



## **Al Bennett**

### **Westlake High School**

Head Coach Westlake High School. During his 30 year tenure at Westlake, he has guided the Westlake Chaparrals to 9 State tournament appearances, with 4 State Championships, 4 State Finalists and 1 State Semi-Finalist. His teams made 17 trips to the Sweet Sixteen, 30 straight State Playoff appearances, 27 District Championships and a 1011 - 230 record.

Eighty-five of his Westlake athletes have gone on to play in college. His players have received numerous awards including: 11 AVCA High School All Americans, 4 who were 1<sup>st</sup> teamers and played in the Under Armor All American game, 2 Texas Gatorade Player of the Year, 4 Texas Girls Coaches Association (TGCA) Volleyball Athlete of the Year, 23 chosen to play on the TGCA West All Star team, 39 selected to TGCA All State teams and 82 qualified for TGCA Academic All State. Since the AVCA started the Academic All American Teams, his teams have qualified every year. In 2006, he was named the 4A/5A Texas Coach of the Year and in 2015 the 5A/6A Texas Coach of the Year. He was selected three times to coach the TGCA All Star game. . In 2014, he was selected as one of the AVCA National High School Coaches of the Year and was fortunate to coach the West Under Armor All American Team to a win. He also spent 16 years coaching with Austin Juniors from 1984 to 2000.

He has been in education for 40 years. In the classroom he spent 29 years as a Social Studies teacher, including from 2002 – 2015 as an AP U.S. History teacher. In addition to being a teacher and a Head Coach at Westlake, he was an assistant basketball coach for 2 years and assistant track for 16 years. He also served as the Associate and Assistant Athletic Director for the Eanes Independent School District from 2003 – 2015.

He has directed and worked volleyball camps since 1984. He has spoken at countless clinics, state conventions and at the AVCA National Convention.

He has been married 39 years to his wife Cathy, and they have three wonderful children, all Westlake grads, Amy, a civil engineer with America Structure Point, Chris, an Inventory Control Specialist for Yeti and Anna, a mechanical engineer with Georgetown Railroad Company.