



## **Kirby Bright, Kimberly High School**

Throughout his illustrious career in athletics, Kirby Bright exemplified a rare blend of leadership, dedication, and a relentless commitment to excellence. From his humble beginnings at Minico Middle School to his final position as a vice principal and AD at Kimberly High School, Kirby left an indelible mark on the Magic Valley and the broader athletic community.

Kirby's journey has been defined by a series of remarkable achievements and accolades. He has been the recipient of numerous awards, including five district football Coach of the Year awards, three district Athletic Director of the Year awards, IAAA 3A Athletic Director of the Year in 2020, the District IV Distinguished Service Award in 2022 and the IHSAA Wes Lowe Memorial Award in 2021. These accolades not only recognize his exceptional leadership but also underscore his profound impact on shaping the landscape of sports and activities across Idaho.

Under his guidance, Kimberly's athletic and activity programs flourished, achieving unprecedented success both on and off the field. During his tenure as activities director, Kimberly won an impressive fifty-five State trophies, eight Academic State Championships and eight State Tournament Sportsmanship Awards. Kirby's strategic vision and unwavering support empowered coaches and athletes alike to strive for greatness, fostering a culture of excellence and sportsmanship that endures today.

Beyond his professional achievements, Kirby is cherished for his integrity, humility, and genuine passion for nurturing the talents and potential of every student-athlete he encountered. His ability to inspire and mentor not only elevated individual performances but also fostered a sense of camaraderie and community within the athletic administration profession.

Kirby left behind a legacy that continues to resonate and will do so for generations to come. His dedication to the pursuit of excellence, coupled with his unwavering belief in the transformative power of sports, has set a standard that will serve as a guiding beacon for future administrators, coaches, and athletes.