

Arkansas High School Athletic Administrator Association 2013 Hall of Fame

Dick Johnson



Dick Johnson is a graduate of Ashdown High School and the University of Arkansas with a Specialist Degree in Education. He has been a Fayetteville resident for more than 47 years.

Dick and Julie Johnson have been married for 41 years. Julie is a realtor/broker for the Real Estate Consultants of Fayetteville. They have two daughters, Molly, who is a stylist at ENVY Salon in Fayetteville and Sara, who is married to Thomas Wasson and is currently teaching in the Rogers School System.

Johnson is currently vice-president for Development and School Relations for Five Star Sports in Fayetteville. He spent 29 years in education and 19 of those years were with the Fayetteville School District serving as teacher, head football coach, athletic director and assistant superintendent.

Johnson was a former member of the Arkansas High School Athletic Administrators Association's executive committee. He was the founder, co-founder or director of the AAA's Weekend of Champions in Fayetteville (baseball, softball and soccer), the Holiday Hoops Classic, The Lady Bulldogs Classic, the Fayetteville All-Star Week, the Harmon Renovation Project, the AHSAAA Hall of Fame along with Jim Rowland and Bill Mayo and the Wendy's 4 for Schools travel meal card program for Arkansas Schools.

Johnson is the author of the "Athletic Dead Period Proposal" that was adopted by the AAA and "Smart Jock", a study with over 25,000 participants which compare high school students involved in extracurricular activities with those that were not in seven objective categories.

Johnson is also a board member of the First Christian Church of Fayetteville. He is a board member of the Fayetteville Boys and Girls Club, a member of the Cross Country Commission that led to the location and construction of the University of Arkansas Cross Country course and past president of the Fayetteville Humane Society.

Johnson is a musician and song writer. His credits include Rivercity Streetband and Ana Divina albums on the STAX record label and the soon to be released CD "Good Stuff" produced by Tommy Byrd of Byrd House Studios in Austin, Tex.

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Fred Lilly



Fred Lilly, CAA, has spent his entire 35-year career as a teacher, coach and administrator at his alma mater – Camden Fairview High School. Lilly began his career in the Fairview School District in 1979 as a coach and teacher. In 1993, he took on the role of junior high assistant principal, then high school assistant principal in 1997. After a year as assistant principal, Lilly became the junior high principal for the district.

In 2000, Lilly became the district's athletic director and special programs director, and then added the role of assistant superintendent in 2010. In 2012, Lilly accepted the position of deputy superintendent – a role that he is currently holding today. On July 1, 2013, Lilly passed the baton of athletic director to his best friend, knowing the program was in good hands for the future.

Lilly is a member of many Arkansas state associations, including the Arkansas High School Athletic Administrators Association, Arkansas Association of Educational Administrators and Arkansas Association of School Personnel Administrators. Lilly has served as the state president of the AHSAAA as well as the 7A Activity District. Lilly assisted the AHSAAA with new athletic director training presentations in 2009, 2010 and 2011. He presented the Athletic Handbook and coach's evaluation at the AHSAAA state conferences in 2007 and 2008.

Lilly has also served on the Awards Committee for the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association. He was on the Third Strategic plan committee for the NIAAA. Lilly was named State Award of Merit in 2006, Distinguished Service award for the state in 2008 and Citation Awards for the State in 2011, 2012 and 2013. He also received the National Citation Awards from the National Federation of State High School Associations in 2013.

Lilly earned his Bachelor's Degree in Physical Education in 1978 from Henderson State University. He then achieved his Master's Degree in Secondary Education at Henderson State in 1993.

Lilly is a member of St. James A.M.E. Church. He has two children, TaShanta and Fredrick, II, and six grandchildren.

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Johnny White



Johnny White, a native of Lonoke, earned a Bachelor of Science in Education from Southern Arkansas University in 1974, where he was a two sport athlete in basketball and baseball, as well as a four-year letterman in both sports.

White started his coaching career as head men's basketball coach at Mineral Springs. Soon after, in 1976, his career with the Cabot School District began. He was the high school boys' basketball coach until he was promoted to athletic director in 1986, a title he held until he retired in 2011.

During his 35 years with the Cabot School District, White was also Director of Transportation for 22 years and coached a host of other sports. His girls' and boys' golf teams won a combined 15 state championships. He was awarded Outstanding State Golf Coach during four separate years and Golf Coach of the Year in 2000.

Some of White's other achievements include: Athletic Director of the Year in 2002-02, State Distinguished Service Award in 2003 and 2008, 7A Athletic Director of the Year in 2010-11 and Statewide Athletic Director of the Year in 2010-11. He was inducted into the Southern Arkansas University Sports Hall of Fame in 2013.

Since his retirement, White keeps busy by working as Public Relations Manager at Greystone Country Club in Cabot, as well as Public Relations Manager for Five Star Promotion Company and sells electronic scoreboards across the state for Daktronics.

White lives in Cabot and is a member of Cabot United Methodist Church. He has two daughters, Kelly Watson of Cabot, and Amy White, who resides in Russellville, a son-in-law, Matt Watson and two grandchildren, Hayden and Kinley Watson. He will welcome an additional son-in-law in July when Amy marries Adam Anderson of Russellville.