

The 100 Most Influential Sports Educators in America

Please note that honorees fall into two categories:

- Full time active
 - Emeritus (This category is made up of individuals whose careers have been characterized by extraordinary contributions to sports education, and who, while in semi-retirement, continue to make meaningful contributions.)
1. **Acosta, Vivian, PhD**, Professor Emerita at the City University of New York’s Brooklyn College and co-author with Dr. Linda Carpenter on Title IX issues and statistics on women in sports.
 2. **Agassi, Andre**, Former World No. 1 tennis player and founder of the Andre Agassi Charitable Foundation.
 3. **Alford, Diane**, Executive Director of The Miracle League.
 4. **Bayh, The Honorable Birch**, Former U.S. Senator from Indiana and author of Title IX of the Higher Education Act.
 5. **Beaney, Bill**, Head Men’s Hockey Coach at Middlebury College.
 6. **Begay, Notah**, The only Native American ever on the PGA Tour, and founder of the Notah Begay III Foundation.
 7. **Bettis, Jerome**, Former NFL all-star, and Founder of the “Cyber Bus” program.
 8. **Bigelow, Bob**, Former NBA player and youth sports author and speaker.
 9. **Bowen, William**, Co-author of “The Game of Life: College Sports and Educational Values” with James Shulman.
 10. **Brand, Dr. Myles**, Executive Director of the NCAA.
 11. **Burnett, Dr. Darrell**, Clinical Psychologist specializing in Sports Psychology.
 12. **Burton-Nelson, Mariah**, Speaker, author and Executive Director of the American Association for Physical Activity and Recreation.
 13. **Campbell, Myles**, Athletic Director at Our Lady of Mount Carmel High School in Tenafly, New Jersey.

14. **Carpenter, Linda Jean, PhD**, Professor Emerita at the City College of New York's Brooklyn College and co-author with Dr. Vivian Acosta on Title IX issues and statistics on women in sports.
15. **Coakley, Jay**, Professor Emeritus, University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, author and journal editor.
16. **Conradt, Jody**, Former Head Women's Basketball Coach at the University of Texas and the second woman inducted into the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame.
17. **Costas, Bob**, Emmy award winning sportscaster, commentator and sports historian.
18. **Curry, Bill**, Former NFL player, head college football coach and sportscaster, and Executive Director of Leadership at the Baylor School.
19. **DeFord, Frank**, Author and commentator and a Senior Contributing Writer at *Sports Illustrated*.
20. **DeFrantz, Anita**, Former two-time Olympian and the first woman to be elected vice president of the International Olympic Committee. President of the Amateur Athletic Foundation in Los Angeles.
21. **Edwards, Dr. Harry**, Activist, professor, sports consultant and author on issues of race in sports.
22. **Engh, Fred**, Founder and President of the National Alliance of Youth Sports.
23. **Ehrmann, Rev. Joe**, Former All-American and professional football player, author and speaker.
24. **Epperson, Dave, PhD**, Co-founder of Parents for Good Sports.
25. **Farrey, Tom**, Senior Writer with ESPN the Magazine and ESPN.com.
26. **Garrison, Zina**, Professional tennis player, Olympic Gold Medalist and founder of the Zina Garrison All Court Tennis Academy.
27. **Gerdy, John, PhD**, Former professional basketball player, author and professor.
28. **Gould, Dr. Dan**, Vice Chairman of the Sport Science Committee and the Director of the Institute for the Study of Youth Sports.
29. **Grant, Dr. Christine H.B.**, Athletic administrator and Title IX advocate.
30. **Greene-Chamberlain, Lillian**, International physical fitness and sports consultant and motivational speaker.

