

# NORTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

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## NCHSAA HALL OF FAME NOMINATION FORM

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE ALL INFORMATION)

### I. NOMINEE INFORMATION

NAME White Gosnell Avila Rusty  
LAST FIRST MIDDLE NICKNAME

ADDRESS 3907 Danli Ln Austin Texas 78749  
STREET CITY STATE ZIP CODE

AGE 69 DATE OF BIRTH 06/10/1955 PLACE OF BIRTH Charlotte NC

TELEPHONE: WORK ( ) HOME (704) 609-6434 DECEASED No  
YES/NO

NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL West Charlotte High School/ Harding High School(Charlotte) YEAR GRADUATED 1973

NAME OF COLLEGE Howard University (District of Columbia) YEAR GRADUATED 1977

ADDITIONAL DEGREES (MASTERS, DOCTORATE, ETC.) \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*IF NOMINEE IS DECEASED, GIVE DATE OF DEATH AND FILL IN SECTION II\*\*

### II. NEAREST RELATIVE

NAME White Damion Eldest Son  
LAST FIRST MIDDLE RELATIONSHIP

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STREET CITY STATE ZIP CODE

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### III. SPONSOR INFORMATION (PERSON MAKING NOMINATION)


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TITLE/POSITION Business Owner, former basketball player and alumni of West Charlotte High School

SCHOOL SYSTEM Charlotte-Mecklenburg

SIGNATURE  DATE 7-24-2004

#### IV. PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

IN CHART BELOW, PLEASE LIST CHRONOLOGICALLY THE NOMINEE'S POSITION  
(COACH, PRINCIPAL, ETC.) AND OTHER APPROPRIATE DATA

POSITION	DATES	SCHOOL OR SYSTEM	HONORS	COACHING RECORDS
Head Coach Basketball		Harding High School Charlotte Mecklenburg	Mecklenburg County Coach of the 1999 (Harding)	74 Wins 29 Loses
Head Coach Basketball		West Charlotte High Charlotte Mecklenburg	Charlotte Observer Regional Coach of the year 1999=2005	382 Wins 89 Loses (8)
Head Coach Basketball		Marvin Ridge Union County	2007-2014	2 Conference champion
Head Coach Basketball		Ranson Middle School (9th) Graders Mecklenburg County		127 Wins 6 Loses

CIVIC/CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES (INCLUDE CHURCH, CIVIC OR CHARITABLE INVOLVEMENT)

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**HONORS**

(PLEASE LIST HONORS EARNED IN COLLEGE, POST GRADUATE WORK, AWARDS FROM CIVIC CLUBS, ETC. )

(EXAMPLE: PHI BETA KAPPA, MAGNA CUM LAUDE, JAYCEE PERSON OF THE YEAR, ETC.)

1. **Inducted into Howard University (District of Columbia)**2. **Track and Field Hall of Fame 2016**

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**V. PHOTOGRAPH**ATTACH A PHOTOGRAPH OF THE NOMINEE  
(preferably head and shoulder shot, wallet size)**VI. SUPPORT OF CANDIDACY**

Using whatever supportive data you may wish, please describe the activities and accomplishments of this candidate which make him/her a viable candidate for the North Carolina High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame. Please remember that only thorough and complete documentation will be considered. Two letters of recommendation (minimum) will be necessary, and newspaper articles, etc., in support may also be submitted.

The committee shall seek to honor those who have directly influenced the history and evolution of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association. Attachments are considered appropriate.

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## **The Charlotte Post**

5118 Princess St.  
Charlotte, North Carolina 28269  
(704) 376-0496

June 26, 2024

To the esteemed panel:

It is my pleasure to recommend and endorse Gosnell for the next Hall of Fame class.

As boys' basketball coach at West Charlotte High School, Mr. White made a definitive impact on the Lions' athletic program and surrounding community. As a coach, he not only earned a state title in 1999, but he also maintained the excellence built by his predecessor, the legendary Charles McCullough.

As a journalist who regularly covered West Charlotte during coach White's run with the Lions, I have witnessed his emphasis on developing his athletes as basketball players as well as young men who went on to productive academic careers and livelihoods. Coach White, a West Charlotte graduate himself, was also a constant presence on the campus and the wider community, advocated for both in terms of support for the school and acknowledgement of its academic and athletic success.

Coach White impressed me with his drive to put in the painstaking work that resulted in excellence on and off the court in building athletes and citizens. I am sure he'll be an outstanding addition to the ranks of hall of fame inductees.

I appreciate your consideration of Coach White's candidacy. Please feel free to reach out to me at (704) 737-1554 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Herbert L. White  
Editor in Chief

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**Dwight S. Miller**

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July 21, 2024

**Recommendation For: Gosnell White**

For North Carolina High School Hall Of Fame.

I have known Gosnell Rusty White since he was in high school at West Charlotte Senior High and I a Junior High student at Quail Hollow. Gosnell was four grades ahead of me in school but we both attended University Park Elementary School prior to my family moving to another neighborhood. I was his JV coach and varsity assistant coach for 11 years at West Charlotte High School. Where I credit Gosnell for teaching me the game of basketball.

Gosnell was a standout basketball player under the Legendary Hall of Fame Basketball Coach Charles McCullough at West Charlotte where he also ran track which he won a scholarship for to Howard University in Washington DC.

After college, Gosnell followed both parents into an education career teaching Health/PE at Ranson Middle School while also coaching Men's Basketball and Track and Field. He found success immediately both on the track and the basketball court. Earning several coaches awards and enjoying many winning seasons and championships in basketball on the middle school level. Gosnell was not only an outstanding coach and mentor to young men and women but his infectious personality, smile, and keen knowledge and understanding of sports, especially basketball made him a favorite teacher among all his students as well as other staff members.

