

# Dawahares / KHSAA Hall of Fame Nomination Form

KHSAA Form GE30  
Rev. 10/99

## Information about Nominee

Name:	Doran Hostetler		
Is the nominee deceased? (circle)	YES	NO	
<i>(if nominee is not deceased, please fill out address information below)</i>			
Address:			
City, State, Zip			
Phone (list day and night)			

## Information about person making nomination (list "self" if self-nominating)

Name:	Tony Little		
Address:	RCS Gen Del.		
City, State, Zip	Lost Creek, Ky. 41348		
Phone (list day and night)	(606) 666-2359		

**Important Information Needed for ALL Nominees. This information is important to the Selection Process in helping to ensure that the desired objectives with regard to the consideration of nominees and the induction process is satisfied. (Application will not be accepted without this information)**

Please list the primary category of nomination (circle)-

PLAYER	COACH	OFFICIAL	CONTRIBUTOR
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Birth Date of Nominee	3-18-37
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Sex (circle one)	Male	Female
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Is the nominee a minority (African American and others) as defined in 2(c)	Yes	No
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**If this person is being nominated as a Coach, please complete the following additional information-**

Coached at which High School(s)	Riverside Christian
Year of Retirement	deceased
Primary KHSAA basketball region as defined in 2(b)	14th

(over for remainder of application)

If this person is being nominated as an Athlete, please complete the following additional information-

High School Attended	
Graduation Year	
Primary KHSAA basketball region as defined in 2(b)	

If this person is being nominated as an Official, please complete the following additional information-

Primary Officiating Accomplishments at the High School Level	
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For persons being nominated in all categories, please complete the following additional information

Please summarize this person's accomplishments as a coach, player, official or contributor at the high school level in Kentucky.

*In the few short years that I was blessed to get to know Mr. Ho, he taught me a lot about dedication and committing my life to the people at Riverside. Mr. Ho wasn't about winning or losing, but about playing the game truthfully and honestly. In the 70's he help found the 3 rivers conference which gives kids in smaller schools a chance to make an all conference team. His commitment to sportsmanship lives on with the 55th district's choice to create the "Doran Hestetter Sportsmanship Award" which is giving at the 95th district tourney each year.*

Please list any other factors about this individual that you would like for the Hall of Fame Committee to consider.

*The Testimony at his funeral, people about 4,000 came to see this man one last time, he had a theme which was "celebrate life," that is the way he lived. He gave his life to the 14th region, the 55th district and to us at Riverside, this would be one honour we would like to give back to him.*

I certify that I have truthfully completed this information about the nominee with the permission of the nominee, that he/she will accept induction if selected, and I will cooperate with the KHSAA should additional information be needed for his/her consideration.

Tony Little  
Signature

Tony Little  
Name (print)

6-22-01  
(Date)

Attach any relevant press clippings and materials which would verify coaching win-loss records, or other statistical information. Also attach any other letters of recommendation of other information which may be helpful to the committee in making a final selection.



## THE JUNE BUCHANAN SCHOOL

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Caney Creek Community Center  
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Pippa Passes, Kentucky 41844  
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100 Purpose Road  
Pippa Passes, KY 41844  
April 11, 2001

KHSAA  
C/O Hall of Fame Committee  
2280 Executive Drive  
Lexington, KY 40505

Dear KHSAA Hall of Fame Committee Member(s):

I am writing this letter of recommendation on behalf of the late Doran Hostetler. Mr. Hostetler worked at the Riverside Christian School for about forty years. I personally knew him since the early 1980's.

Mr. Hostetler dedicated his life to this school and the surrounding community. Officially, he was the Principal. However, he was so much more. He taught classes when necessary. He drove the bus to almost all events all the time. He raised money to support the school. He served as Athletic Director. He coached whatever needed to be coached each year, including boys and girls cross country, boys and girls basketball, baseball, softball, and track.

In addition, he was instrumental in forming the Three-Rivers Conference and was its only Commissioner from its beginning to the late 1970's until his untimely and unexpected death last year. His influence extended to many other schools, affecting students, athletes, coaches, and administrators throughout Eastern Kentucky.

Doran Hostetler was the most humble person that I have ever known. His ethical and moral character is unsurpassed. His demeanor and actions defined sportsmanship and the purpose of athletics. I do not believe that you could find a person who would make a negative comment about Mr. Hostetler.

