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NCHSAA HOF Selection Committee:

Addendum to Nomination for Mike Absher 2023

In a world that values success, status and winning it would seem important to recognize those nominees who also exemplify integrity, self-control and respect for others. With that in mind we submit additional letters of endorsement for Mike Absher to the NCHSAA HOF. He clearly is a man who though passionate about winning, is also highly regarded as a gentleman, friend, and mentor to both colleagues and athletes he has influenced over his 40 year career.

Thank you for your time and attention.

  
Lynne Moree

To the NCHSAA Hall of Fame Selection Committee 2024:

I'm writing this letter to formally endorse Mike Absher as a member of the NCHSAA of Fame.

It's hard to believe it's been 22 years since we stepped on a basketball court together.

Looking back I will always remember the 3 D's to success. Discipline, desire and

defense. Now I've not played much defense of late so we are going to have to let that

slide. But discipline and desire have served me well. I use them in every part of my life. I

always remember his desire to get better, the desire to make us better, and the discipline

to show up. Even if you had a bad day it never showed, Coach always showed up. Ready

to work, ready to get better. That is the lesson I remember most. Everyday I try to have

the discipline to show up. For my Wife, my family and my career. Ready to work, ready to

get better. I'm so thankful for the lessons from Coach. I'm thankful for the invaluable

memories. I'm thankful he never missed showing up.

I could not think of a better Coach or a better person to receive this award.

Congratulations! I'm honored and appreciate the opportunity to suit up and show up for him!

Sincerely,

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Matt Short

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To the NCHSAA Hall of Fame Selection Committee 2024:

I'm writing this letter to formally endorse Mike Absher as a member of the NCHSAA of Fame.

Coach Absher was one of the best coaches I've ever had and I've had quite a few! He instilled core values in me the years that I needed it most. He taught me how to be a proper teammate and what it meant to be one. Beyond basketball these same virtues applied and I am certain it was a huge part in who I am today. I am forever grateful for my time with him and I have a friend for life!

Sincerely,

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Owen McCormack  
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<https://www.ourdavie.com/2024/08/06/davie-grad-mccormack-signs-to-play-pro-basketball/>

<https://lipscombsports.com/sports/mens-basketball/roster/owen-mccormack/5662>

<https://basketball.eurobasket.com/player/Owen-McCormack/520324>

To the NCHSAA Hall of Fame Selection Committee 2024:

Coach Absher was able to demonstrate immaculate character and valuable wisdom which have both shaped me to become who I am today as a result of my time at Davie. Not only did Coach Absher teach me the importance of being "All In", but more importantly I would argue, he taught me that being "All In" is impossible without knowing your heart and knowing your purpose in life. I'm forever grateful for the impact that Coach Absher has made on my life through our friendship, and I have no doubt in my mind that he is a perfect candidate for the Hall of Fame!

Sincerely,

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To the NCHSAA Hall of Fame Selection Committee 2024:

Coach Absher and I started teaching and coaching close to the same time at Davie County High School. I was a brand new teacher and coach at the young age of 23. During the first few years of me making roots, Mike was just another coach I could talk to about issues that often plagues a new coach and new teacher. But we often connected on being the transplant not originally from the close community of Davie County.

He will openly admit he doesn't know enough about cheerleading, but that never stopped him from acknowledging the hard work and time the kids in my program have invested to maintain and improve upon a tradition that has become the norm. He respected my passion and allowed me to grow as a mentor for the male and female athletes in our community.

I watched him coach wins and losses from the opposite side of the gym. He was passionate but he very rarely lost his composure on the sidelines and was usually in a suit and tie! The few memories of him raising his voice, it was usually followed up with a conversation with the athlete on the bench and he was back to the game. But watching him coach his own children was a lesson I didn't realize I would need until having 2 girls that are in competitive cheer. My oldest is in her second year of me coaching her at the high school. It is not easy. I just remember him telling me to coach

them as you would any other athlete inside the practice but to go home and still be a parent.

He spent so many additional hours with the architects when our school system built the new (her letter was cut off at this point, I sent an email for her to send the rest)

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Davie High School  
Coworker and Cheerleading Coach  
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