

Bentley School Soccer Coach Receives National Award

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Bentley Upper School's Athletic Director and Soccer Coach Rusty Taylor was notified Jan. 18 by the National Soccer Coaches Association of American that he is the recipient of the 2007 Robert W. Robinson Award. The Award is named in honor of Robert W. "Robby" Robinson, a Philadelphia area high school coach who has touched virtually every aspect of the NSCAA.

Each year, the NSCAA presents this award to a person who has raised interscholastic soccer to new heights through his or her long-term dedication to the game. Taylor has notched an impressive 1,139 wins over the past 36 years at four different schools in the Bay Area.

According to the NSCAA, Taylor has been a fixture in West Coast high school soccer since 1972. "He has surpassed the 500-win plateau as a boys coach and the 600-win mark coaching girls, and may be best known for his stint as the boys and girls coach at San

Francisco University High School, where he won 766 games and won four national coach of the year awards," the NSCAA Web site states. "He has helped grow the NSCAA presence on the West Coast by serving at times on both its Coach of the Year and All-America committees."

Taylor was also the recipient of the Girls Large School Coach of the Year award in 1982, the Boys Private/Parochial Award in 1992 and the Girls Small School Award in 1999. He will travel to Baltimore, Md., to accept the award in person at the NSCAA Awards Ceremony on Friday, Feb. 13.

