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# Dawahares / KHSAA Hall of Fame Nomination Form

KHSAA Form GE30  
Rev. 4/03

### Information about Nominee

Name:	Paul Smiley
Is the nominee deceased? (circle)	YES <span style="margin-left: 100px;">NO</span>
<i>(if nominee is not deceased, please fill out address information below)</i>	
Address:	150 St. Mildred's Court
City, State, Zip	Danville, KY 40422
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### Information about person making nomination (list "self" if self-nominating)

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**Important Information Needed for ALL Nominees. This information is important to the Selection Process in helping to ensure that the desired objectives with regard to the consideration of nominees and the induction process is satisfied. (Application will not be accepted without this information)**

Please list the primary category of nomination (circle)-

PLAYER	COACH	OFFICIAL	<b>CONTRIBUTOR</b>
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Birth Date of Nominee	06/17/1949
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Sex (circle one)	<b>Male</b>	Female
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Is the nominee a minority (African American and others) as defined in 2(c)	Yes	<b>No</b>
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**If this person is being nominated as a Coach, please complete the following additional information-**

Coached at which High School(s)	
Year of Retirement	
Primary KHSAA basketball region as defined in 2(b)	

(over for remainder of application)

If this person is being nominated as an Athlete, please complete the following additional information-

High School Attended	
Graduation Year	
Primary KHSAA basketball region as defined in 2(b)	

If this person is being nominated as an Official, please complete the following additional information-

Primary Officiating Accomplishments at the High School Level	
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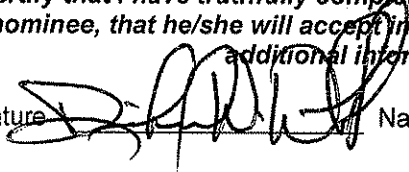
For persons being nominated in all categories, please complete the following additional information

Please summarize this person's accomplishments as a coach, player, official or contributor at the high school level in Kentucky.
Please see resume and attached letter from Richard Webb

Please list any other factors about this individual that you would like for the Hall of Fame Committee to consider.
Please see attached letter from Richard Webb

*I certify that I have truthfully completed this information about the nominee with the permission of the nominee, that he/she will accept induction if selected, and I will cooperate with the KHSAA should additional information be needed for his/her consideration.*

Signature



Name (print)

Richard W. Webb

Date

10/20/2011

**Attach any relevant press clippings and materials which would verify coaching win-loss records, or other statistical information. Also attach any other letters of recommendation of other information which may be helpful to the committee in making a final selection.**

Paul Smiley- Resume- August 2011

Paul W. Smiley

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**Contact Information**

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**Personal Information**

Date of Birth: June 17, 1949

Health: Excellent

Wife: Patricia Rae Connor Smiley (38 Years)

Children: Three sons

1. Owen Smiley- 27

- Undergraduate- Denison University; Grandview, Ohio
  - BS in History and Classical Literature( Academic Scholarship)
- Graduate- Biola University-Talbot Seminary; Los Angeles, California
  - Currently- Master of Divinity
  - Adjunct professor for Undergraduate Studies

2. Kevin Smiley- 23

- Undergraduate Western Kentucky University; Bowling Green, KY
  - BS in Sociology and History

- President of the Student Body Government (22,000 Students)
- Board of Regents
- Honor College Board of Director
- Kentucky Governor Steve Breshear's Task Force for Higher Education
- Graduate: University of Memphis Graduate Scholarship-Masters-Sociology

### 3. Eric Smiley- 21

- Western Kentucky University; Bowling Green, KY
  - Senior, studying Physical Education and Health
  - Student Body Government Chief of Staff
  - Executive Committee, Philanthropy, and Community Service Chair for the Sigma Chi Fraternity – Sophomore Year
- President of Sigma Chi Fraternity – Junior Year

#### Degrees

- M. ED 1986- McDaniel College  
Deaf Education and Administration (Scholarship from McDaniel College)
- M. ED 1977- American University  
Administration and Physical Education for Special Populations (Scholarship from Gallaudet University)

- BS 1972- University of Maryland  
Physical Education, Health, and Drivers Education (Football Scholarship)

