



SANTA BARBARA COURT OF CHAMPIONS

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Educational Background

- 1972 – M.A. Physical Education Administration, University of Southern California, California.
- 1965-General Secondary Credential. University of California, Santa Barbara, California
- 1964 – B.A. Social Science, Physical Education minor, Westmont, Santa Barbara, California.
- 1960 – Diploma, Huntington Park High School, Huntington Park, California.

1960-1964 Westmont College

- Four years Varsity Basketball (All District 1964)
- One year Varsity Tennis
- Played three years for Jack Siemens and one year for Dan Ahrens

1964-1965 University of California-Santa Barbara (Teaching Credential)

- Coached Junior Varsity Baseball at Carpinteria High School
- Head Junior Varsity and Assistant Varsity Coach at Santa Barbara High School under Coach Jack Triguero
- Student Teacher in Physical Education at Santa Barbara High School under Sam Cathcart

1965-1968 Taught at Goleta Valley Junior High School

- Head Coach Junior Varsity and Assistant Varsity Coach at Westmont College under Coach Tom Byron

1968-1971 Varsity Basketball Coach at Northview High School in Covina, California

- Won two Montview League Championships in three years
- Two times Montview League Coach of the Year
- Three year record of 53-23

1971-1991 Varsity Basketball Coach at Long Beach Millikan High School

- 20 year record of 350-176
- 13 years in CIF playoffs
- 3 years to the Quarter-finals
- 1 year to the Semi-Finals
- 3 years to the Finals
- 1 year CIF Champions - 1989
- 6 Moore League Championships
- 6 times Moore League Coach of the Year
- CIF Coach of the Year - 1989
- Overall High School Coaching record of 402-199 for 23 years

- First ever two-time winner of the Long Beach YMCA Coach of the Year Award
- First recipient of the Long Beach Century Club's Hank Hollingsworth Award
- Inducted into the Millikan High School Coaches Hall of Fame
- Inducted into the Southern California Interscholastic Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame
- 1976-1991 Long Beach Millikan High School Athletics Director
- Won the Moore League All Sports award for 10 of the 15 years
- 1991-2007 Azusa Pacific University (APU) Head Basketball Coach (16 years)
- Golden State Athletic Conference (GSAC) Championships 13 of the 16 years
- 15 years of 20 win seasons
- 5 years of 30 win seasons
- 16 year overall record of 454-112 .802
- GSAC record of 217-45 .828
- 6 times GSAC Coach of the Year
- National Coach of the Year - 2005
- 14 appearances in the NAIA National Tournament
- 10 appearances in the Sweet 16 or better
- 4 Final Four or better appearances
- 1 Final appearance

Mentored APU players who became basketball coaches:

- 26 High School Coaches
- 6 College Assistants
- 7 College Head Coaches

Recruited and Coached

- 28 All-Americans
- 41 ALL-GSAC Players
- 7 GSAC Players of the Year

1996-2011 Azusa Pacific University Athletics Director (15 years)

- Won 15 GSAC All-Sports Awards
- Won 7 straight Directors' Cup Award for the best NAIA athletics program in the nation
- Established gender-equal scholarships within the first 3 years of being Athletic Director
- Started 4 Women's sports
- At the request of the President, applied and gain acceptance into the PAC-West Conference and Division 2
- NAIA "All That's Right in Sport" National Award - 2009
- Inducted into the Azusa Pacific University Coaches Hall Of Fame - 2009
- Inducted into the NAIA Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame - 2011

I am grateful for the support of my wife and family through my journey as both a high school and college basketball coach and Athletics Director. I am thankful to the Lord for allowing me to learn from the best, Tom Byron.