



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 Marsh III , Thomas Benjamin Tom
LAST FIRST MIDDLE NICKNAME
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STREET CITY STATE ZIP CODE
AGE 77 DATE OF BIRTH 2/25/45 PLACE OF BIRTH New Bern, NC
TELEPHONE: WORK (252) 229-6869 HOME () DECEASED* NO
YES/NO
NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL New Bern High School YEAR GRADUATED 1964
NAME OF COLLEGE East Carolina University YEAR GRADUATED 1970
ADDITIONAL DEGREES (MASTERS, DOCTORATE, ETC.) Masters in Administration, 2005
IF NOMINEE IS DECEASED, GIVE DATE OF DEATH AND FILL IN SECTION II

II. NEAREST RELATIVE

NAME Marsh Diane William Wife
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TITLE/POSITION New Bern High School Athletic Director
SCHOOL SYSTEM Craven County
SIGNATURE [Signature] DATE 9-12-22

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
Asst. Football / Head Wrestling Coach	1970-72	Jacksonville High School	1973 Ralph Cowan - State Champion	Wrestling 30-23
Asst. Wrestling Coach	1972-75	New Bern High School	74-75 Terry Weaver - State Champ 1st in Conference 2nd in regional	6-0 conference
Graduate Asst. ECU Wrestling	1975-76	East Carolina University	2nd in state championships 2nd in Southern Conference	
Asst Football Coach	1976	East Carteret High School		
Head Football Coach Head Wrestling Coach	1977-1978 1976-1978	East Carteret High School	won Mullet bucket 1977 and 1978	11-9 Football 15-21 Wrestling
Asst. Football Coach	1986-88	New Bern High School	made playoffs 2nd in conference	
Head Football Coach Head Wrestling Coach	1988-90 1986-2005	New Bern High School	Football - made playoffs Wrestling - see Appex. 1	Football 11-9 Wrestling - 334-72-1
Principal	2006-09	Pamlico County High School	School of distinction. 2nd highest graduation rate in state 2007, 2008	
Principal	2010-13	New Bern High School	School of distinction 2011	

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

1. Started Holiday Wrestling Classic for middle school and JV levels in 1994
2. Started Swiss Bear Classic 1986-Present
3. Volunteered for special events in the Junior Civitan
4. Motivational Speaker for middle school and high school
5. Ran Free Wrestling Clinic at high schools and for ECU.
6. Latitude Church support staff for special projects and painting
7. Refereed 10 years for Charlie Sproles and Joe Tkach
- 8.

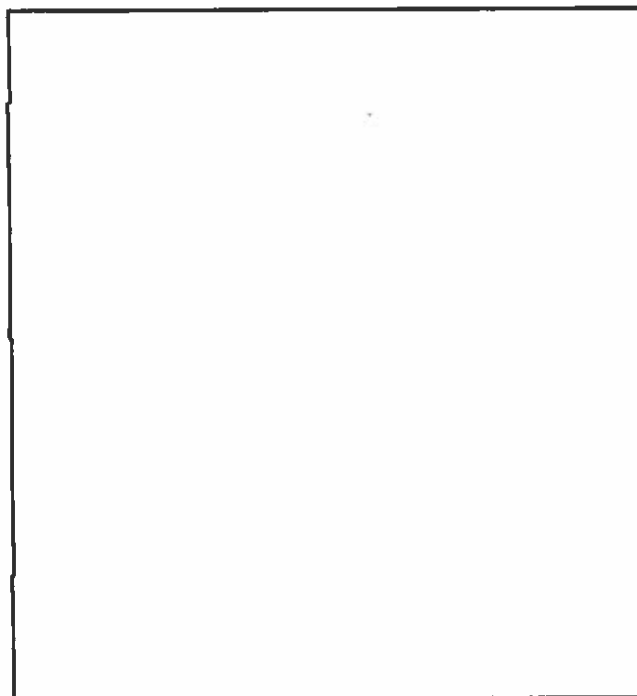
HONORS

(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. VIP ride with Blue Angels 2010
2. Conference Coach of the Year 5 times
3. Proclamations from the City of New Bern (Mayor and Board of Aldermen); Football 1989
4. Chairman for NC Wrestling State Games 1994-97 Wrestling 1995
5. New Bern Hall of Fame-2006
6. National Wrestling Hall of Fame (NC Chapter)-2007
7. George Whitfield Hall of Fame-2022
8. _____

