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TO: Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame Selection Committee Members

FROM: Wilton C. Gant, Retired Athletic Director – Christian County
High School

DATE: October 27, 2015

INCLUDED IN THIS PACKET OF MATERIAL ARE THE FOLLOWING:

- I. Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame Nomination Form
- II. Record of Dan Goble's Career as a High School Coach in Kentucky.
 - A. Professional Experience
 - B. Coaching Accomplishments
 - C. Honors and Awards
 - D. Educational Background
- III. Eight letters of recommendation

The one item not included in this packet that you may need is a photo of the candidate. I believe KHSAA has one on file from a previous time. But if one is needed, let me know and I will see that you receive it.

Some of the information about Dan's coaching career was provided to me by Dan. Other information I already had from my years (14) of working with Dan as his athletic director. **All** of the information provided has been reviewed by Dan and is believed to be accurate and correct.

If I or Dan can assist you in any way by providing additional information, clarifying something, or answering any questions, please feel free to contact either one of us or both.

Thanking you in advance for your consideration in this matter.

Dan Goble
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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Christian County High School - Hopkinsville, Kentucky - Head Football Coach, 1981-2001.

Atherton High School - Louisville, Kentucky - Head Football Coach, 1972-1981.

Shelby County High School - Shelbyville, Kentucky - Head Football Coach, 1969-1972.

Erlanger Lloyd High School - Erlanger, Kentucky - Assistant Football Coach, 1964-1969.

COACHING ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Coached Kentucky High School Football for 37 years (1964-2000) and High School Baseball for 14 years.
- Overall won - loss record as a Head Football Coach (32 years) 184-171-2.
 - Christian County High School (20 years) 120-109-0
 - Atherton High School (9 years) 48-47-2
 - Shelby County High School (3 years) 16-15-0
- At the time Goble coached football at each school, that school had its best won - loss record up to that point in time
 - Erlanger Lloyd (assistant coach), 12-1 in 1965
 - Shelby County (head coach), 10-1 in 1971
 - Louisville Atherton (head coach), 9-1 in 1973
 - Christian County (head coach). 14-1 in 1982
- 1965 - Assistant Football Coach - Erlanger Lloyd High School Class A State Champions with a 12-1 record.

- 1982 - Head Football Coach - Christian County High School Class **AAAA State Champions** with a 14-1 record.
- 1984 - Head Football Coach - Christian County High School Class **AAAA State Champions** with a 12-2 record.
- In 1984 Christian County High School was the only school outside of Jefferson County to have won **two Class AAAA State Championships**. (At that time Class AAAA was the highest classification for football.)
- 1992- Christian County Team reached final four in state playoffs, finishing with a 12-2 record which tied for the second best record in school history.
- Christian County High also won **12 Western Kentucky Conference Championships** while Goble was head coach - 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, and 1996.
- Christian County High also won **6 District Championships** in football while Goble was head coach - 1981, 1982, 1984, 1985, 1992, and 1993.
- Christian County High also won **3 Regional Championships** while Goble was the head coach - 1982, 1984, and 1992.
- Christian County High won 6 power lifting championships with Goble as head coach - 1982, 1983, 1984, 1986, 1992, and 1999. Runner-up in 1981, 1985, 1987, 1991, and 1993.
- Coach Goble never had a losing season in baseball while serving as a Head Baseball Coach at Erlanger Lloyd 4 years, Shelby County 3 years, and Atherton for 7 years.
- Coach Goble coached and help develop a **Parade Magazine High School All-American**.
- Over the years Coach Goble had numerous players who received grants-in-aid to play football at the collegiate level.
- Coach Goble also coached players who went on to play in the **NFL**.
- Several of Coach Goble's former players went on to coach football at the high school level with at least eleven becoming head coaches.
- Coach Goble developed and coached numerous players over his career who were named to **ALL STATE, ALL STAR TEAMS, ETC.**

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Kellogg Kentucky High School Football Coach of the Year - 1982.

