

### **Willie Cole (Crete-Monee High School)**

Willie Cole became Head Girls Track and Field coach in 1995 at Crete-Monee. He continued in the position for 25 years. He coached girls to three individual State Championships and 29 individual places at State. Wanikka Vance won the 100 meters and 200 meters in 1998 and Lyn’Nikka Vance won the 100 meters in 2019. He also coached relays to State Medals on eight occasions. His teams won three Sectional championships in 1998, 1999, and 2009. Crete-Monee placed fourth, fifth, and seventh at the State Meet. He hosted several meets at Crete Monee.

Willie has helped hundreds of young ladies to become better athletes, scholars, and people during his career in school district 201U. “More important than the accomplishments, he has achieved on the track Willie has contributed in providing stability to both the school and community.” “As a coach, he was totally dedicated to his sport and also to his school. He was more than just a coach, but a mentor and leader to young ladies.”



Here is a link to Coach Cole's acceptance speech:

<https://vimeo.com/902005542/887f6955a6>