles. He was a three-time All-State honoree in baseball and soccer and received honorable mention All-State honors in football and basketball. In all, he earned 15 letters in four different sports from 1991-1995. He was finalist for Mr. Soccer in 1994 and was named Kentucky's Mr. Baseball in 1995. It was on the diamond where he enjoyed his greatest success. He ranks among career state leaders in many categories including 194 runs scored, 198 RBI, 165 walks, 1.58 ERA and 151 strikeouts in a season. After a collegiate career playing for the Florida Gators, he was a first round draft selection by the Montreal Expos in 1998. At the time of his induction he continues his Major League Baseball career as a member of the Texas Rangers.

Rozella Young – Young has served as a contributor to high school athletics for over 60 years. She started her service in 1946 as official scorer while attending Blandville High School in Ballard County. She later moved to Carlisle County and has worked as official scorekeeper for the Comets since 1965. In addition, she has served as the official scorekeeper for several district and regional tournaments.

Two other individuals have previously been voted into the Hall of Fame but declined induction at that time. Kelly Coleman (1989) and John Reynolds (1994) have yet to accept the honor. They or their representatives would be added to the induction class in the year the honor is accepted.

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