



Dewayne Jones

Director of Athletics

Dewayne Jones, 60, is the director of athletics for Think Detroit PAL, one of the largest non-profit urban youth programs in the nation. Think Detroit PAL was formed in 2006 by the merger of two leading youth development organizations in the Detroit area: Think Detroit, Inc. and the Detroit Police Athletic League. Think Detroit PAL serves nearly 10,000 girls and boys annually through a combined 24 athletic, academic and leadership development programs.

Jones has worked in athletics at various levels for over forty years, with the last twenty devoted to athletic administration. Most recently, he served as the Athletic Director of West Bloomfield schools since 1999. During that time, he was responsible for managing the budget of 27 varsity, 21 junior varsity, 17 freshman and 24 middle school athletic programs. During his time there, Jones trimmed the budget by approximately \$150,000. He developed and added a new Boys LaCrosse program, instituted a “pay to participate” program, and instituted the school’s first Hall of Fame.

Before his work with the West Bloomfield School District, Jones worked as the Athletic and Physical Education Director of Ferndale Public Schools and as the Women’s Head Basketball Coach for the University of Detroit. During his time as head coach, the team won the North Star Conference Championship in 1987.

Jones has served as president of various organizations, including: The Oakland Activities Association, Athletic Division (1998-99); Southeastern Michigan Association (1993-94); Oakland County Athletic Director’s Associations (1995-96). In addition, Jones received the MHSAA Al Bush Award and was honored as the Oakland County Athletic Director of Year in 2000. He was also honored as the MIAAA Region II Athletic Director of the Year in 2008.

Jones earned a Bachelor of Arts, focusing on Special Education K-12 and a Master of Arts with a focus in Learning Disabilities, both at Northern Michigan University. He and his wife of 34 years, Dot, currently reside in Southfield. They have three children, Darice, Dewayne Jr. and Elvin.