



CLASS OF 2018 INDUCTEE



Mike Brown

Coach Brown guided the Albuquerque Academy Chargers basketball program for 26 seasons, achieving 432 wins against 263 losses. He began as head coach with the 84-85 season and his final year as head coach was 09-10. During his tenure, the Chargers would win 14 district championships, make 20 state championship appearances including nine straight championship appearance and winning a record six straight 3A championship.

He played basketball and baseball at St. Pius X, graduating in 1964. After attending St. Edward's University in Austin, he went on to earn a BA in Political Science in 1969 and an MA in Secondary Education in 1974 from University of New Mexico. Mike began his coaching and teaching career by serving at St. Francis Xavier School and Holy Ghost School in Albuquerque from 1968-1972 and Bernalillo Junior High School in 1973. He then signed on as an assistant coach at Academy where he would serve under Coaches Lou Baudoin and Vince Cordova. He took over as head coach following Cordova's final season which would see the Chargers go 25-1, win the State Championship.

His sons, Greg (current head coach at Volcano Vista) and Danny (current assistant at Sandia, former head coach at Highland High) were teammates on the Chargers 1991 championship team. The 1991 championship team was pretty special, because it was the last time my mother and father got to see Danny and Greg play together, they passed away the next year.

The city's coaching tree has Brown's fingerprints all over it. Greg and Danny Brown both played for their father and won three championships apiece. Four other head coaches in Albuquerque, Joe Coleman at Valley, Travis Julian at Los Lunas, Dominic Romero at Manzano High School and Roy Morgan at Albuquerque Academy once sat on the bench next to Brown as assistants. Two former players are coaching in the NBA, current Charlotte Hornets head coach, James Borrego who was a part of two championship teams, and Cody Toppert, who is an assistant coach with the Phoenix Suns.

He was named District Coach of the Year twelve times. Brown was twice named Coach of the Year by New Mexico High School Coaches Association and was named to its Hall of Honor in 2006. He was named the Albuquerque Journal's coach of the year in 1993 and 1997, the Albuquerque Sports Hall of Fame Coach of the Year in 2001, the National Federation Coach of the Year for Section 6 in 1995, and the Region 8 Coach of the Year in 1995.

