

Committee Members:

As a retired coach and athletic director I have had the pleasure of knowing William Underwood for thirty five plus years. Not only as a coach competing against him but also as a father watching him coach a daughter during one of his many summers of AAU competition.

“Chico” as he is known by his friends, has always had the utmost respect of athletes, coaches and officials throughout the state and metropolitan area. His leadership skills in the classroom and on the athletic field were as intense and fair as anyone with whom I have been associated.

The young men and women he coached and is continuing to coach learn much more than just skills needed to be competing athletes. They learn what is important in life and what it takes to be role models for others. Good fair competition, learning to win and how to lose all provide a stable foundation for them to become responsible members of society.

The passion and love he shows for the sports of cross country and track has multiplied many times as former athletes have become successful teachers and coaches.

“Chico” continues to coach and serve young people in a manner that provides the ability to handle adversity and become winners in life. It is only fitting to honor him as an Inductee to the Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame.

Thank you for your consideration,



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Dear Nomination Committee:

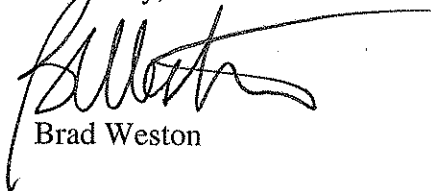
I am nominating with utmost respect William "Chico" Underwood for the Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame. Coach Chico epitomizes everything parents, athletes, and administrators are looking for in a coach. His levels of knowledge, dedication, commitment, and leadership are extremely rare. His athletes are sure to perform at the top of their abilities. He has that special gift of molding young people to be the best that they can be – both on and off the track. He sets very high expectations and holds his athletes to these expectations. Coach Chico has a strong sense for when a kid needs strong discipline or when a kid needs a hug.

I have observed first-hand Coach Chico's influence on young people. Numerous former athletes of Coach Chico come by his practices to say hello, thank him, and offer assistance to the current athletes. Many of his former athletes now have their own children training with Coach Chico. I have heard, on several occasions, athletes say he was like a father to them.

My own daughter started running with Coach Chico's Westside Track Club when she was eight. She is now twelve and is a top runner for her age. More importantly, she has learned to be responsible, dedicated, and committed. She has learned the value of hard work. Coach Chico has served as an excellent role model. I've have seen my daughter's abilities and confidence soar under his tutelage.

As listed on the nomination form, all of the aforementioned traits have led to numerous individual and team state championships for athletes on Coach Chico's teams. Please give William "Chico" Underwood your maximum consideration for the Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame. He is a most deserving candidate and would be an outstanding addition.

Sincerely,



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