

### **Carlin Nalley (Lisle (1966-1986), Council Grove and Pomona (Kansas) 1959-1965)**

Carlin coached Football, Basketball, Track and Field at Pomona and Council Grove Kansas after graduating from Ottawa (KS) University in 1959. He came to Lisle in the Fall of 1966 to teach Biology and coach Football and Track and Field. In track and field, Carlin started the Lisle Invitational in 1967, a two-division meet which still exists today as the Carlin Nalley Invitational. During the 1970s, there were over 50 teams in the meet each year. The first part of his coaching career, Lisle, a school of about 700 students at the time, was a small AA school. After Lisle moved to Class A in 1980, Lisle athletes medaled in 8 individual events and 3 relays at the State Meet from 1981-1986 (the year he retired as track coach). In 1982, The Lions earned the 3rd place trophy at the State Meet.



Carlin worked the finish line at the state meet for over fifty years and after retiring from coaching, Carlin became a track and field official. In 1997, he was the Honorary Referee for the State Meet. In his thirty years at Lisle, Carlin also served as Athletic Director, Assistant Superintendent, and finished his career as Superintendent of District 202. His football teams won 100 games during his tenure (1966-1982), including a 59-game undefeated streak in Northeast Conference play from 1972 to 1980. Besides being inducted into ITCCCA's Hall of Fame in 1982, Carlin has been inducted into Illinois HS Football Coaches Hall of Fame (1989), Illinois HS Athletic Director's Hall of Fame (1989), and the inaugural class of Lisle High School Hall of Fame (2018).