



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.”

Hinsdale South High School Work History:

2001 - 2002	Director of Deans
1989 - 1990	Dean of Students
1988 - 1989	Head Wrestling Coach
1984 - 1985	Head Freshman Girls Softball Coach
1984 - 1985	Head Freshman Football Coach
1981 - 1982	DHH Department - Initiated/Created the Behavior Management Component Assistant Wrestling Coach
1980 - 1981	Deaf and Hard of Hearing Teacher Assistant Football Coach

Professional Membership

- 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 - Professional

- 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 and 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

Teaching Experience:

2016 – 2018	Associate Director Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy Of Student Life Aurora, Illinois	1989 – 2001	Dean of Students Hinsdale South High School Darien, Illinois
2013 – 2014	Dean of Students Mount Carmel High School Chicago, Illinois	1980 – 2013	Teacher/Coach Hinsdale South High School Darien, Illinois
2001-2013	Director of Deans Hinsdale South High School Darien, Illinois		Instructor - Adult Education Program – Sign Language Course Lyons Township High School La Grange, Illinois
1998 – 2013	Summer School Principal Hinsdale Township High School District 86 Hinsdale, Illinois		Graduate Assistant - Special Education Muncie, Indiana

Accomplishments:

- Helped Initiate and Create the School Resource Officer Program.
- Organized and Coordinated School Emergency and Crisis Drills.
 - (Crisis Drills Had Never Before Been Conducted at the School.)
- Coached the Varsity Wrestling Team to the Only 5 Conference Team Championships in School History.
- Coached 155 Individual All-Conference Wrestlers, 37 State Qualifiers and 9 Place Winners Including 2 Individual Champions.
- Completed Varsity Wrestling Coaching Career with 390 Victories – the Most in School History.

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

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.