

Jeff Basinski

Jeff graduated in 1964 from Wilson HS in Portland where he competed in football, wrestling, and basketball. He attended Linfield College, graduating in 1968 with a BS in Business. A four year football letterman, whose 1965 team was NAIA National Championship runner-up team was later inducted into the Linfield Hall of Fame in 2010.

Jeff completed his Masters in education in 1970 at Linfield while serving as a graduate assistant to longtime coach Ad Rutschman.

Jeff's teaching and coaching career began at St. Helens HS in 1972. He moved to Sunset HS in 1972, and ultimately landed at Forest Grove HS in 1976 where he continued to coach, teach and serve as an assistant principal and director of athletics and activities until 2005. He joined the Centennial HS football staff in 2005 until 2011, having the opportunity to coach with his son BJ.

Some of Jeff's professional honors include: 1981 State Football Coach of the Year, Shrine North team coach, Willamette Valley League Football coach of the year (1985), inducted into the Forest Grove HS Hall of Fame in 2011, and in 2013 the Basinski Center at Forest Grove HS was named in his honor.

Jeff had many community service projects he was involved with throughout his career at Forest Grove HS. These included membership in both the Kiwanis and Rotary International organizations, a charter member of the Forest Grove HS Booster Club and a member of the Forest Grove HS Hall of Fame Committee.

Jeff was instrumental in helping raise over \$500,000 to keep the athletic and activities programs at Forest Grove HS.