

Joe Hillock



Due to the rapid growth in the Goleta valley Joe attended, Cathedral Oaks, Goleta Union, Fairview and Kellogg elementary schools. After Kellogg Joe attended Goleta Valley Junior High School. At this time Joe became a lifelong member of the Goleta Boy's Club. After graduating from junior high school Joe attended Dos Pueblos High School where he played basketball for Don Volpi and graduated in 1970. Joe attended Santa Barbara City College playing basketball for Ed DeLacy. He received his undergraduate degree from Southern Utah University.

Joe received his post graduate degree from Gonzaga University.

Joe loved playing sports but his passion was basketball.

He started coaching at an early age, Coach Don Volpi needed a summer freshman coach to help with practices and to coach games, so senior Joe Hillock said yes.

While at Santa Barbara City College Joe worked part time

at the Goleta Boy's Club and was an assistant coach to Sal Rodriquez, with the Boy's Club traveling team.

In 1975 while attending Southern Utah University Joe was named assistant coach at Cedar City High School. Cedar City won the State Championship that year.

In 1976 Joe was named the Head Women's basketball and softball coach at Southern Utah University. Softball won the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference and participated in the NAIA western regional.

Joe then moved on to Milford High School leading the team to the State Finals in 1978.

In 1979 Joe followed his brother Jay and became a graduate assistant at Gonzaga University, moving to full time assistant two years later. Joe stayed at Gonzaga until 1991 when he moved to Loyola Marymount University.

In 1993 he moved back to southern Utah and took over the Milford High school program for the second time.

Joe was named the Head Women's coach at now Division I Southern Utah University In the summer of 1996 a position he held until 2006. Joe is the winningest women's basketball coach in Southern Utah University history.

In 2008 Joe joined Ben Howland's staff at UCLA as director of basketball operations.

In 2011 Joe returned to the Southern Utah area and took over a struggling Beaver High basketball program where he continues to coach today. In Joe's 11 years at Beaver, they have had 10 winning seasons. Joe's teams have won 2 Utah State Championships (2018 & 2020).

Joe has been named the Art Hughes 2A coach of the year twice and in 2018 was named the National Federation of High Schools, State of Utah BASKETBALL COACH of THE YEAR.

Joe and his wife Denise have 3 children, Joe Jr. (wife Christy), Heather (husband Todd) & Jordan, 6 grandchildren, Tanley, Conner, Avery, Houston, Jonah & Emily.

In November Joe and Denise will celebrate their 45th Wedding anniversary.