

Thomas Hursey Distinguished Service Award

2016 -- Tom Valko – Marysville High School

This year's Tom Hursey Distinguished Service Award winner is Tom Valko. Tom has been a BCAM board member for almost 20 years. In that time he has been our media coordinator and has recently taken over the chairmanship of the BCAM Hall of Fame. Always being willing to step in to help whenever asked, he brings to the board a no-nonsense perspective that has helped move BCAM forward.

A successful teacher, coach and administrator, Tom started his coaching and teaching career with Memphis High School in 1990. He was the head varsity boys' basketball coach from 1990-1996, earning a 102-24 record. His team won the Class C district in 1992 and was the Southern Thumb Association Champion four times. In 1996, Tom left Memphis for a teaching and coaching position at Marysville High School, becoming their head boys' varsity coach from 1996-2009, compiling a record of 156-139. Marysville was the Class B district champion in 1997, 1998, 2008 and 2009 and league champions twice. In 2009, Tom became the girls' varsity assistant in order to watch and coach his two daughters. Before stepping down from coaching last season, he helped the girls' team win 5 league championships and two districts. He was elected BCAM regional coach of the year four times during his head coaching experiences.

Tom is still the Assistant Principal and AD at Marysville High School. He has been in education for 26 years and in coaching just as long. Tom has been married to his wife Dawn for 22 years and they reside in Marysville. He is looking forward to watching his daughters Madison and Devan play college basketball this winter, and not be coaching them for a change.

