

DOUG DIPPMAN ('69)

It is my pleasure to nominate Doug Dippman, Clay High School Class of 1969, for induction into the Clay High School Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame. Doug, to date, has spent a total of 50 years in education and still continues to work in the field of education as an assistant director at the Eagle Learning Center.

Doug was raised in Oregon by Don and Dorothy Dippman, attended Clay Elementary and Eisenhower Junior High before graduating from Clay in 1969. He attended Heidelberg College and graduated with honors in 1973 with a Bachelors of Science in Mathematics. While teaching and coaching at Fassett Junior High Doug earned his Masters of Education from the University of Toledo in 1980.

Doug served the Oregon School System for 38 years as a teacher, counselor, administrator and coach. He began his teaching career at Fassett starting in 1973 as a math teacher, 8th grade football coach and Freshman boys basketball coach. While at Fassett he also helped to start the girls basketball program and coached the freshman girls for two years.

In the fall of 1981 Doug moved over to Clay High School where he served as a math teacher and drivers education instructor for 18 years before taking a position as a guidance counselor beginning in 1999 and remained in that position until he retired in 2011.

In addition to his teaching and counseling position he was very active with coaching both football and basketball. He served as a varsity football assistant coach and JV boys basketball coach from 1982 until 1987. From 1987-1994 he was the Boys Boys Basketball Coach and did an outstanding job leading the Eagles to many memorable victories.

Doug also served as the Assistant Athletic Director during the 1994-95 school year, then continued to serve many years as the Director of both Boys Sectional and District Baseball Tournaments and Girls Sectional Basketball Tournaments hosted by Clay High School.

After taking time off to enjoy watching his three daughters participate in athletics and other activities at Clay, Doug finished his coaching career as the Freshman Girls Basketball coach from 2000-2009.

Prior to retiring and for a short time after his retirement from the Oregon School System Doug served as an Admissions Advisor at Owens Community College from 2008-2013.

Upon his retirement he continued to serve in education at the Eagle Learning Center here in Oregon. He started in 2011 and still remains with the school to this day. He has performed many important duties at the ELC including 4 years as a math instructor, 4 years as the school's director and currently serves as the assistant director.

It is very obvious that Doug's passion in life is to help others, he has devoted his life encouraging others to achieve their goals both in the classroom and through athletics. All of these accomplishments have come with a spirit of kindness and commitment and those that Doug has impacted over the years is impossible to number.

Doug is also very active outside of education as a member of St. Thomas Catholic Church where he serves as a Communion Distributor. He also serves as a Board Member for the East Toledo Community Mental Health Center and Cardinal Stritch Catholic Schools.

As impressive as these accomplishments are, Doug's greatest devotion is to his family. Doug has been married to his wife Debra (Dougherty) for 46 years. Together they have raised three amazing daughters: Andrea (Patrick) Siparsky, Jamie (Rob) Noble and Kendra (Derek) Zenk, who all graduated from Clay High School. Doug and Deb are the proud grandparents of six grandchildren: Keane and Elle Siparsky, Oliver and Naomi Noble and Lucie and Landon Zenk. Doug usually has a smile on his face, however, when you bring up his family or especially his grandchildren that smile becomes even bigger.

I think it is pretty safe to say that Doug Dippman is one of Clay High School's distinguished alumni. It has been my pleasure to know him as a Coach, mentor and most importantly friend. I think one of the most impressive things anyone can say about another person is that they have never heard them say a bad word about another person. I can honestly say this is the case with Doug. He is truly one of the finest people I know and I also know I am not alone in that sentiment. It is truly my honor to nominate Doug Dippman for the Clay High School Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame.