



CLASS OF 2018 INDUCTEE



Jim Murphy

Jim Murphy's passion, dedication and a builder of a culture of believing of winning championships on the court and in life has taken a small Christian high school in Hope Christian School to the elite basketball program in the State. Majority of the players start in pre-school and through their years yearn to be part of a state championship team.

Since winning his first game in 1982 as the girl's coach at Hope, he has led the boy's program for the next 37 years to 804 wins, 16 state titles including six straight (2013-2018) and nine of the last ten state titles, 27 district titles, and 27 state tournament appearances: 25 Final 8; 19 Final Fours and 18 state championship games appearances. With all these accomplishments, his biggest could be that he has never missed a game coaching the Huskies.

None of this may have happened without the competitiveness with his older brother, John during their high school days at Johnson City High School (NY). Jim would be an all-around athlete in football (one year), basketball (four years) and baseball (two years). The major reason Jim headed West was meeting his future wife, Angela at Messiah College. At Messiah College, Jim would play be the MVP of Junior Varsity in his freshman year and a starter who was known as hardnose defensive guard for the next three years. While there he received an encouraging letter from his freshman basketball coach back in Johnson City. It mentioned his passion and love for the game and hinted that maybe he could give back what he had gotten from the game. He still has that letter.

He ranks in third place in wins behind NMSHOF inductees, the legendary Hobbs High School coach, Ralph Tasker (1122) and Cliff High School's Pete Shock (854). He ranks 6th all-time in years coaching high school basketball. Murphy has coached one undefeated team (the 29-0) Class 2A State Champions in 2002 and has had only two losing seasons. His greatest thrill has been coaching his three sons. Josh played for Hope's 2006 state champions, Matt played for the 2009 and 2010 champs and Micah played for the 2011 and 2013 champs. Matt is the school's No. 2 career scorer, while Micah left his mark in assists and steals.

Coach Murphy has coached a variety of sports at Hope: JV boys' soccer, Varsity baseball, Boys and Girls Track, Girls softball. His softball team won the 1997 Girls A/AA New Mexico State Softball Championship in 1997. In 2009, he was inducted into the New Mexico High School Coaches Association's Hall of Honor.

