



Johnson Named to Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame

Mooresville's Joe Johnson has been inducted into the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame for his success as a girls basketball coach.

Johnson established the Mooresville girls basketball program in 1975 and led them to prominence. His teams won four sectionals and four regionals in the first four years of IHSAA girls' basketball, including a trip to the 1978 state finals.

Johnson was inducted Saturday, April 27, as part of the women's basketball induction class. Johnson was one of 11 inducted for their significant contributions to Indiana high school basketball.

"It's an honor," said Johnson of the achievement. "I owe a lot to a lot of people, I did not accomplish this alone."

In 21 years under Johnson's leadership, the Mooresville Lady



Pioneers won 288 games, five Mid-State conference championships, 10 sectionals, seven regionals and made two Elite 8 and one Final Four appearances under Johnson in the state's one-class format.

After retirement as head coach, Johnson has served as an assistant coach at Mooresville, now in his 10th season in that capacity. The Lady Pioneers continue to thrive, make the Elite 8 the past five consecutive seasons.

Johnson also serves as an MHS biology teacher. He and his wife Kathy have two sons, Scott and Brian.



PHOTOS: Top right – Joe Johnson speaks at the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame induction ceremony.

Above – Johnson (standing far right) with his first team.

Right: Johnson still serves as an assistant coach for the Lady Pioneers.

