



Kentucky High School Athletic Association

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DAWAHARES/KHSAA HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2012 INDUCTEES ANNOUNCED

LEXINGTON - Twelve former high school coaches, athletes, officials, administrators or contributors make up the 25th 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 Wednesday, June 22, 2011, at the Marriott Griffin Gate Resort in Lexington.

The class of 2012 will be inducted in ceremonies scheduled for Saturday, April 28, 2012, at the Lexington Convention Center. The induction of the 12 will bring the total number of individuals honored to 403.

The 2012 class is as follows:

Libby Burr – Burr was a high school cheer coach for 28 years and a member of the KAPOB board for 33 years. Her squads won 12 district championships, two region championships and were five-time winners of the K-Pep Award. She was honored as the National Cheer Coach of the Year in 1992 and the NFHS Spirit Award winner in 2007. She also coached track for 15 years, and her teams won three regions and one sectional state meet.

Tim Cahill – Cahill's illustrious swimming coaching career included 20 regional championships, 40 individual state champions and nine high school All-Americans as the coach at Model from 1979 until his death in 2010. Cahill was honored as the state's swim coach of the year on numerous occasions and in 2010 was named the National Swimming and Diving Coach of the Year by the National High School Athletic Coaches Association. Cahill also served on the NFHS Swimming and Diving Rules Committee and assisted with the KHSAA with the state swim meet for more than 25 years.

Randy Embry – Kentucky's Mr. Basketball in 1961, Embry enjoyed a highly successful career as a player and coach. Embry led Owensboro's basketball team to a 1960 state tournament appearance and the baseball team to back-to-back state berths in 1960 and 1961. Later as a baseball coach Embry led Daviess County to the 1971 state championship, and as boys basketball coach Owensboro, his teams won 12 district and eight regional titles from 1981-99.

Maxine Graham – Graham was one of the state's greatest female track and field athletes starring at Fleming County High School in the mid-1970s. A 10-time state champion in the high jump, long jump, 440 yard relay and 880 yard medley relay, Graham set several class and state records. Her state record in the long jump – 20 feet, 4 inches set in 1975 – still stands today.

Joe Hood – A keen football mind who enjoyed tremendous success wherever he went, Hood was the first coach to be honored as the Courier-Journal Coach of the Year at two different schools. Hood coached the 1979 Butler team to the state Class 4A championship and later enjoyed tremendous success at Warren Central, leading the Dragons to Class 4A state championship game appearances in 1989 and 1990.

Kim LaBelle – LaBelle was instrumental in getting girls' soccer its start in Kentucky. As a freshman and sophomore, LaBelle played on the boys' team at Eastern High School in Louisville, as the school had no girls' team. Her junior and senior years with a girls' team to represent, LaBelle earned All-American honors in 1993 and was named the state's first Miss Soccer in 1994 while setting a standard for girls' game across the state.

Jim McDaniels – McDaniels seemingly did it all during a star-studded career at Allen County. McDaniels is one of only four players in state history with more than 3,000 career points and 2,000 career rebounds. His senior season remains one of the top campaigns in Kentucky prep history. In 1967, the 7-foot-1 center averaged 38 points and 25 rebounds and led the Patriots to a Fourth Region championship. He was named Mr. Basketball for his efforts.

Marvin Moore – One of the Commonwealth's most decorated referees for more than two decades, Moore enjoyed a highly successful career that included 18 regional finals assignments, five state tournaments and four state championship games in 23 years. Moore also served as a baseball umpire for six years and volleyball official for four and has devoted more than 35 years to school administration.

Jim Perrin – A coach of six different sports as well as an administrator during his 34-year career at the high school level, Perrin was one of Kentucky's softball pioneers at Christian County. Perrin led the Lady Colonels to four state championships and four runner-up finishes during his tenure. His teams won three slow-pitch championships, including back-to-back in 1990-91. He then led his program through a seamless transition to fast-pitch with a championship in 1996. He also captured a state title and two runner-up finishes as coach of the Colonel wrestling program.

Alvin Ratliff – One of Johnson County and Eastern Kentucky's finest prep standouts, Ratliff enjoyed a record-setting career at Meade Memorial High School in the early 1960s. The school's all-time leading scorer, Ratliff earned All-State and All-America honors in 1965 and signed with the University of Kentucky. Ratliff later enjoyed success as a coach, winning more than 400 games. He led Johnson Central's girls to a pair of 15th Region championships and later won a 16th Region All 'A' Classic championship at Bath County.

James Tucker – A legendary player in the Kentucky High School Athletic League, Tucker was a standout at Paris Western High School in the late 1940s. After graduating from Paris Western in 1950, Tucker became an All-American at Duquesne University, Black College All-American and one of the first African American athletes to play on an NBA championship team with the 1955 Syracuse Nationals.

Randy Wyatt – Wyatt enjoyed one of the greatest careers of any Kentucky student-athlete. Simply put, Wyatt did not lose. Wyatt was a 15-time state champion at Paducah Tilghman High School in track and field and never lost an event that he entered at the state competition. He also made his mark on the football field as he earned All-State honors and was named one of the top 100 football players in the nation as a senior. Wyatt led Paducah Tilghman to three consecutive state championship game appearances from 1987-89.

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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UPCOMING EVENTS

May 1 Forcht Group of Kentucky/Kentucky National Insurance Sportsmanship Awards Banquet,
KHSAA Office, Lexington

May 15 KHSAA Officials Recognition Banquet, KHSAA Office, Lexington
May 19 KHSAA Board of Control Meeting, KHSAA Office, Lexington