



Michael Matozzi is a retired Director of Deans of Hinsdale South High School and worked at South for a total 33 years from 1980 to 2013.

Michael was hired as a teacher in the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Department and Assistant Football Coach. In that time, he was promoted to the role of Dean of Students and then promoted again to the Director of Deans position. He coached football, softball, and wrestling. As the head Varsity Wrestling Coach, he led his team to the five Conference Team championships; which remain the only conference titles in school history. He coached 155 Individual All-Conference Wrestlers, 37 State Qualifiers and 9 place winners including two individual champions. Michael completed his Varsity Wrestling coaching career with 390 Victories – the most in school history. As the Director of Deans, he initiated and created our School Resource Officer position with the Darien Police Department and implemented the first crisis drills at our school.

When asked about what he is most proud of in his long, successful career, these are the words he shared with us: *“This cannot be defined in one single event, award or promotion. I am most proud of the overall effect I had on the Hinsdale South community, but especially on those individual students I was fortunate enough to work with as a teacher, coach and dean of students. I was able as a young teacher to become part of the Hinsdale South family by way of the many all-school activities that occurred both professionally and socially. I am most proud of keeping Hinsdale South a safe and secure learning institution for students and staff and for always letting every student or staff member I worked with know that they were important and valued. I made sure that they all knew the passion I had as an educator and that they could always turn to me in times of need.”*

Education:

1984-1986
Roosevelt University, Chicago, IL
M.A. - Administration & Supervision

1979-1980
Ball State University, Muncie IN
M.A. - Deaf Education

1976-1979
MacMurray College, Jacksonville, IL
B.S. Deaf Education
Magna Cum Laude

Certifications:

Type 75, No. 1250469 Illinois
Administration & Supervision, K-12
Type 10, No. 119045 Illinois
Teaching, Deaf and Hearing Impaired

Professional Memberships:

Member, Illinois Principals Association
Member, Illinois Retired Teachers Association
Member, Illinois State Deans Association
Member and Past President, Illinois Wrestling Coaches and
Officials Association

Special Recognitions:

2013 Illinois Wrestling Coaches and Officials
Man of the Year Award
2011 Illinois Wrestling Coaches and Officials
Hall of Fame Inductee
2010 Illinois Wrestling Coaches & Officials
Gold Level Award
2006 Illinois Wrestling Coaches and
Officials Special Recognition Award
2006 Administrator of the Year – Illinois School Resource
Officers Association
2004, 2006 Presenter at Illinois School Resources Officers
Association State Convention
Hinsdale South Golden Apple Award Winner
Who’s Who Among America’s Teachers
Co-Organizer and Presenter at 1993 Hinsdale South Gang
Awareness Seminar
Most Valuable Coach at 1987 Freshman Wrestling
Tournament
Recipient of 1985 Darien Rotary Grant
Recipient of 1985 Hazel Bothwell Scholarship
Presenter at 1983 Illinois Teachers of the Hearing Impaired
State Convention
Cited Twice in “Sport a Winning Attitude” Reports to the
Illinois High School Association

Michael’s legacy message to the students

Hinsdale South High School is more than a school; it is a home. It’s a place filled with adults who care about you, who are passionate about what they do and want to help you in any way possible. Take advantage of what you have here. Get involved in the many wonderful opportunities that exist, and when you graduate, make sure that you leave with no regrets.