



**Mr. Earl MacLaren**  
**Distinguished Service Award Inductee**  
**Athletic Hall of Fame – Class of 2016**

A man of kind words with a contagious smile and a positive attitude toward life and the students and athletes of Holton Public Schools, Mr. Earl MacLaren has been a lifelong follower, supporter, and fan of Holton Athletics. The pride and support for the Holton community, and for Holton student – athletes radiates from him. Always quick to lend a helping hand, and described by many as a kind hearted man that would do anything for anyone, Mr. MacLaren retired from Holton Public Schools after a career that spanned decades as a custodian and avid supporter of the children, students, and athletes of Holton Public Schools. Mr. MacLaren was always there behind the scenes helping set up for games, support coaches and teams with whatever they may need, and then to be there at the end of the contest to help put everything away. Mr. MacLaren still attends a vast majority of the athletic games and contests hosted by Holton Public Schools, and you will often still see him in the stands cheering on his beloved Red Devils to victory. To this day, former students describe Mr. MacLaren as someone who touched many lives, with one former student describing his smile as the highlight of their school day. Mr. MacLaren is a man of strong faith, he has a kind and gentle heart, and he will always be known and remembered as one of the most humble and loyal, yet supportive fans of the student athletes and teams of Holton Public Schools. He is the type of fan that embodies everything that good sportsmanship and educational athletics are all about. Never a negative word to say, Mr. MacLaren is quick to find value, worth, and support for our teams and our student athletes, regardless of the outcome of the game.

The Distinguished Service Award of the Holton Athletic Hall of Fame was established as a means to honor the rich heritage and tradition of the great contributors to Holton athletics throughout the years. For a career that has spanned decades in service to the teams and athletes of Holton Public Schools, and for his continued unwavering and dedicated support of Holton Red Devil Athletics, we are pleased to honor and recognize Mr. MacLaren as the Class of 2016 Distinguished Service Award winner. The honor is much deserved and it could not be awarded to a nicer, kinder, more humbled man than that of Mr. MacLaren. We are proud of his loyal support of our school and our student athletes, and we thank him for his continued support of Holton Red Devil Athletics.