



John Durham

After graduating from Eastern Washington University, John Durham landed his first teaching job in Cashmere during the Fall of 1978 and spent his entire 35-year career here, before retiring in 2013. Hired first as a history teacher, “Durheim” spent most of his tenure at Cashmere High School teaching math. After school, he was an assistant coach for the cross country, wrestling and track programs and was an integral part of 9 state championship teams: 5 in Wrestling, 3 in Track and 1 in Cross Country. His experience as an assistant lead to a very successful career as a head coach as well.

Team

- 117-4 Wrestling Dual Match Record (.967 Winning Percentage)
- 12 Cross Country League Championships
- 10 Wrestling League Championships
- 8 Cross Country District championships
- 10 Wrestling District Championships
- 6 Wrestling Regional Championships
- 7 Cross Country Team Trophies at State (top four finishes)
- 2 Wrestling State 4th Places Trophies
- 1 Cross Country State Championship – 2003
- 5 Wrestling State Championships – 1987,1988,1989,1994,1996

Individual

- 13 Cross Country State Medal Winners
- 43 Wrestling State Medal Winners
- 1 Cross Country State Champion
- 14 Wrestling State Champions

Honors

- 1985 – Assistant Wrestling Coach of the Year
- 1989 – Wrestling “A/B” Jim Adamson Coach of the Year
- 1994 – North Central Washington Rotary Male Team Coach of the Year
- 1996 – Washington State Wrestling Coach of the Year
- 1998 – Inducted into Washington State Coaches Association Wrestling Hall of Fame
- 2015 – Inducted into National Wrestling Hall of Fame

For all his success, John will most likely be remembered for the unselfish giving of his time, energy and money undoubtedly shaped by his twelve-year service in the Washington Air National Guard. Whether it be a student who needed extra help before school, or an athlete who needed shoes, or a program lacking needed equipment, Mr. Durham was always there to help. Countless people/programs have benefitted from his generosity. Even after retirement, you can find him volunteering his time in the classroom and on the athletic field.