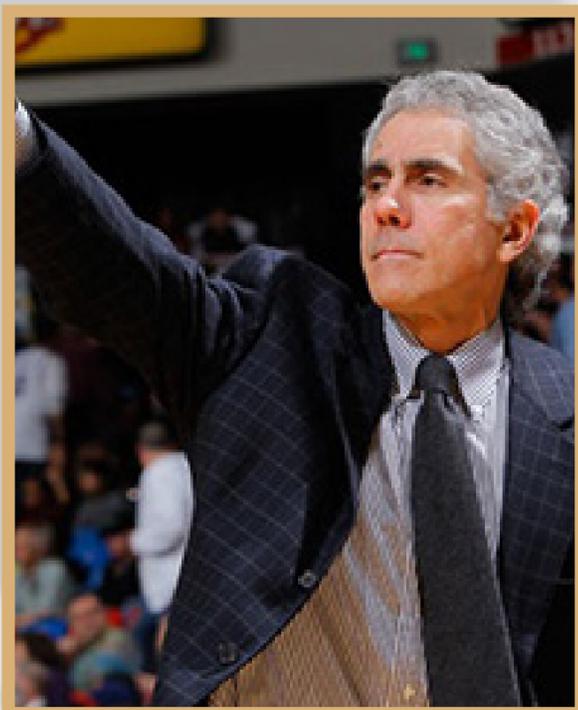




SANTA BARBARA COURT OF CHAMPIONS

JIM EYEN | 2015 INDUCTEE



JIM EYEN | 2015 INDUCTEE

Eyen is a 35-year veteran of basketball coaching. A graduate of the University of California, Santa Barbara, he began his coaching career in 1979 as an assistant coach to Frank Carbajal at Santa Barbara City College, where the Vaqueros participated in the post season three consecutive years and led the State in defense two of those three years. In 1982 he became head coach at Dos Pueblos High School in Goleta, led his team to the 1984 CIF Playoffs and was named Coach of the County All Star Team. Eyen then moved cross town and was an assistant to Jerry Pimm at his alma mater, UCSB, for four seasons—a span during which the Gauchos earned their first-ever trip to the NCAA tournament in 1988.

Eyen began his NBA career with the Los Angeles Clippers in the 1988-89 season when he served as an assistant coach under head coach Don Casey. The following season, he was hired by Pat Riley and the Los Angeles Lakers and was then retained when Mike Dunleavy was named head coach in 1990. After three

seasons with the Lakers, Eyen followed Dunleavy to Milwaukee, where he remained through 1996. In 1997, Eyen again joined Dunleavy, only this time in Portland, where he worked as an assistant through 2001. When Dunleavy was named head coach of the Clippers prior to the 2003-04 season, he again asked Eyen to join him in LA. In 2009 Eyen was hired as lead assistant by Paul Westphal for the Sacramento Kings and was then retained by Keith Smart when he took over in 2012. In 2014, Eyen joined Byron Scott and the Los Angeles Lakers.

Eyen's NBA experiences include the 1990 NBA All-Star game, a trip to the NBA Finals with the Lakers in 1991, the McDonald's Open Championship in Paris, France also with the Lakers in 1991, and two trips to the Western Conference Finals in 1999 and 2000 with the Portland Trail Blazers.

Eyen's basketball interests extend internationally. He has served as a consultant to clubs in the Netherlands, Germany, and Japan, and in 1996, worked with the Japanese National Team. In 2007, he participated in the NBA's "Basketball Without Borders Europe" program in Paris, France.

Eyen, 59, received a Bachelor's Degree in Communication Studies from UCSB, where he played basketball. He earned a Master's Degree in Education from Azusa Pacific University in 1984. Jim and his wife Britt, have two children, Joe (22), a senior at Pitzer College and Lena (18), a sophomore at Santa Clara University.