



Wyandotte Basketball, 20 And Counting

June 2026, Monthly Newsletter

As the 2025–26 school year quietly comes to a close, there is little time to rest as we continue building momentum with the 20 & Counting Project. What began as a vision has continued to grow and evolve, taking on new life and expanding far beyond its original scope.

Below, you'll find an overview of our progress to date, along with an exciting look at what lies ahead as we continue working to preserve, celebrate, and enhance the rich legacy of Wyandotte High School.

Accomplishments

- Produced and installed 24 permanent 24" x 36" acrylic displays commemorating each of Wyandotte's 20 state basketball championships, now proudly showcased in the school gymnasium.
- Launched 20andcounting.com, a living digital archive featuring championship histories, photographs, Bulldog Trailblazers, Noteworthy Contemporaries, and ongoing project updates.
- Created the Wall of Fame, honoring all Bulldogs who advanced to play NCAA Division I athletics and/or professionally.
- Retired and recognized the jerseys/banners of 28 players and 5 coaches, which are now permanently displayed inside the gymnasium.

What's Next

- Reorganize and enhance the Alumni Room located within Wyandotte High School.
- Redesign and modernize the trophy cases located outside the main office.
- Refurbish the Wyandotte Hall of Fame boards displayed along the east wall of the social hall outside the main office.
- Complete production of the feature documentary chronicling Wyandotte's 20 state championships, the legendary players and coaches who built the program, and its remarkable place in American high school basketball history. Filming began on December 13, 2023, and the project is currently in post-production.





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Calvin Thompson describes the January 30, 2026, fire that occurred after school hours as a blessing in disguise. Thankfully, no one was injured, and there was no direct fire damage to the building. However, the school was forced to close for nearly a month due to significant smoke damage throughout the facility.

As part of the restoration process, everything in the alumni room had to be removed and professionally cleaned. The cleaning crew was instructed to simply label and box all items and, upon their return, not attempt to place them back in the room. This has provided Thompson with a unique opportunity to thoughtfully redesign and reorganize the alumni room while reducing years of accumulated clutter.

As we move forward, we are asking that future donations be unique and meaningful in nature as we continue sorting through thousands of yearbooks, photographs, and newspaper clippings. While athletics remain an important part of Wyandotte's rich history, our school legacy extends far beyond sports. We are committed to celebrating and showcasing the many Bulldog alumni who have walked our hallways and gone on to make an impact as mayors, educators, musicians, actors, business leaders, public servants, and countless others who have contributed to their communities and professions.

Our goal is to raise \$7,500 to help support:

- **New display cases and memorabilia presentation**
- **Alumni recognition walls and historical exhibits**
- **Updated lighting, signage, and décor**
- **Digital archives and storytelling features**
- **Preservation of trophies, jerseys, photographs, and historical artifacts**

Your support helps ensure every notable alumnus and alumna is properly recognized — especially those whose families may not have the financial means to contribute.



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Sponsorship Opportunities

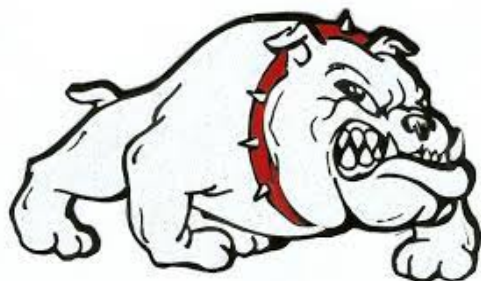
- Hall of Fame Sponsor — \$2,500
 - Premier recognition on donor signage
 - Featured acknowledgment on project materials and announcements
- Legacy Sponsor — \$1,000
 - Recognition within the alumni room donor display
- Championship Sponsor — \$500
 - Name listed among official project supporters
- Bulldog Pride Sponsor — \$250
 - Recognition on digital and printed supporter materials
- Community Supporter — Any Amount
 - Every contribution helps preserve Wyandotte history for future generations

Together, we can protect, celebrate, and elevate the incredible legacy of Wyandotte alumni for years to come.

How to Contribute (Email: calvin.thompson@kckps.org or 816/536-4667)

Checks payable to: ThreeFive, Inc.

Mail to: Calvin Thompson, 20 and Counting. 1303 N 94th CT., Suite 9112 (Kansas City, KS 66112)



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