



2010 Inductee

James Daniel (Danny) Ward

Thomasville's Danny Ward, 59, is one of those persons who quietly goes about his business, gets things done and, when he's finished, the result is not only a testament to his character, but it's also something worth admiring and worth keeping.

As East Davidson's athletic director from 1984 to his retirement in 2002, Ward turned an aging current and athletic program into a vibrant showcase for the East Davidson community. Under his leadership the Golden Eagles renovated their baseball/softball complex, revamped the football stadium, added tennis courts at Optimist Park and built a soccer and track complex at Brown Middle School.



Sports also flourished at the school with the groundwork laid for future and current success in baseball, softball, boys' and girls' basketball, golf and wrestling. Under Ward's tenure, the Eagles won six state championships, including two each in wrestling and golf, one in baseball and one in cross-country.

In addition to serving as athletic director at East, Ward was a defensive coordinator for the football team and the head track coach.

A 1969 graduate of Thomasville High School, Ward was captain of the Bulldog football, baseball and wrestling teams. In 1969 he was named the baseball team's most valuable player and won the school's Sportsmanship Award and Best

All-Around Athlete Award.

He was the Valedictorian of the senior class and received a football scholarship at Davidson, where he played defensive back and graduated in 1973 with a B.A. degree in German.