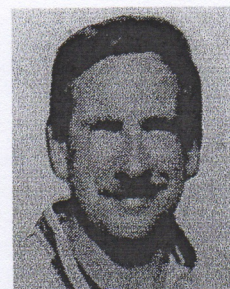


**THOMAS HURSEY
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD**

2005 * DAVE WASSINK * KALAMAZOO



Dave Wassink is the eighth recipient of the Thomas Hursey Distinguished Service Award which was presented to him at the BCAM Hall-of-Fame Banquet in October of 2005.

Dave spent his first 28 years coaching basketball at Kalamazoo Christian High School. His first job was with the freshman team which he coached from 1971-1976. He took over Christian's boys varsity team in 1976 and held that position until he retired after the 1998-99 season. Over the 23 years as head coach his teams won 374 games to only 168 losses. During that time Dave coached nine League, eleven District and six Regional Championships. His teams made it to the Final Four four times, winning one State Championship in 1984 and State-Runner Up in 1998-99.

His accolades also include being named AP Class C Coach-of-the-Year in 1984; BCAM's Regional Coach-of-the-Year (5 times), Class C Coach-of-the-Year (83-84 & 98-99) and as BCAM's Boys' Overall Coach-of-the-Year for the 1998-99 season.

Dave has returned to coaching and is in his second season as the head coach at Paw Paw High School.

As a BCAM board member for over 20 years, Dave has worked hard at making BCAM the outstanding association it has become. His leadership includes serving as president; directing the All-Star Festival; the chairman of the boys' All-State Selection Committee and chairman of the BCAM Scholarship Committee.

Dave has been a respected leader on the Board of Directors and has served Michigan high school basketball coaches with class.