

## THE GOAL

The goal of this campaign is to honor and recognize the legacy of former Cal State Dominguez Hills men's basketball coach Dave Yanai, and to honor the standards of teaching, mentoring and coaching that he established in his 19 years in Carson. Garnering much praise from his former colleagues, players and other coaches, it is obvious that Coach Yanai's name will infinitely be remembered due to his positive influence on thousands of lives.

To recognize his legacy we seek to name the basketball court within the Cal State Dominguez Hills gymnasium (The Torodome) the "Dave Yanai Court". An endowed scholarship will also be established in Yanai's name to provide an opportunity for CSUDH basketball players to further grow not only the athletic skills they possess but their academic knowledge as well. With his strong commitment to both academics and athletics, it is only fitting that an all-inclusive scholarship be named after Coach Yanai.

Many have followed in his footsteps, but none have reached the level of commitment that Yanai gave to his student-athletes both on and off the court.

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If you wish to make a gift, please specify that you would like it directed to the Dave Yanai Scholarship Fund. You may contribute online, using our secure server at [www.GoToros.com/DaveYanai](http://www.GoToros.com/DaveYanai) or by mail, directed to:

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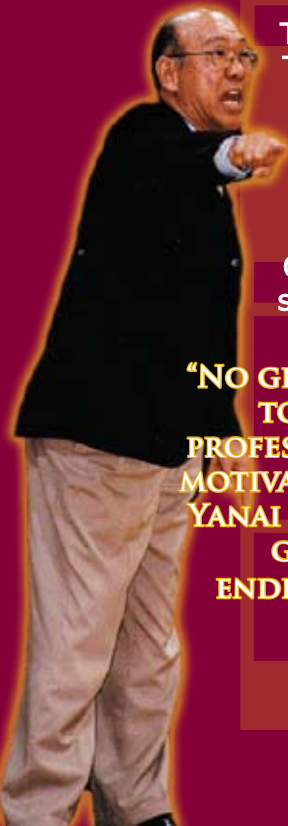
# DAVE YANAI

## *Court Tribute*

### AND

## *Scholarship Fund*

### *A GREAT TEACHER, MENTOR AND COACH*



The CSU Dominguez Hills Athletics Department is proud to announce a fundraising campaign to honor Dave Yanai, the former Toros men's basketball head coach and the first Japanese-American head basketball coach at any level in the country. This successful campaign will culminate with the naming of the basketball court at CSU Dominguez Hills the "Dave Yanai Court," as well as the creation of an endowed scholarship that will help future students in perpetuity.

Even in retirement, Coach Yanai remains a fixture in the southern California basketball arena after amassing over 400 wins in a remarkable head coaching career, including 19 years in Carson. In addition to his success on the court, which included numerous Coach of the Year Awards by the California Collegiate Athletic Association (CCAA) and NCAA, he was honored in 2000 as an outstanding coach at the John R. Wooden Award Ceremony held at the Los Angeles Athletic Club, given annually to an individual who

exemplifies the outstanding qualities established by the legendary coach.

Comparing Coach Yanai with Coach Wooden is appropriate. More than the success on the court, when former players are asked about playing for him, they talk about learning the value of teamwork, integrity and commitment. Over Yanai's coaching career, hundreds of former players and colleagues were touched by him, learning valuable life lessons that helped achieve their own personal success.

Overall, Coach Yanai spent 28 years coaching in the Los Angeles area and finished with over 400 victories, one of only two CCAA coaches to hit that milestone.

"ONE CANNOT OVERSTATE THE IMPACT THAT COACH YANAI HAS HAD ON THE LIVES OF HIS FORMER PLAYERS, STUDENTS AND COLLEAGUES. HE HAS INSTILLED IN EACH OF US THE IMPORTANCE OF CHARACTER, THE NECESSITY OF HARD WORK AND DEDICATION, AND BEAUTY OF TEAMWORK AND SELFLESSNESS. WE COMMEND HIM FOR HIS 400 WINS BUT WE HONOR HIM FOR THE THOUSANDS OF LIVES HE HAS TOUCHED DURING HIS LONG AND ILLUSTRIOUS CAREER."

~ JOHN NOJIMA, CSUDH BASKETBALL ALUMNUS, 1987  
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"NO GREATER TESTIMONY AND NO GREATER COMPLIMENT CAN BE PAID TO A COACH THAN TO SAY HE WAS A GREAT TEACHER. THE MOST SUCCESSFUL AND REVERED IN THIS PROFESSION - JOHN WOODEN, PETE NEWELL - WERE CERTAINLY ACCOMPLISHED MENTORS, MOTIVATORS, RECRUITERS, & TECHNICIANS, BUT FIRST, THEY WERE EXCEPTIONAL TEACHERS. YANAI COMES RIGHT FROM THIS MOLD, A MAN WHO TAUGHT HIS PLAYERS NOT ONLY THE GAME OF BASKETBALL BUT THE LIFE LESSONS SO NECESSARY TO SUCCEED IN ALL ENDEAVORS. HE REPRESENTED COLLEGE COACHING AS A CHAMPION IN ALL RESPECTS."

~ DAN GUERRERO, DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS, UCLA  
FORMER DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS, CSUDH, 1988-92