

DANA ALTMAN

BORN: June 16, 1958, Crete, Nebraska

High School: Wilber-Clatonia High School (Nebraska) 1976

College: Southeast Community College in Fairbury, Nebraska associate degree in business 1978

Eastern New Mexico bachelor's in business ... magna cum laude 1980 Western State (Colorado)

master's degree of Business Administration 1981.

High School

- Three-year letterman in football and basketball
- 1975 Played guard in basketball and was named to the Second Team all-Southern Nebraska Conference eastern division basketball team. Dana and his brother Dirk were starters of the team that was ranked #1 State Class C before being upset in the C-9 district tournament. The team finished with an 18-2 record.
- 1975 Earning all-Southern Nebraska Conference eastern division honors as a quarterback on the football team.
- President of the National Honor Society.

College

- 1976 -1978 Played college basketball at Southeast Community College in Fairbury, Nebraska.
 - 1977 Named to the "Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges".
 - Team Captain
 - Led the team to two 20-plus win seasons:
 - 1976-1977 23-10 record
 - 1977-1978 26-5 and #14 national ranking final junior college polls
 - 1977-1978 Led the team in assists.
 - Originally committed to playing at Chadron State College for Coach Larry Riley. In July 1978, Coach Riley resigned to coach at Eastern New Mexico University.
- 1978-1980 Played college basketball at Eastern New Mexico University

Professional

Dana Altman has been a head coach in the junior college and NCAA Division 1 ranks since 1982. His overall college coaching record as of 11/23/2023: 859-407 (1266 games and 67.8 winning percentage) Dana Altman is one of only three active coaches in NCAA Division I with 26 consecutive winning seasons. He is part of an exclusive fraternity that includes Hall-of-Famers Tom Izzo and Bill Self.

Altman became the 24th head coach to record 700 career wins at the Division I level in 2021-22 and is the winningest head coach in Oregon history with 321 wins. In 2016-17, Altman led

Oregon back to the Final Four for the first time in 78 years and coached the Ducks to consecutive Pac-12 titles in 2020 and 2021.

- 1980-1982 Altman broke into the coaching profession as an assistant coach for two years at Western State (Colorado).
- 1982-1986 Junior College Head Coach (123-24)
 - 1982-1983 Became the Head Coach at his alma mater, Southeast Community College (Nebraska).
 - 29-6 and third place finish in the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) tournament. It was the best season in the school's history. It was the school's first appearance in 25 years and first victories in NJCAA tournaments.
 - The youngest head coach to be named the "The Sunday Journal and Star State College" Coach of the Year in the 29-year history.
 - 1983 Named the Head Coach of Mobley Junior College (Missouri), which was considered the "UCLA" of junior college basketball.
 - 1983-1984 25-6 and third place finish in the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA). Named the NJCAA Coach of the Year.
 - 1984-1985 35-5 and third place finish in the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA)
 - 1985-1986 34-4 and sixth place finish in the National Junior College Athletic Association tournament (NJCAA). One of the players on the team was NBA Hall of Famer, Mitch Richmond. The team was ranked #1 several times in NJCAA polls.
- 1986-1989 Served three years as an assistant at Kansas State under Lon Kruger, with the Wildcats advancing to the NCAA Tournament each year.
- 1989-1990 Became a NCAA Division 1 head coach for the first time at Marshall University. He was the youngest coach ever in-school's history. His record was 15-13. In his first NCAA Division I head coaching position the Thundering Herd to runners-up in the Southern Conference Tournament losing to East Tennessee State in the tournament championship game.
- 1990-1994 Kansas State Record: 68-54
 - Although his four-year tenure as Kansas State's head coach produced one NCAA Tournament appearance.
 - Altman will be remembered most for his ability to win close ball games, and for pulling off some of the biggest upsets in school history such as beating #1 University of Kansas on their homecourt in 1994.
 - Altman's teams were 28-13 in games decided by six points or less, which included a 6-1 mark in one-point games.
 - His 1992-93 club perpetuated a Kansas State tradition. Picked to finish last in the Big Eight, Altman's Wildcats won 11 games in the final minute, earned the school's first Top 25 ranking in five seasons, finished 19-11, reached the championship game of the Big

Eight Tournament and returned Kansas State to the NCAA Tournament for the 21st time.

