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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. — A new scholarship fund at Illinois Wesleyan University honors a 1949 graduate and longtime Illinois high school basketball coach.

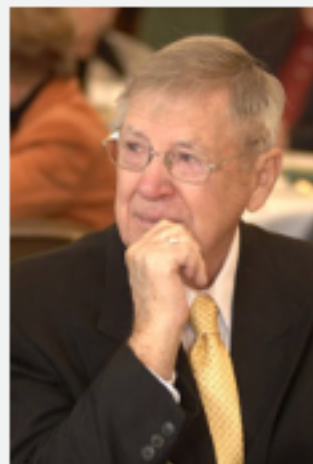
The “Coach Van Scyoc Scholarship Fund” has been established to honor Dick Van Scyoc, who coached over 45 years for boys’ teams at Armington, Washington and Peoria Manual High Schools.

He is the winningest boys coach in Illinois prep history with 826 victories, and won his first state title in his final game as a coach, downing Carbondale in the 1994 Class AA title game. He previously led Manual to a second place finish in 1991, third in 1986 and 1988, and fourth in 1972.

The 82-year-old Van Scyoc recently agreed to be an assistant coach this winter for the inaugural season of the Peoria Kings of the professional American Basketball Association. The Kings are coached by Van Scyoc’s former Manual player Sergio McClain.

Van Scyoc is a member of the Illinois Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame, the Greater Peoria Sports Hall of Fame, and the Illinois Wesleyan University Order of Titans. He was one of four finalists for the National Coach of the Year Award for 1994. He was named 1991 TriCounty Sports Figure of the Year by the Greater Peoria Sports Hall of Fame.

He was also chosen to the Illinois High School Association “100 Legends of the IHSA Boys’ Basketball Tournament”, named to commemorate the celebration of the state tournament in the 2006-07 season.



Dick Van Scyoc

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