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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Appendix 1 - 1986-2005 New Bern HS Wrestling Head Coach

- Conference Coach of the year 5x's
 - ↳ 1987-88, 1997-98, 2002-03, 2004-05
- Won 13 conference championships - regular season
- Won 14 conference tournament championships
- 46 Tournament Championships
- 103 Top 4 places in Tournaments
- 81 Individual Conference Champs
- 61 State Qualifiers
- 21 Top 4 Place winners in NCHSAA Individual State Wrestling Championships
- 8 State Champions
- Set 3 state takedown records
 - * Most takedowns in a season - 837
 - * Most takedowns in dual matches - 365
 - * Most takedowns in a single dual match - 82

To the Selection Committee
NCHSAA Coaches Hall of Fame

This letter is to endorse the nomination of Tom Marsh for the NCHSAA Coaches Hall of Fame. I have known Tom while he was an assistant coach at ECU, and while he was the head coach at Jacksonville, East Carteret, and finally and spectacularly at New Bern. I have also known Tom while he was the principal at first Pamlico County and then back home at New Bern H.S. Throughout the 40+ years of our professional relationship I have seen Tom work in the best interest of the youth of North Carolina.

Tom coached that 'team' was more important than 'self,' and also that 'program' was more important than 'team.' That is to say that Tom insisted that his athletes show character and do things 'the right way.' Doing that leads to a solid program and also to young people having a good example to live by.

Tom coached many championship teams and All-State athletes, but he didn't just look out for his own players. He annually invited other schools to New Bern for off-season and in-season tournaments, and off-season clinics. He was an organizer and a leader among the coaches in eastern North Carolina. There is no doubt in my mind that Tom would be a highly qualified choice for the Hall of Fame.

Milt Sherman
NCHSAA class of 2020

To Whom It May Concern,

It is my privilege to write this recommendation for Coach Tom Marsh. I have been fortunate to be coached by Coach Marsh on the New Bern High School football and wrestling teams for one year and to be mentored by him as a young teacher and middle school wrestling coach. In all my dealings with Coach Marsh he has shown to be a man of character, passion, and talent. His leadership and work ethic over the thirty-five years have produced not only great wrestlers and football players but men of character.

Coach is one of the hardest working people that I have worked with in my 29 years of coaching. He never takes a day off. He leads by example. Coach is relentless and demands the effort and a never say quit attitude. A quick story, Coach Marsh grabbed me passing by the wrestling room after football season. I wrestled in Jr high and my ninth-grade year. The year that coach Marsh came to New Bern was the year after I experienced the worst coaching relationship in all my sport participation life. Coach never told me what the past coach told him about me until we were on our way to the state championship. He said I heard you was a quitter and not to count on me. I told coach I have only walked away from one sport in my life, and I have played them all and all but one I saw every season through. After I told him what happen he said hell he would have walked away too. But the biggest life lesson he taught me was on that day and I have lived by it throughout my life. That gifted he gave me was to find out for myself what a person is or isn't don't let what someone tell me alter my thoughts of who and what a person can be. He worked us hard strength and quickness drill after drill counter after counter. Never did I think of walking away or not trust his leadership. His word was good if you won your wrestle off in your weight class the job was yours no politics no booster favorites. Coach has taken his natural talent to the next level through hard work and a tremendous desire to excel when working with young people.