#### High School Diploma

- Butler High School- Butler, Pennsylvania

## Education

### College Courses (outside of degrees)

- Latest Trends in Special Education, Eastern Kentucky University
- Behavior Modification Techniques, Eastern Kentucky University
- Secondary School Curriculum, Eastern Kentucky University
- Mental Health and Human Sexuality, Eastern Kentucky University
- Language Development for the deaf, Gallaudet University

### Trainings (outside of college setting)

- 725 hours- on and off site professional development in Deaf Education and other aspects of education
- 184 hours- Kentucky School Board Training
- 66 hours- American Red Cross Training
- 120 hours- Coaches Education Training
  1. Medical Symposiums
  2. CPR Training
  3. KHSAA Rules Clinics
  4. Sport Specific Training
- 130 hours- Bus Driver Trainer instruction
- Since assuming position of Safety Office (2002) have received 22 hours of training yearly in Behavior Institute, Safe Schools and Communities, Internet Safety, and Kentucky Safe School Conference

## Certification

- KY Rank 1- Professional Certificate for School Administration and Supervision
- Endorsement for Principal
- Endorsement for Teacher
- CAA- Certified Athletic Administrator
- Certified Bus Driver Trainer/ Transportation Director
- Certified-KHSAA-Coaches Education Trainer
- Certified- American Red Cross
- CPR and First Aide
- 20 hours Disaster Preparation

## Work History

2007 to Present

- Substitute teacher and bus driver at KSD, Danville, and Burgin Schools
- President of the Retired Teachers Association (Boyle County, Danville, KSD)
- Motivational Speaker- National Character Education Foundation

June 2007

- Retired from the Kentucky Department of Education, Kentucky School for the Deaf

2002-2007: Kentucky School for the Deaf

- Assistant Principal
- Discipline and Safety
- Transportation Director
- Athletic Director
- Facility Use Coordinator
- Chairman for Coalition for Children- KSD, Boyle County and Danville Schools

1996-2002 (6 years): Kentucky School for the Deaf

- Student Life Administrator (11 months)
- Athletic Director
- Chairman of all Personnel Committees for Hiring
- Transportation Director
- Bus Driver Trainer
- Facility Use Coordinator
- Special Projects

1979-1996 (17 years): Kentucky School for the Deaf

- Supervising Teacher/ Athletic Director
- Supervision and Evaluation of PE, Health, Sex Education, and Drivers Education Program (7 teachers and random teachers from other departments)
- Discipline
- Curriculum Development (three published)
- IEP's- ARC meetings in Southern and Eastern Kentucky School Systems (100 Students)
- Served on Instructional Team for Total School Leadership (4 person team)
- Teacher- Deaf Special Needs Class (1 daily class, 10 years)

1979-2007: Coached KSD Athletic Teams if a coach could not be recruited

- Football- 7 years
- Boys Basketball- 3 years

- Girls Basketball- 2 years
- Soccer- 4 years
- Track- 3 years
- Cheerleader- 1year

1975-1979 (4 years): Model Secondary School for the Deaf, Gallaudet University

- Physical Education Department- Department Chairperson and Athletic Director
- Served on various committees- Gallaudet University
- Supervisor- Teachers and 19 Coaches (MSSD)
- Teacher- Deaf Special Needs Class each year, MSSD
- Director of Community Education (Driver Education Program for the Deaf), MSSD
- Head Football Coach, Gallaudet University
- Head Track Coach, MSSD

1973-1975 (2 ½ years) - District of Columbia Public Schools, Bell and Burdick School

- Teacher
- Athletic Director
- Head Basketball and Track Coach

**Strengths in Most Recent Position – K.S.D Assistant Principal, Athletic Director**

- Strongly committed to quality institution for all students
- Successful experience in all aspects of educational leadership
- Work Ethic and Enthusiasm
- Donated yearly over 550-600 hours of work time each year to KSD that was not indicated on the timesheet
- Excellent interpersonal skills
- Successfully works and communicates effectively with students, faculty, student life staff and all other non-certified staff, including the Deaf Community, Alumni, City of Danville members and leaders, Special Education Directors, Regular Education Schools, other State Schools for the Deaf, and Media
- Team player with loyalty and other virtues necessary for service
- As a KSD Administrator (28 years), I have never failed to comply with policies, procedures, or directives
- Integrity and respect for others
- Contingency Decision Maker
- Facilitates group consensus or when appropriate, can function independently