Gosnell left middle school and went to Harding High School where he was on pace to win 100 games faster than any other coach in Mecklenburg County history. Gosnell accumulated a record of 74-29 at Harding where in 1995 He was Mecklenburg County coach of the Year.

Coach White returned to his alma mater West Charlotte and in his first three years took the Lions to two Regional Championship games and won the State Championship in 1999 in the third year. Coach White compiled a record of 83 and 10 in those three seasons. When he retired from West Charlotte in 2007 he had a career record of 456-174 with eight straight Conference Titles, from 1997-2004. His teams made five 3A or 4A Western Regional appearances. At

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West Charlotte he was 382-89. He was Observer Regional Coach of the year in 1999 and 2005.

He went on after retiring in Mecklenburg County to coach seven more years in Union County and a new school at that time Marvin Ridge High School until 2014. Coach White has spent his career teaching and mentoring young men not just basketball but life skills for success beyond and after their playing days end.

Sincerely,



Dwight S. Miller

June 24, 2024

Dear NCHSAA Hall of Fame Committee,

To whom it may concern. I am writing this letter of recommendation on behalf of my former Coach and mentor Coach Gosnell "Rusty" White to be nominated, considered and inducted into the next NCHSAA Hall of Fame for his contributions as a Varsity Basketball Head Coach for 22 years at the High School level. Coach White made a huge impact at three High Schools(1992-2014) after 15 years at Ranson Junior High School going 127-60 as a Varsity Basketball Head Coach giving him the opportunity to coach at the high school level. Coach White was also the Head Track Coach and Assistant Coach for Football at Ranson Jr. High School at the Varsity level.

Coach White first high school coaching job was at Harding University High School(1992-1996) formerly known as Harry Harding High School where he went 74-29 in four years winning two conference championships and finished with the highest winning percentage in Harding Boys basketball history.

Coach White then returned to his alma mater West Charlotte High School from 1996-2007 to help restore the Boys Basketball program two years after NCHSAA Hall of Famer Coach Charles Adams McCullough left in 1994 to coach at College Basketball. Coach White played basketball and ran track for Coach McCullough at West Charlotte. In his 11 seasons at West Charlotte he was 285-55 winning a State Championship in 1999 in dominating fashion, he also had 5 Western Regional appearances in his 11 seasons of coaching at West Charlotte. Coach White ended up retiring from CMS after 30 years of service as a PE Teacher, Basketball Coach, Mentor to Students and his Co-Workers and he was a strong Father figure to so many Students whether he coached them or not. He left West Charlotte as second

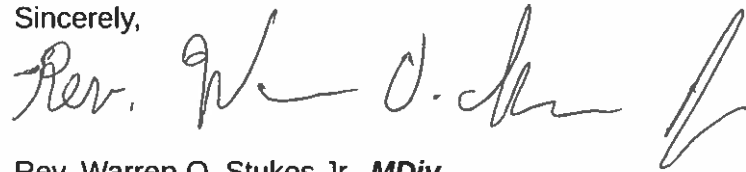
Coach White last stop was Marvin Ridge High School 2007-2014 which he helped open up the school and was the first Varsity Boys Head Coach in school history. He helped set the foundation for the basketball program and did so with a 94-64 record.

In conclusion Coach Gosnell "Rusty" White made an impact no matter what school he was at for 37 years. Coach White had a unique way of using his talent, sharp-mind, high sports IQ, discipline and work ethic which made him an All-American Track Student-Athlete at Howard University. He won with integrity and had a win percentage over 70 percent. He won 423 games at the High School level and won almost 550 games total in his career with only a few .500 seasons and 1-2 losing seasons in 37 years.

I personally have a unique viewpoint because I played for Coach White at Ranson Jr. High School(1988-1991), he coached against me when he was Varsity Boys Basketball Head Coach at Harding and I was in High School at West Charlotte(1992-1994) and I later joined his coaching staff for 3 years(2002-2005) and was on his last coaching staff in his last Western Regional appearance in 2005 at West Charlotte. Coach White taught us discipline, work ethic,

how to win the right way and you knew you had to be in top shape to play for him. Hence the 6:30 mile you had to make to try out for the team established at Ranson Jr. High and continued to his last coaching season.

Sincerely,

Rev. 

Rev. Warren O. Stukes Jr., **MDiv**

Sports Minister and Character Coach/Basketball Coach/Formal Basketball Student-Athlete



July 1, 2024

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter of recommendation on behalf of coach Gosnell White, that he might be considered a candidate for entry into the NCHSAA Hall of Fame. Coach White has been a positive influence in the lives of many young men for years. He has not only set the sports world ablaze as a standout athlete at Howard University, but he really left his mark in NC athletics as a High School basketball coach. Coach White was able to build and sustain basketball programs at each school that was privileged to have him lead their teams. First, he brought Harding University "HS" from a place of despair to a place of prominence in only a few years, before moving on the West Charlotte High. Under the leadership of Coach White, West Charlotte won eight straight conference championships from 1997 to 2004, and made five western regional appearances, including capturing the 1999 NCHSAA 4-state championship. Coach White also took Marvin Ridge High School to two conference championships as well as two tournament championships. Coach White record speaks for itself, so I hope you will give this request some consideration as you seek to honor those that are worthy of a place in the NCHSAA Hall of Fame.

Rev. Alexis Anthony  
Greater Vision Church  
WCHS Alumni