

**Coach Ken Haggart – Athletic Coaching Inductee**  
**Football, Basketball, Wrestling, Baseball, and Volleyball Coach**

Coach Haggart began his teaching career with Holton Public Schools in 1985. Mr. Haggart quickly became involved in athletics by coaching many different sports in the course of his 23 year career at Holton Middle and High School. He continues to be remembered fondly by students, staff, and community members for the positive impact he has had.

Coach Haggart's infectious personality, witty humor, and ability to build relationships with anyone made him a successful member of the athletic department. For many years, Mr. Haggart served as an assistant varsity football coach serving under Coach Mark Houston. The partnership that developed between Coach Houston and Coach Haggart struck a balance where Houston's tough expectations and critical feedback was dampened and focused by Coach Haggart leading to each athlete's progress. Their friendship stretched Coach Haggart into coaching wrestling. Although unfamiliar with the sport, Coach Haggart was a quick study and coached multiple seasons of Middle School Wrestling. Mr. Haggart understood the impact athletics had on young people. Being engaged in a sport kept students on a positive path and connected to powerful life lessons. This understanding led Coach Haggart to take on coaching vacancies including JV Volleyball and JV Baseball. His willingness to step into these roles ensured that students were able to have a season. Although Coach Haggart may not have taken home championships and might not have had the technical experience within the sports he coached, he knew the greater impact high school athletics had on the lives of the athletes he worked with. The athletes he served continue to be thankful for these lessons. In one season of basketball, with only eight players, the team struggled to get a win. One of the basketball players said, "Coach Haggart was a great coach because even though we only had eight players and were losing, he still believed in us." Coach Haggart always believed in his athletes and built in them the confidence to excel.

Coach Haggart took on several years of varsity coaching for football and basketball. In 1999, Coach Haggart was selected as the Football Coach of the Year and the conference "Dream Team." Coach Haggart never touted these accomplishments. His philosophy was always centered on kids and helping them achieve their full potential. For Coach Haggart's years of commitment and dedication to many athletic programs and his impact on the lives of the many student-athletes he served the Holton Athletic Hall of Fame is honored to induct Coach Ken Haggart.