- Successfully works through adversity
- Genuine Happy Person
- Enjoys working with students and other members of the school family

#### **Related Leadership Within Employment**

- Deaf Olympic Volunteer (2 years)
- Special Olympics Volunteer (2 years)
- MSSD and Gallaudet Athletic Facility Committee Member to build new school (4 years)
- Served on various committees within Gallaudet University
- ESDAA for Athletics President- North Eastern United States, 13 Schools for the Deaf (2 years)
- Represented Gallaudet- United States Department of Education for Physical Education Special Populations (1 year)
- Founder/President Mason-Dixon Football Conference for the Deaf (5 years at KSD)
- Founder/President Mason-Dixon Track and Field Conference for the Deaf (4 years at KSD)
- President- Pioneer Athletic Conference- Eight Small Kentucky football schools (6 years at KSD)
- Commissioner/ Director Bluegrass Conference- fourteen sports for eight small Central Kentucky Schools (25 years at KSD)
- Deaf Olympics Track Volunteer (2 years at KSD)
- Mini Deaf Olympics Liaison- Louisville, Kentucky (2 years at KSD)
- Coordinator of KSD Facilities, Personnel, Danville Community for the Commission on Deafness for the first "Deaf Festival "at KSD
- Twelve Region Officials Policy Board President (1 year as KSD)
- Numerous School Wide Committees at Kentucky School for the Deaf in all areas of Education
- Manager of the Boyle County Tourism Booth at the Kentucky State Fair (2009, 10, 11)
- Chairman of the Coalition for Children – Law Enforcement Working with Schools. This group included KSD, Danville Schools, Boyle County Schools as well as many leaders from the community. The purpose was for three school systems to work in a cooperative uniform effort with the city police, county sheriff office, state police, and the county attorney's office. (4 years at KSD)

#### **Related Leadership Outside of Employment at Kentucky School for the Deaf**

- Danville School Board Member (13 years)
- City of Danville Government- Chairman if Ethics Board (3 years)
- Danville/ Boyle County Literacy Council and GED Program Member (8 years)

- Central Kentucky Chapter of the American Red Cross- Chairman of the Board (6 years)
- Wilderness Trace YMCA Board of Directors Member (2 years)
- Parents Group for the Danville Development Center for Special Children- President (1 year)
- Dart Sharks Swim Team Parent Group- Danville/Boyle County Recreation Department- President (Summer- 6 years)
- Bluegrass Swim Conference Commissioner- 12 cities in Central Kentucky (4 years)
- Member of Our Savior Lutheran Church – Interpret services for the deaf, Sunday School Teacher
- Salt River Athletic Conference President- 10 Middle Schools in Central Kentucky (2 years)
- KSD PTCA and Booster Club Member
- KSD Fund Raiser for After School Programs and Athletics in community- raising \$6000- \$10,000 a year
- Parent Leader for the Danville Swim and Soccer Teams (4 years)
- Montessori School Board of Directors Member (2 years)
- Girls and Boys Mason-Dixon Basketball Conference President (5 years)
- Judge for Boyle County Election Polls (3 years)
- Boyle County Reappointment Commissioner for Magisterial Boundaries

### Media Experience

#### Gallaudet University

- National Media- New York Times Newspaper Feature
- Television- CBS Grandstand, Bryant Gumbell
- Area Media- Washington Post Newspaper (feature story)
- Washington Television Stations (3 features)

#### Kentucky School for the Deaf

- Lexington Herald Leader (2 features)
- Danville Advocate Messenger (2-3 features, yearly)
- Lexington and Louisville Television (10 features)
- WHIR/WRNZ Radio- various interviews/provided information for stories

