

Bobby Kelley - Head Swimming and Diving Coach

Bobby is coaching his second year as Linn-Mar High School Girls Swimming and Diving Head Coach. He has been involved with competitive swimming all of his life. He has 30 years of coaching experience working as both a club swim coach and serving as the Head Swimming and Diving Coach at Coe College. In 2013 Bobby was hired as the Linn-Mar Aquatic Center Manager. With this position, he developed a learn-to-swim program that has become part of the district curriculum whereas every second, third and fourth grade student receives five days of swim lessons each year. Additionally, as part of the position, he developed a district-run youth club swim team where he has continued to assist, coaching two to three times a week.

Bobby swam as an age group swimmer in South Carolina and continued his career at the University of Kansas competing in both the 1988 Olympic Swimming Trials and the 1989 NCAA Division I Swimming and Diving Championships. While working with the Topeka Swim Association and the Cedar Rapids Aquatics Association, he coached multiple nationally ranked age group swimmers including two who were ranked number one in the nation in their age groups. With these clubs, he also coached swimmers who competed at the 1996, 2008, 2012 and 2016 Olympic Trials. During his years at Coe College, he coached the women's swimming and diving team to two conference championships and was twice named IIAC Swimming and Diving Coach of the Year. He served on the Missouri Valley Swimming board of directors during the 1990's and currently serves on the Iowa Swimming Board of Directors. Bobby is a USA Swimming certified coach, an ASCA Level 4 swimming coach, a certified Red Cross lifeguard instructor, a SwimAmerica program director, a Swim Angelfish certified instructor, and a Certified Pool Operator. Bobby graduated in 1989 with a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics degree and in 1992 with a Master of Business Administration degree.

Bobby is married to Andrea Kelley, who is an USA Swimming, collegiate and high school swimming and diving official. Together they have three children. Their oldest, Cameron, is a junior at the University of Minnesota where he swims and competes for the Gophers. Their daughter, Shannon is a senior at Linn-Mar High School and swims with the high school team. Luke, their youngest, is an eighth grade student at Excelsior and swims with the district's club youth swim team, LMST.