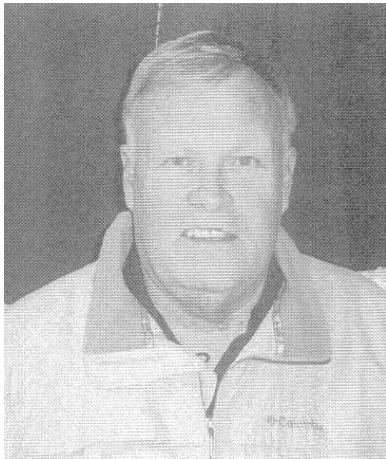


Larry Messick - 2019 Hall of Fame Inductee



With over 45 years of service to education in the State of Idaho, you'd be hard-pressed to find anyone in District IV who has not been impacted by the legacy of Larry Messick in some way. After graduation from Idaho State University in 1973 with a bachelor's degree in Physical Education, Larry immediately started his career at Dietrich High School. After two years there, Larry moved to Shoshone to establish a culture of high school athletics and education that would make any Shoshone Indian proud. In 38 years at Shoshone High School, Larry coached four state championship and six runners-up volleyball teams, two state championship boys basketball teams, one runner up boys basketball team, and made 39 state appearances between the two sports- and that's just what he did on the court.

In addition to his career volleyball and basketball winning percentages at 78.6% and 60.5%, respectively, Coach Messick played an instrumental role in the development of his student athletes, colleagues, and the entire community of Shoshone. A letter from one of his former students described Larry's integrity, wisdom, and ability to create true team chemistry within his players over the years. Messick was a role model for this young man from the time he worked as a water boy for an opposing team to later serving as one of Larry's administrative colleagues in the Magic Valley.

More than one colleague also described Larry's mentorship as invaluable, claiming that he had helped them in times of difficult decisions and provided wisdom and advice when they needed it the most. Serving more than 40 years as the boys basketball coach representative for the 4th District Board of Control, Larry is known throughout the Magic Valley as someone who is selfless with his time and full of the character, class, and sportsmanship that exemplifies what it means to work in education.

Perhaps one of the most impressive things about Larry Messick is what he strives to be remembered for during his years of service. While he understands the importance of developing students athletically and academically, his top priority has always been to help student athletes become productive members of society even after their high school years. Full of humility, trustworthiness, and dedication, there is no doubt in anyone's mind that he has accomplished this goal throughout his years of service.

While he still holds a part-time position at Shoshone High School as an athletic director, Larry has enjoyed retirement since 2013, spending much of his free time chasing grandkids, spending lots of time at the golf course, and of course, following high school athletics. There is no doubt that not only Shoshone students, but all of Idaho's students, are better for having Larry Messick involved.