



# Hall of Fame INDUCTEE

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## Joe Farkas

### *Class of* 1971

For 70 years Joe Farkas has lived his life, worked, raised 2 sons, Joey and Jason with his wife Jan, and retired in South Fayette, for him the best place to be. For Joe, it was important to give back to the community and the school district he loved so much.

Growing up, football, basketball, and baseball were what Joe lived for, both to watch and play. In high school, he lettered in all three sports and receiving many accolades such as all-conference football team, all-section basketball and baseball teams, and Who's Who in High School Athletics.

After graduating from Slippery Rock University, Joe was hired at South Fayette as a physical education teacher. He started a yearly gymnastics production that became a highlight of the school year. He began his coaching career as an assistant boys' football coach and assistant and head boys' basketball coach for the middle school. He became the Boys Varsity Head Basketball Coach for 17 years, longer than any other head basketball coach at South Fayette. During his tenure as head coach, he instituted the Little Hoopers Basketball program for elementary students, which is still in existence. Joe also helped initiate summer basketball clinics in the summers for both boys and girls.

After heading Boys Varsity Basketball for 9 years, Joe gave up his position as head coach and became the Athletic Director for the next 24 years until his retirement in 2014. He saw this as an opportunity to advance South Fayette to the next level.

Joe wore many hats in his 40 years at South Fayette. At one point he was the Athletic Director, Head Boys Varsity Basketball Coach, Head of Transportation, and teacher. Joe was picked to serve on the WPIAL Soccer Steering Committee, a position he held for 22 years.

Under Joe's leadership, winning titles became the norm at South Fayette, and, for the first time in school history, numerous state championships were added to the district's many accolades. He was recognized by the Eastern Conference of Interscholastic Football Officials in 2006 for distinguished service and outstanding contributions to interscholastic sports. In the year before retiring, he was awarded the honor of Athletic Director of the Year by the Tri-County Athletics Directors Association.