I strongly believe that Coach Tom Marsh has done more than build a resume worthy of enshrinement. He figured out what he does goes far beyond the mat. No one will outwork him. He will combine his God given talent with a great desire to excel and a work ethic that is second to none he pours it into to you to carry through your life. His leadership continues to light fire under some of the best coaches in the world. I encourage you to give Coach strong consideration. He will make you proud just as he has made all his Marsh Trained athletes and coaches proud. I will close with his favorite saying "Keep Smiling"

Sincerely,

Taurance Williams
Athletic Supervisor
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16 June 2022

NCHSAA Hall of Fame Committee,

I am writing to endorse the nomination of Coach Tom Marsh to the NCHSAA Hall of Fame. I wrestled for Coach Marsh at East Carteret High School in Beaufort from 1976 – 1978. We were a second-year wrestling program when he arrived. Most of us came from poor families and some of us had never participated in a sport before. He immediately got to work taking us to wrestling camps, lifting weights with us, and organizing off-season conditioning. He organized a kids wrestling program. We saw that his mind was on wrestling almost full time.

He taught us the power of confidence, self-discipline, and hard work. By his second season, we had wrestlers win tournaments and advance to the State tournament. Our team upset a few perennial powerhouse teams and reached an all-classification top-20 ranking for most of the season.

Like several of Coach Marsh's wrestlers, I became a wrestling coach myself for fifteen years. I used much of the same tenets and techniques that I learned from Coach Marsh. My two sons and three nephews were successful wrestlers. Coach taught us about the wrestling brotherhood that's like no other. I've seen the influence of my Coach being passed to the next generations.

Coach Tom Marsh is now 77 years old and still thinking about wrestling almost full time. Although retired and living in Murrells Inlet, SC, he is the volunteer assistant wrestling coach for the local high school and still preaching the tenets of confidence, self-discipline, and hard work; still shaping and influencing young men to be winners.

Coach Tom Marsh's lifetime coaching accomplishments are impressive and he would make an excellent addition to the NCHSAA Hall of Fame.

Thank you \



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NCHSAA Hall of Fame Committee

It is my pleasure to write you to endorse Tom Marsh's induction into the NCHSAA Hall of Fame! Coach Marsh has spent his life pouring into others through the sport of wrestling. He was a Coach to all, a mentor to many, and for myself a mix of Father-figure, brother, and true friend. Coach Marsh has been a force for wrestling in eastern NC and continues to be an ambassador for the sport even in retirement. I would be hard pressed to name a more deserving candidate for this honor.

Its difficult to quantify the impact a man like Tom Marsh had on me, and many others like myself. I can credit Coach Marsh in large part and without exaggeration for so many of the values that I have leaned into through out my life. A positive attitude, persistence, attention to detail, honesty, accountability, hard work, character...We love to say wrestling can impart these attributes to young people, but not by chance. Coach Marsh taught by example, he believed in us and taught us to believe in ourselves. I continue to fall back on these lessons as an adult, a business owner, a coach, and a father.

Coach Marsh is not a perfect man, he is however a principled man. And I have never forgotten that. I witnessed him live those principles without compromise. His impact on both the sport of wrestling and those within his mark will outlive us all. Coaches or athletes, teammates or rivals, supporters or doubters; all respected Coach Marsh and benefitted from his expectation of excellence. Through heated competition, through sweat and tears, through earnestness and honesty...I believe it's the people that make wrestling the greatest sport in the world; and none more so than Tom Marsh.

Coach Marsh is a good man and a great man.

Respectfully,



James E Yezarski, Jr.
NBHS Class of 1992

To whom it may concern NCHSAA HOF:

July 14, 2022

Tom Marsh is without a doubt a hall of fame coach. My name is Tim Bright, i wrestled for Tom Marsh from 1995 to 1999. He was more than a coach to me. He was and still is my life coach and will always be in my corner for life. I was fortunate to have had some great coaches in my lifetime and athletic career. Tom Marsh definitely ranks at the top of the list. When things get tough i can still hear him pushing me. One of the most, if not the most loyal person and fair coaches i know. The teams we had set records in just the 4 years that i was there. I myself still hold a takedown record of my own in which i achieved with the techniques that was taught by Tom Marsh. You know you have a great coach when your going to summer camps at Division 1 college wrestling programs and your not learning much cause we were already doing those drills and techniques at our practice. We had a plan every day, we had a system that he stood by no matter what, and most important we were family. You know a New Bern wrestler when you see one. Me being a wrestling coach myself now, I use the same values, principles, and morals that were taught to me. You a great coach when you can get the best out of your kids. Everyone isn't a state champ, or even a conference champ. Its your job as a coach to get the best put of each individual and make there they reach their full potential and he did that and more. This man raised me and shaped my life for years. This man was everything to me and still is. I can write a book of memories and the time we shared cause he was just thay significant in my life. Lost of character building and getting to know who you are as a person and what your capable of all came from this man. Him kicking me off the team my senior year showed me and everyone that no one was above the team and it taught me a lot. I know he didnt want to do it but his rules was his rules and he stood by that. The lesson in that was so much bigger. Even bigger than me. I respected him for that. In closing, I definitely consider Tom Marsh the GOAT and absolutely a hall of fame coach. The program is the program and we had and still have great tradition there and not to many programs can say that. What he built there was special and still lives on.

Sincerely,

Tim Bright

NCHSAA Hall of Fame Committee

I am writing to endorse the Nomination of Thomas Marsh (Tommy) to the NCHSAA Hall of Fame. He has been instrumental in developing young student athletes and promoting the sport wrestling in Eastern North Carolina for some five decades. From his wrestling at New Bern High School and East Carolina University, to his coaching, mentoring and administration work at multiple high schools, Tommy has always upheld the highest standards to the sport.

I had the pleasure of wrestling for Coach Marsh from 1973 to 1975 at New Bern High School. During that period, we won three Conference Championships, two Regionals and finish Runner Up in the State Tournament in 1975. He guided us to countless Tournament titles and developed a winning tradition that remains there today. Coach Marsh was instrumental in my walking-on the East Carolina University Wrestling Program.

Coach Marsh has always been a promotor of integrity and dedication to the sport of wrestling. He encouraged student athletes and urged people to get involved. He has been a dedicated proponent of organized wrestling all his adult life and I urge his induction into the NCHSAA Hall of Fame

Sincerely,

James Ross

252-241-9401

NCHSAA Hall of Fame Committee

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Sincerely,

John L. Maness Ph.D.

704-222-6132

25 August 2022

To Whom It May Concern,

It is my honor and privilege to submit this letter of recommendation for Coach Tom Marsh.

I first met Coach Marsh in the fall of 1996, as a Freshman at Newbern High School (New Bern, North Carolina). Faced with a sudden wrestler absence right before match, he found me in class one day, pulled me to the side, and he promised to make me a champion.

And that's exactly what he did.

When my friends were getting into trouble, I was sweating and sucking weight. When my father left our family when I was young, Coach Marsh became that father figure for me. He taught me in life to keep fighting, to keep pushing – and to always remember to smile. Coach Marsh was tough, but he was fair. He always knew exactly what was needed in the moment – and when to pull back. He is one of the noblest men that I know. Through the love that he showed to his wife, I now do my best to show my wife the same. The lessons that I learned under him are ones that I still use to this day.

The day after Coach Marsh first pulled me out of class, I wrestled for two hours in my first practice with Nick Daley, a former state champion. The next day, during my first match in Dixon, I wrestled a full six minutes – which ultimately gave our team the win!

Coach Marsh taught me to be prepared for anything. Life sometimes tosses us into unexpected matches. And sometimes those matches grow long and tiring. But today, I'm a proud father, husband, and minister because I learned to keep fighting. And now God is my Coach. I thank Him that he brought such a blessed individual into my life!

Again, I'm privileged to submit this letter of recommendation for the North Carolina High School Athletic Hall of Fame.

Thank you.

