

July 21, 2022

Kentucky Coaches Hall of Fame
Mr. Ken Trivette
1023 Griffin Gate Drive
Lexington, KY 40511

Dear Mr. Trivette,

It is with great respect and honor that I write this letter to recommend Ann Upchurch as a candidate for the Kentucky Coaches Hall of Fame.

I first met Ann when I was a young cheerleading coach back in 1976. She was President of the Kentucky Association of Pep Organization Sponsors. I was immediately impressed with the professional way she led the organization and her willingness to reach out to help those of us that were beginners. She was not just a coach but made it her mission to gain a wealth of knowledge about the sport she loved.

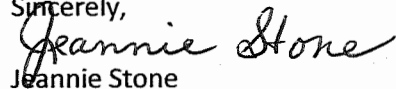
In 1983, I joined Ann and others on the KAPOS Board of Directors. It was then that I came to know Ann on a personal level and my respect and admiration for her became something I still treasure today. She served as a mentor for me and many other young coaches. She truly is an example of a coach that not only impacted the young ladies she coached, but coaches and cheerleaders all over the state and even the nation. Ann was and is the epitome of someone that did things right.

During her career Ann has accumulated quite a list of accolades.

- She has been a KAPOS Board of Directors member from 1971-Present. She is a Past President and currently serves on the Advisory Board.
- National Cheer Coaches' Assn. Past VP
- Certified Judge -State Mentor
- Distinguished Service Award
- National Federation of State HS- National Spirit Contributor of the Year Award
- NFHS Served on Rules Committee Member 2 Years
- NFHS Served on Spirit Advisory Committee 2 Years
- NFHS Served on Sportsmanship-Integrity- Ethics Committee 2 terms
- Cheer Forum of America- Charter Member/Past President
- World International Championships/ Head Judge Chicago, IL
- She has also been an active supporter of the Kentucky Basketball Museum.

Although the above list is quite impressive, it cannot possibly suffice to demonstrate the impact Ann Upchurch has made on Kentucky cheerleaders, coaches, parents, and friends of cheerleading. She is truly an ambassador for the sport of cheerleading. Please consider her for this incredible honor.

Sincerely,



Jeannie Stone

Former Pikeville High Cheer Coach
University of Pikeville Head Cheer Coach

June 25, 2022

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**Kentucky High School Athletic
Association Hall Of Fame
2280 Executive Drive
Lexington, Ky 4050**

I am writing to recommend Mrs. Ann Upchurch as a candidate to be inducted into the Kentucky High School Athletic Hall of Fame.

I first met Ann when I began my teaching career at Wayne County High School in 1974. She was very professional and kind. She was a very good teacher and also the cheerleading sponsor, as they were called in that day. Her squads were successful and won many awards.

During her tenure at Wayne County, she became 12th Region Board Member for KAPOs. Since then she has served KAPOs in many capacities. I feel she has been an integral part, a very important part, of the success of cheerleading in the State of Kentucky.

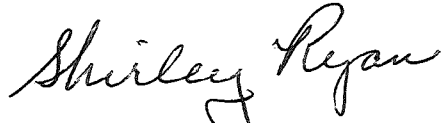
After she moved on from Wayne County, I became the cheerleading coach and the 12th Region Board Member, so I got to continue to work with her. She always maintained her fairness, professionalism, and organizational skills. When she was in charge, things were run right and went smoothly.

There is no doubt in my mind, that Ann has been influencing cheerleading in our state for many years and has also contributed on the national level. She has always been my friend whenever I see her, no matter how long it has been since we have seen each other. We share many memories and like

backgrounds, as I have served cheerleading and being a basketball coach's wife with her.

It is my pleasure to recommend Mrs. Ann Upchurch be included in the KHSAA Hall Of Fame.

SINCERELY,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Shirley Ryan". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

SHIRLEY RYAN

RETIRED TEACHER FROM WAYNE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL
FORMER CHEER COACH AND COACH'S WIFE



Kentucky High School Basketball HALL OF FAME

October 7, 2022

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is in support of the nomination of Ann Upchurch into the KHSAA-Dawahare's Hall of Fame. Ann has worked diligently and tirelessly in numerous capacities that have enhanced opportunities for Kentucky high school student athletes. She has served in many state and national high school administrative positions including for KAPOs, the National High School Cheerleading Association and the Kentucky High School Basketball Hall of Fame.

Ann coordinated program sales for the KHSAA Sweet 16 for over 20 years. She helped organize and manage the KABC Coaches Assist Fund golf outing for over 20 years. The Coaches Assist Fund raised over \$75,000.00 for Kentucky high school coaches and their families who were in need of financial assistance due to unforeseen circumstances. For the last twelve years, Ann has served as Security-Treasurer for the Kentucky High School Basketball Hall of Fame (KHSBHF). The KHSBHF has secured the history of Kentucky high school basketball and has inducted over 150 players and coaches.

Very few have selflessly served the sports community and made a greater impact than Ann Upchurch. The KHSBHF is proud and honored to sponsor the nomination of Ann Upchurch for induction into the KHSAA-Dawahare's Hall of Fame.

Respectfully,

Ken Trivette
KHSBHF Board Chairman

Essence of the Game