If your criteria for admission to the KHSAA require state championships and statewide publicity, Mr. Hostetler probably will not be elected. If you consider his positive contributions to the community and young people that he chose to serve, he will be your first selection.

Yours in Athletics,

Gary Gibson  
Teacher, Coach, Athletic Director

Steve Thomas  
102 Hillcrest Drive  
Jackson, Kentucky 41339

April 20, 2001

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Steve Thomas. I am employed as a KY State Trooper. In my spare time I am a KHSAA official. I am writing this letter as support for the election of Mr. Doran Hostetler into the KHSAA Hall of Fame. Mr. Hostetler always stressed the importance of fair play and good sportsmanship to his teams. Mr. Hostetler was a "class act" in victory and defeat.

I have personally known Mr. Hostetler for my entire life. Mr. Hostetler gave every ounce of himself to his teams and school. He was a wonderful coach and an even better person.

I feel that the KHSAA would do themselves an honor by electing this fine man into the Hall of Fame.

Sincerely,

Trooper Steve Thomas

TROOPER STEVE THOMAS

## Introduction

In my senior year here at Riverside, Mr. Ho was my basketball coach. He came to me one day and asked me to write an essay for the 14<sup>th</sup> Region All "A" Classic Tourney on how athletics had enhanced my academic achievements. I want to tell you that on January 25, 1992 exactly 8 years before his death, I received an award for first place in the essay contest. Now, let me share the short essay with you.

### How Athletics Have Enhanced My Academic Achievements

Athletics has enhanced my academic achievements in many ways. Let me explain, my coach, Doran Hostetler always tells his players that there are three D's to being successful in sports. They are discipline, determination, and dedication.

Those three D's have not only helped me be successful in sports, but have helped me with my academic achievements as well. I have become more disciplined on the way I spend my time. After school, I go to basketball practice for two hours. When practice is over, I go home and relax for a few minutes before starting my homework. It usually takes a few hours to complete my homework before I go to bed.

On the nights that I have an away game, I get home very late especially when we have played Oneida, Red Bird, or June Buchanan. I feel like going straight to bed as soon as I get home, but I discipline myself to do my homework first, then I can go to bed.

Athletics has also disciplined me to wanting to reach my goals in life. That is where the second D my coach, Doran Hostetler taught me comes in — determination. For instance, my coach always encourages the team to be determined to play hard even if we are losing the ball game. He tells us that even if we don't win to always give your best. In a sense, academics are based on a lot of determination. If you are determined to stay with it, it will pay off like when a report card is given out or even more importantly when getting a job.

Dedication is the last D my coach tells his players helps make you successful. I have dedicated myself to be faithful to practices and ball games even when I do not feel like it. This also applies to my academics.

No matter how hard it may be, I will always use the three D's my coach taught me: Discipline, determination, and dedication. With the three D's, I know I will be successful in all that I want to achieve. Thanks Coach!

An essay written by Amy Denise Pocal

Age 17

December 1991

6050 Lotts Creek Road  
Hazard, Kentucky  
April 17, 2001

KHSAA  
Coaches Hall of Fame

To Whom It May Concern:

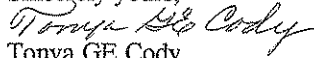
I highly recommend Mr. Doran Hostetler as a member of the KHSAA Coaches Hall of Fame. Mr. Hostetler was an intricate part of the Riverside Christian School for forty years and he played a major role in the successful development of The Three Rivers Conference. Mr. Ho, as he was most often called, Donated his time and efforts to his home school and other schools in the surrounding areas.

Mr. Ho coached, sponsored, refereed, officiated, and educated the youth and adults of Eastern Kentucky. He was the embodiment of sportsmanship, ethics, and morality in everything he said and did.

I am a cross-country and track coach and I have coached with Mr. Ho for the last three years of his life. He was always interested in the athletes of every school and always had positive comments to make about everyone.

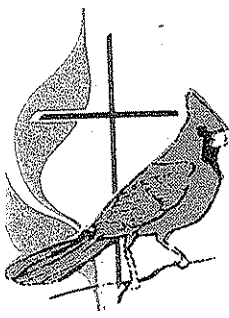
Mr. Hostetler's life is an example of his deep Christian beliefs as well as the dictates of his church and the KHSAA. If ever there is an individual who deserves to be placed in the KHSAA Coaches Hall of Fame, Doran Hostetler is this individual.

