

Longtime KDS Educator Named to Sports Hall of Fame

Teacher, coach, and principal at KDS DAR High School for 25 years, Joe Teal was recently inducted into the Marshall County Sports Hall of Fame.



In the fall of 1968, Joe started his career as a math teacher and junior high basketball coach at KDS DAR High School. In 1969, he became the junior varsity coach for two years and was elevated to the head basketball coaching position in 1971. Teal’s 1973 Patriots were 23-7 and finished second to Guntersville in the Marshall County Basketball Tournament.

In 1972, Mr. Teal became the head baseball coach for the Patriots. His 1973 team won the area tournament and went all the way to the state finals before being defeated by Flomaton in the State Championship series.

Following the 1976 basketball season, he was appointed to be the principal at DAR High School, where he stayed for 17 years. As principal and athletic director, Mr. Teal continued to support academic and athletic programs.

In 1993, Joe became a supervisor in the Marshall County School System. He retired from public education in 1997, but continued his career, serving two years as principal at Westminster Christian Academy in Huntsville. In 1999, he answered a call to serve as Minister of Education and Administration at First Baptist Church in Athens for 14 years. He is currently serving as Interim Pastor at West Highland Baptist Church in Athens.

Married for 51 years, Joe and Bonnie have two children, Jason and Melanie. Joe enjoys playing golf and being involved in the lives of his grandchildren.



Joe Teal (top row on the left) is pictured with the 1973 State Runner-up Varsity Patriots Baseball Team.



Mr. Teal is pictured at the Marshall County Sports Hall of Fame induction dinner with KDS alumni, three of whom he coached.

From left: James Fuell (1962), Mr. Teal, Randy Barnes (1981), Ricky Watson (1973), Ralph Keller (1971)