George Alvin Rivers

NCHSAA,

August 20, 2022

Hi, my name is Amy Thompson. I am writing to you to nominate Coach Tom Marsh to be inducted into the NCHSAA Hall of Fame. I had the pleasure of being a Wrestling Manager for Coach Marsh for the '97-'98 and '98-'99 wrestling seasons at New Bern High School. I have sat through and watched endless practices, matches and tournaments. I saw first hand how Coach Marsh ran his wrestling room, handled his team and interacted with the wrestlers. I'm not going to lie, Coach Marsh was tough. He had expectations of his wrestlers, on and off the mat. Some would probably say Coach Marsh was too hard on his wrestlers. He was always positive, supportive, encouraging, but firm at the same time. I saw how the wrestlers looked up to Coach Marsh, how they listened to him and wanted to better themselves for him. I believe he had a hand in how most of these young men turned out today.

Whether you were a wrestler or a manager, Coach Marsh looked out for you. He made our team feel like a family. He was always there if you needed him. It didn't even have to do with wrestling. I remember before my Senior year, I needed to see my counselor about fixing my class schedule. I could not get in to see her, so I just mentioned to Coach Marsh about my problem. He went and took care of it for me, I didn't even have to ask.

Another example of Coach Marsh helping me when I didn't expect it was during my Senior year. My wallet was stolen out of my book bag during lunch. I told my boyfriend at the time, who happened to be a wrestler and is now my husband, he told Coach about it while I was in the office reporting the theft. Next thing I know, my boyfriend is standing behind me. He tells me Coach Marsh said for me to drive you to get a new license, take you to the bank and get to practice when I can. I was actually a little shocked, I couldn't believe Coach said he could be late to practice. That was unheard of.... but that was Coach Marsh taking care of his own.

I am lucky I have had the opportunity to be a part of Coach Marsh's New Bern High School wrestling team. I could not imagine wrestling without Coach Tom Marsh. When I think of wrestling, he is one of the first things that come to mind. When he stopped coaching at NBHS, I knew he couldn't stay away. I was right, he took up refereeing for the sport. He also helped assist the new NBHS wrestling coach, one of his former wrestlers, with practices and at matches.

I am grateful that I had the pleasure of meeting Coach Marsh during my Junior year in high school. I am even more grateful that I can call Coach Tom Marsh a life long friend.

Thank you for taking the time to read my nomination.

As Coach Marsh always says "Keep Smiling",

Amy Thompson

To Whom It May Concern NCHSAA HOF Committee,

August 27, 2022

I am honored to write this letter to recommend Tom Marsh for the Sports Hall of Fame. Tom Marsh has had a tremendous impact on my life and my family's life. I am in my fifties and he still inspires me.

Mr. Marsh was my wrestling coach in high school. He taught me not to quit then demonstrated it through his life. He would often read the "Don't Quit" poem by Edgar A. Guest. That simple concept has helped throughout my life. Now I am teaching that to my kids. Tom Marsh is a Hall of Fame person and coach.

Sincerely,

Frank R. Swindell

To Whom in May Concern: NCHSAA HOF Committee

August 23, 2022

I would like to nominate Tom Marsh for the NCHSAA Hall of Fame. Coach Marsh was my wrestling coach from 1996 - 1999. Those teams alone had so much success under his leadership. We won numerous Conference Championships, NCHSAA Regional titles and State Dual Team playoff appearances. I am unsure exactly how long Tom has coached in North Carolina, but I would be willing to bet he is one of the winningest coaches in state history. He has produced multiple state champions and helped get kids to the next level in their wrestling careers. Other than all of his Wrestling accomplishments, Coach Marsh has made an impact in the lives of many young men and young women. Weather it was in the wrestling room or in the classroom if you needed anything, he was there. If you needed help in the classroom, he would sit with you and figure out the problem or find a tutor that could help. Tom would strive to get the most out of everyone and instill lifelong lessons that I still use to this day and have passed them along to my own children. He taught us about taking responsibility for our own actions, being good teammates and to help others. Coach Marsh is a very respected man in New Bern for what he has done for our community. He has been like a second father to me and helped make me the man I am today. Please consider this nomination for Tom Marsh, a truly deserving Coach.

