

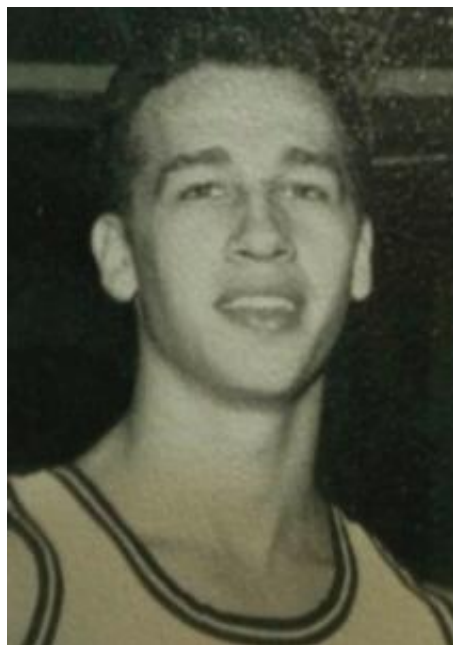
# GOLDEN EAGLES ATHLETICS

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## Hall of Fame Bio



### David Couch (2006)

Few Johnson Central graduates have experienced the type of success that David Couch has enjoyed. Even while in high school, Couch reached great heights both on the basketball court and in the classroom

As a student, Couch graduated in 1979 with a cumulative GPA of 3.95, and as an athlete, he was a record setting performer for the Golden Eagles, playing and lettering in four team different sports (basketball, cross country, golf and football). Couch would capture three district championships in basketball while being named all state two times for Hall of Fame (HOF) Coach Wendall Wallen. In 1978-1979, Couch was also named a national Student Athlete All-American. His 50-point performance against Paintsville still stands as the most points ever scored in a game by a JCHS player against the Tigers. He also had a career best 25 rebounds on three different occasions



Couch averaged 28.5 points and 12 rebounds per game his junior year and 29.5 points and 13 rebounds his senior season. To include his district championships, Couch was a member of a regional finalist and regional semi-finalist teams. His accomplishments on the court earned him All-District, All-Region, All-Area, All-State and Student Athlete All-American honors. He was also selected as a member of the 1946-1996 15th Region Basketball Dream Team.

During his high school career, Couch also lettered in football, golf, and cross country. Upon graduation, he accepted a scholarship to the United States Military Academy at West Point, and during his college playing career, Couch had the opportunity to play for legendary coach Mike Krzyzewski. He also played against top ranked Virginia and Houston against future NBA legends Ralph Sampson, Hakeem Olajuwon and Clyde Drexler.

Academically, Couch again did well and found himself on the Dean's List. Couch graduated in 1983 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Engineering. He also served on President Reagan's West Point Honor Guard.

Couch furthered his education as he graduated in 1986 with a masters in Computer Science and Information Systems from the University of Southern California. In 1991, he received the Army's Meritorious Service Medal and National Defense Medal for successful leadership in the deployment and use of technology systems during Operation Desert Storm while an active duty officer. He also served with the 194th Armored Brigade at Ft. Knox.

Since 1992, Couch has served as Kentucky's Commissioner of Education Technology. Under his guidance, Kentucky became the first state in the nation to have Internet, e-mail, financial management, and student information systems implemented in all district offices and schools. State service: While at the KDE, Couch has won the 2007 KY Society for Technology in Education's (KySTE) KY Leadership Award, 2010 KY Visionary Award, 2011 ISTE's international Making IT Happen Award. 2016 GovTech's national Top 25 Doers, Dreamers and Drivers Award and the 2017 Edscoop's National Edtech Hero for KY K-12's implementation of the nation's best overall K-12 education technology system. 2017 Kentucky Association of School Administrators (KASA) KY Education Leader of the Year. In January 2019, Couch was featured in Visions magazine's "Making A Difference" section: <https://www.ket.org/content/making-connections/>.

Couch and his wife Tina currently reside in Versailles and have four children, Alissa, Amanda, Matthew and Logan. His parents are EA Couch (a member of UK's 1958 National Championship men's basketball team) and Jane Couch (a retired teacher from Johnson County Schools). His brother, Joey Couch, is a former All-SEC football player at UK.



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