

Coach Ron Eastman

Coach Eastman enters his 22nd season as the Head Baseball Coach of The Woodlands High School, and is the coach with the most wins in Highlander history with a record 498-160 and 14 district championships. Eastman's overall record in 28 years as a head coach is 640-276. In 2013, the Highlanders won their 3rd state title and he was named the National High School Coach of the Year for the third time.

2021 brought a return to baseball and although things looked a little different due to CoVID protocols, there was a season. The Highlanders made it to the Regional Quarterfinals round in the playoffs.

2020 was a challenging year. The Highlanders were 13-2-2 when CoVID hit and the season was canceled. Despite the shortened season, The Highlanders went 2-0 in district play. Eastman had 1 All American and a 1st round draft pick, his 3rd, with Drew Romo going to the Rockies Organization.

2019 was another stellar year for the Highlanders. The Highlanders were District Champions and Regional Semi Finalists. Coach Eastman notched his 600th win. In June, Coach Eastman coached Team Texas in the Inaugural High School Baseball National Championship, held in Houston.

In 2018, The Highlanders were crowned the Region 2 Champions and earned their fourth trip to The State Tournament at Dell Diamond in Round Rock. Coach Eastman was honored as the Montgomery County Coach of the Year. Coach Eastman will represent The State of Texas as the manager for Team Texas in the 1st ever National Championship Series in June.

As selected by his peers, in 2017, Coach Eastman was inducted into the National High School Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in December in Tucson, AZ.

He was asked to present at both the Texas High School Coaches Association in San Antonio and the National High School Baseball Coaches Association in Columbus, Ohio in 2016.

In 2015, Coach Eastman was a nominee for the National Double Goal Coach of the Year for the Positive Coaching Alliance.

During his 28 years as a Head Coach at Lamar High School and The Woodlands, he has coached 57 All State Players, 16 All Americans and has had 26 players taken in the MLB Draft. Coach Eastman has also been named District Coach of the Year 14 times.

2011 was a special season for Coach Eastman. He achieved his 400th win, was honored as the Coach of Texas HS All Star Game in Round Rock in June and was inducted into his high school's Hall of Fame in October. Eastman was also asked to speak at the NHSBCA conference in Raleigh, NC in December.

In 2007, he was named the National Coach of the Year by the NFHSCA, making it the second straight season for him to win such an honor.

The Highlanders won the Texas 5AS State Championship in 2006, finishing with a 38-1 record. The team was recognized as the 2006 National Champions by Baseball America, USA Today and Collegiate Baseball. Eastman was named the 2006 National Coach of the Year by the National High School Baseball Coaches Association and USA Today. He was also honored as the Texas 5A Coach of the Year by the National Federation of High School Coaches Association and the Texas Sports Writers Association. He was nominated as the 2006 Regional Coach of the Year by the National Federation of High School Coaches Association, Eastman was chosen as the 2006 Ray Knoblauch Award Winner by the All Greater Houston Coaches Association.

In the fall of 2005, Coach Eastman accepted on behalf of the baseball program, an award from the National High School Baseball Coaches Association, honoring Scotland Yard as the #1 High School Baseball Field in the nation.

After a 30-5 season and regional semifinal berth in 2003, Eastman was named District 15-5A, Montgomery County and the Houston Chronicle's Coach of the Year.

In 2002, he was selected by the Houston Area Baseball Coaches to lead the Northeast All-Stars in the All Greater Houston All-Star Game.

Eastman served as a varsity assistant for four years and was in charge of infielders during the 2000 State Championship season.

Prior to coaching at The Woodlands, Eastman guided the Lamar Redskins for eight years. He was named the HISD and the Houston Association Coach of the Year in 1995 after taking Lamar to the playoffs for the first time since 1969. He was named All Greater Houston Coach of the Year four times while at Lamar.

He has been asked to serve on the Committee to select both the National Coach of the Year and the National Field of the Year for the NHSBCA Executive Committee.

Eastman has a Bachelor of Science degree for Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo and a Master's in Education from the University of Houston.

Coach Eastman's greatest support comes from his wife Chari, who is an Emergency Room Nurse. They have two sons, Ian (32) and Ryan (29).