

Coach Robert A. (Tony) Munson



Education

High School- 1962-1964 Liberty High School
1964-1966 Gregory-Portland High School

Accomplishments in High School

Member of State qualifying Sprint (440) relay in 1966

College- 1966-1970 Texas A&M University

Accomplishments in College

Walk-on member of the A&M Track team 1966-1968
Earned a scholarship 1969-1970 Lettered 69-70
Member of the SWC Champions in 1970
Ran on 4x440 Relay & 440 Int. Hurdles

Professional Bio.

Began teaching at Arnold Jr. High in Columbus, Georgia in 1971
Won the City Championship in 1972 & 1973 as the volunteer head coach

Began teaching and coaching at Liberty High School in the fall of 1973 as the Freshman football and basketball coach and volunteer asst. varsity track coach
Appointed Head Track Coach in 1974 and served until 1977. Reappointed Head Track Coach in 1979 and served until 2001. (a total of 25 years)
Started Boys' Cross Country Program in 1981. Started Girls' Cross Country Program in 1989.

Accomplishments

Track

7-District Championships
2- District Runner-ups
8-Third place finishes
68-Individual District Champions
11-District Relay Champions
140- Individual Regional Qualifiers
19- Regional Qualifying Relays
20- State Qualifying Individuals
3- State Qualifying Relays
3- State Individual Medalists
 Donnie Pavliska-Pole Vault (13'6, 4A second place 1975)
 David Adams-Mile run (4:14.9, 4A second place 1983)
 Joseph Semien-1600M run (4:35.6, 3A third place 1984)
1-State Relay Medalist
 4x1600 Relay (3:15.5, 3A second place 1993)
 Karrell Semien, Kerry Joiner, Brian Bankhead, O.J.Turner

Boys' Cross Country

17-District Team Championships
4-District Runner-ups
3-Regional Championship Teams
21-Regional Qualifying Teams
12-State Qualifying teams
9-Individual All-State Selections
1-State Individual Medalist

Girls' Cross Country

5-District Team Championships

7-District Team Runner-ups
13-Regional Qualifying Teams
4-Individual State Qualifiers

Educational and other information

Science Department Chairman at Liberty High School since 1996
AP & Pre AP Biology teacher
Member of First Methodist Church in Liberty
Member of the Liberty Lions Club
Member of Texas A&M University Athletic Lettermen Association

Family

Wife-Patsy for 34 years (also my secretary and assistant coach)

Children

Two sons, Josh, (a cross country runner & 1600/3200 man) currently coaching Cross Country & Track and teaching biology at Lexington High School and Stuart, (a shot/discus man) an engineer for Texas Steel Conversions. I have one daughter, Jessica, (cross country & 1600/3200) who will earn her Masters in Business Administration this summer. All 3 are graduates of Texas A&M University.

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