

KHSAA Hall of Fame Selection Committee:

I am writing this letter to nominate Coach Randy Napier for the Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame.

I have known Coach Napier for most of life. As an adult however, I came to realize and appreciate his success and impact as a High School Basketball Coach in Kentucky.

As he coached our girls programs at MC Napier, it was almost as if his presence was larger than life. He was a fiery, competitive, dedicated young Coach and these traits carried over to his teams and his players. His best team, the 1994 Lady Navajos advanced and won the KHSAA State Tournament. The school's first Regional Championship and State Championship. I still remember the games, the celebrations, and the pride it brought to our community.

A few years later, When MC Napier consolidated with Dilce Combs to form Perry County Central High School; Randy Napier was the obvious choice to lead the new program. The same Coach, the same drive took this "new" school to the Girls State Tournament six times in its first eight years of existence. These games, these wins, and these young players brought a great sense of pride, and school spirit to the school and community.

Up until his recent retirement, each of Coach Napier's teams had the same characteristics. A strong work ethic, a competitive spirit, and a desire to achieve. Coach Napier finished his career with a record of 886 wins and 285 losses, which put him as the all-time winningest girls basketball coach in state history. His teams won an impressive 22 District Championships, 10 Regional Championships, and the 1994 State Championship. Some other accomplishments include: 11 time 14th Region Coach of the year, 2014 McDonald's All American Team Head Coach, and a 2016 Kentucky High School Basketball Hall of Fame, Centennial Class inductee, just to name a few.

All of these individual and team accolades are great, and I feel that these alone are worthy of the Hall of Fame. What many fail to see, however, is the success that his former players have in their life after high school. Because I know many of these women, I see the traits that make them successful in their lives after the basketball stops bouncing. They are now doctors, lawyers, teachers, nurses, business leaders, mothers; who can look back and thank Coach for all of his help and encouragement along the way. Their desire to succeed, the competitive spirit, and the passion to do what excites them, can be traced back to their days playing for their old ball Coach, whether they realize it or not.

Coach Randy Napier's name is synonymous with girls basketball and he deserves to be in the Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame.

Sincerely,

Mr. Jeff Campbell

October 26, 2021

To whom it may concern,

It is with great honor that I am writing this letter of recommendation for Coach Randy Napier to be inducted into the Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame. The Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame is one of the most distinguished honors one can receive in Kentucky sports and Coach Napier is a perfect candidate for induction.

There are many legendary figures when it comes to basketball in this state and Coach Napier is right among them. With a career that spanned over three decades, Randy Napier amassed one of the most impressive resumes of any coach in the history of the Commonwealth. In 1994, he coached the 1994 M.C. Napier Lady Navajos to the KHSAA Sweet 16 state championship, bringing home the ultimate crown. After this, Coach Napier went on to win several 14th region championships at Perry County Central and coached numerous 14th region players of the year, including two Miss Basketball finalists. In 2014, Coach Napier was selected to man the sidelines of the prestigious McDonald's All-American Game in Chicago. Adding to the achievements, Coach Napier retired as the all-time winningest coach in Kentucky history, with a career record of 886-284.

As one can see, Coach Randy Napier has one of the most storied and legendary careers of any coach in the history of the Commonwealth. His presence looms large not just over mountain basketball, but across all of Kentucky. His influence can be found to this day and will be felt for many years to come. Simply put, there is no one more deserving of induction into the Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame than Randy Napier.

Sincerely,

Kristie Combs,

1994 Sweet 16 MVP

2011 Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame

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Selection Committee of the Dawahares KHSAA Hall of Fame

I write to recommend Randy Napier for induction into the Dawahares KHSAA Hall of Fame. Coach Napier is most likely the most successful coach of girls' high school basketball in the history of the sport in Kentucky. He coached a total of 28 years, first at M. C. Napier and then at Perry Central High Schools. He coached more games than any Kentucky girls' basketball coach (1,171) and won more games (886) than any other girls' basketball coach.

He has had many other honors and awards which validates that he has been enormously successful.

Not only has he had tremendous success as a coach, he has been an outstanding role model for the young women he has mentored, not only as athletes but also as developing young adults. He is a credit to the profession.

Sincerely,



Paul E. Patton
Chancellor

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