

Inductee



Kenneth R. Harrison showed his ability to lead and direct as a teacher and coach for 32 years.

Harrison grew up in Auburndale and graduated from AHS in 1972. He knew from an early age with hard work and determination he would be successful in life.

During his three years at AHS, Harrison played Varsity Football, Varsity Basketball and Track (Shot & Discus) and was a 3-year letterman in all three sports. Harrison was captain of the football and Basketball team his senior year and was selected “Most Valuable Player in both sports. He was named to the All County, All Regional and All State Teams then received a Football Scholarship to Florida State University. Harrison always knew he wanted to teach and coach. He earned a Bachelors of Science in Physical Education in 1976. His love for Auburndale brought him back home to complete an internship that opened up the door for his teaching and coaching career.

He began his career in 1976 at Auburndale Junior High School teaching Physical Education then in 1981 he transferred to Auburndale High School to teach Physical Education and the Varsity Football Assistant Coach, Defensive Coordinator. From 1997-2000 he was the Head Football Coach at AHS. Harrison is currently teaching Physical Education and is the Athletic Department Chairperson.

From the time Harrison began his career in 1976, he received many football coaching honors including undefeated County Champs (8-0); County Champs (7-1); State Playoffs 1997-2000; 1997 Best At Large Team in Region; District Champs; Regional Champs; 1984 and 1985 The Ledger’s Coach of the Year; 1990 Inducted into Auburndale High School Wrestling Hall of Fame; Winter Haven News Chief 1998 Coach of the Year and District 9 Coach of the Year. During his tenure as Football coach, Harrison has been a mentor for a vast number of athletes, 25 students received college scholarships under his leadership.

Harrison volunteers in the community with the Boys Scouts of America and has assisted many young men in achieving the prestigious award of “Eagle Scout.” Harrison is a member of First Baptist Church in Auburndale.

Harrison is married to Sandra and they have 2 children Christopher and Jessica. Jessica attends FSU and is majoring in Business and Christopher is in the Army stationed in Iraq.

Harrison’s hobbies include golf, hunting and fishing.