

Scott Byrd

As a former successful tennis player and coach at Tom C. Clark High School, Scott Byrd is excited to return as the new Tennis Coordinator for Northside Independent School District (NISD). Byrd has been an educator the past 17 years with hands-on teaching, coaching, and administrative experience at the high school and collegiate level. Byrd hopes to instill and teach players on what a purposeful life embodies by getting them to appreciate and embrace adversity in their lives. Byrd, along with Northside athletics, believes that when dealing with adversity and acknowledging the power of perseverance, players can create character traits that instill a purposeful life.

As a former assistant principal at Boerne-Champion High School and now actively pursuing his Doctorate degree in Educational Leadership from UTSA, Byrd aspires to be a servant leader and make people around him better. Byrd earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Illinois State University and a Master of Educational Leadership degree from The University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA).

While a former collegiate player at Tyler Junior College and at Division I Illinois State University, Byrd was an ITA All-American in doubles and won two consecutive NJCAA national team championships. In addition, he earned the #1 national ranking in doubles by winning the NJCAA national tournament, the Rolex Regional doubles title, Rolex National Small College Tennis Championships, and finished second in the Rolex "Super Bowl" National Small College Tennis Championships which pits the national winners of the junior college, NCAA Division II and III, and NAIA divisions.

It seems to go without saying, but deserves to be emphasized, Byrd has a deep and abiding love for tennis. Having experienced the positive impact of tennis, he has seen firsthand how tennis has shaped his own life. He is now looking forward to paying it forward and working with student-athletes in hopes of teaching them the much needed skills beyond the court and throughout their lives such as resilience, diligence, tenacity, and a strong work ethic.

Accomplishments

- NISD District Most Valuable Player Award in 1996 and State Qualifier in singles.
- District Champions 9 consecutive years as head tennis coach at Clark High School
- Express News Coach of the Year finalist in 2012 at Clark High School
- Received a full scholarship to play at Tyler Junior College
- Ranked #1 in the nation in doubles in NJCAA in 1998
- Ranked #17 in the nation in singles in NJCAA in 1998
- Received a full scholarship to play at Division I Illinois State University
- Ranked #10 in the nation in doubles in the 1999 NCAA Midwest rankings
- Academic All Region at Illinois State University
- Team Captain and Most Valuable Player Award in 2000 at Illinois State University