Sincerely,

Dan Thompson

NCHSAA HOF Committee

August 22, 2022

It is indeed a pleasure to bring to your attention the attributes and leadership skills of Mr. Tom Marsh. I have known Mr. Marsh for over twenty years. Tom was a highly successful football and wrestling coach! His wrestling teams were some of the best in the state annually. His coaching prowess was well received and respected across the state of North Carolina.

I noticed Tom's leadership qualities as Superintendent of Craven County Schools. Tom was an Assistant Principal at NBHS, a very large 4A high school in 2009. Tom did a superior job and I told him that I was coming after him if a high school principal position came available and it did when Tom was principal at Pamlico County High. I hired Tom as principal of NBHS and it was one of my best hires ever. Teacher morale went up immediately because he was responsive, visible, and he expected students to behave which they did under his leadership. Tom's leadership abilities improved the school immediately and it has not been the same since he left. Craven County Schools hit a home run when we hired Mr. Marsh! People to this day talk of the improvements he made and his quality leadership. Please feel free to contact me to further discuss this outstanding coach and administrator.

Larry Moser

Former Supt. Craven County

NCHSAA Hall of Fame Committee

My name is Alex Shelton and I'm writing this letter at the request of a great friend (John Maness) who has nominated Thomas Marsh to the Hall of Fame. I can personally think of no one more deserving of this nomination and would love to see Tommy Marsh recognized for his relentless dedication and devotion to the sport of wrestling as well as the commitment to all the young men who's lives were impacted by his leadership.

The young men who were fortunate enough to be coached and influenced by Tommy know how to hold their heads high in defeat and they know how to be humble in victory. These men know you never quit and you must work harder than you opponent to be a winner.

I wrestled for Coach Marsh from 1973 to 1975 and continued in College and the Motto above has always been my compass. The only defeats I suffered in High school were at the State Tournament where I came in second in the weight class of 126 in 1975. I was never pinned in high school and only once in college and I assure you I would never been as successful if Tommy Marsh had not been apart of our lives at New Bern High School.

I can remember when I first met Coach Marsh in the gym in 1973 and the matts were all rolled out for practice. Tommy had so much enthusiasm and he would bring it to the matt every day. Tommy's character would draw you in and we all looked up to him for direction and acceptance. Tommy was never late and to my recollection never missed a practice.

So what does this mean to me? Well as I sit here 65 years old reflecting on my life and all the things that have become important to me, the quality of life, the happiness that good health brings and where it all started. I have to thank Tommy Marsh. I now ride a peloton daily, walk four miles 4 days a week, push up's sit up's countless Triathlon's, road races and have exercise my entire life thanks to Thomas Marsh!

Sincerely,

Alex Shelton

I first met Mr. Tom Marsh during the summer of 2006. Pamlico County Schools was looking for a new principal for Pamlico County High School. The school had major leadership concerns - academics, student discipline, teacher morale etc. We put forth a state wide search for a quality LEADER! Thankfully, Tom was chosen and approved by the Board of Education by a vote of 7-0. His "from the front leadership" efforts had positive and immediate results.

During the summer months, prior to his first school year, he along with other volunteers led efforts to cleanup and paint neglected areas of the school. He, also, led efforts to make Pamlico County High School a clean, pleasant and inviting learning environment for students, teachers, parents and community members. The efforts paid dividends as students, teachers, and staff walked into a clean/well maintained and inviting educational environment.

Several years later, he was instrumental in making major additions/restorations to include a new/modern cafeteria, an inviting/pleasant office area and JROTC facilities.

Mr. Marsh came to Pamlico as a seasoned leader - a high school and college athlete, a state and nationally recognized coach and a man who worked well with all members of a school system and community members.

He put Pamlico County High School in the top echelon of North Carolina high schools with high graduation rates and the school was noted as a School of Distinction. Most importantly, he used his past athletic experience in all phases of "Leadership From The Front". He knew every student, knew their parents, and had a unique ability to led them in a positive direction. Parents and community members always felt welcomed and trusted Mr. Marsh.

