



Saint Viator Basketball Coach Named to the Hall of Fame

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The team goes over strategy with Coach Joe Majkowski during a timeout.

Saint Viator Basketball Coach Joe Majkowski — now in his 24th season as head boys' basketball coach — has been elected to the East Suburban Catholic Conference Hall of Fame.

The honor comes less than a year after members of the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association named Majkowski Co-Coach of the Year for its Class 3A/4A programs in District 4.

Last season, Majkowski's team set a single season school record, finishing with a 24-7 record. Down the stretch, he guided his team to the school's first sectional championship and first-ever berth to the state's Elite Eight and Class 3A Super

Sectionals.

Already this season, his team is out to a 9-3 start. Over his long career, he has coached multiple ESCC players of the year, while his 1997 team earned the co-conference title, leading Majkowski to earn ESCC Coach of the Year that season. His 2001 team also finished as Class AA regional champs.

At the start of this season, Majkowski's career record stood at 353 wins and 267 losses.

"This is a distinct honor for Joe," said the Rev. Robert M. Egan, C.S.V., Saint Viator High School president. "It recognizes not only his contributions to the conference but his overall success as a coach, mentor, teacher, and counselor."

Off the court, Majkowski heads up the school's counseling department, and he moderates the student peer mediation program, a structured program to resolve conflict among students.

Tim Carlson, Saint Viator athletic director, says 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, reflect Majkowski's coaching and philosophy grounded in the Viatorian mission.

"Joe has worked extremely hard to build not only a basketball program, but young men of great character and values," Carlson said. "We are extremely proud to have Joe represent Saint Viator High School in the ESCC Hall of Fame as he embodies the true spirit and mission of the school."

Majkowski lives in Arlington Heights with his wife, Nancy, and children, Mike and Katie, both Saint Viator graduates. His son, Mike, sits on the bench beside his father as an assistant coach for the varsity team.

The formal ceremony of induction is scheduled for March 10 when the Hall of Fame class of 2011 will be welcomed into the ESCC Hall of Fame.