

Dave Rice inducted into Dugout Club Hall of Fame

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Dave Rice was inducted into the Colorado Dugout Club Hall of Fame Jan. 18. He was one of 10 inductees chosen from 125 nominees for the class of 2013.

Colorado Dugout Club, formerly Colorado High School Baseball Coaches Association, established its Hall of Fame in 2010. The association honors coaches from across the state that have “set themselves apart, made a difference, passed the test of time and left an indelible mark.”

Rice was presented by his daughter, Myriah Stansberry, at the induction ceremony.

The club’s event program explains inductees’ “contributions and influence created legacies along the way impacted those throughout the state, region, nation and internationally.”

One look at the career winning percentage of Rice, and one can understand why he’s considered one of the top baseball coaches in Colorado. His wins and losses translate into a 72.9 winning percentage. Rice made his mark as a high school coach at Revere, Holyoke and Sedgwick County.



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Dave Rice, pictured at right, is presented by daughter Myriah Stansberry as a 2013 inductee to the Colorado Dugout Club Hall of Fame.

Most of his success came at Revere, where he was the head man for more than two decades, making 12 state/regional appearances over that span. He also was the head coach of the Alamosa Old Timer (13-15) team that won a state championship in 1976.

At age 7, Rice began playing organized baseball. He played on all-star teams during his youth and continued at Arriba High School and Lamar Community College (1973-1975), where they were conference and Region IX champions.

Rice continues to coach and would like to take this opportunity to thank and share this honor with all his players and assistant coaches throughout the years.

Rice's career in education spanned nearly three decades. He was at Holyoke JR/SR High from 2000-2007 serving in roles as a history teacher, athletic director, assistant principal and head principal. He was head coach of the Dragon high school baseball team for two years. Rice also coached high school football as well as junior high and high school girls' basketball during his employment in Holyoke. He is back in on some of the action this year, as assistant high school girls' basketball coach.

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