

Kris VanHatcher

Kris is a 1970 graduate of Bishop Dagwell HS in Portland. (The school's name was subsequently changed to Oregon Episcopal School). Upon graduation, Kris attended Springfield College in Springfield, Massachusetts. Graduating in 1974, he returned to begin a forty-two year career at Oregon Episcopal School. Kris was hired as a Physical Education instructor and coach. He initially coached basketball, soccer and served as a Dorm Master at the middle school level. After one year, he was named the athletic director for OES, a position he would hold until his retirement in 2016. During his career Kris was the varsity boy's basketball coach for fourteen years, the varsity girl's soccer coach for twenty-five years, and the varsity boy's lacrosse coach for thirteen years.

In 1976, Kris served as the President of Oregon High School Soccer . He was instrumental in helping that organization become an approved sport under the OSAA. Soccer was the last sanctioned sport to be approved to date for the OSAA.

Kris has received state and national recognition for his involvement and coaching in both soccer and lacrosse. His 1993 girl's soccer team won the 3A-2A state championship, followed by Kris being named Oregon Soccer Coach of the Year. He was named Region 7 National Soccer Coach of the Year in 1995. Kris served on the NFHS National High School Soccer Rules Committee from 1982 through 1986.

Kris started the lacrosse program at OES, and in 2002 was inducted into the inaugural class of the Oregon Lacrosse Hall of Fame. He was selected as the United States Lacrosse Secondary School Man of the Year in 2007 for his contributions both in developing and coaching.

As an athletic director Kris served innumerous Lewis and Clark League leadership positions. He was both the League President and OADA League Rep over the course of his forty-one year career. Twice named 2A Oregon Athletic Director of the Year, (in 1996 and 1998). He was chosen in 2012 to receive the OADA Jim Rotramel Lifetime Service Award.

As a coach and athletic director Kris's teams have won 37 state championships over the span of his 42 year career.