

From Coach O'Dell as originally posted on Facebook on Tuesday, June 12, 2012.

So there is no misunderstanding, I asked Sarah to post this on Facebook. The comments I make here are Mine and Mine alone, and I take all responsibility for them. I am posting this due to a misunderstanding about what the Lifetime Achievement Award is for. After our reunion dinner, I heard several comments, including one particular boorish and ill-thought-out one for which the person who made it should make a full apology. The Lifetime Achievement Award IS NOT given out for what you achieved in Track and Field in High School. You received your awards and acknowledgements for them then. Life did not end with your graduation. Rather, the award is given out for contributions made to our society and country from then on. Finding a career and being successful in it is not enough. I expected nothing less from any of you than that you would be a productive, contributing member of society. If you have nothing better to do than live in the memory of past athletic accomplishments from High School and constantly want to be congratulated for it, you are missing out on life. I don't care if you never competed in a Track and Field event in High School, but you were a member of the team, if after you graduated, you have contributed to society and your Country above and beyond having your own career, you deserve to be considered for this award, and, if found worthy of it, be given it. Needless to say, these petty comments annoyed and disturbed Me, and I had to get this off My chest. Hope to see you all next year for number 11 in a better frame of mind.

-Coach