

Dennis Carrier

Volunteer Service

The Volunteer Service Award is presented to an individual who has shown exemplary service to Bishop Hendricken over the years. Dennis Carrier, affectionately known as “Uncle Dennis,” is today’s deserving recipient.

Dennis first began attending events in the late 1980’s when his nephews Jamal and Thiago Gomes attended Hendricken and participated in sports. His love for his family quickly became a love for the Hendricken family. He has been a staple of the Hawk community ever since and is estimated to have attended well over 2000 sporting events since 1987.

Dennis’ love and passion for Hendricken athletics, particularly basketball, has been recognized and appreciated by many members of the Hawk community. When Dennis gets greeted at the front door of Bishop Hendricken, people will often comment: “What, you don’t have a key to this place yet?” Dennis’ willingness to provide support for coaches, players, parents and administrators has been second to none. Dennis will volunteer his time and effort to help in any way possible including: setting up for games and practice, cleaning up before and after games, coordinating and assisting with team gatherings and events, providing a motivating and positive presence for players, coaches and parents... all to help our teams be as successful as possible. He will often do the little things that help coaches take care of the big things. Dennis’ energy, intensity, sense of humor and love for Hendricken athletics has been a blessing to our school, our sports programs, athletes, coaches and parents...but not always the referees!

In his thirty plus years as a volunteer, Dennis has never met a member of the Hawk family that has shown disrespect or contempt for those around him. Everyone knows Dennis and even faculty members call him “Uncle Dennis.” You may even catch a glimpse of Dennis during the school day dressed head to toe in Pepsi gear greeting students, faculty and staff. As a proud employee of Pepsi Cola, Dennis wanted to mention that he’d like to thank his management team and co-workers for allowing him the many opportunities to donate and supply products to the Hendricken’s various events over the years.

Dennis has been a Pepsi employee for 33 years and is proud to be a member of their family as well. Dennis has also helped coordinate various events and service opportunities in his home community of East Providence, RI. Dennis served in the

Army Reserves from 1977-1989 and was honorably discharged as a ranking sergeant. He is grateful to his wife, Nancy, for her love and support for over thirty years of marriage. Dennis would also like to thank his heroes Jamal and Thiago Gomes as well as all coaches and staff of the Hendricken community for embracing him as part of the Hawk family.

Dennis's nephew and Hendricken's varsity basketball coach, Jamal Gomes said "Uncle Dennis has been one of my life's greatest blessings and a huge supporter of my goals and aspirations since I was ten years old. I could not have achieved my potential without his unending love and support."

Please join the entire Hendricken family today as we welcome "Uncle Dennis" into the 2018 Hall of Fame for over 30 years of Volunteer Service.