

## **Tom Coons**

### **Career Highlights**

- Former educator, college coach and recruiting coordinator for 35 years.
- Coached four sports in High School
- Was President and Advisor for a Sports Recruiting company in the Northeast.
- Owned and operated a Travel Baseball organization which had 8 teams and led to many college opportunities for players.

### **Career Bio**

Tom was an educator and coach for 35 years. During this time, he had the opportunity to coach and recruit a diverse group of college student athletes. As a result, he was able to meet many individuals and their families, guiding them through the recruiting process from beginning to end.

Tom has a son who was recruited out of high school to play at the collegiate level. The recruiting process was extremely involved, sometimes overwhelming; initially starting with letters arriving in the mail followed by emails and phone calls from a variety of coaches. After many college visits and late-night family discussions, a choice was made on his collegiate career. Quickly it was realized this was a perfect fit for both student and athlete. After graduating college, his son played professional baseball and is now coaching at the collegiate level.

As a parent of a son being recruited, Tom learned the various tasks of this extensive process. His experience in the role of a parent, and a college coach has led him to become a recruiting advisor and consultant. In this role, Tom will help student athletes try to obtain their dream of playing collegiate baseball at the highest level. Trusting his many years of experience, he wants to help make this process more enjoyable and less stressful while creating the best college fit options for the student athlete.

Tom currently resides in Alabama with his wife Kim. Their daughter is an Executive Director with the Guardian ad Litem Foundation. Their son is a Division I college baseball coach.

## **Chad Porter**

### **Career Highlights**

- 17 years as a Head Baseball Coach at the NCAA DII level (Ohio Valley, Texas A&M Int.)
- 2006 West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Co-Coach of the Year
- 2017 Great Midwest Athletic Conference Coach of the Year
- Led both Ohio Valley and Texas A&M Int to their first Top 25 DII Ranking
- Helped coach many players who have played professional baseball.

### **Career Bio**

Chad was a 2-sport varsity athlete at Meadowbrook High School in Byesville, Ohio. He went on to attend and play baseball at Heidelberg College before transferring to Ohio Valley University where he earned his B.S. in Physical Education and completed his eligibility. Following graduation from Ohio Valley University he attended West Virginia University where he earned his M.S. in Physical Education/Teacher Education.

In 2002, Chad began his coaching career as an assistant coach at Ohio Valley University. He would spend the 2002 and 2003 seasons as an assistant coach before being promoted to head coach in 2004. In 2008, Chad was named the head coach at Texas A&M International University. He served as the head coach at TAMIU from 2009 – 2014 before returning to Ohio Valley University to serve as the Director of Athletics and Head Baseball Coach.

He is currently the head baseball coach at Warren High School, where he resides in Parkersburg, WV with his wife, Valissa and daughters Kennedy (14) and Khloe (10).