### Honors/Awards/Recognitions

- 3 Educational Scholarships ( B.S., M.Ed, M.Ed)
- Kentucky Finalist for *Athletic Director of the Year* (1997, 2004)
- Commissioned as a Kentucky Colonel by Governor Paul Patton-1999
- Commissioned as a Kentucky Colonel by Governor Ernie Fletcher-2006
- *Coach of the Year Awards*
  1. Track- 1974
  2. Football- Silent News for USA- 1984

3. Pioneer Athletic Conference Football-1985
  4. Bluegrass Conference Basketball- 1993
  5. Bluegrass Conference Basketball- 1994
  6. Mason-Dixon Football- 2002
- Honored by Mason-Dixon with *Paul Smiley Traveling Championship Yearly Award*
  - Outstanding Service to Mini-Deaf Olympics
  - Danville Independent Schools Outstanding School Board Service
  - Butler High School Hall of Fame- inducted 1989
  - Kentucky Physical Education Association- PE and Health Program- honor made at conference-1986
  - Chosen ( one of eight) Athletic Directors in Kentucky to lead the Coaches Education Program in Kentucky-1995
  - Commonwealth of Kentucky Senate and House of Representatives issue citation for KSD Athletic Director- 1999
  - *Bluegrass Conference Leadership Recognition*- honored several times for effective Conference Leadership
  - *Pioneer Athletic Conference Distinguished Service Football Award*
  - Danville Independent Schools Alumni Award- "*Friends of the Schools*"- 2008
  - Distinguished Service Award: Mason-Dixon Conference for the Deaf- 2009
  - Kentucky High School Athletic Association- 12<sup>th</sup> Region Hall of Fame- May 2010
  - Butler, Pennsylvania Hometown Hero Award- October 2010
  - Selected as Committee Member for Advocate Messenger Newspaper "*Rising Star*" Scholarship Program – 2011
  - All awards received while working with KSD children were accepted into the KSD Museum by a unanimous vote of the KSD Museum Board of Directors - 2011

### Contributions and Service to the Mason-Dixon Conference for the Deaf

- Boys Basketball and Cheerleaders: President for two years and hosted two tournaments at KSD
- Girls Basketball: President for three years and hosted three tournaments at KSD. The last tournament also included a 25 year celebration of the girl's tournament
- Volleyball: President and hosted one tournament at KSD
- Football: Founder of the conference by writing the constitution and bylaws that are approved by all member schools. Served as the commissioner of the conference for the first five years which included:
  1. Weekly Statistics of team
  2. Determining an 8-man and 11-man champion
  3. Decided all awards with input from all Head Football Coaches
  4. The Traveling Championship Trophy is named the "Paul Smiley Championship Trophy"

- Track and Field- Girls and Boys: Founder of the conference by writing the constitution and the bylaws were approved by all member schools. Served as the commissioner of the conference for four years.
  1. Decided top ten performer in all girls and boys events
  2. Selected an all conference team
  3. Decided Champion and Runner-up awards
- Mason-Dixon Coaching: Coached in Mason-Dixon Conference Football, Girls and Boys Basketball. Mason-Dixon coach of the year for Football one year.

### Professional Affiliations

- Kentucky Association of School Resource Officers
- Kentucky Dare Association
- Kentucky Crime Prevention Coalition
- Danville/Boyle/KSD Schools and Community Coalition
- Kentucky Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance
- American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance
- American Association for the Advancement of Health Education
- Association for Research, Administration, Professional Councils and Societies in Physical Education
- National Association for Sports and Physical Education
- National Association of Secondary School Principals
- The American Heart Association
- The American Red Cross
- Kentucky Athletic Directors Association
- National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association
- Kentucky School Boards Association

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October 4, 2011

Dear Hall of Fame Selection Committee,

Paul Smiley has spent his lifetime promoting student athletes in the state of Kentucky. In his role as Coach (of practically every sport) and Athletic Director at Kentucky School for the Deaf, he not only created inroads for his deaf student/athletes, but promoted, lead and directed multiple activities and organizations that affected many athletes across the state.

