

Greg J. Cullen

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California Hall of Fame Coach Gregory J. Cullen coached speech and debate for thirty-five years at Alhambra High School in California before retiring in 2005. During his career he served on the East Los Angeles NFL District Committee for twenty-four years, nineteen of which he headed the committee as its chairman. In addition, Mr. Cullen served as both the Vice President and Treasurer for the Southern California Debate League, and as Area III chairman. Among his many accolades are the Distinguished Service Key and plaque and numerous District Chair awards (four gold and two silver). Just this year, he received his sixth NFL diamond.

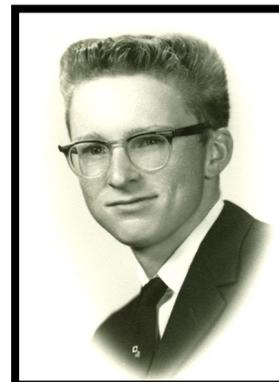
Greg Cullen is known in California for helping new coaches. He and his wife developed a curriculum guide for coaches that has been very successful. Greg is very creative and often develops innovative ideas. His squad raises funds by serving as "seat holders" at the Pasadena Auditorium -- home of the Emmys and other large events: The auditorium does not wish the TV camera to show empty seats. So Alhambra NFL members sit in those seats if they are unsold or people leave early. Greg, a hardworking coach, year after year built his fine record by teaching and coaching students and serving his profession until his retirement in 2005.

In 1985, under his leadership, Alhambra High School became the first high school to host the state tournament: One of only four times that a high school has served as host of the State Championship Tournament.

Mr. Cullen has served as national parliamentarian, debate tabulator and speech tabulator at the national tournament.

His squad at Alhambra was very successful: seven times the district's largest chapter; five times the leader in new degrees, Under his leadership, the Alhambra High School NFL chapter received the Leading Chapter Award five times: 1976, 1982, 1988, and 1994. In addition, at the NFL district tournament Greg's students earned the trophy in 1975, 1981, 1986, 1993 and 1999.

Greg has qualified twenty-three students to sixteen national finals in policy, Lincoln-Douglas, national and international extemp, oratory, and congress. Among these qualifiers was Albert Giang, National Champion Representative in 1993 (who was also in LD semis in 1994 and an NFL All American who's point total ranked him 6th in the nation) and Lyndon Cullen, Greg's son. Lyndon was NFL high point student in the East Los Angeles district in 1982. Four other of Greg's student's also earned district high point honors.



In retirement, Mr. Cullen enjoys collecting coins, currency, stamps, steins, Christmas houses and figurines, tropical fish, orchids, electric trains, watches, and baseball memorabilia.