Sincerely yours,



Tonya GE Cody

Boys and Girls Cross-country Coach  
Boys and Girls Track Coach  
Assistant Girls Basketball Coach  
Assistant Girls Softball Coach  
Cordia High School



# RED BIRD MISSION SCHOOL

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*"A witness for Christ in the Heart of Appalachia Since 1921"*

April 17, 2001

KHSAA  
2280 Executive Drive  
Lexington, Kentucky 40505

Dear KHSAA Hall of Fame:

I nominate Doran Hostetler for the KHSAA Hall of Fame. He spent his life dedicated to helping the youth of Lost Creek and the Riverside Community in Breathitt County. He served as coach of all sports. He was principal bus driver, janitor, ticket taker, popcorn popper, etc. He did it all. He was truly a missionary. He did this for about forty years. He was founder and president of the Three Rivers Conference. What he did, what he accomplished, will stand for eternity. He truly is a deserving member of the KHSAA Hall of Fame.

Sincerely in Sportsmanship,

*John D. Wilson*  
John D. Wilson

# Cordia School

Charles Jones  
Principal  
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April 19, 2001

Riverside Christian School  
Mr. Tony Little  
Lost Creek, Ky. 41348

Dear Mr. Little:

I am writing to you in regard to your letter dated April 9, 2001. I am delighted and honored to recommend Doran Hostetler's nomination to the KHSAA Hall of Fame.

My association with Mr. Hostetler was for over twenty years as a fellow basketball and baseball coach, a member of the Three Rivers Conference and as a Kentucky educator. During our years of working together, I feel like I knew Mr. Hostetler very well.

During my thirty plus years of work in the public schools and government service, I rate Mr. Hostetler at the top of sportsmanship, ethical conduct and moral character. Also, his dedication to mountain youths' education, involvement in sports, recognizing student/athlete accomplishments, and helping people in the area was exemplary.

A typical school year for Coach Hostetler involved very heavy coaching duties in cross-country, track, basketball, and baseball. Often his coaching included both girls and boys teams, driving the bus, and keeping the scorebook. I honestly don't know how he did so much for so many years as a coach and educator. He was a remarkable individual both on the court/field and off the field. His legacy will be remembered for generations through his teaching, coaching, and ministry endeavors.

I feel very fortunate to have had the opportunity to work and coach with Mr. Hostetler. It is truly great remembering Coach Hostetler.

Sincerely,

*David Melton, Teacher/Coach*  
David Melton



To Whom It May Concern,

I was writing you on behalf of Mr. Doran Hostetler and was asking he be nominated for the KHSAA Hall of Fame. No, he never won a state event, nor did Riverside Christian School win a state event while he was principal there for over 40 years, but there are many reasons why he should be in the Hall of Fame.

For one, I had personally known Mr. Hostetler for 20 years and he never changed. He was always there for the kids not just at his school, but for kids all over our region. There were more to him than just winning; he wanted to teach the kids other things that could assist them down the road in life. He was chairman of the Three Rivers Conference, and he always wanted to set high standards for the conference to help make it be a great one.

I have passed him many mornings over the past years driving the school bus. Then when I would attend a baseball game, I would find him marking the field. During a boys or girls basketball game he would always greet me, and ask how my family was doing. During a cross-country meet that Riverside would host, he would usually be the starter. Whenever Riverside hosted the 55<sup>th</sup> District Tournament Mr. Ho. always made sure it was done with class. I feel he always showed great moral character and tried to instill that into his coaching staff and the student athletes. I can honestly say I never ever remember anyone saying anything negative about him.

I was having a pretty rough time my last year before resigning as coach of the Boys High School basketball team. I had released 4 of my starters over the last part of the season, was starting an 8<sup>th</sup> grader at point guard, and drew Knott County Central in the first round of the District Tournament. At this point of the season I was pretty disgusted. I remember just before the start of the District game Mr. Hostetler calling me over and giving me some encouraging words. He did not have to do that, but that is the type of person he was.

I have been involved in sports at Jackson City School at some capacity for 16 years, and I don't think there is anyone who has been placed on the Hall of Fame that was anymore deserving than Mr. Doran Hostetler.

Sincerely,  
John Couch  
Jackson City School