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I knew in the 9th grade I wanted to coach. There were numerous coaches in my career that I tried to take bits and pieces from each of them to form my philosophy. Ultimately I finally came to realize that I had to be myself and let the kids be themselves and we could figure this out together. I found that the most important thing was to care about the kids and the rest would take care of itself. Someone very smart once told me “winning is a by-product of what we do everyday.” It’s not about X’s and O’s, it’s about kids and that is what I have tried to make my focus. I just need to be able to look myself in the mirror every night and know I did my best for kids that day.

I started my career with Humble ISD in 1981 at Creekwood Middle School. I spent three great years there and then moved up to Kingwood High School as the assistant volleyball and basketball coach. My goal was to grow up and be a head basketball coach since that was what I played in high school. Oddly enough, things didn’t work out that way. I spent two years as the assistant volleyball coach when the head coach resigned. We couldn’t find a replacement so I agreed to be the interim head coach for a year. We made the playoffs that year so I decided to stay on and give it another year. 596 wins later over the course of 20 years, my interim head volleyball coaching job turned into a passion. I was fortunate to have been able to compete at the state tournament five times, 1988, 1991, 1994, 1996, and 2004. Also along the way, I got to coach a state champion high jumper. I have been blessed with many great athletes but more importantly I was blessed with great kids that worked hard, which made my life easy. I do not consider what I do as work, more of a passion than anything. My greatest thrill is seeing my kids be successful and maintaining a long standing relationship with them after graduation.

I have received many honors throughout my career, but this ranks among the highest. It was also my pleasure to serve on the volleyball committee and as President of TGCA. While serving as President, I made many great friends across the state in all sports. I also developed a relationship with the UIL which has been invaluable to my career over the years. In 1996 I was chosen as the Houston Area Coach of the Year and got to coach the All-Star game that year as well. I was also chosen to coach the all star game in 2002. Another accomplishment I am proud of is being instrumental in getting the state volleyball tournament moved from Berger Center in Austin to Texas State in San Marcos.

Currently, I am one of two athletic directors for Humble ISD. This opportunity presented itself four years ago and I could not pass it up. I miss being around kids everyday because kids are fun. I felt that when I was coaching, I could have a positive influence on their lives. My goal now is do all I can for our coaches to make their job better so they too can positively affect their kids lives.

Thanks to my family for the support I have received over the years and for understanding my long hours away from home. Thanks to Sam and TGCA for all he and this fantastic organization has done for me personally and professionally. I will always be grateful.