

Richard Barton, CMAA

In addition to a highly successful eight years as basketball coach at Richfield (Utah) High School, Richard Barton, CMAA, has served as the school's athletic director and assistant principal since 1996. Barton accumulated a record of 106-64 as a basketball coach and led Richfield to a regional championship in four of his eight seasons. He was named Class 3A Coach of the Year in 1996. Barton was a two-time all-state basketball player at Cedar City (Utah) Cedar High School and finished as the second all-time leading scorer at Southern Utah University (SUU), as well as top 10 in rebounds assists and blocks. In his senior season, Barton was among the top Division I scorers (20 points per game), was named Academic All-American and Southern Utah Athlete of the Year, and he received an NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship. Barton received his bachelor's and master's degree from SUU. As an athletic director, Barton earned Utah High School Activities Association Athletic Director of the Year honors in 2009. He has served on the Utah Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (UIAAA) Athletic Advisory Board since 2004 and the UIAAA Executive Board since 2007, and he was UIAAA president in 2008-09. Locally, Barton is currently the UIAAA's certification coordinator and NIAAA Liaison. He served on the NIAAA's third Strategic Planning Committee, served on the NIAAA awards committee. In 2009, Barton was a recipient of an NFHS Citation for athletic directors. In 2011 he was one of the recipients of the NIAAA's Distinguished Service Award. In 2013 he was inducted into the Southern Utah University Athletic Hall of Fame. He was fortunate to be elected to the NIAAA Board of Directors in December 2014 and this past December he was selected as President-Elect of the NIAAA. Richard enjoys spending time with his wife Sheila and son Tyler.