

Matt Ruiz



Matt graduated in 1979 from Carpinteria High School

A 1984 UC Santa Barbara graduate, Matt earned his Master's Degree in Educational Administration from CSU Long Beach in 1989.

He got his start coaching for Frank Carbajal at SBCC and coached eight years at Long Beach State working with coaches such as Seth Greenberg, Derrick Whittenburg, Joe Harrington, Butch Carter, Bobby Braswell, and Glenn McDonald

He stepped down six years ago as the head coach of the Lakewood Boys' Basketball Program after 20 years in that position.

In the 2001-02 season, Matt led the Lancers to a 20-7 record and a CIF Quarterfinals appearance, which earned him the Division 1-AA CIF Coach of the Year award.

In the 2004-05 season, Matt led the Lancers to a 24-5 record and their first Moore League Championship since 1989 as well as a CIF Quarterfinals appearance in the playoffs, which earned him Moore League, LA Times Regional, and Long Beach Press-Telegram

Dream Team Coach of the Year honors.

In his 34 year coaching career, he has coached at every major level including junior college, Division I men's and women's basketball, and high school.

Matt resigned in June, 2014 as the Boys' Athletic Director at Lakewood, having served in that position for 16 years while overseeing 11 varsity sports.

He currently is in his 27th year of teaching Modern World History at Lakewood High School and is very active with the CIF Southern Section Basketball Advisory Board where he is a member of the Open Division committee

He lives in Seal Beach with Jeanne, his wife of 32 years. Their daughter, Chloe, is a graduate of Concordia University Irvine and their son, Austin, is a 2017 graduate of St. John's University in New York and is currently an assistant coach in the women's basketball program at Concordia Irvine.

He has taught in the Masters of Coaching and Athletic Administration program at Concordia University in Irvine as an adjunct professor for the past 14 years.