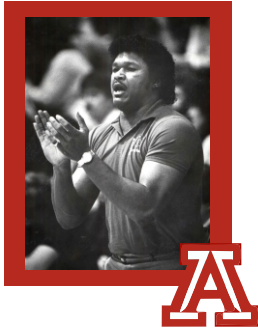


Kansas Basketball Coaches Association

Hall of Fame 2017



Matthew "Chic" Downing

Atchison High School
Boy's Basketball
(1974-1991)

Coaching Achievements

- (4) State Championships (1976, 1985, 1986, 1988)
- (2) State Runner-Up (1983, 1987)
- (2) 3rd Place Finishes (1975, 1989)
- Most Career wins at AHS (255)
- ONLY KS. Grand State Tourney 2nd Place (1976)
- 2-time KBCA Coach of the Year (1985, 1988)
- Wichita Eagle Coach of the Year (1986)



Matthew "Chic" Downing, born November 19, 1949.

A proud native of Atchison Kansas.

He is widely recognized as one of the best athletes and coaches from the great state of Kansas. He is a graduate of Atchison High School and Benedictine College. While attending AHS, he was named to the Kansas All-State Basketball Team in 1968.

He stayed at home to play 4 seasons at Benedictine College.

There he was a perennial NAIA All-American. He finished his career as the schools All-Time leading scorer with (2042 career points). A record that still stands today.

He was inducted into the Benedictine College Sports Hall of Fame in 2000.

His basketball career culminated as he was selected as 1 of 18 collegiate players invited to participate for Team USA at the World University Games in 1970.

After his senior season at BC, he was drafted by the New York Knicks in 1972.

Chic went on to become one of the most dominate slow-pitch softball players in the country.

He was named the National Slow Pitch Softball Player of the Year in 1979.

Inducted into the Kansas Amateur Softball Association Hall of Fame in (1995).

Inducted to the Kansas USSSA Slow Pitch Softball Hall of Fame in (2015).

As a result of all of his numerous accomplishments as a player and a coach.

Chic has recently been inducted into the Kansas Sports Hall of Fame (2016).

Chic has 6 Children. Matthew (Cougar) Downing, Clifford (Par) Downing, Shauna Downing, Shayne Downing, Sher Downing, Jaurrice Downing, and 24 Grandchildren.