

Chuck Ballingall

CHSSA HALL OF FAME 1998



Chuck was born in Los Angeles and attended Fountain Valley High School before moving on to Rutgers University and the University of Redlands for his advanced degrees.

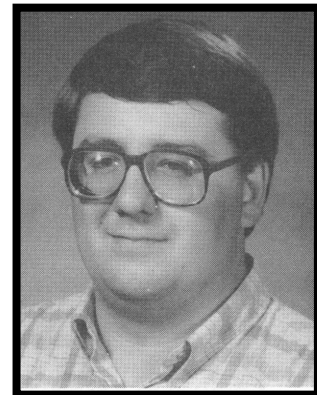
Throughout his high school and college days he was a successful competitive speaker; earning awards at many prestigious tournaments. In high school he qualified for State three times in policy debate, placing 5th in 1978. He also qualified for NFL Nationals in 1978 and in 1981 he qualified for the NDT (College Nationals) where he received the 10th speaker award.

Chuck's coaching experience includes assisting at Marlboro H.S. in New Jersey and Yucaipa High School in Southern California...during his collegiate days...From 1982 until now ('08) he has been the Director of Forensics at Damien High School.

During this Damien tenure he has qualified over eighty teams to state, thirty-five to nationals. In addition, while under his directorship Damien High School students earned a State Championship in policy debate in 1993; a second place finish in 1983 and 1992 and quarterfinalist finished in 2002, 2004 and 2007.

Since joining the league in 1982 Chuck has served as Citrus Belt Speech President as well as other leadership positions. He is currently ('08) CHSSA debate committee chair and Council secretary... Affectionately referred to as "Mr. Debate", Chuck can be found running debate tabrooms at many major invitationals throughout the state. When asked what he would most like to be remembered for he says, "Whether I want to be or not, I'll probably be remembered for running just about every debate tournament I attended from 1990 to 2000....I guess I'd like to be remembered for running them fairly and efficiently." The CHSSA is lucky to have his leadership and experience as debate pitboss for the State Championship Tournament. Chuck was instrumental in the past few years in developing procedures and rules for the addition of California's two newest debate events public forum and parliamentary debate.

A three diamond National Forensic League coach, Chuck was elected to the CHSSA Hall of Fame in 1998. While he is justly proud of his many accomplishments, he notes that "I am most proud of the graduates I've had who have returned to the coaching community: Jeff Layman, Jim Gaynor, Paul Derby and Ryan Mills."



Outside of the forensic world, Chuck lists history and sports as his hobbies. During 2007, Chuck earned the exciting opportunity to do some stadium P.A. work announcing games for both the Los Angeles Dodgers and the Los Angeles Clippers! Chuck very much enjoyed this and hopes to continue to have these opportunities as he comes closer to retirement from teaching.