31. **Greenspan, Bud**, Eight-time Emmy award winner, winner of the Olympic Order Award in 1985, producer, writer and director of Olympic films.
32. **Griffin, Pat**, Professor Emerita at the University of Massachusetts and currently director of the Women's Sports Foundation program "It Takes a Team!"
33. **Haney, Jim**, Executive Director, National Association of College Basketball Coaches.
34. **Hesburgh, Father Dr. Theodore**, Former President of the University of Notre Dame.
35. **Hillman, Charles, PhD**, Assistant Professor of Kinesiology and Psychology at the Beckman Institute at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.
36. **Hoberman, Dr. John**, Professor at the University of Texas at Austin and author of numerous books and articles on sports, specifically on performance enhancing drugs and the cultural impact of sports.
37. **Holland, Terry**, Athletic Director at East Carolina University.
38. **Hooton, Don**, Educator with focus on prevalence and dangers of performance enhancing drugs.
39. **Jackson, Phil**, Head Coach of the Los Angeles Lakers.
40. **Johnson, Melissa**, Executive Director of the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports.
41. **Johnson, Stacey**, Co-founder of the Community Olympic Development Program.
42. **Josephson, Michael**, Founder and President of the Joseph & Edna Josephson Institute of Ethics.
43. **Joyner-Kersey, Jackie**, Olympic Gold Medalist and Founder of the Jackie Joyner-Kersey Foundation.
44. **Kamm, Dr. Ronald**, Sports Psychiatrist and Distinguished Life Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association.
45. **Kanaby, Bob**, Executive Director of the National Federation of State High School Associations.
46. **Kane, Mary Jo, PhD**, Director of the Tucker Center for Research on Girls and Women in Sport at the University of Minnesota.

47. **Kennedy-Shriver, Eunice**, Founder and honorary chairperson of the Special Olympics.
48. **King, Billie Jean**, Retired tennis professional and Founder of The Women's Sports Foundation.
49. **Krzyzewski, Mike**, Head Men's Basketball Coach at Duke University.
50. **Lapchick, Dr. Richard**, Director for the DeVos Sports Business Management Program at the University of Central Florida.
51. **Lauer, Dr. Larry**, Co-Director of the Institute for the Study of Youth in Sports with particular focus on aggression and violence in ice hockey.
52. **Lewis, Guy, PhD**, Author, Fulbright Scholar and pioneer in Sports Management programs.
53. **Lipsyte, Robert**, Sports Journalist and Author.
54. **Lopiano, Donna PhD**, Former Executive Director of the Women's Sports Foundation.
55. **Lucas, Dr. John**, Olympic historian and author.
56. **Martens, Rainer**, President and Founder of Human Kinetics Publishers.
57. **Messner, Michael**, Author and former President of the North American Society for the Sociology of Sport.
58. **Mitrano, Chuck**, Commissioner of the Empire 8 Conference.
59. **Mourning, Alonzo**, NBA player and founder of the Alonzo Mourning Charities, which concentrates on building youth centers.
60. **Murphy, Mark**, Former NFL player and Director of Athletics and Recreation at Northwestern University.
61. **Padwe, Sandy**, Professor of Journalism at Columbia University and former Editor at *Sports Illustrated* and *The New York Times*.
62. **Paterno, Joe**, Head Football Coach at Penn State University.
63. **Phillips, Terry Don, PhD. J.D.**, Athletic Director at Clemson University.
64. **Priest, Laurie**, Chair of Physical Education and Director of Athletics at Mount Holyoke College.