As Athletic Director and Assistant Principal at KSD, he was a leader with integrity who taught values and responsibility. He always accepted the leadership role to enhance the opportunities for deaf athletes such as the Bluegrass Conference (which he formed and ran for over ten years), Pioneer Conference, Salt River Conference and KY Coaches Education Program. Because of his work with deaf student/athletes, he was always in a leadership role in deaf organizations such as the Mason-Dixon Games, Deaf Festival and the Mini Deaf Olympics.

Paul Smiley was instrumental in bringing the KSD campus into the mainstream of the community. He accepted many leadership roles and committee activities in the Danville area in order to facilitate and bridge gaps between the campus and the community. He was the first KSD leader to become active in the community which promoted increased acceptance in the community for the deaf student/athlete.

As an Athletic Director in the 12<sup>th</sup> Region for so many years, he is one of the most respected leaders of student/athletes ever to be involved in this area. His peers always looked to him for guidance and admired his hard work and ethical treatment of his colleagues and student/athletes.

In summary, Paul Smiley is an outstanding candidate for the Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame. His devotion and dedication to promoting all student/athletes and his unwavering support and leadership in the role of the deaf athlete, along with his ethical standards, make him a candidate of the highest caliber. Paul Smiley did everything well, and he did it with class. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Richard W. Webb  
Superintendent

RWW/mls



Oct. 12, 2011

Dear Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame Selection Committee,

I worked with Paul Smiley for about 30 years during his tenure as athletics director at Kentucky School for the Deaf. I was constantly amazed at the dedication he had not only for the special student-athletes at KSD, but also for the way he always tried to help and promote high school athletics in general.

For over 15 years, Smiley conducted Kentucky Coaches Education classes to help new coaches with all aspects of coaching. I always gladly accepted his invitation to share the proper process and ethics for dealing with the media.

He was also in charge of the Bluegrass Conference, a conference for small schools, and helped the teams have championships they had a realistic chance to win. He was also annually involved in the Mason-Dixon Games, a basketball tournament for deaf teams across the south that promoted not only competition, but also cooperation among the various players and coaches. He did a terrific job involving the Danville community in both of these endeavors whenever KSD had a chance to host a Bluegrass or Mason-Dixon event.

Smiley coached almost every sport at KSD and always made sure to report his results to all media members. He was a constant source of story ideas promoting student-athletes not only at his school, but also other area schools. Smiley even volunteered to report results from a summer club swim team.

Smiley was recognized by his peer as a terrific administrator who believed in doing things the right way to benefit student-athletes. There's not a better example of what a high school coach/administrator should be than Paul Smiley. He did what he did for the love of the student-athletes, not the love of winning because normally his teams were outmanned talent-wise and numbers-wise. Never once did I hear Smiley make excuses or allow his student-athletes in any capacity to make excuses. He devoted his life to showing his student-athletes that character and the way the game played did matter and there's no one I respect more for how he did his job than Paul Smiley.

Being inducted into the KHSAA Hall of Fame is the ultimate honor. It's not something everyone deserves. However, I cannot think of a more deserving candidate than Paul Smiley.

Sincerely,



Larry Vaught  
Sports Editor

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October 13, 2011

Kentucky High School Athletic Association  
2280 Executive Drive  
Lexington, KY 40505

Dear Sir/Madam:

The purpose of this letter is to support the nomination of Mr. Paul W. Smiley to the Kentucky High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame.

I had the honor and privilege of working with Mr. Smiley during his entire professional career at the Kentucky School for the Deaf, a span of almost 30 years. During his career at KSD he served in various administrative roles but left his imprint as Athletic Director and Coach.

As many of his Athletic Director counterparts at smaller schools in Kentucky, Mr. Smiley coached various sports. His first love was football and he coached that for many years. When KSD had to drop the sport due to a declining enrollment, he started a varsity soccer program to give the boys a fall sport and was its first coach. He was always there to step in to coach other sports when we needed a coach.

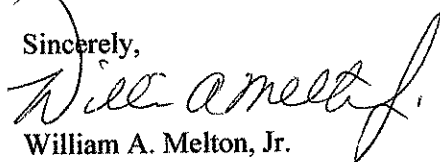
Mr. Smiley also lent his time and energy to serving in various capacities in athletic organizations and conferences in Kentucky of which KSD was affiliated. He also was active in the Mason-Dixon Conference which is a conference of deaf schools in the southeastern United States which compete against each other in various sports.

