

Larry Hays

Born: Elida New Mexico

High School: Dora High School

College: Lubbock Christian University Associate of Arts (1964)

Eastern New Mexico University (ENMU), in Portales, New Mexico, Bachelors (1966) and master's degree (1969).

High School

- Played baseball and basketball.
- All-District in basketball

College

- Attended Lubbock Christian College and played for the men's basketball team while earning an Associates of Arts degree in 1964.
- Attended Eastern New Mexico University (ENMU), in Portales, New Mexico, where he earned a Bachelors (1966) and master's degree (1969). As Hays put it, "I've always liked to say when I was at Eastern, that I averaged 30 a game. When I said that, people looked at me, and I would say '30 seconds, not 30 points.'"

Professionally

- Coached for 47 years.
- 2nd longest tenured head coach in any sport at Texas Tech (22 years)
- His teams have won 1509 games, which ranks #10 all-time in college baseball. He was the fourth college baseball coach in NCAA history to reach the 1500 wins milestone.
- In 22 seasons with the Red Raiders, Hays only endured two losing seasons and compiled a record of 814-479-3. Hays led the Red Raiders to two regular-season conference championships, two conference tournament championships and nine consecutive NCAA Tournament appearances.
- 1972, he reinstated the suspended baseball program at LCC and his coaching reign with the Chaps began his steppingstone to becoming an ambassador of the sport in the South Plains. The Chaps went 695-381-1 under Hays, collecting eight NAIA District titles and two area championships.
- 1983 -NAIA National Baseball Champions, Lubbock Christian University
- 2010- NAIA National Softball 3rd place, Lubbock Christian University 51-7 record.
- 1995- Southwest Conference Baseball Champions – Regular season and Tournament
- 1997-Big 12 Conference Baseball Champions- Regular season
- 1998-Big 12 Conference Baseball tournament champions
- 2010-Sooner Athletic Conference Softball champions
- Baseball- Coaching
 - 1971-1986 Lubbock Christian University (695-381)
 - 1987-2008 Texas Tech (814-479-3)
- Men's Basketball-Coaching
 - 1969-1975 Lubbock Christian University
 - 1978-1980 Lubbock Christian University
- Women's Basketball-Coaching
 - 1982-1983 Lubbock Christian University
- Softball-Coaching
 - 2008-2009 Assistant Coach Lubbock Christian University
 - 2010 Lubbock Christian University

- 2018-Present Colorado Christian University
- Colorado Christian University Softball Coach
 - 2022, won the program's first ever RMAC tournament title. He led the Cougars to a 49-10 overall record and a berth in the NCAA Regional Tournament,
 - 2023, set a program record with 34 straight wins in route to a 42-2 conference record. Won the regular and conference tournament championship.
- Athletic Director- Lubbock Christian University (1979-1986)
- Served as a coach on the 1997 Team USA baseball team.
- Chairman of the NAIA Baseball Rating Committee (1979-1986)
- Played professional fast pitch softball in Mobile, Alabama, Montreal, and St. Louis.
- Former athletes and assistant coaches that became head coaches at the collegiate and high school level:
 - Daren Hays Lubbock Christian University
 - Shanon Hays Grand Canyon University
 - Tim Tadlock Texas Tech University
 - Frank Anderson Oklahoma State University
 - Steve Coleman Hardin Simmons University
 - Eric Newman San Diego University
 - Mark Bard Dallas Baptist
 - Rich Weigland Oklahoma State University
 - Brian Roper Blinn College
 - Greg Evans Grayson College
 - Justin Hays Howard College
 - Todd Howie Howard Payne University
 - Bobby Sherrie Lubbock Christian University
 - High school head baseball coaches, Hodie Garcia, Henry Garza, and Steve Rippee have won state championships in Texas.
 - Three coaching in the big leagues. Stubby Clap with St. Louis Cardinal's, Nosh Bard with the Los Angeles Dodgers and Joe Dillion with Washington Nationals.
 - There may be many who are assistant coaches in college or who have coached in high school.

Honors

- 1991 Lubbock Christian Hall of Honor
- 1991 NAIA Hall of Fame Inductee
- 1995 Southwest Conference Baseball Coach of the Year
- 1997 Big 12 Baseball Coach of the Year
- 1999 LCU also renamed their baseball facility Hays Field in 1999 to honor not only Larry, but his entire family.
- 1999 March 23 - Number retired at Texas Tech University
- 2001-First college baseball coach in the state to be inducted into the Texas Baseball Hall of Fame based within the Texas Sports Hall of Fame in Waco.
- 2012 National College Baseball Hall of Fame
- 2022 Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference Softball Coach of the Year
- 2023 Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference Softball Coach of the Year

Family

- Married to the former Nell Ainsworth for 59 years.
- Five children (Daren, Shanon, Bandi, Justin, and Melanie), eight granddaughters (Brittany Kaye, Brogan Leigh, Allie, Ashleigh, Kaytee & Kelsee, Hampton Renee and Mary Elizabeth) and three grandsons (Hunter, Heath, and Joshua Hays Redding).
- Like Larry, his three sons have had a passion for the coaching profession. Hays hired Daren in June of 2000 and is currently the director of operations at Texas Tech, while Shanon is currently the head softball coach at Texas Tech University.