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Positive Coaches

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Ron and Don Heidary Photo provided

For their positive impact on youth athletes, Ron and Don Heidary were awarded the coveted "Double-Goal" Coach award at Positive Coaching Alliance's 12th Annual National Youth Sports Awards sponsored by Deloitte and Liberty Mutual. It is presented to coaches who strive to win while pursuing the more important goal of teaching life lessons through sports. The Heidarys are the co-founders/head coaches of Orinda Aquatics and coach Campolindo and Miramonte. The central tenet of their program is "Character First."

PCA is in partnership with nearly 2,000 schools and youth sports organizations nationwide, impacting nearly 5 million youth. "Don and Ron help youth athletes win in and out of the pool," said Jim Thompson, founder and CEO of Positive Coaching Alliance.

Don Heidary also serves on the Boards of the American Swim Coaches Association and Pacific Swimming and both brothers speak nationally and internationally on developing high-character teams and athletes.

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