As a professional educator, it can be seen by those who know and have worked with Mr. Smiley that he has always kept the students of KSD and the students at other schools in the forefront.

Lastly, another example of his dedication to education of all students, Mr. Smiley spent several terms as a member of the Danville Independent Schools Board of Education.

Therefore, I wholeheartedly endorse and hope that you will look favorably on Mr. Smiley's nomination to the Hall of Fame.

Sincerely,

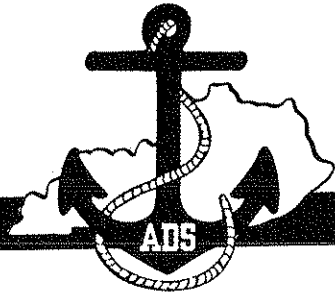


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# DANVILLE *Athletics*

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October 17, 2011

Dear Commissioner Tackett,

I would like to recommend Mr. Paul Smiley for the KHSAA Dawahare Hall of Fame. Mr. Smiley, now retired, was a long time athletic director and coach of the Kentucky School for the Deaf. I have known Paul since 1988. He is the epitome of what a coach and athletic director should be. He always kept the student-athletes best interests at heart.

Mr. Smiley has won National Championships in football at KSD. He has also coached swimming, basketball, and soccer during his tenure as athletic director. He drove the bus to all out-of-state contests, some as far away as 10 and 12 hour drives. Mr. Smiley would clean Admiral Stadium by himself after football and soccer games. He was a tireless AD/Coach that our profession has missed since he retired. Mr. Paul Smiley is what the Hall of Fame should be about.

Thank you,

Sam Harp  
Athletic Director/Head Football Coach  
Danville High School

## STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

FOOTBALL  
1962, 1984, 1987, 1989, 1991,  
1992, 1994, 2000, 2001, 2003

BOYS TRACK  
1988, 1989, 1989 (INDOOR)  
1990 (INDOOR)

GIRLS TRACK  
1981, 1983, 1984, 1985,  
1986, 1987, 1988

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY  
1982, 1984, 1985,  
1986, 1987

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10/18/11

To whom it may concern:

It is my privilege and desire to nominate Mr. Paul Smiley to be considered for the Kentucky High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame. I have known Paul in excess of 20 years, and have found him to be not only a man of integrity, but an ambassador for high school athletics and all the good qualities that they represent. Paul has been the face of Kentucky School for the Deaf athletics for as long as I can remember. He was athletic director at the school for the duration of his long and successful career, coaching almost every varsity sport the school has offered at one time or another while winning "Coach of the Year" numerous times in the process. Often, he would be driving the school bus for the KSD teams as needed, and all while serving as commissioner of many different organizations. His devotion of time and energy is without question in his endeavor to serve his students and school. He was instrumental in keeping the Bluegrass Conference intact and thriving as the longest running conference in Kentucky, serving many years as the commissioner. He has been in charge of other conferences that I am aware of, such as the Salt River Middle School conference, and the Mason-Dixon conference for deaf schools, just to name a couple. Paul has also assisted the KHSAA in many ways, such as offering a very informational Coaches Education class on a yearly basis. Paul was an Athletic Director of the Year finalist in 1997 and 2004, and is a member of the 12<sup>th</sup> Region Basketball Hall of Fame for his leadership work. Outside of the school setting, I am aware that Paul has also served several community leadership roles, such as serving as a school board member for Danville City Schools. He has also served on many local professional affiliations, and is a Kentucky Colonel. On a personal level, I have coached against Paul Smiley, have worked with him professionally as a fellow athletic director, and have served as his assistant commissioner in the Bluegrass Conference. I can say without hesitation, that there is no one more deserving to be a member of the KHSAA Hall of Fame than Mr. Paul Smiley.

Sincerely,

  
Don S. Irvine

Men's Head Basketball Coach/Associate Athletic Director  
Burgin High School

