

Thomas Hursey Distinguished Service Award



Dennis Hopkins - Auburn Hills Oakland Christian HS

BCAM is happy to name Dennis Hopkins as the 2021 recipient of the Thomas Hursey Distinguished Service Award. Dennis started coaching basketball at Springfield Christian High School in 1996 as the junior varsity head coach and then took over as varsity head coach from 1997-2000. He then moved on to Oakland University from for two years in a support staff role for the men's basketball program. He coached junior varsity at Oakland Christian High School starting in 2002, and has been the boys' varsity head coach there since 2004. Dennis is currently the school's director of athletics as well.

During his time at Oakland Christian, Dennis surpassed the 300 win mark en route to 5 league, 7 district, and 1 regional championship, and he was named the MIAC Coach of the Year in 2008, 2009, 2010, 2014 & 2019, Oakland Press Dream Team Coach of the Year in 2008 and received the NABC Merit Award in 2017.

Dennis began serving BCAM as the All-Star 3 Point Shoot-Out Director in 2011 & 2012, served as BCAM President in 2014, and was a BCAM Reaching Higher Coach in 2016. His current roles are: BCAM Executive Board (since 2014), State Finals Top Shooters Challenge assistant (since 2014), BCAM Assistant Executive Director (since 2019), BCAM Annual Coaches Clinic Co-Director (since 2015), and BCAM Regional Director for Region 2 (since 2016). If that weren't enough, he also serves at the national level as a NHSBCA Board Member (2015-present) and as a Coaches Summit Committee Member (2021). In addition, Dennis is involved with the Rising Coaches Association as a member of the High School Coaches U Committee. "Dennis has served BCAM in many capacities over the years. He is a tireless worker, highly organized and cares about others. He is an example of what a great coach looks like." says Dan Young, BCAM Executive Director.

Dennis is married to Wendy and has 3 children, Danielle 20, Katie 18 and Trent 15. They live in Auburn Hills.