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KHSAA
Hall of Fame Induction Committee
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Dear KHSAA:

I am writing today to recommend Coach William "Bill" White to the KHSAA Athletic Hall of Fame. I have the unique perspective on Coach White. I was football manager as an elementary school student, student at Central while he was assistant and subsequently head coach, current principal of Central, and alumni of this great school. I will write my recommendation from these perspectives.

As an elementary student, Coach White was one of the first people I met at Central. I knew immediately that he meant business. I also learned quickly that he commanded respect. Looking back, I was amazed how much bigger the students were to him, but how he could command the attention and direct students to work so hard. Coach White made a strong impression on me as a child and truly gave me an introduction to relentlessness, not accepting mediocrity from his team.

As a student at Central, Coach White was the head girls' basketball coach, head football coach, and math teacher. I didn't realize it then, but the sheer amount of time and dedication required to do all of that is unfathomable. Not only did he execute these tasks, he did them with excellence. Coach White produced numerous all-district and all-state student athletes. Coach White worked tirelessly to ensure that students had the opportunity to excel after Central, regardless of the level.

As principal and alumni, I get to see the real side of Bill White. I cannot tell you the countless alumni that still talk about Coach White in a positive way. I have heard more stories than you can imagine about him paying for ACT tests, college applications, meals, clothes, being a father-figure, and going above and beyond the role of Coach. My prior first hand experiences were as a child and I only saw a glimpse. As principal, I have heard from so many alumni who were positively impacted by Coach White. This alone is a testament to his worthiness in this hall of fame.

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It has been said that every impression finds an expression. Based on what I have learned about Coach White, he made many positive impressions on high school students that are being expressed through adults who are positively making great contributions to society that far exceed athletics.

I am honored and humbled to submit this letter of recommendation. Should this committee need more information, please do not hesitate to ask me. I can be reached at 502.485.8226 or Raymond.green@jefferson.kyschools.us.

Whatever your decision, please accept my sincere thanks for your time and consideration of my submission.

Sincerely,

Raymond Green, Principal
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To: KHSAA Hall of Fame
From: Corey Peters, Defensive Tackle, Arizona Cardinals
Date: August 2018
Subject: Coach "Bill" White for Hall of Fame Consideration

I played for Coach White at Louisville Central High School from 2002-2006. He was an excellent leader and great role model for all students in our program. He signed me up and drove me to football camps across the Commonwealth. The University of Kentucky offered me an opportunity to join their program at one of these camps. I accepted and to date, that was the start of what currently has been a nine-year career in the NFL. Bill White was a huge influence in my life and his commitment was instrumental in my success and the success of others. Speaking with other student athletes that were mentored by Coach White it is clear that his impact is wide and everlasting. The lessons that he instilled in us will last forever and it is my personal hope that I can pass them on to the next generation. The legacy of Bill White will live on in the hearts of many of his student-athletes. Please consider him for the KHSAA Hall of Fame. Thank you.

Coach William Bill White

Father Figure

Growing up in a lower income neighborhood and a high crime area was something that I was accustomed to as a child. This game /sport called basketball gave me hope and dreams to become more. I can remember the high school process being difficult for me when it came to choosing a school until I met this strong, confident, honest gentlemen by the name of “Coach White”. He was straight forward with me and told me, “If you want to win and go to college for free, you need to play for me; so I did and my life changed.

At the age of 14, my freshmen year at Louisville Central High School, I chose to play for an amazing coach and father figure that helped change my life. He taught me the importance of being a productive student in the classroom and working hard on the court. He was also a teacher and took academics very seriously. Time management, discipline, competing and commitment was something that Coach instilled and implemented to his athletes on a daily basis. I benefited greatly from that. That’s why I was able to have some of the success that I had as a student athlete graduating with over a 3.0 GPA and winning The 6th Regional Championship my sophomore year.

Coach White impacted my life not only as a leader, but also a father figure. He showed my teammates and I what it looked like to sacrifice and respect women. He coached several

sports and taught math classes, but he always found the time to take care of us. I will always cherish the fatherly talks, laughs, hugs, discipline, rides home and dinners after practice. It was never a question on how much he cared and loved his athletes. He was a first class guy with good morals.

He is a Hall of Fame Coach, in my opinion, because of the commitment, dedication, passion, and integrity that he had for all the sports that he coached (track, basketball and football) and lead each one to great heights. He pushed all his athletes and students to be the best they could be on a daily basis, whether we liked it or not. He influenced me to be a better person and taught me the importance to give back to the community. I am currently coaching a Division I Women's Basketball team and each day I try to push my athletes to give their very best on and off the court. I also strive to pay it forward and help impact their lives as Coach White did for me.

I am forever grateful for the unbelievable relationship we had and the major role he played in my life. If he is afforded the opportunity to be inducted into the Hall of Fame it will be well deserved.

Sincerely,

Margaret Richards

Xavier Braxton

To whom it may concern,

My name is Xavier Braxton, I am humbly writing to encourage the induction of my former coach, and good friend

Bill White into the Kentucky Coaches Hall of Fame.

I had the pleasure of playing under Coach White from 2001-2005 at Louisville Central High School.

Bill had a personality larger than life. His booming voice, witty responses and popularity among students, players and teachers we all knew Coach was special. One of those people that only come around once a lifetime. Anyone who knew Bill, would tell you that he'd give the shirt off his back if you asked for it. But if you needed a swift kick in the rear, or some tough love he could dish those out too.

Coach White was also very intimidating as a defensive coordinator. I used to always think that one's personality comes out when coaching, that statement holds true when speaking about Coach. His defenses from the mid to late 90's and into the early 2000's, were mean, hard hitting, physical and in your face. Which almost perfectly describes Coach White once you on his bad side. Anyone who's been lucky enough to have a good coach would tell you that they'd run through a brick wall for them. Bill White was no different.

When it came to goals, Coach had one. Make sure everyone has the opportunity to go to College. If you took

advantage of that opportunity was completely on you. He told you when ACT dates where, if you needed a tutor he found you help, if he had a connection at a smaller institution he'd reach out. He knew football was the key to getting a better life for all of us that played for him. He would always tell us that football isn't forever, you need your degree. He wanted all of us to succeed, to make our families proud and stand on our own two feet as men. There are countless life lessons that he instilled in me. The biggest one the stands out right now is; No one is going to give you anything. If you want it, go make it happen.

There are countless examples that describe how influential Bill White was to my life and many others, and I could go on forever. As said earlier he's one of those people that only come around once in a lifetime. I think he is more than deserving of being in the Coaches Hall of Fame. I'm sure there a many other people that would agree with me. We all loved him and miss him dearly.

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