



Saint Viator Basketball Coach Named Coach of the Year

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Members of the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association named Saint Viator basketball coach, Joe Majkowski, Co-Coach of the Year for its Class 3A/4A programs, in District 4.

The award was a first for Majkowski, who has coached at the Arlington Heights high school since 1976, including serving as head basketball coach since 1987. During his 22 seasons as head coach, his teams have compiled a record of 333-256.

“It’s personally and professionally satisfying to me, because it is a recognition that comes from other coaches in our area,” Majkowski commented. “It’s not something I necessarily aspire to, but it reflects the success our team had this year, so it’s

very special to me.”

This season, his varsity team set a single season school record, with its 24-7 finish. Last month, they won both the regional and sectional title, and advanced to the Class 3A Super Sectional game and the “Elite Eight” for the first time.

“Any time you’re recognized by your peers, it’s an honor,” says Athletic Director Tim Carlson. “Not only does this award recognize this season’s great results, but it is a testament to Joe and his long career here.”

Majkowski not only coaches student athletes, he counsels them. He serves as department chairman of the school’s counseling department and currently works individually with each member of the freshman class to help ease the transition to high school.

Carlson adds that Majkowski’s basketball players have proved to be formidable opponents over the years for teams in the East Suburban Catholic Conference and surrounding non-conference match-ups.

Their strength, year in and year out, reflects Majkowski’s coaching and philosophy grounded in the Viatorian mission.

“Joe is a man of great character and confidence, with a high level of personal integrity,” Carlson says. “He shows great respect and care for his players and challenges them to work to their highest potential.”

He was named East Suburban Catholic Conference coach of the year in 1997 when the team won their conference.

Majkowski resides in Arlington Heights with his wife Nancy, and children Mike and Katie, both Saint Viator graduates. His son Mike served as an assistant coach this year for the varsity team.

He will receive his award April 24 at the Hall of Fame dinner hosted by Illinois Basketball Coaches Association members at Illinois State University.