

## OADA HoF Bio: Dennis Burke

Dennis graduated from Sherwood HS and then Linfield College with a BA (in History) and a Master's in Education. He started his teaching and coaching career in 1982 working at Parkrose HS as a long-term sub and assistant FB coach before moving to Sherwood HS as a long-term sub and asst. basketball coach. In the Fall of 1983, he started his journey serving 29 years at Canby HS, first as a Social Studies teacher and asst. coach in football and basketball. He also taught US history, political science, economics, sociology, current issues and global studies.

His coaching duties included assistant football and basketball before becoming the head boy's basketball coach from 1989-2001. He served as State Chair for boys' basketball in the OACA from 1996-2000. He was League coach of the year in 1996 and 1998. Dennis moved into Athletic Administration when he accepted the position of Associate Principal; Athletic and Activities Director for Canby HS in 2001, remaining in that position until the spring of 2012. In the fall of 2012 Dennis was hired at Wilsonville HS as AD, Assistant Principal and Activities Director, a role he maintained until he retired in 2022.

Dennis and his wife Lisa raised their family in Wilsonville where he was very active in coaching youth sports including football, basketball, softball and baseball.

Dennis served as Inter League Councils Member from 2004-2013 working with officials' associations commissioners. He served on the OSAA eligibility appeals committee from 2011-2014.

He was honored as Oregon Cheer Coaches Association Administrator of the year in 2012. Dennis served the OADA in many capacities including NWOC league rep. then moved into the leadership positions of Secretary, Treasurer, VP, President and Past President (three years). From 2021-2023 Dennis was the State Chair of the OADA Mentor Program. Dennis continues in his role as a OADA LTC Faculty Member and state conference ambassador.

Dennis has received numerous OADA awards including:

2010 AD Award of Merit

2014 5A AD of the Year

2017 OADA Leadership Award

2022 OADA Leadership Recognition

2022 Jim Rotramel Lifetime Achievement Award

Dennis and his wife of 35 years Lisa have four children Hannah (30), Nathan (27), Kristen (25) and Kevin (24). He and Lisa enjoy the pace and flexibility of retirement. “We greatly value spending time with family and friends. We love to travel and have been on a variety of wonderful trips, domestically and abroad. We like to spend time outdoors exploring national parks and monuments, and other points of interest. We also enjoy hiking, fly fishing and activities along the coast. We also enjoy attending various concerts, sporting events, and plays.”

