

October 18, 2024

Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame
Attn: Nominations
2280 Executive Drive
Lexington, Kentucky 40505

Re: Nomination for 2025 KHSAA Hall of Fame for John Neil Stuart II

Dear Nominating Committee Review Members,

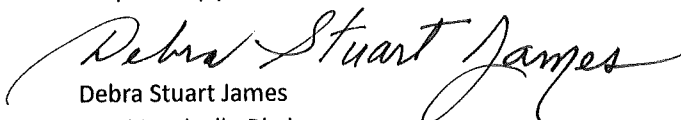
I am writing to nominate my older brother, John N. Stuart II, for consideration for inclusion in the KHSAA Hall of Fame for 2025. John was a star athlete in track and field and weight lifting who brought honor and prestige to not only our hometown of Glasgow, Kentucky, but to the State of Kentucky and our nation as well through his many hard-earned accomplishments. As a teenager, he won first place twice in national weight lifting competitions in 3-lift totals of the press, snatch and clean and jerk. He won the Ohio Valley Teenage Weight Lifting Championships at the age of 17 with a 3-lift total of 755 at Malick's Gym in Louisville, KY in May 1967. He won the national AAU Teenage Weightlifting Championship with a 3-lift total of 940 lbs in Philadelphia, PA in the heavyweight class in 1968 making two new national records, one in the 3-lift total of 940 lbs and the other record in the press with a lift of 330 lbs.

John made Kentucky shot putting history in February 1968 at the annual Mason Dixon games in Louisville, KY when he became the first Kentucky athlete to toss the shot put over 60 feet with a throw of 62'-2 ¾" during his senior year. The previous record was 55'10" by Les Marshall in 1965. Of special note, John's younger brother Jesse, a sophomore, placed second at this meet also breaking the former record of Marshall's with a toss of 57'7". In late April of 1968, John had his best high school shot put throw of 66'-5 ¾" at a four team meet in Glasgow. In May of 1968, John was a double winner in the AA Class at the State meet and made two new state records in the shot put and the discus. The shot put throw was 62'11" and the discus toss was 157'9". Of note, John also won the state meet in Class A SP in 1966 and won Class AA SP in 1967. Another high school national achievement was John's invitation to throw the shot put at the 9th Annual Golden West Invitational Track Meet in Sacramento, California since he was ranked no. 3 in the nation at that time. John did not disappoint Kentucky when he placed 3rd in this national competition with a toss of 64'-10".

John continued to make his mark during his college days. He won the national DC-Inter High Track CYO Invitational in the shot put with a toss of 58'2 ¾". He won the shot put at the 1971 Dogwood Relays in Knoxville, Tennessee with a toss of 57'10". John placed 3rd in the national and prestigious Penn Relays on April 24, 1971 in Philadelphia with a toss of 58'9". John set SEC shot put records in 1969-70 in both indoors (57'8 ¾") and outdoors (59' 3 ¾"). In December of 1970, John won the Ohio Valley Weightlifting Championship in the 242 lb. class with a 3-lift total of 1,010 lbs. as well as receiving the "Best Lifter Award". John also won the heavyweight class at the KY AAU Weightlifting Championships in May of 1971 as well as having had a recent win at the Greater Cincinnati Open Weightlifting competition.

Needless to say, I am very proud of my brother John Stuart II, and while this is just a summary of his more notable accomplishments, I humbly request your kind consideration to consider bestowing the honor of being included in the KHSAA Hall of Fame for 2025. In addition to John's amazing athletics, he was an honor roll student, choir member and always willing to lend a helping hand to friends, family and our community. Please advise if I can be of any further assistance in this regard.

Respectfully yours,



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