- 1993 Capped the season by upsetting No. 6 Kansas 74–67 in the semifinals of the conference tournament.
- 1994 made it two in a row over Kansas when he upset the No.1 ranked Jayhawks 68–64 in Lawrence. His 1993–94 squad finished the season with a 20–14 record and advanced to the NIT Final Four in New York City.
- 1994 - 2010 Creighton University Record: 327-176. Became the 14th head coach in Creighton. Altman inherited a team that posted a 7–22 ledger the year before his arrival.
 - 1994–95 Led the Bluejays to a slightly improved 7–19 record.
 - 1995–96 squad jumped to 14–15.
 - 1996–97, Altman’s team was 15–15.
 - 1997–98 Followed with another substantial jump to 18–10 and a bid to the NIT.
 - On April 2, 2007, Altman announced that he would become the head coach for the Arkansas Razorbacks, in a deal that was rumored to be \$1.5 million per year, 5-year contract. Only one day later he had a change of heart and returned to Omaha and his team at Creighton, citing family reasons.
 - On February 5, 2009, Altman won his 300th game as Creighton head coach.
 - In his first 13 years at Creighton, Altman ranked third all-time on the coaching victories list in the 99-year history of the Missouri Valley Conference, trailing only Hall of Fame coaches Henry Iba (486) and Eddie Hickey (337).
 - During his time at Creighton, his athletes earned three All-American honors on the court and three other Academic All-America laurels in the classroom. Three players he coached at Creighton, Kyle Korver, Rodney Buford, and Anthony Tolliver, have played in the NBA.
 - Along the way, Creighton established school records for most victories in a two-year (52), three-year (76) and four-year span (99).
 - 1998-99 through 2008-09, Creighton was one of just six schools to win 20 or more games each of those seasons, an elite list that also included Duke, Florida, Gonzaga, Kansas, and Syracuse.
 - His teams claimed shares of three regular-season Missouri Valley Conference championships (including the 2008-09 crown) and six conference post-season tournament titles.
 - His post-season tournament run and string of 20-win seasons, in addition to producing 10 or more league victories in each of the last 14 seasons, are all feats unmatched in the 103-year history of the Missouri Valley Conference.
- University of Oregon - On April 24, 2010, Altman agreed to a 7-year contract worth nearly \$2 million per year with Oregon. The university made it official on April 26 with a press conference. Under Dana Altman the University of Oregon has consistently been one of the top basketball schools in the Pac-12 with notable conference achievements including two

regular season Pac-12 Conference championships (2016, 2017) and three Pac-12 tournament championships (2013, 2016, 2019). Altman has also led the Ducks to success in the NCAA tournament, including three Sweet 16, two Elite 8 and a Final Four run in 2017.

- 2011 led the Ducks to a 21-18 record and the College Basketball Invitation championship beating his former school, Creighton University in the championship game. The 2011 College Basketball Invitational (CBI) was a single-elimination tournament of 16 NCAA Division I teams that did not participate in the 2011 NCAA Tournament nor the 2011 National Invitation Tournament.
- In 2013 Oregon earned its first NCAA tournament bid under Dana Altman. This run ended in the sweet sixteen.
- Oregon continued this success, making the NCAA tournament in 2014 and 2015. Both the 2013–14 and 2014–15 seasons ended in the round of 32.
- On March 13, 2016, Oregon earned its first #1 seed in the NCAA Tournament in program history thanks to winning the Pac-12 regular season and conference tournament titles.
- On March 26, 2016, the Oregon Ducks lost, as a #1 seed in the Elite Eight to the #2 seeded Oklahoma Sooners due in large part to a lights out shooting performance by Buddy Hield.
- On November 11, 2016, Oregon and Altman agreed on a seven-year contract extension that will keep him in Eugene through the 2022–2023 season.
- On March 25, 2017, Altman led the #3 seeded Ducks to their first Final Four in 78 years with a 74-60 upset over #1 seed Kansas in Kansas City. This was Altman's first Final Four appearance. Oregon would go on to lose in the Final Four to end what was considered a massively successful season for Altman and the Ducks.
- On November 17, 2017, Altman won his 600th career Division I game in a 114–56 Ducks win over Alabama State.
- On March 14, 2019, Oregon and Altman agreed on a three-year contract extension that will keep him in Eugene through the 2025–2026 season.

Honors

- 1990 Honored as the Southern Conference Coach of the Year.
- 1993 Honored as the Big Eight Coach-of-the-Year.
- 2001 Honored as the Missouri Valley Conference of the Year.
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- 2002-2003 Finalist for the Naismith College Coach of the Year and named the NABC District 12 and USBWA District VI Coach of the Year.
- 2007 One of 10 coaches named as part of the MVC's All-Centennial Team.
- 2008 Received a Distinguished Eagle Scout Award. Dana had been an Eagle Scout.
- 2013 Honored with the Jim Phelan Award. The Jim Phelan Award is an award given annually to the most outstanding men's college basketball head coach in NCAA Division I (non-mid-major conference) competition. The award was established in 2003 and was renamed for legendary head coach Jim Phelan, who coached at Mount St. Mary's.

- 2013 Honored as the PAC-12 Coach of the Year.
- 2015 Honored as the PAC-12 Coach of the Year.
- 2016 Honored as the PAC-12 Coach of the Year.
- 2018 Inducted into the Creighton University Sports Hall of Fame

Family

- Married to the former Reva Phillips for 40+ years.
- Three sons Jordan, Chase, and Spencer
- One daughter, Audra