Creighton University

Athletic Hall of Fame

Benjamin J. Walker, BA’02

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In a society that addresses often the accountability of leaders, it is comforting to know that there are leaders who have always been of strong character and ethics and have always been accountable for their actions.

Ben Walker is such a person. He has done things that others said could not be done; he has worked hard and has established a solid record of achievement, not only on the basketball court, but in every aspect of his life.

Walker was a key player on Creighton University men’s basketball team from 1997 to 2001. In the six years prior to Ben joining it, the team had not made post-season play. During the years he played, the team made post-season play every year, compiling a four-year record of 87-37.

Walker is among the top 10 players in Creighton University basketball history in steals and rebounds. He started 119 of his 124 games at Creighton, was named to the Missouri Valley Conference All-Defensive Team, and helped lead Creighton to the National Invitational Tournament, as well as three consecutive NCAA Tournaments. Walker went on to play professional basketball in Qatar, Latvia, Australia and Norway. He made the Latvian All-Star game in 2005 and was named Most Valuable Player.

Ben makes a difference in the lives of others because he is respected for both character and competence. He has an ability to connect with people of all ages, to smile and laugh and make their days easier. During his years on campus, he gave back to the community and he continues to do so today, through his full-time work with Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Dallas, his work with the Hawks Foundation and the countless hours he spends coaching youth basketball.

Ben Walker had significant impact on Creighton University athletics and played a major role in setting the bar high for Creighton athletes – in and out of the classroom, on and off the court – and that standard continues today.

Creighton University is pleased to name Ben Walker to the Athletic Hall of Fame.