65. **Prouty, Dick**, Author and Administrator of Project Adventure.
66. **Ravizza, Dr. Ken**, Author, lecturer and sports psychologist.
67. **Ridl, Jack**, Sports poet and professor at Hope College.
68. **Ripken, Cal Jr.**, Hall of Fame baseball player, author and Head of the Cal Ripken Sr. Foundation.
69. **Roby, Peter**, Former Director for the Center for the Study of Sport in Society and Athletic Director at Northeastern University.
70. **Rotella, Dr. Robert**, Author, lecturer and sports psychologist.
71. **Rowe, Donald**, Special advisor for athletics at the University of Connecticut, former Head Men's Basketball Coach at UConn and Head Boy's Basketball Coach at Worcester Academy.
72. **Russell, Bill**, NBA Hall of Fame Basketball Player, author and lecturer.
73. **Selleck, George**, Sports psychologist and lecturer.
74. **Shropshire, Kenneth J.D.**, Professor at the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania and Director of the Wharton Sports Business Initiative.
75. **Shulman, James**, Co-author of "The Game of Life: College Sports and Educational Values" with William Bowen.
76. **Speer, Dr. Kevin**, Former Director of the Duke University Sports Medicine Center, and former football academic All American.
77. **Spillett, Roxanne**, President of the Boys and Girls Clubs of America.
78. **Staley, Dawn**, Head Women's Basketball Coach at Temple University.
79. **Stratten, Ron**, Former NCAA Vice President for Education Services.
80. **Stringer, Vivian**, Head Women's Basketball Coach at Rutgers University.
81. **Stoll, Sharon, PhD**, Professor and Director of the Center for Ethics at the University of Idaho.
82. **Summitt, Pat**, Head Women's Basketball Coach at the University of Tennessee.
83. **Summons, Susan**, Associate Professor and Head Women's Basketball Coach at Miami-Dade College.

84. **Sweet, Judith**, Former NCAA President and former Athletic Director.
85. **Simon, Robert**, Professor of Philosophy at Hamilton College.
86. **Thompson, Jim**, Founder and Executive Director of the Positive Coaching Alliance at Stanford University.
87. **Tuohey, Brendan**, Co- Founder of PeacePlayers International.
88. **Tutko, Dr. Tom**, Professor Emeritus at San Jose State University and Founder of the Institute for the Study of Athletic Motivation.
89. **Vanderzwaag, Dr. Harold**, The first Head of the Sports Management Program at the University of Massachusetts.
90. **Wadler, Dr. Gary**, Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine at the NYU School of Medicine, author with specific focus on drug use in sports.
91. **Walker, Dr. Leroy**, Former President of the United States Olympic Committee.
92. **Walters, Gary**, Athletic Director at Princeton University.
93. **Westbrook, Peter**, Six-time Olympic bronze medal winner, author and Founder of the Peter Westbrook Foundation.
94. **Wilson, Chuck**, Award-winning radio broadcaster and interviewer.
95. **Wolff, Alexander**, Author and Senior Staff writer for Sports Illustrated.
96. **Wong, Glenn, J.D.**, Professor, Department of Sport Management at the University of Massachusetts.
97. **Wooden, John**, Former Head Men's Basketball Coach at UCLA.
98. **Woods, Tiger**, Professional golfer and the founder of the Tiger Woods Foundation and the Tiger Woods Learning Center.
99. **Yow, Kay**, Head Women's Basketball Coach at North Carolina State University.
100. **Zimbalist, Andrew, PhD**, Author and Professor of Economics at Smith College with specific focus on the Economics of Sport.

