



Coach Pat Pennington

**Pat C. Pennington** was a part of the A.I.S.D. athletics program for over 30 years. He began his career at Pearce Jr. High and then moved to John. H. Reagan High School when it opened in 1965. In his 25 years at Reagan, he coached thousands of young men in basketball, baseball, track and football. He also touched the lives of many boys and girls through his Physical Education classes.

Pat was a member of the football coaching staff in the late 60's and early 70's when Reagan won 3 State Championships and he was integral in taking the Raiders to several years of District Championships. He retired in 1990 and took up his second career...playing golf! He developed Emphysema several years later and passed in 1999.

His family continues to be honored by the calls, cards and letters from former students who communicated their admiration and respect for "Coach" Pennington. Many said that he played a pivotal role in their lives, teaching them to work hard, be accountable for their actions and do their best – even if they weren't the biggest or fastest kid on the team. He was regarded as "an extremely effective coach and role model to young men... fair and encouraging..."

### **The Pat Pennington Memorial Athletic Scholarship for Reagan High School**

This scholarship will go to a young man from Reagan High School who is a Senior, excels in the football program, has a lot of "heart" and the desire to attend college. Committee members from the "Class of '86" will work closely with Reagan High School coaches, faculty & staff to select the very best candidate to receive the scholarship benefits each year.

The "Class of '86" also will work with our fellow alumni to help create a network of individuals who will act as mentors to the scholarship winners, helping them to achieve their college and life goals as they continue their educational instruction. Additionally, we hope to reach out to other Reagan alumni to encourage their participation and support and/or the creation of additional awards. A fund has been created within the Austin Community Foundation to accept tax deductible gifts for this purpose.

Funds will be raised through individual and corporate gifts and through an annual Golf Tournament held in Austin or the surrounding area. We encourage participation from former Reagan alumni, coaches and staff members, as well as others in the A.I.S.D. family who knew Pat and remember his legacy while coaching at Reagan High School. We hope to have the first tournament in late Spring of 2007 to help fund the scholarship at the end of that school year.

If you are interested in learning more about the golf tournament, contact [Scott.Schroeder@co.travis.tx.us](mailto:Scott.Schroeder@co.travis.tx.us) for more information. All other questions may be directed to [Kim.Ruiz@SigmaTrak.com](mailto:Kim.Ruiz@SigmaTrak.com).

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