

David Jack

CHSSA HALL OF FAME 1994



David Jack was born in Fort Gordon, just outside of Augusta, Georgia. He attended Luther Burbank Senior High School in Sacramento, California, and graduated in 1971. He then went on to earn his AA degree from Cosumnes River College, before earning his BA in Speech and English with a minor in journalism from San Francisco State University in 1975. Just one year later he earned his teaching credential from the same institution. He would return to California State University, Stanislaus, for his post graduate degree.

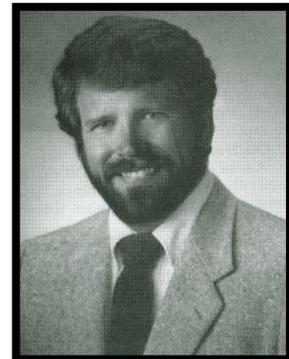
Although Jack did not compete in high school forensics, he did compete at both Cosumnes and San Francisco State University.

His events were numerous: Debate (team and LD), expository, extemp, impromptu, programmed reading, readers theater, oratory, rhetorical analysis.

He was in the National Junior College Semis in expository and impromptu, and was the Top Debate Speaker at the Governor's Cup. He placed in nearly every tournament; although, he says humbly that he only earned a couple of firsts.

David began his coaching career by helping as a college assistant two days a week for two and half years at Lowell High School in San Francisco before becoming a full time teacher and coach at Turlock High School where he built a large program. During his tenure at Turlock the program included nearly 100 students annually participating in at least one speaking experience. He would often travel to invitationals with squads of over forty speakers. The team qualified to the State Championships each of his sixteen years there and to the national championships eight years. Amongst his top performs are state champions in debate and original prose and poetry. He also had many semifinalists and over fifteen finalists. He jokes that through all this he never won a state sweepstakes award.

David's devotion to forensics extended past his team to service and leadership. He served his league, CHSSA and the NFL. In his league he served as president, vice-president and treasurer. He also served as NFL district chairman and committee member. In CHSSA, he served on the council for fourteen years as editor, league representative, area representative at large and area chairman.



Despite his busy schedule, David's family was always very important to him. David and his wife married in 1977, and since that time they have planned a special trip every five years. For their 5th anniversary they went to Disneyland; 10th Disneyworld; 15th Barcelona Olympics; 20th Soccer tournaments across the country with the kids; 25th Paris; and 30th London, England. Their son Ryan served his country as a CID agent (felony investigator) for the army and returned from Kuwait in August 2007.

In honor of his many contributions to the CHSSA and its students, David Jack was inducted into the CHSSA Hall of Fame in 1994.