- Champion Products Kentucky High School Football Coach of Year - 1984.
- Kentucky New Era Football Coach of Year - 1991 and 1992.
- Christian County High School Athletic Hall of Fame - 2004.
- Jefferson County Football Coaches Association Legends Hall of Fame Award - 2006.
- Louisville Atherton High School Hall of Fame - 2007.
- Erlanger Lloyd High School Hall of Fame - 2010.
- Nominated for Kentucky Teacher of Year - 1993.
- Ashland Oil Golden Apple Award - 1993.
- President Christian County Coaches Association 1987 - 2001.
- Vice-president of Kentucky Power Lifting Association 1984 - 2001.
- Kentucky Football Coaches Association Achievement Award - 2009
- Selected as one of five of the most influential sports figures of all-times for the Southern Pennyrile Region of Kentucky as voted on by the readers of the KENTUCKY NEW ERA - 2012.
- Honored as a KENTUCKY COLONEL by 3 different governors - 1965, 1983, and 2011.

EDUCATION

- Morehead State University - Morehead, Kentucky - B.A. - 1964.
- Xavier University - Cincinnati, Ohio - M.A. - 1969.
- Murray State University - Murray, Kentucky - M.A. plus 30 hrs - 1987.

October 15, 2015

Wilton C. Gant
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KHSAA Hall of Fame Selection Committee Members
Kentucky High School Athletic Association
2280 Executive Dr.
Lexington, Ky. 40505

Hall of Fame Selection Committee Members:

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I have the opportunity to recommend to you Mr. Dan Goble as a nominee for the Dawahares/Kentucky High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame.

While serving as Director of Athletics at Christian County High School, I had the honor of working with Coach Goble, along with three (3) current members of the KHSAA Hall of Fame – Barney Thweatt, Lyle Dunbar, and Jim Perrin. In my opinion, Dan Goble is as deserving of membership as these three individuals were.

Not only was Coach Goble an outstanding football coach, but he was also a great school person. He was an excellent classroom teacher and a great supporter of other athletic teams and extra curricular activities. Coach Goble encouraged his athletes to participate on and or to attend other athletic teams and school events.

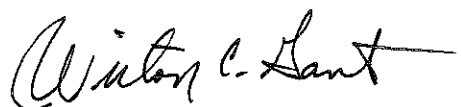
In retirement Coach Goble has continued to contribute to the community by being very much involved with his grandkids education/activities, his church, and supporter of high school athletics.

When Coach Goble came to Christian County High School, he came with the same reputation from both Shelby County High and Louisville Atherton High Schools were he previously worked.

In closing, I know Coach Goble is definitely an outstanding candidate for inclusion into the KHSAA Hall of Fame. I believe you will reach the same conclusion after

you review the enclosed materials and letters of recommendation. In my twenty-three (23) years as a school administrator, I never worked with a more cooperative, dedicated, caring teacher/coach. As members of the selection committee, I do not believe you could go wrong in selecting Coach Dan Goble for this honor.

Thanking you in advance for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wilton C. Gant". The signature is fluid and includes a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Wilton C. Gant, Retired Director of Athletics
Christian County High School

Barney Thweatt
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August 14, 2015

Members of Selection Committee
Dawahares Hall of Fame
Kentucky High School Athletic Association
Lexington, Kentucky 40505

Hall of Fame Selection Committee:

Dan Goble is without a doubt one of the most professional, dedicated, hardworking, and cooperative men I ever worked with in my thirty five years as a Coach and High School Principal.

He earned respect of staff colleagues and citizens in the community by being an outstanding classroom teacher and coach.

He won the right way by setting an example of Team Play. He made each player feel special. He demanded great efforts on the part of his assistants, football players, and students.

His coaching credentials will be enclosed. Winning two 4-A Championships, along with other accomplishments make him a viable candidate to be inducted into the Hall of Fame. He certainly has my recommendation.

Sincerely,



Barney Thweatt, Member
Dawahares Class of 1991

October 26, 2015

Kentucky High School Athletic Hall of Fame Selection Committee:

I am writing in support of Dan Goble for induction into the Kentucky High School Athletic Hall of Fame. I worked with Coach Goble at Christian County High School from 1980, when he came to CCHS as head football coach and physical education/health instructor, until my retirement in 1994. During these fourteen years Coach Goble was always a positive and productive member of the faculty.

