



*Joe Vaughan*

Joey Vaughan played basketball at Westmont College and coached women's basketball at Buena High School in Ventura, California, winning a Girl's State Championship. Born and raised in Ventura, California, Vaughan served in the United States Army from 1968-1970 where he was stationed in Berlin and played basketball for the Berlin Bears. For over 40 years, Vaughan was a basketball coach and teacher at Buena High School, serving as the Athletic Director for 25 of those 40 years. On the high school level, Vaughan was the state coach of the year 2 times, national coach of the year runner up in 2001, Ventura County Coach of the Year 10 times and won 2 state championship in 1983 and 1984. He also coached the WBCA All-American team in Hartford, Connecticut in 2001. Under Vaughan's guidance, Buena high School won or shared 27 league titles in 32 years.

Vaughan was inducted into the Ventura County Sports Hall of Fame, SCIBCA Hall of Fame, California Coaches Association Hall of Fame, CIF-SS Hall of Fame and was honored with the 2014-15 SCIBCA "Ray Putko" Lifetime Achievement Award.

Vaughan states:

"Anyone who has ever coached realizes the sacrifices your wife and family make for you to follow your passion. Kathy and our daughters did that for me. So much time is necessary to be a teacher and coach and they gave that time to me. I am so appreciative but also carry some guilt. They will never realize how much that has meant to me. We are all shaped by those who touch our lives. So many have done that for me. I tried to pattern much of my teaching and coaching after John Wooden. His basketball philosophy and lessons on life profoundly influenced me. I was fortunate to be around him at clinics and other personal situations, learning from him."

Vaughan on his players:

"How do you evaluate coaching success without thanking your players? They also made the commitment, were dedicated and put in the hard work. They made all the baskets, they passed out the assists, they pulled down the rebounds and they played the tough defense to make our teams successful. Finally, the most constant and dependable asset in my life was God. His guidance and support were unwavered to a sinful human being. I thank him for always being there for me. Any success I had, goes to him!"