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DAWAHARES/KHSAA HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2006 INDUCTEES ANNOUNCED

LEXINGTON - Thirteen former high school coaches, athletes, officials and/or administrators make up the 19th 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 Monday, June 20, 2005, at the Marriott Griffin Gate Resort in Lexington.

The class of 2006 will be inducted in ceremonies scheduled for Tuesday, March 14, 2006 at the Lexington Center. The induction of the 13 will bring the total number of individuals honored to 331.

The 2006 class is as follows:

Earl Adkins – Adkins was a star in football and basketball for Ashland High School. He earned All-State and Mr. Basketball honors in 1953 while setting the school's all-time career scoring record. In 1952, Adkins earned honorable-mention All-State honors in football. He went on to be involved in education and coaching.

Richard Bedwell – Bedwell was one of the most successful cheerleading coaches in the history of the Kentucky Association of Pep Organization Sponsors. He began his career in 1975 at Graham High School and went on to enjoy coaching jobs at Muhlenberg South and Trigg County High Schools. Bedwell's expertise and talent included other activities such as band, dance and pom squads. He also served the state as a Board member of KAPOS, including vice president and president of the organization.

Tom Hammond – Hammond, a graduate of Lafayette High School in Lexington, was innovator and leader in the news coverage of high school athletics beginning in 1969 with WLEX-TV in Lexington. He has gone on to enjoy an illustrious and award-winning broadcasting career covering a multitude of sporting events.

Stan Hardin – Coach Hardin guided the Fairdale Bulldogs to three consecutive trips to the Boys' Sweet Sixteen® State Basketball Tournament, winning back-to-back titles in 1990 and 1991. He compiled a 247-138 record while coach at Fairdale and the school holds the honor of being the last team to win back-to-back Boys' State Basketball Championships.

James Holman – Holman was an outstanding track and field coach for Eastern High School in Louisville. His 29 year career yielded numerous regional and sectional championships, including one runner-up and five State Championship finishes.

Joan Johnston – Johnston coached girls' golf at Franklin County High School, guiding the Flyers to numerous appearances in the State Tournament, including State Championships in 1995 and 1996.

Charles Joseph – Joseph was an accomplished baseball umpire, having worked eight Regional Tournaments and four State Tournaments. He was founder of the Tri-State Baseball Officials Association.

Rick Kestner – Kestner was a three-sport star at Belfry High School, showcasing his talents for the Pirates in football, baseball and basketball. On the basketball hardwood, Kestner scored over 1,500 points and on the baseball diamond he helped Belfry earn the school's first trip to the State Baseball Tournament.

Carole Liedtke – Liedtke was a prep gymnast for Pleasure Ridge Park High School in Louisville. She went on coach girls' gymnastics at Moore High School in Louisville, guiding the program to State Championships in 1972, 1973 and 1974.

George Lusby – Lusby was a prep athlete at Georgetown High School and later coached baseball and basketball at his alma mater. He has been involved in officiating over 40 years, working 11 KHSAA State Football Championship games.

Jimmie Reed – Reed was a long time football and track coach at Washington County High School. A respected administrator, Reed has served as Executive Director of the Kentucky High School Coaches Association and Director of the annual Kentucky/Tennessee High School All-Star Football Game since 1988. In addition, Reed is a former state director for the National Football Coaches Association.

Kenny Rollins – Rollins was a basketball star for Wickliffe High School and went on to enjoy a successful career at the University of Kentucky.

Tom Steltenkamp – Steltenkamp has provided sports medicine coverage for the Jefferson County area for over 20 years. He was instrumental in beginning the first sports medicine outreach program to high schools and organized Kentucky Medical Association/KHSAA Medical Symposiums for over two decades. Steltenkamp has provided education to high school student trainers through camps and symposiums, helping the youth pursue sports medicine scholarships and careers in college.

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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