Since I am sure others will discuss his outstanding athletic accomplishments, I would like to address his qualities as a member of the CCHS faculty. When Dan came to CCHS, I was the Instructional Supervisor. Dan, of course, was hired to fill the head football coaching position at the school. As Supervisor of Instruction my primary concern was – can he teach? Often teaching abilities become secondary when hiring a head coach. Dan from day one assumed his full responsibilities on the faculty. I found him to be a teaching coach. He was always prepared, positive and enthusiastic in the classroom as well as on the football field.

When I became Principal of CCHS in 1987, Coach Goble was a great asset. He used his position as head coach and his popularity with the student body in many positive ways. The athletes in his program could be counted on to set a positive example for other students – because he demanded their best on the athletic field and also as members of the student body.

As Principal of CCHS, I found Coach Goble to be the kind of coach all principals desire to have on the faculty. He led by example and produced many fine citizens through his programs. Dan Goble was a winner on the athletic field by providing much acclaim to our football program, but more importantly he was a winner by producing young adults with integrity and leadership skills themselves.

I recommend Coach Dan Goble without reservation for this coveted award.

Sincerely,


Kay Lancaster, CCHS Principal, Retired

August 11, 2015

To Dawahares Hall of Fame Selection Committee:

It is my pleasure to recommend Mr. Dan Goble for induction into the Dawahares Hall of Fame, the highest honor a high school coach in Kentucky can attain.

Dan was a colleague of mine at Christian County High School from the early 80's until I retired in 1994.

I have never met nor worked with a better football coach than Dan. He is a Christian gentlemen and a very fine teacher and person.

Dan's winning record speaks for itself. What is not so readily known is how much he loved and cared for the students and the school. He was ready to futher our school's positive attitude and winning tradition in any way he could. No one who was attending or working at Christian County during Goble's tenure will ever forget his spirited leadership at pep rallies for all sports.

No other coach that I know deserves induction into the Dawahares Hall of Fame more than Dan Goble. In my opinion he should have gone in before I did. This is an honor which is long overdue. I urge you to induct a very deserving coach, Dan Goble, with the next class of inductees.

Sincerely,



Lyle Dunbar, Member
Dawahares Class of 1998

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**Office of the Mayor
City of Hopkinsville**

August 25, 2015

To Whom It May Concern:

I write this letter to encourage the Kentucky High School Athletic Association to induct Coach Dan Goble into the Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame. I played football for Coach Goble from 1986-1990 while he coached at Christian County High School. Coach Goble represents all that is right with athletics. He understands that there is more to the game of football than winning and losing.

Under his tutelage, I learned a great deal about the game of football. More importantly, I learned about life. I learned many life lessons from Coach Goble. For instance, I learned that you face adversity head on, that you don't give up on your goals, that teamwork is the key to success, and that hard work pays off. His constant mentoring and guidance certainly helped me as I matured into adulthood. I know he has helped countless others as well.

Of course, he also enjoyed winning and his record speaks for itself with two state championships and multiple trips deep into the state playoffs. Coach Goble cared about his players and that caused them to care about him and to play hard for him which led to his fair share of victories and championships.

I am sure that the KHSAA has many fine coaches to consider for induction into the Hall of Fame. But, I encourage you to consider Coach Dan Goble at the front of your list as he deserves this outstanding recognition.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions and I thank you in advance for your utmost consideration of Coach Dan Goble's induction into the Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame.

Sincerely,

Carter M. Hendricks
Mayor

CMH/bw



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STEVE TRIBBLE
COUNTY JUDGE EXECUTIVE

August 18, 2015

To Hall of Fame Selection Committee:

The purpose of this letter is to recommend Coach Dan Goble for the KHSAA Dawahares Hall of Fame. I have known Coach Goble personally since he came to Christian County in 1981 to become the head football coach of the Christian County Colonels. In addition to knowing him as a successful teacher and football coach, I also attended church with him at Second Baptist Church in Hopkinsville, Kentucky for eighteen years until my family started attending another church. He is a fine Christian, family man, with a wonderful reputation in our community.

Coach Goble coached Kentucky High School football for 37 years and high school baseball for 14 years. In his 32 years as a head coach in football, Coach Goble's overall record was 185 wins, 170 losses and 2 ties. His major coaching accomplishments would have to include the 1982 Christian County High School Class AAAA State Championship with a 14-1 record and the 1984 Christian County High School Class AAAA State Championship with a record of 12-2. In 1984, Christian County High School was the only school, outside of Louisville, to have won two Class AAAA State Championships. (At that time, Class AAAA was the highest classification for football in Kentucky.)

