

Bill Poniatowski

Glenrock



Coach Poniatowski began his coaching and teaching career in 1975 in Glenrock, Wyoming. He coached his beloved Herders in many high school and middle school sports including, football, wrestling, track and swimming. Bill has been a member of the Wyoming Coaches Association for over 40 years. As a part of that association, he served on the board of directors as a wrestling representative.

He retired from teaching and coaching in 2015, but his blood still runs purple. Although he now resides in Buffalo, he attends as many Glenrock events as he can squeeze in between golf tournaments. He even enjoys a good Buffalo Bison competition these days.

During his years in Glenrock, Bill was part of three state championships in football, two state championships in track, and one state swimming championship. These are all moments he will never forget and moments that accentuated the Herder mantra of “Big Team, Little Me.”

Coach P.’s favorite part of coaching for these 40 years was seeing athletes compete to their fullest ability and go on to be great citizens. Over the course of 40 years, he even got to coach former athletes’ children and impact more than one generation. He is so grateful for the support of his wife, Rilla, and his children, Christopher and Shannon, who warmed many benches and were sounding boards for post-game talk. Bill cannot imagine his life without these 40 years in education and coaching. It’s been a victory!