

2016 HALL of FAME INDUCTEE

Tom Izzo

Michigan State University

In two decades, coach Tom Izzo has firmly cemented Michigan State among the elite programs in college basketball. In 21 years directing the Spartans, Izzo has compiled an impressive list of accomplishments, including the 2000 NCAA National Championship, seven regular-season Big Ten Championships, five Big Ten Tournament titles, seven Final Four appearances, eight National Coach of the Year awards and a Big Ten-record 19 straight NCAA Tournament appearances. He is also the longest serving active Big Ten men's basketball head coach. It all combines to create a Hall of Fame career, as he was inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in September.



With a career record of 524-205, it's easy to see that Izzo knows how to win, but he also knows how to win the right way. In his 21 seasons directing the Spartan program, 85 percent of his players who completed their eligibility also left with a degree. In the last 17 years, 50 Spartans have received their undergraduate degrees.

Not only is he a coach and teacher of basketball players, but also of other coaches. In total, eight former assistants have gone on to earn head coaching positions—two of them currently leading D1 teams.

Tom is a leader among his peers, serving as the NABC President from April 2010 - April 2011, while holding spots on the John R. Wooden Award Board of Governors and the USA Basketball Collegiate Committee. He is also active with Coaches vs. Cancer and the (Jimmy) V Foundation for cancer research.

Tom's family includes his wife Lupe, daughter Raquel, and son Steven.