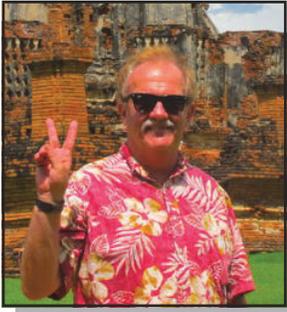


# 2011 CHSSA Hall of Fame Inductee

## Doug Campbell



When you look at the list of those enshrined in the CHSSA Hall of Fame, the names and their accomplishments are quite impressive. Doug Campbell's coaching credentials match up nicely with previous honorees. Twenty plus years of service. Sure. A State Champion. Yes. Hundreds of State qualifiers, thousands of trophies, and countless speeches fine tuned. Check, check, check. But, Doug Campbell's earned his spot among California's elite with his impact on the coaching ranks. Campbell's enthusiasm for speech and debate inspired no fewer than ten of his former team members (and one former college roommate) to join the coaching ranks. In a time when programs are folding, Doug's impact on speech is keeping the activity alive and well. Read on:

*"Doug Campbell is the most influential teacher I ever had. He changed my life -- there is no second place contender. He taught me more than speech, he taught me an entire life philosophy: 'I hope for nothing. I fear nothing. I am free.' 'Thank you for my freedom, Doug.'" -- Matt Slimp, Head Coach, San Marino High*

*"Doug was two years ahead of me at San Gabriel. He is one of the few people I've stayed in contact with since then. While I was off doing my journalism thing for 20+ years, I always knew what Doug was doing and admired him for it. He is the reason I became a teacher and speech and debate coach when I reinvented myself 10 years ago. We discovered as high school students the value of this program and how it changes kids. What I didn't expect nearly 40 years later was to enter classrooms and hear those same life-changing testimonials from this generation of students. High school forensics changes lives and Doug certainly has impacted mine and changed mine for the better. Not bad for a guy who used to have to keep his socks and shoes outside of the hotel rooms we'd stay in because as a teenager his feet smelled so bad. I remember one year at Stanford, we pushed out the screen of the hotel window and forced Doug to sleep with his feet sticking outside so in our sleep we all didn't succumb to the noxious odor...." -- Terry L. Colvin, Head Coach, Arroyo High School.*

*"Being on the team at San Gabriel with Mr. Campbell as my coach, I learned that hard work usually took care of wins and losses. More importantly, I learned about a sense of family, community, and of being selfless. We also learned that this activity that we all love, goes beyond whether or not we win a trophy. It is about our shared experiences; it is about camaraderie; it was about the fun that we had... TOGETHER. I approach my job as a coach much in the same way that I was coached. I help students find their "voice", and then I get out of the way and let them do what they do. I can only hope that my students will one day look back on their experiences with me, and feel the way I still feel about my team and my coach. Congrats Doug!" -- Erik Miller, Head Coach, Ribet Academy*

In football circles, reporters talk of assistant coaches who go on to be successful head coaches themselves being testaments to the head coaches from whom they learned. Long time professional football coach Bill "The Tuna" Parcels is held in high regard because so many successful head coaches got much of their experience serving as one of Coach Parcels' assistants. These coaches got their speech wings in Doug's debate class at San Gabriel. The passion and knowledge Doug passed on to his students, and his debate partner, is now being multiplied in former students he had who chose to become coaches themselves. Doug's impact spans multiple generations.

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Doug shares: "Actually, it was debate that saved me. In my sophomore year at San Gabriel High my best friend had moved. I was searching for new friends and could have made many bad decisions. Mac Parks, the debate coach at the school, walked up to me and said, Hey kid, I hear you like to talk. Do you want to join the debate team? EVERYTHING CHANGED. My dream was to replace Mac. He left high school to coach at Rio Hondo Community college one year before I got my credential. I ended up teaching dropouts at Century high school in the Alhambra district. Those students taught me how to teach. I was very fortunate. 13 years later the opening for speech coach came up at San Gabriel. I was so happy to share that moment with Mac. He later retired from Rio Hondo and gave me part of his load as a part time speech teacher, which I still have today. Later Mac had lung cancer. My former debate partner, now commissioner of southern California C.I.F, named Jim Staunton, and I went to see our mentor. As we held his hand he told us how much he loved us. He died that night. Much, if not all of this award is his. Thanks Mac.

