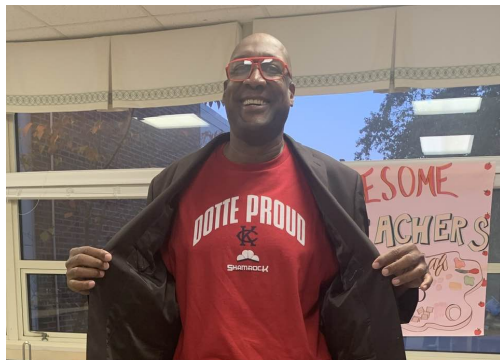


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Staying In The Game.....



As we get closer to winding up the *20 & Counting Project*, which was established in June 2023 by Wyandotte High School alumnus Calvin Thompson (Class of 1982), I would like to sincerely thank everyone for their support—whether through time, financial contributions, or encouragement. This project has truly been a group effort.

From Dr. Stubblefield and Mrs. Stewart, to my assistant Dave Haden, to my maintenance crew, Will and Wilbur; from Mr. Black and Mr. Blochlinger, and lastly to Dr. G—thank you for picking up the torch, running alongside me, and allowing me to bring this vision to completion. This simply would not have been possible without each of you. My apologies if your name is not mentioned as there were many more that helped as well.

Although we did not initially receive permission to move forward with the *20 & Counting Project until 2022*, the research and study behind it spans more than 30 years. Our hope is that this work provides meaningful insight into the rich history of Wyandotte High School, while also highlighting the exciting and truly remarkable alumni who have walked these hallways.



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Notable Alumni:

Entertainment

- **Edward Asner:** The legendary actor and former Screen Actors Guild President won seven Primetime Emmy Awards—the most of any male performer. He is best known for his role as Lou Grant on *The Mary Tyler Moore Show* and for voicing Carl Fredricksen in Pixar's *Up*.
- **Dee Wallace:** A prolific actress famous for her role as Mary, the mother in Steven Spielberg's *E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial*. She has also starred in cult horror classics like *The Howling* and *Cujo*.

Public Service & Business

- **Christal Watson:** The current Mayor of Kansas City, Kansas, and the first female African American to hold the office.
- **Tyrone Garner:** Former Mayor of Kansas City, Kansas, and the first African American to hold the office.
- **Boots Adams:** The former president and chairman of Phillips Petroleum Company, who played a pivotal role in the company's growth during the mid-20th century.
- **Virginia Aderholdt:** A cryptanalyst during WWII who successfully decrypted the intercepted Japanese surrender message in 1945.

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Below is a quick overview of our progress thus far.

20 and Counting Project Overview & Progress

Phase One

- **Installation of 24 acrylic signs in the gymnasium entryway. These signs honor the 20 State Championships along with four contemporary contributors, symbolizing “Connecting the Dottes.”**

Phase Two

- **Installation of new bleachers, improving comfort, accessibility, and the overall fan experience. Memorable plaques were made out of the old bleachers.**

Phase Three

- **Completion of the Bulldog Wall of Fame, honoring:**
 - **50+ former players who competed in Division I college basketball and/or professional leagues.**
 - **Two distinguished leaders whose combined service spans nearly 70 years of Bulldog athletics.**

Phase Four: Jersey/Banner Retirement

We retired 34 jerseys/banners on February 20, 2026 — 28 players, 5 coaches and an Athletic Director, cementing their legacy within the Wyandotte community.

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Nominee Criteria For Banner Retirement

Each honoree must exemplify excellence in:

- Sportsmanship
- Citizenship
- Ethical conduct
- Moral character

Nominees must have also met the following athletic achievement requirements:

- Named First Team All-State, or
- Competed in the State Basketball Tournament Final Four, and
- Achieved at least one of the following:
 - Played in the NFL, CFL, or MLB
 - Reached the NCAA Final Four
 - Selected in the NBA Draft

◆ **Closing Words** - “Teamwork wins championships.” Thank you to every player, parent, and supporter who makes Wyandotte Basketball possible. Let’s keep building the tradition together — 20 and counting, and we’re not stopping here.

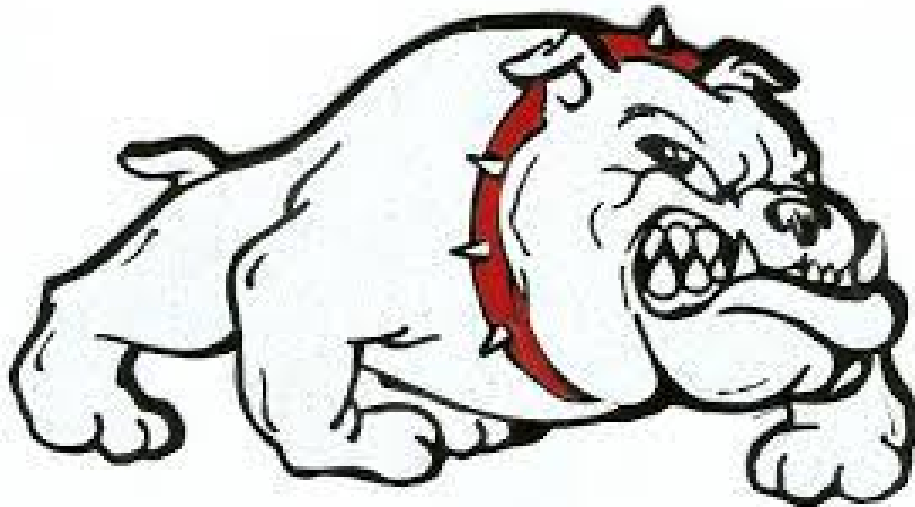
If you are interested in getting involved with our 20 & Counting project, the girls basketball program, or any other Bulldog sports, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Calvin Thompson at 816-536-HOOP (4667) or calvin.thompson@kckps.org.

Thank you in advance for your continued support and commitment to Bulldog athletics.

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