Coach Dan Goble received awards throughout his career too numerous to mention in this letter. He has continued to serve as a volunteer assistant coach at both local high schools since his retirement because he loves the game of football and he desires to continue to influence young men of our community in a positive way.

I can think of no one who would be more deserving of being inducted into the KHSAA Dawahares Hall of Fame than Coach Dan Goble. Please give him every consideration for this honor.

Sincerely,

Steve Tribble
Christian County Judge Executive



September 1, 2015

Dear KHSAA Hall of Fame Selection Committee:

I am recommending Dan Goble, a high school football coach with five decades of active coaching within our state to be considered for the KHSAA Hall of Fame. I have known Coach Goble from our days of teaching and coaching together at Shelby County and Atherton High Schools. Leadership in teaching and coaching led Dan to be successful at Shelby, Atherton, and Christian County High. He is one of the elite coaches winning state championships in football and coaching baseball at the schools mentioned. Mr. Goble was an excellent science teacher throughout his career and continued to coach after his retirement from teaching.

I would love to give you the won and lost record for Coach Goble but I am sure he would be hesitant to share this type of information. I had the good fortune of being the athletic director of Shelby County from (78-97) and a friend of Coach Goble for life. The Shelby County community speaks highly of Dan Goble's time spent here as a teacher, coach, and community leader. Please call me if more information is required.

Sincerely,



Rod Cloyd

Shelby Co. Coach 70-73,
Atherton Coach 73-77
Shelby Co. AD 78-97

FROM THE DESK OF
REV. DR. JAMES E. VICTOR, JR.

August 13, 2015

KHSAA Hall of Fame Selection Committee
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Dear Hall of Fame Selection Committee:

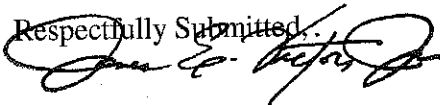
While you examine and contemplate the careers of numerous coaches from across the Commonwealth of Kentucky for inclusion into the Hall of Fame, I am certain that criteria such as certifications, winning percentages, and the number of district, regional, and state championships are essential touchstones considered of a coaching tenure worthy for enshrinement. I have no doubt that Coach Dan Goble will meet and exceed the standards of your scrutiny. However, I feel that Coach Goble's impact as a teacher and coach would be diminished and even tarnished if merely measured at the perfunctory level of a win-loss record.

As a former student-athlete who played for Christian County's two state-wide Class 4-A football championship team, Coach Goble instilled principles that not only made our team a winning program, but also made young men winners in life. His insistence on excellence, hard work, and perseverance shaped the character of my teammates and me. Personally, I have applied these traits at every juncture of life since football. In fact, I found myself quoting one of Coach Goble's favorite aphorisms to my own son just the other day. I told my seventeen year old, "Son, the harder I work, the luckier I get." Though pithy, the ideal of a good work ethic is unmistakable. An adherence to Coach Goble's ethos enabled me to become an All-State lineman and secure a scholarship to Cornell University in Ithaca, New York; it also equipped me with the tools to become successful in life beyond football. My successes are only a representative microcosm of our team's later accomplishments in life. Our winning teams have produced a number of professional athletes, but have also produced even more skilled businessmen, committed teachers, effective clergy, and many more conscientious professionals who impact their respective communities in weighty ways.

While Coach Goble's influence was profound, it was not exclusive. My parents simultaneously inculcated similar values. What I learned at home was reinforced on the football field. In light of the symbiotic relationship between home and school, I had little room for permanent failures. I am fortunate to have been coached by Dan Goble. He has bequeathed more to my life than just the love of a game; he has given me the equipment for life.

Therefore, I wholeheartedly recommend Coach Dan Goble for induction into the Kentucky High School Athletic Coaching Hall of Fame. He is deserving of inclusion into that august corps of coaching legends because of his statistical merits. More importantly, Coach Dan Goble deserves this distinction because he has authored an anthology of success stories from the jumbled alphabet of the lives of young men.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James E. Victor, Jr.", written in dark ink.

Rev. Dr. James E. Victor, Jr., D. Min.