He led the teachers and staff in a positive manner and was always clear in his objectives and goals.

All departments of the school were his priority - academics, sports, chorus, band, JROTC etc. All departments and members of the school and community were woven into his thoughts and actions.

In summary, Mr. Marsh/Coach Marsh was instrumental in the success of Pamlico County High School and Pamlico County Schools. Teachers and young administrators looked to him for advice and guidance.

As a retired United States Marine, I strongly feel that Mr. Tom Marsh is the type of leader I want beside me in stressful situations. He is recommended for induction with enthusiasm.

Rick Sherrill

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Lind Hartsell and I am the NJCAA Region 10 Commissioner (the 35 school in VA, NC, and SC which field athletics teams at two-year schools). I am writing on behalf of Tom Marsh's nomination for the NCHSAA Hall of Fame. Fresh out of college, I worked with Tom, directly, serving on his Football coaching staff. I learned so much from Tom and I still use some his ideas/techniques today in my professional life. Tom made his greatest contribution to high school athletics as a top-level wrestling coach. Tom established programs for youth wrestling and camps that still are continuing today. The success of his wrestlers on the mat pale in comparison to the life lessons he taught them through the sport. Having grown up with my Dad coaching three sports at the high school level, I have been around athletics my entire life and fully take HOF nominations seriously. Tom Marsh is, without a doubt, very deserving to be a hallowed member of the NCHSAA Hall of Fame.

Sincerely,

Lind Hartsell NJCAA Region 10 Commissioner/Men's Director

NJCAA D-II Oversight Committee, Chair

NJCAA Championship Events Committee

NJCAA D-II Baseball Committee, Chair

NJCAA D-II Basketball Committee

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August 31st 2022

NCHSAA Hall of Fame Committee

It is my pleasure to write this Hall of Fame recommendation letter on behalf of Tom Marsh. Tom is a great candidate for induction into the NCHSAA Hall of Fame.

I have known Tom for over thirty-four (34) years. Tom's wrestling record is outstanding with both his teams, as well as, individuals earning numerous conference, regional, and state championships.

I met Tom in 1998 as a first year teacher and coach at New Bern High School where he was the head wrestling and assistant football coach. (He later served as the head coach for two seasons.) Tom became a mentor and highly influential person in my life.

Tom was the greatest motivator of young people I have ever known; whether on the mat, on the field, or in the weight room. Tom taught me to have high expectations for my players and to never accept anything less than their best. As a coach and teacher Tom had the rare quality that he was both loved and respected by all who knew and played for him. His kids would run through a wall for him because he became like a father to them by helping them through life and genuinely showing them that he loved them.

I took in all that Tom taught me and used it daily throughout my career as well as my personal life. In April of this year I had the good fortune of being inducted into the NCADA Hall of Fame. I know that Tom Marsh played a huge part in that honor for me.

Tom Marsh is a great leader and his legacy will live on through his players, colleagues, and students in whose lives he made a difference. Tom Marsh is a most worthy candidate for induction into the NCHSAA Hall of Fame.

Respectfully,
K. Scott Jones
Retired Athletic Director
Camden County High School

Coch Tom Marsh

***You are a true one of a kind, someone more than unique.
You give us the honest answer, and mostly careful to choose your
words before you speak.***

***You're an astonishing father, but not just to your own.
You have planted a seed in everyone of your players, and nurtured it
until it was grown.***

***More than a coach, but father to us all.
You have never babied us, but at the same time never allowed us to fall.
At times when I was dumb, blind and could not see,
Moral strength is what you embedded in me.
The impact you put on us will never go away,
It will be passed on through our children, and grandchildren in everything
we do and say.***

***In your words, you have taught us to be real men.
With your honesty you have taught us how to be a true friend.
We walk around and try not to let it show,
But when we leave, you will be missed more than you will ever know.
But no matter what college we go to or how far we are apart,
We'll never leave you because you're right here in our heart.***

Thank you

*Raymond L.
Jordan*

*Andrew Kenton
"OK"*