



## **Ron Richards**

The OADA welcomes Ron Richards as a distinguished Athletic Director and a 2019 Inductee into the OADA Hall of Fame. Ron resides in Salem with his wife, Debbie.

Ron was born, raised and spent most of his life in Butte, Montana. After playing football, basketball and baseball at Butte High School, he went on to play guard and tackle at University of Montana where he played on the undefeated teams of 1969 and 1970. Ron began his career in athletics in 1973 as an assistant football coach at University of Montana before going back to Butte High School as the offensive coordinator. After teaching, coaching and officiating at the high school and college levels, Ron obtained his administrative license and moved his family to Oregon in 2001 taking the position of athletic administrator at McKay High School in Salem. Following 9 years at McKay, Ron moved to McNary where he remained until retiring in 2017.

Ron has been a leader at the state and national levels of athletic leadership. He served on various committees as well as on the board of the OADA starting in 2008 becoming president in 2012. Besides serving as the LTA coordinator and teaching at the state and national levels, Ron also oversaw development of the organization's Strategic Plan. Some awards that Ron has earned include: NIAAA Distinguished Service and Bill Bowers Award for Professional Development.

Ron is a credit to our association. It is with great pleasure that we have the opportunity to induct him into our Hall of Fame. Ron, we thank you for your service to the athletes, schools, communities and the State of Oregon. You have made our profession proud.