The 15 Most Influential Sports Education Teams in America

1. **Blauner Books Literary Agency** – Captain Andrew Blauner- An agency known for representing and publishing high standard books which significantly contribute to sports education.
2. **ESPN “Outside the Lines”** – Captain Ronnie Forchheimer – ESPN’s “Outside the Lines” is dedicated to insightful coverage of a variety of topics concerning all aspects of sports.
3. **“Only A Game”** – Captain Bill Littlefield – “Only A Game” is a PBS radio show with a focus on sports and known for its intelligent analysis and insightful interviews.
4. **NBA Read to Achieve** – Captain Erin Logan – The NBA’s Read to Achieve program is a year-round campaign to help young people develop a life-long love for reading and encourage adults to read to children. The program reaches an estimated 50 million children a year.
5. **New York Times Sports Columnist/Writers** – Co-Captains Thomas A. Jolly and William Pennington- A brilliant group of sports journalists who devote significant attention to a variety of sports education issues.
6. **Prevention Magazine** – Captain Liz Vaccariello – Prevention Magazine, published 12 times a year, helps readers stay healthy and vital through articles that inform readers of new developments in nutrition, fitness, weight control, food preparation and body care.
7. **HBO Real Sports** – Co-Captains Ross Greenburg and Bryant Gumbel- HBO Real Sports has earned 15 sports Emmys and has been frequently described as one of TV’s best sports programs in history.
8. **Springfield College** – Captain – President Richard Flynn – Founded in 1885, Springfield College has an international reputation for developing coaches, athletic trainers, physical education instructors, team managers, sports psychologists and athletes who make a positive impact on millions of people in the world through sport.
9. **The First Tee** – Captain – Joe Louis Barrow –The First Tee impacts the lives of young people by providing learning facilities and educational programs that promote character development and life-enhancing values through the game of golf.
10. **Department of Physical Education Competitive Sports Team at the United States Military Academy** – Captain Dr. Ralph Pim – Under the direction of Dr. Ralph Pim, the Department of Physical Education Competitive Sports Team at the United States Military Academy has partnered with the Champions of Character initiative, established the Mike Krzyzewski Teaching Character Through Sport Award, and developed a curriculum designed to teach character, instill leadership principles and the winning spirit, and build strong teams.

11. **National Senior Games Association** – Captain – Phil Godfrey – The National Senior Games promotes healthy lifestyles for adults age 50 and over through education, fitness and sport.
12. **US Lacrosse** – Captain Steve Stenersen – US Lacrosse provides quality educational experiences with a focus on sportsmanship education.
13. **USA Swimming** – Captain Chuck Wielgus – USA Swimming has a focus on programs and services that benefit the grassroots base of the sport, with a particular focus on reaching out to youngsters who would otherwise not have the opportunity to engage in competitive swimming.
14. **USA Today Sports Columnists/Writers** – Captain Monte Lorell – Wide ranging and extremely insightful coverage of sports education issues by an exceptional team of sports journalists.
15. **USA Track and Field** – Captain Craig Masback – USA Track and Field is the National Governing Body for track and field which administers major educational programs such as Zero Tolerance and the Be a Champion Program.

Special Recognition

At the outset, the Institute determined that no individual with past or present employment ties to the organization would be eligible for selection. The Institute wishes to pay special tribute to two extraordinary sports educators who fall into this category and who would have otherwise been selected for the Top 100:

- **Suzanne Coffey** Athletic Director, Amherst College. With great distinction, Suzanne served as Commissioner of the Institute’s 2006 World Scholar-Athlete Games. The Institute considers Suzanne to be among the very finest athletic administrators in America.
- **Rick Wolff** Rick Co-Founded the Institute’s Center for Sports Parenting with Institute Executive Director Dan Doyle. The Institute considers Rick to be one of the true visionaries in American sports education.

Two International Sports Education Leaders

In conjunction with the Institute’s 2010 World Scholar-Athlete Games, the Institute will name the 100 Most Influential International Sports Educators. Two international sports educators who are shining examples of enlightened thinking and positive action are:

- **Dr. Djibril Diallo** Director of the United Nations New York Office of Sport for Development and Peace.
- **Johann Olav Koss** Four-time Olympic Gold medalist in Speed Skating and CEO of the International Humanitarian Organisation, Right to Play.

In Memoriam

The Institute wishes to recognize two extraordinary sports educators who recently passed away:

- **Bill Walsh** A football genius whose nominators provided compelling information on the extraordinary number of coaches who were successfully mentored by Coach Walsh.
- **Cliff Crase** A member of the Athlete with Disabilities Hall of Fame, Mr. Crase won 33 national medals and 32 international medals as a member and captain of the U.S. Wheelchair Team. In 1975, Mr. Crase started Sports 'n' Spokes magazine which promotes wheelchair activities.