

Paula Toney:

Paula graduated from Burns HS in 1983, where she participated in volleyball, basketball and track. She began her coaching career in 1991 at Crane HS, while working for the Park and Recreation department in Burns. She moved to Burns HS in 1994 as an assistant Volleyball coach. In 1997 Paula was named the Head Volleyball coach. In 2004 she was hired as the Athletic Director, a position she held for 15 years while continuing to coach volleyball.

At the National Levels, Paula served on the NFHS Volleyball Committee for a four year term. She was selected the NFHS Volleyball Coach of the Year in 2015. Paula was the Oregon Athletic Coaches Association, (OACA) Volleyball Coach of the Year seven different years. She was the OSAA 3A Girls Coach of the Year in 2005.

In recognition of her longtime service she received the Oregon Sports Award Game Changer Award in 2018, and the OACA Outstanding Service in Interscholastic Sports in 2016. Paula continues to work for the Harney County School District and coach the Burns HS Volleyball team after she retired from the Athletic Director position in 2019.

Paula served as the 3A Eastern Oregon League Representative, and completed a term as the 3A Classification Representative to the OADA. During her tenure as Athletic Director she was the Treasurer for the Eastern Oregon League, Greater Oregon League and Wapiti League. Paula managed six district wrestling tournaments, five district track meets, four district volleyball tournaments, and eight basketball tournaments. She ran a scoring table at the OSAA State Wrestling Championships for five years. She served on the OSAA State Championship Committee for three years. Under her leadership, Burns HS won 42 League Championships and 21 state championships. Burns received the Oregonian Cup in 2007 and 2015. She continues to coach the Burns HS Volleyball team with her Co-Coach and daughter Courtney.

Paula is married to David, they have two children: Jordan and Courtney, and three grandchildren.

