

Ohio High School Swim Coaches Association

2022 Hall of Fame Induction

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Columbus, OH



Yoshi Oyakawa - Oak Hills



Coach Yoshi Oyakawa was the swimming coach at Oak Hills High School from 1960 - 1985. Prior to coaching at Oak Hills, Oyakawa represented the United States at the 1952 Summer Olympics in Helsinki, Finland, where he won the 1952 Olympic backstroke gold medal in 1:05.4, finally breaking Adolph Kiefer's Olympic record of 1:05.9 set in 1936. He returned to Olympic competition at the 1956 Summer Olympics in Melbourne, Australia, where he was elected co-captain along with Ford Konno. He finished 8th in the 100-meter backstroke competition. He was awarded an athletic scholarship to attend the Ohio State University for swimming where he won 6 Big Ten and 7 NCAA titles.

Coach Oyakawa started at Oak Hills in the fall of 1960. During his coaching career he led the Highlanders to twenty-three team conference championships. He coached 6 state champions and two Olympians. He was named League Coach of Year twenty-three times, SW Ohio Swimming Coach of the Year twelve times, Cincinnati Enquirer and Cincinnati Post Coach of the Year and in 1972 he was named The State of Ohio Division I Coach of the Year.

Terry O'Halloran - Boardman



Coach Terry O'Halloran was the longtime boys and girls swim coach at Boardman High School. He started the team in 1985 and coached there for 33 years. His teams won 597 dual meets, captured one Federal League Team title, three Northeast Aquatic Conference team titles, and eight American Athletic Conference team titles. O'Halloran has produced four individual state champions, 18 All-Americans, 74 Academic All-Americans, and 88 Ohio state swimming qualifiers.

Coach O'Halloran was named the recipient of the OHSAA Sportsmanship, Ethics, and Integrity Award in the 2005-06 school year, named the Northeast Aquatic Conference Coach of the Year 6 times, and awarded the Neil Skinner Award for Ohio High School Division 1 Boys Coach of the Year in 2018.

In addition to Boardman High School, Terry coached and managed Boardman Tennis and Swim Club for 40 years. Coached Youngstown YMCA Neptunes Swim Team for 6 years. Total years in coaching 50 years. Taught 4th grade for 38 years in the Boardman Local School District at Stadium Drive Elementary School.

OHSSCA Hall of Fame

The Ohio High School State Swimming Coaches Association established a Hall of Fame to recognize outstanding coaches, officials, and contributors to Ohio High School Swimming & Diving from its recognition as an OHSAA sport in 1928 until the present.

A list of all recipients is available at the OHSSCA.org website, under Awards > Hall of Fame.

Jeffrey W. Burrows - Westlake/GlenOak



Coach Jeff Burrows taught and coached high school swimming and water polo for over 35 years. He coached both Westlake and GlenOak High School's. His teams won 619 dual meets, 17 Federal League Team Titles, 23 Northeast Aquatic Conference Team Titles, and 2 District Championships. He was voted Northeast District Coach of the Year three times, as well as Northeast Aquatic Conference Coach of the Year. He has been named Stark County Coach of the Year 12 times. He coached 11 All-American Swimmers/Divers, 86 Academic All-Americans, 57 All Ohio Swimmers/Divers, and 14 District Champions. Jeff was also an outstanding Water Polo Coach. He coached 3 teams to State Water Polo titles.

Jeff was the OHSSCA President from 1999-2001. In 2002 Burrows was given the Ohio High School Athletic Association Sportsmanship, Ethics, and Integrity Award. In 2004 he received the OHSSCA Larry Lyons Service Award. In 2007 OHSSCA named Jeff the Division I boys state Coach of the Year. In 2012 Jeff was awarded the OHSSCA's highest honor, the Carl Wirthwein Award, for his contributions to swimming in Ohio.

Keith Kennedy - Toledo St. Francis de Sales



Coach Keith Kennedy, from Toledo, Ohio, began his professional coaching career as an assistant coach at his alma mater – the University of Cincinnati – where he was a 4-year letterman and team captain. At Cincinnati, he worked with two future Olympians before becoming Head Coach of the Seals Swimming Club in Maine. He returned to Ohio in late 2000 to become both Head Coach and Aquatics Director at St Francis de Sales High School and Head Coach/CEO of the Greater Toledo Aquatic Club (GTAC). He was the Head Coach of St. Francis de Sales High School from 2000 to 2012. His St Francis teams were top 10 seven times and runner up in the State of Ohio in 2010 and 2011. He won the Neil Skinner award for Ohio Boys Division 1 Coach of the Year in 2010. He has coached over 100 high school All-Americans, 18 individual Ohio state Champions, and several relay Ohio state Champions.

He was chosen by the U.S. Olympic Committee to serve as National Paralympic Team Coach in preparation for the 2004 Paralympic games in Athens, at the 2005 Paralympic World Cup (Manchester, England), and as the U.S. coach for the 2006 World Championships in Durban, South Africa. He also coached a U.S. Pan-American gold medalist.