

Rod Malone - 2018 Hall of Fame Inductee



Beginning in 1985, Rod Malone spent his entire career at Valley High School where he served as a teacher, coach, and administrator until retiring in 2014. During his twenty-nine years at Valley High School, Rod created a culture of honesty, integrity, and hard work.

He coached football and girls basketball for eleven years and served as principal beginning in 1996. He is regarded as one of the most respected educational leaders not only in District IV but also throughout the state. Rod's teaching and coaching philosophy is, "People don't always remember what you said, but they will always remember how you made them feel".

He feels the most important thing we can teach young people are the attributes that will help them succeed in life: honesty, fair play, teamwork, dedication, and hard work. As evidence of Rod's lasting impact, many of his former players and students have returned to the Valley School District to teach and coach.

Over his storied career Rod has received many awards and accolades. He was named State Football Coach of the Year in 1991, received several District Coach of the Year awards in football and basketball, the Fourth District Distinguished Service award, Idaho Coaches Association Presidents Award in 2007 and was named District Principal of the Year in 2010.

He also received the IHSAA Wes Lowe Award in 2011 and the Hugh Brady Award in 2015. Rod served in many professional organizations during his tenure. He is a member of the Fourth District Coaches Association, the Idaho State Coaches Association, Idaho Association of Secondary Principals, and is currently the District IV Board of Control secretary. In his retirement, Rod enjoys spending time with his grandkids, camping, fishing, hunting, gardening, and woodworking projects.