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KHSAA
C/O Hall of Fame Committee
2280 Executive Drive
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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
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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 14th 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

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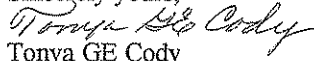
I highly recommend Mr. Doran Hostetler as a member of the KHSAA Coaches Hall of Fame. Mr. Hostetler was an intricate part of the Riverside Christian School for forty years and he played a major role in the successful development of The Three Rivers Conference. Mr. Ho, as he was most often called, Donated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

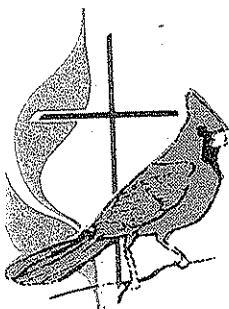
Mr. Hostetler's life is an example of his deep Christian beliefs as well as the dictates of his church and the KHSAA. If ever there is an individual who deserves to be placed in the KHSAA Coaches Hall of Fame, Doran Hostetler is this individual.

Sincerely yours,



Tonya GE Cody

Boys and Girls Cross-country Coach
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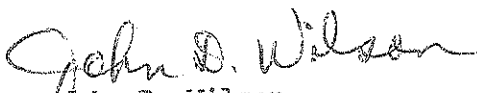
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KHSAA
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Dear KHSAA Hall of Fame:

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

Cordia School

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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 55th 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 8th 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