

NAMING OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES  
NOMINATION FORM

Please print or type all information; use additional sheets as necessary and attach exhibits or other documentation in support of this nomination. Refer to Guilford County Schools administrative procedure "Naming of Schools and School Facilities." (FDCA-P)

It is proposed that the Ragsdale High School Gymnasium

be named the Mike Raybon Gymnasium

in honor of Coach and Athletic Director, Mike Raybon

according to the following criteria established by the Board of Education.

A.

If a geographic location or similarly site specific identifiers, such as road, community or the like, explain the reasoning and significance of the recommendation below.

The gymnasium is located at Ragsdale High School, 602 High Point Road, Jamestown, NC 27282

B. If an individual, please attach a resume or vita and fully respond to the following criteria:

1.

Has made an outstanding contribution to a school, the Guilford County Schools, the community, county, state, or the nation. (describe with documentation)

Mike Raybon has served Ragsdale High School, the Jamestown community, Guilford County Schools, and the North Carolina High School Athletic Association since he came to Ragsdale and began the wrestling program in 1965. He has served as teacher, coach, Athletic Director at Ragsdale, and

Assistant Principal at both Ragsdale and Southwest High Schools between 1965 and 2008.

The list

of awards he has received and recognition of his many contributions are found in his resume and

are too many and too varied to list here but are included in his resume.

2. Record of recognizable excellence in his/her respective field evidenced by a variety of outstanding accomplishments, awards and leadership and service roles in his/her

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profession, community, professional and civic organizations. (describe with documentation)

Coach Raybon has been president of the Guilford County Principal/Assistant Principal Association,  
has been commissioner of several athletic conferences, held office in the state Wrestling Officials Association, and served on the North Carolina High School Athletic Association Wrestling Committee.

As a coach, his teams won three state championships in wrestling. He has directed numerous 3A State Wrestling Tournaments as well as approximately 300 local, sectional, regional, and invitational wrestling tournaments. He conceived, planned, and implemented the change in the State Wrestling Tournament from ones held in each classification at three different sites to one tournament for all classifications at one site, creating one of the largest tournaments in the Southeastern United States and the only one where high school students are trained to be scorers and timers.

As a community volunteer, he helped plan and organize the Jamestown Youth League which offered children the opportunity to participate in baseball, football, and basketball. He served on the board, held several offices, and also coached numerous teams.

3.  
Has been a positive role model for others. (describe with documentation)  
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Coach Raybon's induction into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame, the North Carolina High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame, and the Guilford County Sports Hall of Fame demonstrate thoroughly how many people he has influenced as a positive role model. Students, parents, and colleagues are constantly telling him, and others, how much he has done to help them become successful. Very few days go by without hearing a former student thank him for his influence.

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4. Has exhibited values like honesty, integrity, respect, sense of fairness, concern for

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others, self discipline, teamwork, dedication to work, etc. (describe with documentation)

Awards that Coach Raybon has received from the Ragsdale and Southwest PTA's, and the Guilford County PTA,

certainly attest to his involvement in every aspect of the school community. Awards from the Ragsdale

YMCA recognize his support of, and involvement in, the greater Jamestown community. He worked Saturdays year

round, for many years, to make it possible for the YMCA's sports teams to have a place to play at no cost to

the YMCA.

Mike Raybon's reputation among students and parents in the community is for his fair and respectful treatment

of all those he meets. He is known for always walking the extra mile, be it for school, community or state

needs. His greatest skill is to encourage others to be the best they can be and to offer the support that

helps them to do that. He has demonstrated this through his coaching, his mentoring of countless coaches,

teachers, and athletic directors, and his leadership in the community.

As a part of this nomination, a letter from a former student athlete is included that directly addresses Mike

Raybon's exhibition of all these values.

5. Has shown a commitment to excellence. (describe with documentation)

The awards Coach Raybon has received support, without question, his commitment to excellence. He believes, and

has demonstrated every day, that anything a person undertakes should be done to the very best of his ability

and he challenges all those he knows to go above and beyond what they believe their best to be.

Signed: on behalf of:

Print (group name, if any)

Name: Ragsdale High School Athletic Booster Club and Friends

Date: November 18, 2009

Contact Information: Kathy Dick

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Address: P.O. Box 368\_\_\_\_\_ Phone: 336-454-3271\_\_\_\_\_

Jamestown, NC 27282\_\_\_\_\_

Please note:

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Evidence of broad community support for this request should accompany this application.

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School and community groups/individuals making the nomination must agree to provide appropriate recognition, such as a plaque, portrait, or marker for the school.

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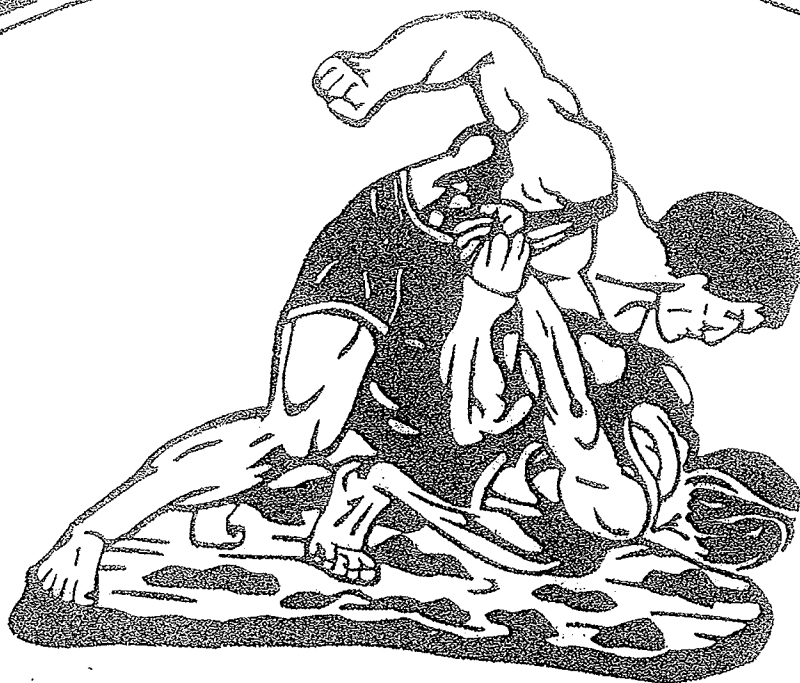
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March 5, 1998

Mr. Mike Raybon  
Ragsdale High School  
602 High Point Road  
Jamestown NC 27282

Dear Mike:

On behalf of the NCHSAA staff I would like to congratulate you on your well-deserved recognition from the National Wrestling Hall of Fame. We would like to invite you to attend our Annual Meeting on May 7, 1998, so that we can acknowledge your award to the membership.

The Annual Meeting has become a day of recognition for administrators and coaches, as well as student-athletes, but most of those awards presented are on a statewide level. The recognition that you, Bill Mayhew and Wally Burke received was on a national level and we would like to have the opportunity to share this outstanding award with our membership. You should be extremely proud of such an outstanding career. In the history of high school wrestling in North Carolina, you are truly one of the greatest!

We certainly hope you will be able to join us. Please let me know at your earliest convenience if you will be able to attend. We would like for you to bring the award you received in December with you so that we can "present" it to you.

Thank you for all that you have done for high school wrestling in North Carolina. We are proud to have someone like you representing the state of North Carolina in the National Wrestling Hall of Fame inaugural inductees of the Lifetime Through Coaching Service Award.

Sincerely,

Kaye T. Koenig  
Executive Assistant, Men's Sports Programs