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DAWAHARES/KHSAA Hall of Fame

Letter of Support

Nominee Shawn Johnson

I am writing to express my wholehearted support for the induction of Shawn Johnson into the Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame. Coach Johnson has dedicated his life to serving the youth in his community, having excelled as an athlete, teacher, coach, and, above all, as a family man. His unwavering character has consistently upheld a positive outlook in every situation life has presented him.

Shawn Johnson showcased exceptional talents in both basketball and baseball within the 16th Region. His baseball skills earned him a scholarship to Morehead State University, where he was recognized as the OVC Freshman of the Year.

Shawn's impact on the Raceland High School program as a coach has been nothing short of transformative. He successfully turned a small Class A school into a highly competitive force within the 16th region.

Moreover, Shawn has played a vital role in shaping his student-athletes into responsible and contributing members of their respective communities. I have had the privilege of knowing him personally as a member and starter of my East Carter Basketball team, where he excelled as a talented left-handed shooting guard and point guard.

I wholeheartedly endorse Shawn Johnson's induction. It is a well-deserved honor, and he is truly deserving of a place in the Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame. I would like to extend my gratitude to the committee for their dedicated time and effort in recognizing and celebrating individuals like Shawn Johnson who

have given so much to our great state of Kentucky.

Charles Baker, Principal Star Elementary School  
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Retired Varsity Boys Basketball Coach (1972-2002)

To Whom It May Concern:

Mr. Shawn Johnson worked in the Raceland-Worthington Independent School District for 30 years. During that time Mr. Johnson served in several different capacities, but always in a manner which resulted in a positive impact on students. In those 30 years Mr. Johnson served as a teacher, coach, and Director of Pupil Personnel.

I served as administrator and/or coach in the same district for 22 years with Mr. Johnson, and experienced first hand the impact he had on our kids at Raceland-Worthington High School. The thing that always impressed me most about Mr. Johnson was through all the years of success that he had in coaching, he still came to work everyday with the same passion for teaching. Coaches are sometimes stereotyped as "slackers" in the classroom, but Mr. Johnson always took as much pride in his classroom preparation and implementation as he did in coaching.

During his tenure at Raceland, Mr. Johnson received many accolades in coaching, but it was his ability to get the most out of his kids, and then just a little bit more, that made him special. His players always played with a chip on their shoulder. They always played with an inspired and physical toughness. They were always loyal to him, and he was always loyal to them. That relationship, I truly believe, was a key factor in the success he had in a small school district like Raceland.

Mr. Johnson coached cross country for 4 years. He coached boys golf for 3 years. He spent 8 years coaching girls golf, and brought Raceland its first ever All "A" Team title in 2018. But it was his impact on Boys Basketball and Girls Softball that may never be matched at Raceland.

During Mr. Johnson's 14 year tenure in boys basketball, he became the winningest coach in Raceland history with 212 victories. Not only did he lead his teams to 2 district championships and 3 All "A" titles, but his first district championship snapped a 27 year drought that saw 11 different coaches try to achieve what Mr. Johnson achieved for our district. Before he retired he was responsible for co-founding the Raceland Basketball Court of Honor Hall of Fame.

In 2011, Mr. Johnson turned his aspirations to our softball program. In 8 seasons as head coach, he became the winningest coach in Raceland history with 186 wins. In that time we won 7 All "A" Regional Championships. He led our girls to 3 District Championships, a regional runner up, and an All "A" State Runner Up. Mr. Johnson started the first ever Raceland-Worthington Youth Softball Program in 2008, and founded the Raceland-Worthington Softball Hall of Fame.

Mr. Johnson has touched many young lives in his 30 year tenure at Raceland. It was a pleasure for me to watch a true educator/coach instill the kind of passion and drive that he had, into his students and players. As a former administrator, educator and coach, it is my distinct pleasure to respectfully request that Mr. Shawn Johnson be seriously considered for the induction into the KHSAA Hall of Fame.

Sincerely,  
Mickey M. Dixon, Retired Administrator  
Raceland-Worthington Independent School District