

JOE MARTIN

Executive Director

Texas High School Coaches Association

Joe Martin graduated from Lewisville High School in 1974 where he played quarterback on the 1972 state finalist team. He graduated from Eastern New Mexico University with a B.S. degree in 1978 and played quarterback for the Greyhounds from 1975-77.

Coach Martin enjoyed a 26-year coaching career in Texas public schools. He served as a head coach for 18 years at four different high schools (Lake Dallas, Mabank, Garland, Allen) while compiling a 150-54-4 career record. Coach Martin's teams won 9 district championships, had 13 playoff appearances that included two trips to the semifinals and one state championship.

While at Garland High School, the Owls won the 1999 5A Division II state championship. He left Garland after the 2000 season as the winningest coach in GHS history (81-22-3).

In 2001 he became the head coach and assistant athletic director at Allen. During his tenure the Eagles won 3 district titles and advanced to the semifinals in 2003.

During 2003-04 Coach Martin served as president of the Texas High School Coaches Association and in May 2004 accepted the position of Assistant Executive Director of the Texas High School Coaches Association. In January 2019 he was elevated to the position of Executive Director.

Martin has received numerous awards during his career. He was selected Coach of the Year many times, was inducted into his high school Hall of Fame at Lewisville High School in 2009, his college Hall of Fame at Eastern New Mexico in 2007, Garland Sports Hall of Fame in 2000 and the Texas High School Coaches Association Hall of Honor in 2008. He is also the recipient of the Texas High School Football Hall of Fame "Dave Campbell's Contributor of the Game" award for 2020.

Joe now resides in Bulverde, Texas with his wife of 40 years, Peggy. They have two sons, Josh and Ryan and one granddaughter, Stella. Josh is currently an assistant coach at Southern Methodist University and Ryan is the offensive line coach at McKinney High School.